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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

MRS. ALICE KISER TO BE TRIED MONDAY FOR THE MURDER OF HER HUSBAND—GRAND JURY FINDS A NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS—CRIMINALS SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY—SUNDAY VIOLATORS DISCHARGED.

Great Court Proceedings.

The present term of the Circuit Court has made a record in the rapid transaction of business. The grand jury in five and a half days found 39 indictments. In the trial court 26 indictments in two days were disposed of and a half. Twenty-one of these were for serious offenses and resulted as follows:

State vs. Ben Dorsey, larceny; tried before the Court, verdict guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs. Seabrook for State.

State vs. Clarence Segar, assault with intent to kill, tried before Jury, verdict not guilty and traverser discharged. Seabrook for State.

State vs. George W. Scott, "alias" burglary, tried before Jury, verdict guilty; sentenced to the Md. Penitentiary for nine years. Seabrook for State; P. P. for prisoner.

State vs. Ray Hill, assault with intent to kill, tried before Jury, verdict guilty; sentenced to the Md. Penitentiary for 18 months. Seabrook for State; Weant for prisoner.

State vs. Charles Franklin, assault with intent to kill; tried before the Court; verdict guilty; sentenced to the Maryland Penitentiary for two years. Seabrook for State; Weant for prisoner.

State vs. Charles Tibbs, larceny; plea of guilty confessed; sentenced to the Maryland Penitentiary for 18 months. Seabrook for State.

State vs. Stephen Pacharis, larceny, plea of guilty confessed, recognized and paroled. Seabrook for State; Steele for prisoner.

State vs. Michael Drabrick, receiving stolen goods; plea of guilty confessed; recognized and paroled. Seabrook for State; Steele for prisoner.

State vs. Harry Hyde, enticing female under the age of eighteen years; tried before the Court; verdict not guilty and traverser discharged. Seabrook for State; Weant for traverser.

State vs. Thomas Carr, larceny; plea of guilty confessed; recognized and paroled. Seabrook for State; Weant for traverser.

State vs. Basil Dorsey, Jr., non-support of wife; tried before the Court; verdict not guilty and traverser discharged. Seabrook for State; Weant for traverser.

State vs. John Spencer, assault and battery; tried before Jury; verdict guilty. Fined \$10.00 and costs. Seabrook for State; Steele for traverser.

State vs. Augustus Harris, larceny, plea of guilty confessed; sentence suspended. Seabrook for State; Steele for prisoner.

State vs. William Thomas, larceny; tried before Jury; verdict guilty; sentenced to the Maryland Penitentiary for four years. Seabrook for State; P. P. for prisoner.

State vs. Geary Bankert, larceny; plea of guilty confessed; recognized and paroled. Seabrook for State.

State vs. Gantler & Miller, selling goods and merchandise on the Sabbath day; tried before the Court on demurrer; demurrer sustained and traverser discharged. Seabrook for State. Weant, Reifsnider & Brown for traversers.

State vs. James G. Six, selling goods on the Sabbath day; tried before the Court on demurrer; demurrer sustained and traverser discharged. Seabrook for State. Weant, Reifsnider & Brown for traversers.

State vs. N. Samois & Sons, selling goods on the Sabbath day; tried before the Court on demurrer; demurrer sustained and traversers discharged. Seabrook for State. Weant, Reifsnider & Brown for traversers.

State vs. Walter H. Davis, keeping a garage without license, tried before the Court, finding not guilty. Seabrook for State. Steele & Hoff for traverser.

One of these, tried before the Court, brought forth the decision of a legal question, probably never before determined in the State, in which a man was charged with enticing a girl under the age of eighteen years. In announcing the verdict of not guilty, Judge Moss delivered a scathing rebuke to the accused, declaring that it was the regret of the Court that under the law the prisoner could not be convicted; that he had been guilty of a "damnable offense," and that if he could have been brought within the law it would have been the Court's pleasure to give him the longest possible term in the penitentiary.

Another case, not involving the commission of a crime, but to settle a vexed legal question, was submitted to the Court on an agreed statement of facts. There is a law here which provides that all keepers of garages for the hire, storage for hire or sale of automobiles must take out a license, graded by the square feet of their places of business. The law further defines a garage to be a place kept for storage for hire or sale of automobiles, omitting the word "garage," at which garages are kept only for sale. The proprietor of one of these agreed with the State's Attorney that a friendly indictment should be found, to test the law. Judge Moss decided, that only garages for hire or for sale, are re-

BRIEFS.

