Where Our Weather Is Enjoyed

"And I knew it not"

ONE OF the most useful discoveries one can make is that God is ever present. Once this fact is perceived and adopted in one's thought, it becomes the foundation and inspiration of a more abundant life.

The human mind, unaided by spiritual sense, is unable to conceive of anything without limits. Generally speaking, it compasses life within "threescore years and ten." It sets up insurmountable barriers against spiritual achievement. It regards God as afar off, rather than as instantly available in any human crisis. Judging spiritual power by its own mortal limitations, it continues on its blundering course until, through the intervention of some angelic thought or awakening experience, there is unfolded to individuals, sometimes instantaneously, the overwhelming realization of the ever-presence of God, good.

The experience of the patriarch Jacob is very helpful to contemplate. He had been sent away from home by his mother because he had practiced duplicity against his brother Esau, and Rebekah feared Esau's vengeance on her beloved son. The young man's thoughts may be surmised as he journeyed alone to the far-off home of his uncle. Night came on; he was in a strange country. Far from his father's blessing and his mother's care, he may have been homesick. His concept of the divine Being, who had cared for and prospered his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac, had not yet risen above the belief in a tribal deity who loved and hated.

Jacob took a stone for a pillow and lay down in the strange place to sleep. But his faith must have pierced the gloom of materiality, for in a vision he beheld a ladder reaching from earth to heaven and angels "ascending and descending on it." When he awoke, there came to him such a conviction of God's ever-presence that he exclaimed, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not" (Genesis 28:16). The vision of Truth which came to Jacob that night under the stars in the secret place of divine Love's appointing was a turning point in his career. Thereafter he was enabled to enlarge his vision of God, perfect his own faith, and later become the father of a nation that was to hold to the one God.

What Jacob glimpsed at Bethel is to be the eventual discovery of every earnest seeker after Truth. The exchange of a material for a spiritual concept of God is the starting point of amazing discoveries. Since God is Spirit, He is not confined to any locality. He does not come and go as He is bidden or implored. He is always present. And because He is always present the qualities which He, as divine Love, expresses are instantly available to everyone who perceives this truth.

There is perhaps no more loved sentence to be found in the writings of Mary Baker Eddy than the one that appears on page 494 of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." This is a ringing declaration of God's ever-presence, a comforting assurance that all the protection, comfort, inspiration, joy, and healing one needs is immediately available as awakened faith reaches unfailingly Godward. The above statement reveals His true nature. It brings divine Love very near, not only in time of disaster, but on every occasion when the human heart yearns for something above itself that will bring it courage, confidence, and protection.

In his vision, Jacob saw a company of angels whose appearing brought to him a clear knowledge of God's presence. Every searcher after Truth may entertain angel visitants. Mrs. Eddy has described "angels" as "God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality" (*ibid.*, p. 581). When to human sense one is far from the Father's house with the darkness of loneliness, homesickness, and fear bleakly descending, his exalted thought may pierce the shadow of night and reveal these angels bringing him their messages of peace and assurance.

God's ever-presence! This sublime recognition which came to Jacob that night, and brought him safely to his new home, also caused him to learn those precepts that were to bring him to the Father's house and make him a leader of men and nations.

The upward-tending thought of consecrated thinkers today will likewise bring them into an understanding and enjoyment of the indescribable benefits that flow from a recognition of the ever-presence of God, good. . . . —*The Christian Science Monitor.*

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gaithersburg

Wednesday evening a meeting was held in the fire house of the Montgomery County Farmers' and Sportsmen's Co-operative Game Protection Association, with E. L. LeCompte, State game warden, and Frank Bentz, secretary of the State conservation commission, as speakers.

William Boland is quite ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mackall were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe in Glenwood.

A benefit movie, sponsored by the American Legion, for the benefit of the Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps of Barber-Briggs Post of American Legion, will be given Feb. 23-24-25 at the Lyric Theatre.

Miss Katherine Boland entertained Friday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smithers, of Germantown, who were recently married. The bride was before her marriage, Miss Anne Ridgley Sappington, of Beverytown.

Mrs. Jimmie Shewbridge, who has been very ill at Georgetown Hospital, is reported improving.

Miss Elinor Hickerson of Germantown, is in Garfield Hospital, where she has undergone an appendix operation.

