

FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS

CHRONICLE OF HAPPENINGS AMONGST OUR NEIGHBORS.

SYKESVILLE.

Leave all subscriptions, advertisements and job work at Walter W. Ritter's Tonsorial Parlors, local agent.

Dr. D. B. Sprecher, who had been confined to his bed with a severe attack of grip, is much improved.

Mrs. Wm. Marshall, who for the past two weeks had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hess, of Baltimore, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mercer, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Mercer's mother, Mrs. Edwin Arrington.

Six young boys and girls were made communicants of the Springfield Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. They were Misses Grace Auer, Helen Ores, Maddison Phoebeus, Frank Hobbs, Dorsey Shipley and Harry Carter.

Mrs. Frank Mercer returned home after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Heltien, at Towson, whose daughter is seriously ill.

Mrs. Pennington Bennett is visiting her parents at White Hall, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Firoved are spending several days at the home of Mrs. John Firoved.

Mrs. Edwin Miller, Sr., is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C. Randolph Weer is spending several days in Baltimore with friends.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley, who had been seriously ill, is much improved. Rev. St. Clair Allen spent a few days at Irvington, Md., this week.

Misses Josephine and Helen Warfield, of Mt. De Sales Academy, Catonsville, Md., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. D. Warfield.

C. A. Warfield is quite ill with an attack of grip.

Miss Hattie Blake, of Baltimore, has returned home after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. John McDonald.

The I. O. O. F. of Sykesville will give a banquet to the members of the organization and their wives on Tuesday, February 21st, in the Lyceum. Joseph G. Lippy caterer.

The members of the Sykesville singing class conducted by Prof. Brandenburg, are arranging a program for an entertainment and supper. The class has rapidly grown and there are about forty members now.

Mrs. Cowman, who had been quite ill with pneumonia, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Applier are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Emerson Barlow, of Baltimore, visited his mother, Mrs. Laura Barlow, this week.

John Krener, of Baltimore county, spent a few days last week with friends here.

Mrs. John P. Phillinger and son Nelson, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. Robert Carter.

Mrs. Molesworth, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Gaither.

Mrs. S. B. November is visiting Mrs. Harry Warfield.

Mrs. Gartrell, of Plane No. 4, is visiting Mrs. John Firoved.

Mrs. Joshua Warfield is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Warfield.

Earle Webb, of Frederick, spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Selby and Norman Christopher, of Baltimore, and Miss Catherine Dorsinger, of Gaithers, visited Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hepler.

Miss Clara E. Selby, of Baltimore, made a flying visit to her mother, Mrs. Asa Hepler, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Molesworth and Mr. Hess, of Baltimore, visited Wm. B. Gaither Sunday.

T. M. Anderson has returned from a trip to Hagerstown.

F. M. Barnes visited Baltimore on Wednesday.

Ben Wilson, chief engineer in the Marine service, came from Massachusetts to visit his sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Linton.

B. F. Shipley, Jr., who served as a pitcher for the S. A. C. so well, has accepted a position with the Sykesville Lumber and Coal Company. The base ball fans of the town are looking for a good team this season, with Shipley in the box.

The Sykesville pharmacy, established in 1897, has been bought from its present owner, E. H. W. Griffie, by Jas. R. Weer, who is connected with him, Robert L. Swain, P. H. D., as manager. Changes will be made in the building and an additional stock added, which will insure its advancement and make it one of Sykesville's progressive business interests. Both gentlemen are well known to the town and surrounding community, and the public's many needs in this line will be promptly and efficiently served.

Patapsco Council No. 412, Improved Order Heptasophs, will hold its eighth annual banquet at the Lyceum, Sykesville, Md., Tuesday, February 21st, at 8 p. m.

John H. Wilson has resigned his position with L. P. Schultz. He also resigned as treasurer of Springfield Lodge No. 134, I. O. O. F., which position he had held for the past two years. W. W. Ritter was elected as treasurer. Mr. Wilson intends to go South.

On February 8 W. W. Ritter slipped and sprained his ankle and injured his foot very badly. Mr. Ritter is confined to his room and is attended by Dr. C. W. Heffenger.

Geo. E. Linton and J. W. Firoved visited Baltimore Wednesday.

A rear-end collision on the B. & O. R. R. occurred on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock between two freight trains in which one engine and caboose were damaged, the latter reduced to kindling wood. Engineer Barnes stuck to his post and came out without a scratch.

