Items of News from All Parts of the County Solicited Under this Head.

The Local Department

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

Wheat, $1.13; corn, 87 cents.

New Era peas for sale—Wm. Bullock, Denton.

Auto drivers find oyster shells hard on machines tires.

Highest cash prices paid for eggs.—W. J. Blackiston.

March weather has lingered too long for the early crops.

Wheat fields have been injured by the cool wet weather.

Contractor Clifford Brown is building a dwelling at Catonsville.

Mr. D. P. Holsinger will operate a canning-house on his farm.

Otto Sanger advertises personal property to be sold on May 11th.

Mr. L. B. Towers has purchased an automobile from Mr. George T. Redden.

Go to the Big Stone for the largest and cheapest trout on the Delaware bay shore.

Miss Nan Mildred will address the Patrons' Association at the High School Monday evening.

Land Commissioner Smith was on Wednesday succeeded, at Annapolis, by Mr. John J. Hanson.

Fruit buds are in good shape in this county, and Caroline will have great crops of many varieties.

Mr. Thomas Dulin, Baltimore, formerly of Denton, recently purchased a grocery store in that city.

Auto owners, if you need a tire, inner tube, or an inner liner, see Bullock, Denton. Zee Zee Tire Co.

Miss Grace V. Smith will this evening read a paper on Beauty Spots of America before the Literary Club.

Teach the children to work and to save; to save things as well as money. Some day they will bless you for it.—Ex.

Berry growers of Caroline and adjacent counties will need berry checks by the thousands in a short time. Send in your orders.

Mr. Frank Coulbourne has purchased the D. A. & A. B. Smith farm, near Piney, for $2,550. Mr. H. R. Lewis made the sale.

Dr. Francis W. Janney, of Baltimore, eye, ear and throat specialist, will be at the office of Dr. P. R. Fisher on the second Sunday in each month.

A horse suddenly starting, Mr. William E. Saulsbury was thrown from a wagon on Tuesday afternoon. He was severely hurt about the back.

Messrs. A. G. and I. T. Saulsbury have purchased from Mr. Joshua B. Raughley a farm of 370 acres, near Bridgetown. The price paid was $7,000.

The Spring and Summer stock at W. R. Wright's is most complete. Great bargains are being offered as noted in advertisement, which appears in the JOURNAL today.

An entertainment and social will be held at Moore's school, near Greensboro, Thursday evening, May 9th, at 8 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited. Proceeds for benefit of the school.

There are few dull times with the Denton merchants. They tell the public of the great stocks, which they have, and people from many miles distant do their shopping in Denton.

In addition to the teachers' meeting to be held today in Denton there will be in the afternoon, on the High School grounds, a number of contests, including running, jumping, a potato race, three-legged race and tennis.

The County Commissioners on Tuesday appointed constables as follows: First district, James H. Scotten and Lemuel M. Jones; Second, Ambrose Langrell; Third, T. Fred Garey; Fourth, William T. Tuff; Eighth, Wm. C. Andrews.

In the debate between Ridgely and Denton pupils at the High School here on Friday night of last week, on the initiative and referendum, the Denton speakers won. The judges were Revs. Ralph T. Coursey, A. N. Ward and Dr. Madara.

Although the postal savings banks have been established for sometime in various towns of Caroline they are little patronized. Our regular banks give four per cent. for time deposits, and the postal banks only two. All being safe and sound those who have surplus funds use the former.

Mr. Raleigh Smith, one of the able writers of the Baltimore News staff, was in Caroline county a few days ago, looking over the political field. Mr. Smith is a friend of Colonel Roosevelt and is hopeful that Maryland Republicans in favor of the former President will win the contest next Monday.

Rev. J. W. Grubb, pastor of the M. E. Church South, at Queen Anne, said the other day he had been astonished at the wonderful improvements noted on every hand in Caroline. For some years his work has been in other sections. He thinks Denton's improvements have outranked those of most of Maryland's progressive county seats.

The appointment of Mr. John T. Carter, to be postmaster of Denton, has not been confirmed by the Senate, although other appointments of postmasters made about the same time or since, notably that of Cambridge, have been acted upon. If the Senate refuses absolutely to confirm this appointment the President will, it is said, put Mr. Carter in by a recess appointment.

A very remarkable hen egg was found on Mr. W. W. Noble's farm a few days ago. He measured it and found the largest circumference to be seven and three quarter inches, the smallest six and three-quarter inches. It was about the size of a goose egg. Mrs. Noble boiled it and opening it found within another egg, of regular size, with shell of the usual strength.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

Nuptial Notes of Interest—Visitors Here and Elsewhere.

