THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

The Red Cross Workers.

The ladies who are working to aid "The American National Red Cross Society" held their regular meeting on Wednesday morning. A number of new members were added to those already enrolled. It is hoped that all those who wish to send contributions of any kind, will do *so at once*, so that boxes of clothing, delicacies, etc., can be sent as soon as possible to headquarters in Washington, to be distributed by them where most needed, to our sick and wounded men. Besides the money, which the ladies of the Society have given, donations have been received from the following up to date:

Mr. J. H. Leishear, Dr. Wm. E. Hodges, Mr. J. W. Dorsey, Jr., Messrs. Kraft, Dr. I. J. Martin's Sons, Mr. M. P. Macgill, Mr. C. H. Hardin Branch, Mr. George Radcliffe, Mr. George Carr, Mr. Pierpoint, Gilpin, Langdon & Co., of Baltimore; The Chas. Simon's Sons Co., of Baltimore; Mr. Edward A. Talbott.

The ladies who have been assisting in the work are: Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Jas. F. Melvin, Mrs. Henry Wootton, Mrs. R. A. Poole, Miss R. Bell Branch, the Misses Hodges, Miss Grace Macgill, Miss Rebecca Talbott, Miss Marie Talbott, Miss Ella Morrow, Miss Sallie Maupin, Miss Lillie Holmes, Miss Ella Thompson, Miss Sophie Hammond, Miss Desiree Branch, Miss Catherine Denny, and the Misses Martin.

County Commissioners.

Our road supervisors time and again have called attention to the practice of persons making the public roads a dumping ground for refuse they object to having on their own property. The drains are frequently found obstructed by bramble cut from the fence corners and in some instances very objectionable filth and trash are found impairing the efficiency of a well made piece of road, besides being an annoyance to the traveling public. These obstructions often cause the roads to wash more than they otherwise would. The practice has become so much of an evil that the County Commissioners have determined to take action with a view to its abatement. Counsel to the commissioners, R. D. Johnson, on Tuesday was directed to look up the law relating to the matter and he reports that any one obstructing the road in the manner aforesaid is liable to a penalty of $50.

A committee, composed of residents of Elkridge, called upon the County Commissioners Tuesday and asked that action be taken for the location of the proper line of the old Washington road through the village of Elkridge, from the Patapsco bridge to a point opposite Harwood. It is the object of the property-owners of the village to make important town improvements after the road line has been legally established. The Commissioners agreed to proceed with the work.

Annual Examinations.

The annual examinations for teachers' certificates and scholarships in various schools and colleges were held in Ellicott City Tuesday and Wednesday. There were 34 candidates. The new school examiner, Mr. Philip T. Harman, conducted the examinations, being assisted by President Shreeve, of the school board. The retiring examiner, Dr. Luke M. Shipley, was also present.

The candidates for teachers' certificates are J. Mont. Gambrill, Miss Ida J. Jones, Frank A. Brown, Miss Nellie W. Gaither, Miss Marion L. Kuhn, Miss Elizabeth England, Miss Marie Grillin, Miss Blanche Crapster, Miss Elizabeth W. King and Miss Clara W. Fuller.

Candidates for scholarships in the State Normal School: Misses Effie A. Penn, Mattie A. Wolfe, E. Fannie King, Dora E. Meads, Mary V. Stromberg, Mamie Iglehcart, Lillian Earp, Nannie McCauley and Grace E. Carter.

Western Maryland College—Bessie L. Gambrill, Della Melvin, Annie A. Pfeiffer, Sallie A. Brown, Nellie B. Snyder.

Maryland Agricultural College—Marion V. Bailliere and Dorsey W. Cashell.

St. John's College—John P. Collier, Stephen Latchford, Walton H. Grant, Melvin A. Day, Walter E. Day, and R. Spencer Pindell.

Charlotte Hall—Lloyd T. Hammond and Jacob Mackinson.

The Akers' Grove Tournament.

The successful knights at the tournamentheld at Akers' Park, Third district, Tuesday of the professional set, were as follows: Wm. Shirley, Knight of Harrisonville, first prize; Wm. Lee, Knight of Ivanhoe, second prize; R. H. Mercer, Knight of Pleasant Valley, third prize; James S. Crook, Knight of Rose Lawn, fourth prize: Those of the amateur set, H. C. Amos, Knight of Cedar Glenn, first prize; W. W. Weizel, Knight of Cooksville, second prize; Lee Tittsworth, Knight of Bethany, third prize; J. E. Buck, Knight of Dewey, fourth prize. The charge was by Colonel Joseph W. Berret, and the coronation address was by Justice George Warfield. The usual ceremony of crowning the young ladies by the successful knights was gone through with.

The audience was large notwithstanding the threatening character of the weather. The affair closed at night-fall on account of the rain.