Farmers are busily planting corn. Private William Smoot, Carrollton, has arrived home from France. Mrs. Nicholas Milligick, this city is visiting her home in Hanover, Pa. Miss Esther Snyder, Washington, is a guest of Miss Erma Shaw, Park avenue.

Members of the Reformed church held a dance in Davis Hall, John street, last night.

Corporal Earl B. Owings, Shipley, arrived at Newport News on the transport Powhatan Tuesday.

Miss Beryl Summers, of Warfieldsburg was a guest over Sunday of Miss Mary Yeiser, Pennsylvania avenue.

The excursion season on the Western Maryland has started out strong. Sunday a train of 11 coaches went through this city.

Hog cholera is reported to exist on the property of John Redding, Alexia, from a notice received from Inspector Atherton, College Park.

Preparations have been made by the Western Maryland Railroad to run an excursion to Pen Mar on Decoration Day.

Mr. Charles Hineker has returned from a visit to California and Washington. Mr. Hineker spends quite a lot of time in the West.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Schaner and children, of Harrisburg, Pa., spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brown, East Main street.

A number of convicts from the penitentiary are working on the State roads in this county. They are confined in the jail while not working.

Sol. E. Bair, for several years railroad agent at Perryville, is now at Woodboro in the same capacity. He formerly worked in the Taneytown office.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Beck, Mt. Airy, will leave next week on an extended visit to relatives in Iowa and Kansas. Mr. Beck has a sister living in Kansas.

With all the automobiles in this city Saturday there were no bad accidents. A few took a bump at each other which resulted only in a few dents.

The Knights of Columbus gave a ball last night in their lodge room, St. John's Hall, last night, which was well attended and enjoyed by the members and guests. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rainey and Surveyor of the Port Guy W. Steele are at Newport News to be present at the arrival of the 112th Machine Gun Battalion. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey's son, Percy, is among the men.

There will be a rally of the Sunday schools of Myers' district, in the Lutheran church, Silver Run, Sunday afternoon, May 25, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. H. C. Bergstresser, of Littlestown and others, will make addresses.

The Westminster Fire Company accepted the invitation from the Salisbury Fire Company to attend the Maryland State Firemen's Association meet there in June. The company will go in a body but will not enter any of the contests.

The third year class of Westminster High School very creditably presented last evening in the Opera House the play "Joan of Arc." The house was packed. The High School orchestra furnished the selections. The play will be repeated tonight.

The Manchuria docked at New York yesterday on its arrival from France with the following men from Carroll county: Corporal James A. Nutt, New Windsor, of the 104th Supply Train; Private Bernard Nusbaum, Union Mills, of the 114th Ambulance Company; Private Bernard Bankard, Taneytown, of the 114th Ambulance Unit; Sergt. Roy C. Gamber, this city, of the 104th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop; Private Leslie Taylor, Woodensburg, of the 104th Ordnance Repair Shop.

County Commissioners.

The annual school budget submitted by the Board of Education of Carroll County to the County Commissioners, was approved, with the exception of several items which were considered excessive and unnecessary.

The Board granted the Nunsen Canning Company the privilege to erect a scale on the public road near the factory.

Memorial Day Exercises.

Memorial Day, with all its sad, sweet memories, will be observed in Westminster with appropriate exercises on Sunday, June 1st instead of Friday, May 30th. It was thought advisable to postpone the services until Sunday for a number of reasons, one of which is the hope that our "old Country H" boys may be with us by that time.

As usual, the services at the cemetery, where the graves of all soldiers will be decorated with flowers, and where a short service will be held, will take place first. The comrades now, and all soldiers and sailors of any branch of the service, who will join with them, led by the children and headed by the Boy Scout Band with their leader, Prof. Peltz, will meet at 1:30 p. m., and the march to the cemetery will start promptly at 2 p. m. Truly, "The long, long line of the children lead the shortening line of the Blue."

The services at the armory will begin at 2:30 p. m. as the Post can make the march back from the cemetery, and the following program will be observed.

Part 1.
"America", Choir and Audience; prayer, Rev. Thomas E. McGuchan, pastor St. John's Catholic church; "Lincoln's Gettysburg address, Mr. Milton Somers, Western Maryland College; opening exercises of the Post, Past Commander in Chief, G. A. R., John R. King and Comrades of Burns Post; Crowning vacant chairs with flowers, Boy Scouts; vocal solo, "Beneath the flag they're sleeping," Mrs. Edward Little; Taps.

