Kent News.

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Millington Locals.

The commencement exercises of Millington Academy, Henry Tonkin principal, were held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, June 30th. The hall was literally packed with an attentive and appreciative audience. There were two graduates, Miss Winnie Bailey and Miss Ethel McWhorter. The program opened with a stirring anthem followed by prayer by Rev. E. E. White. The trio by Misses Lou, Kate and Mr. J. Moffett was beautiful and preceded the essay on "Life is What We Make It" by Winnie Bailey. After a pretty trio the well written essay on "Home" came by Ethel McWhorter. The solo by Miss Lou Moffet was well received, after which Rev. Vaughn Collins delivered an able address. The solo by Miss McWhorter "Classmate, Farewell" was touchingly rendered. The diplomas were presented by Rev. E. E. White, after which the trio sang very prettily "So Goes the World." The graduates were the recipients of several handsome bouquets tendered by kind and appreciative friends.

Mrs. Dr. Henrietta Crane, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives here.

Misses Sallie McWhorter, of Middletown, and Alice Staunton, of Philadelphia, are guests of Miss Ethel McWhorter.

Misses Loucella Coursey and Bessie Fallowfield are visiting Miss Winnie Bailey.

The peach shipment has commenced here; Tonkin & Co. have sold over 68,000 baskets and have several car loads ordered.

A. F. Huey has been selling lots of machinery and is still doing it.

The basket factory is in full blast; they have sold 60,000 and are working 30 hands. He is using the improved roller knife for cutting staves.

The railroad company anticipating the increased work of this year over any past year are putting in a side line of 1,000 feet. It will make the third side track for loading.

The chapter of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church held their semi-annual election of officers on Tuesday evening last: President, Rev. E. E. White; vice-president of Christian work, Dr. C. H. Hill vice-president of mercy and help, Dr. A. R. Todd; vice-president entertainment, Jos. Mallalieu; librarian, Mary Tonkin; secretary, Frank Smith; treasurer, Willie Moffett. J.

Disgracing the County.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—On last Monday the quiet of Tolchester was disturbed by the arrival from Baltimore of two United States deputy marshals to arrest two of our citizens charged with running a low drinking den near that place. I had a talk with an internal revenue officer who was sent over by the government to go to this drinking house. He purchased a bottle of what they call "pear cider." That was on Sunday and he had no difficulty in getting it. The bottle of pear cider was taken to Baltimore and analyzed and found to be *pure lager beer*, hence the arrest. Now, Messrs. Editors, what I want to say is this, that the good citizens near Tolchester have determined that this place shall cease to exist, if not by fair means, by something else. And while we are and always have been law-abiding citizens and would rather the law would punish and prevent crimes, we cannot submit to this wrong. The law in Kent in some cases seems to be slow to act. I suppose that you are aware that Tolchester is a place where we find sale for our vegetables, milk, butter and vegetables and it is not convenient sometimes to go ourselves or to send a hand from our field, and send our wives and daughters. On their return home from Tolchester they are compelled to meet the hacks returning from this drinking house filled with drunken rowdies from Baltimore.

Mr. William Crosby, living near Tolchester, his family all alone, had occasion to pass by this place. They were yelled at and stopped by a drunken crowd that had just come out of this place. They put whip to their horse and made a safe escape from something that might have been very serious. Mr. James H. Gale, living near by, had occasion during harvest to send one of his daughters to deliver some milk. She was grossly insulted when she met one of these hacks. Mr. Nowland, the efficient superintendent at the beach, and Capt. Eliason have been very generous with some of the young men of Kent, nearly all of the places being filled by them—much to the credit of the company.

It is therefore the greater disgrace to Kent county that this section should be pestered with such characters and with such harmful law-breaking practices.

A CITIZEN.

Death of Dr. DeCorse.

Mr. T. D. France furnishes us with an Arizona paper containing a lengthy account of the death and funeral of Dr. Albert E. DeCorse, who was an uncle to Mrs. T. D. France. Dr. DeCorse died in Yuma, Arizona, June 1, aged 56, from eating over-ripe bananas. He was a native of, and well-known in Kent county, and was the youngest brother of the late James P. DeCorse, and was at one time a student of Washington College. In 1854 he left Kent for Sacramento, Cal., returning to the county for a short visit in 1861. He shortly thereafter lefe Sacramento and went to Yuma, where he continued to grow in prominence and political influence. His family consist of a wife and six children. He carried $8,000 insurance which will go to the family. The Yuma *Times* among other things says "It is safe to say that he hadn't an enemy on earth. Honest manhood, generous soul—hail and farewell!"

The Kind of Farming that Pays.

