FEDERALSBURG

Mrs. E. C. Fields, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Laura Fields, here.

Mr. Fred Willoughby, who teaches in the Berkley Springs Military Academy, Berkley Springs, Va., is home to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Willoughby.

Miss Marjorie Banning, of Bridgeville, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Johnson, here.

Mr. Robert K. Harris, an architect of Baltimore, has been here this week relative to the erection of the new First National Bank building.

Miss Blanche Stowell, employed in the government offices at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, is visiting her sister here, Mrs. H. B. Messenger.

Miss Katherine Davis, who has been a student at the Mary Baldwin Institute, Staunton, Va., returned to Federalsburg last Friday to spend her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Alice D. Davis.

Miss Elizabeth Cade, of near Denton, is the guest here of her sister, Mrs. F. L. Williams.

Miss Grace Blake, of Greenwood, Del., was Miss Louise Stevens' week end guest.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Breeding, of Washington, D. C., motored here Saturday remaining till Monday with Dr. Breeding's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Breeding, who also had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Breeding and daughter Jane, of Seaford, Miss Lydia Hughes, of Seaford, and Mr. T. Mark Breeding, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. William Metten, and little son Jack, of Wilmington, returned home Wednesday morning after a visit with Mrs. Metten's parents, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. MacSorley.

Among those from Federalsburg who attended the 25th anniversary reception of Senator and Mrs. Lawrence B. Towers at Denton last Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carroll, Mr. and Hrs. Robert Eddington, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Long, Mr and Mrs. J. F. Short, Mr and Mrs. James Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Covey, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Alice D. Davis, Miss Katherine Davis, Miss Kathleen Todd.

Mr. J. Russell Carroll, of Baltimore, spent last Saturday and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carroll.

Mrs. J. A. Jefferson has recently received interesting photographs from India where her sister, Mrs. Alfred Pfitsch, nee Miss Eva Williams, is living with her husband, a physician on the staff of a mission hospital at Bentichintala. Dr. and Mrs. Pfitsch sailed for India in the summer of 1913 and are to remain four years more in the service there.

Mrs. Cooper Grovener, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Olivia White and aunt, Mrs. Olivia Mowbray.

The Federalsburg Bus Company, recently organized here, launched its transportation bus on Memorial Day, when it carried the G. A. R. veterans to the cemetery. This bus, up-to-date in equipment and appearance, accommodates 14 passengers, besides the driver, and provides a needed means of transportation of groups of people for pleasure or business trips for long or short distances.

Mrs. Miriam Longaker left Wednesday of this week for Newport News, Va., where she makes an extended visit with her son Dr. and Mrs. Horace Longaker.

Mr. Robert K. Noble, who is making a "coast to coast" trip on a bicycle had at last reports reached Hutchinson, Kan., and reports that he is feeling fine and thoroughly enjoying his pedaling tour. In spite of heavy rains and bad roads en route Mr. Noble is still in advance of his schedule.

The new burglar alarm just installed in the bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company occasioned much amusement following a bit of consternation perhaps when at 4:30 a. m., last Sunday it suddenly rent the air with its metallic voice. Visions of burglars caused some nearby residents to peep cautiously out before venturing to investigate but when the din continued increasingly it became apparent that the trouble was a short circuit within. Mr. Wilmer Noble, an employe of the bank, finally stilled the alarum.

Heads of Club Departments Named

At an adjourned meeting of the Woman's Club held last week, the newly elected president, Mrs. J. R. Charles announced the following committee chairmen for the coming year: Chairman of Literary Department, Mrs. H. H. Long; civic, Mrs. J. F. Short; music, Mrs. Robert Eddington; publicity, Mrs. T. S. Holt; floral, Mrs. J. W. Davis; constitutional amendment, Mrs. J. W. Stowell; membership Mrs. Earle Poole; house, Mrs. Harry Spicer. The regular club meetings will not be resumed until October.