Senator J. Besman and son Frank were awarded the contract for the concrete work on the state road leading from Eldersburg to Gamber this week.

ALESIA.

Preston Shearer, Clarence Smith and Elmer Shearer, of near here, left Tuesday last for Iowa.

Mrs. E. J. Hoffacker, who had been very sick the past week, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Nelson Garrett is very ill at this time.

Harrison Wilhelm, of Grave Run, spent the past week with relatives and friends of this place.

Geo. H. Polk, of Hanover, Pa., moved to the farm of his father, Lewis Polk, near Grave Run, Tuesday.

C. A. Hamilton, of Jarrettsville, Md., spent Wednesday night with friends of this place.

MILLERS.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Talbart, who had been ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved. Mrs. Nettie Shaffer, who had been keeping house for Samuel Hare, for some time, has gone to the home of her brother, Mr. Snyder, near Ebergs, where she will make her home for the present.

Mrs. Lewis Selp, who had been visiting her children at Baltimore, the past few weeks, returned to her home here, last Saturday. She was accompanied by her son, Ashland Selp and wife, who will remain for some time. Preston and Lawrence Miller are on the sick list.

Mrs. George W. Kerchner gave a quilting party last Thursday to a number of friends. A pleasant day was spent, and refreshments were enjoyed by the busy quilters. Those present were Mrs. Geo. Kerchner, Mrs. Aaron Redding, Mrs. Belle Bortner, Mrs. Wm. Richter, Mrs. James Rohrbach, Mrs. John Graf, Mrs. Jno. K. Miller, Mrs. Henry K. Miller, Mrs. Geo. Bollinger, Jr., Mrs. Jno. Rinehart, Mrs. Geo. Hoover, Mrs. Joseph Frank, Mrs. Isiah Miller, Mrs. Geo. Barber, Mrs. James Hare, Mrs. Theo. Miller, Mrs. Henry Rinehart, Miss Vertie Hoffacker, Mrs. Wm. Miller, Mrs. Jacob Zepp.

Mrs. Lloyd Miller is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Nelson Garrett, at Alesia, who is ill, suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

Clinton Bortner is visiting his brother, Horatio Bortner, and wife, at Hanover, Pa.

Mrs. Samuel Wertz and children, Merl and Grace, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting her father, J. V. Wertz, near Lineboro.

Mrs. Charles Brown, who had been ill with pneumonia, is very much improved at this writing.

Miss Claudia Shaeffer, of Roller, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bollinger, Jr.

Some of our people attended the I. O. R. M. oyster supper at Manchester last Saturday evening.

HOUCKSVILLE.

Mrs. Martha Myers and Mrs. Boone, of Pleasant Grove, spent the past Friday with the former's parents, Mrs. Peter Buchman.

Miss Hazel Zepp is spending a month with her sister, Mrs. Bernard Oursler, of Gamber, Md.

Mrs. Grace Eby is spending a few weeks in Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. John W. Abbott spent the past week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Henry Miller remains critical ill. A. J. Buchman is suffering with neuritis.

Miss Lily Sykes spent the past week with Mrs. Benjamin Croft, of Carrollton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Allgire and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Elseroad met with the Ladies Aid Society of Pleasant Grove last Thursday.

Mrs. Marietta Stull is spending a month in Baltimore.

The Ladies Aid Society of Wesley met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Peter Buchman.

The social held at the home of Mr. W. H. S. Allgire was well attended and a success.

Wm. Shaffer moved from Constant Elseroad's tenant house, to Melchour Harris' house.

Misses Mary and Catherine Shaffer, of Lineboro, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchman.

Edward C. Reese, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hoffman.

PIPE CREEK VALLEY.

Quilting is the order of the day. Mrs. Irwin Wantz, who met with an accident as reported last week, is somewhat able to get about with some difficulty.

John King is also up and about again.

Harvey Rittase and wife, of Littlestown, Pa., were visitors at Charles Bittle's this week. Chas. says he is always glad to hear from Littlestown, as that is his native home.

Lewis E. Shriver, of Union Mills, gave Charles Bittle a pleasant visit last week. Mr. Shriver frequently visits Charles, who is always glad to see him.