The Catholic Daughters of America and the Knights of Columbus held a joint meeting in St. Martin's auditorium on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frederick Lemly of Burleith, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Diamond.

Mrs. W. S. Cooley entertained the Thursday evening bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Kinsey had as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Christie and two sons, of Baltimore.

The Barn Dance, for benefit of flood sufferers, held last week was a success, netting about sixty dollars. The music was furnished free by the River Billies band.

A card party and supper for the benefit of the Eastern Star was held Wednesday evening at the Masonic Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Schwartz left for St. Petersburg, Fla., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Salter.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Wilson and Robert have gone to Miami Beach.

The P.-T. A. will meet Monday evening at the school.

About 50 students of G. H. S. went to Washington Wednesday to hear Hans Kindler in his concert.

Miss Martha Bowie spent last week-end in Baltimore.

Mr. Hershey Ayton spent several days last week in Danville, Va., at a stockholders meeting of the Richmond & Mecklenburg Railroad.

On Thursday the Arlington Union, from Arlington, visited the Home, gave a musical program and presented each guest with a box of candy of chocolate hearts instead of the usual valentine. On Sunday last, the Community Church of the same county, came to the Home, brought lunch and served supper in the dining room. At 7 p. m. it rendered a religious program for entertainment.

Friday, World day of prayer (a community project) is being held at the Home under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Thomas.

Mrs. Bates Etchison, who has been quite sick with flu, is reported better.

Christian Science Services

"Soul" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Feb. 14.

The Golden Text will be from Psa. 62:1—"Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from Him cometh my salvation."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible: Psa. 3:2—"Many there be which say of my soul, there is no help for him in God."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, page 481—"Soul is the divine Principle of man and never sins, hence the immortality of Soul."

Rockville

Mrs. Charles H. Viett and her daughter, Miss Lenore Viett; Mrs. Carroll Jones and Miss Lucille Penn, who spent some time at Miami, Fla., have returned to Rockville.

During the week, Judge and Mrs. Harold C. Smith visited their daughter, Ann Louise, in Richmond, Va., where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gordon and Miss Mabel King, all of Rockville, left early in the week to visit various places in Florida. They also plan to go to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Perry return Monday from a short stay at Miami Beach, Fla.

On Monday evening Miss Mildred Ward was hostess to one of the bridge clubs, the following being present: Miss Katherine Benson, Miss Emily Blandford, Miss Dorothy Viett, Mrs. Lamar Kelly, Mrs. Joseph Stinnet, Mrs. Frank McClung and Miss Margaret Tyler.

In the presence of a small company of relatives and friends, Miss C. Virginia Barnsley, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Barnsley and the late Thomas T. Barnsley, of Rockville, and Fred W. Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Maxwell, of Berwyn, Md., were married at Clarksburg, Saturday evening. Rev. Lester Dulaney, pastor of the Clarksburg, M. E. Church South, performed the ceremony in the parsonage. The bride has just completed a nursing course at Sibley Hospital, Washington.

Miss Catherine Pumphrey returned Monday from a two-weeks' stay in Sarasota, Fla.

Mayor and Mrs. D. M. Blandford returned this week form Miami.

Messrs. Charles West and Lamar Kelly returned Monday from Miami, Beach, Fla.

Miss Mary Pumphrey and Mrs. Helen Weedon expect to leave on the 17th for a Caribbean Cruise.

Mrs. Wilson Ward entertained a number of guests at bridge Friday night in honor of Mrs. Lawrence Chiswell.

Mrs. Nicholas F. Papadi, of New York City is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emilius Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Ady entertained a large company of friends at a tea last Saturday. Those assisting Mrs. Ady were Miss Catherine Smith, Mrs. Adrian Brunet, Mrs. Robert Peter, Mrs. Montgomery Blair, Mrs. Robert Garrabrant and Mrs. Camillus Stokes.

Mrs. Brownell Higgs was hostess to the members of the Minerva club this week.

Mrs. Robert H. Campbell is in New York for a month or six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Helfrich are spending two weeks at Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins and daughters, Elizabeth and Jean, have returned to their home in Cincinnati, O.

Miss Alverda Kingdon entertained one of the Tuesday bridge clubs this week at Hungerford Tavern.

