

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

JAMES PEARRE WANTZ ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SCHOOL BOARD

E. O. DODDRER APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR.

Transfers of Real Estate, Marriage Licenses, Etc.

School Commissioners.

The Board of School Commissioners of Carroll County held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, the following members being present: Dr. Wm. D. Hopkins, A. J. Zentz, H. H. Allender, J. Pearce Wantz, C. G. Devillier and Arthur W. Feaser.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a. m. by Dr. W. D. Hopkins acting as president pro tem. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting the first matter taken up was the reorganization of the Board.

Dr. W. D. Hopkins was nominated for president, but declined to accept, stating as his reason for doing so that he believed the president should be conveniently located in order to render the most efficient service. Mr. J. Pearce Wantz was then nominated and elected.

On account of the time required for the appointment of trustees and the transaction of other important business it was decided to adjourn the meeting to reconvene on Monday, May 22, at which time the secretary and clerk will be chosen.

Several delegations from different sections of the county appeared before the board in reference to the appointment of trustees and other matters relating to the school interests in their respective communities. These matters were referred to a future meeting.

The following appointments of trustees were made, and several others were held over for consideration until the meeting on May 22: Oregon, Charles Young, Wm. C. Myers and Albert Rowe; Fairview, F. L. Bankard, Charles Carbaugh and Wm. Eckardt; Bear Mount in charge of Commissioner J. Pearce Wantz; Mayberry, Wm. E. Keefe, Calvin Sloaner and Wm. J. Halter; Green Valley in charge of Commissioner Arthur W. Feaser; Morelock's, Frank Morelock and Wm. H. Robertson; Gamber, George B. Knox, A. F. Gamber and Wm. N. Shauck; Slacks, J. Harry Beard and Robert E. Lee; Brandenburg, Jonathan Dorsey, T. F. Keefe and Richard Bennett; Louisville, L. C. Shady in charge of Commissioner J. Pearce Wantz; George Boon and Lester Patterson; Kroh's, Henry A. Shaeffer and Wm. Rupp; Wentz's, George P. Wentz and L. L. Rover; Rover's, Jno. W. Rover, C. J. Hull and Harvey Vindling; Alesia, C. H. Myers, G. W. Sandrick and C. H. Spier; Westminster High School in charge of Commissioner J. Pearce Wantz; Cranberry in charge of Commissioner J. Pearce Wantz; Warfield's, V. B. Sellman, Clifford Cook and John Owings; Snyder's, E. M. Reed, Thos. J. Simmons and Harry E. Todd; Hampstead, P. A. Rihman, J. H. Webster and C. A. Shaeffer; Woodville in charge of Commissioner J. H. Allender; Middleburg, Albert Shansbury and Frank Harbaugh; Union Bridge, Raymond Senseny, McDaniel Koster and D. Fred. Englar.

After passing a number of bills the board adjourned to meet on May 22, at 10 a. m.

Transfers of Real Estate.

William E. Road to William R. Miller, convey 2 acres and 1 rood, for \$50.

Nathaniel H. Bortner to Floyd O. Bortner and wife, convey 12 1/2 acres, for \$500.

Frank Brown to Hattie A. Hobbs, convey 1 1/2 acres, for \$102.

Charles J. Hays to William I. Fickett and wife, convey 12 acres, for \$150.

Ray C. Green et al. to George E. Matthews, convey 8640 square feet, for \$1200.

Geo. E. Matthews and wife to Ray C. Green and wife, convey 8640 square feet, for \$1200.

Geo. W. Debraff and wife to Elizabeth Koons et al., convey 5 1/2 acres, for \$20.

Phas N. Davis, sheriff, to Irene May Turle, convey 10,120 square feet, for \$50.

Charles E. Nicodemus and wife to Chester N. Nusbaum, convey 10 1/2 acres, for \$8500.

Marion J. Leister and wife to Theo. S. Harris, convey 1 acre, for \$100.

Harry H. Hiltbrich and wife, convey 12 acres, for \$2000.

Theodore Zimmerman and wife to John Ireland and wife, convey 9,900 square feet, for \$210.

Rachel E. Fleming and husband to Mos. J. Gunn, convey 93 acres, for \$384.

County Commissioners.

A full board was in session on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and disposed of the following business: David Masenheimer, Westminster district was sent to Springfield Hospital, Skyessville, for treatment at the expense of the county.