Those who Haines traded his pair of mules on a pair of horses. The deal was made with Henry Spaulding, of Littlestown, Pa. Mr. Haines will now have a team of four horses, instead of a mixed team.

The young folks of our Valley are somewhat excited about attending the oyster supper. There being two in progress, one at Union Mills, the other at Pleasant Valley.

Wm. Hesson and family spent last Tuesday with his parents, John Hesson and wife.

Miss Elizabeth Wolf, of Westminster, spent from Thursday till Monday with her uncle, Wilmore Haines, and family.

Charles Hesson spent Sunday with his parents, John Hesson and wife.

BENNEYSVILLE.

Those spending Sunday with Samuel Gilbert and family were Luther Utzman and family, W. H. Jones and family and Clarence Blaxton and family.

Samuel Millerspent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Miller, Taneytown.

Mr. Henry Benner is not much improved at this writing.

Harry Keefer and family spent Sunday with Keener Bankard and family.

Master Stanley Gilbert is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Bark Hill.

Those on the sick list with grip are Mrs. Clara Tate and Miss Mary E. Miller.

Samuel D. Bare has 1,000 young chickens at present. Some of them will be ready for market by March 1. The pupils of Marker's school are arranging for an entertainment to be held some time in March. The date will appear later.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Myers and Joseph Myers and wife and son Thelrow, spent Sunday with Noah W. Miller and family.

John Streivig and wife spent Thursday with James Streivig, of Bachman's Valley.

Misses Ruth Young and Romain Young spent Sunday with their uncle, Henry Kemper, of Friezellburg.

UNIONTOWN DISTRICT.

Wm. Bloom, of Union Bridge, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Bloom.

Mrs. Thomas Ellis visited her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Hiteshev, and other friends from Friday until Sunday.

Ephraim Kelly was stricken with apoplexy on Monday and is lying in an unconscious condition.

Mrs. Sallie Selby is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Charles Smelser is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Routson, Miss Sue Kelly and Mrs. Samuel Wetzel, of Waynesboro, are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Kelly.

RIDGEVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Montgomery, of Barltow, spent a few days last past week with Mrs. Belt Norwood.

Wm. Hutchins is able to be out again, after being in the house with a badly cut foot.

Wm. Hood has returned home after a two days visit to Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, of Baltimore, spent Saturday at the home of Edward Browning.

Mrs. Charles Smith, who broke her left limb several weeks ago, is improving.

Harry Roberts, of Baltimore, called on his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Warfield, recently.

Stanley Aldridge, of Mt. Airy, is visiting Charles Hahn, who had been quite sick for two weeks.

Mrs. Wm. Hood is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Smith, who is spending the winter in Baltimore.

Nathan Webb, of Sykesville, spent Friday with his nieces, Misses Edith and Bessie Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Greene, Miss Annie Hood and Wm. Kidd spent Saturday evening with Misses Nellie and Claudia Browning.

Harry Smith, of Watersville, spent Sunday with James Magers, of Parrisville.

Harry Nusbaum visited relatives and friends in Frederick and Baltimore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kelly, of Barltow, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Belt Norwood.

Mrs. Charles Routh and Mrs. Walter Rudy, of Mt. Airy, called on Mrs. Jesse P. King recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Browning and Wm. Merrick, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days this week with Mrs. Edward Browning.

Mrs. W. P. Edwards died quite suddenly at her home in Parrisville, at 2 a. m., Sunday, of double pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the M. P. Church, Wednesday, Rev. C. P. Nowlin, of Lisbon, officiating. Interment in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Dr. J. E. Bromwell paid a flying visit to Baltimore Monday.

Mrs. David Smith and daughter LeVina, spent Monday in Frederick.

SMALLWOOD.

Edward Niner has completed his barn after giving it a coat of paint. Now he has the finest barn in the community.

Frank Niner has not quite finished his new barn. I suppose he is waiting for fine spring weather to do the painting. He will have one similar to Edward Niner.

On February 9 and 11 the Deer Park Aid Society held an oyster supper in Smallwood Hall. The society had their usual success financially, as everybody was liberal in giving.

Nelson Blizard lost a pocket book containing two shares of the Smallwood Land Improvement Association.

