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

The Local Department

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

Wheat, 99; corn, 53.

Less than two weeks to Christmas.

W. W. Dukes advertises property for rent.

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

Capt. Ben Thomas is master of the new steamer Talbot.

Clarence Baynard and brother sell the Saturday Evening Post.

Go to O. M. Hignutt's, at Williston, for your Christmas supplies.

The Cash Bargain House of J. H. Beer advertises Christmas goods.

Matthew Lawless advertises valuable personal property to be sold on Friday, December 27.

Mr. C. H. Stewart killed two hogs 13 months old which weighed 530 and 475, respectively.

Mr. C. W. Beauchamp, in Tuckuhoe Neck, killed two fine hogs, the weights being 396 and 362.

The Ramsey Theatrical Troupe will give entertainments at Preston on December 18th and 19.

Mr. J. Steele Bradley is an assistant purser on the new steamer Talbot of the B., C. & A. Company.

Mr. C. C. Thawley, of the Second district, will remove to Delaware at the end of the present year.

Ship your corn by the steamer Edenton. Grain sacks furnished, and freight only four cents per bushel. *

Ladies' hats at O. M. Hignutt's, at Williston, now at cost. Come and take your choice. Only a few left.

Henry R. Lewis advertises to be sold next Tuesday in front of the Court House, some desirable personal property.

On our first page this week appears a new advertisement of John L. Everngam's department store. Read it.

T. H. Lord will sell personal property, at his home near Chilton's campground, on Monday, December 30.

In view of the scarcity of fuel in town the long delay in the coming of cold weather has been fortunate for many.

There has been a large catch of soft-shelled clams, or maninoses, along the salt water shores of Talbot this month.

Funeral Director Moore has just returned from Philadelphia with a large line of artifical flowers, both wax and metalic.

It is shown over and over again this season, as in other seasons, that public sale advertisements in the JOURNAL are successful.

While stringing wires on an electric light pole sixty-five feet high, at Queen Anne a few days ago, William Pinder fell but was not very seriously hurt.

If you need a sweater, rug, gloves, blankets, handkerchiefs, ties, hose, umbrellas, or books, go and see O. M. Hignutt's new supply of Christmas goods, at Williston.

Some Talbot sportsmen are considering the matter of having all gunning forbidden by law for one or perhaps two years, in the hope of restoring the game supply in that county.

There will be an entertainment entitled "The Night Before Christmas" held at Moore's School, near Greensboro, on Thursday night, December 19th, and the public is invited.

A new telephone exchange is being installed in the company's new building here, and in a week or so the operators will take charge of their larger and much more comfortable quarters.

The display of Christmas goods at Evergam's this year is more extensive than ever, and on our first page today will be found timely and useful shopping hints for visitors to the store.

Mrs. Thomas Massey was seriously hurt in an auto accident near Ingleside some days ago. She was driving a runabout, lost control, the machine struck a telephone pole, and Mrs. Massey was knocked senseless.

A point noticed particularly in judging corn is the silk end, which should be covered as far as possible with grains. Mr. T. A. Satterfield brought to town Saturday two ears particularly well covered. The end of the cob was invisible.

T. Alan Goldsborough sold at public sale on Tuesday afternoon the James H. Barrow property—a warehouse and storehouse—in Preston. L. B. Towers, of Denton, was the purchaser at $2,100. The same attorney sold the Hinman property, about seven acres of land near Denton, to Samuel G. Nuttle for $1,100.

At the meeting of the Literary Club at the court house last Monday evening Rev. George S. Rairigh talked entertainingly and instructively of his travels in Palestine. Next Monday Miss Mary J. Fisher will speak of her experiences and observations in Spain during her several years' residence "in Old Madrid." Mrs. Ward, president of the club, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the Club meeting, at seven o'clock, p. m.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will have a Demorest contest on Thursday evening, December 19th, at 7.30 o'clock, at the court house. The recitations will be interspersed with selections by a quartette. The contestants are the following: Emma Bloxsom, Esta Roe, Elizabeth Cade, Katherine Wright, Mildred Nuttle, Clara Clark, Eva DeFord. Admission, ten cents; children under twelve, five cents. The patronage of the public is earnestly solicited.

Ernest Black, colored, tried on Thursday before Justice Lapham on the charge of having fired a pistol in a colored school house where a festival was in progress, was convicted and sentenced to the House of Correction for six months. It was shown that the shot caused a great deal of excitement, but didn't stop the festivities. Black denied the charge, and took an appeal to court. Attorney William J. Rickards appeared for him.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

Matrimonial Notes of Interest—Visitors Hereabout.

