

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

Transfers of Real Estate. Maggie J. Smelser and husband to Charles H. Aldridge, convey 4752 square feet, for \$2400.

Emma C. Bankert, administratrix d. b. n. c. t. a., of Alfred W. Bish, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Anna J. Yingling, acting executrix of Mary A. Lane, returned inventory of personal property and current money, and received an order to sell personal property.

Nathaniel Schaeffer, John D. Schaeffer and John D. Rohrbach, executors of Reuben Schaeffer, deceased, reported sale of bank stock.

Kate Thiele, executrix of Henry Thiele, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Blanch Franklin, administratrix of Charles B. Franklin, deceased, settled her first account.

Harry J. and George E. Turffe, executors of Thomas Turffe, deceased, reported sale of real estate which was ratified and confirmed.

Marriage Licenses. Frederick N. Magahan and Mary L. Weiser, both of Philadelphia.

Eddie Brown, New Windsor, and Elsie Young, Baltimore.

County Commissioners. A full board met on Monday and transacted the following business:

A special session of \$5 was granted to Jesse F. Durbin, of Westminster district.

A delegation from Hampstead district presented a petition to the board asking for 1 1/2 miles of State road to be built to the road known as the Houcksville road.

Arbor Day at the High School. Friday, April 7th, having been by proclamation of the Governor of Maryland set aside for the observance of Arbor Day, the occasion was celebrated with appropriate exercises at the High School.

Mrs. Austin Gallagher, who has been quite prominent in the Shade Tree Movement, both as a member of the Women's Civic League, of this city and of Baltimore was present by invitation of the Principal, and delivered a very interesting, instructive and inspiring address on the planting and care of trees.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Gallagher, Senator Orlando Harrison, of Worcester county, who had made a gift of 5,000 fruit trees to the school children of Baltimore city for planting this Arbor Day, made a similar gift of 500 trees to the school children of Westminster.

It had been planned to distribute these trees to the children at the conclusion of the exercises at the High School. Delegations from the West End School and from St. John's Parochial School were present to hear Mrs. Gallagher's address and to receive the trees allotted to the pupils of those schools, but owing to the congestion of traffic on the railroads, the trees did not arrive and the distribution will be made later.

The following program was rendered: Song, An Anthem for Arbor Day; the school; reading, The Governor's Proclamation; the Principal's declaration; Plant a Tree, Elizabeth Geith; song, If There Were No Trees, seventh grade; declaration, The Influence of Trees, Russell Benson; exercises, What the Trees Touch Us, fourteen 5th grade girls; address, Mrs. Austin Gallagher; song, Welcome Sweet Springtime, High School pupils; exercise, Trees of the Fragrant Forest, 7 fifth grade boys; reading, Small Beginnings, Carroll Row; recitation, Planting of the Apple Tree, Mary Warfield; song, America, the school.

A Worthy Charity. Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, representative of the National Florence Crittenton Mission, is in this city. She is authorized to present the work, organize circles, and receive subscriptions.

The National Florence Crittenton mission is a great, denominational missionary society for the uplifting of fallen girls, making a way of escape through the open doors of Florence Crittenton Homes in America and foreign countries.

It also conducts homes for working girls, and maintains preventive departments where young, unprotected girls are sheltered, and from which they are placed in positions.

It includes homes for children, where children who come under our charge, especially young girls of 12 to 14 years, are cared for, educated and sheltered until they arrive at the age of discretion.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Follett delivered an address at the Reformed church; Sunday evening in Grace Lutheran church; Tuesday afternoon to the Woman's Literary Club; Wednesday evening in the Methodist Episcopal church and Thursday afternoon in Ascension Episcopal church.

Quilting Party. A quilting was given by Mrs. Calvin Cook, on Thursday of last week. As Mrs. Cook is noted for her generous hospitality, every one was made to feel welcome. At 12 o'clock an elegant dinner was served.

Those present were Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. John Snader, Mrs. Washington Robertson, Mrs. Howard Bower and daughter, Myretta, Mrs. Wilmer Duvall and son, George, Mrs. James Danner and son, James, Jr., Mrs. Ephraim Bowersox, Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. Calvin Cook, Mrs. Paul Robertson and daughter, Ella, Mrs. Chester Cook and daughter, Marjorie and Harriet, Mrs. Grover Haines, Mrs. Clay Towner and daughter, Ardine, Mrs. Clifton Cook, Mrs. Norris Robertson, Mrs. T. A. Summers, Mrs. Ellen Danner, Mrs. Maggie Pool, Mrs. Vivie Cook, Misses Etta Lee Duvall, Mabel Cook, Louisa Robertson, Myrtle Cook and Estella Cook.