Henry Wardenfelt intended to spend his 71st birthday very quietly in his home among his loved ones, but a few of his many friends would not have it so. They planned a very agreeable surprise for him, by all gathering in his home at 10 o'clock, to wish him many more happy birthdays and have a good time. There was music and singing and other amusements throughout the entire evening. About 10 o'clock, the hostess invited all to the dining room, to partake of refreshments, consisting of cake, ice cream, etc. The table was beautifully decorated with lilies, and every one seemed to enjoy the ice cream. Even Mr. Wardenfelt was inspired and seemed to be as young as he used to be. After midnight the company dispersed, wishing their hosts and hostesses good-byes. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wardenfelt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Niner, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Niner, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shaffer, Mrs. C. C. Cooper, Harmon Wardenfelt, John Spencer, Walter Wagner, Wm. Riddle, Misses Ida Coppersmith, Martha Coppersmith, Rosa Spencer, Nettie Niner, Hilda Niner, Daisy Riddle and Lillie Lamden.

BLUE RIDGE COLLEGE.

The lecture on Tuesday was one of the best that many of us have ever heard. Dr. Byrnes is certainly an inspiration to any one who appreciates the good, the true and beautiful. On Wednesday morning Dr. Byrnes favored us with a lecture that was marvellously and surpassingly fascinating.

Miss Mabel Sneeckenberger was hurriedly called to her home on Monday. Her father is very ill at this writing.

The board of trustees of Blue Ridge College were in session on Wednesday.

Geo. and Russell Hicks attended the sale of stock and implements at their home, near Clear Spring, on Wednesday.

Frank Williar is ill with a severe case of mumps.

Strange things happen around the College sometimes. On Tuesday night one of our Johnsville boys was stranded at the college. He fortunately succeeded in getting a share of our cartoonist's (Blosser's) bed. Now you doubtless have heard that cartoonists have a funny way of doing things.

"Davy" said, "Blosser was in bed and sleeping nicely, but when 'Davy' got awake at 3 a. m. 'Blosser' was gone and the door locked from the inside. To save him, he can't figure out how it happened."

The visit of a young lady from Medford this week inspired one of our popular pedagogues to try his hand at poetry. The following expresses his sentiment:

"This world that we are living in Is mighty hard to beat, We get a thorn with every rose; But ain't the roses (Roser's) sweet?"

WOODSIDE.

Howard Eckard and wife attended the funeral of Wm. Corbin, of Westminster, last Sunday a week.

Mrs. Harvey Eckard spent last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Eckard.

Frank Myers and wife, of Hampstead, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Edward Myers and family.

John Powell, wife and son spent Saturday with Howard Eckard and family.

Mrs. Annie Wright, of Bark Hill, and Mrs. Uriah Babylon and son, of Fountain Valley, spent Wednesday afternoon with Harvey Eckard and wife.

Harry Cashman, wife and two sons, of Friezellburg, spent Sunday afternoon with Davy Myers and family.

Edward Eckard, wife and daughter Naomi, of Westminster, spent Sunday with Harvey Eckard and family.

Ralph Eckard spent Tuesday with his uncle and aunt, Harvey Eckard and wife.

Harvey Eckard and wife spent Sunday evening with Uriah Babylon and family.

Ernest Wright and wife, of Bark Hill, spent Wednesday with Uriah Babylon and family, of Fountain Valley.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ford Model T Touring Car \$780. Model T Torpedo Runabout \$725. We will exhibit at the Baltimore Automobile Show, February 21-25, 5th Regiment Armory. Ford 1911 catalogue gladly sent upon request. Herr & Babylon AGENTS Westminster, Md.

MEDFORD.

Do not allow that old reprobate of a cow to fool you by giving a profuse flow of milk for five or six months, then go dry. It is the cow that gives a reasonable amount of milk from seven to nine months in the year, that you may safely bank on as a profitable member of your dairy herd.

You hear tell of the five and six gallon cows, but as a rule they only keep up that for four or five months. However, your writer has one that is an exception to the rule.

Mrs. Sally McCullough is very ill at Wm. Duvall's at present writing.

The season for public sales is near at hand, but there are very few in our locality.

L. N. Stoner has purchased a machine for separating grains of all kinds, principally for his chickens.

The egg market at this time is demoralized, but when Mr. Stoner gets that machine in working order, the market on eggs will be paralyzed.

A word in due time about the hatching of eggs. It isn't the care so much that makes eggs hatch well, as the importance of the vigorous breed and to know how, with a hen who will set well, and not a flirty pullet.

