FEDERALSBURG

Two Birthday Celebrations

Miss Mathilda Croll was pleasant-y surprised last Saturday afternoon, hen a large group of boys and girls uddenly entered her home, laden with ifts and shouting "Happy Birthday." he occasion was her eleventh birth-ay and the surprise was as much n as a crowd of jolly boys and girls n make at such a party. Refresh-ents were served.

On the same afternoon a smaller roup of younger children met at the ome of Marguerite Grampton, the aughter of Mr. and Mrs. James rampton. who shared the fun of a arty in honor of her seventh birth-ay. The huge cake decorated with Marguerite" in pink frosting and even pink candles, was the center of ttraction with the additional joy of e cream, cunning favors, and comic aper caps. Those who enjoyed the ccasion with Marguerite, the young ostess were, Evelyn Logan, Louise ichols, Virginia Covey and Jean and hilip Lee Jefferson.

Mrs. Harry Hargadine, of Wood-ide, Del., was the guest last week nd of Mrs. Martha Walters.

Mrs. William Edward Brown, of Newark, Del., spent several days in enton this week with her sister, Mrs. Walter Sparklin, returning here on hursday to spend some time longer ith Mrs. Charles H. Smith.

Miss Caroline K. Jefferson, who has een visiting her mother, Mrs. Lena efferson, returned to Baltimore on Wednesday, accompanied by her great unt, Miss Anna Jefferson, who after pending the summer in Federals-urg, is returning to Washington, D. C., to spend the winter with her ne-ew, Mr. Roland Jefferson.

Miss Anna Roe has recently arrived e Union M. E. parsonage where she ill spend the winter with her sister, rs. F. C. MacSorley.

The Rev. Mr. T. E. Terry, of ridgeville, Del., a former pastor here sited Federalsburg last Friday.

Miss Elsie Neal has this week vis-ed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner eal, going from here to Easton, here she is engaged in nursing.

Mrs. Carrie J. Carroll had as din-er guests Tuesday, the Rev. Mr. and rs. W. L. White, of Bridgeville, who emained overnight, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Shannahan and Miss Delia Mow-ay, of Easton, and Miss Caroline fferson, of Baltimore.

Miss Rachel Jefferson last week bstituted at the high school for Miss phia Kirwon, of Cambridge, who as absent, owing to the death of her ther.

Mr. Leslie Eddington, son of Mr. d Mrs. W. T. Eddington, has ac-pted a position with the Fruit Grow-s Express at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando McClure ar-ed in Federalsburg, Tuesday, to re-le at the Riverview Inn until the st of the year when they will oc-py the house of Mr. W. T. Adams. r. McClure is the recently appointed al manager of the Electric Light mpany, succeeding Mr. R. S. Brown.

Miss Anna Brown is in Federals-rg for two weeks prior to her tak-g a course in vocal music in Boston s winter. She is visiting at the me of her brother, Mr. R. S. Brown

Mrs. Silas Sparklin left Sunday for enton, where she is the guest of Mr. d Mrs. Walter Sparklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williams, of urel, Del., on Monday, visited Fed-alsburg, erstwhile home.

Mrs. Clarence Vincent and Mrs. Wil m Covey, of Seaford, were Feder-sburg visitors Tuesday.

Mr. Robert Huey, of Chestertown, s been the guest this week of his ter, Mrs. Ralph Brown.

Miss Rowena Jefferson last Mon-y entered the Cambridge hospital to mplete her training in nursing, which s begun a year at Garfield Hospital, ashington.

Miss Lelia Cox is spending some me near Preston with her cousin, ss Nellie Harris, whose mother, Mrs. rriet Harris recently died.

Mrs. Eleanore East, of Philadelphia, visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Wil-.

Mr. James Frampton, of Atlantic ty, has been spending a week's va-tion here with his wife and daugh-r, who have resided here since May. . Frampton has rented the house cently vacated by Mr. E. G. Poole d is this week moving his family ere for the winter.

Mr. A. A. Dawson, of Seaford, a rmer editor of the Federalsburg urier, visited friends in Federals-rg last Friday.

Miss Elena Davis has returned from pleasant visit of several weeks with and Mrs. J. Clement Clark at kesville, Md.

Mr. Edward Hackett is recovering m an operation at the Cambridge spital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wright, who ent the summer here with Mr. right's sister, Miss Anna Wright, t last week to spend the winter in orgia, near the home of their ughter, Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Joseph Patchett and Mrs. Lau-Dean, with their guest, Mrs. Todd, Camden, N. J., spent Tuesday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris, near Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weiland and Mr. and Mrs. James Gambrill, motored to Easton and Preston Sunday, visiting relatives there.

SHORT CORN CROP SEEN FOR STATE

Baltimore, Md., Oct., 10—1922—The Crop Statistician at Baltimore for the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, co-operating with the extension service of the University of Maryland, makes the following announcement concering the agricultural outlook in Maryland as of Octobber1.

Vagaries of weather are hampering the farmers. The land in general is too dry for favorable preparation, and the seeding of all crops is proceeding in the dust in a moderate and desultory fashion.

The depressing influence of declining prices is resting on the farmers like an incubus. Better prices for farm products would go a long ways toward bolstering the courage of the farmers.

The farmers are pleased with this year's corn crop. Rains at the right time followed by good maturing weather have produced some "banner yields." Cutting and husking may be observed in all quarters of the State. Average condition of 88 per cent. applied to the acreage seeded suggests a crop of 24,961,000 bushels. This estimate is 464,000 bushels under last year and 1,325,000 bushels under the average of the five years, 1916-1920.