Part 2.
"Battle Hymn of the Republic," choir and audience; reading, "You, all of you won the war," Miss Dorothy Eldridge; "Tenting on the old camp ground," choir and audience; address, Rev. Paul D. Yoder, pastor Baust Reformed church; "The Reconciliation," "Lest we forget," Kipling, choir; closing prayer and benediction, Rev. Arthur Day, pastor Centenary Methodist Episcopal church.

The children will meet at the Westminster High School at 1:30 p. m., sharp coming bare headed, and carrying a small bunch of flowers. Those who have small flags will bring them with them. Those who have not will be furnished with flags. After the service at the cemetery the children will be taken in charge by their friends.

All soldiers are earnestly requesting to join in the services and make the day one to be long remembered by the few surviving comrades of Burns Post, who earnestly request that they will march with them, whether they wore the Khaki, the Blue or the Gray.

Automobile Catches Fire and Burns.

The 1918 touring car of Edward M. Russell, of near Lewistown, exploded and burned up. Mr. Russell married a former Carroll county girl, who was Miss Effie Beggs, and is well known here. The family had been away on Sunday afternoon and had just returned home. The motor was very hot, and not knowing the cause left the car in front of the house and afterward decided to put it away in the garage. When it was started it exploded, throwing Mr. Russell out and hurting him severely. The car continued to burn in circles on the meadow until it had nearly burned up. Fortunately while they were visiting Westminster last summer they were asked to insure the car with Stoner & Hobby and within two days after the unfortunate loss they were paid \$900, the full amount of their insurance.

WESTMINSTER HIGH WINS.

WESTMINSTER INTERMEDIATE AND UNION BRIDGE MAKE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS—LARGE CROWD WITNESS EVENTS—MT. AIRY WINS BASE BALL CONTEST.

The same weather—rain—that interfered with several other athletic meets here made its appearance at the fifth annual track and field championships and baseball contests of the public schools of Carroll county on Saturday, which was under the direction of the Public Athletic League. About the time the morning events were to start old Jupiter opened the flood gates and the rain poured down until noon when the clouds broke and the sun shown, which caused the field at the college to dry sufficiently for the afternoon contest. The large crowd that witnessed the contests came in trucks, automobiles and teams. If the day would have been clear there would have been several thousand more.

In points Westminster High School was far in the lead. Westminster Intermediate and Union Bridge were tied, each receiving 48, but Referee Burdick announced that Westminster was awarded second on account of having better positions than Union Bridge in its winning runners. New Windsor school showed up very badly, only making one point. The base ball contest was won by Mt. Airy who defeated Manchester by 14 to 0.

The contests in the morning were held in Westminster High School on account of the disagreeable weather and the muddy condition of the ground, except the dodge ball contest which took place in the open. The contest of the day resulted as follows: Westminster High, 120; Westminster Intermediate, 48; Union Bridge, 48; Sykesville High, 34; Hampstead School, 28; Taneytown School, 17; Mount Airy High, 16; St. John's Parochial, 15; Sweet Airy School, 5; Manchester School, 5; Clearview, 2, and New Windsor, 1.

Junior 95-pound class—60-Yard Dash—Won by J. Devries, Sykesville; L. Prouch, second; J. Morris, third. Time, 7.4-5s.

Standing Broad Jump—Won by C. Harris, Mount Airy; R. Corbin, Westminster Intermediate, second; H. Baumgardner, Taneytown, third. Distance, 6 ft. 8 in.

Dodgeball Throw—Won by J. Devries, Sykesville; M. Wareim, Union Bridge, second; L. Woodward, Jr., Westminster Intermediate, third. Distance, 57 ft. 2 in.

440-Yard Relay—Won by Westminster Intermediate (R. Corbin, E. Mancha, G. Sullivan, L. Woodward, Jr.); St. John's, second; Hampstead, third. Time, 1m. 54.4-5s.

Junior 95-pound class—60-Yard Dash—Won by D. Walker, Mount Airy; A. Hull, Westminster High, second; E. Stricker, Westminster Intermediate, third; C. Ireland, Westminster High, fourth. Time, 10 1-5s.

Running Broad Jump—Won by A. Dobbson, Westminster Intermediate, second; M. Leister, Hampstead, third. Distance, 14 ft.

Baseball Throw—Won by O. Hoover, Manchester; D. Walker, Mount Airy, second; L. R. Zeep, Hampstead, third. Distance, 236 ft. 7 in.