The writer accompanied by a friend had the pleasure during the past week of visiting the farm owned by Mrs. Jacob T. Shallcross, of New York, and tenanted by Mr. W. O. Shallcross. It is situated about a mile from Sassafras in one of the most fertile parts of Kent county and contains about 250 acres. Mr. Shallcross does not believe that the profit in farming comes from wheat and corn, but, rather from a little of everything so that there is something to sell nearly the whole year round. He has now about 10 acres of asparagus and the writer thinks a little the finest he ever saw. The larger part of this grass has not been cut but will come in next spring. Next in order comes 8500 gooseberries of which Mr. S. believes the Houghton to be the most profitable. Six thousand pear trees mostly Bartlett, have been planted out and are expected to prove a source of large returns. Three hundred Russian Apricots and five hundred Libar Bushes (planted for profit) are among the things whose value will be proved in the future. Mr. Shallcross has a peach orchard of about 8 acres in which he seeded last fall 1 bushel of Scarlet Top Clover intending to turn it under in the spring but owing to pressure of other work it was not done and the result is the clover has reseeded itself, the whole orchard being covered with young plants. Mr. S. considers Scarlet Clover first class as a land improver but doubts its value as a feed for stock. A herd of first class cattle, and a convenient creamery at Sassafras is another big help in meeting expenses besides making large quantities of manure, which is largely used on the asparagus. Mr. S. intends to plant out several acres of raspberries as he thinks there is money in it. In addition to all this he was just winding up seventy acres of very heavy wheat and has a good big acreage in corn. A first class garden and about a hundred rare roses around the house add to the beauty of the place and also to the work but Mr. Shallcross seems to have had plenty of time, for everything was in apple pie order. STILL POND.

ROCK HALL NEWS.

As Mr. Wm. H. Penn was driving out from his home on Sunday evening last, his horse became frightened at a pile of rails along Mr. L. R. Shewell's fence, causing him to turn suddenly in the road, and before Mr. P. could get him quiet, he turned in the opposite direction with such violence as to smash both front wheels of his carriage. Mr. P. himself was considerably bruised up, but was not prevented from following his avocation.

Wm. and John Warner are making considerable improvements to their respective properties on the Haven. They are building a two story addition to their present dwellings, which shows a spirit of taste for advancement and convenience on present surroundings.

Mr. J. J. Blackiston and estimable wife, much to the regret of many friends, have moved from their cozy home near Coleman's corner to Swan Point farm, where they will make their home for the future, Mrs. B. superintending house keeping for Uncle Lem, while Mr. B. will give his sole attention to the nursery business.

Capt. Charles E. Davis was made quite happy on Thursday morning last, by the presentation by his wife, of a baby girl, whose weight was just 12¼ pounds by correct scales. Next.

Dr. Sharp, having occasion to repair one of the wind pumps on his farm a few days ago, which had been damaged by one of the gales of wind last winter, had succeeded in getting everything properly re-adjusted, and had started the pump to work, when some of the attachments above gave way, causing a tremendous pressure of water to force back into the iron pump which bursted, much to the discomfiture of the doctor who had been working hard during the day to get the pump in order, with the thermometer up in the nineties.

Several visitors from Baltimore are spending a season of quiet from the turmoil of city life with friends and relatives in the village. Among whom we notice Miss Alice Lewis whose attractiveness and other refined attainments make her a welcome guest wherever she goes. She is the guest of the Misses Satterfield. Mrs. Fannie Brown, daughter of the late J. B. Stevens, is the guest of her mother.

On Thursday afternoon, the village hostler drove in, with the stallion turnout of Mr. G. W. Walbert, and met with quite an ovation from a number of villagers, before he could alight. He was served with a cigar and light, had his hair and beard dressed by the clerk over the way; the P. M. advanced to shine his foot gear, but found the polish exhausted and other attentions of courtesy were bestowed upon him; never was a personage of the profession so highly honored by the Rock Hallites before. When Commander Warren proposes to haue another stallion parade, he might do well to consult Tunis before his program is arranged, as many points of interest could be given regarding a successful parade.

With harvest ended, threshing has commenced. Peaches are ripe and plentiful; growing crops bid fair to yield larger and the farmers are wearing a broader smile than they have for years, indicating happiness, in which everybody else joins.

Two interesting young people of this place were married on Tuesday evening last, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. G. R. Reed, Hanesville, by Rev. S. B. Tredway of St. James. They were Mr. Osca Faucett, late of Virginia, and Miss Sallie A. Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Ashley. The bride was attired in a suit of cream colored cashmere and groom in the conventional black. The happy couple start out on life's journey with the best wishes of hosts of friends and a bright future before them.

A Pleasant Dance.

