BUILDINGS ERECTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT

Home for the Interior Department and Bureaus Under Its Direction.

WINGS TO PATENT OFFICE AUTHORIZED MARCH 3, 1849

Pension Office for Long Period Quartered in Winder Building—Other Structures Rented.

BY JAMES CROGGON.

No. 5.

The act of March 3, 1849, authorizing the new Home or Interior Department, conferred powers of supervision and appeals on the new Secretary over the general land, patent, Indian affairs and pension offices, and also over the census accounts, etc. These bureaus were somewhat scattered, the land office in the third story of the Treasury, the patent office in its own building, the Indian affairs in the War Department and the pension bureau in the Winder building. The last named building was erected on the site of the old yellow printing office of Alexander & Bernard, by Charles H. Winder, about the time the bill was passed. He first rented it to the government for the accommodation of such offices as could not find accommodations in the department buildings. After paying nearly $90,000 in rent, the government purchased the building in 1855 for $200,000. It is still in possession of the government, and has been enlarged.

The patent office having less than half a dozen employes prior to 1836, when it was burned, had increased to about thirty clerks, and it then included the germ of the Department of Agriculture, the museums, etc. The Indian affairs were administered by about fifteen clerks. The pension bureau, located first in the War Department basement, with four or five clerks, had occupied rooms in a building opposite the department, before taking rooms in Winder's building, with about twenty clerks.

Eighty Employes in Land Office.

The land office had about eighty employes, among them some who had entered the service as messengers and worked themselves up through all the clerical grades to the heads of bureaus. Some who entered the service at small salaries, not only reached prominent places in the departments, but after leaving the government employ were numbered among Washington's most wealthy citizens. In one case, W. J. Sibley, a messenger at $750 per year, became known to the general public as a philanthropist, a hospital endowed by him bearing his name. Others rose in political life, one, William H. English, serving in Congress from 1853 to 1861, and in 1880 becoming a candidate for Vice President. Some of the "lame ducks" of the House found places as government clerks.

The government had no building for the new department, but at the time the crowded condition of the Treasury having made rental necessary, a building on the southwest corner of 15th and F streets, occupied by some of the Treasury clerks, after the accommodation. The new Secretary found a chief clerk was provided for, but the other clerks were detailed from the several bureaus named ,and the Secretary employed half a dozen others on his own responsibility, looking to the approval of Congress. D. C. Goddard was the chief clerk, and a young man from Ohio was placed in charge of the appointment desk. It was customary for him to file letters asking for places, and letters of indorsement, in the pigeonholes.

Abraham Lincoln an Applicant.

Among the applicants for the position of commissioner of the general land office was Abraham Lincoln, whose term as a representative in Congress had just expired. One of the clerks many years ago told the writer that in a little time Mr. Lincoln had filed so many letters with his application as to make it necessary to provide a special receptacle for them on the op of the desk; that Mr. Lincoln called daily with a number of letters and cheerily greeted them with "Good morning, gentlemen; here are some more to add to the pile." Then he would reach his long arm over and drop them into the box.

After a few weeks, when Gen. Ewing was attending a cabinet meeting, a messenger called for the papers on file for this appointment. The clerk hastily did the papers of each applicant up into bundles, and, whether intentionally or by carelessness, he bundled up only a small portion from Mr. Lincoln's box. These were sent to the President and the result was unfavorable to Mr. Lincoln.

Learning of this, he went to the President and asked if he had seen certain letters and received the reply that he had not. He thereupon called on the Secretary who at once inquired into the matter and found many letters that had not been sent to the President. The Secretary, who at once inquired into once transferred the young clerk to a land office out west. He wanted Mr. Lincoln to accept some other position, but the offer was declined.

"I have often thought," said the old clerk, "that the young man did a good deed for the American people, accidentally or otherwise, for had Mr. Lincoln become commissioner of the land office he most likely would never have been President. But few occupants of that office can serve their full terms without making enemies.

Secretary Ewing Resigns.

Mr. Ewing continued as Secretary until after the death of President Taylor, when he resigned. Ex-Senator Pearce of Maryland declined the position and Chief Clerk Goddard acted for a few weeks until Mr. McKennan of Pennsylvania was confirmed. The latter, however, served but a few days in August, and Mr. Goddard again became the ad interim Secretary till September 15, 1850, when A. H. Stuart of Virginia became Secretary and served to the end of the administration.

On the same date, March 3, 1849, the organization of the department was authorized, and appropriation was made toward the erection of the wings to the patent office and but little was expended during the year. This appropriation of $50,000 was followed by others, and in the following year more than $100,000 was expended on the construction.

