

\$1.00 PER ANNUM.

Thurmont High School Walloped.

On Saturday afternoon on Athletic Field the Westminster High School in its second contest for the championship of High Schools delivered to Thurmont High School a stinging defeat by a score of 17 to 1. Twelve hits were made off of Thurmont slab pitchers. While only two were put down against Billingslea and Duffendall the opposing pitchers. The official score follows: WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL.

Table with columns AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows for Masonhimer, Grumbine, Shaffer, etc.

Score by innings: Thurmont . . . 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 Westminster . . . 3 4 1 1 8 0 0 x-17

Two-base hits—Duffendall, C. Masonhimer. Sacrifice fly—Grumbine. Stolen bases—W. Masonhimer, Bell, Arnold, Shaffer, Dameth. Double plays—C. Masonhimer to Grumbine to Shaffer, Billingslea to Shaffer, Esterline to C. Wiskozky. First base on balls—Billingslea, 6; Duffendall, 3; E. Creger, 3. Hit batsmen—Bell, C. Masonhimer. Struck out by Billingslea, 6; Duffendall, 3; E. Creger, 4; J. Creger, 2. Umpires—Smith and Meyer.

The Prince of Liars and His Mother-in-Law.

The most welcome piece of theatre news we have to offer this spring is the return engagement of "The Maryland Players" in a new and larger land, at the Opera House April 21. This company is well remembered for their last appearance here in the month of May, 1914, and the theatre goers of our city will be more than pleased to know they are going to have the chance to see this very popular organization of players again.

The play this spring is a three act farce and one of the best of its kind as it abounds in fun from start to finish without an objectionable line of suggestion throughout its entire length. The idea of "The Maryland Players" is a very unique one, in as much as all of its members are Marylanders and the company plays only in Maryland cities and towns. The desire of the management is to come to our city each spring and fall with a new show each time and to create a feeling of friendship.

Mr. Frank M. Zupp, the director of the company, assures us that he has a better play than last year, and a bigger and better cast than we saw in "The Practical Joker" of last spring. Mr. Moltz has gathered around him for this show a special cast including some of last year's people and some very clever new people that will more than please the patrons of our local house. The cast is as follows: Mr. Charles E. Knell, Mr. Frederick W. Drew, Mr. Frank H. Moltz, Mr. J. Bailey Moltz, Miss Venie A. Myer, Miss Katherine McInnesey, Miss Myrtle I. Hoyt, Miss Florence A. Smith, Miss Lorely Steinwald.

Mr. Aaron Green's 56th Anniversary.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Green, at Maple Spring farm, on April 17th, the occasion being the 56th anniversary of Mr. Green's birth. By 7 o'clock the guests began to arrive in autos and every other way, until their spacious house was filled. Many useful and handsome presents were received. Dancing and games were the features of the evening. At 12 o'clock refreshments were served. All expressed themselves as having a good time. After wishing Mr. Green many more happy birthdays all departed for their homes.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Green, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flohr, Mr. and Mrs. August Siddles, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Zepp, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lovell, Mrs. George Grace, of Sparrows Point; Mr. Harry Bartholomew, Mr. Willie Grace, of Baltimore; Mr. Harry E. Zepp, Misses Myrtle Caples, Virgie Davis, Lydia Ward, Martha Davis, Virgie Shaffer, Laura Brenning, Maud Shauk, Cleo Williams, Mrs. George Green, Mrs. Gertrude Green, Margie Green, May Brothers, Gladys Green, Beatrice Green, Cora Green; Messrs. Albert Bartholow, Ashland Stockdale, Willie Sprus, Oscar Baker, William Phillips, Warner Shauk, George Shipley, Herman Shauk, Courtney Shipley, Chas. Wagner, Walter Wagner, Berley Phillips, Willie Curtain, Harry Flohr, Vanver Myers, Frank Lindsay, Martin Flohr, Leo Caltrider, Charles Green, Oscar Monroe, Herschel Zelwiler, Chester Williams, Arthur Green, W. E. Niner, John Brauning, Howard E. Zepp and others.

KILLED ON RAILROAD

NEWTON GILL, OF FINKSBURG, FOUND AT GLEN FALLS.