Edward Oliver, Dodder, former county treasurer, has been appointed collector of State and County taxes for Carroll county for one year. His bond was fixed at \$560,000. His salary will be \$1800 a year and expenses, Mr. Dodder will take the place of 14 tax collectors of the county.

The board has been notified by Comptroller Hugh McMullen that no discount will be allowed for the prompt payment of State taxes levied for the year 1916.

Marriage Licenses.

William B. Brandt, Philadelphia, Pa., and Hal Mae Boyer, Frederick.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM MADE BY THE LAST LEGISLATURE.

A GREAT INCREASE OF POWER IS GIVEN TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT. MANY NEW AND COSTLY OFFICES CREATED.

THE POWER OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TRUSTEES TO APPOINT THE PRINCIPAL TEACHERS ABOLISHED.

Extracted from the School Law of 1916, Ch. 506.

District School Trustees.

District boards of school trustees shall each be composed of three members, appointed from the residents of the school district by the county boards of education on or before the third Tuesday in May, for a term of three years from the third Saturday in May next succeeding their appointment, and they shall hold office until their successors qualify. Provided that in the first instance the county boards of education shall each appoint one member for the term of one year, one member for the term of two years and one member for the term of three years, from the third Saturday in May, 1917. Thereafter the term of each member appointed to the boards shall be three years.

Census of Children.

The state board of education shall prescribe, with and on the advice of the state superintendent of schools, the rules and regulations for taking a biennial school census of all children within the State between six and eighteen years of age, inclusive; also the forms and blanks to be employed in taking such census and in compiling the reports thereon.

New Offices and Duties.

The state department of education shall hereafter be provided with the following professional assistants. Such professional assistants as are dent of schools, who shall represent that state effect shall be eligible for reappointment to the positions which they now hold.

(1) An assistant state superintendent of schools, who shall represent the state superintendent of schools in his absence, shall have charge of the department, the correspondence, publications, records, reports, and educational and financial statistics; shall audit the accounts of the county boards of education and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

(2) A supervisor of rural schools, who shall have supervision of state-aided high schools, shall aid the instructors in all other schools above the seventh grade, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

(3) A supervisor of rural schools, who shall devote his energies to helping teachers, superintendents and interested citizens to formulate a program of rural education adapted to the specific and general needs of the State, and who shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

A New Name for the School Commissioners.

The county board of education shall hold an annual meeting each year on the second Tuesday in May, or as near as possible thereto in May. At this meeting the board shall elect one of its members to serve as president and one to serve as vice-president. Other regular meetings shall be held at least once in each school term, and such special meetings may be held as the duties and business of the board may require. The members of the county boards of education shall receive no salary, but each member shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars annually for traveling and other expenses incident to attending the meetings and transacting the business of the board within the county.

Duties of Superintendent.

The county superintendent of schools shall be the executive officer, the secretary and treasurer of the county board of education. He shall attend all meetings of the board and of its committees, except when his own term, salary, or the administration of his office are under consideration, and shall have the right to advise on any question under consideration, but shall have no right to vote.

The County Superintendent of Schools Appointed.

The county board of education of each county shall appoint during the month of May a superintendent of schools for a term of four years, from the first day of August next succeeding his appointment, and he shall hold office until his successor qualifies. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the office of county superintendent of schools who does not hold from the state superintendent of schools a certificate in administration and supervision as provided for in section 55 of this article, nor shall the appointment of any person by the county board of education to

the position of county superintendent of schools be valid without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools. Provided that all county superintendents of schools holding office at the time when this act shall take effect, shall continue to serve to the end of the term for which they were originally appointed, and until their successors qualify, unless removed, as hereinafter provided, and shall also be eligible for reappointment; and provided, further, that all county superintendents of schools shall be paid, beginning with the school year 1916-1917, on the basis of the salaries hereinafter specified. The salary of the county superintendent of schools shall not be diminished during his term of office. The county superintendent of schools shall devote his entire time to public school business and shall receive such compensation as the county board of education shall direct provided that no county superintendent of schools appointed to office under the provisions of this section, shall or continuing in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than eighteen hundred (\$1,800) dollars, and the State of Maryland shall, as hereinafter provided, pay out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the county board of education, one-half of the annual salary of one attendance officer, up to and including an annual salary of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars, and the State shall not share in the part payment of said excess. The State superintendent of schools may re-appoint any county superintendent of schools appointed under the provisions of this section or continuing in office under the provisions of this section, for immorality, misconduct in office, insubordination, incompetency, or willful neglect of duty, upon making known to him, in writing, the charges against him, and upon giving to him an opportunity of being heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. In case of vacancy due to any cause, the county board of education shall fill the vacancy and the appointment shall be for a full term of four years, and until a successor shall qualify.

