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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MR. AND MRS. GUY W. STEELE CELEBRATE IMPORTANT EVENT

Spacious Home Crowded on Occasion of Tin Wedding

Monday, June 7, was the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Steele, of this city, and the occasion was celebrated by a mask dance and reception to their numerous friends and acquaintances. The number of persons present was greater than at any social function given in Westminster for a long time, but the spacious home on Washington road furnished ample room for all, and everybody declared it a most delightful affair. Most of the young people were masked, and many of the costumes showed originality in design and much labor in their preparation. The ladies, of course, gave more attention to their costumes than the men, but some of the latter were exceptionally good.

The bride received her guests in a gown of silver sequins over white satin, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Howell Carroll, of Baltimore, and her mother, Mrs. Rogers. The former wore a filmy black over green, and the latter's dress was of black silk and lace.

Music was furnished by Miss Annie Shriver, pianist, Thomas Anders and Guy Williams, violinists.

A very pretty feature of the evening was the presentation to the bride of a huge bouquet of peonies by the young ladies of the T. W. M. Club, whose members are Misses Lillian Fink, Elinor Fouke, Euguenia Fouke, Margaret Bennett, Lottie Leigh Billingslea and Sue Billingslea. Dangling from the bouquet, at the ends of ribbons of different colors, were the presents from the members of the club. The young ladies marched into the parlor, Miss Fink, president of the club, carrying the bouquet, surrounded by her fellow-members, each holding one of the ribbons, and presented the flowers to the bride, who showed her appreciation by carrying the bouquet the greater part of the evening.

After dancing had been indulged in for some time in the parlor and on the porches, the guests, led by the bride and groom, marched though the dining room and library to the side porch, where refreshments were served.

Among the costumes worthy of especial mention were the following: Miss Lottie Leigh Billingslea, as the Dutch girl; Miss Elinor Fouke, merry widow; Mrs. Charles Hering, squaw; Mrs. Frank Thomas, Joan of Arc; Fred. D. Miller, Teddy Bear; Robert Billingslea, clown; Dr. Charles Hering, Indian chief; John Bennett, Mephistopheles.

Following are the names of those present and the costumes worn:

Mrs. Wm. B. Thomas, as an old lady of "ye long ago;" Mrs. S. Simpson, old fashioned grandmother; Mrs. Allan T. Bacon, Spanish girl; Mrs. Dr. Geo. D. Fouke, colonial dame wearing her grandmother's gown of old fashioned brocade and an ivory miniature of her father, the late Judge William N. Hayden; Mrs. Eugene Tubman, Spanish girl; Mrs. Frank Z. Miller, colonial dame; Mrs. W. Frank Thomas, Joan of Arc; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brundige, courtier and Spanish gypsy; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Grimes, Jr., cow boy and cow girl; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hering, Indian chief and squaw; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. D. Miller, Teddy bear and horsewoman; Misses Margaret Bennett, gypsy girl; Eugie Fouke, gipsy girl; Eleanor Fouke, the merry widow; Lillian Fink, Spanish girl; Lottie Leigh Billingslea, Dutch girl; Sue Billingslea, colonial maid; Eleanor Ewing, red domino; Frances Guyon Seabrook, Dolly Varden; Bettie Reifsnider, pink domino; Charles O. Clemson, cap and gown; Smith Billingslea, riding costume; John Reifsnider, pink domino; Frank Power, blue domino; John Bennett, Mephistopheles; Robert Billingslea, clown; Prof. Benson, jockey.

Among those present in evening dress were Mrs. J. L. Reifsnider, Mrs. J. L. Reifsnider, Jr., Mrs. Joseph B. Boyle, Misses Mary Thayer, Angela Shriver, W. B. Thomas, W. Frank Thomas, Frank Z. Miller, Joseph B. Boyle, F. Neal Parke, DeWitt Simpson, Earle Simpson, William Simpson, Chas. Vanderford, Joseph Shriver, William Shriver, Robert Shriver, Bernard Shriver, Dr. S. Simpson, Mrs. Geo. M. Parke, Mrs. Wm. H. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Power, Miss Sallie F. Roop, J. Howell Carroll, of Baltimore; Allan T. Bacon, Charles E. Fink, Sr., Mac Rouzer, Smith Reifsnider, Guy Smith, Dr. E. M. Sullivan.