Newton Gill, aged 22 years, son of Clinton H. and Laura E. Gill, of near Finksburg, was killed at Glen Falls, Sunday morning by being run over by passenger train No. 9 for Hagerstown on the W. M. R.

Gill was under the influence of liquor on Sunday morning and went to Asbestos to purchase a ticket for this city, but the agent refused to sell him one, so he got on the Baltimore train and was put off at Glen Falls by Conductor McCardell because he refused to pay his fare.

From the testimony Engineer Coleman Cook of passenger train No. 9, which is supposed to have killed Gill, did not see him. It may be that the dead man crawled between the tender and the baggage coach and fell between them, as part of his clothing was found on the brake rigging under the baggage coach, but nothing could be detected on the engine to show that the engine had passed over him.

On Monday evening a special train consisting of a passenger coach and engine left this city for Glen Falls to hold an inquest. On the train were State's Attorney Weant, Justice Brown, Sheriff Albert L. Davis and Dr. Eugene M. Sullivan. On their arrival at the place where Gill was killed a coroner's jury was waiting. Justice Brown conducted the inquest. After all the testimony was heard a verdict of "accidental death" was pronounced by the foreman of the jury Roy Bond, exonerating the railroad company from any blame.

SILVER RUN.

Grover Knipple, of the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., filled the Lutheran pulpit in this place and at Pleasant Valley on Sunday on account of Rev. Hoffman having the grip and not being able to preach. The Reverend is improving and is able to be about again.

Mr. Houck, residing six miles below Westminster, organized a singing class in this place, Monday evening with 53 members and still more coming in. Rev. Hoffman was elected president of the class. Miss Sallie Lawyer, secretary, and George E. Shaeffer, treasurer. The class will meet every Monday evening.

BENNEVILLE.

Mrs. Samuel Bare is very ill with the grip and pneumonia. She has a nurse from a Baltimore hospital. Little David Bare, who had the grip and pneumonia, is better at this writing.

WARFIELDSDURG.

Raymond, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cook, was taken ill last week with appendicitis and is now at a hospital in Baltimore. He is not improving very fast.

THE APPEAL OF THE TREES.

We, the Street Trees of Westminster and vicinity, humbly beseech the good people hereabouts for whose benefit we were largely created, and to whom we minister to the best of our often handicapped ability, to think a little more about us than they are taking at the time to do.

"Evil is wrought by want of thought. As oft as want of heart." We, therefore, unanimously appeal to the heart of everyone among you, to take more thought of us.

Now, the Lindens, who have an especially long list of grievances against you (but, by my faith, who among us, has not?) stood at our last meeting for a harsher summing up than this of the tree situation. They wanted to hold you guilty responsible for at least a quarter century of wifful, ungrateful, heartless neglect—of a public snubbing of us, most painful to the feelings of even the least vain among us, such as, for instance, the lowly scrub locusts, who dare scarcely hold up their heads. And, finally, you are accused of a physical abuse, without subsequent apprehension and punishment of the malactors. But the deciding votes cast by the still masterful members of this now pathetically small Linden family—our two sentinel scouts out on Main street carried the meeting in favor of the milder charge of thoughtlessness.

In our commission, in destroying multitudes of us outright, or in permitting still others slowly to decay and perish in the very prime of their usefulness to your community. Beloved companions; chums of ours for generations, and in whose branches the more robins and their descendants had nested and sung to the early English or Dutch forefathers in these glorious hills of Carroll.

But the list of the lost in this one-sided war of man and tree, too long to follow. Why, there is scarcely a tree between the College and Fairground Hill, of our proud little city, that has not paid its toll of the slain. Indeed we have scarcely enough Weeping Willows left to make a decent show of mourning at the funerals. Sycamores and elms, maples and poplars and others, too numerous to name, all sacrificed before the very eyes of the few of us who remain—a spectacle serving to benumb us to mute acceptance of our own probable fate.

But this is sure enough "dead wood," and, at any rate, we are now slowly but surely emerging from our "dark ages." And now remember, the hard-hearted, hard-headed among you, that though mother nature can survive, perhaps, her tree armies that are lost, she cannot, according to your own scientists, safely risk decimation of those that remain. They tell you that the tree is one of God's best gifts to man, so get busy!