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ATHLETIC DAY

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS HAVE SELECTED MAY 5th FOR SCHOOL CONTESTS.

The Board of School Commissioners of Carroll County have selected Friday, May 5, as the date for the Public School Contest and Athletic Day. It will be remembered that a celebration of this kind was held about the same time last year with highly gratifying results, there having been gathered in Westminster on that occasion probably the largest crowd assembled in this city in recent years.

A striking feature of last year's celebration was the monster parade of school children from all sections of the county. Prizes were offered to the schools making the best showing in the parade, and as a result many schools from all sections of the county attended in a body, equipped with banners and arrayed in holiday attire.

For various reasons it has not been considered expedient to make the parade the principal feature this year, but other interesting features have been added and it is confidently expected that the attendance will be fully as large and the enthusiasm on the part of teachers, pupils and patrons even greater than last year.

The principal new feature this year will be two contests in spelling, Class A and Class B. Class A will be limited to pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades. Class B will include pupils of the sixth and higher grades.

The number contest will be of one class only, and open to all pupils without regard to age or grade. One-room schools will be limited to one entry in each class. Schools of more than one room may enter one contestant in each class from each room.

First and second prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 respectively will be awarded to the winners in each of the spelling contests, and also in the number contest. A moving picture show, consisting of films of an educational character will be provided for the children at the Opera House from 11 o'clock to 2.

Free tickets to this exhibition will be given to all pupils taking part in any of the contests. The well-known and popular film "Guarding Old Glory" owned by Reese and Samios will be shown, and will doubtless prove a highly instructive and valuable feature of the program for the day.

The contests will be followed immediately by an annual meeting of the company, to be held in the Assembly Hall of the High School to be addressed by speakers prominent in the educational world. The names of the speakers will be announced later.

To Remain Another Week. That the Mattice Stock Company, who are playing a three weeks' engagement at the Opera, has given the theatre going public of Westminster the latest and best of American popular prices has been proven by the increase in the attendance since their opening performance.

Coming to this city as strangers they have won their way into the good graces of the audiences by their excellent work. The plays are all clean and wholesome and the scenery pretty and appropriate for each play.

On Friday night the company will play "Sunday" the New York Success "Sunday." On Saturday two performances will be given. A Matinee at 2.30, at which time the three act comedy "Sis Hopkins" will be the offering. For Saturday night "Tennessee's Partner" will be the attraction.

The scene is laid in the west and is full of comedy situations. For Monday the four act melo-dramatic comedy "Master and Man" will be the attraction. The Mattice Stock Company are worthy of the patronage of all who like good clean plays, presented in a capable manner by ladies and gentlemen, and they should play to crowded houses on the final week of their engagement.

Howe's Travel Coming to Opera April 24. The semi-annual engagement of Howe's Travel Festival is booked for April 24th, at the Opera when an entirely new program will be presented comprising some amazing demonstrations of the untold possibilities of motion photography.

Among them will be mentioned the very latest cinematographic process showing the movements of animals which ordinarily are so agile that they elude the eye. However, movements that are entirely too swift for the human eye to note in detail, are here produced 8 times slower than normal.

Another beautiful shows the crystallization of various metals. The world of industry also contributes a film showing in a most comprehensive way every phase of making an automobile at the immense plant of the Willys-Overland Company, Toledo.

Entertainment For Fly Committee. An entertainment given for the fly committee of Westminster will be held in the Opera House Thursday, April 27th. Those taking part in the Japanese Operetta are as follows: Mrs. Howard Ramsey, Eva Herr, Helen Zepp, Jessie Shaw, Marie Shaw, Bessie Roberts, Eloise Miller, Katharine Lynch, Ora Turffe and Ruth Wickert. "Penelope" or the Milkman's Bride, the second operetta, will be played by Mrs. Howard Ramsey, Katharine Lynch, Smith Billingsley, Frances Reese and James Mitchell.