Miss Anne Yearley is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pollard, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. George Seybold entertained a number of friends at bridge at her home on Saturday. Among the guests were: Mrs. J. M. White, Miss Hattie Helfrich, Mrs. Rose A. Dawson, Mrs. Nicholas Brewer, Mrs. A. H. Griffith, Mrs. Frank Leizear, Miss Catherine Smith and Mrs. Prince.

Miss Hattie Helfrich of Catonsville, is visiting relatives in Rockville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baile and Mrs. B. Getty, of New Windsor, have been guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leizear.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Perry, Mr. O. L. Kelly, Mrs. Mildred E. Jones and Miss Lucile Penn sailed February 3, from Miami, aboard the S. S. Chatham of the Merchants & Miners Line, via Baltimore, enroute to their homes in Rockville, after spending some time in Florida.

WHEN JUSTICE WINKS

The magistrate bent stern brows on the defendant.

"You are charged with exceeding the speed limit last night," he declaimed. "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Well, you can decide for yourself, Judge," replied the prisoner. "I was in that car you passed just before they pinched me".

Washington Grove

Mrs. Henry Becraft, chairman of local arrs for the American Red Cross, reports fifty-three dollars collected through Woman's Club, Sunday School and individual donations, for the benefit of flood refugees.

Mrs. Richard Clayton and son, of Chevy Chase, visited Mrs. Wolford, Sunday.

Miss Childs, of Carroll County, is a guest of Misses Sussie and Ann Pace.

Mrs. John H. Markland, Miss Frances Farmer, Mr. Harold Marks, Mr. John Martin, of Washington, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. McCathran, Sunday.

Miss Minerva Brake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brake, is convalescing after an operation.

Mrs. R. E. Palmer and Helen visited Mrs. Dora Purr and Mrs. Edward O'Hare, in Chevy Chase.

Mrs. Roy McCathran visited Mrs. Anna B. McCathran, of Washington.

Dr. Albert Osborn and Dr. Lewis F. Havermale, attended the annual Ash Wednesday services and dinner held Wednesday, at Poundry M. E. Church, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becraft and daughter were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coffman, in Virginia.

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Mrs. Vestus Wilcox spent the week-end in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bell and son Billie, of Alexandria, were guests at the Bell home Sunday.

Mrs. Wilton Boswell, of Brookeville, was taken to the Montgomery County Hospital extremely ill of pneumonia. She is improving.

Mrs. Harry White is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgee Riggs, confined by illness. Miss Helen Riggs, of Baltimore is nursing her.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington Bowman have purchased a lot at Etchison from Mr. Will Moore. Mr. Bowman has sold his farm to Mr. Norman Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Riggs were hosts at dinner Sunday for Mrs. Edwin Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and daughter, Barbara, of Layhill; Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Hammond and two children of New Market; and Misses Helen and Sue Riggs, of Baltimore; Miss Elizabeth Griffith and her mother, Mrs. Urlah Griffith were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Camden Windham, Misses Louise and Helen Windham, Mr. Clarence Barber and Mr. McGregar, of Washington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mowatt Windham.

Lenten Services will be held in St. Bartholomew Church for the next six weeks, beginning on Friday evening at 7:30 p. m., by the rector, Dr. Thomas F. Opie. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

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HOMEMAKERS NEWS THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Mrs. J. E. James entertained the Burtonsville club at her home on February 15. Twenty-seven members and friends sat down to a table beautifully decorated in a Valentine motive. Mrs. Clay Plummer, Mrs. Norman Jacobs, Mrs. Jack Ely, of Gaithersburg were visitors. Mrs. Plummer told of her trip to Florida and Cuba and Mrs. Jacobs spoke of the changes she made in her kitchen. The club members entered into the discussion of arranging the combination livingroom-diningroom to meet the family needs.

The Four Corners Homemakers club which was to be entertained by Mrs. Richard Gott on the 10th, was canceled on account of the storm.

The Browningsville Homemakers club met at the Community Hall on February 17.

On February 18, Mrs. M. J. Dickinson entertained the Wheaton club. Several members of the Cedar Grove club were visitors. Mrs. Wilbur Watkins gave a talk on "Beauty consider in selecting wallpaper."

On the evening of February 18, the Rockville Homemakers' club met at the home of Mrs. George Edmonds.