Electric Railway Prospects.

There are some signs visible on the surface indicating the early completion of the electric railway between Baltimore and Ellicott City. Mr. Yakel, former president of the Columbia and Maryland, was engaged this week arranging the transfers of property along the line near here, preparatory to the final transfer of the road to its recent purchasers, the Consolidated Company. Mr. Yakel stated that amicable settlements had been made with all the objecting landowners along the route, and that nothing now was in the way of a legal transfer of all the property, and, according to the expressed intentions of the present owners of the line, work looking to the early completion of the line should begin soon, if not at once.

The Maine Monument Fund.

Mr. George J. Gould, treasurer of the Maine Martyrs' Monument Fund, acknowledges the receipt of funds forwarded him by Dr. L. M. Shipley, at the same time expressing to the scholars the thanks of the Committee "for their generous contribution to the Memorial to the men who went down with the Maine." The blanks containing the signatures of the children were received in good order and will be placed under the monument in a vault that will be accessible at all times to the signers. Names of all such will be arranged by states and counties for easy reference.

Barn Burned.

Fire Saturday destroyed a large barn on the farm of Jean C. Havez, near Jessup's, in this county, together with a stable and the contents of both buildings. The barn contained a large quantity of oats and straw and in the stable were some farm machinery and harness. The fire was discovered at an early hour in the morning. The loss is about $1,000, partly covered by insurance. Ben-Hur, a valuable three-year-old colt, which was rescued from the burning stable, was slightly burned. All the other horses were saved by a colored man.

Stove Upset by a Blast.

Mr. Matthew Powers for a week or more past has been endeavoring to sink a well at the rear of his residence, on Main street here. The rock is the hardest kind of granite and it has required severe blasting. Directly over the well is the family kitchen and on Saturday when a blast was let off this portion of the house was very nearly wrecked. The kitchen stove, which had fire in it, was upset and a blaze started. The fire was extinguished without much trouble.

Local and Miscellaneous.

Forty Hours Devotion, peculiar to Catholic Churches, was begun at St. Mary's church, Doughoregan Manor, last Sunday and continued until Tuesday. The ceremonies and singing were all done by seminarians and students who are spending their vacation at the college. They were very impressive. Solemn high mass was said on each of the days by the pastor, assisted by two priests from the college. Afterwards the sacrament was exposed all day and was visited by a large number of people.

The lawn fete, under the auspices of the St. Cecelia Reading Circle, which was to have been held at Forty Acres, Tuesday night, was prevented by the rain and transferred to the New Assembly Room Wednesday night. The attendance was large and the occasion one of real enjoyment. The Circle realized handsomely from the sale of refreshments and fees for dancing. The affair kept up until the small hours of the morning.

Another letter has been received from Herbert L. Crook, of the United States cruiser Raleigh, at Manila. Mr. Crook's home is at Hood's Mill, Md. He states, among other things: "Our troops arrived yesterday, about 5,000 strong, and it will not be long before the United States will own this island, if Admiral Dewey and his men have anything to do with it. The Charleston also arrived yesterday, ready for action."

Special Agent Frederick E. Bach, of the rural free mail delivery department, was in Ellicott Monday, his object being to inspect and re-arrange the several routes from this office. It is stated that Inspector Bach will equalize as near as possible the difficult routes so that each of the four carriers may have the same amount of territory to cover in distributing the mails.

A movement has been started in the county with the view of securing the annulment of Mr. James F. Melvin's commission as justice of the peace. Petitions to the governor requesting such action have been forwarded. The ground for the petition is to the effect that Mr. Melvin is under bail to answer for participation in the lynching of Jake Henson.

Brother Dennis, brother director of Calvert Hall College, Baltimore, who was president of Rock Hill College, this city, from 1878 to 1893, and who has been at St. Joseph's Hospital for some time past, suffering from general prostration, brought about by the heat and overwork, is improving daily and will soon be about again.

Read the notice elsewhere relating to the work of the Red Cross auxiliary society here. While the war may be practically at an end as far as the fighting is concerned, there are a large number of sick among the over 200,000 soldiers in the field and the demand for proper hospital supplies is likely to remain urgent for some time.

The annual retreat of the Brothers of the Christian schools began Monday at Rock Hill College. The visitors will remain about two weeks, during which time they will receive special instruction from the provincial of the order and also listen to special sermons from prominent clergymen.

The traction engine belonging to William O'Neill broke down the bridge crossing the Middle River on the Vineyard road, on Friday of last week. No one was hurt and the engine was very little, if any, damaged by the accident. The bridge was built about eight years ago.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Relay Methodist Episcopal Church gave a lawn fete on Wednesday night. Among those taking part were Misses Bessie Eccleston, Emily Davis, Fanny Cook, Florence Davis, Lena Armstrong, Miss Burton, Mrs. H. W. Armstrong, Mrs. Griest.