Charles Fritz and two sons, Hamilton and Walter made a business trip to Baltimore Saturday last.

John Stevenson and family, of Spring Mills, spent Sunday last at Joseph Roop's.

Mrs. Elizabeth Zepp, of Marston, spent a few days at F. H. Willet's this week.

George Leister and wife and Jacob Brehm and wife, of near Mexico, were guests of A. Danner and family on Sunday last.

There is great agitation among the merchants of the county about sending money away from home to the catalogue houses. How about the root grocery ordering loads of potatoes, apples, etc., in other states rather than buying their own customer's truck? How about that?

Harry Roser has purchased a fine coll.

Chapel will be preaching at Stone Chapel next Sunday morning.

Ralph Martin and Isaac Stoner, Jr., have tonsillitis.

Misses Bessie Nusbaum, of Avondale, Gorene Hollenberry, of Uniontown, and Earl Hollenberry, of Baltimore, spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Jessie Roser.

Miss Jessie Roser spent Tuesday last in Union Bridge, and while there attended the lecture at Blue Ridge College.

The opportunities for farm work the past month have been few.

WAKEFIELD.

One of your subscribers told me the other day that he seen a man working a horse that had a buckle rubbing on a sore, and also seen another man forcing his horses with an overtaxable load of coal in the mud up to their knees, unable to pull the load. In the city there are officers of the Humane Society who are always ready to arrest the teamster who abuses the dumb animal, but out in the country these abuses go unpunished, although the law is in operation in the county as well as in the city.

Millard Hann, Jr., has purchased a fine young driving horse, which he expects to catch a young lark with.

Our public roads are in a terrible condition at present. Governor Craters ought to travel some of these roads and maybe he would not be so liberal in his talk of \$14,000 for one mile of road.

John Schew paid a flying visit to his family on Wednesday.

The inclement weather which we have had for a couple of days this

CRANBERRY.

The weather remains very cold. The roads are not very bad.

Abram Snider and daughter, Miss Hester Snider, spent Saturday last in Manchester, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Null and two sons, Lamar and Oscar, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Simon Giggard's, Sunday last.

Wm. Harris paid a flying visit through Cranberry on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Jennie Myers is visiting in Cranberry.

Mrs. Ledia Giggard, of Westminster, is visiting her parents in Cranberry Valley.

Mrs. David H. Ebaugh, of near Cranberry Valley, who has been an invalid for about 8 years, is at present at a private hospital, where she is undergoing treatment. She had been a very serious and painful condition. She was reported somewhat improved. She is a daughter of Oliver Hoover, who was afflicted similarly. Mr. Hoover died several years ago. Mrs. Ebaugh was formerly Miss Carrie Hoover, and respected and liked by everyone, in her community.

Mr. and Mrs. David Asper and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Asper and daughters Evelyn and Frauline, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Yingling's Sunday evening last.

Geo. Snider visited his father, Abram Snider, Sunday last.

Mrs. James Storms, who had been very ill for a few weeks, is slowly improving.

Mrs. John Shipley is at the hospital. She is improving rapidly.

Miss Alice and Harry Hunter went to Baltimore to visit relatives and friends on Saturday.

A. G. Hammett was home last week with his hand mashed from coupling cars at Emory Grove.

Wm. Hiltz had his hand mashed at the cement works at Union Bridge.

Miss Daisy Martin was visiting Samuel Henry and family for a few weeks. She has returned to Harrisburg.

Wm. Leese has resigned his position at Mr. Kroh's. Mr. Hoppe has taken his place.

Walter A. Uterbaugh left Tuesday evening for Virginia, where he will work at his trade.

Samuel Henry was slightly hurt by a pump slipping that he was working around at Mr. Coppersmith's.

PATAPSCO.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold a bazaar March 3 and 4.

Rev. Dr. E. L. Watson will preach at the M. E. Church on Washington's birthday, at 2 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Miss Ruth Chew is ill at this writing.

Miss Maude Flater and Stine Flater, of Reisterstown, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chew.

Miss Helen Wisner, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. V. Wisner.

Miss Gladys Wisner is visiting in Baltimore.

The M. P. Church of Patapsco will hold an oyster supper on Friday and Saturday nights, February 17 and 18 in the hall. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Fannie Spencer spent Tuesday in Baltimore.

The good old stork visited the home of Vernon Spencer and left a baby girl.