660-Yard Relay—Won by Westminster Intermediate (J. Ditman, A. Dobbson, W. Hahn, J. Wright); Westminster High, second. Time, 1m. 35.4-5s.

Junior unlimited class—80-Yard Dash—Won by D. Stitely, Union Bridge; C. Englar, Union Bridge, second; L. Hull, Westminster High, third. Time, 10 2-5s.

220-Yard Dash—Won by L. Ditman, Westminster High; C. Hollenbaugh, Westminster Intermediate, second. Time, 11 4-5s.

Running High Jump—Won by L. Erhart (WH); L. Hull (WH), second; J. Bankert (WH), third. Height, 4 feet 6 inches.

Eight-Pound Shot Put—Won by L. Witman (WH); M. Feldman (WH), second; B. Little (WH), third. Distance, 37 feet 6 inches.

880-Yard Relay—Won by Westminster High (H. Baile, J. Bankert, L. Erhart, B. Little); Hampstead, second. Time, 2 minutes 1-5 seconds.

Senior unlimited class—100-Yard Dash—Won by M. Englar (WH); J. Englar (UB), second; M. Prough (S), third. Time, 12 2-5s.

440-Yard Dash—Won by T. R. Gaither (UB); G. Key (WH), second; G. Brown (S), third. Time, 1 minute 4 1-5 seconds.

880-Yard Dash—Won by C. Stitely (UB); W. Stoner (WH), second; C. Stonesifer (WH), third. Time, 2 minutes 22 seconds.

Running Broad Jump—Won by M. Prough (OSJ); M. Kay (WH), second; A. Dorsey (S), third. Distance, 15 feet 11 inches.

Running High Jump—Won by C. Stitely (UB); W. Stoner (WH) sec-

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and; H. Barnes (WH), third. Height 4 feet 10 inches.

Twelve-Pound Shotput—Won by O. Essick (WH); C. Stonesifer (WH), second; C. Brown (S), third. Distance, 27 feet 8 inches.

One Mile Relay—Won by Westminster High: W. Arnold, W. H. Baraes, W. Kramer, F. Messler, Westminster High; St. John's second. Time 4 minutes, 31 4-5 seconds.

Boys' Dodgeball tournament—Taneytown School defeated mixed team 18 to 6. Winning team: C. Baumgardner, E. Baumgardner, G. Baumgardner, H. Baumgardner, P. Baumgardner, R. Baumgardner, J. R. Downie, C. Duttera, C. Hesson, N. Shoemaker.

Girls' Dodgeball tournament—Manchester defeated Gamber, 5 to 0; Union Bridge defeated Sykesville 10 to 5; Westminster defeated Taneytown 15 to 0; Hampstead defeated Mt. Airy 9 to 7; Westminster defeated Hampstead 7 to 0; Manchester defeated Union Bridge 7 to 0; Westminster defeated Manchester by staying in circle 4 minutes, 52 seconds as compared with 4 minutes, 40 seconds; Westminster defeated Manchester by staying in circle 4 minutes, 52 seconds as compared with 4 minutes, 40 seconds; Winning team, Emma Brown, Ruthanna Currens, Nancy Eckard, Bertie Leppo, Ruth Lukens, Margaret Myerly, Miriam Myers, Alma Shipley, Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Starner.

Girls' End ball tournament—Westminster defeated Mt. Airy 42 to 9; Westminster defeated Union Bridge 46 to 9. Ethel Brown, Dorothy Hoff, Elsie Hoffa, Loryllyne Taylor, Virginia Trayer.

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Last year there were only 8 cents on the \$100 set aside from the taxes for large bridges and improved roads and this amount is inadequate to meet a few of the most important demands. The tax rate of 1918 for all county purposes, was 82 cents on the hundred dollars allotted as follows:

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Washington County Board Wants Liberal Appropriation.

Hagerstown, Md., May 21.—The Washington County School Board has made its annual requisition for funds for next year, asking the County Commissioners to levy for \$328,748.32. The estimated expenditures for the year are \$412,425. Of this \$328,748.32 will be received from the State and other sources. The board's budget includes \$124,000 for new schoolhouses. The sum of \$225,000 is asked for teachers' salaries. Last year this item was \$187,500. The School Commissioners asked the County Commissioners for a liberal appropriation, pointing out the need for more schoolhouses and higher salaries for the teachers if the standard of teaching is to be maintained.

TANEYTOWN.

Miss Josephine and Master Francis Yount, of Florida, arrived last week to spend the summer, the former with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reindollar, and the latter with his parents, Mrs. Chas. Kephart.

