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MRS. HOFFMAN DIES FROM BURNS

BURNING CLOTHES CAUGHT FIRE FROM BURNING PAPER—MRS. J. E. FREEMAN DEAD—WM. ZEPP BURIED—I. O. F. ELECTS OFFICERS.

Mrs. J. E. Freeman, of Allentown, Pa., mother of Rev. R. J. Freeman, pastor of the Reformed church, died at her late home Friday morning, December 3. She was buried Monday afternoon at Allentown. She is survived by her husband, Rev. J. E. Freeman, pastor of the Reformed church, at Packerton, Pa. Rev. C. E. Freeman, pastor of the Reformed church, at Doylestown, Pa.; Rev. R. J. Freeman, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Miss Margaret Freeman, municipal nurse of Bethlehem, Pa.

William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fiden Zepp, died at his home, Baltimore Monday, December 6, of acute heart disease, aged 19 years and 11 days. William was born in Manchester, he lived here during his childhood. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved parents in their loss. Services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in Immanuel Lutheran church, Rev. Leatherman officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the town cemetery.

Seldom has the town been more shocked than it was Monday, when the news was spread that Mrs. Aaron Hoffman had been burned so seriously that she could last but a few hours.

Mr. Hoffman arose at an early hour to the cigar factory of W. D. Hanson & Son where he is employed. After he had left the house Mrs. Hoffman arose about 6 o'clock, in lighting the lamp the match ignited some paper and her night dress caught, and she was soon enveloped in flames. Her cries were heard by the neighbors, who rushed to her aid. They found her so severely burned that she was almost unconscious from the shock. Dr. J. H. Sherman was summoned, he dressed her burns, which he at once pronounced would be fatal. She lived until 3 p. m. Most heart felt sympathy is extended to the distressed husband and sons. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Aaron Hoffman, two sons, Messrs. Claude and George M. Hoffman, of this town, one sister, Mrs. Nelson Werheim, of Harrisburg, Pa. Funeral services Thursday afternoon, Rev. Roy Freeman officiating. Interment in the family lot. The pallbearers were: Messrs. H. Musselman, H. J. T. Lamotta, C. M. Masenlimmer, M. Manthey, Wesley Burgoon and W. D. Hanson. Wink Bros. funeral directors.

Mrs. Mollie Brown and her sister, Mrs. George Brown, of Baltimore, spent the week's end at the home of Miss Fannie Ross.

There have been some changes of residences the past week. Mrs. Susan Rykel moved to her own home, 10 North Main street. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Berwanger and daughter, Mrs. A. Witter moved into the house vacated by Mrs. Bixler.

The members of Trinity Reformed church will present in the near future a musical play entitled "Our Ministers Honeymoon."

The annual election of Daniel and Jacob Lodge I. O. F. was held Saturday evening, December 4. The following were elected: Paul L. Warehime, N. G.; Jacob M. Warehime, V. G.; George J. Lorringer, R. S.; G. W. J. Everhart, F. S.; Samuel Miller, treasurer; George S. Motter, marshal; J. F. Burgoon, chaplain; representatives to the grand lodge, D. A. Reid; J. E. Musselman, A. R. Lippy; H. B. Burgoon; D. O. Reed and E. W. Gregory, trustees.

School Legislation Planned

With a view to establishing definitely the needs of the State school system in all particulars, so that a complete program may be ready for the Legislature next winter, the superintendent of schools of each of the counties this morning will open a three-day conference in Baltimore. It will be followed by a similar conference, lasting two days, in which the county supervisors will take part.

These conferences probably are the most extensive and ambitious of any State educational gathering held in Maryland. They have been arranged by Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent, to supplement the private investigation work he and Assistant State Superintendent George H. Reavis have been conducting for several months. They will be followed next month by a conference of all county superintendents and members of all county boards of education.

Superintendent Cook then plans to consolidate the thought of all these conferences and the results of his and Mr. Reavis' investigations in a program for presentation to the State Board of Education. When that body approves such a program, it will be presented to Governor Ritchie, to be incorporated in his educational program for the next session of the Legislature.

Fined for Hunting on Sunday

The following persons were before Police Justice Walsh on December 2, charged with violation of the Game Law of Maryland: Charles Dull, hunting on Sunday, fined \$25 and costs; George Leister, hunting on Sunday, fined \$25 and costs; Herbert Leister, hunting without license, fined \$15 and costs.