Mr. Oran F. Smith, assistant postmaster of this place, is to be retained in the same position when Mr. John T. Carter, recently appointed postmaster, takes charge. Mr. Smith is an energetic and agreeable official and his friends will be glad to learn of his retention. Mr. Carter's appointment has not been confirmed by the Senate and he cannot be commissioned until the Senate acts, unless there is a recess appointment, after the Senate adjourns.

Mr. Herbert C. Kee, of New Castle, Del., and Miss Bertha M. Cohee, of Darby, Pa., formerly of Denton, were married in the Darby M. E. parsonage on Thursday, May 2. They will spend a few days with the bride's mother and friends in Philadelphia. They will be at their home in New Castle after May 5.

Mr. Bennett Todd, former cashier of the Peoples Bank of this place, will assist Mr. A. M. Willey, manager and treasurer of the Fruit Exchange at Ridgely. The business of the Ridgely Exchange has grown to be very heavy and this year's crops are likely to be larger than ever before.

Mr. James Dixon and Miss Elizabeth T. Wright were married on Tuesday in Easton. Rev. Henry Davis, D. D., was the officiating minister. The event was a notable one in Talbot county.

Miss Lydia Hughes, who recently submitted to an operation for appendicitis, returned from the hospital on Monday last, and is now steadily regaining her strength.

Announcement is made that Mr. Luther M. Satterfield, of Denton, and Miss Irene E. Gardiner, of Queenstown, were married in Wilmington, October 30th 1911.

Mr. H. T. Zacharias, of Charleston, S. C., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. S. M. Newton, is in the Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, for treatment.

The Intertaken (N. Y.) Review of April 26th has a sketch of the late William Wirt Boyer, one of whose children is Mrs. Hackett H. Downes.

Mr. William Bullock spent some days in Baltimore last week re-supplying his varied stock, which includes candies.

Messrs. O. C. Carpenter, Emory Lednum, and Mr. Cohee, of Easton, were with Denton friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Horsey, of Wilmington, were with relatives and friends here several days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moffett, of Baltimore, were the guests of Denton friends for several days recently.

Miss Eva Zacharias is spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Kemp, Stevensville.

Mr. Walter J. Roe, of Baltimore, has been visiting Eastern Shore friends.

Mrs. J. Gibson Gantt has been visiting her sons in Balimore.

Miss Nellie Richardson visited Baltimore relatives this week.

Mrs. Jennie Lord has been visiting relatives at Queen Anne.

Mrs. William D. Uhler is visiting relatives in Caroline.

Mrs. Wm. D. Uhler this week visited Caroline relatives.

The Death Roll.

Mr. William N. Willoughby died at his home near Hobbs, Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock. He had been a great sufferer for the past year, his affliction being Bright s disease. Mr. Willoughby was 68 years old and had resided from his childhood at the home where he died. Mrs. Willoughby and several children and a brother, Mr. Frances T. Willoughby, of Hobbs, survive. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Denton. Interment was made in the cemetery adjacent.

Mr. William Austin died at the county farm on Thursday night. He would have been 92 years old on the 15th of this month, was a native of Talbot, and had lived in Caroline for about sixty years. Mr. Austin was long a well-known citizen and leading farmer of the Fourth district.

Ridgely.

Several dwellings are in course of construction in this place. A boom is likely to start at Ridgely this year, which will make Ridgely's growth much more rapid than ever. Armour's plant will start earlier this year than last, the first berries coming from the South. The season will be much longer this year than last, as cold storage will be used to hold the fruit when the big supply is on hand. The Armour people contemplate a great extension in the business as the years pass, and will, it is said, make contracts with the farmers all along the Delaware & Chesapeake Railway.

The Commissioners are getting ready to put in the system of sewers, and it is proposed to have them in use before the lapse of many months. Engineer Hatton, who had charge of the building of the water-works, will supervise the work for the commissioners.

They Were Married in Denton.

Declaring that her husband left her on her wedding day and has since posed as a single man, Mrs. Kate H. Davis a few days ago received a decree of absolute divorce from Thomas W. Davis, of Butler, Baltimore county. Mrs. Davis in her petition stated that she and Mr. Davis were wed October 31, 1906, at Denton, by the Rev. A. C. McGilton. Mr. Davis is widely known in Baltimore county, in which he makes his home at Butler, and is said to be one of the wealthiest men in that county.

Queen Anne.

There will be preaching tomorrow at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Queen Anne, at 10.30 a. m., after which there will be communion, and at 7.30 p. m. In the afternoon Pastor Grubb will preach at Owens' Chapel, Tuckahoe Neck.

A Cambridge Record correspondent wants the Eastern Shore insane asylum built near Vienna.

Greensboro.