While the east wing was being erected the office of Secretary of the Interior was separated from the bureaus, but the Secretary proposed that the department should establish its head in this building as soon as there were accommodations therefor. This use was sanctioned by the act of September 30, 1850. The patent office, however, was growing at a rapid rate, and the law at that time calling for models with applications for patents, made it necessary to secure room for them. The further claim was made that the patent office was not only self-supporting, but was accumulating a large surplus, and that if the department moved in there would be no room for that office. Congress, however, thought otherwise and made appropriations for the department, and also an appropriation for the erection of the west wing. The department moved into the east wing, which had been completed about 1853.

Location of Indian Office.

Soon after the Indian office was moved from its quarters in the Winder building to a building on the east side of 7th street between E and F streets. The continuation of the west wing of the department building was authorized by act of August 31, 1852, and the erection of the north front by the act of 1856. The whole was about completed in 1868, costing in round figures two and a half million dollars. Owing, however, to a change of grade which placed the south entrance high up in the air, a further expenditure of about $350,000 was required. Before the building was entirely taken up for government purposes the uses made of some portions were varied. Long before the entire court was inclosed the Maryland Cadets, a crack military company of Baltimore, held an encampment about the center of the square. There was also held there in the fifties a fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute. Rhode Island troops in 1861 were quartered here, and in 1865 Lincoln's second inaugural ball took place in the east model saloon. The west wing was completed about 1855 and soon thereafter the land office moved from the twenty-six rooms it had occupied in the third story of the old Treasury building.

Other Public Buildings.

The extension of the post office on the northern portion of the square was authorized by the act of March 3, 1855, and the work was continued through war times until about 1866, costing nearly one and three-quarter millions of dollars. It housed that department with its auditor until the erection of the new building south of the Avenue between 11th and 12th streets, covering the entire square.

The extension of the Treasury was authorized by the act of March 3, 1855, and the work extended over the war period, costing somewhat over six millions of dollars. The old State Department there was demolished and the erection of the State, War and Navy building blotted out the two executive buildings remaining.

HYATTSVILLE.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

HYATTSVILLE, July 3.—Hyattsville has a real live citizens' association and the association has a hustling president in John N. Wilson. Stenographic notes of the proceedings are taken by E. R. Burn, the enterprising secretary. The real cause for the organization is found in the fact that the common council was thinking seriously of increasing the tax rate from 75 to 85 cents on the $100. At the initial meeting of the association a committee composed of the president, Mr. Wilson; W. H. Anglin and Charles W. Clagett, was named to present to the town fathers reasons why the rate should not be increased, and after the committee had presented its arguments an order was passed by the authorities fixing the rate at 75 cents. First victory for the citizens' association.

The next important step was to appoint J. Frank Lillard and Frank M. Stephen a committee to prepare the necessary papers for incorporating the association, the attorneys offering their services free of cost. At the second meeting, held Wednesday evening, over fifty citizens were present and much enthusiasm manifested. The committee on constitution and by-laws, W. W. Pierce, chairman, was given further time to make report, and a committee composed of W. H. Anglin, W. W. Pierce and William P. Magruder appointed to secure a place for future meetings. The association will shortly begin discussing proposed amendments to the town charter.

Controller Emerson C. Harrington has written to Capt. O. A. Greager, commanding Company F, 1st Maryland Regiment, stationed here, that he will attend the company's celebration in Zantzinger's Park July 5. The controller, who is a candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination against Senator Blair Lee, will present a five-dollar gold piece each to the best drilled man in Company K of Silver Spring and Company F of Hyattsville. Mayor Edward Davis will be master of ceremonies, and Senator Lee will be the orator of the occasion. The controller will arrive in Prince Georges county early in the morning, and will be driven to Laurel and Beltsville in W. P. Magruder's automobile. Returning to Hyattsville he will visit Zantzinger's Park, and later go to Capitol Heights and Brentwood, returning to Baltimore on the 4 o'clock train.

Besides the gubernatorial candidates, all of the candidates for local offices will be on hand at the patriotic exercises to be held at various points in the county.

Pinkney Memorial Church edifice on Spencer street having recently been sold to J. Frank Rushe as a preparatory step toward the erection of a new memorial church to the late Bishop Pinkney, at the corner of Wine and Spencer streets, the last service will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The rector, Rev. Henry Thomas, will be assisted by Canon William L. DeVries of the cathedral, who will preach a memorial sermon on Bishop Pinkney, tomorrow being the anniversary of the bishop's death. Special music will be rendered with Mrs. H. H. McKee of Washington as organist. The soloists will be Miss Dorothy U. Galt and A. W. Tupper. Pending the completion of the new church building, work upon which will begin about August 1, services will be held in old St. Luke's Church, Bladensburg, where Bishop Pinkney was rector for several years.