Concord parsonage was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, November 27th, the contracting parties being Mr. Alexander Lord, of Concord, and Miss Sallie Collins, of American Corner. The bride was handsomely attired in blue satin, trimmed in white insertion and ball trimming, wtth gloves to match. After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lord, brother and sister-in-law of the groom, music and congratulations being features of the reception. At a late hour the gnests were invited to the dining room, and refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thawley and daughters, Misses Grace and Elva Thawley; Mr. and Mrs. William Lord.

There were married on Wednesday, December 11, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Mary Walls, of Ridgely, and Mr. George Heimsley, of Wyoming, Delaware. At high noon the bridal couple descended the stairs to the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March, the bride beautifully gowned in white satin and lace, and carrying a bouquet of carnations and ferns, the groom in the conventional black. The ring ceremony was used, the Rev. Howard Quigg officiating, after which a bountiful wedding feast was served in the dining-room. The house was tastefully decorated with holly and an arch of evergreens. Mr. and Mrs. Heimsley took the 3 o'clock train for Wyoming, where they will reside.

The annual Christmas dance will be given at Masonic Hall, Denton, on Thursday evening, December 26th. Those who compose the committee of arrangements are Messrs. T. Alan Goldsborough, William H. Anderson, Albert G. Towers, Harvey L. Cooper, J. Dukes Downes, George C. Skirven, Dr. Dawson O. George, Clarence E. Frampton, and Edwin W. Breeding.

Mr. Henry W. Hughes is in the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore. He was taken there by Dr. Nichols on Monday morning, after suffering intensely for some time. It was thought that an operation, to remove gall stones or a growth, which caused the trouble, might be necessary.

The marriage of Miss Ernestine, daughter of Mrs. M. M. Todd, and Mr. Kirkman Wilson Short will be solemnized Saturday afternoon, December 28, at 1.45 o'clock, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the pastor, Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield, officiating.

Mr. Harry R. Klotz, of Ridgely, and Miss Edith Pearl Bradley will be married on December 23 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Bradley, Northfield, N. J. The young couple will live near Ridgely.

Mr. J. R. Carroll, of Baltimore, visited friends in Caroline this week. Mr. Carroll talks entertainingly of his trip of several weeks in the far north-west and along the Pacific coast through California.

Mrs. L. Virginia Jones, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Alice D. Raughley, of Greensboro, are visiting their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carter.

Miss Melissa Ward, of near Burrsville, returned home last Saturday, after spending two weeks with Mrs. Annie B. Simpson, in Harrington.

Miss Pauline Horsey has returned home from Nickelsville, Va., where she has been engaged in millinery work during the fall season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stelwagon, of West Philadelphia, are spending the week-end with the Misses Maria and Nettie Mason.

Mrs. M. L. Ringgold, of Narberth, Pa., is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ringgold.

Mr. R. M. Messick on Thursday went to Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment, accompanied by Dr. P. R. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Evitts will spend most of the winter in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Mrs. George L. Wallace is spending some time with Washington friends.

Mr. E. H. Hirs was a recent visitor for several days in Seaford.

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

In the Orphans' Court on Tuesday, Judges Clark, Rawlings and Stevens present, Robert Jarrell, Jr., was appointed guardian to Alfred Losch, Gertrude Losch and Hedweigh Losch, minors.

W. W. Noble, administrator of Howard M. Hayman, deceased, presented final accounts.

John T. Prattis, administrator of Alexander Prattis, presented final accounts.

R. P. Taylor and W. P. Taylor were appointed to appraise personalty of Benjamin Whiteside, deceased.

B. F. Greenlee and O. C. Garey, executors of A. J. Greenlee, deceased, were authorized to sell ten shares of Denton National Bank stock.

Order nisi was granted in the matter of the sale of the Aaron Johns real estate.

Edward B. Maloney and Henry R. Lewis, administrators of Robert H. Maloney, deceased, presented accouut of sales of personalty.

Mary A. Jackson, administratrix of Benjamin F. Jackson, deceased, presented releases from heirs; passed.

S. Elbert Douglass was granted letters of administration on the personal estate of Ann E. Douglass, deceased. J. T. Dennis and J. F. Lednum were named as appraisers.

Mr. Wright Will be the Host at the Brick

Mr. James T. Wright, of Baltimore, formerly of Caroline, has rented the Brick Hotel, in this place, and will in a few weeks take charge of this well-known property. Mr. Wright is a cousin of Capt. Charles W. and Mr. Walter M. Wright, the owners of the hotel, and has had several years experience in the business in Baltimore. Just now he holds a position with the Continental Trust Company, in that city. Mr. Walter M. Wright said Monday the Brick Hotel would be extensively improved next year.

