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SALE REGISTER.

Thursday, March 18th, at 12 o'clock, sharp, 4 horses, 6 cows, 1 large fat bull, 12 shoats, 1 new Acme 4-horse broadtread wagon, binder, mower, rake, plows, harrows, harness and many other articles, by G. W. Louey, on the Stone road ¼ mile from Mt. Pleasant. Wm. Warner, auct.

Tuesday, March 16th, at 11 a. m., 4 good work and driving horses, 11 fine milch cows, 5 shoats, 2 farm wagons, 3 falling top buggies, 1 a rubber tire; binder, mower, drill and other farming implements generally, about 75 barrels of corn, &c. Also for Koyal A. Logue 7½ acres of woodland, near Warfieldsburg, by Rosa A. Logue, near Spring Mills, on road leading from Westminster to Warfieldsburg, 1½ miles from Westminster. F. A. Crawford, auct.

Monday, March 1st, 12 o'clock, m., horses, cow, hog, farming implements in general, by David R. Petry, on the road leading from Hughes' Shop to Pleasant Valley. J. Thos. Roop, auct.

Saturday, Janurary 23, 1909, at 1 P. M., at public sale, an acre of land in Friedburg, with 8-room dwelling house, conveniently arranged and in first-class condition; all necessary outbuildings, good fruit and water—a valuable home. Terms easy.
Charles C. Gorsuch.

Wm. T. Wilson, auctioneer.

Tuesday, March 23rd, horses, mules, cows, heifers, sheep, hogs, wagons, binder, mowers, plows, harrows, and general line of farming implements, in Cranberry Valley, on Sullivan road, midway between Westminster and Manchester. F. Thomas Baylon.

J. Thos. Roop, auct.

Saturday, March 13th, at 10 A. M., 6 horses and colts, 2 well broke 6-year-old mules, 10 milch cows, 6 heifers, 2 bulls, 2 sows, 1 boar, Shuttler wagon and bed, binder, mower and rake, plows, harrows, harness and many other articles, by Jesse Stuller, Sams Creek road ½ mile south of J. T. Stem's store. F. A. Crawford, auctioneer; J. Farver, J. Edw. Murray, clerks.

LOCAL ITEMS.

J. Wm. Hughes, of Sykesville, has accepted a position with the National Exchange Bank, Baltimore.

Mr. W. H. Shugars, of Hampstead, has taken a position in the mechanical department of the SENTINEL.

There will be preaching at the hall at Medford on Sunday evening, January 24th, at 7.30 o'clock, by David P. Beard, of the M. C. I.

Mr. Edward C. Chrest, of this city, who had been seriously ill for some time, is now able to be up and about the house.

The N. I. Gorsuch Son Co. quotes wheat at $1.03 per bushel and corn on cob at $3.20 per bbl., in this city, today.

Upon his own petition, with M. E. Walsh, Esq., as his attorney, Mr. C. L. Brock, of this city, has been adjudged a bankrupt by Judge Morris, of the U. S. Court, Baltimore.

The SENTINEL is indebted to Mr. Ephraim B. Repp for a copy of the first number of the National Democrat, issued 9th inst., at Washington. It is preserved for future reference.

The third term of the public schools of this county for the present school year began on Monday and the teachers will be paid their salaries for the second term on Friday next, 29th inst.

The SENTINEL has received from the Union National Bank, of this city, a useful calendar, beautified with a colored reproduction of Lewis Moeller's painting, "Their First Deposit."

Specisl attention is called to the announcement of Doyle & Magee, in the advertisement columns, of three handsome presents to be given to farmers of the county.

Mr. Thos. H. Routson, of Uniontown, renewed his subscription to the SENTINEL this week for the 53rd consecutive year and says "that is a good many years to look back upon." May manv more be added to his well spent life.

Mr. Harry R. Huber, electrician, U. S. Navy, after a visit of ten days to his father, Mr. A. H. Huber, of this city, left yesterday morning for the Receiving ship Lancaster, Philadelphia, where he is temporarily stationed.

Mrs. Helen Weil, a dramatic reader of Boston, will render "The Servant in The House" tonight at Alumni Hall. This is an exceptional opportunity to hear an artistic reader in a very interesting piece of literature.

The recital at Alumni Hall next Friday will be given by two of the professors of the Peabody Conservatory, Mr. Van Hulstevn, violinist, and Mr. Bart Wirtz, cellist, and Miss Ethel Johnson, pianist, at the college.

Miss Annie Forest, of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. P. Church, has returned from Japan, where she labored for the last five years. She is now at the home of her parents, at Littlestown, Pa.

