Items of Local Interest

Governor Harrington refused to declare to-morrow a legal holiday.

Monday next is Labor Day and a legal holiday.

Dr. George E. Baughman left this morning for Ocean City, Md., for a ten-day vacation.

Monday next, being Labor Day, no mail will be delivered by the carriers.

Timonium Fair begins next week It is one of the events of the Summer in Baltimore county.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Zion will hold its next meeting at Mrs. Grove Easton's, on the first Thursday in September, next.

Mr. Albert Jordan had the misfortune of having his arm broken on last Wednesday by being kicked by a horse. Dr. Bott rendered surgical aid.

Some of the speeding motorists maintain that they are very careful, as they slow down to 35 miles an hour on going through crowded towns.

State Game Warden E. Lee LeCompte has inaugurated in conjunction with nationaal agencies, a campaign for the killing of destructive crows in Maryland.

Bugs, rain and cool nights this summer have been valuable allies in Maryland of the profiteer in keeping the "high" in the "high cost of living," according to Dr. A. F. Woods, president of the Maryland State College of Agriculture.

Having learned that there is a scarcity of all the necessaries of life, the American people decided to meet this situation by everybody going on strike and quitting work.

On Sunday our general express agent "Bob" Gilbert and his lady friend, Miss Reda Morningstar, of this city, were thrown out of an auto while coming from Taneytown. Miss Morningstar had her head cut slightly.

Joshua Owings has withdrawn as a Democratic candidate for the nomination for Judge of the Orphans' Court, and James H. Steele as a Democratic candidate for the nomination for State's Attorney.

On Saturday last Mr. and Mrs. William Seamons and son "Billy" left for Uniontown, Penna., where they will reside permanently. Mr. Seamens having accepted a position with a large manufacturing concern.

The old front windows of the Candy Kitchen have been torn out and replaced by a more modern one. A self folding awning will be erected also in place of the canvas one.

September 12th will be a great day for the boys of Maryland who served in the Navy. A reception and parade will be held in Baltimore and every Carroll county boy who served in the Navy is expected to be on hand.

Rev. Paul L. Powles, rector of Ascension Protestant Episcopal Church this city, Saturday last returned from his vacation which he spent upon the Great Lakes, and on Sunday morning was welcomed by a large congregation.

Miss Virginia Moore, aged 18, and Morgan Hinebaugh, also aged 18 years, both of Oakland, Md., tried to get a marriage license from E. O. Cash clerk of the Circuit Court but were refused. The young people also tried to get the precious paper at Frederick and Hagerstown but failed. They are both just out of high school.

The Swan Shoe Company, of Baltimore, has established a branch of their "SOFT SOLE" baby shoe and Pullman slipper factory at Reisterstown and began operating on Wednesday, August 20th. The end of the business in Reisterstown will be strictly a light sewing-machine operation and girls and women will be employed exclusively.

James C. L. Anderson, Towson, has been named by the Director of Census of 1920 to supervise the work in the Second district of Maryland, comprising Baltimore, Carroll and Harford counties. Mr. Anderson will have the appointment of the local enumerators throughout the district.

On Wednesday The Real Estate Company of Carroll County, agent for Mr. D. Snider Stephan, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, sold a lot fronting 141 feet and 6 inches on Carroll street, this city, and extending back 198 feet to an alley, subject to an annual ground rent of $9, to Mr. F. Thomas Babylon, of this city, for $2100. And a double house and lot fronting 38 feet and 6 inches on Carroll street, and running back 198 feet to an alley, subject to an annual ground rent of $3, to Messrs. Paul Q. Whitmore and Wm. R. Bowman for $3450.00.

Yesterday another large number of our people went to Pen-Mar to spend the day in the mountains.

A man in Baltimore sold his soda fountain outfit for fifteen thousand dollar. Who says prohibition don't pay?