Hobbs.

Some changes of tenants: Mr. O. A. Henry will move from Miss Butler's property to Mr. J. Lord's, now occupied by Mr. S. L. Adams; Mr. Adams will move to his new home, on the Catholic farm; Mrs. J. E. Adams will follow Mr. Henry; Mr. Alfred Hamilton will move to Mr. W. A. Smith's farm; Mr. W. G. Carter will move to Delaware, near Farmington; Mr. Geo. W. Neighbors will move into his new home, on the Catholic farm; Mrs. Annie Willoughby will go with her son, Harley, and Mr. E. Bright, will move in to the property vacated by her.

Parson and Mrs. J. T. Bailey, accompanied by Misses Beulah and Florence Vincent, were last Friday the guests at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis, near Andersontown. The same evening Mr. and Mrs Davis were entertained at the parsonage.

Mr. C. H. Merriken, who for several years has been in the employ of the Underwood Typewriter Company, New York, has recently been made manager of their branch office in Springfield, Illinois.

Mrs. J. H. Merriken on last Friday very quietly celebrated her 72nd birthday anniversary and was the recipient of numerous congratulations from her children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Fountain and little son, James Edward, of near Hickman, were the guests of Mrs. Fountain's parents, Mr and Mrs. William H. Scott, on Sunday last.

Mr. A. W. Thompson, of Ridgely, has bought from Mr. Jacob Ghingher a tract of timber near here and secured a saw mill with which to manufacture lumber.

Mr. William H. Scott slaughtered six fine porkers on Tuesday of this week, their weights being 300, 362, 246, 260, 261, 222, the total amount being 1651 pounds.

Mr. D. W. Davis, failing to get the coal he ordered early, has been compelled to purchase of Mr. L. B. Towers, of Denton, to supply the present demand.

Mr. Chas. Carroll, of Cordova, on his return trip from a visit among Delaware relatives, spent Friday night with his nephew, Mr. M. F. H. Collison.

Agent Ricards went to Baltimore Tuesday morning to meet his wife from Washington and accompany her home at evening.

Large lots of holly and wreaths are being shipped from this station by Mr. Radcliff, of Greenwood, Del., to Buffalo, N. Y.

The Christian Endeavor services at Ames were led Sunday evening by Mrs. Paisley. Topic: "Lesson of the Snow."

Mrs. J. R. Ricards has spent the week with her sister, Mrs. B B. Allen, and other relatives of Washington.

Mr. Ira Wothers will move from Mr. H. C. Hobb's farm and Mr. Charles Benton will succeed him.

Parson and Mrs. Bailey were on Tuesday evening the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Sparks, Denton.

Mr. J. A. Billing, on the Hughes farm, housed 2,308 baskets of corn, finishing Monday.

The meetings at the Burrsville M. P. Church are increasing in interest.

Mr. Joe Beck's 6 hogs weighed 314, 242, 240, 238, 238 and 196.

Smithville.

Moving is again in vogue in this vicinity, the following having changed their residences: Mr. Tennis Thomas goes to Bridgeville, and Mr. Charles Williamson takes the place vacated by Mr. Thomas; Mr. James Sheridan moves to the R. J. S. Bullock property, vacated by Mr. John Holland, Mr. Holland going to the G. S. Lyden property vacated by Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bowdle and family, of near Burrsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hall, of Bethlehem, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Bowdle.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker and daughter, Marie, of near Bridgeville, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lyden on Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. Daniel Williams is reported to be very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. N. H. Scott and mother, Mrs. T. B. Scott, spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Henderson.

Miss Priscilla Bell has returned to Riverside, N. J., after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Reynolds.

Mr. Ralph S. Jones, of Riverside, N. J., spent part of the week with his mother, Mrs. P. F. Jones.

Mrs. Katharine Montague is spending some time with Mrs. Charles Cartwright in Wilmington.

Mr. Harry Melvin expects to finish his new home by the end of the year, and move in it.

Miss Cora B. Downes, who has lived in Bethlehem, Pa., for several years, has moved here.

The P. O. S. of A. will hold a festival here on Saturday evening, December 21.

Mr. T. Alda Montague is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Joseph Raymond spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. F. Gough visited friends last week.

Houston's Branch.

Mr. J. T. Turner and son, Gilbert, went to Salisbury on Tuesday to consult a doctor on the latter's nervous condition.

Miss Alyce Mason attended the teachers' meeting, which was held in Denton on Saturday last.

Mr. Fred Williamson has returned home, after a month's stay in the South buying holly.

Miss Mary Cahall, who has been visiting in Baltimore, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cheezum, of Burrsville, have been visitors here this week.

Concord.