On February 19th Mrs. A. G. Watkins entertained the Cabin John club. Mrs. Marcus Dalley, of the Burtonsville club, and Mrs. John Maddox, of the Wheaton club, were guests. Mrs. Dalley taught the Cabriview on "Let the Hurricane Roar" songs. Mrs. Maddox gave a book in John club some of the new folk dances.

On February 20, the Sligo Homemakers club met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Van Hoesen. In addition to the regular discussion, Misses Doris and Virginia Hawse and the little Carlin girl, 4½ club members gave a demonstration on preparation of appetizers for school lunch box.

Two members of homemakers clubs met with Miss Turner on the 12th for help in making wool suits. The next date for help along these lines will be March 12.

At the Clarksburg Homemakers' home Mrs. Lester DuLaney gave a meeting, held at Mrs. J. E. Lewis' most interesting talk on the early church movement in the county. It showed how the churches of Southern Maryland spread from St. Mary's county, up through Anne Arundel and Prince George's and the Episcopal Church and Quaker group followed up along the Patuxent. She had pictures of these early churches to illustrate her talk. Other clubs are planning to have Mrs. DuLaney repeat this talk for their clubs.

County Treasurer Mails Automobile Tax Bills

County Treasurer J. Forest Walker is this week mailing bills for State and County taxes, on automobiles to approximately 17,000 automobile owners in the county. The bills are intended to reach taxpayers at about the same time that application blanks for 1937 license plates are received from the commissioner of motor vehicles in Baltimore. Taxes must be paid before the new license tags are issued.

In this issue of The Independent Treasurer Walker is advertising the list of properties of the county upon which taxes are delinquent for the levy made July 1935, together with notice of sale. Owners have until day of sale announced, Monday, April 12, 1937, to make payment. There are approximately 1,800 properties now delinquent.

Bond Smith Addresses County Women Voters

J. Bond Smith, of Takoma Park, was the guest speaker at a meeting of a study group of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Raymond Clapper, Chevy Chase. Mr. Smith ably explained the working of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

FORMER GOTT DIES OF HEART ATTACK

James P. Gott, a former sheriff of the county, aged seventy-six years, who was striken with a heart attack last Thursday morning while on duty as a guard at the Occoquan Workhouse, succumbed almost instantly. He was a lifelong resident of the county and highly respected by a wide circle of friends.

He was a resident of Rockville. Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. L. Pearl Gott; four children, who live in the county; four other children by a previous marriage; two brothers, a sister and a step-daughter living in Washington, and a brother, resident in Annapolis.

Funeral services were held from his home and interment was in Monocacy cemetery, at Beallsville.

Five County Schools Get Accredited Standing

Montgomery County has been given accredited standing for five high schools by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the County Board of Education is informed. Those accredited were: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery and Montgomery Blair senior high schools and Sherwood High School.

At the meeting of the board the use of part-time deputies for traffic control at school crossings was approved in principle and further development of the plan will be worked out with the county commissioners. This plan will relieve county police of much of the present school patrol work.

The supervisor of school property, Preston L. Snyder, was authorized to furnish necessary stone for a space in which automobiles can turn in front of the Parkside School.

Consent of the Seven Oaks Manor Citizens Association.

MRS. ANGIE L. AMISS MARKS 87TH YEAR

Mrs. Angie L. Amiss of Bethesda, celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary recently. In honor of the occasion her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Amiss, of Chevy Chase Gardens, with whom she makes her home, invited a number of relatives and friends of the Amiss family to a tea. Mrs. Harry Amiss was assisted in the entertaining by her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. E. Amiss, of Bethesda.

Mrs. Amiss was born in Nealsville, in 1850. After her marriage she spent most of her life in Gaithersburg, where her husband, Prof. Edmund L. Amiss, was a teacher in the local high school. He later represented the Gaithersburg district in the Maryland House of Delegates.

Mrs. Amiss has been a resident of Chevy Chase Gardens for a decade. She was the recipient of many gifts and flowers.

Proposed Extension Of Limits Of Rockville

At the suggestion of Senator Stedman Prescott, a mass meeting to determine sentiment of residents of Rockville regarding a proposal to extend the limits of the town is likely to be called in the near future by the mayor and town council.

The senator conferred with the town authorities and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce relative to extending the town and concerning several other local projects, including a new postoffice and retention of the wooden bridge near the new grade crossing elimination.