Miss Emma Eaton Walker, the principal of the Capitol Heights public school, recently became a member of the Sarah Franklin Chapter, D. A. R., of the District of Columbia. The chapter, at its last meeting, learned of the fine record being made by the Capitol Heights school and was also informed that at the beginning of the next scholastic year the pupils would occupy a handsome new building. In view of these facts, the chapter decided to present to the school a flag for the new building and named its vice regent, Mrs. Edward S. Wolfe, wife of the cashier of the District National Bank, chairman of the committee to procure the flag and arrange for its presentation.

The country life conference which has been arranged by members of the faculty of the Maryland Agricultural College promises to be one of the most popular events of the summer, at least from the viewpoint of the ministers of the state for whose benefit it has been arranged. "It shows," remarked a prominent minister of Hyattsville to The Star man, "that Maryland is one of the few states which offers to its ministers of the gospel an opportunity to attend school and to take an active part in a conference planned for the purpose of putting them in closer touch with the problems of country life."

The first of the interdenominational conferences was held at College Park last summer under the auspices of the Maryland Agricultural College. It was attended by nearly 200 ministers of all denominations from practically every section of the state, conferring on problems of vital importance to the rural church under the leadership of recognized experts. It was the unanimous request of the clergymen that the conference be repeated this summer, and, through the efforts of President H. J. Patterson and the other members of the faculty it will be held this year, beginning with the school July 26 and ending August 3, and the conference will begin August 4 and continue three days.

The arrangements that have been completed are of such a nature as to appeal strongly to the ministers of the state, and it is certain that many of them will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the outing and at the same time become better acquainted with community and rural problems, as well as enabling them to preach the gospel in a more practical manner. During the eleven days of the school and conference the ministers will be quartered in the new dormitory building and will take their meals in the college dining room, and it is announced that practically all of the food prepared will be the product of the college farm. Some of the questions that will be presented for answer and for discussion will be: Is the church fulfilling its whole function? Should the minister be expected to assume leadership in other than spiritual matters? Can the college develop a happier country life, and do the college live up to its possibilities? The program for this year's conference includes rural sociology, which will be explained by Miss Anna B. Taft; rural economics, Prof. F. B. Bomberger; religious education, Rev. S. I. Mitman; agriculture, by the college faculty.

Miss Taft, who is a member of the Presbyterian board of home missions, was one of the favorites of the conference last summer. Her wide experience and thorough training make her a competent instructor. Prof. Bomberger of the college faculty is an expert on questions pertaining to the economic aspects of country life, while Dr. Mitman is in charge of the religious educational movement in this and several other states. The work in agriculture will be given by the specialists of the college and the adjoining experiment station. Other speakers will be Miss Emma Jacobs, director of domestic science in the Washington schools; O. B. Martin, director of the boys' club work in fifteen of the southern states, and Miss Annie M. Evans, who is a specialist in women's organizations. All are scheduled for special lectures for their particular line of work.

The building committee of the Hyattsville High School made an examination of the building and grounds Friday evening and agreed to accept the structure from the contractors, Burgess & Parsons, after a few minor repairs have been made. Prof. J. K. Morris is engaged in selecting his corps of assistants for the various features of the work. There is to be a department of domestic science and manual training. The enrollment next year will probably reach 115, and it is expected that in two years the capacity of the school will have been reached. Prof. Morris is a strong advocate of athletics in the school curriculum, and will attempt to arouse sufficient interest among the patrons of the school to justify the organization of an athletic association.

FALLS CHURCH.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., July 3.—The Falls Church Chapter, U. D. C., met Monday at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. Charles W. Lee. Mrs. J. E. Alexander of Alexandria, first vice president of the Virginia division, presided. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. H. H. Johnson; first vice president, Mrs. R. W. Birch; second vice president, Mrs. H. T. Paine; secretary, Mrs. Harry Thomas of Veitch station; treasurer, Miss Nellie Green; registrar, Mrs. Clarence Hirst; historian, Mrs. George Morton; delegates to state convention at Danville in September, Mrs. C. W. Lee and Mrs. H. T. Paine, with Mrs. A. G. Grinnan and Mrs. Donaldson alternates.

Among those from Falls Church attending the called conclave of Old Dominion Commandery at Alexandria Monday were M. E. Church, past patron of Acacia Chapter, and Mrs. Church; Mrs. A. H. Barbor, past matron; Mrs. John S. Garrison, matron, and George T. Mankin, patron.