One of the most pleasant and sociable dances of the season was held at John Gale's beautiful home (Worton Manor Beach) Thursday evening. The crowd was not very large, owing to the inclement weather, and we were sorry to learn that four of the committee were not present, although this fact may not have been noticed by any one not acquainted with the committee, as everything worked like clock-work, and all present into it to have a good time and were not disappointed. Among those present were Misses Finelli, Hanes and Wipple, Philadelphia; Miss Cockey, Talbot; Miss Warfield, Baltimore; the Misses McCleary, Washington; Wm. B. Stephens and wife, Wm. B. Edwards and wife, Edgar P. Beck and wife, Miss Bryan, J. Beck, W. Beck, Percy Skirven, George Brice, Murray Smyth, Richard D. Hynson, John H. Aldridge and others. Committee: George Parrott, John Parrott, James Beck, Percy Skirven, S. C. Cacy, Howard Turner. Dance continued until 12 o'clock. B.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting to be Held at Ocean City.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Maryland State Teachers' Association will be held at Ocean City on July 7, 8 and 9, and the sessions will be at the Atlantic Hotel. The first session will take place on Tuesday morning, when the address of welcome is to be made by Mr. Joshua W. Miles, of Princess Anne, and a response by Prof. E. B. Prettyman, state superintendent. This will be followed by an address of the president of the association, Prof. John E. McCahan, of this city. Prof. M. A. Newell is on the program for an address entitled "Retrospect of Twenty-five years," with comments by Rev. James L. Bryan, examiner of Dorchester county; Rev. John Squire, examiner of Cecil county; Prof. Alex. Chaplain, examiner of Talbot county, and Prof. P. A. Witmer, examiner of Washington county.

The evening's session of the first day is to be devoted to a literary and musical entertainment. The second's day's program is: Morning session — Address, Prof. F. A. Soper, principal of the City College; free discussion in five-minute addresses; "Manual Training as an adjunct to General Education," discussion; "Benefits of Chautauqua to Teachers," by Miss R. E. Brown, of Hagerstown, and discussion of the subject. Evening session—Address on "Physical Training in the Public Schools," by Prof. W. R. McDaniel, of the Western Maryland College, illustrated by class drill, in club swinging by Mr. Wm. S. Crouse-principal of the High School, St. Michael's, to be followed by an entertainment. The third day's program will be: Morning session—Address on "Local Names," by Prof. James W. Reese, of the Western Maryland College; "Method Madness," by Prof. Geo. R. Steele, of Elkton Academy; reports on the State Teachers' Reading Circle, by Mrs. Charlotte Newell, secretary; of the executive committee, by James A. Diffenbaugh, chairman, of Westminster; election of officers and other business. A number of other educational subjects are to be discussed whenever circumstances will premit.

The officers of the association are: President, Prof. John E. McCahan, Baltimore vice presidents, Joseph H. Key, St. Mary's; and Miss A. E. Johnston, Howard; recording secretary, A. F. Wilkerson, Baltimore; corresponding secretary, Miss Agnes Durst, Baltimore; treasurer, Alexanderia Chaplain, Easton, Talbot county; executive committee, James A. Diffenbaugh, Westminster; Charles B. Rogers, Towson; William S. Crouse, St. Michael's, Joseph B. Hazell, Sudlersville; Belle A. Newell, Hagerstown. The school board has appointed Mr. I. R. Starkey and Miss Caroline Smyth as the delegates from Kent.

Galena Local News.

The farmers in this neighborhood are done cutting wheat and the prospect is for a large yield. Mr. Hyland had quite a run on his celebrated binders and mowers, he having sold about thirty this season. The Deering seems to be taking the lead in this section.

Fire broke out at Dr. Kelley's on last Tuesday about 2 o'clock P. M. It came near being a serious matter. The summer kitchen took fire from an overheated stove pipe, only for the timely assistance of Mr. Heston Hicks and Mr. Whitaker the dwelling house proper would in all probability have caught; but by an extra effort they confined the fire to the summer kitchen until it was entirely extinguished; the loss was trifling.

Mrs. E. H. Nelson and daughter are visiting at Snow Hill. They expect to spend some time there. Rev. Mr. Nelson expects to leave some time next week to join his wife and daughter in their annual visit to their parents.

John Allen Hyland, son of Wm. A. Hyland, is home on his vacation. He started from London, England, on June 17th arriving here on the 26th, after spending a day or two in New York. He has been in London about 8 months and says he liked it very much and was always glad to get the NEWS. While away he visited Scotland and France, but like others, "there is no place like home" to him.