Mr. Harry Gerhold, Baltimore's best baritone, will sing several numbers during the evening. Tickets on sale at the Opera House.

Their Base of Supplies. "What is one of the principal products of the West Indies?" asked the teacher.

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SHOE WEARERS MUST "PAY THE PRICE"

Hide Shortage, Population Increase, Army Shoes and Autos Create Higher Footwear Prices.

A side-effect of a far-away war that interests every man, woman and child is the announcement of the fact that shoes must this season advance in price.

The generally reported scarcity of leather and increased cost of tanning since the war, combined with an enormously increased demand for leather, all account for the advanced cost of footwear.

Millions of pairs of shoes for the European armies have been and still are being made by American shoe manufacturers. On the average, these army shoes consume one and one-half as much leather as the average American man's shoe.

Knapsacks, saddles, harnesses and other material for the armies at war and a general increase in equipment of the American army and state militia account for a still further demand on the none too large supply of leather.

Munitions plants have called for thousands of feet of leather belting and the general picking up of business has started thousands of factories' wheels and greatly augmented the call for belting.

Autos have also made great and increasing inroads into the available leather supply for upholstery.

Leather is a by-product. The supply cannot be increased at will as crops and metals are, but is dependent on the hide supply; and cattle are not killed, primarily, for their hides.

The latest census reports show that the cattle population has decreased 20 per cent in the last ten years, and the population has increased the same percentage.

Shoes, therefore, are to be more expensive. It is said that the increase for the present will be about 20 per cent, but will likely be more by next fall.

Big Claims For Storm Insurance Losses. The claims filed with the Clerk of the Court to date in the Granger's Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company case total over \$37,000.

This is about double the total amount of the claims that had been filed with the company before the appointment of Messrs. F. Neal Parke and Charles O. Cleson, Receivers, in July, 1915, the additional claims being those that had not then been filed with the company. The claims have all been sworn to and come from farmers in Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, Howard and Baltimore Counties.

Nearly one-fourth of the claims are in the form of judgments against the company and therefore carry interest for several years and costs of suit which will increase the total of the claims. To all this is to be added the costs of the receivership. If all the claims stand as filed, the total amount of the indebtedness of the company will be in excess of \$40,000.

There are over two hundred claimants. The receivers will next report to the Court the amount of claims filed and obtain the Court's order to proceed in the case. There are outstanding some assessments that were made by the company, before the receivers were appointed, which assessments the receivers will endeavor to collect. Later it is thought that a general assessment will be made against all outstanding policy holders of the company.

Easter Cantata. A cantata entitled "The Easter King," text arranged by E. S. Lorenz and the music composed by Caryl Florio, will be sung Palm Sunday evening, April 16th, in Grace Lutheran church, by a choir of trained voices under the direction of Mr. Charles J. Peltz, director of Grace Lutheran choir.

The Easter King is composed of the following numbers: Introductory march and chorus, The King's Entry; cantata solo and chorus, The King's Entry; duet, quartette and chorus, The King's Trial; choral hymn, The King Crowned with Thorns; soprano solo, The King's Sacrifice; soprano solo and chorus, The King's Victory; quartette, The King's Command; soprano solo and chorus, The King's Ascension; bass solo, female trio and chorus, The King's Glory.

Those who enjoy good music will not fail to attend as this is one of the best of many cantatas that have been rendered in this city. This cantata will take the place of the regular evening service.

Brown-Shilling. Miss Maria Shilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shilling, Sandyville, and Luther Brown, son of Mr. Noah Brown, Meadow Branch, were married Wednesday evening in the parsonage, at Pinksburg, by Rev. Carl Maddox, the bride's pastor.

The bride was becomingly attired in a dark blue suit, with white hat and carried white carnations. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, brother of the groom and cousin of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, in Sandyville.

A Matter of Sex. A farmer was escorting the newly-arrived boarder, a young city lady, from the train to the farmhouse, when all at once she spied a small herd of calves in a field near by.

"Oh," she cried, "look at the little cowlets!"

Grinning, the farmer replied: "No, Miss; them's bullets!"

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SUDLER DIES BRAVELY

Hanged at 6.08 This Morning for Murder of Wm. F. Brown, Silver Run--Boards Tore From Enclosure by Crowd to Witness Execution--People Remained All Night to be Present--400 Curious People Gathered.