A number of those in evening dress were masked.

Dr. G. W. Ward Resigns.

Dr. George W. Ward has resigned as principal of the State Normal School, and his resignation was accepted yesterday by the State Board of Education. Miss Sarah E. Richmond, who for the last 20 years had been vice-principal of the school, was elected principal, being the first woman to head the institution.

Although it is said that Dr. Ward resigned to engage in business, it is known that for several years there has been friction between him and some members of the faculty of the school, and also that on several occasions he opposed the policies laid down by the board.

Dr. Ward was forerly a professor at Western Maryland College, and is well known in this city.

Art of Eating.

Eating is not merely an enjoyment. It is a science that must be learned, an art that must be acquired by intelligent patience. The man who at middle age has not discovered what and how much is suitable for him has not finished his education.—Health.

Estimates place the amount of capital value of British investments in India at $2,350,000,000.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Exercises at M. P. Church of More Than Usual Interest.

The Children's Day Missionary service at the Methodist Protestant Church, this city, last Sunday night, was one of the most pleasing services ever held in the church. The order of service used was compiled by Rev. Dr. F. C. Klein, corresponding secreta of the Foreign Mission Board of the Methodist Protestant Church, for a number of years a missionary in Japan, and well known in this city. After the introductory service twelve girls, who had been in waiting in the vestibule of the church, half of them clothed in pink and half in white, each carrying a crescent of pink or white roses, and garlanded with roses of the same colors, entered the church, four in each of the three aisles, bearing above their heads the rose crescents, and advanced to the pulpit platform with song, and there with graceful movement of the floral crescents gave a beautiful "rose drill." The children who took part in the exercise, in which they were trained by Mrs. E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., were Dorothy McDaniel, Elizabeth Lewis, Emily Zepp, Margaret Gehr, Gertrude Gehr, Edna Brightwell, Anna Derr, Etta Corbin, Margaret Hering, Katharine Miller, Irene Eckenrode and Ora Turfle.

George Mather conducted the first responsive missionary reading. Elinge Reifsnider recited "The Criticising Seed;" the children of the primary department of the Sunday school sang a beautiful motion song, entitled "In Our Father's Care," and little Virginia Waddell recited very sweetly "The Little Standard Bearer." Dr. J. W. Hering, superintendent of the school, read a greeting from Rev. Dr. T. H. Lewis, president of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. A group of boys sang "The Boy and the Bird," and a second responsive reading was conducted by Dr. Jas. E. Shreeve, Jr. During the exercises the school sang a number of beautiful selections, and the service concluded with the presentation of missionary offerings by representatives of the various classes, as the school sang a hymn to the tune "Onward, Christian Soldier."

Troops at Westminster.

General Warfield does not know as yet how many regular troops the War Department will send to Westminster, but he is hoping for a large detail of infantry, cavalry and field artillery. There will be about 2,500 Maryland militiamen in the field, representing the following commands: Brigade Commander Lawrence Riggs and staff; the First Regiment, Col. Charles A. Little, commander; the Fourth Regiment, Col. Charles F. Macklin, commander; the Fifth Regiment, Col. C. Baker Clotworthy, commander; Troop A, Capt. C. Lyon Rogers, Jr., commander, and the First Separate Company, Capt. William R. Spencer, commander.

The camp will be comparatively free from "raw recruits," as no men enlisted after June 1 will be taken into the field, unless they happen to be former members of the regular Army, the United States Marine Corps or the state guard. The state will, therefore, get full value for the money it expends on the camp. The troops will maneuver over about five miles of territory, but the camp proper will be confined to about 100 acres.

Vaccine Physicians.

The county commissioners this week appointed the following vaccine physicians for the several districts of the county for the term of one year:

No. 1.—Dr. F. H. Sies, Taneytown.
No. 2—Dr. Carleton Bates, Frizellburg.
No. 3.—Dr. J. S. Marshall, Silver Run.
No. 4.—Dr. R. F. Wells, Gamber.
No. 5.—Dr. D. B. Sprecher, Sykesville.
No. 6.—Dr. J. H. Sherman, Manchester.
No. 7.—Dr. C. R. Foutz, Westminster.
No. 8.—Dr. R. F. Richards, Hampstead.
No. 9.—Dr. A. T. Crouk, Taylorsville.
No. 10.—Dr. C. H. Diller, Detour.
No. 11.—Dr. G. H. Brown, New Windsor.
No. 12.—Dr. James Watts, Union Bridge.
No. 13.—Dr. W. E. Garver, Mt. Airy.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, June 7.—The last will and testament of Mandilla Yingling, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon was granted to John Yingling, who received order to notify creditors.