Mr. Henry O. Devries was found on his farm, near Marriottsville, in an unconscious condition on Monday. He had gone out for a stroll and not appearing for several hours a member of his family went in search of him. His condition has improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, residing near Muirkirk, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Minnie, to Mr. DeW. H. Donaldson, of Laurel, on August 16. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents.

A straw-ride was tendered a party of young ladies of Ellicott City by the young men on Thursday night. The route taken was in the direction of Baltimore taking in Catonsville and other points of interest. They reached home at 12.30.

Another grand picnic will be given by the young men at Jonestown, on Wednesday, August 17, commencing at 4 P. M. There is a large pavilion and music will be furnished by Jason's orchestra. Refreshments served on the grounds.

The board of managers of the Second Hospital for the insane at Springfield, held its regular monthly meeting at the hospital Wednesday. The board made a careful inspection of the hospital, and reported it in a good condition.

Mr. M. Wilson Brown, of Ellicott City, is representing the Bankers' Life Insurance Company of New York. The special features of this company are, it is purely mutual, policy-holders share in the profits and low premiums.

The Carroll county school board has confirmed the appointment of Margaret A. Carter as teacher of the public school at Woodbine, and Robt. T. Shugars at Mt. Airy. The fall term of the schools will begin on September 12th.

Howard Barnes, a twelve-year-old boy, of this county, who was committed to the House of Refuge by Justice Frey, on the charge of being incorrigible, was taken to that institution Friday last by Sheriff Charles D. Pickett.

The granite building on Main street here, formerly used for the postoffice, belonging to the heirs of the late James Mathews, was sold Monday at public auction for $900, Thomas H. Hunt being the purchaser.

The Clarksville picnic of 1898 carries the record for success among all the annual picnics there. The various stands were conducted by the ladies and gentlemen in charge with machine-like precision.

Charles C. Macgill and Richard G. Macgill, executors, have reported to the Baltimore Orphans' Court that the personal estate of the late Patrick Macgill is valued at $83,457.44, and the real estate at $6,250.

Mrs. Josh. Cronmiller, Mrs. Kate Watkins and Miss Eliza Cronmiller are at Marshall Hall in the Blue Ridge mountains and will also visit White Sulphur Springs before their return in September.

An all-day basket picnic and reunion, under the auspices of Freedom Lodge, No. 112, A. F. and A. M., will be held on Hotel Heights, Sykesville, Friday, August 26, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.,

Misses Bessie Metcalf and Camelia Flower and Messrs. William and Richard Metcalf, of Germantown, Pa., are the guests of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Gilbert E. Flower, near Alpha, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Countess and son, and Miss Estelle Gallaher, of West Baltimore, are spending several weeks with the family of Mr. John Kuhn, at "Clairvaux," Ilchester Heights.

Typhoid fever is reported to be prevalent in the vicinity of Sykesville, both in Howard and Carroll counties. Mr. Robert Carter, a merchant of Sykesville, is seriously ill with the disease.

Clement Pratt, colored, was on Saturday sentenced to serve a term of thirty days in jail, having been convicted on the charge of selling liquor on the colored camp ground near here.

Judge Morris has appointed George Forbus, of Annapolis, referee in bankruptcy in the United States Court for Anne Arundel, Howard and Prince George's counties.

There will be no services at Old Christ Church, near Guilford, next Sunday, August 14, as the rector, Rev. Wm. Painter, has gone to New York for a week's vacation.

As well be seen by the call elsewhere given in this issue, the Democratic primaries in this county will be held on September 3, and the county convention on September 6.

The Lisbon M. E. Sunday school will hold its annual picnic in Mr. Owings' grove, on Thursday afternoon, August 18th. Refreshments will be sold for the benefit of school.

The directors of School No. 5, Sixth district of this county, known as Welch's school house, have elected Mr. F. A. Brown as teacher. There were several applicants.

Don't forget the tournament at Scaggsville on Tuesday, August 16, postponed from the 10th on account of the rain on that day. See hand bills for further particulars.

The last Legislature appropriated $1,500 to each county for manual training uses in the public schools where the conditions warrant the expenditure of the money.

The tournament at Hotel Heights, Sykesville, which was advertised for the 24th inst., has been changed to a day earlier—Tuesday the 23rd.

Mr. J. Malcolm Dorsey, who with Mr. John Warfield, has been spending the past week in the Alleghany Mountains, will return next Monday.

Miss Carrie Gambrill, of Baltimore, has returned home after spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. E. C. Scott, near Simpsonville.

The annual Sunday school picnic of Westwood M. E. Church will be held on Saturday, August 20, in the grove adjoining the church.

Mr. Zebedee Householder, of St. Denis, has been chosen chairman of the Republican State Central committee of Baltimore county.