According to Edgar Reed, a member of the council, the municipal heads have been considering the advisability of enlarging the town for some time and have instructed their attorney, F. Bernard Welsh, to draft a bill for submission to the General Assembly. Senator Prescott expressed interest in the proposal, but recommended that the wishes of the townspeople be determined before definite action be taken.

KARL W. CORBY LEAVES FORTUNE OF $110,000

The will of the late Karl William Corby, prominent county resident and Washington business man, was admitted to probate in the Orphan's Court here on Tuesday. The will was executed June 25, 1936, and named his wife, Mary Graff Corby, and the Riggs National Bank as executors.

After leaving several personal bequests to friends and employes, ranging from $500 to $10,000, the will directs that the palatial Corby home on Edson lane, near Rockville, together with the extensive grounds and all household and personal effects, should be given to his wife.

The personal bequests were: $5,000 to Thomas P. Bones and $1,000 to Harry T. Peters, both friends, and $1,000 to his secretary, Kathleen B. Stiles; $1,000 to his chauffeur, Frank Colleli, and $500 each to four other employes, Christian A. Heineken, Gustav Heiler, Helen Brooks, and Caroline Altpeter, providing they are still in his employ. To his son, Karl, a diamond.

The remainder of his estate, according to the will, will be held in trust, three-quarters of the income to go to his wife and one-quarter to his son and his daughter, Mary Ellen Corby, and their heirs.

Upon his wife's death the residuary estate will be divided among their heirs and held in trust until they reach the age of 30 years. Provision also is made for income from the estate reverting to his mother, Hattie L. Corby, in the event of the death of his wife and other heirs.

The will provides that in the event of the death of his wife, his children and their heirs and of his mother, that one-half of the estate shall go to the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, Washington; the Children's Hospital, Washington, and All Souls' Protestant Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase, in equal shares, and that the remaining half shall be divided equally among four educational institutions, the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University, Lawrence School for Boys, Lawrenceville, N. J., and the Ogontz School for Girls, Montgomery County, Pa., to be used for general educational purposes.

Silver Spring Clinic For Deaf Children

Recent investigations among school children tend to show that at least 14.4 per cent of the school population is suffering from defective hearing. Dr. M. L. Breitstein, instructor in otology and larnyxgology at Hopkins Medical School, declared at a meeting in the East Silver Spring School. hard-of-hearing child. Dr. Breit-

Discussing the problem of the stein praised the program which has been undertaken by Montgomery County to aid pupils whose hearing is poor. The importance of early treatment was stressed by the doctor, who said that in many cases deafness can be cured in its early stages.

The speaker, who conducts a clinic every alternate Monday afternoon for school children in the county who have been tested by the 4-B audiometer and found to have a hearing loss, asserted that pupils through the proper treatment become useful citizens instead of difficult and hopeless problems.

Confesses Hold-up Was His Own Invention

Bernard Bancroft, 211 Alleghany avenue, Takoma Park, admitted Monday to police that he had invented his tale of a holdup in which he reported that two men had robbed him of $70 belonging to the beer distributing company by which he is employed in Washington.

Bancroft told Sergt. Frank Lane, Chief of Takoma police, that he lost the money gambling and invented the holdup to cover his speculations, police said. Bancroft was turned over later to Washington police.

JUDGMENT IS UPHELD IN FATAL BUS CRASH

The Maryland Court of Appeals has handed down a decision that the "proximate cause" of the trainbus crash that killed 14 school children at Rockville, April 11, 1935, was negligence of the bus driver.

The high court upheld a $4,800 lower court judgment given the mother of one of the children against the owner of the bus. The opinion said:

If the driver had looked he would have seen the train in time to have avoided the collision, so the death of the child (1 of the 14) was directly due to the negligence of the driver, either in failing to look and so in time see what was physically impossible for him not to have seen if he had looked, or in failing to stop after he had looked and seen in time to stop in a place of safety."

The Observance Of National Defense Week

National Defense Week, which is being observed from February 12 to 22, brings to mind that a considerable part of Federal expenditures, as well as private expenditures, are caused by and attributable to war. It is an established fact that no country ever wins a war; the time, labor, life and useful work devoted to it are dead loss, because they produce nothing beneficial.