The harvesting of the tomatoes is viewed with great joy by the younger element, as they constitute the most perfect missile yet created and are perfectly grand for target practice on a newly painted shed.

Tuesday the Sunday school of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, this city, went to Gwynne Oak Park, Baltimore. The members were conveyed in automobiles and every one enjoyed the trip immensely.

In this issue of the Sentinel will be found an exhaustive statement on the condition of the public schools and school finances signed by every member of the Board of Education of this county. Read it carefully.

Lack of teachers will prevent the opening of a large number of public schools of this county, and this condition will not be improved until adequate pay for efficent teachers has been provided. Poor pay gets nothing but poor labor and very often none at all.

The Pomona Grange of Carroll County will meet at Snydersburg, on Saturday, September 6th. In the afternon at 2 o'clock, there will be several subjects discussed by able speakers, and the public is very cordially invited to this meeting.

UNIONTOWN

Rev. E. E. Heltribridle, wife and daughter, Miss Mary, of Iowa, and Mrs. U. Grant Heltribridle visited Baltimore and Washington several days, last week.

A company from near Glyndon, spent last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clayton Hann, a number of town folks were present and all were well entertained by the hostess and daughter.

The M. P. school received their annual treat on the parsonage lawn, last Saturday evening. The Lutherans had theirs this Wednesday evening on the church grounds.

Hayden Michael is home, having been compelled to quit work in the shops at Waynesborro, on account of the strike.

Mrs. Mary Stoner, has sold her home on Clear Ridge, to Edward Hawn, and Charles Crumbacker has bought the property of Benton Flater, who with his wife, who is quite an invalid, are staying with their daughter, Mrs. Norris Frock.

Miss Loretta Weaver returned to Philadelphia, Sunday evening, after a week's visit with home folks.

Norman Otto, Washington, had the misfortune to badly sprain his ankle last week, and he has ben at H. H. Weaver's with his wife and son for some days.

Charles Lamb and wife after several week's stay at Dr. L. Kemp's, returned to Hanover, Sunday evening.

Miss Helen Waltz has been spending several weeks with her parents, James Waltz and wife.

Miss Edith Lemon has been on the sick list for some time, but now seems to be improving.

G. Fielder Gilbert wife and daugaters Catherine and Fidelia, are enjoying a week at the Central Manor, camp meeting, in Lancaster Co., Pa.

On Sunday W. F. Romsport and wife acted as host and hostess to a good sized company, those present were: Thomas Todd, George Crowthers, Harry Mackey and families, of Baltimore, Luther Mackey and family Cambridge, Md., Clinton Yingling and wife, Canton Illinois and Edgar Yingling and family, Silver Run, Md. After being well entertained the crowd formed a group before leaving and posed for their pictures.

Mrs. V. K. Betts and daughter, Miss Mary, are visiting in Waynesboro and on the mountain.

Other visitors were Maurice Routson and three children, Baltimore, at Mrs. Martha Singers; Miss Missouri Smelser, Westminster at H. L. Erbs; Mrs. Milbourn, and two sons and a friend at Rev. R. K. Lewis's; John Zile, Baltimore at his brother, C. A. Zile's; Rev. J. D. Clark, Towson with some of his former members Miss Mattie Beard, Westminster, with different relatives and friends; Samuel Graham, a returned sailor boy at his mother, Mrs. George Staub's Dickson O. Dell. and wife and Edward Lynch wife and son, Towson, at Miss Ella Mering's; Will Hedges, George Bowen and wives, Baltimore, Mrs. Mary Ellis N. C. also Howard Hiteshew and family.

B. L. Cookson and wife entertained a number of friends on Tuesday evening, in their usual hospitable style.

Miss Eligabeth Lewis returned to the city, on Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Milbourn.

A number are planning to attend Chautauqua the coming week, some will remain for the entire program.

Statement from the Board of Education

For the Information of the Public.

As there has been much mis-information and more mis-representation directed at the school situation of Carroll county, it is due the public that the facts and only facts should be given by the gentlemen who are appointed to administer the school affairs.