Every school child knows that our water courses are largely dependent upon trees, and why. And what farmer does not realize the value of humus which makes fertile his soil. And how about our benevolent way of absorbing the poisonous gases thrown off from your lungs, and the oxygen—essence of your very life—which we give you gratis, in return. But our list of gifts freely given, is too long to go over. And you know them, at any rate. Yours is simply that same old complaint: thoughtlessness.

Trees give more return for less effort on your part than almost any of your worldly belongings. Think how we serve you in health and beauty, and also commercially. You do not need to be artists to enjoy our grace and color; nor do you need to appreciate that we are missionaries of sanitation; nor real estate dealers to perceive that the lot with shade trees in it brings a higher price than the barren one. So why not cease your sins of commission and protect us from our enemies?

Don't let horses gnaw or line-feed us out. One of our kind women friends on Main street stayed up all night to prevent an instance of such maltreatment. Prevent contractors and builders from mauling us. Let Carroll's motto be: Two for One! Give back to the land two trees for every one that, for just cause, she must sacrifice. You have made a good start; our Committee is delighted with the mile-long nursery of two hundred and twelve infant poplars being planted on one of your beautiful State boulevards this week. They are, surely, among Westminster's gigantic babies. May many more of them follow there and elsewhere—for your state has now a good road-side tree law, and such movements will be protected. And too, they follow courteously, the issuing last week, of the fine proclamation of your tree-loving Governor in our behalf. Read it! Think it! Then you will live it.

TO PROTECT FARMERS

THIRTY JOIN THE THRESHMEN OF CARROLL COUNTY — OFFICERS ELECTED.

About 45 farmers and threshermen assembled at the Court House on Friday morning of last week and started an organization called the Threshermen of Carroll County. The purpose of this organization is to protect the interest of all farmers.

Senator R. Smith Snader was elected as chairman, and Louis P. Schultz, Sykesville, was named as secretary for the meeting.

Mr. Hart, of Pennsylvania, was introduced and made a brief address. Mr. Kesseker, of Geiser Manufacturing Company, of Waynesboro, Pa., was the next speaker and told of the troubles the manufacturers have in various States with the bands and cleats on the engine wheels running on state highways.

The election of officers was held which resulted as follows: Senator R. Smith Snader, president; Luther Helwig, vice-president, W. H. Davis secretary, and Frank Orendorf treasurer. President Snader has named the executive committee as follows by districts: Taneytown, Chas. H. Gerbs; Freedom, Louis P. Schultz; Woolery, Robert I. Flohr; Uniontown, J. Elmer Myers; Mount Airy, Manchester and Hampstead have not been supplied.

About 30 present signified their intentions of becoming members by signing their names to the subscription list. The dues for the first year are placed at \$3.00. The delegates to the State Convention will be Thomas Shingler, Louis P. Schultz, Arthur Stevenson, Walter Fritz, Condon, John W. Beaver, R. Smith Snader, Stockdale, Harvey Lockard, Charles H. Grebs, Graham and Frownfeiter. The convention will be held in Baltimore in June.

WILD ANIMAL EXHIBIT FEATURE OF CIRCUIT

(Gardner, Mass. News.) About the best circus that has amused Gardner patrons in years, La Tena's wild animal circus played to a well filled tent on the Conant street grounds yesterday afternoon and evening and the big crowds were thoroughly satisfied that they had gotten their money's worth.

The elephants, as is usually the case, were objects of interest and the tricks that they performed with Walter Allen and two assistants showed remarkable intelligence. Capt. Wesley's seals were a novelty. Another act which furnished thrills was by Capt. Hagen, who put five lions through numerous stunts, not without danger. One of the beasts had a spring that carried him to the top of the cage.

The circus will be here and will show at the usual place on the lot on John street, Monday afternoon and evening, April 19th.

SHIPLEY.

Mrs. Ruth Shipley, Mrs. Pearl Davis and Miss Ruth visited at Mr. Columbus Conaway's Sunday, and called on Mr. Conaway's daughter, who is ill.