Sudler confessed that he had killed Mr. Brown by striking him with a stone. The jury of inquest on January 5th, found that the death had been caused by a blunt instrument in the hands of Solomon Sudler. On January 11, the grand jury brought an indictment against Sudler, charging him with murder in the first degree. The first count of the indictment charged that the killing was done with a stone and the second count charged the killing generally without naming any instrument of death.

Monday, January 24, was fixed as the day for the trial and a venire facias issued for the petit jury for that day. At first Sudler and his friends insisted that the case be tried in some court other than Carroll county but later agreed to try the case before a full bench. Sudler was brought to this city Sunday by Sheriff Stoner. On the way here he stopped at the Springfield State Hospital, Skyvesville and was examined by alienists as to his mental capacity.

On the 24th, Judge Forsythe held Court, but owing to the illness of Judge Thomas the trial was postponed, however Sudler was brought into court and arraigned.

January 31, the following Monday, the trial was held. After the hearing of the testimony the case was submitted to the Court without argument. The Court retired for a few minutes and after due consideration of all the evidence given the unanimous verdict of the Court was that Solomon Sudler was guilty of murder in the first degree and that he was sane at the time of the commission of the offense and is sane now. After the verdict was recorded and a plea was made for the prisoner's life, by his attorney, Judge Thomas pronounced the sentence: "The judgment of the Court in your case is, that you, Solomon Sudler, be taken to the Jail of Carroll county from whence you came and from thence to the place of your execution at such time as shall be duly appointed by the Governor of Maryland, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy upon your soul."

LOCUST HILL. At St. Bartholomew's Church—Sunday school at 12.45 a. m. Preaching at 2 p. m. Rev. George E. Sheffer, pastor.

At Bart's U. B. Church—Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. Prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m.

At Pine Grove—Sunday school at 9 a. m.

The spring communion services were not held Sunday at St. Bartholomew's and Bart's U. B. Churches, on account of the inclement weather.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Bart's U. B. Church held a very successful social, Tuesday evening, in the social room of the church.

The Long Arm Telephone Company has extended its lines to the residences of Jacob A. Leppa, Cornelius M. Gobrecht and Lewis Hoffmeiers.

The bill-posters of La Tena's Big Three-Ring Wild Animal Circus were in this place Tuesday, and billed the show.

Mrs. Philip Leese is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and daughter spent Sunday at the home of M. H. Warner.

Rev. E. L. Hughes, of York, spent Sunday with E. Riley Miller and family.

Miss Mary Wagner, Carroll street, is visiting in Baltimore.

Miss Grace Gunther, Pennsylvania avenue, is visiting her sisters in Baltimore.

Misses Lou and Allie Bixler, West Main street, were in Baltimore this week and heard Rev. Sunday.

Messrs. Bond & Geiman, Oakland dealers, report two sales of the Oakland Six, one to Rev. E. C. Brown and the other to Mr. Noah Brown, near this city.

William Kornmann, Sr., the well-known Baltimore musician, and who for a number of years handled the drums in the Pen-Mar orchestra, died in that city Friday last of double pneumonia.

The large barn on the farm of Fred Magin, near Smallwood, was burned Wednesday morning between 11.30 and 12 m., with its contents. The property is tenanted by John H. Hoffman, who lost some of his farming machinery, and a quantity of hay, straw, fodder and grain. The origin of the fire is not known, it is said, but it is supposed that children may have been playing in the barn with matches. The loss is about \$1200 with a small insurance in the Dug Hill Company.

FOR GASOLINE CONTROL. Washington, March 29.—Authority to fix "just and reasonable" prices for gasoline kerosene, petroleum and fuel oil would be conferred on the Federal Trade Commission under a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Trinity Lutheran Church. A special service will be held at Trinity Church, Deer Park road, next Sunday morning, for the reorganization of the Sunday school. Services will be held on Good Friday morning at 10 o'clock. At the morning service on Easter Sunday, the Holy Communion will be celebrated.

St. Paul's Reformed Church. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Palm Sunday service at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Services, Holy Week at 7.30 p. m. Calvin S. Slagle, pastor.

Salem Lutheran Church. St. John's—Sunday school 9 a. m. Divine service 10 a. m. Catechetical class will meet Saturday afternoon, April 22, at the church. Sunday school will render special Easter service, Easter Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. St. Benjamin's—Sunday school 1 p. m. Divine worship 2 p. m. Holy communion with preparatory services Easter Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. W. F. Hersh, pastor.