The SENTINEL has received from the Westminster Fertilizer Company an excellent calendar for 1909, beautifully illustrated with a picture of Fletcher C. Ransom's painting, "Don't Forget the Old Folks at Home."

Mr. Harvey F. Caylor, of Denver, Col., in renewing his subscription to the SENTINEL, writes that he and Mrs. Caylor are as well as usual. He says December was unusually cold at Denver with lots of snow.

Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, of this city, has sold her farm near Bethel Church, to Mr. Rezin Farver, who now resides on the farm of Elder Uriah Bixler. The consideration has not been made known.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fowble entertained a number of friends at a card party at their residence on Green street, this city, on Monday evening. Refreshments were served and it was a pleasant and enjoyable occasion to all present.

Mr. C. Levine Price, for a number of years past a typo of the SENTINEL office, has secured a position in a large printing establishment in Baltimore. The best wishes of all concerned with this office, for his success in the "art preservative," are with him.

David Currens, who cultivates the Hoppe farm, about 1 mile from Westminster, on the Littlestown turnpike, owned by the B. F. Shriver Co., harvested 1036 bushels of wheat from 26 acres of land, an average of nearly 40 bushels to the acre.

Mr Frank Thomas, of Buckeystown, a student in the Freshman class of Western Maryland College, and the halfback who did such splendid work on this season's eleven, was taken to the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, on Thursday of last week, and successfully operated on for appendicitis.

A blaze in a chimney at the residence of Mr. William Shriver, on West Green street, this city, caused an alarm of fire on Tuesday morning. It was quickly extinguished and the only damage it caused was the slight defacing of the paper and some articles in a room into which the smoke penetrated.

Mr. Fred D. Miller has received a letter from Columbus, Ohio, informing him that Mr. B. P. Leister passed the examination before the Ohio State Board of Accountancy with the highest grades made and received the first certificate issued under examination in the State of Ohio. Mr. Leister is a son of Mr. Abram S. Leister, near this city.

While walking in the cemetery recently, Deputy Clerk George A. Miller found a Filipino coin, which gave evidence of having been the head of a hat pin or part of a sleeve button. It is of no intrinsic value, but may be valuable because of association. If so, the owner can get it by calling on Mr. Miller at the Court House.

About three inches of snow, followed by hail and a freezing rain, fell on Saturday last and furnished fine sleighing and coasting for several days. Many persons engaged in coasting on Green street and college hills, this city, and sleighing was almost universal. As usual, speeding on Pennsylvania avenue was permitted and the sport was much enjoyed.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The label on your paper shows whether you are in arrears. It passes through the mails, so that the state of your account with us is public property, open to the view of all, who happen to pick up your copy. The Post Office Department of the United States Government prohibits our sending the paper to a subscriber who is more than one year in arrears. Subscribers who are in arrears must remit at leat ONE DOLLAR within the next very few weeks or we will be compelled to strike their names from the mailing list. This we do not want to do. We do not want to lose a single subscriber. They are many of them old friends of the SENTINEL and we would miss their names from our list. Examine the label on your paper, and if it calls for a remittance, send us at least ONE DOLLAR, promptly, that we may comply with the ruling of the Postal authorities.

While coasting on "College Hill" on Wednesday night, Mr. Bennett, a student, narrowly escaped very serious injury. He was guiding a double-runner when it collided with another. The muscles of his breast and shoulders were badly bruised, chin cut to the bone and nose skinned. No bones were broken. He suffered severely from shock, but is rapidly improving under the care of Dr. Foutz.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Anders, of this city, who went to Orlando, Fla., last week, made the trip by sea to Savannah, Ga., thence to their destination. On their way they stopped at Jacksonville and visited the family of Mr. A. C. Strasburger. They reached Orlando safely, but were a little seasick on the steamer for a short time.

The Westminster Grange will hold a corn show in Firemen's Hall, this city, Saturday, February 6th, beginning at 2 P. M., all exhibits to be sent in by 1 o'clock. The general public is invited to exhibit and attend. Able speakers from the Maryland Agricultural College will deliver addresses. An oyster supper will be held in the evening and at night.

List of unclaimed matter remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., January 16th, 1909:

Copenhaver, Mr. Charles
Delawder, Miss Lizzie
Enclay, W. D.
Kimmey, Mr. Charles
Smith, Mrs. Jno. I.

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised. S. K. HERR, P. M.

Rev. W. L. Seabrook announces that the mid-winter Holy Communion service of Trinity Lutheran Church, postponed from last Sunday on account of the snow-storm, will be held next Sunday or the first fair Sunday thereafter. Mr. Seabrook wishes to remind the members of the congregation of the Synodical offering for benevolence and to request every member to make an offering for that purpose at the first service attended.