At the yearly meeting of Holy Trinity parishioners the following officers were elected: T. Clayton Horsey, Nathaniel Horsey of S. H., William P. Manlove, W. Townsend Downs, Dr. W. Winder Goldsborough, L. Irving Jones, Thomas M. Green John Nichols, Jr., and Dr. F. R. Malone, vestrymen; Mr. Thomas M. Green, Senior Warden and Registrar; Mr. John Nichols, Jr., Junior Warden, and Dr. Fred R. Malone, Treasurer. Mr. Thomas M. Green was elected delegate to the Diocesan Convention to be held in Elkton June 4th. Mr. William Manlove was elected alternate.

Mr. Matthew Cake, brother of Mr. Frank A. Cake, has rented the house of Mr. Charley Butler, in the east annex, and moved his family from Camden, N. J. Mrs. Cake, who is in the Cooper Hospital, Camden, under treatment, has so far improved that she is expected home in a few days.

The Rev. L. G. Morony will give a talk on "Personal Religion," at the Middle Convocation, Diocese of Easton, at Denton, May 8th, at 10.30 A. M., and at 8 P. M., on "Parochial Obligations to the Missionary Cause."

The Greensboro first team was organized Monday night, Mr. R. F. Owens being selected as manager, and will play their first game with Bridgetown nine on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carrow and granddaughter, Miss Elsie Bickling, of Henderson, spent the early part of the week with their son, Mr. Samuel D. Carrow, on Maple Avenue.

Mr. William A. Dill and wife and daughter, of Philadelphia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dill, last week. Mr. Dill returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Blanche Rickards entertained the members of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, at her home on Maple Avenue, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Hughes and daughter, of Felton, visited the parents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dill, the first part of the week.

The subject for Rev. Warren Burr's sermon Sunday night, at St. Paul's M. E. Church, will be "The Eleventh-hour Call."

While playing base ball on Wednesday afternoon Mr. Earl Jones was hit in the face with the ball and painfully hurt.

Mrs. Charles Trice and Mrs. Edgar Todd, of Concord, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Ambrose Langrell.

Master Maurice Stevenson is receiving treatment at the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry A. Pippin, of Philadelphia, will spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berge.

Rev. George L. Helsby and family, of Denton, spent Wednesday with friends in town.

Burrsville.

In honor of Miss Ethel E. Cahall, of Felton, Del., a surprise party was given her at the home of Miss Florrie E. Dill, by a number of friends. Those who attended were Misses Mary and Laura Thawley, Zoe McCauley, Elma Jacobs, Daisy Satterfield, Netta Morgan, Mary Breeding, Bessie Ross, Eva A. Thawley, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Smith and Messrs. Arthur Cahall, Roy Chance, Charlie Butler, Arthur Billings, Emile H. Sapp, Harlan Blades, Wesley Thawley, Olus Smith and William Hardesty. Games and music were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served.

Rev. R. K. Stephenson, district superintendent, preached at Wesley M. E. Church on Sunday evening to a full house. The choir furnished good music. A special quartet was rendered by Miss Ethel E. Cahall, Miss Florrie E. Dill, Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley and Mr. Clark Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thawley had as their guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parris, of Harrington; Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby Nowell and children, Marie and Earle, of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. John Parris, Mrs. Hannah Parris and Mr. Hartley Ellwanger.

Mis. P. P. Council and daughter, Miss Florence, of Easton; Misses Mary and Jennie Cannon, of Denton, and Mr. Howard Hopkins, of Easton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dulin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cheezum, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilton Porter and sons, Masters William and Richard, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter George, near Federalsburg.

The little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wooters, who had the misfortune of falling off a porch and breaking his farm, is much improved,

Miss Eva Thawley entertained Rev. Dr. R. K. Stephenson and Rev. Melvin Wheatley, Mrs. Bertha Trice and Miss Mary Williams on Sunday last.

Miss Ethel Cahall, after being entertained a week at the home of Miss Florrie E. Dill, left for her home, near Felton, on Thursday.

Mrs. Michael Lollar, of Philadelphia, and little friend have been guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens.

Miss Mary H. Thawley has returned home, her school, at Adamsville, having been closed on Thursday for the year.

Miss Mary Williams, of Georgetown, and Mrs. Bertha Trice, of Harrington, have been Miss Iva Russell's guests.

Mr. R. H. Stafford spent the week-end in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mrs. Hannah Parris is visiting relatives near town.

Mrs. Etta Beachamp continues on the sick list.

Templeville.

Miss Margaret Sparks has returned to her position in Philadalphia after a few days spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sparks.

Mr. T. Roland Knotts has a position as manager of C. W. Jackson's furniture and dry goods store at Ridgely.