TO RETURN AUCTIONEERS LICENSE FEE

MISS I. JEWELL SIMPSON'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED—TO HAVE EDUCATIONAL INSPIRATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY—NO MORE ORGANS FOR SCHOOLS.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Carroll County was called to order in the office of the Board at 10:45 on Wednesday, December 1st. Commissioner Koons was absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The list of bills as presented to the Board was approved and ordered paid. Requests for contributions to local funds raised for libraries, etc., were presented to the Board which contributed \$10 to the amount already raised in each case; except in the case of New Windsor it agreed to make the contribution 10 per cent. of the amount raised by the school, which amounted to \$16.84.

Lineboro, \$12, musical instrument. Park Hill, \$15, organ. Greenmount, \$50.02, phonograph. Fairfield, \$22.00, phonograph. Retard, \$10.00, books. Lawdale, \$20.00, phonograph. Meadow Branch, \$19.00, books. Graceland, \$62.17, books, etc. Sykesville, \$10.00, looks. Ridge, \$20.00, books and pictures. New Windsor, \$168.40, playground equipment and phonograph.

An order was then passed by the Board that no money will be contributed for the purchase of organs in the future, as organs are of little value in the school work.

The board heartily approved of the educational inspirational meeting that Supt. Unger proposes to hold on January 14th, for the teachers of the county, high school pupils, and the general public. He has secured such well-known educators as State Superintendent of Schools, Albert S. Cook, Thomas H. Briggs, of Teachers College, N. Y. C., and Dr. George D. Strayer, who is conducting the educational survey of Baltimore City.

The resignation of Miss I. Jewell Simpson, Supervisor of Elementary Grades, to take effect on January 1st, 1921, was accepted by the Board with great regret. Miss Simpson has been a most efficient, helpful, and successful supervisor. She has been placed in charge of a division of the Bureau of Measurements in the Department of Education of the State of Maryland.

The amount of the refund of the auctioneer's license fee paid to Carroll county by Samuel Crawford was authorized to be placed in the school budget for the next year, and as soon as the Board receives the funds from the County Commissioners the same will be paid. The construction of a building at the Winfield school was left in charge of Supt. Unger. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

WEDDINGS.

Williams—Yeiser
Miss Derma M. Yeiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Yeiser, this city, became the bride of W. Maurice Williams, of Washington, D. C., Wednesday at 3 o'clock, when they were married at the home of the bride, Rev. John Ruppel performed the ceremony. The matron of honor was Mrs. Charles E. Arno, sister of the bride, and Mr. George Fisher, of Washington, D. C., acted as best man. Following the ceremony light refreshments were served after which they left for a wedding tour to New York and other points of interest. Upon their return they will reside in Washington, D. C.

Zimmerman—Ogle
A. Dewey Zimmerman, New Market, and Lenora L. Ogle, Mt. Airy, were married at the residence of the bride, November 25, by Rev. Frank A. Isaac, New Market.

Lou is Married.
Mr. Louis Eyer, of this city, and Miss Adelaide Kiser were married in Baltimore Saturday. Both bride and groom are residents of Baltimore, but Mr. Eyer is with the American Express as its efficient agent here. Mr. Eyer's friends extend best wishes to them. The couple arrived in this city Monday on the fast 3.46 express in an observation coach. As an accommodation the train was stopped at every station and some that were not, to allow the bride to view the country.

Election Expenses
John H. Cunningham, treasurer of the Republican party in Carroll county, has filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court his report showing his receipts and expenditures. He received from Galen L. Tait, chairman of the State Central Committee, \$1,000; from A. A. Blakely, \$200; from Carroll county Republicans, \$472.50; total, \$1,672.50, and expended \$1,513.03, leaving a balance of \$159.47.

N. H. Baumgardner, Democratic treasurer, received from J. Hubert Wade, treasurer of the State Central Committee, \$500; local Democrats, \$350; balance on hand from campaign of 1919, \$303.96; total \$1,153.96; expended \$1,151.25; leaving balance of \$347.1.

FINAL REPORT OF POULTRY SHOW

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS—\$89.00 OFFERED IN PRIZES—\$66.65 AWARDED—NO EXHIBITS FOR SOME CLASSES.

Their will be a general meeting of the Carroll County Poultry Association Wednesday evening, December 15, at 7:30 in the County Agents Office. All interested in poultry are urged to attend. The following statement concerning the recent Show has been submitted by Thomas W. Kemp, President of the Association.