Acts as Judge.

The county superintendent of schools shall explain the true intent and meaning of the school laws, and of the by-laws of the State board of education, subject to the approval in writing of the state superintendent of schools; he shall decide, without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes involving the rules and regulations of the county board of education and the proper administration of the public school system in the county, and his decision shall be final, except that an appeal may be had to the state superintendent of schools if taken in writing within thirty days. The county superintendent of schools shall have authority to administer oaths and to examine under oath, in any part of the county, witnesses in any matter pertaining to the public schools of the county, and to cause the examination to be reduced to writing. Any person who, having taken an oath or affirmed by him to tell the truth, and who willfully gives false testimony, shall be guilty of perjury.

Control of Teachers.

The county superintendent of schools shall nominate for appointment by the county board of education, all principals and all assistant teachers, shall assign them to their positions in the schools, transfer them as the needs of the schools require, recommend them for promotion, suspend them for cause and recommend them for dismissal.

Must Nominate All Appointees.

The county superintendent of schools acting under the rules and regulations of the county board of education, shall be responsible for the administration of the office of the county superintendent of schools. He shall nominate, for appointment by the county board of education, all the professional, clerical, statistical and stenographic assistants of the office; he shall recommend their removal for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, insubordination or willful neglect of duty, and shall see that all regular appointees of the county board of education devote their entire time to their duties. But the qualifications of all appointments, their tenure and compensation, except as may hereinafter be provided, shall be determined by the county board of education. The office of the county superintendent of schools shall, beginning with the school year 1916-1917, be provided as follows with professional, clerical, statistical and stenographic assistants; provided that all professional, clerical statistical and stenographic assistants holding office at the time of the enactment of this

section shall continue to serve to the end of their terms for which they were originally appointed, and until their successors qualify, unless removed as herein provided; and provided further that they shall be paid, beginning with the school year 1916-1917, on the basis of the salaries herein specified:

(1) In each county employing not less than one hundred (100) teachers, there shall be appointed at least one primary grade supervisor, who shall receive such compensation as the county board of education shall direct; provided that no person shall be eligible for appointment as a supervisor who does not hold from the superintendent of public education a certificate in supervision as provided for in section 55 of this article; nor shall the appointment of any person by a county board of education as a supervisor be valid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools. And provided further, that no supervisor, appointed under the provisions of this section or continued in office under the provisions of this section shall be paid an annual salary of less than twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars, and the State of Maryland shall pay, as hereinafter provided, out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the county board of education, one-half of the annual salary of one primary grade supervisor up to and including an annual salary of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. County boards of education are free to employ as many additional supervisors as in their judgment are necessary, and the State shall not share in the payment of their salaries. Provided that in counties employing less than one hundred (100) teachers, the county board of education may employ at least one primary grade supervisor, subject to and under the foregoing conditions. Provided further, that two counties, each employing less than one hundred (100) teachers may join, with the approval of the state superintendent of schools in the employment of at least one primary grade supervisor, subject to and under the foregoing conditions.

(2) There shall be appointed in each county at least one attendance officer, who shall be responsible for the regular attendance of children at school. Such person shall receive such compensation as the county board of education shall direct; provided that the appointment of any person as an attendance officer shall be invalid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools. And provided further, that no attendance officer, appointed under the provisions of this section or continued in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than six hundred (\$600) dollars, and the State of Maryland shall pay, as hereinafter provided, out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the county board of education, one-half of the annual salary of one attendance officer, up to and including an annual salary of twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars. County boards of education are free to employ as many additional attendance officers as in their judgment are necessary, subject to the approval of the state superintendent of schools, but the State shall not share in the payment of their salaries.

(3) There shall be employed in each county at least one statistical and stenographic clerk, statistical and stenographic assistants, and such other professional assistants, assistant superintendents, supervisors, attendance officers, medical inspectors and school nurses as the county board of education shall authorize; provided that no professional assistant shall be appointed who does not hold the appropriate certificate issued by the state superintendent of schools, and the appointment shall be valid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools.

Offices and Expenses.