Miss Anna May Rust, of Dover, was the guest of the Misses Heather a few days ago.

Miss Florence K. Faulkner was home last week on account of sickness.

Miss Margaret Smith has returned to her studies in Wilmington.

FACTIONS FIGHT FURIOUSLY

Hottest G. O. P. Struggle Ever Known Here and Elsewhere

With Republican factional lines tightly drawn, supporters of President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt in Maryland are engaged in the most desperate political struggle witnessed here for many years. Seldom has the party been divided in this State as at present and many believe it will be impossible to unite for the general campaign, irrespective of whom may be nominated.

Fight for control of Maryland's 16 votes in the National Convention is exceptionally bitter, probably more so than in any other State, which is probably due to the fact that during the past week the President and Colonel Roosevelt have handled each other without gloves. The hot shots that they have fired at each other have had effect in Maryland.

Following the primaries in Massachusetts the battle ground has shifted to Maryland, the next State to hold legalized primaries, and both the President and Colonel Roosevelt and their campaign managers have turned their attention to this State. Although both sides are claiming victory, political observers believe the result here will be close.

The Taft fight in Maryland is in far better shape now than it has ever been. This is due to the activities of the organization, headed by the Federal officeholders, who during the past few days have done much effective work.

The supporters of the former President claim a sweep in Western Maryland, Baltimore city and a number of the remaining counties.

The Republican fight in Maryland grows more furious with every passing hour, and there is doubt about the outcome, although Roosevelt's unexpected strength in Massachusetts has given his friends confidence in their ability to carry this State. Shrewd observers, notes the Baltimore Sun, say that in their judgment Colonel Roosevelt will carry at least four, and probably five, counties of the Sixth Congressional district or Western Maryland. This leaves the fight in Baltimore city, Southern and Central Maryland and the Eastern Shore. These sections have been parcelled out to different leaders and Federal officeholders. Mr. Stone is given Baltimore city. Chairman John B. Hanna, of the State Central committee, has the responsibility of carrying Harford county.

In Southern Maryland the Taft fight is in the hands of Congressman Thomas Parran. The organization is reported to be better united in that section than in any other and Taft leaders are looking for a sweep in it. On the Eastern Shore Governor Goldsborough has charge of the fight in Dorchester, his home county, and is making a vigorous effort to carry it. Naval Officer Albert G. Towers is the leader in Caroline county. In his own county, Wicomico, and the other six counties on the Shore, National Committeeman Wm. P. Jackson has charge of the fight. He is also assisting the Governor and Mr. Towers as much as possible. Postmasters and other Federal officeholders, together with the appointees of the Governor, are reported to be working desperately for the President. Mr. Jackson has served notice on his friends that this fight means much to the organization and he wants to keep the Republican forces on the Shore united, believing that it will make him more powerful. In each county a formidable Roosevelt organization has been perfected. Results in many Eastern Shore counties and in Southern Maryland will depend upon the negro vote. The negroes in many of the counties in these sections constitute a majority of the Republican vote, and as they generally vote in primary contests the leaders are making a hard fight for them. Although the primaries will be held under the provisions of the Corrupt Practices Act, it is openly admitted by leaders of both Taft and Roosevelt organizations that the results in some of the counties will hinge upon the amount of money each side spends. Experience has shown that there are many loopholes in the Corrupt Practices act and that almost unlimited sums can be legally spent in the employment of watchers, runners, challengers, messengers and the like. It is generally thought that both sides will make a fight to get the negro vote by some such means.

On the Eastern Shore it is expected that Mr. Jackson, who is the most liberal contributor in the Republican party in the State, will not see the election go by default because of a lack of funds. He is close to the President. For four years he has played an important part in the distribution of Federal patronage in Maryland. He wants to be re-elected national committeeman from Maryland. In fact, when he goes into a fight he goes in to win, and his friends say he can be relied upon to do everything possible to carry the Eastern Shore for the President and thus control its 35 votes in the State convention.

The Roosevelt legions will not give an inch of ground. They say there is no doubt about the growing popularity of their leader, and partake of his courage and will yield nothing to Mr. Taft and his office-holders.

A staff correspondent of the Baltimore News has the following about the Republican fight in Caroline:

"Caroline county, at least, is one of the counties on the Eastern Shore that is debatable ground in the contest between Roosevelt and Taft for the Republican nomination for President, even though the influence of Governor Goldsborough and William P. Jackson is felt here.

"The power of the Federal Administration is also felt, for Albert G. Towers, Naval Officer of the Port of Baltimore, is the local organization leader. In fact, by some persons Mr. Towers is credited with being the whole show of the local organization as it is at present constituted.