Mr. Walter Lord butchered four fine porkers, weighing 375, 356, 167, 162,

INTERESTING CHURCH NEWS

Enthusiastic Young Missioners—Letter From Rev. Mr. Bethwith, Etc.

Rev. Walter H. Bethwith, pastor at Grove, writes: "Lest some one should interpret our long silence for inaction, I will write a word to let you know that we are still very much alive. When I came here, a stranger, to begin my work as pastor, I found a warm welcome awaiting me, and I wish to say that the same kindness that welcomed me has not lost any of its cordiality. There have been constant reminders as the days have passed of the kind hearts of this people. The preacher and his faithful friend, his horse, have been pounded again and again with the good things of the land. We have held one revival service and are engaged in another, both of which have been blessed of God in the salvation of souls. The outlook for the work is encouraging and we hope to be able to accomplish large things in the extension of the cause of Christ among these people. For kindness of heart the people of the Grove Circuit cannot be surpassed and we pray God's richest blessing upon our work among them."

Last Sunday was Missionary day at the Brethren Church in this place. Elder Beer preached the sermon in the morning. In the evening there was a children's service. The day's exercises were of unusual interest from the fact that there was a collection, given by the children, of $68.97. They had entered enthusiastically upon their duty. Some months ago the sum of $3.90 was distributed among the young folks in very small amounts, with the request that the dimes be made to increase as many fold as possible. In most instances the children thus sent forth had only ten cents. They certainly gave a good account of their work in the handsome return they made last Sunday. Lloyd Holsinger, a son of Mr. Christian Holsinger, was more fortunate than some of the others. He had secured ten cents extra, making twenty. He invested his mite in watermelon seed, which he planted, and faithfully his patch was tended. He sold his products and realized $24, which he gave to the church.

A portable church, the first of its kind in Delaware, made of galvanized steel, will be erected at Magnolia next week, under the direction of the People's Christian Church, of Dover, of which Rev. A. W. Lightbourne is the pastor. The church will have a seating capacity of 300 chairs, and the only wood about the building will be the sectional floors, pulpit and the doors.

Rev. J. E. Smith's subject at the morning service at Preston tomorrow will be "Preparing the Way—Making Straight His Paths." In the evening the subject will be "Where Shall He Be Born? The Forcasted Life." At Williston in the afternoon the subject will be "The Child of Prophecy."

Rev. D. W. Anstine, pastor of Dorchester Circuit, Methodist Protestant Church, was operated on at the Cambridge Hospital Wednesday for intestinal trouble. He is reported to be getting along fairly well.

A quarterly meeting of the Caroline Circuit of the M. P. Church was held in this place on Saturday last.

In Rev. O. H. Connelly's Piney Neck Church, Kent county, Md., there has been a great revival.

Trinity.

Farmers are still husking corn and are pleased with the yield. Others are taking advantage of the good weather we are having and are getting their new ground plowed, while some are getting their wood piles replenished, and in general the farmers are pushing their work ahead.

The holly wreath industry has been run on a larger scale this year than in previous years. A larger number have been made in this neighborhood partly owing to the good weather and dry swamps.

Some of our neighbors attended the agricultural exhibit given in the grange hall at Federalsburg recently

Messrs. Edward and William Wagner spent last Sunday with their cousin, Mr. Troy White, of Liberty.

Hardly any hogs have been killed yet owing to the warm weather.

Wheat is looking good and our roads have been splendid.

Two Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Towers and son, Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Henry and children, Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Towers were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Towers Sunday last.

Miss Lillian Towers has just returned home, after a prolonged visit with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Cooke, in Baltimore.

Mrs. J. Quillen, Mrs. Harry Quillen and daughter, Evelyn, were guests of friends at Harmony last Sunday.

Mr. Ernest F. Towers and family will soon move in Mr. S. G. Nuttle's new dwelling.

Mrs. L. Messer spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Lord.

Miss Maude Trice has returned home after a months' stay in Baltimore.

Miss Winnie V. Nichols is spending some time at Bridgeport, N. J.

Burrsville.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Hobbs were brought here from Greensboro and enterred in Wesley M. E. cemetery last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Starkey spent last Sunday at Price's Station, the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Starkey.

Mrs. Tilghman Harvey and granddaughter, Miss Ruth A. Harvey, are visiting relatives in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. John W. Thawley, who spent ten days in Philadelphia recently, has returned home.

Interest in the revival meetings at Union M. P. Church is on the increase.

Mr. T. Purnell Cannon was a guest recently of his sister, Mrs. A. M. Dulin.

Mrs. Sarah Harris is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Smith, in Ridgely.

Ridgely.