Yet while there are wars, there must be national defense. National defense is a timely United States problem in that it is alloted nearly a billion dollars in the budget for 1937-38. National defense, like pensions and relief, has always been regarded as something of a sacred cow that could neither be criticized nor intelligently discussed by laymen.

If we regard the price of national defense as an insurance premium, protecting us against loss through foreign invasion, a billion dollar appropriation is an extremely low rate, SO LONG AS WE GET PROTECTION. That appropriation can be considered as a sort of cushion fund around our national boundaries to which we all contribute part of the money in our pockets so that the rest of everything we own will be reasonably safe. That cushion fund, however, will avail us nothing if the money is not wisely spent.

America does not mind paying a million dollars for protection against international racketeers, but it must have the protection it pays for. One of the most serious responsibilities facing the President today is that of national defense.

For some years there has been talk of a cabinet officer in charge of aviation. This subject is now divided between the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Standards, and other bureaus. It had been referred by a would force a consolidation of all airway and aircraft administrations. Upon the President, as Commander in Chief of the Services, falls the coordination of the various components.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OF ROCKVILLE FIREMEN ON

The annual supporting membership drive of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Company has been launched, with Rev. J. Lloyd Black, Chairman. The department has three modern engines and completely equipped rescue wagon ready for instant use with a company of fifty two trained men in their use to best advantage.

Thousands of citizens of the county have annually, in appreciation of the efficient service offered by the company, made a contribution to the department, and became supporting members. These will shortly be solicited to continue their membership for 1937, and thus help maintain the high standard of fire protection and service so cheerfully rendered in this community.

PROBERT BEQUEATHS ESTATE TO CHARITY

A large estate, is bequeathed to charity, in the will of the late L. C. Probert, of Olney, which was recently probated in the Orphans Court at Rockville.

The estate is valued at between $100,000 and $125,000, of which $60,000 was in life insurance and the remainder in real estate and personal property, included his 200-acre estate, Homeland Farms, near Olney.

The will bequeaths $5,000 each to Harriet Butler, of Lakewood, N. Y., and Anna Evans Riek, of Washington; and $1,000 each to George Roland Langlois, Walter S. Jackson, Glenn W. Benson, Ethel Stocks, Glenna Stocks and Lillie Stocks—the last four employes at Homeland Farms. Francis Miller, of the Sandy Spring Bank, was named executor.

The will, which directed that his estate be sold within a year, assigned all farm implements, including machinery, wagons, tools and harness to the Central Union Mission farm in Howard County, "as a bequest from my deceased wife and me."

The residue was left in trust to be divided in four equal funds, the Adelaide R. Probert church fund, the Adelaide R. Probert humanity fund, the Adelaide R. Probert fund for the Washington Animal Rescue League, and the Adelaide R. Probert fund for the Maryland-Virginia Animal Rescue League.

Sums from the church fund will go to the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney, for upkeep of the Adelaide R. Probert Memorial Organ, of the rectory, to supplement the salary of the rector "to such an extent as is necessary to permit him to live and befitting his rank and station," etc.

From the humanity fund sums are to be paid from time to time to defray costs of medical care and attention for the comfort of persons who are unable to obtain such care otherwise.

The two animal rescue funds will furnish money to relieve specific cases of suffering among animals, and to defray cost of operation of the leagues.

MASKED MAN FIRED HOME HE HAD ROBBED

A masked bandit set fire to the home of Mrs. C. L. Walcot of Chevy Chase, Monday night to distract attention while robbing one of her bridge-playing guests of her purse and $3, police said.

The involved scheme to obtain $3 in the pocketbook was described to police by Mrs. Walcott.

"We had just finished a rubber of bridge," she said, "and were in the kitchen getting a bite to eat when a tall white man with a scarf around his face ran into the house from the front and snatched the purse of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Vose, of Silver Spring."

"After he ran out of the house,' she continued, "we smelled smoke coming from the basement and investigated. The wood pile was in flames. In another section of the cellar a chair was ablaze. In still another part some papers were afire."

The Chevy Chase Fire Department put out the blaze. There was little damage.

LOCAL C. OF C. FOR MOTOR LAW CHANGE

The executive committee of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce has indorsed the bill, introduced in the State Senate by Senator Hofferbert, of Baltimore, providing for a general revision of the motor-vehicle laws of Maryland so as to make them conform to the uniform motor-vehicle code.