Our public school held its commencement exercises Tuesday. The school-room was nicely decorated with flowers and evergreen. Quite a number of the patrons of the school were present and all seemed to enjoy the exercises very much. The following program was rendered:

Prayer.....Rev. E. H. Nelson
Singing, "Sing, Gaily Sing".....School
Red, White and Blue
Flowers on Decoration Day
Dialogue....."The Ghost in the Kitchen"
Solo.....Miss Virginia Morgan
Recitation.....Miss Belle Taylor
"Twenty Froggies".....Elbert Kennard
"Two Little Toadies".....Hattie Gray
Motion Song .....First and Second Grades
Dialogue.....Fannie McIntyre and MamieWoodall
"The Water Mill".....Minnie Hicks
"A Boy's Trouble".....Porter Morgan
Dialogue....."The May Queen"
Dialogue.....Fanny Woodall and Belle Taylor
Singing....."Now Comes Vacation"
Benediction

All who took part in the exercises did remarkably well showing that they were well trained. At the conclusion the children seemed happy at the thought of the long vacation for them. Baseball and *other sports* will now be in order. P.

EDESVILLE NEWS.

Sunday last was the occasion when the school at Wesley Chapel M. P. Church, engaged in their annual services in the interest of mission work. These annual efforts have ever been crowned with success in every particular, and surely none more so than this occasion. The untiring labors of the superintendent, Mr. Judefind, together with his well equipped assistants, deserves the oft-repeated "well-done." The day dawned beautifully and the many happy hearts connected with the school, cheerily wended their way toward their beloved old Zion. Long before the opening hour the auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity at both morning and evening services indeed quite one-fourth of those attending in the evening were compelled to sit in and stand about the windows and doors. Promptly at the hour the opening chorus, "Praise ye the Lord" filled the air with its melodies and the program continued as follows: Singing by the school, "A prayer for the world's conversion;" the Lord's prayer by school in concert; singing, "The Lord is in his holy temple;" welcome address by Norris Rollison; singing, "Come Kingdom of our God;" scripture reading, 10th chapter Romans by the pastor, Rev. Jesse Shreeve; recitation by Laura Cannan; singing, "Something to do;" recitation, "What can little children do?" by Grace Warden, followed by the same with a solo, joined in chorus by the infant class and which merits special mention for the style of rendition; bible symbols, with motion song, elegantly done by class of boys and girls; "Message to the Dying" by Miss Carrie Coleman; duet chorus, "I Wonder If There is Room for Me" by Misses Eva Gresham, Lula Shreeve, and Messrs. A. L. and W. B. Judefind; song, "Lead Me Gently Home Father;" address by Miss Mamie Leary, well received; singing by school, "Lend a Hand;" the whole being interspersed with solo and duets which were rendered and highly enjoyed; collection; "The World in Bondage," Mary Jewell; singing, Sunlight of Hope;" "The Word Made Free," Miss Allie Sappington.

Evening Service.

Quartette, Misses Eva Gresham, Lula Shreeve and W. B. and A. L. Judefind; singing, "Like as a Father Pitieth His Children;" prayer by pastor; singing school, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus;" welcome address by Charlie Satterfield; singing, "The Heavenly Ladder;" "Children's Offering" by infant class; "Nellie's Gift" by Julia Burgess; singing, "Give Thanks all Ye People;" "The Great Famine Cry" by Flora C. Wheatley; "Something for Jesus," by Gertie Judefind; singing, "Harvest Time is Passing Stop and Think;" "Freely Ye Have Received" by Cora Jewell; collection, grand total $36.26; singing by school, "Lord Protect Us." The solos by Rev. W. B. Judefind was a rich feature in addition to the program. About this time whisperings were multiplying that the infant class, taught by Mrs. J. F. Wheatley was ahead in collections and therefore entitled to the school banner—how the happy little hearts swelled as they received the news and banner as well, at the hands of the pastor with most beautiful and appropriate remarks of commendation. This class enjoys the reputation as banner class. It was altogether an all round happy day to all in attendance.

School Picnic.

Edesville school had its annual picnic on Tuesday last, on the grounds. After the many days, weeks and months of labor, this excellent teacher with scholars, parents and friends, numbering in all about one hundred and fifty persons, sought to close the year with a pleasant and social intercourse for a few hours. The seeking, so far succeeded in the purpose as that our friend Miss Gresham may feel she has the confidence and esteem of all patrons. Amusements of every description were employed whereby the hours passed so pleasantly and delightfully by. The inner man was served with ice cream, cake and lemonade in abundance, the children standing foremost of course, while all were filled. Music by Messrs. John L., and Charlie Beck, Eugene and Horace Willson, Will and Harry Wagner, Jewell and Miller. Everybody hearity enjoyed the occasion and in their inmost souls, doubtless breathed a vote of thanks to Miss Eva for the almost matchless kindness.