Shadrach F. Rairigh has removed to Denton and Aaron C. Reber occupies Mr. Rairigh's late residence, Harry Holsinger goes to the place vacated by Orem Cecil, and is followed by Luther Pippin. Levi Zeigler has moved to town, and his place is taken by Clayton Roe, the latter being succeeded by Ed. Anthony. Mrs. Nora Snowden has taken up her residence with the Clement Drakes, and has rented her place to Earl Cecil, the farm formerly rented by Mr. Cecil being taken for the coming year by Fletcher Gibbs. Daniel Zeigler is moving to Pennsylvania, and his place is taken by Walter Cohee. Robert Dean, colored, goes to the place recently purchased by him near Wilmington. N. P. Kern has moved to Denton, and his former home is occupied by Henry Wagner.

Christmas time is drawing near. Everybody who appreciates the blessings of spiritual and temporal things that have been bestowed upon us ought to glorify and magnify the name of the Benefactor, who gave us such a healthful and prosperous year. Let us say with the Psalmist "Let everybody that hath breath praise His holy name!" Special Christmas services will be held in all our churches.

Some very large porkers are being slaughtered in and around Ridgely this week. Charles Stevens, one of the Saulsbury tenants, near Greensboro, butchered two hogs a little over one year old which dressed 956 pounds. A number have been or are to be killed weighing from three to four hundred pounds.

Saulsbury Brothers are baling their crop of hay and packing it away in barns and sheds where it will not be exposed to fall and winter storms. Their straw and corn fodder are also being stored away under sheds. This will be a great saving as well as convenience for winter feeding and bedding.

The sewer system, which has been in progress for several months, is now nearly completed. This system of drainage is very much needed, and it is believed will be a great advantage to health conditions in our beautiful and thriving town.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Green was held at the residence on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Howard Quigg officiating. The interment was at Greensboro.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of St. Paul's Reformed Church is having the interior of the building repainted and repapered.

The Methodist, the Reformed, and the Brethren Sunday Schools are preparing Christmas entertainments.

Miss Helen Fountain is substituting for Miss Carroll in the school at Downes.

Hillsboro.

Among those who will change their residence at the end of the year are: Mr. Ed. S. Rowens to his new home in Queen Anne; Mr. J. C. Sherwood will follow Mr. Rowens; Mrs. Fannie Fleming in the Fisher property; Mr. F. Asbury Green to the property vacated by Mrs. Fleming; Mr. J. R. MacSorley in his new home; Mr. Plummer in the Holt property; Mr. Wade Anthony follows Mr. Plummer; Mr. H. Nelson Beaven in the Hackett property.

Mrs. George Beaven, Misses Virginia and Ethel Holt, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson Beaven, near Matthewstown, on Tuesday.

Dr. H. Clarence Duffey, of Washington, D. C., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Jarrell, over Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Reynolds, of Centreville, was the guest of Rev. R. T. Coursey over Sunday.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Dickinson are spending a few days in Kennedyville, Md.

Mrs. E. H. Gale has returned from a visit to friends in Wilmington.

Miss Lulu Beaven is in Baltimore this week.

Templeville.

The play given here Saturday evening was a great success. Over twenty dollars was the amount paid at the door. The play was given in the new school house.

Mr. J. P. Warren, of near Denton, who recently purchased the property occupied by Mr. H. C. Powell, will take possession this week.

Miss Helen Heather, who has been quite sick, is convalescent. Mr. Tyson Heather took charge of her school for her.

Miss Pearle Ford and friends were entertained the latter part of the week by Miss Emma Robinson.

Mrs. John Davis received a beautiful piano this week as a Christmas gift from her husband.

Mr. T. Roland Knotts spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Katie O. Knotts.

Misses Florence Faulkner and Virgie Sparks were in Sudlersville Monday.

Hickman.

Mr. Bernard Lawless will next year take charge of the Lawless homestead place, between Concord and Hickman, Mr. Matthew Lawless removing from the county.

Mr. Reese Brown is completing a dwelling in Hickman. Mr. Brown will remove to Dover at the end of the year.

It is expected that two new canning-houses will be in operation here next year. Other enterprises are talked of.

There will be a box social in Red Men's Hall, Hickman, next Saturday evening.

Williston.

The Guild of the New Jerusalem Church will meet at the home of Mrs. O. M. Hignutt on Saturday evening of next week, (the 21st.)

Mrs. James Robinson, of Easton, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. John Horsey, near here.

Mrs. Josephine Kemp is spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. Linwood Long has moved to Wye Mills.

Choptank.

Mr. Howard Andrews has been visiting Talbot relatives.

FARMERS MEET AT TUCKAHOE

Experts in Agricultural Matters Make Addresses.