1. The County Commissioners accepted a budget of $138,664.16 to be levied for school purposes for 1918-1919. As the taxable basis was $26,600,000.00 if you multiply that sum by 52 cents you will get approximately that amount. Hence the school tax rate was 52 cents for that year, out of a total tax rate of 82 cents assessed on the county.

2. For 1919-1920 the Board of Education has been granted $144,500.00 on which to administer the schools, which is at the rate of 55 cents an increase of 3 cents, out of a total tax rate of 1.23 cents assessed on the county.

3. The county tax levy is at the rate of $1.23 or 41 cents higher that last year. Now as the County Commissioners refused to take over the school board debt of $35,000.00 it follows that the increased tax is not to be blamed upon the School Administration.

4. Where did the school debt come from? In 1916 the Board inherited a debt of $17,196.15 on account of the Mt. Airy building and unsettled matters pertaining thereto. The new law which went into force that same year caused various additional items of expenses not foreseen when the budget was made out for that year:

(a) The attendance was increased by nearly 900 children over the previous year. This required additional teaching service and furniture to the extent of $7000.00.

(b) As Taneytown was made an approved high school by the State Board it was necessary to make enlargements to the extent of $5000.00, $3800.00 of which was not in the budget.

(c) School conditions were so congested and had been for many years that it was found necessary to build a school at Deep Run which cost $3500.00, also not provided for in the budget.

5. That a new school building was needed at Hampstead there was no doubt. $24,000.00 was allowed in the budget for the purpose, but at a joint meeting of the two Boards the plans and costs were placed before the Boards and the fact pointed out that with wartime prices it would cost not less than $30,000.00, and probably much more. The President of the Board of County Commissioners with the consent of the others then and there authorized the Board of Education to go ahead with the construction and the County Commissioners promised to see it through. On the strength of this gentlemen's agreement the Board of Education went ahead with the work. Now when the bill is presented they repudiate their word and agreement and leave the Board of Education with a loan of $35,000.00 to meet.

6. In March 1919 before we were aware that we could not reply upon the word of the majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners, we sent a committee composed of Commissioner Feeser and Superintendent Unger to arrange for the funds to begin the construction of the Myers building. Again we were told to borrow the money and go ahead and when the levy came in they would meet our obligations. The agreement was that they would furnish us $20,000.00 a year to build these necessary new buildings. When in June we asked for the $20,000.00 in the budget it was cut to $16,000.00, after the plans had been accepted and the material bought and the work three months under way.

7. We immediately stopped work on the Myers building and presented the bill for the expenses so far incurred; they have refused to honor the account.

8. During the past 3 years a sum of money amounting to nearly $4,800.-00 has been held back from the amounts allowed in the budget by the County Commissioners to pay for bonds issued in 1900 and accrued interest. This with the items mentioned above account for the school debt. While Mt. Airy items were paid off by us it caused deficits in other directions and could only be met by contracting the loans.

9. It has been charged that Hampstead is too large. It will have 3 unused rooms this coming year but by the time all the high school classes are organized it will be entirely occupied. The Mt. Airy building which was built in 1915 is already too small and will soon need enlargements.

10. It is charged the Hampstead building cost too much. In Hanover, Pa., there is a new building about the same size which was completed before the war and cost $85,000.00. The Hampstead building cost $51,-000.00, and was built in war times. The wonder is that we were able to get it up as cheaply as we have. It is also charged that it is not completed. It will not require an expenditure of more than $300.00 to complete it.

11. In Sykesville there is a 4 room building but an enrollment of children large enough to fill 7 rooms and when all the classes of the high school are organized in another year 3 more rooms will be needed.

12. In Union Bridge the sanitary conditions are so unfit that the State Board of Health has refused to permit us to open the school unless the same is remedied by the construction of new chemical toilet buildings properly equipped. As the Board was not given the necessary $1500.00 it cannot proceed with the construction, as will be shown in the statement below. The school population is so large in Union Bridge that three more rooms are needed now, and more will be wanted by another year.