Commencement Day Approaching

The upper class pupils of the high school as well as the Seniors are preparing for commencement, rehearsing choruses and practicing marches, etc. The senior vacation begins June 9th and the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday morning in Christ M. P. Church by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. McDorman. Class night exercises will be held at the high school Thursday, June 15th, with the commencement the following evening. The scheduled speakers for that evening are Dr. A. C. McCrea, of the Near East Relief Society, New York, and Mr. E. Clark Fontaine, assistant State superintendent of education. The 15 graduates are: Kathleen Todd, president, Irma Nichols, Mary Bradley, Lydia Morris, Mildred Morris, Mary Nichols, Margaret Cook, Mabel Bennett, Alma Dean, Inez Marine, Madeline Lord, Ruth McCrea, Vernon Clark, Albert Williams, Walter White.

Who Did It ?

Will the person, who by mistake, took Mrs. W. W. Newcomer's umbrella from the club room last Thursday evening please return same. It is prized as a gift, and can be identified by a mark on the handle.

GREENSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson, of Wilmington, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pippin.

Miss Blanche Jackson, of Federalsburg spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Jackson.

Mr. Warren VanSant, druggist, was taken to the Emergency Hospital at Easton on Monday for an operation.

Miss Dorothy Rawlings was a dinner guest of Miss Blanch Jackson on Sunday.

Mr. Oliver Marker and family have moved from their home on Main St. to the dwelling formerly occupied by Mr. Clarence Russell, in East Greensboro.

The local Baptists will begin a tagging campaign Saturday in an effort to raise money with which to buy cement for the new Baptist Church now under construction here. An appeal wll be made to every individual in this community for the small sum of 75 cents.

Next Monday evening the new high school will be open to the public, when the Senior play, "Martha-by-the-Day," will be presented in the auditorium. Everybody should see this play and also the new building.

Rev. J. A. Leach will preach a special sermon to the seniors next Sunday morning at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones Monday evening and left them a baby girl.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell was taken to Cambridge Hospital last week and has undergone an operation.

Mrs. Harry Stevenson entertained the beginners' class of the Baptist Tabernacle on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. P. Balderson and son, Woodrow, of Philadelphia, are spending a few days with her brother, Mr. George Holmes.

Miss Evelyn Clark of Ridgely spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark.

George Murphy, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Murphy, got his thumb on his left hand broken Tuesday, when he fell from the fender of his father's automobile as the latter was turning around.

The Greensboro Community Club held a meeting Tuesday evening which was well attended. Hon. Laird Goldsborough opened the meeting by a brilliant resume of the world's current events, outlining the social conditions which have resulted in the political upheavals at home and abroad. Judge Goldsborough was enthusiastically applauded at the close of his brief address, after which other matters of business were taken up.

Miss Ruth Jackson, who is taking a nursing course in Philadelphia, is at home on a vacation..

Mr and Mrs. John Greenley, of Lakeland, Fla., are spending the summer with the former's mother, here.

Monday morning the F. P. Roe Co., canners, began packing peas. Owing to the dry weather up until last week the pea pack this year will be cery short.

Mrs. Annie E. Pippin, of Denton, and Mr. John Cohee, of Marydel, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jackson this week.

The Ushers' Union of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. Mary P. Cross Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sharp spent Sunday with his mother, at Ridgely.

Mr. J. H. Jordan was in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Vetters and son of Pottstown, Pa., are visitong her sister, Mrs. J. H. Gardner, this week.

Mr. A. W. Brumbaugh has purchased the Massey property here and his parents, Elder and Mrs. L. R. Brumbaugh, of Ridgely, will soon occupy it.

Mrs. O. P. Simmons and son, Jarrell, of Snow Hill, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jarrell.

Mrs. Edgar Anderson and daughter, Marie, of Bridgeville, Del., and Mrs. Preston Day and son Douglas, of Wilmington, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Jackson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Seward and Mr. Perry, of Wilmington, were week end visitors here.

Mrs. Charles R. Jackson is spending the week in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mitchell and son, of West Grove, Pa., spent the week end with their parents here.

Mrs. Bessie Mitchell entertained Mrs. R. B. Rawlings' Sunday School class Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burge entertained over the week end Mrs. Edward Mitchell, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Carrie Shulties and two daughters, of Hollandsville, Del.

Percy Spence, of Wilmington, was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Spence, on Maple Avenue.

The stork left a fine baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pritchett last Thursday.