On Friday of last week the farmer's special train was here. A goodly number of farmers and others were on hand. There were forty vehicles assembled, including seven motor cars. Orlando Harrison gave a talk on apple-growing and peach-growing. Some of the young folks who manifested a great interest were given young trees by Mr. Harrison, and Mr. F. M. Soper, the Magnolia apple-grower, gave them some fine specimens of the fruit which has made him famous. Dr. Richard S. Hill, Director of the Maryland Agricultural College, talked on the value of alfalfa as food for live stock, particularly for diary cows; Mr. C. L. Opperman, a poultry expert formerly connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, advocated sanitation in the housing of poultry; Mr. W. Oscar Collier, of seed corn fame, emphasized the necessity of conducting germination tests; Mr. W. F. Allen, of Salisbury, pointed out the best methods of growing and marketing strawberries and other small fruits; Mr. J. F. Monroe advised tomato growers to grow their own seed in preference to purchasing it from canneries and other dealers; Mr. H. Hayward, Director of the Delaware Experiment Station, outlined the great possibilities of dairying on the Peninsula, the immense demand for milk in the city markets and the profits to be derived from cattle-raising; Mr. C. A. McCue told how to increase the potato crop and to combat the various potato diseases, and Dr. Mahaffy of the Delaware State Live Stock Commission, explained how hog-raisers can prevent hog cholera and how to cure hogs infested with the disease,

The poultry lecturer, accompanying the farmers' special train, which is going through the Peninsula, gives some startling figures about poultry, etc. "Seven hundred and twenty million dollars was the value of poultry products in 1911, according to the United States census," he said. "This vast amount of wealth is equal to the value of the hay crop of our commonwealth and also the wheat crop. It is twice the value of the tobacco crop of the world, and nine times the value of the tobacco produced in the United States. Practically 90 per cent. of this vast amount of eggs and poultry is produced on the general farm, the bulk of which comes from the Mississippi Valley States. Our Eastern farmers, however, have even better opportunities and natural climate and soil conditions for poultry culture, and there is no reason why the farmers of Delaware and Maryland cannot receive their just share of this enormous wealth."

Conversion and Sanctification.

In a recent lecture on psychology of religion, Rev. Dr. Davies, of Easton, speaking of conversion offered an explanation of the manner in which this crisis is brought about. He stressed the importance of early religious training as an indispensible preparation, and showed the function of religious knowledge, specially knowledge of God, prayer, and the Bible. Modern pschology, he continued, explained many of the phenomena of conversion by the aid of the ordinary laws of mental growth, and even by reference to the hidden processes of maturing called "subconscious incubation." But in the end the only explanation that met all the facts was that in the making of the saint there is an immediate experience of God's spirit saving the soul in response to its faith. Dr. Davies referred to the well-known fact that many converted Christians experienced backsliding. But the result of extended studies showed that only 6 per cent. lost their religious faith, most backsliding being in the form of a fluctuation of the order of sentiment. About ninety-four per cent. of conversions held true to the stand they take for the religious life. Still, backsliding was a real danger, threatening the development of saintliness of character and should be dealt with. Now, sanctification is the means of which the personality is finally identified with the religious life. It is the culture and development of the new man under the agencies and influences of the divine spirit, restoring the moral image of God in man.

Adrift at Night on Bay.

After drifting about the bay during the night in a helpless boat, without lights and hidden in a fog from other bay vessels, twenty-eight passengers were rescued from the disabled steamboat Atlantic, of the Eastern Shore Development & Steamship Co., before dawn Sunday morning, and taken to Baltimore by the Old Bay Line steamer Virginia. The passengers, including three women, were transferred to the Virginia by means of small boats. The crew of the Atlantic remained with the vessel, which was towed to Annapolis Sunday afternoon. Among the passengers were Col. and Mrs. Albert W. Sisk. When the steamer Virginia finally was sighted coming up the bay, the crew of the Atlantic set about attracting her attention by waving a lantern. They were successful, and soon the lights of the Old Bay Line boat were seen lining up and heading for the drifting vessel. No disorder greeted the call for the first rowboat load, and the three women with the boat's crew went over the side of the Atlantic and took their places in the small boat. Over the intervening water they rowed to the Virginia. For extra precaution, ropes were tied about the waists of the women as they climbed the swaying ladder.

In Memoriam.

Mr. Ell Wroten died at his home in Delaware, near Todd's Chapel, on June 16, 1912. He was a native of Delaware, having been born near Vernon on December 26th, 1826.

Dearest father, thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel
But 'twas God who hath bereft us—
He can all our sorrows heal.