"The campaign for Taft means much for Mr. Towers. His prestige is at stake. He has become the central figure in the fight, and he can ill afford to lose. Even his political foes admit that he is a good organizer and in many respects an effective leader. When "Al" Towers goes down the line, said one man, he does not stop at anything, and he goes the limit. Therefore, he will not be defeated without a struggle.

"Of course, Mr. Towers has lieutenants to aid him in his efforts to carry the county for Taft. One of these is Harry A. Roe, Automobile Commissioner, who will have the first opportunity to test his mettle since his appointment to one of the important State jobs, and then there is a small postmaster combine, consisting of Uncle Sam's custodians, in the outlying towns and villages in the county. Added to these are the local officeholders, who hold their commissions from the Governor and on the recommendation of the county organization, headed by Towers and Roe.

"It is estimated that there are about 1500 Republican voters in Caroline county. Practically two-thirds are black. It is thus seen that the colored brother holds the balance of power. The problem is, how will he vote at the primaries on May 6.

The Roosevelt people claim that their candidate will assuredly receive more than one-half of the white vote.

"What was regarded as the organization before Governor Goldsborough made his appointments has been split into two factions. In the distribution of patronage Caroline received one juicy plum in lieu of other smaller jobs; that was the automobile commissionership. When this position was awarded to Mr. Roe it made a lot of aspirants for recognition sore. They contended that having borne the heat and burden of the fray, something was coming to them.

"Many of them would have been satisfied with fairly lucrative places. That is, the party as a whole would perhaps have been better pleased had the Governor given Caroline several offices with small salaries instead of one big State office. This seems to be the cause of the resentment which is having its effect in the Presidential line-up among the white voters since the present organization heads aligned themselves with the Taft cause.

"On the Rooseve't side, or, as it has developed, the anti-organization side, are such men as former County Chairman Charles W. Hobbs, his brother, H. Clay Hobbs, and Thomas R. Green, with a score of veteran leaders and effective personal workers in the district. These men have in the past been closely associated with the Jacksons in their political aspirations and activities. Differences arose, however, and the parting of the ways was reached."

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

In the Orphans' Court on Tuesday, Judges Clark, Rawlings and Stevens present, Wm. E. Carney was appointed administrator c. t. a. of Francina Carney, deceased. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors was ordered. Renunciation was filed. Charles Jarrell and Jerome Davis were appointed appraisers.

Last will and testament of Peter Hagadone was admitted to probate, letters of administration c. t. a. granted to Mary Hagadone. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors was ordered. T. W. Jones and C. W. Jackson were appointed appraisers.

Albert S. Handy was appointed administrator of William T. Morgan, deceased. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors was ordered. Renunciation was filed. Norman Vanscoy and James E. Williamson were appointed appraisers.

Joshua E. and John C. Bullock were appointed executors of Richard E. Bullock. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors was ordered. Truston Nabb and Daniel Williams were appointed appraisers.

Martha E. Downes and Alice Downham, executors of George Onins, presented a distribution of the personal estate, which was approved.

James H. Horsey, executor of Josephine Horsey, presented an inventory of the personalty, which was approved.

Commissioners Want Bids.

The County Commissioners on Tuesday last took the first steps toward the building of a State aid highway from Denton to Willow Pond, in Tuckahoe Neck, the improvement to include a new iron bridge across the Choptank river. This work has been contemplated for a long time, the old iron bridge here having been condemned as unsuitable for the great volume of traffic and unsafe for the heavy loads it is frequently required to bear. The building of the bridge and the road will require several months, under the most favorable condition, and the Commissioners hope that there will be no delay in getting it started. The new bridge at Denton will consist of a draw only, and when this is open there will be passage-way on each side for boats of greatest dimensions. This great draw will be sustained in the centre by a pier of rock and concrete, and concrete abutments will support each end on the draw.

Caroline for Judge Adkins.

Staff Correspondent Cullen, of the Baltimore Sun, finds that the sentiment in Caroline for Governor Woodrow Wilson and Judge Adkins is very strong and that both will receive a heavy vote next Monday and will carry the county by a large majority.

Of the judicial situation here in Caroline the correspondent said: "Surpassing everything else in this county in interest, however, is the judgeship fight between Judge Adkins and Albert Constable. Nearly all of the regular Democrats and practically all the Independents are behind Judge Adkins, and it is regarded as certain that he will get an extremely large majority in the county. With Talbot for him by a big margin, Caroline lined up, Queen Anne's close, Kent close and Cecil for Constable, Judge Adkins' friends figure that he will get the nomination."

CLOVER AND CULTIVATION

With Properly Selected Seed, Make Corn Growing Profitable.