Miss Florence Parlett has returned home after spending some weeks with her brother, Mr. Wm. D. Parlett, near Clarksville.

Mr. Charles A. Hartsock has been appointed postmaster at Morgan, Carroll county, in place of Charles S. Daver, removed.

Monday the Feast of the Assumption Mass will be said at the Manor at ten o'clock and at the same hour at Clarksville.

The attendance at Wesley Grove on Sunday numbered about 8,000 people, outside of the regular population.

Miss Bowie George, who has been spending some time in Virginia, has returned to her home near Columbia.

Mrs. Rebecca McCauley and daughter, Louise, of Washington, are spending some weeks at Mr. J. Parlett's.

Don't forget the grand tournament at Hotel Heights, Sykesville, on the 23rd inst., changed from the 24th.

Misses Fitcraft and Tucker, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. F. H. Bailliere, of this place.

Miss Kate Cronmiller and niece, of Laurel, are visiting Mrs. Jacob Parlett, near Simpsonville.

Miss Bab Stevens, of Fulton avenue, Baltimore, is visiting the Misses Parlett, of Howard county.

Misses Pauline and Nonie Mayfield, have returned home from a pleasant trip in the country.

Mr. Eugene Dennis, of Kent Island, spent several days of this week with his parents here.

Mr. Joseph Gilliam, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. R. A. Martin, of this place.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of John McDonald & Co., Sykesville.

Mr. Elmer M. Harn, of Baltimore, spent Sunday here with friends.

Farmers Taken in by a Photographer.

A number of persons in the upper section of Howard county are anxious, according to their statements, to ascertain the whereabouts of a stranger representing himself to be a photograph dealer, with whom they had business transactions some time ago.

The man, it is claimed, called at the residences of a number of farmers and obtained a small photograph from members of the family, with the understanding that he would reproduce in its stead a large-sized photograph, promising to return it in a specified time. Those accepting the contract were required to pay 50 cents, with the further understanding that $1 in addition was to be paid on the delivery of the large picture. Those enlisting in the enterprise say they have waited long over the time limit for the promised pictures, and that all efforts to open a correspondence with the so called solicitor have so far proved fruitless.

They now belive, according to their accounts, that they have been imposed upon and that they have seen the last both of the photograph dealer and the 50 cents.

Cavalry Recruits.

Several new recruits have been added to the Howard county contingent of Cavalry Troop A. of the First Brigade, Maryland National Guard, under Capt. Joseph W. Shirly. The Howard county members of the company now are Stevenson White, Joseph H. Leishear, Jr., Louis T. Clark, James Hammond, Authur Ashton, Claud Acklen, Charles Fulton, W. S. Hinmon, James McMullen, S. Knox George, Frank Lee, R. Dorsey Williams, B. C. Sunderland, Jr., Edward M. Hammond, Harry Selling, James Snyder and W. Frank Herbert. There will be a drill today (Friday) on the farm of Mrs Margaret Poland, near Ellicott City, under command of Lieut. Redmond C. Stewart. It is stated that an officer will be selected to conduct regular drills of the Howard county squad.

Tournament To Be at Scaggsville.

The tournament advertised to take place in Mr. M. F. Brown's grove, at Scaggsville, this county, on the 10th inst., was postponed on account of the rain to Tuesday, August 16, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., sharp. Every preparation has been made to furnish the public with a pleasant day. There will be amusements of all kinds and the day will be enlivened with music by the Savago Cornet band. There will also be good orchestral music for dancing. Mr. Louis T. Clark, of the Ellicott City bar, will deliver the charge to the knights; Hon. W. E. Linn the coronation address. See the hand bills for futher particulars.

A Sanitary Movement.

Health Officer, Dr. Thomas B. Owings, of Howard county, has recently issued a circular addressed to the residents and property-owners, in which he calls attention to the appearance of diptheria in this place.

The circular says: "All closets must be cleaned and limed, all filth removed, all nuisances kept out of the branch and every effort made to keep the town clean. The officers are instructed to enforce this order, and the citizens are requested to assist in making it thorough."

Thought to Have Been Stolen.

The Catonsville authorities are looking for a colored man who is supposed to have stolen a horse and buggy from the neighborhood of Ellicott City. The man offered the horse to a number of boys, it is said, for fifty cents. James Stoddard, believing the animal to be stolen, secured it from the negro and took it to Catonsville, where he notified the police. The negro promptly disappeared. The animal, a large bay mare, was attached to an old buggy,

Hot Time at Laurel Today.

A hot time is looked for in the Republican primaries at Laurel on Saturday (to-day.) Two tickets for delegates to the county convention at Upper Malboro have been placed in the field, one being a Mudd ticket and the other an unpledged ticket. Captain William Potter is likely to be a prominent figure in the primaries. Captain Potter, who is now an officeholder in Washington, is supporting Mudd.