The committee will present the matter for consideration at the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

County's Delegation In General Assembly Has Caucused On Program

FARM CONVENTION ON FEBRUARY 27

Arrangements for the sixty-fifth annual farmers' convention at Sandy Spring on Saturday, February 27, have been completed, Robert H. Miller, jr., secretary of the convention, reported. The convention will be held in the new auditorium of Sherwood High School and will last throughout the day.

Speakers at the meeting will be: George V. Davis, manager of the United States employment office in Rockville, who will discuss ways and means of providing farm labor.

Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of the Maryland State Roads Commission, who will speak on the rural highway program.

Dr. Paul Walker, economist of the University of Maryland, whose subject will be "The Montgomery County Tax Situation".

Mrs. Sallie C. Chamberlin, of Washington, who will discuss the proper feeding of horses.

Proposed Bill Bans Drinking By Women

A woman lawmaker has introduced a legislative bill in the General Assembly of Maryland to deny any member of her sex the privilege of planking their feet alongside those of the menfolk at halls of Maryland bars.

Delegate E. Blanche Phillips, of Baltimore, is author of the bill, which would prohibit serving alcoholic drinks over the bar to women customers. Shouts of approval greeted the measure.

DR. H. G. SPURRIER 70, VICTIM, AFTER CALL

Dr. Harry Gilmore Spurrier, of the Unity section, one of the oldest medical practitioners of the county, died last Friday night, after making a professional call to the home of Percy Price. The kindly physician had ridden his horse to the home. While he was administering to his patient, his horse ran away. Dr. Spurrier decided to walk home. He is believed to have been the victim of a heart attack. His body was found by the side of the road Saturday morning.

Dr. Spurrier was born in Mount Airy. He attended private school in Mount Airy, and then went to Western Maryland College. Later he was graduated from the University of Maryland. Forty-eight years ago he began to practice medicine in this county.

He was a member of the Medical Society of Maryland and of the University of Maryland.

Besides his wife, the former Miss Frances Griffith, of Laytonsville, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Vestus J. Willcox, and two grandchildren, of Laytonsville; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Cutchin, of Baltimore; Mrs. W. W. Wallace, of Washington, and Mrs. Gertrude Norwood, of Mt. Airy.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church, at Olney, on Monday, and interment was made in the family burial plot on his farm near Unity. Rev. Thomas F. Opie officiated.

Youth Survey Made This Week In County

Members of the Youth Commission of the Rockefeller Foundation now making a survey of youth problems in Maryland, visited Montgomery County this week and conferred with Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent of schools, and visited several of the local schools. The delegation was headed by Payson Smith, former State Superintendent of Education in Massachusetts.

State Senator Prescott has announced that at a caucus of the County delegation in the General Asembly, now meeting at Annapolis, it was determined to unanimously back legislation requiring a referendum before any further Montgomery county bonds are issued, except to refund maturing bond obligations and to meet "imperative school building needs."

Decision to back the refunding proposal was reached after a letter was received from the board of county commissioners declining to take a stand on the question of issuing school construction bonds.

A few moments later she discovered the oven unlighted and struck a match. The explosion threw her backward. Her face, arms and neck were severely burned. She was treated bp the family physician.

Mrs. Susan C. Mount Passes To Reward

Mrs. Susan Catherine Mount, aged 93, wife of the late John R. Mount, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Titus C. Day, on Sunday at 8 p. m.

She was a life-long resident of Montgomery County, the daughter of the late Mathias and Catherine Moleworth, and among the first settlers of Damascus.

Mr. John R. Mount was the first funeral director in Damascus.

Mrs. Mount was a charter member of the Ladies Aid of Damascus M. E. Church.

She contracted a slight cold, and infirmities of age caused her death.

Two daughters, Mrs. Titus Day, and Mrs. Fanny Stanley, and one son, Mr. James Mount, of Gaithersburg, survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, at the Damascus M. E. Church. Burial in the cemetery adjoining.

Seriously Burned As Dinner Is Prepared

Mrs. Alevenia Snyder, wife of Sergt. D. H. Snyder, co-commander of the Bethesda substation, was seriously burned Monday, when a gas oven exploded as she was preparing a dinner in honor of the sergeant's birthday.

Mrs. Snyder had turned on the gas in the oven to heat the turkey when something distrac