MRS. RACHEL E. BROWN

Mrs. Rachel E. Brown died early last Saturday morning at home here, at the age of 82 years, after an illness of several years. She was reared at Hughes' Cross Roads, in Delaware, but had resided in this community for many years. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Henry Hughes. Mrs. Brown was twice married, her first husband being John Harrington of Harrington, Del., and her second husband was John C. Brown, who died in 1900. There were two children by her last husband, John C. Brown, general manager of the Lebanon Iron Company, and Charles Brown, who died four years ago. The one son and a sister, Mrs. Enoch Clark, of Dover, survive. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. allie C. Horsey Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Leach, of the M. E. Church. Interment was made Tuesday at 11 o'clock in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. C. E. Beauchamp and Company, have beautified the home of Mrs. Ernest Collins with a new coat of paint.

Miss Mary Pippin laft Tuesday for Rising Sun, Md., to take charge of a nursing case.

Mr. R. H. Bunney, Fuller Brush Company representative for Caroline county, has been called in to the Wilmington branch of that concern and will assist the manager there for several weeks, after which he will return to this territory.

RIDGELY

Miss Pauline Nichols, of Denton, was a recent guest of Miss Rebecca Swing.

Miss Marion Bailey, of Beechwood college, is making an extended visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Swing.

Mr. John Holt of Federalsburg was in town Monday.

Mr. Thomas McCloud is visiting his mother, Mrs. James McCloud.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Pinder and daughter Catherine, and Miss Mary Robinson, motored to Love Point on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Roberts who has been visiting here for some time, has returned to his home in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lynch were Baltimore visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bennington and son, Mrs. Mary Laird and Mrs. Alice Bennington, of Ridgely and Mrs. Samuel Morris of Centreville, motored to Chester, Pa., and Swarthmore Sunday.

Mr. Charles Haymaker of Denton, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rickards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Anthony of Centreville were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Laird.

Miss Rebecca Swing of Beechwood College, is spending the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Swing.

Mrs. H. S. Holsinger delightfully entertained the members of the Ladies Aid Monday evening.

Miss Emily Pendleton of York, Pa., is spending the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pendleton.

Mrs. Pearl Dill and son Robert, of Henderson have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pippin.

Miss Elaine Saulsbury, of Randolph Macon College, Virginia, is spending the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Saulsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Murray of Plainfield, N. J., are visiting at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. S. Thompson.

6th Street Business Bought

Mr. S. L. Young has purchased the meat and grocery store of Mr. Norman Straughn on 6th street, between Main and Gay, taking possession this morning.

Mr. Young for several years was connected with Frampton & Dukes, meat market and continued under Mr. Frampton after Mr. Dukes retired last year. When Mr. F. L. Bowdle purchased the meat market, he remained with him.

During the winter Mr. Young was in the wholesale scrapple business.

Meats are Mr. Young's specialty and he will carry a full line of meats as well as groceries and notions.

Mr. Straughn has made no plans for the immediate future.

Mr. George Beck, who for five years served in the local post office as clerk, but who for the past half year has been disabled with a lame foot, has accepted a position in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank as teller. Mrs. Gilbert Hignutt, who has been filling this position having resigned.

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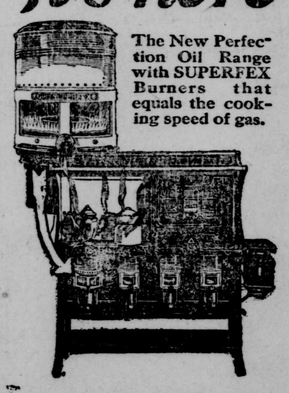

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ON APPOINTIVE OFFICES

By PETER BORTHWICK

With a series of movement discernible all over the State to pry into the mechanism of county government, to find the reason for its general inefficiency and costliness, it is singular that three offices have escaped the attention of the envestigators and that the lessons they might teach are as yet unlearned. These offices are road engineer, county agent and home demonstrators. The relatively good service given by the incumbents in these offices cannot but impress anybody interested in county affairs, and examination of the reasons for this may go far towards revealing the fundamental weaknesses of county government as constituted at present.

When you are brought into contact with a county road engineer, county agent or home demonstrator you are struck at once by two things: One is that they are full time officers and the other is that they are usually qualified for the job they hold. The road engineers have usually had much experience before they are engaged by the county and are ocmpetent, both in schooling and experience. In support of this are cited such men as Harry Waldorf, in Caroline county, a man of years' experience before he went to Caroline, one in his former capacity as a district engineer for the State, who was quite accustomed to big responsibilities before taking up the county work.