George T. Mering, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of William Mering, deceased, returned inventory of money, and settled his first and final account.

Joseph P. Welnosky, executor of Barbara E. Welnosky, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Villianna B. Mehring, executrix of George A. Mehring, deceased, settled her first and final account.

W. Frank Thomas, guardian of John Bennett, ward, settled his first and final account.

Tuesday, June 8.—Joshua W. Hering, executor of William Struth, deceased, returned inventory of money and report of sale of stocks, and settled his first and final account.

Rats Aboard Ship.

The executive officer and his colleagues were talking of the old saying that rats desert a sinking ship.

"Rats play an important part in a seaman's life," said one of the officers. "No submarine would put to sea without a cage of white mice.

"You see, they detect in a minute if the air is not pure. Noxious gases mean their death, and when they begin to show signs of exhaustion or spsams the men know that the oxygen is being used up or that carbonic acid is in the air.

"You see, if a leakage of any kind in the mechanism or gasoline tanks occurs this gas is noticeable to the mice and it can at once be stopped, but if they wait till the men noticed it the crew would be suffocated before they could get the boat up to the air."

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Well Known Residents And Others Who Have Passed Away.

Bloom.

Mrs. Mary Weaver Bloom, widow of Isaac Bloom, formerly of this city, and late a well known resident of West Baltimore, died on Wednesday, 9th inst., at Glenburnie, in the 74th year of her age. Mrs. Bloom was a native of this county, a daughter of the late Abraham Weaver, and sister of Simon P. Weaver, of this city. A sincere Christian, kind and charitable, she was a member of Caroline Street M. E. Church, Baltimore. She is survived by four sons—Charles O., of Union Mills; George, of Florida; William, of St. Louis; Harry, of Glenburnie; and two daughters—Mrs. Wm. Kuethe, of Glenburnie, and Miss Fanny Bloom, at home. Funeral services will be held at Glenburnie tonight, and the remains will be brought to this city tomorrow morning, to be interred in Westminster Cemetery, immediately after the arrival of the 10.02 train from Baltimore. Rev. L. E. Bennett, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, will read the burial service here, and the pallbearers will be Jos. E. Shreeve, A. W. Buckingham, Simon Nusbaum and Col. S. K. Herr.

Roberts.

Col. W. Scott Roberts, a veteran newspaper man and a prominent citizen, died at his home in Centreville Tuesday morning of cirrhosis of the liver, after a lingering illness, aged 71 years. He had been in declining health for a year or more. Early this year he entered a Philadelphia hospital for treatment and for a time seemed to be greatly improved, but recently a sudden change occurred, death on Tuesday being the result.

Colonel Roberts was reared on his father's farm and graduated from the Maryland Military Academy, at Oxford, Talbot couty, in 1859. In December of that year he went to Frederick, where he took up the study of law in the office of Joseph M. Palmer, and in 1862 was admitted to the bar. Thinking Westminster offered a better field for a young lawyer, he came to this city and began the practice of law. During his residence in this city Col. Roberts edited and published the Western Maryland Democrat, which afterward became the Democratic Advocate. He was also captain of the Smallwood Inft., a military company organized before the war, which was disarmed when hostilities began because of the Southern sympathies of its members. In May 1864, he returned to his native county, where he had since resided. Here he established the Centerville Record, and soon became one of the best-known county editors in the state. He was a strong and vigorous writer, and took a prominent part in public affairs. He was a fluent and graceful speaker, a man of genial nature and obliging disposition, and had many warm friends in every part of Maryland.

Biggs.

The funeral of Lester Biggs, late of Harrisburg, was held on Tuesday, June 8, at Biggs Chapel, near this city. Deceased, who was aged 17 years, was employed as an assembler by the American Union Telephone Company. As he was about to begin work Saturday morning he dropped his tools and sank to the floor dead. Death was the result of heart disease.