Mrs. P. H. Smythe has returned from a two-week visit at Medina, N. Y.

Dr. J. R. Micou of Chestertown, Md., is the guest of his nephew, Gordon Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Smith of Mayaquez, Porto Rico, arrived this week, to be guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ballard.

Mrs. J. F. Turner, called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Walters, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Luttrell and baby of Washington are visiting Dr. S. S. Luttrell's home.

Horace Brown and his guest, Robert Johnson of Waverly, N. Y., spent Sunday at Mr. Brown's farm, near Purceilville.

S. J. Rinker has been spending a couple of weeks in Leesburg.

Miss Gladys Horner, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. F. Thornburg, has returned to her home in New Jersey.

St. James' Catholic Church held a festival Tuesday evening, which was largely attended.

H. Nathaniel Luttrell and sister, Miss Pearl, went to Atlanta to attend the inauguration of their uncle, Nathaniel Luttrell, as Governor of Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. L. Moncure left this week on a motoring trip. They will spend several days at Atlantic City and New York prior to the sailing of Mr. Moncure for Buenos Aires, where he will be located as attorney for an Argentine railroad company.

Mrs. Hannah M. Morsell has gone to Northfield, Mass., for the summer.

Miss Josephine Howard, teacher of the primary grades in the Falls Church schools, spent last week at the James Ormond Wilson Normal Training School, Washington, as an observer.

Miss Elizabeth H. Wamber of Collingswood, N. J., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph T. D. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Salsbury entertained the Tango Club at Gundry Hall Friday evening.

Miss Weston of Washington has been the guest of the Misses Davenport.

Miss Virginia Fellows entertained a large party of young friends at a birthday party Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ray Galpin and son, Allen, of Washington are spending a few days with Mrs. Galpin's sister, Mrs. W. T. Wescott.

Miss Nellie Green has as guest this week Miss Cosgarten, Mr. and Mrs. Handler, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley and Mr. Donman, all of Washington.

Mrs. L. Reed and daughters Lillian and Grace, Mrs. J. W. Garner and Miss Catherine Garner, Miss Helen Marshall and Miss Josephine Howard, with Messrs. Triplett, Foster, Keel, Gibson and Wheeler of Washington, spent last Sunday at Luray cave.

Mrs. H. E. Mott entertained the Monday Bridge Club this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eastman. Mrs. M. Desrochers won the prize.

Mrs. T. C. Quick represented several Falls Church clubs at a meeting called by the Vienna Current Events Club to consider the forming of a federation of Fairfax county clubs.

Mrs. Melton McDaniel and children of Newport News, Va., are the guests of Mrs. Mary McDaniel.

Miss Virginia Richardson, formerly of Falls Church, but now of Westerville, Ohio, is visiting Miss Catherine Byrne.

Mrs. Frank Edgington, secretary of young people's work of the Woman's Missionary Society in Washington, will address the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Presbyterian Chapel Sunday evening.

C. N. McGroarty of the Treasury Department, Washington, has gone to San Francisco to inspect the mint there. Mrs. McGroarty accompanied him, and they will visit relatives and attend the exposition.

Master Francis Hawxhurst Jerdone of Orange, N. J., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hawxhurst.

The Falls Church Lodge of Odd Fellows installed officers Thursday night. The ceremonies were conducted by C. S. Smith of Alexandria, district deputy grand master, who was accompanied by a large delegation of members of Potomac Lodge of Alexandria. The new officers are Alfred E. De Groot, noble grand; A. F. Swensen, vice grand; Thomas Hillier, recording secretary; George W. Hawxhurst, financial secretary, and S. H. Styles, treasurer.

HERNDON.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

HERNDON, Va., July 3.—At the recent meeting of the Herndon school board the following teachers were reelected: Mrs. Mary S. Moffett, principal of high school and normal training course; Misses Pearl A. Shreve of Dunn Loring and Ella Carter Hodgdon of Cumberland, Md., teachers in the high school; Misses Mary Douglas of Aldie, Edna M. Walker of Oakton, and Ethel McConkle, Lexington, teachers for the grades.

A petition has been presented to the town council asking for the stopping of the electric trains westbound before crossing Eldon street, or the placing of a watchman at the tracks.