The county board of education shall provide the office of the county superintendent of schools with ample convenient and comfortable quarters, and with adequate clerical equipment; and the county superintendent of schools and his professional assistants shall be provided with such means of transportation as are necessary for the effective and efficient performance of their official duties. They shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary traveling and other expenses and disbursements incurred or made by them in the performance of their official duties, and no part of the traveling or personal expenses of the county superintendent and his professional assistants incurred in the performance of their official duties shall be included in, or counted as a part of their annual salary.

District School Trustees No Longer Employ the Principal Teacher.

The board of district school trustees shall have the care of the buildings and land connected therewith intended for school purposes, also the school apparatus and other school property. They shall attend to all incidental repairs and charge the cost among the incidental expenses of the school, to be paid out of the taxes levied upon the assessable property of the county as provided for in section 26 of this article. Provided that when repairs are to be paid out of county school taxes, the amount to be so expended shall be approved by the county superintendent of schools and authorized by the county board of education, before the repairs are made.

Qualifications of County School Superintendent.

No person shall be employed as county superintendent, assistant superintendent, supervisor, principal or teacher unless such person shall hold a certificate issued by the superintendent of public education and for the grade required for the position, but any county of the State may require as a condition of employment a higher standard for a certificate of a similar kind and grade than is required by the State.

It takes more than sunlight to illuminate a shady reputation.

COUNCILMAN KOONTZ ELECTED MAYOR

Carroll N. Lockard and Frank Z. Miller are Councilmen—New Windsor and Taneytown Also Hold Town Elections.

Seldom has a larger vote been polled than was cast Monday at the municipal election held here. Being the Mayor's office a great deal of interest was noticed around the polls by the two candidates—Messrs. Koontz and Sullivan—seeing the voters before they decided on their choice.

The day was a model one for the election, bright and clear, which made it very pleasant to all who could not go to the polls under any other weather conditions. Both candidates had been members of the council for two terms of two years each and were familiar with the work of our city government.

There were 756 votes cast, Howard F. Koontz receiving 367 and Milton A. Sullivan 389. There was no opposition in the offices for council, therefore, Messrs. Carroll N. Lockard and Frank Z. Miller, candidates, were elected.

Twenty-eight votes were polled at the corporation election at New Windsor Monday, being the smallest vote for years. The following were elected without opposition: Burgess, Samuel Lantz, Commissioners, Philip Greenwood, Jesse Stevenson, A. E. Lambert, J. C. Flohr and John H. Smith.

At the corporation election held at Taneytown Monday 74 votes were cast and the following elected: Burgess, Judson Hill; Commissioners, Edward R. Richard S. Hill, Norville P. Shoemaker, Jacob Baker and Chandoe Bennet.

LEWIS THE WINNER

Returns Give Him 76 Votes in the State Convention.

The returns from the Democratic primary election in Maryland Monday give Congressman David J. Lewis, the nomination for United States senator. He has 76 votes in the State Convention, or two more than a majority. Senator Lee has 53 votes.

Mr. Lee carried three of the four legislative districts of Baltimore city by large majorities. Frank Kelly delivered the Fourth district to Mr. Lewis. Mr. Bruce carried the Eleventh ward. He will not, however, have a vote in the state convention.

There was no contest for election of delegates to the national convention, President Wilson being unopposed for renomination.

The following is the indicated vote in the state convention for Messrs. Lee and Lewis:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Lee, Lewis. Rows include Allegheny, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, First District, Second District, Third District, Fourth District, Baltimore County, Calver, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Washington, Worcester, Total, Doubtful, Majority, Congressional nominees, First District—Jesse D. Price (unopposed), Second District—J. Fred C. Talbott, Third District—Charles P. Coady (unopposed), Fourth District—J. Charles Linthicum (unopposed), Fifth District—Jackson H. Ralston, Sixth District—Louis Stern, of Allegany.

Popular Vote For Senatorial Candidates

The following table shows substantially the popular vote cast for the Democratic candidates for the Senatorial nomination. From some few counties the returns are not complete and estimates are made of majorities:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Lewis, Lee, Bruce. Rows include Allegheny, Anne Arundel, Baltimore—Dist. 1, Baltimore—Dist. 2, Baltimore—Dist. 3, Baltimore—Dist. 4, Baltimore county, Calvert, Carroll, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester, Totals, Carroll Reformed Charge, Jerusalem, Bachman's Valley—Holy Communion 10 a. m., Confirmation and Preparatory service, Saturday 2 p. m., St. Benjamin's—Sunday school 1 p. m., Divine service 2 p. m., J. W. Reinecke, pastor.