The pallbearers were Wm. Bish, Abram Leister, Carroll Little and Robert Lease. The flowers that came with the remains cost $65. James M. Stoner, funeral director.

Lynard.

Mrs. John Lynard, of Porter's Siding, Pa., died on Saturday last of a complication of diseases, aged 62 years, 5 months and 7 days. She is survived by her husband and the following sisters. Mrs. Michael Brilhart, Hampstead; Mrs. William Koontz, this city; Mrs. Fletcher Babylon, Wakefild; Mrs. Maria Brilhart, New Windsor; Mrs. Joshua Smith, this city.

Funeral took place on Tuesday morning at Meshes church, near Porter's Siding. Interment in the cemetery adjoining church.

She was a daughter of the late Joseph Hoover, of Wakefield.

Shipley.

J. Wilbur Shipley, 39 years old, a well known farmer, near Gist, this county, was struck by lightning about five o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home and instantly killed.

Mr. Shipley had been in the cornfield and was returning to the house when the storm grew severe. His wife, at a window, saw the lightning hit the umbrella which her husband was carrying, and saw him fall. When she went to him he was dead. Mr. Shipley leaves several children.

He was the son of the late James Henry Shipley, and is survived by a wife and six children. The children's ages range from 2 to 15 years.

Funeral took place on Monday morning at Bethesda Church, near Gist, services were conducted by Rev. Robert E. Benson, pastor. The pallbearers were John R. Bennett, E. Frank Gorsuch, R. W. Barnes, Edward Conaway, H. M. Phelps and R. A. Leisheor. They were members of the Patriotic Sons of America, Junior Order of American Mechanics and Modern Woodmen of which he was a member, who conducted the burial at the grave. F. C. Sharrer undertaker.

Curry.

Mrs. Lola Curry, wife of Andrew J. Curry, of Newport News, Va., died at the residence of Miss Lou Harbaugh, Liberty street, on Saturday evening of heart trouble. The remains were shipped on Monday to Leesburg, Va., for burial. Services were conducted by Dr. Warfield on Sunday evening. F. C. Sharrer, funeral director.

Tanner.

Sarah Jane Tanner, of Sandyville, died yesterday, aged 56 years. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Tanner. Funeral services will take place tomorrow at Sandymount church, F. C. Sharrer funeral director.

THE HYDER FAMILY

INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF ONE OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF UNIONTOWN

Homestead Contains Many Relics a Hundred Years Old

For the Democratic Advocate.

Miss Ella Beam, Uniontown, Md., has a rosebush in her garden, the original slip of which was planted there in 1811, (98 years ago) by Miss E's grandmother, C. Delaplaine Hyder, who brought it from her father's home it is the hundred-leaf, or Provence rose, the perfume of which so nearly resembles the famous attar of roses.

John Hyder built the house in which Miss E. resides in 1811 (98 years ago). He was a law-writer in English and German, (his father being from Anspach) also surveyor, and postmaster at Uniontown, from 1815 to his death in 1897. The first Postoffice Record, still here, says the office commenced business November 15, 1815.

There are in the house, parchments with seal, 1744; course book, 1762; local road maps, made by J. H.; letters from Missouri Territory, 1818; copies, in German, made by J. H. of letters he wrote to Germany, &c.

C. Delaplaine Hyder's ancestors were Huguenots. There is, in the house, a photo, copy of the original oil portrait of Nicholas Delaplaine, a dignitary of France, died 1696, aged 104. The traditional history of the family goes back to the crusaders, and the shores of the blue Mediterranean, and the waters of the Rhone, where their ancestors had rich possessions in the chivalric days of France, but lost their estates in civic and religious revolutions.

A niece of C. D. Hyder, Miss Delaplaine, married Mr. Metcalfe, whose mother was a Creok. He owned the farm, half mile from Uniontown, that Mr. Formwalt got of Mr. Babylon. Another niece of C. D. Hyder, Miss Delaplaine, was the first wife of Washington Clabaugh. His second wife, Miss Evans, was mother of Judge Clabaugh, of the District Supreme Court. A nephew of C. D. Hyder, J. Delaplaine, married Miss Charlton, first cousin of Frank Key, of "Star-spangled Banner" fame.