Mr. W. Oscar Collier a few weeks ago gave the JOURNAL readers some valuable points on the selection of seed corn. On the whole subject of corn-growing he has a lengthy and instructive article in the Easton Star-Democrat, and we reprint the following extracts:

"The old haphazard way of selecting seed corn has gone and farmers have very generally come to realize the importance of well-bred seed corn as a necessary factor for maximum corn yields.

"Twenty-five and less years ago farmers of my section fortunate enough to produce a crop of 40 bushels per acre would hold a family council to devise some way to dispose of the surplus cash such an enormous crop would produce. And this at a time old red clover grew spontaneously wherever a seed might be dropped. The difficulty those days was, could we, grow more clover than we could properly turn down with crude plows of that time. Consequently our land was well supplied with humus and nitrogen. Father occasionally used lime, his corn was well worked as the average farmer's of our section, and he more frequently housed a crop of 25 bushels per acre than 40, or even 35 bushels. Upon this same land last autumn was harvested a crop of corn which quadrupled father's average crop of 20 years ago.

"What condition or combination of conditions have brought about these results? It can not be charged to the crimson clover, for the luxuriant growth of red clover those days matched in every way the crimson variety of today. We must eliminate commercial fertilizers, for none is ever used by me for corn, except on plots in a purely experimental way.

"My system for over eleven years has been to break the wheat stubble in July, and apply 7 or 8 quarts or fresh scarlet clover seed per acre; the clay knolls and thin portions of field receiving a top dressing of manure in autumn and early spring, applied through a manure spreader, which insures an even dressing and the more uniform growth of clover over the entire field.

"I wish to emphasize the importance of thoroughly firming the soil so as to establish capillary attraction before the corn is planted; should the season be a dry one, then it becomes absolutely necessary Does it pay to thoroughly prepare the land before planting corn, or depend upon doing so after the corn is planted? I know well the temptation to rush the corn in the ground after waiting for the clover to reach a proper development to plow down, and when the click of your neighbor's planter reverberates on the still morning air you begin to wonder if that clover will ever send forth a crimson top, the signal for the beginning of active campaign.

"I say to you, let your neighbors who have gotten into ruts so deep that they cannot or will not get out of them, plant their corn in the cold, wet, and inhospitable ground of early spring and without due consideration being given for the supplying of necessay plant food or the cost incurred if commercial fertilizers are purchased. Listen to the click of their machines and sympathize for them, for their land and the very corn being interred, congratulate yourself that at this period more than ever myriads of little agencies are at work day and night preparing a great feast for that corn that you are to plant, and while your stock is growing daily more sleek and fat feeding upon the clover, occupy your time doing those jobs that will greatly relieve the stress of farm work later.

"Let the same good judgment that took you out of the old ruts still do business and refrain from rushing the corn into the ground before it is put in thorough good order. A heavy roller should follow the plow, after which a cutaway harrow should be used, working deep down among the maze of clover roots. breaking down obstructions to a thoroughly compacting of the soil. As a pulverizer and packer of the ground I find the Imperial Pulverizer a tool of great merit, and I immediately follow the cutaway harrow with this implement, which is followed by the Acme harrow and roller. I use no harrow that will pull up the clover, and by using the proper tools I quickly put the land in excellent condition for the corn.

"All that I have done or said via laying the foundation will go to naught if the cultivation is not frequent and thorough. I consider a good cultivator a good policeman, guarding against the invasion or intrusion of the robber weeds from consuming the feast prepared for the corn plant. Start early in the life of the little plant and continue cultivation as long as conditions will possibly permit. With me there is no set rule governing the number of workings a corn crop shall have. If only necessary, five cultivations; if necessary, ten. In a nutshell, begin with sharp weeders before the corn is up and continue the cultivation deep at first and shallow after corn is knee high. Cultivate, if possible, up to tasseling period, but not at a depth of over 1½ inches."

How to Mark Your Ballot.

There are in Caroline no contests for delegates to the State convention. The Democratic voter chooses his candidate for President by marking opposite one of the three names of Democratic Presidential candidates on the official ballot, unless he wants an uninstructed delegation. In the latter possibility he will not vote for any one of the candidates, but for "an uninstructed delegation." Then he will indicate his choice of the two judicial candidates. He will make only two marks on the ballot.

With the Republicans it is different. The Republican voter will vote for his Presidential candidate, and also each of the four State delegates he prefers. The Republicans have no other candidates to vote for.

Hobbs.