Since Christmas, Prof. Simpson has filled vacancies in schools at Mt. Pleasant, Union Mills, Deer Park, Oge's Summit and at the West End in Westminster. Two vacancies have been filled in the Union Bridge school. Some of these vacancies are temporary while others are permanent, and they occur through sickness, marriage and other causes. With 175 teachers employed, such occurrences are to be expected. In these cases the school work has gone on without interruption, though sometimes the vacancy would not be reported to the office more than one or two days before it occurred.

Lincoln Memorial.

The Baltimore Sun reports this morning the development of a lively contest as to the form to be taken by the Lincoln memorial. It says that President Roosevelt favors the erection of a memorial west of the Washington Monument and has sent word to Senator Cannon that if his project providing for the purchase of the ground between the Capitol and the Union Station is ordered by Congress, he will veto the measure. The Pennsylvania delegation and others are working strenuously for the highway from Washington to Gettysburg as the memorial to Mr. Lincoln. The subject was discussed in the Senate yesterday and will be up again today.

Judge Eckenrode Surprised.

Judge John E. Eckenrode, of this city, was the subject of a very enjoyable surprise on Tuesday evening, when quite a number of his friends—ladies and gentlemen—visited his home, Liberty and George streets, in a body. The occasion of the visit was the 65th anniversary of Judge Eckenrode's birthday, which was thus fittingly and pleasantly celebrated. The visitors went prepared with an abundant supply of cakes, fruit, &c., which, with coffee and sandwiches provided by Mrs. Eckenrode, were served during the evening. Games and social conversation were features of the function and the company was favored with some fine piano music by Miss May Stoner, and several atractive vocal selections by Mrs. Gogle. The visitors retired to their homes at a late hour, after having heartily congratulated Judge Eckenrode and expressing the general wish of all that he may live to enjoy many more birthday anniversaries. The event was greatly enjoyed by all the participants.

Jurors Drawn.

On Monday Judge Wm. H. Thomas drew the following jurors to serve at the February term of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, which begins on the second Monday in February:

Taneytown district—Joshua F. Shorb, Noah E. Cutsail.

Uniontown district—Robert V. Fleagle, Jonas E. Myers.

Myers' district—Benj. Frank Shriver, Christopher C. Wisner.

Woolery's district—Henry Clinton Shipley, Thos. M. Ireland.

Freedom district—Geo. W. Wolbert, John C. Flynn.

Manchester district—Chas. J. Hull, Englehart Buchman, Isaiah E. Wildasin.

Westminster district—Jacob T. Zahn, Jesse C. Robertson, Robert L. Shipley, Peter Engard.

Hampstead district—Oden E. Leister, Wm. H. S. Algire.

Franklin district—John L. Freyman.

Middleburg district—Geo. C. Naylor.

New Windsor district—Edward Smith, Chas. W. Bowersox.

Union Bridge district—Chas. F. Grimes.

For the Sentinel.

A Birthday Surprise.

A complete surprise was given Mrs. Howard M. Hyle on the evening of the 20th inst., in honor of her birthday, at her home in Stonerville, Md. The many friends and relatives, who gathered at a previously arranged time, were well entertained by Mr. Howard M. Hyle with his new Edison phonograph, which gave all present a beautiful free concert. Different kinds of games were entered into and all seemed to enjoy themselves but yet were glad to hear the welcome announcement, "Now ladies and gentlemen walk out and have some refreshments." Well! to say the least is to say that all did justice to the many nice things set before them is putting it mildly. There was great amusement over one gentleman especially, the contents of his plate seemed to increase rather than diminish until he finally accused others for helping him to such an extent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Hyle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Wantz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuhrman, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon, Mrs. Jacob Starner, Mrs. Zentz, Mrs. Harry Little, Messrs. J. Wesley Biggs, Milton Bish, Lewis Zahn, Misses Birtie Little, Emma Erb, delen Schaeffer, Mary Schaeffer, Edith Schaeffer, Helen Harman, Jennie Harman, Edith Harman, Bessie Knight, Emma Baumgartner, Messrs. Jessie Berman, John Zentz, Carroll Little, Robert Leese, William Starner, Clarence Hyle, Norman Hyle, Master Geere Leese, Robert Baumgartner, Frederick Zahn, Arthur Starner.

WEDDING BELLS.

Saylor—Roberts.