In the Hyder house, there is a china plate 100 years old; also a tall coffee pot 100; oak bentwood arm-chair 100; water color painting made by a niece of C. D. Hyder at Lditz, Moravian School; an Easter egg, 1836, (73 years old) elegantly "marked" in a floral design, by a friend of the family, at the same school. Made by the Hyder family, there is a shopping bag, 1830, embroidered with small beads on fine muslin; also 2 framed tapestries, 1850; scrap book, folio 27x13, 1850, with many fine engravings. There are portieres, and window draperies of old shawls of silk, and of fine wool, &c.

In the Hyder cemetery lot, Uniontown, covered with Vines, locally known as ground myrtle, a luxuriant evergreen, there are 2 well preserved and symmetrical box bushes, planted by C. D. Hyder, 60 years ago; 2 pyramidal arbor vitae, 50 years old; 2 pyramidal box trees, 20 years, all symmetrical and well preserved. Within a few feet of the lot, are twin cedars, Juniperus Virginiana, over 40 years.

In the Hyder house, Uniontown, there are also files of Westminster newspapers, of the early fifties, containing contributions of different members of the family.

Advertising the Town.

The Oakland Board of Trade have had printed for general distribution some small slips for enclosing in letters of business man and the public generally, telling of the advantages of our town as a summer resort and of the many advantages we offer for location of small industries in Oakland. These slips may be had by application to Samuel Lawton, Secretary of the Board of Trade. They are calculated to do much for our town in bringing it to the notice of those in quest of a healthful summer home or those seeking cheap and desirable locations for small industries. Get some of them and mail them to your distant friends.

Another gentleman, who has become enthused with Oakland as a health resort and good location for investment of idle capital, has had his stationery printed with similar matter on his envelopes and letter heads, all of which is calculated to be of vast benefit to our town.—Garrett Journal.

The Lincoln Way.

After the practical experience with Western Maryland roads which Congressman Weeks will get on his automobile trip to this city, by way of Gettysburg, he is very likely to warm up to the "Lincoln Way" idea as a fitting memorial to the great liberator. Such an historic highway between the Capitol and the celebrated battlefield would incidentally establish a favorite automobile route to the South, since Pennsylvania, already moving for good roads, will before long take care of that part of the journey between Philadelphia and Gettysburg. At least it can be said for the Lincoln Way project that it lends itself to present-day needs, as well as doing honor in a somewhat original manner to one for whom something out of the ordinary in the form of memorials is distinctly sought.—Boston Transcript of May 20.

Visit of Poultrymen.

A delegation of chicken fanciers from Union Mills, Md., stopped over in Hanover Wednesday, before and after visiting the Hoke Poultry Yards at Spring Grove.

The gentlemen are all well-known in Hanover and after driving from Union Mills to Littlestown, continued their journey by trolley to Hanover and from this place to Spring Grove. For some of them it was their first trip over both trolley roads.

The party was composed of Ira G. Lawyer, Dr. George L. Wetzel, Ephraim J. Yingling, Benjamin Kemper, Edgar C. Yingling, Albert J. Bemiller, Luther Mackey and Sterling C. Lawyer.—Hanover Record.

WEDDING BELLS.

Englar—Miller.

Saturday, June 5, at noon, D. Roger Englar, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Englar, Jr., of Medford, and Miss Ethel Miller, daughter of Mr. L. V. Miller, of Baltimore.

The ceremony was performed at the bride's home, 222 E. 23rd street, Baltimore, by Rev. D. T. Allison, pastor of St. Michaels and All Angels P. E. Church. Mr. Englar was attended by N. J. Harrington, of New York city. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. Thatcher Miller. They left for a trip to Philadelphia and the north. Will live in New York city, where Mr. Englar is engaged in the practice of law.

Bollinger—Miller.