Herndon Lodge, No. 84, Knights of Pythias, met Thursday and elected these officers: Chancellor commander, Kermin K. Keyes; vice chancellor, John Ryon; prelate master of work, Thomas Edgar Reed; keeper of records and seals, R. Harry Dutton; master of exchequer, David W. Bicksler; master of finance, Charles Spangler Cooper; master-at-arms, Harry D. Osgood; inner guard, Charles M. Burton; outer guard, A. J. Kennedy; representative to Grand Lodge, Thomas E. Reed; deputy grand chancellor, Charles M. Burton.

Past masters and members of Herndon Lodge, No. 204, A. F. and A. M., motored to Ashburn Saturday evening to attend the conferring of the third degree by Ashburn Lodge.

Herndon Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, met Friday night, Miss Nettie Pauline Bradshaw, matron, presiding.

George Cornwell died at his home near Forrestville Monday night. The funeral took place Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie D. Myers has returned from an extended stay in Philadelphia.

Farmers' Club, No. 4, meets Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. F. F. George for an all-day session.

Mrs. George Thomas Waite of Marion, Ala., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Russell A. Lynn.

The Music Study Club will be entertained Wednesday by Mrs. Waite. The life and compositions of the Hungarian composer, John Brahms, will be studied.

The government printing office team defeated the local team Saturday, this being its first victory over the Herndon boys. Today the "town boys" played Vienna on the local grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeil of Washington, formerly of Herndon, are spending a fortnight at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Huddleson, Herndon Heights.

Vernon Wrenn is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Wrenn, after an extended stay in the south.

George F. Harrison has filed a petition containing ninety-one names with his candidacy as supervisor.

The supreme court of Virginia has sustained the verdict of the Fairfax circuit court in the appeal of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway agt. Jackson's administrator. The appeal was from an award of $800 damages on account of the killing of Frank Jackson in July, 1913 by train; Jackson was apparently asleep when struck.

Col. Theodore Porter Kane and Mrs. Kane of Washington were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Scott Key-Smith.

Rev. B. W. N. Simms preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the Baptist Church Sunday, his resignation taking effect July 1. Mr. and Mrs. Simms leave shortly for Waynesville, N. C., where he will preach the dedicatory sermon for the new church there.

Mrs. Edwin Henry Mooney entertained at bridge Tuesday, in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Lloyd Foster Orrisin of Washington. Mrs. E. Barbour Hutchison won first prize and Mrs. T. Edgar Aud the consolation.

Miss Katie E. Spicer and Mr. Raymond Thornberry, both of Herndon, were married in Washington Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Thornberry will reside at The Pines, Herndon.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Robey last week motored to Braddock Heights, Md., where they attended the Pharmaceutical Association.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hupman, Mrs. Cook Hutchison, Mrs. Bernard Fox and Miss Moses Hutchison of Sterling were guests of friends here last week and attended the conference of Women's Organized Classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Altemus celebrated the first birthday anniversary of their son, Evans Strawn Altemus, Wednesday. Some of their guests from Washington were Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Altemus, Miss Mary Evans, Mrs. W. C. White and Miss Dorothy White, Mrs. Lewis Altemus, Harry and William Altemus.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Harry Bready and Miss Catherine Bready spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Altemus in Washington.

Russell Miller entertained a number of young friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his birthday.

Sebisco L. Chapin is spending some time at his former home in New York.

Miss Minnie Chapin has returned from a visit to Washington accompanied by Mrs. Chapin and Miss Frances Chapin.

Mrs. William S. Blanchard, Misses Marvin and Doris and Master William Washington are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Simonds, where they will be joined for the week end by Mr. Blanchard.

Frederick Walker, Misses Edith and Katherine Walker of Washington, are guests of Mrs. Thomas H. Walker.

Rev. Andrew G. Grinnan of Falls Church occupied the pulpit of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thompson and Floyd Thompson motored to Clarendon Sunday, where they were the guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rodier and family have removed to Wedderburn, where they will make their home.

Mrs. John McLaughlin entertained at bridge Monday afternoon, the prizes being won by Mrs. Lloyd Foster Orrison of Washington and Mrs. Orland A. Chamblin.

Mrs. Herndon of Stafford county has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin F. McGuire.

William Griffith of Poolesville, Md., and Cecil Connor of Leesburg were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. T. Edgar Aud.

Mrs. Carrie Ogilvie of Delaplane and Miss Mollie Weedon of Warrenton are spending some time with Mrs. Clarence Florance.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Ryan, Miss Lucy Morrison and Mr. Edward F. Moores of Washington were visitors during the past week at Elwardstone, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bready.

Rev. R. Ashland White of Henderson, N. C., paid a short visit this week to Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter of Dranesville and Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Harper of Herndon.

Andrew J. Whittaker and Miss Pauline Whittaker of Washington motored to Herndon, their former home, this week for a brief stay.