13. A study of the following statement will show why the Board of Education cannot continue to build new buildings or repair old ones.

Amount levied by County for schools in 1918-1919 $138,664.16; for teachers $105,00.00; balance for other purposes $33,664.16.

Amount levied by County for schools in 1919-1920 $144,413.36; amount of above authorized by County Commissioners for teachers salaries $125,-000.00; balance for other purposes $19,413.36.

Out of the above balance of $19,-413.36 the County Commissioners have authorized us to meet the following specific obligations. This is not the entire list that they authorized:

Fuel $10,000.00; Janitors salaries, fees, supplies $4,500.00; transportation of pupils $1,000.00; Materials of Instruction $1,000.00; insurance, tuitions, health service, etc., $1,000.00; traveling expenses & office expense, legal service & auditing, $2,100.00; construction of the Myers Building $16,000.00; construction at Mt. Airy $2,000.00; construction at Union Bridge $1,500.00; construction at Pleasant Gap $4,000.00; construction at White Rock $1,500.00; alterations at Mexico, Retreat, Royers and Walnut Grove $2,000.00; land for the Myers building $500.00; heat plant and renovating Graceland building $3,250.00; repairs and replacements $1,500.00; rent $1,500.00; and furniture $1,000.00. A total of more than $53,200.00.

If anyone can show the Board of Education how to pay bills of $53,-200.00 with $19,413.36 we would be pleased to hear from them.

14. In answer to the above it will be asked what do you propose to do with the monies received from the State amounting to approximately $53,000.00. That is easy to answer. A part of this money is distributed by law as follows:

Salaries of the Executive force, High School Principals, Colored Industrial Purposes, Manual Training Agricultural Project Work, Text Books, etc., the balance amounting the $34,000.00 will be used by the Board to pay off the loan of $35,000.00 and interest, which the County Commissioners refused to assume after they had given their word to do so.

15. Why is there a shortage of teachers for our rural schools? There are many reasons. Here are some:

(1) We cannot pay more for salaries than we receive. Our salaries for Elementary teachers range from $450 to $725 a year depending upon grade of certificate and the years of service.

(2) Salaries in Baltimore county range from $725 to $1050 and even they have 15 vacancies.

(3) Teachers object to teaching in the Country for many reasons: Uncomfortable home surroundings, too much nagging from the community, too many grades in the school to do efficient work, poor school equipment, etc.

(4) There is an actual shortage of teachers throughout the U. S. as reported by the National Bureau of Education and therefore teachers will accept only what they consider the desirable appointments.

16. In consequence of this shortage of teachers 30 schools will have no teachers and the schools that are open will be over-crowded. There is only one graded school building in the county large enough to receive the increase in school population this year and that is the new building at Hampstead.

17. In Westminster for lack of space it will be necessary to allow children in certain grades only half day schooling. This will also apply to Sykesville.

18. The heating plant in the Graceland building, Westminster is so inadequate that the little children are exposed in cold weather to an indoor temperature of less than 50 degrees and in consequence ventilation is bad. In these crowded conditions children are menaced with disease and their health seriously endangered. New Buildings are absolutely necessarw in Westminster, Sykesville and Union Bridge.

19. In reply to the criticism that the Board of Education has not rendered an account of the cost of the Hampstead building we wish to say that the accounts and transactions of the Board of Education are open to all persons who desire to examine them. The County Commissioners and their legal adviser have this opportunity. The Hampstead account was kept as a separate account. An account will be rendered to the public as usual in the annual report of all school affairs.