Miss Laura Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Miller, of Millers, Md., and George Bollinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bollinger, of Alesia, Md., were united in the bonds of matrimony at the Lutheran parsonage by the bride's pastor, Rev. H. H. Flick, last Wednesday evening, June 2, 1909, at 8 o'clock. Miss Dillie Burkheimer, of Lineboro, acted as bridesmaid, and Chas. Miller, of Baltimore, brother of the bride was groomsman. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of gray, and the bridesmaid wore white. The groom and groomsman wore the conventional black. Upon their return from the parsonage they were given a delightful reception at the home of the bride's parents, where a number of invited guests had assembled to extend hearty congratulations to the newly wedded couple. They were also treated to a fine serenade by a large calithumpian band, whose music could be heard for many miles. The bride and groom were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Bollinger, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Bollinger, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eppley, Mr. and Mrs. David Ebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brilhart, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. George Kerchner, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miller, Mrs. Belle Bortner, Mrs. Amanda Lessner, Misses Elsie Deagen, Lulu Ebaugh, Sadie Myers, Mettie Berwager, Dillie Burkheimer, Ruth Miller, Helen Miller, Elvie Hare, Emma Bollinger, Grace Smith, Grace and Thelma Miller, Amy Miller, Ida and Edna Purdy, May Rineman, Myrl and Eva Miller, Messrs. Wm. Hare, Richard Warehime, Samuel Hare, Russell Ebaugh, Jacob Bollinger, Harry Bollinger, Walter Brilhart, Harvey Miller, Pierrie Mille, George Snyder, Curtis Miller, Lloyd and Everett Miller, Herman Miller, Clinton Bollinger, Whitmore and Geo. Redding, Preston Bollinger, Roy Bollinger, Harry Smith, Chas. Eppley, Jr., Charles and Walter Miller, Lawrence and Preston Miller, Sherman and Murray Miller.

Split Log Drag Facts.

The drag costs from $3 to $7 per mile per year.

Proper use of the drag will cover within six months stones which project from the roadbed as high as six inches.

Twenty-eight drags are in constant use by the city government of Des Moines, Iowa, and the city highway commissioner says that they save the city $140 per day and add from five to ten years to the life of each street.

Under ordinary conditions a road should be dragged once a month, on the average. One trip over the road will usually suffice for a treatment, experience is the best teacher as hard and fast rules cannot be formulated.

The drag is in high favor in Maine and the State Highway Department is authority for the statement that it is used at a cost of seventeen per cent. of the cost of maintaining roads in the former way and that the roads are better than ever.

Extra weight on the drag is not often required, but the drag should be made of a log at least a foot thick. Any kind of timber can be used, even that which is worthless for anything else.

The drag will do anything good to a road which any other machine will do but will never hurt the road. The drag is "fool proof."

No preparation whatever is needed for the use of a drag. Just make one and go out in front of your barn and try it. It can be used in any kind of weather on any kind of road, but the best time is when the surface of the road is moist but not sticky.

Split-Log Drag in Queen Anne's.

A delegation, headed by John E. George, Esq., and ex-Senator James E. Kirwan, was before the board of County Commissioners on Tuesday endorsing the split log drag for working our public highways. This machine has been tried this season on the road leading from Centreville to Wye Mills, the road leading from Centreville to Queenstown, and the road leading out of Sudlersville via Dudley's Corner, and in every case has given universal satisfaction and been highly gratifying to the public at large. The split log drag has been successfully used throughout the middle west and is said to place dirt roads in better condition than any other machine ever invented. At the same time, it is stated that the cost per mile is but one-tenth of that for road machines.

If these facts can be substantiated, there can be no reasonable excuse why the commissioners of this county should not adopt it, and the fact that they are giving it a trial at the present time is an indication of their willingness.—Centreville Observer.

Taking No Chances.

"You always speak kindly to your wife?" said the prying friend.

"Always," answered Mr. Meekton. "I never think of giving Henrietta a harsh word."

"Because you believe in ruling by gentleness?"

"No. Because self-preservation is the first law of nature."

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises at Western Maryland Begin Tonight, Friday, June 11.

The thirty-ninth commencement exercises of the Western Maryland College begin tonight, June 11. This annual event is one of great interest to the people of Westminster, and as the weather man has drenched us with rain the past ten days, the upper air by this time should have exhausted its supply of water, and the coming week should be bright and fair, so that there may be nothing to mar the enjoyment of these exercises. There will be hundreds of strangers in town, parents and friends of the pupils, and former graduates of the college. It is always a festive occasion for our city, and our citizens look forward to it with pleasant anticipations.

The program is as follows:

Friday, 8 p. m., closing exercises of the preparatory school.

Saturday, 5-7 p. m., president's reception to faculty and students; 8 p. m., class receptions.