Woodbine Charge. Lutheran—Messiah Church—Sunday school 9.45 a. m. Preaching 10.45 a. m. Calvary Church—Sunday school 9.30 a. m. Preaching 7.30 p. m. G. W. Baughman, pastor.

Communion services at Winters, 10 a. m. Sunday. A congregational meeting will be held at Winter's church Saturday, April 22, at 2 p. m. regular services at Mt. Union, 2.30 p. m. Sunday. Congregational meeting at Baust, Good Friday, April 21, at 2 p. m. Congregational meeting at Mt. Union Easter Monday, April 24, at 2 p. m. Services every evening during Holy Week at 7.30 p. m. at Uniontown. W. E. Saltzger, pastor.

Centenary M. E. Church. Palm Sunday, April 16th, 1916. 9.15 a. m. Sunday school. 10.30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, "The Triumphal Entry." 7.00 p. m. Epworth League, Leaders, Dr. Zepp and Miss Nora Gorsuch. Passion week will be observed with services every evening at 7.30 o'clock. You and your friends are very cordially invited to attend. Frank H. Havenner, minister.

Methodist Protestant Church. Rev. Edgar T. Read, Pastor. Sunday Services. 9.30—Bible School. 10.30—Divine Worship, sermon by the pastor. Anthem "Jerusalem" by the choir, and solo "The Palms" by Mr. Smith Billingsley. 2.30—Junior Endeavor. 6.30—E. E. Society, led by Mrs. F. W. Mather. 7.30—Divine Worship, sermon by the pastor. Wednesday. 7.30—Prayer Service. We invite you to worship with us.

Grace Lutheran Church. Sunday school 9.15 a. m. Confirmation 10.30 a. m. Junior C. E. 2.30 p. m. Senior C. E. 6.30 p. m. Holy Week services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.30 p. m. Holy Communion, Thursday, 7.30 p. m. and Easter Sunday, 10.30 a. m. Easter exercises by the Sunday school, Easter evening, 7.30 p. m. Wm. H. Hetrick, pastor.

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The execution went off very quietly, no disorder from the crowd of curious people. On hearing that the execution would take place early in the morning about 200 citizens arrived by midnight in automobiles and teams and on learning of the enclosure being built around the scaffold, tore off about 30 boards, so it would give full view of the scaffold to everybody present. Among the crowd were persons from every part of Carroll county, Gettysburg, Hanover, Littlestown, Baltimore and Baltimore county.

Sudler, to show his appreciation toward Sheriff Stoner said last night: "Mr. Stoner I know you hate to do this, but to make it easy for you, I will do anything you want." It showed that Sudler was true to his remarks, by the brave way he died, not a murmur passed from his lips.

There was some discussion whether the execution could take place with the large gap in the enclosure, as the instructions to the sheriff were that it was to be private, but after considering everything that might happen if the boards were to be placed back and the delay it would cause it was thought advisable to carry out the plans formulated.

Mr. Southland, manager of the Cheltenham Home, was present and spoke to Sudler before the execution. He asked him why he didn't tell him his troubles when he visited him at Christmas. Sudler said he did not want to expose Mr. Brown and added that he brought this all upon himself. The crowd expressed satisfaction in the way the execution took place and complimented Sheriff Stoner on the manner in which the plans and preparations were carried through.

The Story of the Crime. On last New Year's evening William F. Brown, a young farmer, was brutally murdered at his home, one mile north of Silver Run. After the discovery of the crime a search was made and Mr. Brown's body was found in a thicket nearby, where it had been dragged. Suspicion fell on Solomon Sudler, a colored boy, who worked on the farm for two years and had been taken from the Cheltenham House of Reformation. Sudler was missing and it was soon learned that he, in company with Truman Williams, another negro boy from the Cheltenham Home, who worked for a neighbor, Mr. Yingling, had gone to Reisterstown and from there by trolley to Baltimore.

The following Tuesday a reward of \$500 was offered for the capture of Sudler. He was captured Wednesday night in Cumberland and on Thursday was brought by Sheriff Stoner to Marshall Carter's office, Baltimore. Monday in the Baltimore City Jailman has not been located.