John C. Shunk, of Westminster, spent Thursday last with his sister, Mrs. John H. Diffendal.

Mrs. John Hornberger and son, John, Jr., of Littlestown, Pa., and Miss Helen Elliot, of York, spent the week's end with Joseph E. Elliot and family, and attended the bazaar held by St. Joseph's church.

Word was received last week of the safe arrival in New York of two more of our boys from over seas, Francis Shaum and Mark Wisoskey.

Roy B. Garner, who has been clerking for Reindollar Bros. for the past four years has purchased the hardware business of J. S. Bower, and commenced taking stock on Monday. He will take possession as soon as completed, in the Central Hotel building, formerly occupied by D. M. Mehring as a store room. His many friends wish him success in his new venture.

D. H. Essig has accepted a clerkship with Reindollar Bros.

E. E. Reindollar, D. J. Hesson, Walter A. Bower and Miss Clara Reindollar are attending the State Bankers' convention held at Atlantic City this week.

Mervin Creager and family, of Hanover, spent the week's end with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Bower.

Mrs. George Hammond, of Baltimore, spent the first of the week with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Null.

Mrs. Henry Shoemaker died at her home on George street on Monday afternoon, after an illness of several months. She is survived by three children, Miss Bertha, at home; John H., of Yonkers, N. Y., and Thomas L., of Lemoine, Pa. Funeral arrangements not known at present writing.

Warren Hill and daughter, Dorothy, of Pittsfield, Mass., are the guests of his parents, Richard Hill and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger, of Littlestown, spent Sunday with friends here.

Fatally Injured.

On Sunday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith received a telegram from their son, St. Claude T. Smith, of Beaver, Beaver County, Okla., stating that his oldest son, James Owings Smith had met with a serious accident, and a second telegram announcing his death. He had been sent on an errand down town, and was returning on a solid tired oil tank when in some way he fell between the wheels, the rear wheel passing over his body. Everything was done to save him, but he died in a few hours.

Richards.

Alice S. widow of the late George C. Richards, died at her home near Hampstead on Sunday evening. Her death was very sudden, having been while in her usual good health and while talking to members of her family she was noticed to gradually sink in her chair and before a physician could be summoned she expired. Acute dilatation of the heart was the cause. She is survived by two sons, Harry F. and Edward, both of Hampstead, and one brother, Mr. Nicholas Mummaugh, of Lawndale. Her funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at Hampstead Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. D. M. Dibble officiating. The pallbearers were J. W. Kelbaugh, H. R. Lippy, J. F. Switzer, Geo. Rineman, John Brooks and Chas. Ruby. Tipton & Son funeral directors.

TAXES TO INCREASE IN CARROLL.

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But a number of the items did not require the full allotment, while others required additional. The school fund was allotted an additional amount of \$30,400.00, for school buildings and equipment, which brought the actual expenditure for all school purposes to about 52 cents on the hundred dollars, or 58 per cent of the total taxes collected under 1918 levy for county purposes, and in addition the allotment made and paid out of the State taxes by the State to Carroll county's school fund. Now in order to accept and allow the necessary increase in the School budget for 1919, it will necessitate an increase in the tax rate for 1919. And at the same time we must consider the other necessary public developments and improvements along other lines, and one of the most important of these is our bridges and public roads. On account of the great demand by the public, we have decided to do a certain amount of the most important construction work each year, but it is the sincere desire of the County Commissioners not to do too much any one year, so that it will impose no great a burden on the tax payers, but we hope and believe the plan mapped out for these improvements, is fair and will be for the best interest of the county, but bear in mind that all this work cannot be done at once as we do not wish to increase the taxes too much for this purpose.

The Government and the county at large are making efforts to do better rural conditions, which means improved schools and highways, and Carroll county wishes to do her part without putting too great a burden on her people.

Possibly we do not appreciate Carroll county for what it really is, one of the best and most productive, as well as the wealthiest per capita of any county in this country, we also wish to call attention to our county's past management and development and not forgetting that we have enjoyed comparatively low tax rates.

We, as County Commissioners of Carroll county, want the public to know what developments are taking place, and assuring the public that we wish to use every effort toward economy and endeavor to get full value for all expenditure.

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County Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland.

\$412,425 FOR SCHOOLS.

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Washington County Board Wants Liberal Appropriation.