A very delightful party was held at the home of Miss Pearl Murphy, Thursday evening of last week. About 11 o'clock refreshments were served. Some fine piano selections were rendered during the evening by Miss Edna Shipman. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hunter and Mrs. Stichman, of near Denton; Misses Gertrude Willoughby, Roberta Bowdle, Effa Johnson, Ethel Breeding, Daisy Satterfield, Mary Carter, Susie Breeding, Nettie Nichols, Mary Thawley, Edna Shipman, Janie Stewart and Ivah Murphy; Messrs. James Willoughby, Charlie Stewart, Frances Neal, Willie Nichols, Alonza Stewart, Isaac Noble, Charles Wroten, Lee Butler and Raymond Nichols.

Mrs. E. M. Willey, mother and daughter, Miss Esther, were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fountain, Concord, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Merriken, Federalsburg, and spent a pleasant day together.

Mr. F. R. Love has purchased of Mr. J. W. Lord all of his mercantile interests and will both replenish the present and add a stock of dry goods soon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Allen, of Washington, were hastily summoned to the bedside of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. E. Towers, last Saturday.

From recent advices received from lower California, nearly all kinds of new vegetables are plentiful in the markets, and their rains are about over till next November.

Mr. J. F. Kelley is erecting a shed-building 36 feet long and 20 feet wide for the protection of his farm implements from the weather.

Mr. W. N. Willoughby, after a lingering illness of dropsy, died at his home, near Hobbs, early last Tuesday morning.

Mr. Herman Dorman and Miss Angie Flowers, of Denton, were married at the parsonage Thursday evening by Parson Bailey.

Mr. J. W. Lord has this week moved to his recently purchased farm, where he will engage in trucking on an extended scale.

The Epworth League of Concord was entertained Friday evening of last week by Mrs. B. B. Cohee, Andersontown.

Those who had arranged to plant corn this week have been prevented by the stormy aspect of the weather.

Mr. Michael Todd, of Greensboro, was last Sunday the guest of his sister, Mrs. S. Smith, Hobbs.

The C. E. services were conducted Sunday evening by Mr. F. Paisley. Topic: "Missions."

Mrs. J. E. Towers suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion Thursday night of last week.

Mr. Arthur Carter and Miss Ella King have been under the physician's treatment recently.

Mr. G. L. Jopp received last Monday an ironclad incubator from Racine, Wisconsin.

Some of the young people of Hobbs attended the oyster supper at Thawley's last week.

Mrs. Frank Jones, of Frederica, has been visiting Caroline relatives this week.

Farmers here are making rapid advancement in plowing for corn.

Mr. J. R. Chaffinch visited Baltimore and Washington last week.

Mr. G. L. Jopp has already set 148 turkey eggs.

Hickman.

Mr. William M. Liden was given a birthday party by his mother, Mrs. Martha E. Liden, Saturday evening, April 27th. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thawley and little daughter, Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Clement Fountain and son, Edward; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawless and son, Francis; Mrs. Ida Fountain, Mrs. Anna Harmon, Mrs. Eva Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Passwaters, Mrs. Matilda Chaffinch, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Passwaters; Misses Daisy Satterfield, Jessie Javins, Lula Handy, Mary Handy, Susie Breeding, Effie Johnson, Bessie Scott, Lillie Melvin, Pearle Murphy, Pauline Fountain, Helen Adams, Minnie Fountain, Janie Stewart, Addie Chaffinch, Nettie Nichols, Anna Chaffinch, Eva Melvin, Helen Fountain, Lillie Patton, Mildred Adams, Della Trice, Lottie Devore, Sadie Devore, Anna Lawless, Alice Lawless, Nellie Wright, Anna Hignutt, Mettie Haymond, Mary Ninnerman, Rosa Hignutt; Messrs. Fred Williamson, Charlie Seviss, Amos Scott, Johnnie Fountain, Armond Neal, Robert Trice, Willie Meluney, Harry Murphy, Isaac Noble, Charley Wroten, Lee Butler, Reynolds Murphy.

Boonsboro.

Arbor Day exercises were held at Boonsboro School on Friday of last week. The following program was rendered by the pupils: Song, "Merry Springtime," school; recitation, Katie Butler; trio, "Blossom Bells," Lola Morris Nettie Butler and Ruth Porter; recitation, Lola Morris; Memory Gems, primary pupils; dialogue, Mildred Mitchell and Lola Morris; trio, Katie Butler, Mildred Mitchell and Beatrice Butler; dialogue, Color Fairies, by six girls; story, David Snowden; song, Arbor Day song; recitation, Beatrice Bulter; recitation, Mildred Mitchell; song, Arbor Day march.

Those pupils receiving the highest marks for lessons and deportment for April at Boonsboro school are: Ruth Porter, Guy Porter, Hazel Phillips, Beatrice and Nettie Butler.

Fowling Creek.

Mr. G. Lacy Butler has eight varieties of peaches, Yellow St. John, Elberta, Mary's Choice, Fitzgerald, Crawford's Early, Crawford's Late, Wonderful and others, which he says have a prospect of at least half a crop of fruit.

