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TEA AT CASSELL HOME

Yesterday afternoon a delightful tea, under the auspices of the Ladies' Board of Managers, Mrs. Daniel F. Shipley, chairman, was held at the Cassell Home For The Aged of the Methodist Episcopal church of the Baltimore Conference, at The Forks, this city.

From the opening of the Home for the reception of patrons of the tea until the close the Home was filled with patrons who were much impressed with the manner in which the interior of the old building and the recently erected addition have been improved and made so charmingly homelike.

The Home has fourteen bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry, laundry, and four bath rooms. It is heated by steam and fire places, upon one of which, yesterday afternoon, a bright fire was burning, adding very much to the home-like surroundings. Electric lights have been installed, and gas for cooking purposes has been introduced into the kitchen. The whole interior has been painted and papered in quiet colors, and the antique character of the original building preserved.

The Home is not quite ready for guests but will be very soon as the Board of Lady Managers is working hard to get everything in proper condition.

The Home was deeded to the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church by Miss Lydia Cassell, a devout member of Centenary M. E. church, this city, and through the untiring efforts of members of that congregation the Home has been brought to its present state of perfection.

The Home is located in the angle made by West Main street and Pennsylvania avenue and is surrounded by an ample and well-kept lawn boardering on both the street and avenue. It is the colonial home of the Cassell family, Miss Lydia Cassell, now deceased, having been the last of her father's family.

The proceeds of the tea held yesterday afternoon will be devoted toward furnishing some of the lower rooms.

The Fidelity Bible Class of Centenary M. E. church, Dr. Daniel F. Shipley teacher, has donated to the home a complete fire-place set. The Board of Lady Managers are hoping other useful donations will be received.

DECEMBER 5th GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

Designation of this day as special occasion for aiding the orphaned children under care of the Near East Relief, has led to another aspect also, that of a day when the civilized nations of the world sit together at a common table to practice that rule which simply translated is "treat the other fellow as you would like him to treat you."

This next Golden Rule Sunday is overshadowed by the great tragedy in Armenia, the devastation from the terrible earthquake which still continue and which have added to the burden borne by the Near East Relief. Therefore the County Chairmen appeal to you to make your donations on December 5 greater than ever before.

The County Chairman and quotas are: Carroll county, Rev. J. Walter Englar, $5,000; Bachman's Mills, Miss Dora Stick $20; Gaither, Mrs. C. M. Griffith, $10; Hampstead, Mrs. J. William Kelbaugh, $200; Henryton, R. N. Arrington, $10; Keymar, Mrs. C. R. Cluts, John F. Oher, $70; Lineboro, Miss Dora Stick, $120; Middleburg, Miss Carrie B. Hyde, $70; Millers, Miss Dora Stick, $50; Mt. Airy, Jesse P. King, $300; New Windsor, Mrs. Edward C. Bixler, $200; Sykesville, Harry J. Koller, $250; Union Bridge, Miss Lydia L. Smith, Miss Iva Strasburg, $400; Westminster, C. E. Forlines, Mrs. Carrie King, Miss Nellie Arnold, $1,500; Woodbine, W. T. Fleming, $100.

Miss Bessie Dorsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dorsey and Miss Julia Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walsh, both of this city, passed the state board examination for nurses last week, this being their first examination. Both are graduates of St. Joseph's hospital Baltimore.

OBITUARY

MRS. EMMA C. HACKETT

Mrs. Emma C. Hackett, widow of the late Caleb H. Hackett, died suddenly on Saturday, November 27, 1926, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Keefer Knill, Woodbine, this county.

Tuesday morning the funeral was held in St. Michael's Catholic church, Popular Springs, Howard county, and interment was made in Loudon Park cemetery, Baltimore.

MRS. MARY LEISTER

Mrs. Mary Leister, widow of the late Aaron Leister, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Hilterbridle, Pleasant Valley, Friday, November 26, 1926. Death was due to Bright's disease. She had been bedfast for the past thirty-two weeks. She was aged 69 years, eleven months and 16 days. She is survived by six stepchildren as follows: Mrs. Flora Shriner, Uniontown; Mrs. Weant Angel, Hanover; A. Daniel Leister, Pleasant Valley; Maurice Leister, Mt. Pleasant; Norman Leister, Ohio; and Raymond Leister, Silver Run. The funeral was held Monday meeting at the house at 10 A. M. with further services in Kriders Reformed church, the Rev. A. G. Wolf officiating. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

DAVID WISNER

David Wisner died at his home in Grand Valley, Md., Thursday, November 25, 1926, after a brief illness from double pneumonia. He was aged 74 years, eight months and ten days. He was a son of the late Christopher and Mary Wisner and was married to Miss Ellen Sholl, who survives with two daughters, Mrs. Augustus Myers, Grand Valley, and Mrs. Elmer Lippy, at home; also by two grandchildren, Mrs. William Snyder, Grand Valley, and Robert Lippy, who resides with his mother. He also leaves three sisters and one brother; Mrs Urias Milheims, Midway; Mrs. Susan Null, Silver Run; Mrs. George Myers, Grand Valley; and Eli Wisner, Hampstead. The funeral was held Sunday meeting at the house at 9:30 A. M., with further services in St. Bartholomew's church, the Rev. A. M. Hollinger officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