OBSERVER.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT LOCUST GROVE.

The M. E. Sunday school at Locust Grove celebrated their Children's Day anniversary Sunday evening; the church was crowded, people standing outside at the windows. The entire program was well rendered. Miss Grace Kelley presided at the organ with much skill. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, moss, and evergreens. The exercises were as follows:

Organ voluntary; Anthem by the choir, Father we'll rest in thy love; Prayer by the partor; singing by the school, "Happy children's day;" scripture reading; recitation, "Origin of children's day," by Miss Ida Comly; singing by the school, "Come to the house of the Lord to-day;" scripture reading; recitation, "Come to the fields," by Master Robbie Shallcross; singing by school, "The summer land;" dialogue by three small children; prayer; scripture reading; recitation by two boys; singing by school, "By the seaside;" recitation by Miss Carrie Erskine; exercises by infant class, "A summer day;" solo, "Jesus the children's friend" was sung very sweetly by little Miss Hettie Hill, of 6 years; recitation, "The two raindrops" by Miss Clara Scotten; scripture reading; recitation by Miss Georgie Sutton; singing by four girls; recitation by Miss Blanche Sutton; singing by school, "Into all the world," an address by the pastor; collection; singing by the congregation, "God be with you till we meet again." K. Y. Z.

R. P. STEWART & Co., of Philadelphia, announce in this issue that they are prepared to sell fruit, etc., this season and solicit the patronage of our farmers and fruit growers at 411 New Market Street.

THE SCHOOLS CLOSE.

The Pupils of the Chestertown Public School Present a Beautiful Program.

One of the happiest occasions to school girls and boys is the last day of school—the closing exercises. Tuesday was the day set apart by the public school of Chestertown. It seemed almost impossible to present a program that would equal the effort of years ago, but it can be safely said that no better presentation has ever been made by our school than that of Tuesday. It was a credit to the patient and able teachers, to the parents, examiner and to the participants. It was elaborate and required hours of persistent effort to produce the pieces and tedious work to make the costumes. It would be hard to determine who were the most distinguished ones, as *all* did excellent and while we might say a certain little girl down town, others might say different.

The program opened with a chorus "Our Father in Heaven," by the girls of the 6th and 7th grades, accompanied by Howard Fowler on piano. Master Staunton Brown in a straightforward way, spoke "School Room Trials," followed by "Summer," a pretty motion song, by the first grade. Then followed a calisthenic exercise by the fifth grade, which was perfectly executed, and was a most pleasing feature to the large audience. The "Nursery Maids' Drill," by girls of the third grade was a grand feature. This consisted of ten or more little nurses with white aprons and caps, and carrying in their arms their little doll babies. Their singing was specially good and the characteristics of a nurse were forcibly set forth by action and song by the little folks. The solos by Hallie Toulson, Lizzie Quelette and Ollie Hill were much admired, while the colored nurse's character by Bessie Coleman could not have been better taken. A young lady on Queen street said "she looked like a freckled darkey. "Merrily Over the Sea" was rendered by girls of the sixth grade. Then followed an event, which in itself, would make a worthy entertainment—a cantata entitled, "The Quarrel Among the Flowers," by the pretty little girls of the first and second grade. Each one was dressed to represent a flower, and in their

variegated costumes, with little bare arms, looked as sweet as roses indeed. The airs were sprightly and well rendered. The little ones surprised everyone by their rendition of such difficult and high strains. It is due the seventh grade to say that it was their deft hands which fashioned the becoming equipments. A charade, "The Sleeping Beauty," was a pretty presentation by the fourth grade. The king and queen was well acted by Master Dugan and Miss Pennell, while Miss Rose as princess, and Arthur Bradley as prince, took their part well. Milton Peregoy in his red cutaway looked very manly, while Carl Biscoe and John Hamilton were perfectly at home on the stage. Adele France, as nurse, took her part in good style; and each understood his character perfectly. The Indian Club Drill that followed was very much enjoyed. It was performed by ten boys to music, played by Miss Rose Frazier. One *little* fellow looked like he was glad when it was over. The movements were all in good time and showed perfect training. An address by Master Earle Simpers came next, and in a masterly manner he spoke his part, which was followed by the closing song, "Vacation," and heartily it was sung.

GOOD WISHES.

To each boy we wish his every craving satisfied. To every girl her heart's desire.

To each teacher better salary next year and a pleasant vacation.

To the parents a mind free from worry as to where their children may be this vacation.

To the examiner a delightful vacation in the consciousness of duty well performed.

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Anna Downey	90	Macy Hynson	88

SEVENTH GRADE.