The best medicine you can take is that which builds a solid foundation for health in pure, rich blood—Hood's Sarsaparilla.

OBITUARY.

FALLON.

Mrs. Mary A. Fallon, a well-known resident of the First district, widow of the late Michael Fallon, of this county, died on the 5th inst. at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. James W. Crook, of heart trouble, aged seventy-six years. Two children, by her former husband, Mr. Charles Quinn, survive her. She was a member of the Catholic church. The funeral took place on Monday from St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Elkridge Landing, at 8 o'clock A. M. Undertaker Easton, of Ellicott City, had charge.

RIDGELY.

Mrs. Mary R. Ridgely died Friday morning at her home, 1012 Cathedral street, Baltimore. She was the widow of David Ridgely, and before her marriage was Miss Granville, of Baltimore. She was the mother of the late Mrs. Frank Brown, wife of Ex-Governor Brown, who is at present abroad with his two children, Miss May Brown and Frank Brown, Jr., who are the only living descendants of Mrs. Ridgely. She had been in ill health since her husband died about two years ago. Her funeral took place at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the interment was made in Greenmount Cemetery.

GAITHER.

SYKESVILLE, Aug. 10.—It is with sincere sorrow that we have to announce the death of Mr. Chas. W. Gaither which occurred on Sunday morning last, at his home near here. He was in his 46th year. Mr. Gaither's death was truly a sad one. With a strong and vigorous constitution, of the very best habits, and wrapped up in his profession, that of farming, it was not until six years ago that symptoms of heart trouble appeared. This did not become alarming until six weeks ago. Then growing daily in magnitude he continued against the remonstrances of his physician, family and friends, to stand at his post to the very evening before his death. Quiet and somewhat reserved in his manner, he was ever kind and charitiable. In disposition he was cheerful and at his now sorrowing home he strove to do all that a kind and good husband and loving father could do. But all these tender ties that bound him to life, home, friends and neighbors, have been broken and in their place came death. He leaves a widow and one child, a bright boy of eight summers. His funeral took place from St. James' Church, interment being made in Mt. View cemetery. The deceased was a nephew of Mr. Gideon Sunderland and cousin of Messrs Jas. H. and Wm. K. Gaither, of Ellicott City.

BROWN.

Mrs. Henry Brown died near Gray's Sunday, aged 27 years. Funeral took place from Emory M. E. Church, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Wm. Rogers, officiating. The deceased was from Virginia, and was married about two years ago. She is survived by her husband and an infant daughter.

GAYLEARD.

Died, on Thursday, George Gayleard, in the 78th year of his age. The funeral will take place today (Saturday) at 2 P. M., from the residence of his brother-in-law, J. William Crawford, near Ellicott City.

JONES.

Florence, the 18-month old child of Charles Jones, of this city, died Sunday afternoon Interment in St John's Cemetery on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Destructive Fire at Mt Airy.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock Tuesday night, Mt. Airy, Carroll county, was visited by a fire which threatened the destruction of the entire town. The flames originated in the building occupied by the Mt. Airy Messenger, a weekly newspaper published by Harry W. Lewis, and spread to adjoining buildings on both sides. The flames soon raged so fiercely that the fire department at Frederick was telegraphed for but by the time the engine, which had been loaded on a car, reached the Junction, word was sent that the fire was under control. The loss will aggregate nearly $20,000 as follows:

J. B. Runkles, loss, $3,500 on building; insurance, $500.

A. H. Runkles, loss, $5,500 on stock; insurance, $4,000.

Jones & Co., bankers, loss, 1,500 on building; insurance; $1,000.

Anderson & Co., loss, $1,500 on building and stock; insurance, $1,000

Dr. Wm. Hopkins, loss $500 on stock; insurance, $400.

Fritz Luba, loss, $600 on stock; insurance, $500

L. B. Norwood, loss, $800 on stock; insurance, $500.

Prudence Masonic Lodge lost $25 worth of funiture, fully insured.

On the following losses there was no insurance.

C. E. Mullinix, $500 on stock and building.

E. M. Molesworth, $2,000 on stock and buildings.

R. Browning, $400 on fixtures.

The fire is said to be the work of an incendiary.

The County School Board.

There not being a full board present Thursday of the Howard County School Commissioners, the election of counsel to the Board is still left unsettled. Commissioner Henry O. Devries, was unable to attend, and the other two members, Messrs. Shreeve and Selby, were unwilling to make the appointment of counsel in the absence of a full Board. The applicants for counsel are Mr. Daniel M. Murray, the present incumbent; Col. George W. King and State's Attorney Joseph D. McGuire. In consequence of Commissioner Devries' absence, the newly-appointed treasurer and examiner, Mr. Philip T. Harman, deferred taking formal charge of his office. Dr. Luke M. Shipley, his predecessor, gave notice that he was prepared to hand over the office to the new appointee.