Sunday, 10.30 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, President Lewis; 8 p. m. sermon before the Christian associations, Rev. James Monroe Buckley, D. D., L. L. D., New York, editor of the Christian Advocate.

Monday, 10 a. m., recital by graduates in music and elocution, part 1; 2 p. m., society reunions in society halls; 8 p. m., recital by graduates in music and elocution, part 2.

Tuesday, 10 a. m., annual meeting of the board of trustees; 10 a. m., freshman and sophomore contests in elocution for Norment prizes; 3 p. m., recital undergraduates in music; 4 p. m., annual business meeting of the alumni association, to be followed by a collation; 8 p. m., oratorical contest of the literary societies.

Wednesday, 9.30 a. m., commencement; orations by ten graduates; award of undergraduate honors; conferring of degrees.

TREES AND LIGHTNING.

Open Field the Safest Place—Elms and Oaks Most Often Hit.

About the most dangerous place to seek shelter in a thunderstorm is under an oak or elm tree, as was proved again by the experience of a dozen persons in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, only a short time ago. This fact has long been known to scientists, but many persons are killed every year by lightning because of the lack or disregard of this knowledge.

The total annual loss of life by lightning is not known, for complete statistics on the subject have never been kept. A few years ago the United States Weather Bureau attempted something of the kind in a tentative way. Its experts figured out the average number of persons killed by lightning yearly in the United States as 312. But this was not complete. From several states in the Union the weather bureau received no reports.

The reports received did show that of all that lightning killed only a few were struck in the open field. Most of the killed and injured, it was found, had sought shelter from thunderstorms, under trees, in doorways of barns or near chimneys.

While no record of the kinds of trees most often struck by lightning has ever been kept in the United States, the Lightning Rod Conference held in England in 1881 reported that in the United Kingdom the trees most often struck were the elm, oak, ash and poplar. It also said that the beech, birch and maple were seldom touched by lightning.

For a period of eleven years in the Principality of Lippe-Detmold exhaustive records were kept of all trees struck by lightning. These showed that trees standing near water seemed to be the most likely to be hit and gave this table of comparative danger; Oaks, 100; elms, 77; pines, 33; firs, 10; fir trees in general, 27; beeches, by far the safest of all forest trees, 2.—New York Sun.

County Grange.

The Pomona Grange of Carroll County met at the Taneytown Grange hall on Saturday, the 5th inst., and elected officers for the ensuing two years, as follows: George A. Leister, master; Reese Metcalf, overseer; Michael E. Walsh, lecturer; J. Irvin Duterer, steward; Upton M. Gladhill, assistant steward; Harry L. Rinehart, secretary; Grove J. Shipley, treasurer; Geo. W. Belt, gatekeeper; Mrs. Geo. A. Leister, ceres; Mrs. Ulysses Shipley, pomona; Mrs. Sundergill, flora; Mr. Hiner, lecturer; Mrs. W. K. Ecker, lady assistant steward; John E. Davidson, Elias O. Garner and Luther M. Bushey, executive committee.

State Master, Prof. H. J. Patterson, of the Maryland Agricultural College, delivered a much appreciated address, urging the necessity of teaching the science of agriculture in schools, and in his usual earnest manner maintained that Carroll county, being an agricultural county, the farmers should be properly represented in their county and state government.

MICHAEL E. WALSH.

K. of P. Decorate Graves.

The Knights of Pythias decorated the graves of deceased members last Sunday. Services were first held in their rooms in the Davis building, at which about 60 members were present and a number of visitors. The services were opened with prayer by Rev. C. S. Slagle, after which there was music by the Westminster Orchestra and singing by a quartet. After an address by Sir Knight Guy W. Steele, the members and friends marched to the cemeteries, one delegation visiting Krider's and the other going to Westminster Cemetery, where masses of flowers were placed upon the graves of former knights.

Indian Philosophy.

Quanah Parker, a Comanche chief, recently visited an ice plant in an Oklahoma town. He was much interested in everything pertaining to the plant. After he had been shown throughout the building, he remarked: "White man smart. White man heap smart. White man smarter than God. God make ice in winter; white man make ice in summer."