The Editor I wish to submit through you to the people of Carroll County a report of the committee of arrangements having in charge the recent Poultry Exhibit, but before doing so I would like to present a few general facts concerning the Carroll County Poultry Association. This Association was formed in 1919 at the instigation of our County Agent, but it did not begin to function until this year when it staged the Poultry Show held in conjunction with the County exhibit. All the arrangements for the poultry exhibit were separate and distinct from the agricultural exhibit and were carried out by the association.

When the show opened on November 17, we had on our roll only 21 members. The show was arranged by a very small band of aged-in-the-wool poultry fanciers who were determined that the poultry industry of the county should be organized. It was necessary to call upon the public-spirited citizens and business men for financial aid and they responded nobly—they made the show possible. In turn the show has made the future of the Carroll County Poultry Association possible and therefore, in a very true sense, the public spirited citizens and business men have presented the poultry industry of the county with an instrument of unestimable value. It is now up to the poultry raisers of the county to employ this instrument in the proper manner. There is now on the rolls of the Association more than 100 members and it should no longer be necessary that 8 or 10 persons carry the burden of its affairs.

To the exhibitors at the recent show I wish to say that although the public spirit citizens it was rendered successful through the response of the poultry breeders. Those of us who engineered this enterprise were really astonished at the display made and the unselfish spirit shown by the exhibitors. A summary of the work of the committee of arrangements follows: Cash contributions amounting to \$121 were received from the following: Hon. Wade H. Warfield, Senator R. Smith Snader, B. F. Shriver & Co., Smith & Reissinger, Westminster stock, C. A. Bailes, George Osborne, Delco Light Co., C. N. Lockard, H. H. Harbaugh, Matthews & Myers, George Hunter, Dr. G. Lewis Wetzel, Farmers Feed & Fertilizer Co., Westminster News Co., Chris. Schwanke, Wm. A. Arthur and Mayor Howard E. Koonz.

Those who donated articles for prizes were Farm Power Co., Westminster Hardware Co., H. J. Jones, John W. Humbert, A. M. Horning, Jos. B. Doyle, A. D. Leister, Rexall Drug Co., Engler & Sponseller, Jas. H. Cassell, Shreeve & Schaeffer, Thos. E. Will, Wm. E. Frock, Herr & Babylon, J. W. Shunk, Times Publishing Co., Sharrer, Gorsuch & Starr, Edgar K. Fleagle, Wm. N. Keefer, Farmer's Feed & Fertilizer Co., D. S. Gehr, George A. Shriner, Clinton N. Myers, D. F. Shipley, Jr., Kroop Bros., Blamberg Bros., John N. Weigle and Cutris Publishing Co., Baker Grocery.

The copying of the show cost \$68.35; printing cost of ribbons and labels \$16.50; expenses of judges \$16.50; total expenses \$145.50. Their was offered in cash prizes \$89, including the cost of cups; of this amount \$66.65 was awarded; it was impossible to award \$23, on account of the fact that many entrants failed to make a display, which consisted of 3 entries, thus placing themselves out of competition. For instance in the White Leghorn Class, one of the largest classes in the show, there was a single display, and \$5.50 offered for display in this class could not be awarded. The committee recommends that this amount be retained in the treasury of the association as a fund for similar cash prizes at the next show.

The thanks of the association is due Mrs. Chas. S. Shirk and Mr. C. N. Myers, of Hanover, for the use of coops, and Messrs. Thomas, Bennett & Hunter for hauling coops from Taneytown. The committee also wishes to acknowledge the valuable services rendered by the newspapers of the county in giving the show publicity. It will be noted that their has been no charges made for services and labor, all members of the committee and other members and fanciers gave many hours of time and labor to the enterprise with out one cent of cost. The committee feels that the Yeoman's work of Capt. John N. Weigle, who gave many hours to mounting and arranging coops, and Mr. Ray C. Hook, who acted as super-

intendent of the show, should have the special thanks of the association. Thanks is also due to Mr. George O. Brown, of Baltimore, and Mr. J. H. Mehling, of Littlestown, Pa., who acted as Judges at a nominal cost, and Mr. H. W. Rickey of the State Extension Service, not alone for his services as a judge, but for the encouragement and aid he has given the association since its organization.

In conclusion, if there is any contributor who feels he has not received proper credit or his just awards, the committee would consider it a favor to have it called to its attention. Respectfully submitted, by the committee of arrangements,
DR. G. LEWIS WETZEL, Chairman.
D. F. SHIPLEY, JR., Secretary.
EDGAR C. YINGLING, Treasurer.

DEDICATION OF SEMINARY.