List of Unclaimed Letters Remaining in Ellicott City Postoffice, August 12, 1898.

Miss Rosey Jones, Dr. C. W. Reid, Miss Alice R. Williams.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

HAMILTON OLDFIELD, P. M.

SCAGGSVILLE.

SCAGGSVILLE, Aug. 11.—The tournament which was to have come off here yesterday was postponed until next Tuesday, 16th inst., on account of the rain which visited this section.

A dance was held here at the residence of Mr. C. A. Scaggs on Wednesday night and a good time was enjoyed by all present, among whom were: Misses Julia and Carrie Lowa, of Philadelphia; Miss Pearl Harding and Miss Ella Giddings, of Fulton; Misses Ella Souder, Minnie Scaggs, Messrs. Allen Scaggs, Edgar Souder, Guy Haines, Joseph Harding, William Harding, Arthur Scaggs, Adolph Obenland, Archer Brown and Bernard Giddings.

Mr. Luther Iager, who has been sick with malarial fever, has recovered.

Mrs. Tena Hazel and daughter, Miss Laura, of Washington, are visiting relatives here. A. O.

ALPHA.

ALPHA, Aug. 10.—Miss Effie L. Musser is now visiting in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Holliday H. Stansfield is convalescent.

Miss Lillie Hobbs, one of Baltimore's popular teachers, is now visiting her cousins, Misses George and Jessie Hobbs.

Mrs. Jos. R. Musser has one of the finest specimens of successful night blooming Ceres. At one time the plant bore twenty flowers of equal size and beauty.

Miss Nanie Maxwell, of Lancaster, Pa., is visiting the family of Mr. T. C. Maxwell.

Miss Maude Grant has returned from a week's visit to Baltimore. X-RAYS.

The syrups at Dr. Isaac J. Martin's Sons' fountain are almost endless in number and the fruit flavours are all made from the juice of the fruit not artificial. tf

OELLA NOTES.

The Baltimore County School Commissioners have awarded the contract for the new building for School No. 4, about one and a quarter miles east of Oella, on the old Frederick road. The contract was awarded to John Hughes, Jr. The building will be built on a portion of the Coblentz estate. It will be constructed of brick, will be fifty feet long by twenty-five feet six inches wide, and will contain two rooms, each 24x22 feet, and a teachers' room. The lot cost about $400, and the building will cost something less than $1,400. Mr. John Upton is principal of the school.

The mills here shut down on Tuesday to make necessary repairs and will resume operations again in a week or ten days. During the shut down a new turbine water wheel and a new forbay will be put in at Mill No. 2, and the mill race is being widened six feet in a number of places to increase the water supply for the mills. A large number of the operatives have gone away to visit relatives and friends at a distance.

The will of the late James Dykes, of Oella, was admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court at Towson on Tuesday. He leaves all his property to his wife, Mary Dykes, for two years, at the end of which time Mrs. Dykes and her two sons, James A. Dykes and Walter W. Dykes, are to sell the property and divide the proceeds equally among testator's heirs.

Mr. Eli Edson, of Laurel, and Mrs. Sarah E. Morris, of Oella, were married at the parsonage of the M. E. Church, Ellicott City, by the Rev. Wm. Rogers, on the 3rd inst. After the ceremony they left for Laurel, their future home. The boys of the place gave them the usual tin pan serenade on their way to the train.

Miss Mary J. Lowe, accompanied by her niece and nephew, Miss Mamie and Master Sheridan Lowe, who have been spending two weeks here with relatives, left for Delta, Pa., on Thursday, where she will spend some time with her brother, Mr. William Lowe.

Mr. James N. Munroe and daughter, Miss Lilian, of Windsor Heights, and Miss Ella Didenhoover, of Baltimore, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. David H. VanOrder, of Westchester avenue.

For assaulting Mr. Michael Donohue last Sunday morning, Mr. Adam Ament on Monday had a hearing before Justice Mooney and the case was settled by Mr. Ament paying the costs—$2.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Donaldson had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bosley and Mrs. Florence Bosley and Maggie Parego, of Woodberry.

Messrs. Nicholas Jones, Jr., William France, Wilbur Welch and Misses Blanch Evans, Dora Hobson and Irene Clements spent Wednesday at Tolchester.

Misses Adela and Grace Conrad are spending a week with relatives in Frederick. Miss Flora Gaugh is also the guest of relatives at the same place.

Mrs. Susie Pattie, who has been visiting Mrs. E. L. Pattie here for the past two weeks, has gone to Washington, D. C.