DEATHS.

Rhodes.

Charles W. Rhodes, assistant treasurer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, died Wednesday in Baltimore from a stroke he received while walking on the street. Mr. Rhodes had been in failing health for some time, but it was not thought by his family that his condition was alarming.

Mr. Rhodes is survived by a widow and three daughters, Misses Athol, Eva and Edith Rhodes.

Mr. Rhodes entered the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on February 12, 1859, in the treasury department of the company where he spent his business career. He was a native of Carroll county and was born January 28, 1853, near this city. After attending the public schools and Monroe's Academy, at Westminster, Mr. Rhodes became an assistant collector in the treasury department of the railroad. Subsequently he held various positions of trust in the same office and was promoted to the office of assistant treasurer in April, 1903.

Mr. Rhodes' mother was Mrs. Sophia White Rhodes, of Baltimore, and his father, George R. Rhodes, of Nottingham, England.

He is also an uncle to Miss Jessie Mathews, a teacher at Westminster High School, and Mrs. George Knox, of Gamber.

Wilson.

Mrs. Emily Jane Wilson died at her home at Pleasant Gap on Sunday last, aged 77 years, 5 months and 23 days. She is survived by her husband, the venerable Levi L. Wilson; one daughter, Miss Annie V. Wilson, at home; three brothers, Norval Wilson, Andrew Wilson, of Carroll county, and L. Benjamin Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and one sister, Mrs. Kate Brown, of Johnsville. Funeral services were held at her late home, and afterward at Bethesda M. E. Church, in the absence of the pastor, who was attending conference. Rev. W. L. Seabrook, of the Lutheran church officiated. The pallbearers were Columbus Shipley, Robert T. Shipley, Clayton Barnes, Harry Bushey, John Bushey and Roy Poole. Funeral director, C. M. Waltz.

Morrow.

Hezekiah Morrow, aged 70 years, died on Sunday at his residence at Roseville from apoplexy. He was a member of the order of Red Men, of Pikeville and the Grand Army Republic. He was a Republican in politics and served as a central committee man of Hampstead district for seven years. He is survived by a widow and one sister, Anna Morrow, of Baltimore.

The body was taken to Pleasant Hill Methodist Protestant church, near Pikeville, Wednesday morning, where funeral services were held by Rev. W. F. Hersh, assisted by Rev. H. E. Thomson. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery. Pallbearers were H. Hersh, Edward J. Leister, Frank I. Stepher, W. L. Seabrook, George A. Leister and John T. Albaugh. James M. Stoner, funeral director.

Charles R. Franklin died at his home near Taylorsville, on Friday, April 10, aged 25 years. He was a son of Luther M., and Amelia Franklin, who survive him. He is also survived by four brothers, Roy, Fred, Horace and Franklin, and one sister, Mrs. Earle Tucker. He was a member of Washington Camp No. 15, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Winfield; Mt. Airy Council No. 124, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and Taylorsville Lodge Modern Woodmen.

GRAND RULING HERE

ELECTS OFFICERS—HOLD BUSINESS SESSION—BANQUET

The Grand Ruling Jurisdiction No. 10 of the Fraternal Order of Mystic Circle for Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia convened at Davis Hall, John street, on Monday morning and afternoon and held a regular business session under the supervision of Grand Ruler W. A. McCune of Hagerstown. After the business was disposed of the election of officers for the ensuing year, at which the following were successful: Grand Ruler, George W. Roessner, of Hagerstown; Grand Vice Ruler, J. T. McCune, of Hagerstown; Grand Chaplain, B. F. Stonebraker, of Hagerstown; Grand Recorder, Geo. W. Fridinger, of Hagerstown; Grand Treasurer, Harry P. Gorsuch, of this city; Grand Marshal, R. M. Spellman, of Hagerstown; Grand Warden, F. L. Lingle, of Washington, D. C.; Grand Guard, G. E. Baughman, of this city, and Grand Sentry, M. T. Haines, of Union Bridge; as representatives to the Supreme Ruling, which meets at Atlantic City on June 1, Mr. J. T. McCune was chosen.