New Administration Building of Westminster Theological College.

The new administration building of the Westminster Theological Seminary will be dedicated on Friday, December 17, at 4 p. m. The new building is a Tudor-Gothic structure of brick and stone, 165 feet long and 48 feet wide, is four stories high, with a central tower five stories high. The tower is surmounted by an illuminated Celtic cross, the gift of Rev. William J. Thompson, D. D. of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., in memory of his father, the Rev. James Thompson, deceased, a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. The services in connection with the dedication will begin on Thursday night.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Taylorsville Methodist Episcopal Church met on Thursday, November 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Warner, near Mount Airy, and was royally entertained by them. After the business part was over a Thanksgiving supper was served to all, also refreshments consisting of various kinds of cakes and cocoa. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eyers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Grimes, Mr. Roy Gunn, Mrs. Lillie Grimes, of Baltimore; Mesdames Denie Barnes, Ella Barnes, Edna Franklin, Katherine Franklin, Myrtle Gunn, Mrs. Lambert, Celia Hood, Polly Jenkins, Mrs. Rigler, Edna Barnes, Daisy Condon, Warner, Lucinda Ecker, Anna Covar, Mary B. Pickett, Edna Pickett, Misses Flora Dudderar, Alma Ecker, Eleanor Eyer, Helen Fisher, Elizabeth Naile, Lillian Barnes, Dorothy Barnes, Dorothyene Gunn, Gertie Apple, Mary Grimes, Hilda Magin, Anna Hood, Hilda Hood, Maggie Hood, Evelyn Condon, Gladys Main, Blouise Gunn, Pearl Conaway, Margaret Franklin, Margret Warner, Margaret Wright, Dorthene Wright, Master Emerson Mowbray, Jay Mowbray, William Wright, Truman Wright, Everett Wright, Edgar Baker, Reuben Baker, Ray Grimes, Albert Grimes, Herman Barnes, Orville Wright, Howard Frizzell, Charles J. Gunn, Ralph Wright, Ralph Grimes, Herman Hood and Clinton Gunn.

Fire Truck Again Flunks.

For the second time our fire truck balky and refuses to do its work. Our truck is a Republic and from the recommendations given by the Westminster firemen we refrain from publishing. Dynamite makes a noise when exploding but from the volume of upheaval that comes from the vocabularies of our firemen, who were by chance on the truck when it went wrong, dynamite explosion was only mild. Don't swear so, it rocks the truck.

At Patapsco fire our hose was used on Hampstead's LaFrance fire engine, because our pump would not work for some reason. We don't say it was the fault of the truck, it didn't work, that's all.

On Wednesday night in its flight to Sykesville fire something went wrong with the motor at Gamber and it was returned to its warm home in an awful lame condition. Up until this time we have not learned of the cause, as no mechanic had looked it over. We have the reels yet.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mrs. Samiel Bond, of Westminster, and her son, Winter D. Bond, of Finksburg, visited Mrs. Amelia E. Davis on Tuesday.

Mr. Daniel W. Dudderar is on the sick list at his home, near Taylorsville.

Mrs. Lulu Twigg, of Harrisville, is visiting Mrs. Basil Gosnell.

Mr. Bradley Baker and friend, Miss Bond, of Baltimore, called on Miss Flora Dudderar on Wednesday, also Mrs. Thomas Hoffman.

Miss Deborah K. Davis called on Mrs. Morgan Brashear and family, near Mt. Airy, Tuesday.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

Orphans' Court
Monday, December 6th.—Lizzie O. Steele, executrix of Wesley A. Steele, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property and received an order to sell same.

Jesse C. Reese and J. Wesley Reese, executors of Andrew J. Reese, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Tuesday, December 7th.—Charles Giller, administrator of Louisa Giller, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property and settled his first and final account.

John N. Starr, executor of J. Thaddeus Starr, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property.

The last will and testament of Mollie F. Charlton, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto W. Morris Haines and George M. Clarke, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors.

Charlotte L. Billingslea, executrix of James H. Billingslea, deceased, reported sale of personal property and settled her second and final account.

Benjamin F. Rigler, administrator of George Rigler, deceased, returned inventories of debts and money.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Harry C. Albaugh and wife to John W. Beard and wife, 1-8 acre, for \$15,500.

Emma J. Burns to John P. Kaufman, 3 tracts, for \$2800.

Aubrey J. Stem and wife to C. Ray Barnes and wife, 62 square perches, for \$2000.