A wedding of unusual interest took place at the home of Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, West Main street, this city, at 1 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The contracting parties were Miss Virginia Scott Roberts, daughter of Mrs. Roberts and the late Francis M. Roberts, and Mr. John B. Saylor, mayor of this city. It was a quiet wedding, only the immediate relatives and close friends of the bride and groom having been present, and there were no attendants. At the hour named ed the contracting parties entered the parlor while a wedding march was played by Prof. Edward V. Clarke. The ring ceremony was used and was performed by Rev. C. Herbert Richardson, D. D., pastor of Centenary M. E. Church. The bride wore a going-away gown of green novelty broadcloth, with violet hat and gloves to match, and the groom the customary black. Mr. and Mrs. Saylor left by the 1.35 train for a bridal trip of several days to Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, and on their return will reside at the home of the groom on West Main street. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, consisting of silver, china glass, linen, bric-a-brac, etc.

DEATHS' DOINGS.

Miss Annie M. Murray.

Miss Annie M. Murray, daughter of the late Joshua and Mary Murray, died on the 15th inst., and her funeral took place from Providence M. P. Church, near Gamber, on Sunday afternoon.

Charlotte Ruthann Bell.

Charlotte Ruthann Bell, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Bell, near this city, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents at the age of 9 months. Funeral services will be held at the house at 9 A. M., tomorrow, by Rev. Dr. P. H. Miller, and her remains will be interred in Benjamin's Cemetery. Mr. F. C. Sharrer will be funeral director.

Miss Mary E. Shilling.

Miss Mary E. Shilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias B. Shilling, of Baltimore, died at the home of her parents, 579 Roland avenue, that city, on Monday and her funeral took place from Deer Park M. P. Church, this county, on Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Gon, of Baltimore, assisted by Rev. E. O. Ewing. The pallbearers were from Baltimore. Mr. F. C. Sharrer was funeral director. Miss Shilling's age was 24 years, 11 months 8 days.

Mr. Nicholas D. Henry.

Mr. Nicholas D. Henry, a native and former resident of this county, died on the 13th inst. at Broken Arrow, Okla., aged 88 years. Mr. Henry moved to the West many years ago. His wife died and was buried in Missouri and his remains were taken to that State and buried beside her grave. Mr. Henry was a member of Salem Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city and a number of his relatives reside in this county. Mr. Wm. D. Henry, of this city, is his nephew.

Mrs. Charlotte Stem.

Mrs. Charlotte Stem, wife of Mr. Joseph T. Stem, of Dennings, died on Wednesday morning, aged 57 years and 12 days. She is survived by her husband, four sons (Messrs. Almer Stem, of New York; Aubrey J. Stem, of Winfield; David and Carroll Stem, at home) and five daughters (Miss Etta Stem, of Baltimore; Miss Grace Stem, of Winfield; Misses Maud, Pauline and Florence Stem, at home). Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon by Rev. Mr. Bennett, and the interment will be at the Bethel Church.

Mrs. Margaret Hartley.

Mrs. Margaret Hartley, widow of Pilkington Hartley, died at her home in Taylorsville, early Tuesday morning, at the age of 73 years, 11 months, 12 days. Mrs. Hartley was greatly esteemed by all who knew her. She was one of those who find the greatest pleasure in showing kindness to others. She was a member of the M. E. Church at Taylorsville, from which her funeral took place yesterday, Rev. George W. Cecil officiating. Two daughters, Mrs. Cornelius W. Jenkins and Mrs. Charles W. Tucker, survive her.

Mrs. Rosanna Bart.

Mrs. Rosanna Bart, widow of Henry Bart, died on Saturday, 9th inst., at the home of her daughtfer, Mrs. Will. Miller, near Sams Creek, aged 94 years, 6 months, 28 days. Mrs. Bart was a daughter of the late John and Barbara Greenwood. She is survived by two sons and three daughters. The funeral of the venerable woman took place at Greenwood's, where her remains were interred on the 11th inst. Elder S. E. Englar, of the Church of the Brethren, to which she was attached, conducted the services. The pallbearers were Messrs. Herbert Hann, Jos. Zepp, Howard Shipley, Walter Engel, Reuben Conaway and Charles Nicodemus.

William Deatrich Miller.

Mr. William Deatrich Miller, aged 26 years, 14 days, died at the home of his father, Mr. George M. Miller, George street, this city, on Sunday, of epilepsy, with which he had been afflicted since his boyhood. He was Mr. Miller's oldest son. Funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday morning, by Elders Wm. E. Roop and Ezra C. Brown after which the remains were interred in the cemetery of the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren, beside the grave of his mother, who died in April, 1907. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Frank Garner, Murray Dudderer, Jesse Royer and William Geiman. Messrs. James M. Stoner & Son were funeral directors.

John W. Holmes.