NOW FOR BAT AND BALL

THE "MUTES" TOMORROW AND FREDERICK ON WEDNESDAY

A Game Every Day During Encampment Week

The home team is fortunate in that it had no games scheduled for the past ten days, as it has been a period of incessant rain. Now that fair weather is in sight, interest in baseball will be quickened, and the fans will be all the more eager to witness a contest because of their enforced abstinence. A little sunshine will drive away the gloom produced by the long spell of rain, and the enthusiasts will be hungry for an opportunity to use their lungs.

Tomorrow, Saturday, the Westminster club will play the Mutes, of Frederick. This is a strong team, and our boys will have to play to win.

Wednesday, June 16, we cross bats again with the Frederick team. This game is expected to draw a large crowd because Frederick is out for revenge for its defeat on the opening day, and as our boys are determined to repeat the dose they gave them on that occasion, it is certain that the contest will be exciting.

The Westminster club will have an opportunity to fill its treasury to overflowing during the encampment of the soldiers in this city. Arrangements should be made to play a game every day of the seven days in which the soldiers will be here. Besides the 3,000 soldiers, there will be hundreds of visitors each day, and a majority of these will be only too glad of a chance to witness a ball game. There ought to be no difficulty in getting games with first-class clubs for that week. The soldiers will undoubtedly have a number of good players in their ranks, and games might be arranged with them. As most of the residents and visitors will probably visit the encampment in the afternoons to witness the parades and maneuvers, the ball games could be played in the morning.

The Frederick baseball team has lost three of its best players—Farrell, Quinlan and Clunk. Farrell was released because of a dispute with the captain, Quinlan quit out of sympathy with Farrell, and Clunk says he was not paid as much as promised.

Jenkins, who pitched for Westminster last year, would like to get back on the staff.

In a 10-inning game at Mt. Airy last Saturday the home team beat Frederick 4 to 3. The feature of the game was the batting of Steigewalt.

NEW WINDSOR COLLEGE.

Enthusiastic Commencement and Alumni Reunion.

One of the most enthusiastic commencements ever held at New Windsor College took place Wednesday. The proposition to raise $50,000 for the college was given great impetus at the reunion dinner this afternoon, which was attended by former students and alumni from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

At the meeting of the alumni it was decided to continue the alumni scholarship and stand by the campaign committee to make its work a success.

The commencement proper took place at 10.30. Addresses were made by Rev. W. H. Waygood, pastor of Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, on "The Christian College;" by Rev. S. M. Engle, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Harford county, on "Christian Education," There was also an address on "What Shall We Do About It?" by Charles E. Ecker, president of the alumni association.

The graduates were: Miss Bessie M. Foard, of Harford county; William S. Hess, of Frederick county, and J. Wallace Fraser, of Carroll county, who received the degree of A. B. William W. Fraser, of Washington, D. C., received the degree of A. M., and Rev. John M. Galbreath, of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, received the degree of D. D.

After the commencement exercises the reunion dinner was served. Those in charge of the reunion were: Mrs. W. Cora Stouffer, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smelser, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Englar, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith Snader, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Bennett, Misses Margaret Englar, Elsie Stevenson, Emma Ecker, Florence Englar, Helen Ecker, Hattie Ecker and Eva Stouffer.

Mrs. Fraser's gold medal for elocution was won by Miss Mary Foard, Harford county, and also the president's gold medal for general proficiency.

The J. W. Getty gold medal for highest average in arithmetic went to Miss Hilda Cronise, and the Miss Speakman gold medal for penmanship went to Miss Hettie Haines, both of New Windsor.

Queer Eclipse of Sun.

Prof. John A. Brashear, of Allegheny, Pa., in a signed statement, gives notice to the public that on June 17 next there will be an eclipse of the sun unlike any other eclipse within the knowledge of man.

In part, Prof. Brashear says:

"The eclipse will be of a very interesting character from the fact that for a few seconds it will be an annular eclipse, then change to a total eclipse, then back to an annular eclipse for the second time. The writer cannot find record of such an occurrence in any history of astronomy, although we have records of annular eclipses for 400 years and of total eclipses for thousands of years. The eclipse as a partial phase of greater or lesser magnitude will sweep over the North American continent from the north, decreasing in size as it passes down through Canada and the States.

"The central line of totality commences southeast of Tomsk, in Siberian Russia, courses only a few miles south of the north pole of the earth, and skirts the east coast of Greenland, where totality ends near sunset."