Mrs. Adelle Beauvais and Master Marcelle Beauvais of Washington have been guests of Mrs. Andrew G. Hutchison.

The engagement is announced of Miss Susan Bryant of New York, formerly of Herndon, and Robert Sedgwick Stangland of New York.

The Misses Merritt of Sparrows Point, Md., have been guests of the Misses Lee at Chantilly.

Those taking part in the Smith's Chapel children's day program were Misses Eunice Winston, Mildred Bradford, Leona Beach, Nellie, Rosa, Pearl and Elma Jones, Elsie Williams, May Costello, Ethel and Thelma Stover, Loraine Brockman, Blanche Poole, Delia, Mary and Margaret Ormsbee, Worthy Shafer, Edna Robey and Stella Bailey, and Masters Carey Matthews, George Jones, Fred, Edwin and Russell Heath.

Mrs. Elisha A. Kirk is making an extended visit to her former home in Kirkland, Ill.

The Fortnightly Club met Wednesday afternoon with the Misses Castleman for the study of Poland. Miss Maria R. Bready gave a short history of the country and Miss Anne Darlington a paper on "Poland and Her People." Mrs. William White sang and there was music and recitations by some of the visitors.

A social was given by the Young Peoples' Baptist Union at Mrs. Lynn's Wednesday evening, music and games being the features of the evening.

Mrs. Ellsgood and Miss Augusta White of Philadelphia, Oscar Freeny and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Freeny of Washington are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rider.

ROCKVILLE AND COUNTY.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., July 3.—The work of giving demonstrations before the canning clubs which are being formed among the public school girls of this county of the most approved methods of canning fruits and vegetables began yesterday before the club at Montrose, which numbers sixteen members. In addition to the members of the club there were present a number of women of the Montrose neighborhood and other places. The demonstration was done by Miss Mary E. Creswell, an expert from the United States Department of Agriculture, assisted by the county agent, Miss Isabel Kingdon of Rockville. Cherries, peas, beets, string beans and carrots were among the articles canned. Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Esterbrook, the demonstration was given on the lawn adjoining their summer residence.

Within the very near future similar demonstrations will be given before the clubs at Sandy Spring, Brookeville, Potomac, Travilah, Laytonsville, Derwood, Poolesville and Dickerson.

A large crowd from this county and the District of Columbia is expected to attend the races scheduled to be held at the fair grounds here Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society. Three events—2.15, 2.25 and 2.30 classes trots or paces—are on the program, and a large number of horses owned in Maryland and the District of Columbia have been entered. The first race will be called at 1 o'clock.

Sewerage System Accepted.

The sewerage system recently installed in Rockville at a cost of about $50,000 has been accepted by the town council and the property owners are now connecting their homes with the mains. The system was recently given a thorough test, and it is believed it will prove a success. The work of sinking another well so as to provide additional water supply made necessary by the sewerage system will be started within the next few days.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here during the week: Robert B. Peter, attorney, to Charles A. Kram, forty-five acres; Ella R. Plummer to Samuel R. Plummer, nine acres; Helen R. Howard to Kate Dorsey, two acres; George S. Krouse to James White, four acres; Ann E. Cunningham to Charles C. Cunningham, six acres; Samuel R. Plummer to Thomas Dorsey, three acres; Kate Dorsey to Thomas Dorsey, one acre; Raymond G. Brown to William O. Soper, five acres; James A. Henderson, attorney, to Josiah C. Stoddard, three acres; Arthur J. Houghton to Harry W. Houghton, lot at Glen Echo; John N. Kelly to Ruth E. Rucker, lot at Garrett Park; town of Takoma Park to Edward M. Douglass, three lots at Takoma; Walter S. Hoye to Charles J. Lyddane, lot in Rockville; John A. Leaman to Ella R. Holland, lot at Clarksburg; Berry E. Clark, treasurer, to Harriet Frieby, lot at Linden; Berry E. Clark, treasurer, to Harriet Frieby, lot at Woodmont; James R. Paxton to Richard Cunningham, lot at Woodmont; National City Real Estate Corporation to Frances A. M. Hopkins, lot at Edgewood; Alida V. Stone to Maude K. Brooks, lot at Garrett Park; Waddy B. Wood to Helen G. Minnegerode, lot.

Personal Intelligence.

Dr. Robert C. Warfield is spending a few days at Atlantic City.

Rev. Thomas A. Haughton-Burke, who recently resigned as rector of Christ Episcopal Church here, and Mrs. Haughton-Burke, left a few days ago for New York city.

Miss Charlotte Capers of Washington has been spending some time in Rockville as a guest of Mrs. Henry Bradley.