Wheat is estimated at 9,280,000 bushels; last season the crop was 7,952,000; and a five-year average 1916-1920 is 10,470,000 bushels. About 60 per cent. of this year's crop is reported marketed by October 1. Widespread complaints of "fly weevil" as well as the necessity for ready cash are reasons given for hurrying the crop to market. Maryland wheat is very garlicky this year—conservatively estimated at not less than 90 per cent.

Condition of buckwheat suggests a production this year of 153,000 bushels against 171,000 last year and 222,000 bushels, the average of the previous five years.

More oats were grown this season than in years, the crop yield being estimated at about 1,740,000 bushels.

Barley is reported as yielding 30 bushels an acre on the average; quality 89. This suggests a crop of 120,000 bushels on the full acreage seeded, and is the same as last year's production.

Irish potatoes will probably make 4,683,000 bushels this year against 3,185,000 last year, and 4,907,000 bushels, the five-year average 1916-1920. Late potatoes are being cut short by dry weather and the crop got off bad at planting time. Sweet potatoes promise well on a ten per cent. larger acreage than last year. The outlook is for 1,341,000 bushels; last year 900,000 bushels were produced, and 1,256,000 bushels is the average of the previous five years (1916-1920).

Tomatoes were a dark spot amongst the crops. Reports indicate only 75 per cent. of a normal yield per acre. The tomato crop this year was a conspicuous example of what a good crop can do under "bad" growing conditions. Drenching rains made the fields ragged and gappy on the low lands, and the fruit scalded afterwards under the hot suns. The planted acreage was 325 per cent. of that of 1921.

A substantial enlargement was made this year in the acreage usually given over to cowpeas and field beans. And the condition of these crops is very promising. Maryland farmers are beginning to appreciate the great value of these crops as soil-builders as well as forage crops.

A spell of dry weather has checked the growth of pastures and afterfeed. Condition October 1st was as low as 72 per cent. of a normal. 10-year average 82.

Expectations concerning the tobacco crop failed to reach fulfillment. But bright prospect by damaging tobacco in barns during the curing stage. Indication is for 27,668,000 pounds this year; last year production was 18,590,000; and the average of the previous five years (1916-1920) is 23,798,000 pounds. Quality this year will range from fair to poor, mostly.

Reports of apple yields vary widely. But on the whole the outturn is better than many grows expected. The gilt-edge was taken off the fruit prospects last April by belated frosts. Maryland apples are estimated this year at 1,950,000 bushels against 225,000 last year, and 2,301,000 bushels, the average of the previous five years (1916-1920). Commercial apples this season will probably fill as many as 325,000 barrels. Peaches made 495,000 bushels; last year 59,000; and the average of the previous five years (1916-1920) is 647,000 bushels. Pears are a sorry crop this year—265,000 bushels in sight; 35,000 last year, and 440,000 bushels is the average for the five year period (1916-1920). Grapes will probably make as many as 1,059,000 pounds.

HILLSBORO

Miss Virgina Holt, returned home from a visit to friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia, she was accompanied home by Mrs. Harry Messick, and little daughters Betty and Ann, of Wilmington.

Mr. W. B. Sparks, Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. W. L. Thompson and Master William Thompson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyson Heather, Marydel, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews of Chincoteaque, Va., are the guests of their son-in-law and daughter Rev. O. T. Baynard and Mrs. Baynard at the parsonage.

Rev. A. T. Hummer occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal, Church Sunday Evening, the pastor, was at Ebenezer Church, where he has begun his extra meetings.

Rev. O. T. Baynard attended the Epworth League convention in Denton.

Rev. A. T. Hummer was elected delegate to represent the M. E. Sunday School at the State convention in Baltimore.

Mrs. N. C. Straughn of Denton spent Thursday of last week with Mrs. W. B. Sparks.

Mrs. Jas. Sloan was on the sick list first of last week.

Miss Gladys Gale spent part of last week in Baltimore.

ORPHANS COURT

At the regular session of the Orphans Court on Tuesday there were present their honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn and the following business was transacted.

On application, letters of Administration on the personal estate of Harriett E. Harris, deceased, to Joseph P. Harris, Bond filed and approved, Notice to Creditors ordered and John W. Payne and David M. Cheezum were named as appraisers.

C. W. Bradley, administrator of the personal estate of Jenette Williamson, deceased, filed an Inventory, a first and final account of administration and distribution, also a release from C. W. Bradley, aministrator of Florence Bradley, deceased, distributee.

In the matter of the estate of Grafton Heather, minor, on petition and order of court, Annie E. Heather, guardian, was authorized and empowered to pay over to the said Grafton Heather, he being now of full legal age, the funds in her hands as guardian belonging to the said Grafton Heather.

Ida Cooper, executrix of Mary E. Seward, deceased, filed an inventory and appraisement of the personal property and an order to sell at private sale was granted.

C. W. Bradley, administrator of the personal estate of Florence Bradley deceased, filed a list of seperate debts, which was approved by the Court.

Tilgham C. Layton and John F. Kelly, administrators of Sarah A. Layton deceased, filed releases from Martha Sipple, Charles Layton and William P. Carroll, administrator of William J. Layton, deceased, distributees.

Calvert C. Merriken, guardian for Rex Shepard, Floyd Briggs, Leon Briggs, and Olin Briggs, minors, filed his third guardian account.

Both feed and care of 1,6000,000, hens giving no returns were saved in 1921, reports to the United States Department of Agriculture show, when farm women, practicing for the first time the methods of identifying non-layers demonstrated by agricultural extension agents, culled these "loafers" from their flocks.

Farmers in Independence County, Ark., have shipped cooperatively this year 15 carloads of hogs fed and standardized for shipment according to methods advocated by extension, workers. A report to the United States Department of Agriculture says they received $300 a carload over the local price offered.

The 15,000 negro farm boys enrolled in crop and live-stock clubs in 1921 under the direction of agricultural-extension workers, raised products valued at $230,000, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture.

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