Mr. John Wesley Holmes, keeper of the tollgate on the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike, near this city, died very suddenly of angina pectoris, on Wednesday morning, at the age of 70 years, 8 months. Mr. Holmes was a son of the late Rev. Jacob Holmes, a local minister of the M. P. Church. He was formerly engaged in farming and was a good and worthy citizen. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters—Mr. Jacob Holmes, of this city; Mr. Preston Holmes, of Cumberland; Mrs. Verdie Duvall, of Freedom district; Mrs. Walter Lockard, near this city; Mrs. Mary Hoffman, of Smallwood. His death leaves Mrs. Henry G. Mitten, of Baltimore, the only survivor of his father's family. He was a member of Westminster Lodge I. O. M. Funeral services were held at Deer Park M. P. Church this morning by Rev. J. G. Hill, of Uniontown, assisted by Rev. E. O. Ewing; interment in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were: Honorary—Messrs. Emanuel Shaeffer, John T. Lynch, Jesse L. Stoner, Roscoe Bell, Harry Buckingham, Frank A. Brightwell; active, Messrs. H. A. Stoner, Geo. W. Babylon, Charles B. Hunter, Charles Hesson, Benj. Dorsey, Luther E. Weimert, members of the I. O. M. Mr. F. C. Sharrer was funeral director.

WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Meeting—Election of Officers—Banquet—&c., of the Westminster Fire Department.

An annually recurring event to which every citizen of Westminster looks forward from year to year with greatest interest is the annual election of officers and banquet of the Westminster Fire Department. No larger gathering, perhaps, has ever assembled in the firemen's beautiful building than came together on Wednesday night, January 20th, 1909. When M. E. Walsh, Esq., the retiring president, called the business meeting to order, the large assembly hall was practically filled with active and honorary members of the department.

After the reading by Mr. Denton Gehr, assistant secretary, of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the report of Chief Frank T. Shaeffer was read, showing that there were 5 fire alarms during the year, to which the members responded promptly; that water was turned on twice; that but slight damage was done except in the case of the burning of Mr. U. L. Reaver's stable.

The report of Mr. James Pearre Wantz, who has served so efficiently for five years as the secretary and treasurer of the department, was of such interest to the entire community that although it has not been customary to publish these reports in the past, it is proper that this public record be made of the facts reported.

Receipts for 1908	
Balance in treasury	$ 44.24
From rentals	218.75
Dues from honorary members	332.60
Dues from active members	57.70
From Mayor and Common Council	680.00
Reel team prizes	99.00
Rent of rooms for meetings	20.00
Old iron and junk	16.80
	$1469.09
Expenditures	
Salaries	$ 132.00
Repairs to building and heating plant	222.22
Sundry expenses	243.44
Fire Insurance	9.60
Cost annual supper 1908	125.13
Interest on Mortgage note	94.56
On Principal of Mortgage	300.00
Dues State Firemen's Ass'n	8.00
Coal for part of 1908 and 1909	125.98
Balance in treasury	208.16
	$1469.09

The indebtedness of the department on its building has been reduced to $1,850.00. Under an act of the Maryland Legislature, this indebtedness is being reduced year by year by the annual payment of $300 by the Mayor and City Council.

As secretary, Mr. Wantz reported that four active members had resigned during the year and that the average attendance at the business meetings of the department was 36 out of a membership that at times was less than 50, and called attention to the fact that this interest on the part of the members should be not only gratifying to the organization but stimulative of increased interest on the part of our citizens. He further reported the installation of a larger heating plant than the old, by means of which more heat can be obtained at less expense than heretofore necessary; and the grading of the lot in the rear of the building.

Messrs. Chas. B. Hunter, Harry B. Hoffacker and Wm. R. Anders, auditing committee, reported the examination of the report of the treasurer, which was found correct, with proper vouchers.

President Walsh appointed Messrs. Joseph D Brooks and W. L. Seabrook judges and Messrs. W. C. Devilbiss and H. D. Fowble tellers for the election of officers, in which 41 votes were cast, and with the result in the choice of the following: President, S. C. Stoner; first vice-president, William Weagley; second vice-president, J. Gloyd Diffendal; chief, Frank T. Shaeffer; assistant chief, Paul Case; secretary and treasurer, Harry B. Hoffacker; assistant secretary and treasurer, Denton Gehr; foreman of trucks, J. Harry Cootes; assistant foreman of trucks, Jno. D. Biehl; foreman of reels, Harry K. Shaeffer; assistant foreman of reels, E. O. Diffendal; librarian, William N. Keefer; assistant librarian, Meade Ohler; marshal, John H. Mitten; assistant marshal, John E. Eckenrode; janitor, Lucydeus Smith.

After the election, the president instructed Marshal John H. Mitten to assume charge of the assembled company and lead the way to the reel hall on the first floor of the building, where two long tables were spread in the handsomely bunting-draped room.