Miss Helen Packard of Baltimore has been visiting Miss Julia Fearon here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradley Carr left today for Chester, Pa., to spend some time visiting Mr. Carr's sister.

Miss Charlotte Dorsey of Washington was a recent guest of friends in Rockville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Beard entertained the Rockville Dancing Club at their home here Wednesday evening.

Mrs. William Buckingham and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Washington were recent guests of Miss Margaret Dawson here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Rowdybush and children of Kensington are on an extended automobile tour, expecting to be away several weeks.

Prof. Willis B. Burdette and Edwin W. Boone, county superintendent and assistant superintendent of public schools, respectively, spent the week at Ocean City, where they attended the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

Judge and Mrs. Edward C. Peter will leave Monday for Cape May, where Judge Peter will attend the anpual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Wellivers Give a Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson C. Welliver gave a dance a few evenings ago in the new barn on their farm near Rockville, their guests including a large number of young people from this vicinity, Washington and elsewhere.

Rev. James F. Mackin returned to Washington early in the week after spending several days in Rockville as a guest of Mayor and Mrs. Lee Offutt.

Mrs. Alice Bouic left yesterday to spend several weeks with her son, W. Garner Bouic, at Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Lillie Prettyman returned to Rockville early in the week after visiting friends in Baltimore.

Probably the most elaborate Fourth of July celebration ever staged in this county will be held at Kensington Monday afternoon and evening. It will begin at 5 o'clock with Boy Scout exercises, which will be followed by a parade of children, drills, addresses, vocal and instrumental music, fireworks and other features.

Mayor Edgar W. Moore, Cornelius W. Clum, president of the chamber of commerce; former Judge Stanton J. Peelle, and possibly former Senator Joseph W. Bailey will be among the speakers, and J. Dawson Williams will read the Declaration of Independence. The Engineers' Band of Washington will be in attendance.

The celebration was arranged by the Kensington Chamber of Commerce, assisted by prominent citizens of the town. The politicians, who are unusually numerous in Montgomery county just now, have been specially invited and are expected to be out in force.

KENSINGTON.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

KENSINGTON, Md., July 3.—Mrs. Clark has returned from a short visit to Washington and is entertaining Mrs. J. M. Longnecker, Mrs. F. M. Longnecker and Miss Zimmerman, who motored to Kensington from Delta, Ohio.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew held its monthly meeting at the home of Charles Davidson Friday evening, June 25. A short business meeting was followed by a social evening and refreshments were served. Among those present were Rev. Edward Callendar, M. O. Chance, John D. Williams, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Farrell and Sumner Collins.

Miss May Simpson of Washington, D. C., and Miss Mary Rumer of Rising Sun, Md., are the guests of Miss Sadie Kinnear.

Christ Church Sunday School held its annual picnic at Great Falls Tuesday.

Mrs. B. H. Warner entertained the members of the Women's Club of Kensington at luncheon at her home in Chevy Chase Tuesday. She was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Percy Meyers; Mrs. B. H. Warner, jr., and Miss Anna Warner. Her guests included Mrs. James Adams, Mrs. William Ashworth, Mrs. W. W. Bishop, Mrs. Edward Callender, Mrs. Edwin M. Bliss, Mrs. Frank T. Chapman, Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. J. Harry Cunningham, Mrs. E. A. Forbes, Miss Annie Gailey, Mrs. J. Philip Herrmann, Mrs. William D. Lewis, Mrs. Edgar Moore, Mrs. E. S. Noyes, Mrs. William Terrell, Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Mrs. Willard Waters, Mrs. J. Frank Wilson and Mrs. Mickelson.

Miss Dorothy Chase of Parker, S. D., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. W. Kumler.

Despite the inclement weather Wednesday evening, the lawn fete given by the ladies of Warner Memorial Church was well attended.

Mrs. Bishop is entertaining her niece, Miss Burton of Kentucky.

Rev. Edward Callender of Christ Church, Kensington, was the special preacher at the open air service at the Cathedral last Sunday.

Mrs. Mormon is entertaining her niece, Miss Marion Spink of Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Isabell Rider of Harrisburg, Pa., is the guest of Miss Eleanor Elder of Lincoln place.

Mrs. Darby has left for a month's stay with friends in Boston.

Miss Frances Capers of Washington is the guest of Miss Virginia Callender at the rectory.

Mrs. Fred McKinney is convalescing from a surgical operation at Homeopathic Hospital.

Much interest is manifested in the arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration, and those having the matter in charge promise that the occasion will be most attractive.