Many a man's worth is not discovered until his will is read.

REPLY WILL FORCE BREACH

FEARFUL THAT PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT WILL MAKE ITS ACCEPTANCE IMPOSSIBLE.

Berlin, May 4. 5.35 P. M. (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.) James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, has just called on Herr von Jagow, the German Foreign Minister, to receive from him Germany's reply to the American note concerning submarine warfare. Considerable perturbation is expressed over the effect which concessions may have on public opinion here.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, undoubtedly will have the great mass of the people with him in a desire to avoid a breach in the diplomatic relations with the United States so far as can be done without sacrificing the principle enunciated in the German manifesto of February 8.

WESTMINSTER FREE LIBRARY NEAR A CRISIS

Public Meeting Called For May 9th.

The fiscal year of The Westminster Free Library has again come to a close and we present herewith the annual report of the librarian and treasurer. Books in Library, 900; new books added during year, 40; members and borrowers cards issued, 151; books circulated, 2130 times. Mrs. J. Thomas Anders, Librarian.

RECEIPTS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Balance, Special Subscriptions, Membership fees, Fines, Proceeds of entertainment given by Country Club, Total.

EXPENDITURES

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include New Books, Deposit on State Books, Printing Library Cards, Librarian's salary, Total.

Balance \$14.74.

OBES S. HERR, Treas.

This library has been in existence a little over eight years and in that time has circulated books 19,337 times. The library has no endowment or regular income for the purchase of books. Ten of our citizens subscribe annually an amount that makes possible the employment of a librarian at a salary of \$52.00 a year. There are no other fixed expenses, rent, heat and light being furnished free.

No library can continue efficient without the frequent addition of new books. We cannot do this without money. We need at least 100 persons to contribute to contribute \$1.00 each which contribution makes you a member of the library association.

The first three years the library was in existence the average membership was 150. In the year just closed only 43 people contributed their dollar. Why this indifference? The librarian fills a need and has the patrons. Why not make it a bigger and better library instead of letting it die a slow but sure death from lack of financial support.

Give it your hearty support by attending the annual meeting on Tuesday evening next for the election of officers. The future of the library will be discussed at this meeting. The time of meeting is Tuesday evening, May 9, at 8 o'clock, the place, Temperance Headquarters, Times Building.

Lutheran Aid.

The Ladies Aid Society of Trinity Lutheran Church met at the home of Mrs. Henry Bitzel, April 26. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Laura Williams. Singing, Work for the Night is Coming; reading of the psalms; prayer, reading of the minutes; roll call; dues collected, \$4.45. The business for the day was setting a day for the festival and appointing a committee. The festival will be held June 10, in the grove adjoining the church.

The Ladies' Aid also held a pie social April 8, at the home of Mrs. Skinner, which was quite a success. Net proceeds was \$10.04. W thank Mrs. Skinner for her kind hospitality. The next meeting of the Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Wolf, May 31. The meeting closed by singing. All were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served consisting of cakes of all kinds, ice cream, root beer, coffee and apples.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bitzel, Mesdames Laura Williams, Howell Davis, Ivan Sayers, W. A. Sites, Henry Little, Carrie Bitzel, Ernest Wolfe, Margaret Skinner, Jno. Hoffman, Henry F. Walking, Charles Fowler, Chester Shipley, Charles Nightengale, William Barber, George Gesell, Ray Bitzel, Florence Owings, Frank Frick, Gertrude Bitzel, Clarence Bitzel, Misses Lizzie Klee, Hilda Davis, Pearl Lockard, Hilda Prugh, Amanda Williams, Lizzie Williams, Edna Barber, Ethel Williams, Edna Barber, Ethel Bitzel, Edith Little, Ethel Hoffman, Louise Bitzel, Louise Owings, Menota Bitzel, Hazel Gesell, Marceline Bitzel, Eliza Shipley, Helen Barber, Madeline Bitzel, Treva Barber, Helen Bitzel, Howell Davis, Charles Bitzel, Charles Nightengale, Jr., Elmer Sites, Walter Bitzel, Jessie and Walter Hoffman.

Married at Ellicott City.