Howard Fowler	92	Mary Anthony	83
Berths Hynson	84 4-13	Jane Cooper	82
Violet Beck	84 3-13	Ella Thompson	82
Bessie Stuart	83	Vevia Hendrickson	82
Minnie Maslin	83	Sue Lambert	81

SECOND SIXTH GRADE.

Maude Bramble	84	Tillie Reichie	82¼
Earle Usilton	83	Mamie Patterson	82
Albert Morris	83		

FIRST SIXTH GRADE.

Mamie Thompson	94	Rosa McIntire	85
Amie Russell	92	Pearl Shuster	84
Mamie Carroll	92	Minnie Peregoy	84
Lottie Wickes	92	Julia Elliott	84
Tannie Willis	91	Foster Perkins	82
Harry Rickey	87	Willie Sherwood	81
May Fallowfield	86		

SECOND FIFTH GRADE.

Lillie Crow	92	Clara Downey	85
Harry Anthony	92	Rose Frazier	83
May Hill	90	Frank McWhorter	82
Mamie Kirby	88	Frank Simpers	81
Emma Greenwood	88	Carrie Reichie	80
Bessie Cannan	87		

FIRST FIFTH GRADE.

Anna Franklin	91	Annie Gardner	83
Grace Whaland	90	Susie Culp	82
George McFeely	88	John Toulson	82
Frank Smith	88	Freddie Strong	82
Waters Russell	86	Katie Shuster	82
Owen Crow	85	Brose Carroll	80
Harry Fallowfield	84	Josephine Pennington	80

FOURTH GRADE.

Sophie Rose	99	John Hamilton	90
Adele France	99	Charlie McWhorter	89
Mary Brown	98	Claude Parks	89
Mamie Barnes	98	Lulie Kirby	89
May Cannan	98	Milton Peregoy	87
George Bryan	94	Isabel Beck	86
Annie Thompson	94	Carl Biscoe	87
Blanche Cox	94	Gertie York	86
Claudia Thompson	94	Lucie Fogwell	85
May Pennell	93	Fred Estes	84
Hennie Harris	93	Arthur Bradley	82
Raymond Simpers	93	John Dugan	81
Hope Pennell	92		

THIRD GRADE.

Hallie Toulson	98	Linda Lewis	91
Dollie McWhorter	98	Lizzie Willis	90
Bessie Coleman	97	Earle Joiner	89
Glenn Howard	97	Benj. Greenwood	89
Zoa Elliott	97	Dora Thompson	89
Earle D. Simpers	96	Barbary Anthony	89
May Crow	96	Ollie Hill	88
Bessie Wheatley	96	Ada Russell	88
Mattie Storks	96	Walter Wright	87
Hayward Meeks	95	Harry York	86
Dollie Bramble	95	Walter Sappington	81
Charles Senart	94	Florence Green	81
Harry Barnes	92	Lula Downey	80
Phillip Lewis	92	Hallie Fogwell	80
Frank Hines	91		

SECOND SECOND GRADE.

Staunton Brown	98	John Chilcutt	92
Maude Melvin	97	Fannie Smith	91
Benis Dill	95	Maud Thompson	90
Carl Russell	95	George Perkins	88
Gleaves Frazier	92	Charlie Frazier	87
Frank Gardner	92	Raymond Chilcutt	84
Pearl Hendrickson	92	Allie Elliott	83

FIRST SECOND GRADE.

Nora Boston	98	George Pennington	85
Blanche Dugan	91	Frank Joiner	83
Paul Russell	90	Vickers Beck	83
Harry Bramble	90	Chester Melvin	81
Charlie Whaland	87	Murray Perkins	81
Jesse Willis	85	Lillie Greenwood	81

THIRD FIRST GRADE.

Ethel Coleman	97	Ida Downey	84
May Jones	88	Godfrey Westcott	84
Mable Toulson	87	Florence Copper	83
Blanche Elliott	87	Iris Anthony	82
Polk Bramble	83	Susan Copper	82

SECOND FIRST GRADE.

Louise Usilton	83	Burchinal Brown	82

FIRST FIRST GRADE.

Howard Dodd	91	John Benjamin	81
Rachel Copper	86		

WM. R. COCHRAN, Esq., residing near Middletown, Del., lost two valuable thoroughbred heifers by poison last week, and three more are ill from the same cause. The poison used was paris green, and was administered by some miscreant who desired to be revenged, evidently for some fanciful injury, as the empty can was found in the pasture.

Schools in the Country.

Quaker Neck School.