After Rev. W. L. Seabrook had invoked God's blessing, more than two hundred honorary members, active members and guests enjoyed one of the best and most successful suppers ever served by the department. The members of the department, who arranged and served the banquet, were Messrs. W. Frank Thomas, chairman; Meade Ohler, J. Gloyd Diffendal, George F. Eckenrode and C. Carroll Henry, supper committee; Messrs. George F. Eckenrode and J. Gloyd Diffendal, in charge of the kitchen; Messrs. Chas. B. Hunter, Meade Ohler, C. Carroll Henry, William Weagley, and W. Frank Thomas, in charge of the commissary department; Messrs. William Long, Chas. E. Cootes, Harry Cootes, William Utz, Florence Little, Henry Sweigart, Luther Weimert, Ernest Geiman, Arthur J. Arbaugh and E. O. Diffendal.

After the supper many repaired to the beautiful parlors on the second floor, where throughout the evening the First Regiment Band gave a delightful concert, and others returned to the assembly hall, where Mr. Walsh, the retiring president, again called the meeting to order, and said in substance: Before introducing my successor, I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation which I have received from the members of the department and the hope and belief that my successor will receive the same cordial support. We appreciate the presence of the honorary members tonight at this event, to which all look forward with interest and will look backward with pleasure. As a volunteer department, we have always had th support of the community, and no one knows better than its active members how responsive the community has been to every call for cooperation and support. I shall always appreciate the honor that has been mine of having been the presiding officer of this body. It is now my pleasure to introduce my successor in office, Mr. S. C. Stoner.

Mr. Stoner in taking the chair, briefly, but in well chosen and heartfelt words thanked the department for the honor conferred on him and pledged himself to do all in his power to advance its interests. He then called on a number of gentlemen present, who responded, each briefly and earnestly.

Dr. J. Howell Billingslea said that he had been an honorary member of the department for many years and that no expenditure of money gives him greater satisfaction than the payment of his dues; that his interest grows from year to year. Dr. Billingslea made a very timely suggestion, calling attention to the fact that the beautiful parlors of the department are seldom used, when by the introduction of a reading room and of amusements of such tone as would commend themselves to the moral sense of the community, they could profitably be made a meeting place for active and honorary members, where they and their friends could spend many a pleasant and profitable hour, and expressed his willingness to contribute financially to that end.

Mr. Frank Stewart was introduced as an active friend of the firemen of Baltimore, and responded by speaking of his intimate association with the firemen of that city, and said that this was his first appearance at a public function of the Westminster department; expressed his pleasure at having the privilege of honorary membership, and said that the people of Westminster cannot be too proud of such an organization and such a beautiful building.

Mr. Simon P. Weaver said that he could truly echo the sentiment once expressed on a similar occasion by the longtime marshal of the department after having remained long at table and immediately afterward being called upon to speak. He said I am glad to be here, among brave men, honorable men, men upon whom dependence can be placed when the alarm is sounded, men who will do their duty, even at the risk of life; whose presence gives security and quiets the nerves when the bell rings out in the dead of night. After speaking of the efficient service of the Westminster department in the great Baltimore fire, he took occasion to say that, in his personal and official capacity, he would always do all in his power to further the interests of the organization.

Mr. George K. Schaeffer responded with a few words of congratulation and interest.

Rev. W. L. Seabrook said that no civic honor had ever been his, which he prizes so highly as the honor of having been elected and reelected for six successive terms as the second president of the department; called attention to the fact that the department was incorporated in 1879, and is just 30 years old; and spoke of its early history.

Mr. James H. Cassell gave the necessary touch of humor to the occasion, saying that he would have been disappointed if he had not been called upon, and would have spoken anyhow, if only to suggest the adoption of resolutions congratulatory of His Honor, Mayor John B. Saylor, an honorary member of the department unavoidably absent.

Mr. Walsh then resumed the chair and called attention to the movement to inaugurate a fire-alarm system and asked for the views of those present. Among valuable suggestions made was that of Dr. J. Howell Billingslea that some one should be employed to sleep in the building, who could promptly sound the alarm if fire occurs in the night.

Manchester Items.

On Monday evening the merry sleigh bells played music on the keen air along Main street to the home of Mr. William Miller, where two sled loads of merry friends were greeted by the host and hostess and made welcome. Soon fun and merriment were at their best as the company of Hamp-tead friends enjoyed the hospitality of the home. Mr. Jenks Rineman, who was the master of the fun, had things lively all around. At a late hour the 32 visitors enjoyed abundant refreshments.

Dr. John F. B. Weaver took Lewis Lippy to the Johns Hopkins Hospital on Friday evening. Mr. Allen R. Lippy, the father accompanied them. At this writing Lewis's condition is unchanged and whether an operation will be performed or not is still undecided.