The officers were immediately installed by W. A. McCune retiring grand ruler.

The Grand Ruling has been invited to hold its next session at Washington, D. C., but no place has been definitely decided upon. About 8 p. m., 50 members and invited guests assembled in the lodge room where an entertainment was given and oratory (?) flowed and everybody had a most pleasant evening. Mr. H. P. Gorsuch opened the evening with a short talk, followed by four recitations and music from a well-known orchestra. At the conclusion of the program Mr. Gorsuch said "as soon as the carpenter is ready we will go into the banquet room and have something to eat."

After all had found a place around the three tables Rev. W. H. Hetrick asked the blessing and the appetizing menu of chicken, ham, cheese, pickles, celery, coffee, ice cream and cake was served and enjoyed by all.

The balance of the evening was spent in a social way. A Chief caterer was Mr. William F. Helm, who was ably assisted by Mrs. John A. Stem, Mrs. Frank T. Shaffer, Mrs. Albert Thompson and others.

The Mystic Circle order was organized here about 25 years ago and last night four of the charter members were present. The order extends an invitation to all persons of good habits to become members.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The circus will be the big feature in this city Monday. The County Commissioners sat this week for transfers and abatements.

Rev. W. E. Saltzger, Sr., of Gettysburg Seminary, has accepted a call to Uniontown, Md.

Mount St. Joseph's College defeated the Western Maryland College, at Irvington, Wednesday by a score of 18 to 3.

PERSONALS

Rev. P. H. Miller, of Baltimore, spent Tuesday in this city. Miss Margaret Wilson, Carroll street, spent the week's end in New Windsor.

Mrs. William H. Thomas, Court Place, is visiting relatives in Richmond, Va. Miss Mary Case, East Green street, is visiting the Misses Poist, McSherrystown, Pa.

Mrs. George Wertz, of Liberty street, was a guest of her father, Mr. Daniel Armstrong, Lineboro. A marriage license was issued in Baltimore Saturday to Amos Her, Jr., Thurmont, and Mary G. Burdner, Detour.

A marriage license was issued in Baltimore yesterday to George H. Powell and Josephine Lawyer, both of Mayberry. A marriage license was issued in Baltimore Monday to Richard J. Dilly and Catherine V. Barry, both of Union Bridge.

Mrs. C. E. Edwards and daughter, of Baltimore, are guests of Mrs. Edward sister, Mrs. Frank T. Butler, Bond street. Mrs. Ray Spencer and daughter, Miss Helms Frances, East Green street, will leave Monday for Dayton, Ohio, where she will join her husband.

Miss Charlotte Bowers, of New Windsor College, spent from Saturday until Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers, Manchester avenue. Mrs. Luher Long and Miss Nannie Massicot, Pennsylvania avenue, were in Baltimore Wednesday and attended the funeral of the latter's step-sister.

Mrs. Grant Lippy, Miss Irene Lippy and Master Earl Lippy, this city were the week's end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willet, Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Rebecca H. Caple has returned to her home, near Finksburg, after spending the Easter holidays in Baltimore with her son and other relatives.

Mrs. Dora L. Zepp after spending a winter with her son, Wilbur H. Zepp, Washington, D. C., returned to her summer cottage, at Finksburg, yesterday. Mr. Robert Sheets, of Hagerstown, spent Wednesday in this city on business, and also visited his parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sheets, Liberty street.

Sixteen citizens from here made the trip to Pittsburgh, Pa. last Saturday and returned on Monday afternoon. From reports everyone spent a most delightful time. Miss Helen Marie Simpers, who spent the Easter holidays with her father, Dr. J. N. Simpers, of Germantown, Md., returned to Western Maryland College where she is a student.

A marriage license was issued in Washington, D. C., Wednesday to Maurice C. Dutterer and Cora E. Weant, both of Taneytown. The Rev. Henry H. Reck was the applicant for the license. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Gilbert, Mrs. Ralph Reifsnider and daughter, Miss Dorothy, and Mr. Carl Link, of Baltimore, left yesterday in automobile to visit Mrs. Gilbert's sister, Mrs. C. W. Luvan, of Alexandria, Pa.