There is J. Turner Baden, of Wicomico, also for example, had training and experience almost identical with Waldorf's. Baden, by the way, was dismissed for political reasons off the most indefensible sort some weeks ago—more about this some other time, perhaps. His competence was never called into question. Most eminent of all, there is H. G. Shirley, in Baltimore county, recognized for years as one of the big road men in the country, and often called into consultation by other States when road problems arise.

The county agents and home demonstrators this writer does not know personally as he knows many of the engineers, but he has had considerable dealings with them from time to time, and knows that they are on the job and bring to their work not only a rigorous fidelity to duty, but technical training bearing directly on other work. When you contrast their fitness with the service given by other county officials you find a sharp discrepancy. The average county treasurer, register of wills or clerk to the court is not only not a full-time official, who devotes himself exclusively to the job, but he makes no pretense of so being. He is allowed so much for clerical help, and the clerical help does the work.

This system not only increases the expense of the office, but it impairs heavily their efficiency. If you want to experiment a bit with efficiency in county offices send a letter to each county treasurer in the State asking a simple piece of information, like the amount of dog taxes collected in the county during 1921. If you get replies from half the counties you will be lucky. On the other hand, write to the county agents for information of a similar sort, say, the prevailing price of hay in their localities. This writer predicts that you will get replies from nine-tenths of those to whom you write. You probably would get a higher average from the seven road engineers now employed in the counties.

Well, what is the reason? Is there anything about these offices fundamentally different from other offices?

Most assuredly there is. Other county offices are elected by the people. These men are appointed, the engineers usually by the county commissioners for a stated term of office, the county agents by the Extension Service of the University of Maryland at College Park. Do you imagine for a moment that if they were elected by the people as good material would be secured? Assuredly not. These offices would become political plunder as are all other county offices, and experience and training would be the last thing thought of in connection with them.

It is interesting to note that these offices, being modern developments, have escaped the defenders of democracy. They are of recent origin, and it never occurred to anybody to let the people choose, any more than it would have occurred to anybody to elect school teachers. The offices are safely out of politics—or as nearly out of politics as any county offices can be.

It is interesting further to trace the reason why other county officers are not chosen the same way. The sheriff, state's attorney, clerk of the court, register of wills, clerk to the commissioners and other minor county offices came into being at a time when county government was being whipped crudely into shape without much regard for scientific organization.

The offices with their duties were inherited from Colonial times and some of them from the English system. Yet they also came into being when the country was mad on the subject of rule by the people. It was not enough that the authority of England had been overthrown: choice of all offices in sight had to be vested in the people, for the principle of "political liberty" was at stake and must be vindicated. Also there was—and still is—a prevalent notion that choice of officers by the people meant getting the best men.

That it does not mean getting the best men, but often the worst men, is a commonplace. Yet this writer disagrees with those political thinkers who reiterate that the people elect the men they really want, and really desire no better, as proved by the men they choose. He believes that the people really desire better officials; yet pathetically, year after year they cast votes for inferior men, blaming the result generally on "politics" and not realizing that it is the voting itself that makes for poor selection.

For it is obvious that the people do not select a man in the sense that the University of Maryland, for example, selects a man. The people only vote for those who run for office, and the men best qualified for the ordinary country office would never think of running for them. The University of Maryland can correspond with its prospective appointee, get his credentials, confidential reports on his record; it can compare the capabilities of several applicants and choose the best. But of the candidates before the people it often happens that none is desirable, and then it is merely a question of choosing the least of the evils presented.

The question of choosing officials is probably the root of all the whole troublesome matter of country inefficiency. It is so important that the various taxpayers' leagues and associations now cropping up all over the State might drop their other grievances and concentrate on it exclusively. The way to better government is open; all that need be done is to take advantage of the Home Rule provision by adopting a county charter that will remedy existing defects. As has been pointed out before, the trouble with the Democratic idea lies not with the idea itself, but the faulty means taken to carry it out.

There is no question these days that the people are going to rule. That is, they are going to control the policy-making branches of their government, county, state and national. The thing they must learn is that they must vest the choice of officers whose duties and necessary qualifications are easily defined, and who have nothing to do with carrying out the "will" of the people, in bodies better suited for the business than a general electorate.