On Tuesday afternoon the green of School No. 2 of Quaker Neck presented quite a festive scene. As we drove up we recognized a number of friends and a beautiful bower trimmed with evergreen and a handsomely covered chair inside. As the happy faces of the children were not to be seen, we felt sure we would be treated to something by them after a while. In a few moments, at the sound of the bell, their bright and smiling faces were seen emerging from the school. They marched round and round several times and then formed in three lines in front of the throne and commenced singing "The School Festival," which was very sweetly done. Then Miss Mattie Edwards, representing May, stepped forward and stood beside the throne; she was followed by four little fairies, Helen and Maud Wilkins, Mettie Loud and Fannie Edwards, strewing flowers. The queen, Miss Annie Loud, now approached the throne, led by her maids, Miss Grace Wilkins and Elsie Kendall, and followed by her pages, Spencer Kendall and Edward Wilkins. In neat and pretty speeches she was seated upon her throne, when Miss Mattie Edwards stepped forward and in a very pretty manner crowned their Queen. The song, "Gay and Happy," was then gaily sung, and the little ones bounded off for a gay and happy time in the woods. They were soon recalled to be bountifully feasted with cake and cream, provided by patrons of the school. After an hour or two pleasantly spent and wishing the scholars a happy vacation we separated to meet September 1st. Helen Wilkins received the highest average and was given the prize.

Grace Wilkins 89, Annie Loud 84, Mattie Edwards 81, Helen Wilkins 64, Julia Davis 86, Mettie Loud 91, Maud Wilkins 86, Fannie Edwards 84, Cordray Loud 86, Alfred Simpler 89, Leon Brown 39, Willie Maslin 84, Jervis Davis 84.

Fancy School.

The following are the names of the pupils whose general average reaches 80 per cent. and above: John Lee 90, Annie L. Copper 86, Geo. V. Hatcherson 87, Mary M. Knight 83, Alla May Startt 83, Mamie Hatcherson 81, William O. B. Knight, Jr. 81, Herbert Walbert 80. The following pupils we think merit special notice, for the reason of their very commendable punctuality in attendance, having made every day 92, in summer term, which ended June 30th. Geo. V. Hatcherson, Percy Thomas Hatcherson, Hiram I. Crew and Johnny Lee. We think every legitimate means available should be applied by teachers, parents and all friends of education to encourage the most punctual attendance possible on the part of pupils whose privilege it is to be in the schools every day they are open. There is scarcely any impediment more seriously damaging to the best interest of our schools than poor attendance by the pupils. T.

The following students of School No. 1, taught by Miss Lizzie Fowler, received over 80 per cent.:

Seventh grade, Bella Groves, 83; second-sixth, Walter Toulson, 84; first-sixth, Willie Lamb, 86, Sallie Groves, 86, Belle Overend, 80; second-fifth, Lulu Goodman, 84, Claude Brown, 82; fourth, Missouri Craner, 80; second-third, Sophia Hickey, 93, Milton Faulkner, 90, Edward Toulson, 90, Bertie Lamb, 88, Lloyd Porter, 82, Clarence Hadaway, 84; second, Carroll Brown, 92, Frank Lamb, 91; second-first, Bennie Dickerson, 93, Walter Hickey, 88; first, Mabel Groves, 93, Katie Dickerson, 92, Harry Toulson, 91, Anna M. Taylor, 91.

The public school at Lynch's Station, taught by Mr. Samuel W. Wallis, closed its session with a grand picnic on the Quaker church yard. About fifty persons were present and ice-cream, cake and lemonade were served in abundance.

Mr. Milton Melvin's school in Morgan creek neck had a treat of ice-cream, etc., on the closing day.

The school at Lankford, taught by Miss Nettie Denny, closed Monday. At night a delightful entertainment was held in the school house and it was impossible to seat the large crowd that was present. The program was well rendered and reflected credit upon the teacher and scholars. A pleasant picnic was held on Tuesday at Tolchester.

Sweet Girl Graduates.

Tuesday night the addresses of the graduates were delivered before a large audience. For reasons best known to themselves two of the graduating class declined to take the last steps and there were but two graduates—Miss Macy Hynson and Miss Anna May Downey. The exercises opened with a piano solo by Mr. Howard Fowler, then prayer by Rev. S. C. Roberts, music by Miss Amy Russell. The salutatory address entitled "The Incentive of Hope" was delivered by Miss Macy Hynson. The speaker very clearly showed the great part which the bright star of hope plays in our life, smoothing the thorny paths and making courageous the despairing one. In the accomplishment of great things hope was shown to be like the glimmering taper's light that adorns and cheers the way; and still, as darker grows the night, emits a brighter ray. She spoke of the hope of eternal reward and in a very clear and audible manner. The instrumental duet "Oxen Waltz" by Rose Frazier and Howard Fowler was especially pretty and was followed by the valedictory essay "Rowing, Not Drifting" by Miss Anna May

Downey. The fascinating graduate clearly showed that work must be done if one would accomplish anything. An object must be in view; a man must exert himself to succeed in anything—business life and social life. It requires strength and courage to row against the stream, while even straws can drift with it. The address did the speaker credit both in composition and delivery.