Messrs. Charles F. Beckett and Albert Clements attended the unveiling of the Key Monument at Frederick on Tuesday.

Mr. Albert Leister and family left on Tuesday for Laurel, where they will be the guests of relatives for a week.

Mr. R. M. Davis, of Baltimore, came out Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. David G. VanOrder.

Mr. Benj. Robinson, Wm. Lilly and Misses Rhoda Barker and Edna Gray spent Sunday at Gwyn Oak.

Mr. William Keigler and family, of Baltimore, spent Sunday here with Mr. Keigler's parents.

Mrs. Bodie Peach and family, of Granite, spent Sunday here with the family of Mr. John Murphy.

Mrs. Mary Leather and daughter, of Frederick, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Godfrey.

Miss Annie Lowe, of Baltimore, has been spending the week here with relatives.

Mr. Daniel Hewitt has secured a position on the street cars in Baltimore.

Miss Mamie Ware is spending some time at Towson with her parents.

Mr. Joseph H. Holmes and family visited Emory Grove Camp Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Gray and son, Frank, visited Wesley Grove Camp Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Huff, Jr., is visiting friends at Charlestown, W. Va.

ROVER.

ROVER, August 8.—The beautiful camp grounds, better known as Wildwood Park, Mt. Airy, were visited Sunday by hundreds of people; quite a number from Howard and Frederick counties were in attendance. The day was made an enjoyable one, and the several services were interesting, well attended, and the music is considered excellent. The heat was slightly oppressive, but toward evening, the refreshing breeze, a clear blue sky, the meetings and pleasant chats with old friends, made one forget almost that during August, the hot weather must reign supreme. Monday night closed the camp.

The M. E. Tent Meeting, above Cooksville, began yesterday morning, when the Rev. W. W. Costin preached an edifying sermon to a large congregation. The service in the evening was short, very good, and the attendance fairly good considering the many other camps now in progress. During the evening meeting the folks were informed of the sudden illness of Mr. John T. Porter. He has our earnest prayers for a speedy recovery. Now, folks, take an interest in the work and come help to swell the crowd and think whom you working for.

The sixteenth instant, at McKendree Church, will be the scene of a pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Carrie, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, to Mr. Harry Warthen. The ushers are. Messrs. Fred Everett and Edgar Powers.

The roads in this county are now in a good condition, which makes driving delightful.

Rev. E. E. Shipley and family are away for a trip of several weeks.

Mrs. William Doig and children are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Stephen R. Musgrove, after which they will return to their home in New Jersey.

Mr. Albert Dorsey has recently withdrawn his membership from the Cooksville Croquet Club, to devote all his time improving the farm he purchased last spring.

The Farmers' Club Tournament was decidedly the best one that has been given for years. It was well attended by folks from far and near. The charge to the knights was very good, it being delivered by Mr. Harry Hobbs, secretary of the club. R. MCQ.

ANNAPOLIS JUNCTION.

Miss Belle Carr, of Baltimore, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Neal, last week.

Miss Bertha McCauley, who has been spending some time at Berwyn, as the guest of Miss Ada Frost, has returned to her home.

Miss Carrie Gates, of Annapolis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Brady, of this place.

Mr. Harry McCauley, of Newport News, Va., is home on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. McCauley.

Miss Rosa Rebecca Brady, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Brady, of this place, died suddenly on Saturday morning, July 30, at 9 o'clock. The funeral took place on Sunday at 3 P. M. from All Saints' P. E. Church. The remains were interred in Savage Cemetery. The Rev. T. A. Johnstone, of St. Philip's Church, Laurel, conducted the services. Although Miss Brady had been sick a little over a week with typhoid fever, her case was considered a slight form of the disease, and at the time when family and friends thought she was convalescing, the fatal termination of her illness came. Her death has cast over the entire community a gloom which had not been experienced for years as she was beloved by all. The bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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GLENWOOD.

Pleasant Meeting of a Mite Society—Neighborhood Personals.

GLENWOOD, August 10.—On Tuesday afternoon the Presbyterian Mite Society met at "Longwood," the old homestead of the Warfield family, and were beautifully entertained by the hostess, Miss Louisa V. Warfield, who is the beloved president of the society. The Mite Society was well represented, as the business transacted was of unusual interest to all. After the president had called the meeting to order, she presented the Rev. J. J. Duncan with a horse, buggy and harness as a gift from his two congregations, "Harmony" and "Longwood Chapel," Presbyterian churches. Mr. Duncan accepted the gift in a very graceful manner, and thanked them in quite a neat little speech. It was a great pleasure to all present to once more hear the voice of our much loved former pastor, Rev. Dr. T. J. Shepherd, raised in prayer, and to find him well enough to mingle with us all. The program was varied and interesting, including musical and literary selections. Miss Lizzie Dorsey made a good deal of mirth by a capitally selected piece, entitled "Wanted, a Minister's Wife," and the selections on the banjo as rendered by Mr. Whelen Cushing, of Baltimore, were much enjoyed by all. Refreshments were then served by a number of the young ladies present, and consisted of ice cream, delicious sherbert and quite a variety of cake. All agreed that this was one of the most enjoyable meetings held this year. Among the visitors from a distance were; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Knowles, Philadelphia; Miss Mary W. Horner, Chester, Pa.; Mrs. Clinton G. Morgan, Mrs. Asbury Morgan, Miss Bessie Edwards, Baltimore; Mrs. Zitzer, of Carlisle, Pa; Mrs. Wright, of Philadelphia; and Miss Effie McCarthy, of Washington, D. C.