A clerk of the court cannot carry out the will of the people. His duties are all fixed by law. Then why elect him? Why not let the court itself, or the County Commissioners, find a man who knows something about the duties of the office? How are the people going to know what he knows about it? But if the court or commissioners appoint an inferior man the people will know it soon enough, and then it will be time for the people to express their disapproval at the polls.—Baltimore Sun.

HILLSBORO

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mrs. Sallie Worth visited their sister at Mardela Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hunter and children were guests of Mrs. Hunter's parents, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred B. Sylvester delightfully entertained the Ladies Aid Society Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. G. B. tewart and Mrs. Allie Thawley spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Frank Fleming and Mrs. William S. Ellen are in Baltimore, they will attend the commencement exercises at the State Normal chool Thursday morning. Miss Louise Fleming and Miss Hilda Elbin will be among those who graduate.

The card party under the finance committee of the Community Club, which was held at the home of Miss Ella Pennington Monday evening was a success, both socially and financially

Dr. Wolf, presiding elder of the Baltimore conference of the M. E. Church South, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class and their friends at the Tri-County High School Sunday morning June 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart and their guest Miss Iris Leager, left here Wednesday morning in Mr. Stewart's Packard, to attend the commencement exercises at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Miss Francis Fisher was graduated from Fort Louden eminary, Winchester, Va., last week and is now spending her vcation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Fisher.

Margaret Pennington daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pennington, Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Ella Pennington.

Captain A. D. Branford was the week end guest at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson.

Mrs. Harvey Baker received a telegram Thursday of last week, saying her mother was dead. he left Friday morning for Harrisburg, Pa., to attend the funeral. She has the sympathy of the community.

Will Hold Meetings During Summer

At the last meeting of the Community Club last Friday, it was decided not to discontinue the meetings during July and August, but to have one meeting each month, to be held on the third Friday.

It was also decided to post pone the annual picnic from Friday the 16th until Thursday, June 22. The picnic this year will be held at Oyster Shell Point. A committee was appointed to arrange for the transportation of those members who have no other way to go, and it was decided to start about 10 o'clock a. m.

MARYDEL

Miss Maude Starkey spent the middle of last week in Ridgely with her friend, Miss Mary Slaughter.

Dn't forget the children's day services, Sunday night, June 11th at 8 p. m. in the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Harry Seeney is visiting with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Thomas Dill, New York, spent part of last week with Mr. Harry S. Dailey.

Due to a large number of pupils picking strawberries, the school schedule has been changed from 9 to 3:30 to 10 to 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cohee, of Dover, were town visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jacobs of Lakeland, Fla., arirved at the home of Mrs. Jacob's mother, Mrs. Kate Heather Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis accompanied by the Misses Anna Jump, Effa Heather and Rebecca Medford motored to Dover, Del.

Strawberries are still plentiful.

Mr. Linwood Cohee and sister, Mrs. Walter Ross and daughter Pauline of Dover, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cohee Sunday.

Miss Maud tarkey visited Hartley and Dover Monday afternoon.

Mr. William Voss of Hartley, Del., was a guest at the home of Mr. John Starkey Sunday evening.

Mr. Charles Jacobs purchased a new Buick last week.

Mr. Earl Fedderman of Centreville, was a town visitor last Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Shoebrooks made a business trip to Wilmington last week.

Mrs. J. Olin Hummer and children have returned after a visit with her father, Mr. W. Hall Oxford.

Mrs. William Harman of Washington, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Etta Harman.

Mr. Thomas hSoebrooks of Wilmington, is visiting relatives and friends in and near town.

Mrs. Levi Everett and son Franklin of Downes chapel, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank mith,

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rudder spent Sunday near Centreville.

Mr. lCarence Barcus moved to town in the house vacated by Mr. Bateman Johnson.

The Ladies Aid was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Nathan Cox on Monday evening.

The Misses Florence Smith and Irene Harman motored to Chestertown the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Moore and son William spent Sunday afternoon in Goldsboro with relatives.

Extra Freight Service

The M. D. & V. Ry. Co., has put on an extra freight train, which now gives daily freight service east and west. The morning freight to Greenwood arrives at Denton at 7 a. m. The Baltimore freight arrives at 11:10 a. m.

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