Hagerstown, Md., May 21.—The Washington County School Board has made its annual requisition for funds for next year, asking the County Commissioners to levy for \$328,748.32. The estimated expenditures for the year are \$412,425. Of this \$328,748.32 will be received from the State and other sources. The board's budget includes \$124,000 for new schoolhouses. The sum of \$225,000 is asked for teachers' salaries. Last year this item was \$187,500. The School Commissioners asked the County Commissioners for a liberal appropriation, pointing out the need for more schoolhouses and higher salaries for the teachers if the standard of teaching is to be maintained.

TANEYTOWN.

Miss Josephine and Master Francis Yount, of Florida, arrived last week to spend the summer, the former with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reindollar, and the latter with his parents, Mrs. Chas. Kephart.

John C. Shunk, of Westminster, spent Thursday last with his sister, Mrs. John H. Diffendal.

Mrs. John Hornberger and son, John, Jr., of Littlestown, Pa., and Miss Helen Elliot, of York, spent the week's end with Joseph E. Elliot and family, and attended the bazaar held by St. Joseph's church.

Word was received last week of the safe arrival in New York of two more of our boys from over seas, Francis Shaum and Mark Wisoskey.

Roy B. Garner, who has been clerking for Reindollar Bros. for the past four years has purchased the hardware business of J. S. Bower, and commenced taking stock on Monday. He will take possession as soon as completed, in the Central Hotel building, formerly occupied by D. M. Mehring as a store room. His many friends wish him success in his new venture.

D. H. Essig has accepted a clerkship with Reindollar Bros.

E. E. Reindollar, D. J. Hesson, Walter A. Bower and Miss Clara Reindollar are attending the State Bankers' convention held at Atlantic City this week.

Mervin Creager and family, of Hanover, spent the week's end with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Bower.

Mrs. George Hammond, of Baltimore, spent the first of the week with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Null.

Mrs. Henry Shoemaker died at her home on George street on Monday afternoon, after an illness of several months. She is survived by three children, Miss Bertha, at home; John H., of Yonkers, N. Y., and Thomas L., of Lemoine, Pa. Funeral arrangements not known at present writing.

Warren Hill and daughter, Dorothy, of Pittsfield, Mass., are the guests of his parents, Richard Hill and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger, of Littlestown, spent Sunday with friends here.

Fatally Injured.

On Sunday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith received a telegram from their son, St. Claude T. Smith, of Beaver, Beaver County, Okla., stating that his oldest son, James Owings Smith had met with a serious accident, and a second telegram announcing his death. He had been sent on an errand down town, and was returning on a solid tired oil tank when in some way he fell between the wheels, the rear wheel passing over his body. Everything was done to save him, but he died in a few hours.

Richards.

Alice S. widow of the late George C. Richards, died at her home near Hampstead on Sunday evening. Her death was very sudden, having been while in her usual good health and while talking to members of her family she was noticed to gradually sink in her chair and before a physician could be summoned she expired. Acute dilatation of the heart was the cause. She is survived by two sons, Harry F. and Edward, both of Hampstead, and one brother, Mr. Nicholas Mummaugh, of Lawndale. Her funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at Hampstead Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. D. M. Dibble officiating. The pallbearers were J. W. Kelbaugh, H. R. Lippy, J. F. Switzer, Geo. Rineman, John Brooks and Chas. Ruby. Tipton & Son funeral directors.

TAXES TO INCREASE IN CARROLL.

It should be of interest to every citizen of Carroll county to know what has been done and what the future demands are likely to be upon the tax funds of this county.

In these days of development and improvement there are new demands made each day for better conditions. One of the most important, and greatest demand, is for better schools and better school conditions. The County Board of Education has just presented its budget to the County Commissioners for acceptance, which calls for the expenditure of about \$197,000.00, in addition to the amount allotted by the State, of about \$53,000.00, making a total expenditure of about \$250,000.00 for the coming year for Public School purposes of this county. The Public School Board is not solely responsible for the increase, as the school buildings throughout the county have depreciated for lack of proper repairs, upkeep and improvements, and at the same time, the State Board of Health is demanding great improvements in the way of proper sanitary conditions, as well as additional space to take care of the increase of schools.

It is the sincere desire of the County Commissioners to do all within their power for the development of the school systems of this county, but to accept the budget for the full amount of the \$197,000.00, would impose too great an additional tax upon the tax payers when we have other demands which are equally as important from a public standpoint. Great pressure is being brought from many parts of the county for improved roads, mostly from sections that have not had any of these advantages, and some of this work must be done, as it is only fair that the rural districts should have better road conditions, as they are paying