And at last we hope to meet thee
When the days of life are o'er,
And with joyous hearts to greet thee
On the bright and shining shore,
—By his daughter, MAGGIE V. OUTTEN.

Bold Burglary at Hickman.

Mr. William Croll, who conducts a store at Hickman, was robbed on Wednesday night last. The thief gained entrance into Mr. Croll's home when all the family slept, secured a pocketbook containing about fifty-seven dollars, picked up a gold watch and a key of the store, and did it all so noiselessly that the sleeping merchant, within two or three feet of the intruder, was not disturbed in the least. Going thence to the store, having the key, he rifled a money drawer of two or three dollars in change and then set about the biggest task of the evening, namely, the opening of the safe. He must have taken some time in this effort, for a score or more of burnt matches about the safe door attested the fact. But the combination of the safe was too much for the burglar, and he had to give it up. No goods were missed from the store.

The same night the store of Mr. J. W. Peters, also in Hickman, was entered, the man gaining entrance by way of a porch roof, then descending into the room by a back stair and a back door, Mr. Peters did not miss any goods, and it was concluded that the rogue was no ordinary thief, and was after money only. It was thought that an attempt had been made to rob Mr. Peters' home the same night. A noise was heard at a window, made by some one trying to enter. The noise aroused a member of the household and the man fled. Officers are at work on the case, and it is hoped the guilty party may be picked up.

Christmas Weather.

We are scheduled to go slap bang into another storm of violence which will extend from the 16th to the 21st, according to Hicks. This storm will not be confined to the land, but octopus like, will reach out onto the briny deep, and those who "go down to the sea in ships" are given an extra warning of the fate that awaits them if they do not heed the prophet's forecast.

The moon will get full on the 23d and will be in perigee on the 25th. Probably too much eggnog. But whether this exhibition of imbibing too much in the direct cause of the reactionary storm period which will bring with it from the 23d to the 25th renewed storms, the seer does not say. The month will wind up with a cold wave rushing from west to east. This the seer styles the Vulcan-Mercury period.

Some persons with a tendency to say, I told you so, may refer one back to the prediction of Br'er Hicks for Thanksgiving Day. The prophet promised us snow which came all right, but along with this prediction we were to have violent autumnal storms, rain, sleet, fierce gales and a sweeping cold wave, all of which failed to materialize. It's a prophet who couldn't guess something of the nature of weather when he predicts such a brand—much like the man who was told by his neighbor that there had been a birth at his home and that he would give him two guesses as to the sex of the youngster.

Judge Pearce's Farewell Words.

"To have followed such men as Judges Robinson and Wickes, and to have sat with such men as Judges Stump, Martin, Brown, and Crothers, and such as my associates here present is as great an honor as it has been a pleasure," said Judge Pearce at a banquet given in Easton in his honor. "During all these years I have received only courtesy and kindness from every member of the bar of the circuit, and whenever I have been within its limits I have been able to feel the assurance that the responsibility which is inseparable from judicial decision of legal controversies would be lightened by conscientious and thorough presentation of the causes by the bar. Contact with such associates and with such a bar has bound me to them, as it were, with hooks of steel and makes the parting sad and painful to him who withdraws from the charmed circle. But at my period of life I must recognize the fitness of giving place to younger men in the public service and as accepting cheerfully the opportunity for repose at home and tranquil reflection upon the not distant change from time to eternity. I retire, therefore, profoundly grateful to my associates, to the bar, and to the people of the circuit for the kindness I have received and the confidence they have reposed in me."

Greensboro.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hobbs, widow of the late Thomas Hobbs, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George E. Nichols, Thursday morning of last week, after a lingering illness, of a valvular heart trouble. She was 76 years old, and is survived by seven children — Messrs. Leonard Hobbs, Wilmington, and Thomas Hobbs, Greensboro; Mrs. William Brown, Harrington; Mrs. William Voshell, Goldsboro; Mrs. George E. Nichols, Mrs. Fred Murphy, Mrs. George Deen, Greensboro. The funeral was held Sunday, Rev. Warren Burr officiating; interment in Wesley Chapel graveyard, Burrsville.

Speaking of the campaign now going on in this and other States for pure milk for children, Dr. Goldsborough declared that a large percentage of deaths among infants was due to intestinal disorders brought on by the use of impure milk.

Rev. G. W. Bates, pastor of the M. P. Church, leaves on December 18, to take charge of the M. P. Church in Ashville, N. C., to which he was appointed by the North Carolina Conference, of which he is a member.

Mr. Reese Jones, of Farmington, and Miss Florence E. Ornold were married at the M. P. parsonage Friday evening, November 29.