Francis M. Taylor et al., to Bertie N. Taylor and wife, 1/2 acre, for \$40.

Edward C. Yingling and wife to Mary E. Rickell, 4800 square feet, for \$100.

Chester F. Cook and wife to Edward A. Newcomer and wife, 22 acres, for \$10.

Merriman L. Smith and wife to Theodore J. Mathias and wife, lot, for \$10.

Theodore J. Mathias and wife to Merriman L. Smith and wife, 18 acres, for \$10.

Charles G. L. Ecker and wife, to Howard U. Maus, 142 acres, for \$3892.38.

Aaron Banker and wife to William E. Zumbur, 5 acres, for \$303.

Francis A. Logue and wife to Frederick W. Bitzel and wife, 6 acres, for \$10.

William R. McCardell and wife to Edward H. Dausinger and wife, lot, for \$800.

Albert S. Mauk and wife to Edwin E. Stoner and wife, 14 1/2 acres, for \$100.

50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—SAME DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County held its 50th annual meeting of the stockholders of the company at their office on East Main street Monday.

The directors elected for the coming year are as follows: E. E. Reindollar, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Louis E. Shriver, Elias O. Grimes, John N. Weaver, Perry D. Hering, Denton S. Gehr, Harry R. DeVries, John H. Reifsnider, and Robert Shriver.

Immediately after the election of directors these officers were elected: Dr. J. J. Weaver, president; Elias O. Grimes, vice president; and C. Gloyd Lynch, secretary and treasurer.

Before the election of officers, Mr. C. Gloyd Lynch, secretary and treasurer, submitted the annual report of the company for the past year, which was approved. The company is one of the most prosperous home insurance companies in the country and its agents are conveniently located throughout the county and are Milton A. Zollicoffer, E. E. Reindollar, Wm. H. Shower, W. U. Marker, Wm. A. Abbott, E. L. Amann, Geo. P. B. Engler, C. A. Lindsay, Wm. H. Swartz, P. D. Schaeffer, Harry R. DeVries, Jos. C. Higgins, Stewart J. Brandenburg, Geo. W. Bankert and Elmer P. Schildt.

At the conclusion of a dinner was served at the Westminster Hotel to the directors and a few invited guests.

MISSION WELL ATTENDED

Rev. Fallon Makes Brief Explanations on Ten Commandments—Warns Parents Safeguard Religion and Morals of Their Children

The mission that was conducted last week at St. John's Church by the Rev. Fathers Fallon and O'Brien, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, was brought to a termination on Sunday evening. During the week, there was a splendid attendance at the services both morning and evening; and, at the closing exercises, practically the entire congregation was present.

The sermon on Sunday evening was delivered by Rev. Father Fallon, and consisted of a brief explanation of each of the ten commandments. The Rev. Preacher pointed out that the many social ills of the day have their origin in irreligion and disregard for God's Law; and he proclaimed that the only remedy for the universal unrest that has grown so menacing, is the practice of the Christian virtues, reverence for God, respect for His Holy Name, observance of the Sabbath, submission to authority, honesty, purity and charity. Amongst other things, he condemned the indecent amusements that have grown so common, and he warned parents of their obligation to safeguard the religion and morals of their children by every means in their power. He spoke of the sanctity of the marriage bond, of the gravity of the obligations of the marriage state, and of the chastity that ought to characterize those who are preparing for entrance into wedlock.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the congregation renewed their baptismal promises, and then the Pastor, Rev. Father McGulgan, held a reception of new members into the Ladies' Sodality and the Holy Name Society. The papal blessing was imparted; and the services closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. James' Revival Closed.

Freedom M. E. Church, South, R. Carl Maxwell, pastor. Special service at Freedom 11 a. m.; communion 3 p. m.; evangelistic sermon at Bethany at 7:30 p. m.

The revival at St. James' closed on Sunday night with the largest attendance ever known at the St. James church. Mr. and Mrs. James Christy, of Baltimore, proved an irresistible power in drawing the people to church and to Christ. The gospel messages by the pastor were much appreciated by the people. Fifteen persons professed conversions, three others were reclaimed. Hundreds of people received a vision of Christ which they will probably never forget.

Designate Places to Sell Tuberculosis Seals

Berrett district has received several thousands of the 1920 "Tuberculosis Christmas Seals," and it will be our aim to place them within reach of all. They will be for sale in the stores, Woodbine Post office, and public schools, also individual workers. Use them freely on your gifts. They are sold only for the war against Tuberculosis. Seal your mail with the stamp of health. Let all help us, to make this sale a wonderful success in our district.