Misses Sue Lambert and Ella Thompson rendered the duet "My Gottage Home" in a very creditable manner, after which the address to the graduates by Rev. R. Irving Watkins was delivered. "I am not here tonight," said he, "as the clergyman exactly, but simply desire to talk to you as an American;" and throughout his remarks he held the close attention of his hearers, while words of guidance, direction and advice were gladly received by the young ladies of the class of 1891 and by the audience at large. It was the speaker's aim to show the leading elements of a truly, noble and successful life; and these indeed were clearly and forcibly presented by him. "Cultivate habits of studiousness; be not sluggish and indolent, neither become book-worms—but seek and find the golden mean between these extremes." Also take time to consider and reflect before you act; for while this is an age when rapidity of thought and quickness of action seem to be the predominant characteristics, yet it is well regulated brain work and careful resolution that is to-day advancing the world and elevating man upon lofty pinacles of greatness, renown and success. Then have an object in life and concentrate your powers accordingly; make a specialty of that which you conclude to follow or do. In other words be not a Jack of all trades and master of none, but follow one and master it. Finally live not for yourselves, but for others—for the good that you may do your fellow-man. Make your presence felt and desired wherever you go and let love guide and direct you.

The instrumental solo by Miss Julia Elliott was beautiful and well rendered. E. F. Perkins, Esq., presented the certificates to the graduates in some appropriate remarks, after which Mr. J. H. Topping presented the prizes in a neat, earnest and laconic manner. He congratulated the young ladies upon their success and in giving the grizes said "The victory has been won and the spoils are yours." Emerson's Essays, the first prize, offered by Col. Wm. J. Vannort, was presented to Miss Downey. Hawthorne's works, the second prize, given by the same gentleman, was presented to Miss Macy Hynson. The first prize, Plutarch's Lives of Great Men, offered by Mr. Joseph N. Wheatley to the pupil making the highest average in the seventh grade, was awarded to Howard Fowler; the second, Tennyson's poems, to Miss Bertha Hynson. After a beautiful instrumental selection, "The Dance of the Fairies," by Miss Amy Russell the benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. L. Greenfield.

M. deK. Smith, Esq., has offered the prize to the highest pupil in the 8th grade for next year and J. D. Urie, Esq., to the most studious scholar in the 7th grade.

HANNIS, the young horse belonging to Capt. Cundiff, died from lack-jaw yesterday morning at Worton Station.

The Courts.

Orphans' Court, June 30, 1891.—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Letters of administration upon the personal estate of James C. Lassell were granted to Hope H. Barroll, Wm. M. Slay and Mary R. Townsend, administrators of Moses Lambson, passed their second administration account. Wm. R. Miller, administrator of Wm. A. Miller, filed an account of sale of the personal property of his decedent.

County Commissioners' court, June 30, 1891.—Present, full board. The application of Charles S. York in behalf of S. R. Hurlock, an order was passed granting permission to said Hurlock to haul his engine over Chester bridge, provided he obtain written consent of a majority of the county commissioners of Queen Anne's county also, and provided further that he send a man ahead of said engine to stop vehicles that may be coming upon the bridge at the same time in an opposite direction. Upon application of Hope H. Barroll, attorney, an order was passed directing Sheriff Comegys to withdraw the leasehold property assessed to Charles Webb in error in 1882 by John F. Whittington, collector from sales for taxes made by said sheriff, this day. The examiners' report of James W. Hurtt, H. Clay Hendrickson and Anthony H. Johnson, on the road across from the Galena and Georgetown road by Moffett's mill to the Galena and Sassafras road heretofore presented, was ordered to be filed, and the cost of commission ordered to be provided for by levy for 1891. The report of Cornelius J. Scott, Wm. H. Spry and Samuel A. Merritt, examiners, to determine the necessity of a bridge over the run at Sparks' mill, was considered, and the same amended so as to substitute an iron bridge 50 or 60 feet long for the wooden bridge recommended, the same was ratified and affirmed as amended by order of the board, and the costs of commission and the estimated cost of the bridge was ordered to be provided for by levy in 1891. Upon petition of sundry citizens to straighten and widen road from Still Pond to Mrs. F. H. Boulden's land was ordered, and Eugene M. Bonwell, Samuel A. Merritt and Wm. A. Pennington be and they are hereby appointed examiners on the petition for bridge. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy for 1891.

A PEACH EXCHANGE has been organized in Easton.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers yesterday