Among the guests of the neighborhood are: Miss Mary W. Horner, of Chester, Pa; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Knowles, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Clinton G. Morgan, two children and nurse, who are visiting at "Bloomsburg," the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Stinson.

Misses Julia and Mabel Thomas, of Philadelphia, are visiting at "Inwood," the home of Mr. Gustavus Warfield.

ELKRIDGE AND VICINITY.

ELKRIDGE, Aug. 10.—A lawn fete under the auspices of St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Rev. Francis P. Doory, pastor, was held on the beautiful grounds of Mr. J. H. Schaub, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The grounds were illuminated by electric lights from the wires on the Washington road. A large dancing platform was built and notwithstanding the extreme heat, the young people tripped the light fantastic until the finish. Messrs. Jos. F. Burns, W. and J. Tranior and Jos. Cassidy were the committee in charge. Messrs. J. H. Schaub, John F. Kyne and Jos. Sandman had charge of the wheel of fortune and did a rushing business.

Mrs. Frank Murphy, Mrs. Martin Burke, Mrs. J. H. Schaub, Mrs. Henry Cook, Mrs. Uncles and Mrs. Chas. Hubbard, supplied the delicacies at the supper table; Mrs. Lawrence Gill and Miss Mary Nolker, confectionery; Mrs. Hudson, ice cream, and Misses Kate Burns, Kitty Gill, Bessie Devan and Lizzie Nolker, the sodality table.

It is reported that one of our young business men will soon lead one of our most charming daughters to the altar.

Our village blacksmith has turned his attention to poetry and contributes the following, entitled

BLANCO'S MULE.

Oh! Sampson, where'd you learn to shoot
Those guns of Uncle Sam's, sir.
To kill a mule three miles or more
While bombarding Matan, sir?

Such shot was never known before,
But yet 'tis true we know, sir.
'Twas cabled all the way to Spain
By Blanco, we are told, sir.

It must have been his favorite mule,
His mascot, we are sure, sir,
And that is why it broke his heart
And made the Dons feel sore, sir.

To him it seemed a marvelous feat,
He could not understand, sir.
How the Yankee pigs could hit a mule
And not hit Fort Matan, sir.

The case to us is very clear,
As every one can see, sir:
The brave old mule he stood his ground
And did not run away, sir.

A brave old Yankee mule was he,
And raised out on our plains, sir,
And this is why he stood his ground
While the Dons all ran away, sir.

If he had been a Spanish mule,
He would not then have died, sir:
He'd done as all the Spanish did,
He'd run away and hide, sir.

So now the case to you is clear,
No doubt you understand, sir.
The reason why he stood his ground
Because he was a Yank, sir.

COOKSVILLE.

COOKSVILLE, August 10.—Quite a large crowd attended the tent meeting Sunday. In the morning Rev. W. W. Costin delivered a rousing sermon on "The Ways of the Devil." Many of his hearers were thoroughly aroused over some of his pointed remarks. The evening service was conducted by Rev. Wm. Curley, and was well attended.

Mr. Goedfrey Snyder, of Alpha, was the guest of Miss Mertle Hobbs, Friday last.

Mr. George McComas and Master Austin McComas, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. W. S. Robb.

Miss Carrie Hobbs returned home Saturday after a pleasant trip of two weeks to Washington, D. C. A friend, Mr. Bowman, accompanied her, and spent Sunday.

One of the most attractive visitors in the community this season, is Miss Leister, of Baltimore, now the guest of Mrs. E. F. Frizzell, of Rover. She has been the recipient of much attention from the young folks of the neighborhood, many social gatherings having been given in her honor. It is hoped her visit will be a long one.

Miss Eva Leamon, of Lisbon, is the guest of Miss Carrie Hobbs, this week.

Mr. John O. Porter, who has been quite sick at his home, is improving slowly.

Mr. G. William Robb spent several days in Baltimore recently.

Miss Julia Hobbs, of Rover, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford Hobbs, near Cooksville.

Last week we read that Mr. Dorsey, of Rover, frequently takes his (gentlemen) friends for a dr