The friends of Mrs. Henry Hutchins, of Monkton, who is well known here and who is a frequent visitor have been very much concerned about her condition for several weeks. She was visting a sick neighbor and in going from one room to another missed her footing and fell, breaking a rib. Double pneumonia developed. At this writing she is somewhat improved.

Mr. Michael Wilhelm, north of town, is suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dubbs entertained Mr. Bert Bubb and daughter Myrtle, of Glen Rock, at dinner on Tuesday Mr. B. was on a business trip and driving a span of bays that knew how to carry a sleigh along at a fine gait.

Mr. W. L. F. Bergman was quite ill with gastritis for several days last week, but at this writing is able to be about the house.

The members of Manchester Rebekah Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., will give a social in the Hall on Tuesday evening after their lodge meeting.

Our ice men are busy putting in 5 inch ice.

For the Sentinel.

Bethesda Mite Society.

The Mite Society of Bethesda M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. B. Peyton Pool Wednesday afternoon, 13th inst. Being the first meeting in the New Year the following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Emma Shipley; vice Pres., Mrs. Carrie Murphy; Treas., Mrs. Rebecca Shipley; Sec., Mrs. Elias Phillips; Asst. Sec., Miss Pearl Shipley; organist, Miss Olive Pool; collector, Mrs. Columbus Shipley. Three new members were taken into the society. At this meeting the "Mite Society quilt" was presented with 524 names. This quilt brought $92 which was for repairing the interior of the Bethesda M. E. Church and will be presented to the parsonage. Refreshments, consisting of fruit, candies, cake and lemonade were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Peyton Pool, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus A. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Shipley, Madames Eliza Gorsuch, Elizabeth Phillips, Ella Shipley, Lucydeus Smith, Mary Gorsuch, Maud Buckingham, Kate Buckingham, Carrie Murphy, Annie Byrer, Maggie Philips, Penelope Snyder, Misses Emma Shipley, Maud Manahan, Minnie Pool, Pearl Shipley, Lora Powder, Olive Pool, Elsie Easton, Dora Pool, Edith Myers, Rena Snyder, Addie Buckingham, Melvie Shipley, Myrtle Murphy, Maggie Murphy, Eva Gorsuch, Lillian Buckingham, Rhoda Shipley, Messrs. Bayard Arnold, Amon Shipley, Brice Pool, Berry Buckingham, Roland Pool and Kriete Osborn.

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An Enjoyable Birthday Party.

A most enjoyable party was given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. James Yingling, of Hampstead district, on Saturday, 16th inst., in honor of the 10th anniversary of the birthday of their daughter Naomi. Vocal and instrumental music, with Misses Naomi Yingling and Ada Bixler at the organ and all the little Misses helping to sing, were indulged in. They also gave recitations and the occasion was enjoyed by all present, young and old. At 12 o'clock all were invited to the dining room where a table groaned under the weight of all the good things of the season. At 3 o'clock they were again invited to the dining room, where the table was loaded with large cakes, candies and ice cream in abundance. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Yingling, Mr. and Mr. Michael S. Brilhart, Mrs. John W. Leister, Mrs. Harry Bixler, Mrs. B. A. Rineman, Mrs. Samuel Hann, Misses Naomi Yingling, Ada Bixler, Treva Stoffle, Ellen Girvin, May Lokingbill, Treva Leister, Gladys Leister, Edna Stuller, Rose Davidson, Catharine, Mildred and Mary Hann, Miss Utz, George Stuller, Milford Leister, Ed. Stuller, Milton Stuller, Mrs. Henry Long and daughter, Mr. Joshua Ensor and others.

Birthday Party.

On Friday, 15th inst., Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stambaugh gave a very pleasant birthday party in honor of their son Stirling at their home near Winfield. Stirling received many pretty and useful presents from his young friends to remind him of their esteem. The young people were very pleasantly entertained by various games, vocal and instrumental music, etc., until about eleven o'clock, when they were invited to the dining room to partake of refreshments.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stambaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Condon, Tony Fleming, Clifford Condon, Clarence Conaway, Robt. Penn, Herbert Gosnell, Chester Davis, Wm. Baile, Jos. Hancock, Clayton Baile, John Goodwin, Harvey Wagner, Roy Wagner, John Easton, Coy Condon, John Will, Arthur Will, Oscar Will, Ernest Brandenburg, Celius Bellison, Edward Barnes, Chas. Koontz Raymond Mc Quay, Walter Barnes, Frank Davis, Roy Conaway, Walter Haines, Donald Miller, Riley Farver, Lewis Buckingham, Thomas Bower, Burgess Gosnell; Misses Carrie Wolbert, Lizzy Wolbert, Myrtie Conaway, Emma Conaway, Ola Davis, Nola Jenkins, Edith Pickett, Dessie Myerly, Elda Condon, Ruth Bair, Marie Turner, Cora Fleming, Mamie Farver, Elsie Easton, Elsie Wagner, Elsie Bellison, Rena Buckingham, Nina Stambaugh, Mr. Stirling Stambaugh, Rolla Stambaugh and others.