VIENNA.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

VIENNA, Va., July 3.—At a well attended meeting of the Current Events Club Wednesday at the Public Library, when a number of delegates from clubs in other parts of the county were present, it was voted to form a county federation. Mrs. John Mason, Mrs. Tunis C. Quick, Mrs. J. W. Echols, Mrs. Joseph Berry and Mrs. C. M. Rippey were appointed a committee to take up the matter of forming a federation. Mrs. Alma D. Hine, president of the Current Events Club, called the meeting to order and gave a brief outline of the work of the club since its organization in 1896. Mrs. William E. Andrews of Washington, director of the general federation, was then introduced and told of the advantages of federation work.

Mrs. William Townsend of Kensington, Md., former president of the Montgomery County Federation, told of their plan of organization and of the work accomplished by various Montgomery county clubs. Miss Wilson, teacher of art in the public schools of Washington and chairman of the art committee of the general federation, made a plea for art in the country schools, suggesting traveling pictures, similar to traveling libraries, to cultivate and stimulate the children's taste in art.

Mrs. Tunis C. Quick, representing the Falls Church Current Events Club, Fairfax County Chapter, D. A. R., and the Civic League, told of the work accomplished by this latter body, especially along sanitary lines.

Mrs. John Mason of near Accotink, represented the Woodlawn Housekeepers' Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the country.

Mrs. Joseph Berry represented the School and Civic League of Vienna, and Mrs. Charles M. Rippey the Alexandria-Fairfax Equal Suffrage League. At the conclusion of the talks by the visiting delegates refreshments were served on the lawn by Mrs. Emil Boelter, Mrs. S. C. Stuntz and Mrs. J. W. Echols. Others present were Mrs. A. Rhett Walker, Mrs. Ralph C. Lewis, Mrs. Arthur C. Baker, Mrs. George B. Corey, Mrs. C. C. Sulzner, Mrs. Hampton Williams, Mrs. J. L. C. Wilson, Miss Mary Huntington, Miss Louise Huntington, Mrs. E. W. Scott, Mrs. L. Q. C. Lamar, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Sloane, Miss Sloane, Mrs. A. C. Staats and Miss Dabney of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Miss Helen Kimmel, Miss Attila Kimmel of Washington, and Miss Russell of Rockville are members of a house party which is being entertained over the Fourth by Mr. and Mrs. L. Q. C. Lamar.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church met Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. C. Edward Mower, the members of the Methodist Missionary Society attending as guests. Mrs. Enos D. Taylor presided, and India, especially the condition of the women of India, was the afternoon topic. Miss Kate Westcott and Miss Kathleen Leith read papers and Mrs. Mower gave a talk on the history of missions, which she illustrated with maps. Those present were Mrs. L. G. Day of Washington, Mrs. Harvey Irwin, Mrs. E. D. Taylor, Mrs. S. C. Stuntz, Mrs. A. D. Hine, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Bronte Reynolds, Mrs. Martin, Miss Lieth, Miss Westcott, Mrs. George E. Dale, Mrs. Howard A. Money, Mrs. Marean, Mrs. J. L. C. Wilson, Mrs. Lewis Holmes, Mrs. W. E. Morgan, Mrs. James Allan, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Paul Richmond and Mrs. Milburn. The next meeting will be the third Thursday in July.

Communion services at the Presbyterian Church were held last Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. R. A. Davison of Falls Church officiating and preaching the sermon. One member was received into the church by letter and before the service there were two persons baptized by Rev. Mr. Davison.

Miss Nettie Gibson of Bluemont, who has been the guest for some time of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Berry, left this week for Swarthmore, Pa., to attend a summer course of lectures on social problems and Bible study.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison Whipple gave a porch dance Wednesday evening in honor of their nieces, Misses Carlotta and Frances Corey, and their house guests, Miss Miriam Andrews and Miss Evelyn Wheeler of Washington. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. George B. Corey, Misses Miriam Andrews, Evelyn Wheeler, Dorothy and Marion Freeman, Anale Pfeiffer, Louise Hoge, Cuba Grayson, Agnes Terrett, Ruth Pickford, Gertrude Coumbe, Susan Richmond, Velma and Clella Martin, Cleo Scanland, Helen Moore, Janet McKercher, Elizabeth, Mary and Elsie Sherman, Beatrice Shear and Abbie Mitchell, Paul Cathcart, Lyle Mason, Adolph Richmond, William Pfeiffer, Ralph Hoge, Hosea Curtice, Romayne Taylor, James Sheehan, Stewart Terrett, Harold Hanes, John McCarthy, Sam Richmond, Southern Shre