Mattie B. Shoemaker, Seal sale chairman of Berrett district.

Do It Now.

Before you lay this paper down, read the advertisement for Near East Relief, to be found on another page. Then send in your contribution, before you forget it. If you forget your contribution the sufferers will not forget their hunger and their misery. Of course, you mean to help, but then you know how we do so often, delay until it is too late. Send your contribution, and a good one too, to the Treasurer, J. Pearre Wantz, Westminster.

It is estimated to have 11,000-12,000 head of sheep and goats.

BIG LOSS BY FIRE

SYKESVILLE MILL, ELEVATOR AND FERTILIZER PLANTS BURN—LOSS ABOUT \$160,000—STARTED IN ELEVATOR.

On Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock fire was discovered by the watchman in the grain elevator of the Sykesville Milling Company, at Sykesville, and burned so fast that the mill and elevator and also the Sykesville Fertilizer Company were wiped out by the blaze before it was brought under control.

The elevator contained 60,000 bushels of wheat and 100 barrels of shell corn. The loss is estimated at \$160,000 which is partly covered by insurance.

Nearby houses were fired several times by flying sparks, but through the efforts of the fire department no great damage was done to them. The occupants of the dwelling were forced to flee, carrying with them as much of their household goods as they could.

Hundreds of people flocked to the scene of the fire, attracted by the reflection of the flames, which could be seen for miles. It was the most spectacular blaze ever witnessed in Carroll county.

The firemen fought the blaze for three hours before it was considered under control. A detail was ordered to remain all night to prevent the glowing embers from igniting. The high wind fanned the flames, causing the blaze to spread rapidly. For a time it looked as though the entire village would be destroyed.

No one but the watchman was in the building at the time of the outbreak and the origin of the blaze is still not definitely known. Spontaneous combustion caused by the wheat chaff was the opinion expressed.

A number of cars of grain standing on a siding were saved from destruction when a Baltimore and Ohio engine was rushed to the scene and withdrew them to a place of safety.

The Catonsville and Westminster Fire Companies were summoned. The Catonsville made the run in 25 minutes to the scene, but the Westminster fire truck has not arrived there yet. Some of the local company went in automobiles and rendered whatever assistance they could.

Senator Wade H. D. Warfield is the president of the mill and fertilizer enterprises.

Birthday Party.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. Frank Grimes, near Covey's Corner, November 26, it being Mrs. Frank Grimes' birthday. All had a very pleasant time and enjoyed cake, ice cream, bananas, apples and pears. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Mowbray, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Otho P. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Price, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus O. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conaway, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Lillie Grimes, Mrs. Mattie Reich, of Baltimore; Mr. Edward Kruger, Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray, Edward Fleming, Herman Barnes, Lillian Barnes, Walter, Wilbur, Ruth, Edith, Aubrey and Rosco Fleming, Otho Fleming, Roby Fleming, Pearl Conaway, Ralph Grimes, Raymond Grimes, Orville Wright, Eleanor Eyer, Blouise Gunn, Clinton Gunn, Monroe Pickett, Frances Grimes, Arthur Grimes, Dorothy Reich and Paul Reich.

Traffic over the Western Maryland Railway was at standstill for 12 hours from 7 p. m. Saturday, on account of the derilment of a locomotive and five loaded cars of coal at West Virginia Junction, above Piedmont caused by a split switch frog. President M. C. Byers and staff were held up by the accident.

The reflection of fire in the sky Tuesday evening about 7:30 o'clock was Mount Holly Inn, near Baltimore, which was burned to the ground. The damage is expected to be more than \$500,000 for the building alone. Two firemen were injured and one overcome by the heat while fighting the flames. Many others had narrow escapes. Many of the guests, including a great many women, made a trip into the burning building to save clothing, jewelry and other articles, until it became dangerous the police put a stop to it.

The case of the Adamstown Canning Company against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which involved an important question as to a contract with the Railroad Company for a siding in which the canning company exempted the railroad from liability in case of accident. The canning company was afterward shown not to be properly incorporated and question involved was whether its successor in title should be bound by the same exemptions. A fire in the meanwhile occurred, destroying the canning company's plant and inflicting a loss of about \$100,000. The canning company sued the railroad for damages and the latter filed a bill in equity asking that the canning company be enjoined from prosecuting the suit. The case was argued in Maryland Court of Appeals and a verdict was rendered in favor of the railroad Company. Bond & Parke represented the B. & O. R. R.