Bachman's Valley Items.

Coasting and sleighing is on the list at present and nearly all persons are busy. Roads are in a fine condition and the best we have had this season.

Miss Elva Dull who is suffering with rheumatism has not improved much.

There were no services at Bixlers U. B. Church last Sunday owing to weather. Services on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Those persons who expect to have sale this spring, make a move to have your sale bills printed, and distribute them. Good terms at this office for printing. Call.

Y. M. C. A Interest Increasing.

The interest in the movement to establish a Young Men's Christian Association in this city is steadily growing. During the past week several very generous gifts have been received from non-residents, and others are "on the string." Among the most generous gifts are those of $250 from Mr. Robert Garrett and $50 from Messrs. England & Bryan. This manifested interest on the part of out-of-town friends of the movement has greatly encouraged the working committees, and a successful conclusion of the campaign is confidently looked for.

A number of ladies, desiring to help forward the good work, have arranged to hold a bazar and food sale on a number of successive Saturday afternoons, beginning with next Saturday, January 23rd, in the building formerly occupied by Mr. A. H. Huber, opposite Odd Fellows' Hall. These ladies will donate their work and fancy and useful articles, sandwiches, cake and other food will be offered for sale. They will also fill any orders that may be left with them.

Mr. George F. Tibbetts, Inter-State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in the city on Saturday last for a conference with the directors of the Westminster Association with respect to the convention which was proposed in a conference with the pastors of the city on the occasion of his former visit. He stated that the State organization was planning for such a convention to be held February 26-28, and was informed that the directors of the Westminster Association at a meeting held sometime ago had passed a resolution promising cooperation on the part of the local organization.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. F. G. Eppley, of Chicago, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fowble, of this city.

Mrs. John G. Cook, near Winfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. David Jones, of this city.

Miss Pauline Long, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. H. Zepp, this city.

Mrs. Richard Bennett Creecy is visiting her mother, Mrs. John L. Reifsnider, this city, for a few weeks.

Prof. Edward V. Clark, of Jamestown, N. Y., is visiting his wife and daughter, who are spending the winter in this city.

Mr. Carl Yohn, who had been living for a year at Manteno, Ills., has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Yohn, near Dennings.

Mr. J. W. Flater, of Atalissa, Iowa, is visiting relatives and friends in Carroll and adjoining counties. Mr. Flater, who is a native of this county, went to Iowa thirty seven years ago and is a prosperous farmer of that State.

M. C. I. Notes.

Miss Pearl Starr has an attack of the measles.

Mr. Roy Grossnickle, a former commercial student, was lately married to Miss Tressa M. Black, in Baltimore.

We were favored this week by having a number of patrons and former students give us a call.

Mr. Charles E. Resser's father spent a day with us and reports that Charles, Literary Class '08, is doing well in school at Lancaster, Pa; also that Mrs. Anna (Evans) Resser, Bible Calss '07, is well.

Messrs. T. Guy Kiler, Dennings, Md., Commercial Class '04, J. Walter Rohrbaugh, Hanover, Pa., Commercial Class '07, and Whitfield Buffington, Taneytown, Md., commercial student, attended the literary exercises Friday evening. Miss Mary L. Lint spent several days with us and gave one of her favorite recitations in the Hiawathian Literary Society Friday evening.

The next number of the lecture course will be given Jan. 23rd. The lecturer, Dr. John Merritt Driver, comes to us highly recommended. Rev. Samuel P. Jones says, "He is a profound student, a magnificent orator and a vivid thinker." Hon. Wm. J. Bryan says, "I know him personally and I take pleasure in commending him to those who are arranging for lecture courses." Dr. Driver has proven himself a master lecturer. He is one who would be singled out of a thousand for his commanding physique and an all-pervading personality. His subject will likely be "America Facing the Far East."

The annual Bible term is close at hand. It will begin Jan. 24th, and continue one week. A great variety of interesting and profitable instruction will be given. Those who have attended our Bible Terms in the past count the time well spent. If you want new inspiration in church work, here is your opportunity. No tuition is charged. Everybody is welcome. During the entire term one period each day will be devoted to the subjects given below. The exact time of day for the classes will be announced later.

Practical things in Bible Study, C. D. Bonsack; Acts of the Apostles, Prof. T. T. Myers;