20. The accounts have been audited annually by a competent auditor certified thereto by the State Superintendent, and the County Treasurer, Martin D. Hess was also requested to help audit the account but refused, and the affairs of the Board have in addition been examined by agents of the Maryland Casualty Co. and the New Amsterdam Casualty Co., within the past two months on account of their responsibility as bondsmen for officers and workmens compensation, liability, etc., and these great bonding companies state that they find our affairs correct in every particular.

21. The Board of Education is guided by the following principles:

It is trying to re-organize an old worn out school machinery, and place it upon a modern basis.

It believes that $35,000.00 spent for a new, adequate well equipped scientific school building is worth more to the county than a mile of concrete road at the same price.

It believes that the education of the next generation is the best insurance that the public can have for the protection of property and life.

It has no corporate interest in the political ambitions of anyone, neither does it propose to allow the schools to be used for political purposes if it is within its power to prevent.

In all its actions it has put forth every effort for efficiency and economy, and we stand ready at all times to do for the people of Carroll county every thing that is just and right and if any citizen has any suggestion to offer we will gladly hear him.

August 18, 1919.

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MILLERS

Miss Margaret Fisher of Baltimore, spent the past two weeks at the home of David Brown, near here.

J. E. Richarts and family, of Woodlawn, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hare last Sunday.

Mrs. Emory Bollinger and children Emma, Harry and Marie spent Saturday and Sunday, visiting Hanover friends.

David Brown made several trips to the mountains and brought home fine peaches, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown of Baltimore, visited here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and son, and Mr. Herman Miller, of Baltimore, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Miller, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Giller entertained a number of Baltimore folks at their home here, last Sunday.

Charles Graf, of Baltimore, visited John Rinehart and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and children and Miss Amy Miller, of Baltimore, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Hare, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miller Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller and son Earl and Misses Myrl and Eva Miller, Mr and Mrs. Harry Brilhart and Mrs. Leah Barber visited Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Redding, at Railroad, Pa.

Look for hot days—Cholera Infantum. Don't Worry—use Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup. 25cts. Sample free.

It is claimed that the butchers charge too much, but just think of all the automobiles they have to keep to supply people who are too proud to carry a pound of meat home.

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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT
OF CARROLL COUNTY:
August Term, 1919.

Estate of Hettie A. Ecker, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 26th day of August 1919, that the sale Real Estate of Hettie A. Ecker, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Preston P. Ecker and Nora Ecker executors of the late Will and Testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said Executors, be ratified and confirmed unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 5th Monday, 29 day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 4 Monday, 22 day of September, next. The report states the amount of sale to be $20,160.00.

Solomon Myers.
Judges.
Moses J. M. Troxell.

True Copy. Test:-
William Arthur,
Register of Wills for Carroll County.

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SHIPLEY

Mr. Paul Wagner, who lives near Fenby, while descending from his motorcycle at Mr. Luther Zahn's Thursday morning broke his leg and had to be taken to a hospital in Baltimore. It's to be hoped that he may soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. David G. Hook and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker, Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Zahn was a Sunday evening guest of Mrs. Margaret Caples.

Mr. Clarence Caples and Miss Susanna Caples spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, at Brummel.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Polster had as their guest. Friday, Mrs. Kate Shipley and Mrs. Ben Pool, of Gamber.

Mr. Robert Zahn and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis, autoed to Baltimore, Monday to visit Mr. Davis Lister, Mrs. Lula Corbin who is ill in a hospital, Baltimore and Mr. Paul Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schneider are receiving congratations on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wilhide and Mr. Earl Owings entertained at their home, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harman, Miss Anna Mae Harman, Charlie Arnold, Mr. Charles Harman, Jr., John Harman, Mr. Charles, Raymond and Carroll Owings, Jr., Mr. Wm. and Robert Owings, Dr. Englar and son, Robert Bumgardner and others.

Mrs Amelia Wagner, who was on the sick list has improved at this writing.

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Girls and women to operate light sewing machines at our new plant in Reisterstown. Light, clean work with good wages. Apply Swan Shoe Co. near intersection Westminster and Hanover Turnpike."
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