Many men and teams are at work improving with shells the old sandy road from Harmony toward Preston. Eventually—and in no distant future—the road will be made solid from Preston to the State highway north. Public-spirited citizen have subscribed about six thousand dollars towards this work.

CHURCH GATHERINGS HERE

Two Conventions This Week—Convocation Next Week.

Rev. J. Gibson Gantt writes: "A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all of the meetings held under the auspices of the Middle Convocation next Tuesday and Wednesday. The following program will show the hours for these services, the subjects and the speakers: Tuesday, May 7, 10.30 a. m., Holy Communion celebrant, Very Rev. E. R. Rich, D. D., of Easton; preacher, the Rev. C. McLaren Howard, of Church Hill. 3 p. m., business meeting; election of officers; the Rev. J. Gibson Gantt will preside. 7 p. m., open air meeting at West Denton; the Rev. W. B. Stehl, of Centreville, and the Rev. J. F. Kirk, of St. Michaels, will speak. 8 p. m., Evening Prayer: subject, 'Young People;' 'The Chruch's Claim Upon Them,' the Rev. W. F. Dickinson, M. D., of Hillsboro; 'How to Reach Them,' Rev. Thos. H. M. Ockford, of Trappe; 'How to Reach Them,' Very Rev. E. R. Rich, D. D., of Easton. Wednesday, May 8, 10.30 a. m., Morning Prayer; address by the Rev. W. Y. Beaven, of Longwood; ten-minute talks on 'Personal Religion' by the Rev. L. G. Morony, of Greensboro, and the Rev. Geo. C. Sutton, D. D., of Oxford. 4.30 p. m., conference with parish workers; Rev. Henry Davies, Ph. D., of Easton, will preside. 8 p m., missionary service: subject, 'Obligations;' 'Parochial,' Rev. L. G. Morony; 'Diocesan,' Rev. J. F. Kirk; 'General,' Rev. Walter B. Stehl. All of the meetings are public and to be held in Christ Church except the open-air meeting at West Denton on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Tri-County Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in session here Thursday and Friday of this week, was well attended by the people of this and near-by places, and the addresses were instructive and helpful. The influence of this great body of good women is furthering the cause of temperance and Christianity and is felt in many lands. The program as given in the JOURNAL last week was carried out. Among the visitors were: Misses Grace Moore, Royal Oak; Amy Harrison and Gladys Roe, Tilghman's; L. Fletcher, Preston; Marianne Hardcastle and Mary Jump, Easton; Mesdames Maggie Covington, J. L. Price, and Lizzie May, Tilghman's; L. J. Knotts, I. E. Mason, H. E. Pennington, C. E. Turner, W. W. Seward, M. P. Kern, W. Wylie, and T. A. Smith, Ridgely; A. W. Sisk, R. I. Lednum, James Cochran and — Davis, Preston; S. A. Wilson, Samuel Sherman, Emma Moore, Carrie Griffin and Laura Ward, Easton; Mary R. Haslup and Hattie Curry, Baltimore, and Alice Hastings, Sharptown. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Marianne Hardcastle, Easton; Vice-President-at-Large, Miss Grace Moore, Royal Oak; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Easton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Merrick, Easton; Treasurer, Miss Mary Jump, Easton; L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. Ida G. Lambert, Easton; Secretary Young People's Branch, Miss Lina Bridges, Bozman.

Very many of the Sunday schools of Caroline county were represented in the Convention held in the M. P. Church in this place on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The program of this convention was given in the JOURNAL of last week. Among those taking part in the discussion of the work in the Sunday schools were a number of ministers, including Revs. A. N. Ward, H. A. G. Westerfield, J. Gibson Gantt, Geo. S. Rairigh, B. W. Kindley, W. T. N. Beale, J. C. Somerlattee, J. T. Bailey, R. T. Coursey, and Rev. Mr. Miller. Various superintendents and teachers of the different churches gave talks pertaining to their work.

Rev. J. S. Wickline, through the JOURNAL, sends greetings to the numerous friends here of the former pastor and his wife, who are well and happy, and also a photo of their pretty home at Falling Springs, West Virginia.

The Ladies' Mite Society, of Thawley's Chapel will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Booth on Tuesday evening, May 7th. All members and friends are cordially invited.

The ladies of Christ Church will hold a market today, commencing at 1.30. Salads, cakes, pies, buns, biscuits, etc., will be sold.

The Junior League of the M. E. Church had a pleasant social at the old parsonage on Thursday.

Rev. T. S. Holt will preach at American Corner tomorrow morning.

Henderson.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. J. R. Melvin on W