Miss Orpha Albaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Albaugh, of Westminster, and Mr. Oliver Millender, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Howard Millender, of Hampstead, announced their marriage last evening. Relatives and friends were surprised to learn of the wedding of the couple which took place on December 11, 1915, at Ellicott city, where they were married by Rev. H. C. Fultz, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. After the ceremony the bride and groom returned to their respective homes.

Uniontown Lutheran Charge.

Sunday school at Baust at 9 a. m., Sunday Catechism at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 10.30 a. m. Preaching services at Uniontown at 2.30 p. m. W. E. Saltzgeber, pastor.

Monthly Meeting of Civic League.

Friday, April 28th, the Civic League held its monthly business meeting in the headquarters, at the Woman's Exchange. Hereafter, all meetings will be conducted at the same place. Mrs. Stewart, the president of the League, presided. The necessity for a Civic League in Westminster was never more evident, as shown by the amount of business which demanded attention.

The president's report of the meeting of the Maryland Federation of Clubs was listened to with the greatest interest. In her report on the Westminster League, to the Federation, Mrs. Stewart challenged any League in the State to show more work accomplished in the same time.

Among reports of the committees was that of the flower committee, whose chairman, Mrs. Davis, has been working with great success on Union street. The results will show as the season advances in the improved appearance of front and back yards, and well kept flower beds.

The children's gardens in the rear of the Opera House have been discontinued, and no seeds will be given out this year. The children may have plants by applying to Mrs. Davis, after May 15th. There will be prizes for adults and children.

Mrs. Gallagher, chairman of the Forestry committee, reports that her committee has mapped out plans which when completed, they hope will meet the approval of all the citizens of Westminster. The Harrison nurseries, of Berlin, Maryland, have promised Mrs. Gallagher 500 fruit trees which are to be distributed among the school children of all the schools of Westminster. The committee has on hand a number of shade trees which they will place at their discretion. A number will probably go to the West End School, for which by the way, some very delightful plans are under consideration. There are also a lot of others to be used in various ways.

At Mrs. Gallagher's request, a new chairman of the Forestry committee was appointed by the president, who selected Mrs. Brundige.

Mrs. Hoff reported \$15.00 as the result of the old paper sales.

The report of the Woman's Exchange was most encouraging. The tireless energy and devotion which Mrs. Miller, as manager of the Exchange, has shown from the beginning, was warmly appreciated by the president, and by the members of the League.

Miss Margaret Reese, of Meadow Branch, presented a delicious cake to the ladies, which was cut and went off like "hot cakes" at five cents a slice.

The play grounds, Mrs. Gilbert, the chairman reports, will open July 1st, with a splendid equipment, and another playground is contemplated in the near future.

Mrs. Myers, chairman of the fly committee, reports \$87.60 the net proceeds of the play.

In connection with the work of the fly committee, the president introduced Mr. Beach to the League. Mr. Beach has generously donated his services to the Westminster League, and other towns are becoming interested to the extent that the work promises to develop far beyond the limits of the state and may become national in its scope.

MELROSE.

On Sunday evening, May 14th, Miss Edith Crumrine will give an interesting musical recital at Sherman's church for the benefit of the handsome new edifice which was dedicated last year. Some of the features will be a lady artist from Hanover who will play the piano and cornet at the same time. A leader of a well known band and orchestra will sing. The class will sing two of Billy Sunday's famous hymns. There will be some good recitations by ladies of experience. Nothing will be left undone to make this recital Miss Crumrine's best effort. No admission will be charged. Everybody is invited.

The Cumberland Valley Telephone Company's linemen, Mr. J. H. Markle and brother, were in town Saturday last.

Mr. Adam Glessey, who purchased the Elmer Shaffer property, is making extensive improvements in the way of a new front porch, hen house and intends to build an addition to his dwelling.

A. H. Geiselman's sale in Manchester drew a large crowd from the surrounding country. Mr. Geiselman expects to locate in Baltimore.

The Mason and Dixon Co., hauled lime stone and also received a carload of cement which they have for sale.

We notice in the Bachman's Valley items that the farmers in the valley are preparing the corn ground to plant oats and potatoes. Our farmers are preparing the corn ground to plant corn. Evidently the Bachman's Valley people do not intend to plant any corn according to his statement.

Woodbine Charge, Lutheran.

Calvary Church: Sunday school, 9.30 a. m. Communion, 10.30 a. m. Messiah Church: Sunday school, 1.30 p. m. Preaching service 2.30 p. m. G. W. Baughman, pastor.