The young men of Greensboro will give a dance at Mozart Hall on Wednesday night, January 1st.

Mr. James Swann killed fifteen hogs, the average weight being about 340 pounds.

Greensboro's glove factory is likely to be enlarged to double its present capacity.

HEATING PLANT TOO SMALL

Parents of High School Pupils Are Anxious.

There was another meeting of patrons at the Caroline High School on Thursday evening last, the object being to give further consideration to the heating plant matter, which has been before them for some time. Mrs. H. E. Ramsdell, acting president, presided, and Mrs. Norman L. Rairigh was secretary of the meeting. The following minute was adopted:

"We regard with grave apprehension a continuance during the winter of the present heating conditions obtaining, for some years past, at the Caroline High School, and which said conditions have heretofore been emphatically condemned as jeopardizing the health of our children, requiring them and their teachers, or the major part of them, to spend hours day after day in the winter season in school rooms insufficiently heated. And we declare, as our deliberate judgment and reasonable conviction, founded upon facts within our own knowledge as individuals, and special information submitted to us:

"That the heating plant in said school, installed in the year 1901, is now forty per cent. deficient in capacity to perform the function required of it in winter, namely, the heating of the air in the whole interior of the building to such a point that teachers and pupils may work in comfort and in safety. It being our information and belief, and we so state, that the heating surface in radiation of the plant is approximately one thousand seventy (1,070) feet, when the said heating surface should be, according to recognized standards, approximately seventeen hundred (1,700) feet; and, further, that the boiler capacity is about equal to the present installation of radiation, but entirely inadequate to any appreciable increase in radiation.

"That during the months of December, 1911, and January, February and March, 1912, a dependable record of temperatures in five rooms of said school building, in daily and hourly use in the scholastic season, for purposes of instruction, study and recitation, shows that the average temperatures in the several rooms for the period named were: a, 40 degrees; b, 55 degrees; c, 60 degrees, d, 60 degrees; e, 70 degrees. That is to say, in four of the rooms the temperature was far below normal, and the average for the whole five was 59 degrees.

"We submit that these facts require no comment from us."

The health officer of the county, Dr. Downes, was at the High School on Thursday and took the temperature of the rooms, finding the heat about sufficient at that time, which, however, was late in the day, when the building had had the advantage of the sun's rays on the windows. Dr. Downes made a report to the State Board of Health about the matter.

The janitor of the building has been instructed to rush the heating plant to see if it is possible to thus secure enough heat, and on this test depends what action will be taken. One of the patrons, Mr. S. G. Nuttle, who was present at the meeting, called attention to the fact that there was really no defect in the heating plant and that it was probably doing the work intended for it at the time it was put in, but that the trouble was that a very large space, in the basement, had been added to be heated, thus depriving the upper rooms of that amount of warmth.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Sea gulls hearken to the joyous sound of a dinner bell on our steamers, after the ringing of which they flock about the boat in numbers. They keep their vigil until the meal is over. Now and then one swoops down to the surface of the water with an exultant cry and the action explains the meaning of it all. The gulls are after refuse from the tables and kitchen, which is thrown overboard, and many of them succeed in making a good meal at the expense of the steamboat company. They pay no attention to the boat until the dinner hour, but, one of the stewards explained to an Eastern Star-Democrat reporter, know exactly when the hour arrives.

We will give absolutely free to every customer six of Harrison Fisher's drawings, framed artistically, with every order for photos amounting to $8 or over. This order stands good from now until December 24. The drawing alone is worth the money. A sample of this is now on exhibition at Bradley's Studio, Denton.

Mrs. E. E. Jackson has announced that it is her intention to give to Salisbury a building properly equipped where the young men could meet and enjoy themselves in healthy, manly sports, or in unharmful games of skill, surrounded by the proper safeguards and the right environment. Mrs. Jackson is the widow of former Governor Jackson.

Mr. Eugene W. Cooper, of Sudlersville, will remove to Wilmington.

Tuckahoe.

Postmaster Thompson, of Ridgely, is hauling piling to the Tuckahoe siding. Mr. Thompson is going to place a saw mill near this place.

Mr. John Ebling killed two hogs on Tuesday last, one weighing 494 pounds and the other weighing 442 pounds.

There has been a large increase in the freight business at this point.

Marydel.

Mrs. J. P. Hummer, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. H. Emory, has returned to Cheswold.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cox spent Sunday with Mrs. William Bowen, in Delaware.

Mrs. Margaret Emory has returned to Delaware after a visit in Caroline.

On the 3d page today will be found a most interesting talk on Xmas presents, New Year's presents, birthday presents and wedding presents—T. W. Smith Co. have all these presents in larger quantity and better grade than any other store in this county