JOSHUA L. SMITH

Joshua L. Smith, a retired farmer, died at the home of his son Clarence Smith, near New Windsor, Thursday, November 25, 1926, after an illness of but one day from paralysis and pneumonia. He was aged 70 years, seven months and 13 days. Mr. Smith was born near Warfieldsburg, the son of the late John Smith, and lived in this county his entire life. He was an active member of Kriders Reformed church, near this city, and was affiliated with the Independent Order of Mechanics of this city. The funeral took place Sunday meeting at the house at 1 P. M. with further services at Kriders church and burial in the adjoining cemetery. The Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, a former pastor, and Rev. John N. Garner officiated. The I. O. M. lodge furnished the honorary pallbearers and conducted the rituals of the order at the grave. The active pallbearers were Wesley E. Sauble, J. Harvey Yingling, Clarence Ensor, Clifton G. Devilbiss, William Hesson, and John W. Cross.

SAMUEL D. WHITMORE

Samuel David Whitmore, died Friday, November 26, 1926, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Young, 4400 Bellevue avenue, Baltimore. He was the son of the late Samuel and Rebecca Whitmore, and was aged 71 years, nine months and 22 days. His widow, Mrs. Mary Whitmore, and two children survive: Mrs. Mary Young, Baltimore, and Harry W., Florida. For many years he was head baker at Western Maryland College. A short service was held at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, from the late residence, the Rev. Mr. Haddaway officiating. President A. N. Ward, Western Maryland College and the Rev. H. L. Elderdice, Westminster Theological Seminary, officiated at the brief service, held at Krider's cemetery, where the interment was made. Members of the faculty of Western Maryland College acted as pallbearers.

The pallbearers were Dr. Fred Smith, Baltimore; George R. Grumbine, Prof. J. T. Royer, Prof. M. J. Shroyer, Dr. C. E. Forlines and Dr. Ferdinand Bonnette.

F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral directors.

WILLIAM H. HOOD

William H. Hood, aged 78 years, husband of Laura Hood, died suddenly Monday, November 29, 1926.

Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. funeral services were held from his late residence in Mt. Airy, this county, and interment was made in Prospect cemetery.

MRS. LOUISA FISHER

Mrs. Louisa Fisher, widow of the late Joel Fisher, died Monday, November 29, 1926, at her home near Finksburg, from the infiirmities of age, aged 82 years, two months and 19 days. She was the daughter of the late George Snyder, and is survived by five sons: Charles H., Aaron S., Finksburg; William F., Los Angeles; Albert E., Elwood, New Jersey; Geo. I., Hagerstown; a sister, Miss Anne Snyder, Hagerstown; and three brothers Charles and James Snyder, Hagerstown; and Albert Snyder, Loudenville, Ohio. A brief service was held at the late residence, Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Rupley, after which the body was shipped to Hagerstown, with funeral services held yesterday morning. The interment was made in the Rose Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers were Milton P. Myers, Charles Lippy, Milton A. Sullivan, and D. M. Beagle.

F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral directors.

MRS. SARAH ELLEN BABYLON

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Babylon, widow of the late Mordecai W. Babylon, formerly a merchant of this city, died Saturday, November 27, 1926, at her residence 2012 Hollins street, Baltimore. She was the daughter of the late George W. and Mary Stoner. She is survived by the following children: George R., Clayton S., William M., Mary E., Mrs. Lewis Kraus, all of Baltimore; and Mrs. Harry Weisbert, Newark, New Jersey; also by three sisters, Mrs. Leah Robinson, Littlestown, Pa.; Mrs. John E. Eckenrode and Mrs. Howard E. Koontz, this city. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock, in St. Benjamin's Krider's Reformed church. A pastor from Baltimore officiated. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral directors.

CHARLES M. MASENHEIMER

Charles Michael Masenheimer died at his home in Manchester, this county, Sunday, November 28, 1926, following a stroke of paralysis suffered a short while ago. He was aged 65 years. He was a son of the late Henry and Catherine Masenheimer, Manchester. Besides his wife he is survived by two sisters and one brother: Mrs. C. W. Lewis, Baltimore; John E. Masenheimer, cashier of the Manchester bank; and Miss Mary Masenheimer, Manchester. The funeral took place Wednesday at 2:00 o'clock with all services at the house. The Rev. John S. Hollenbach, pastor of the Manchester Reformed church, of which Mr. Masenheimer was a member officiated. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church. Mr. Masenheimer was affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Lebanon Lodge of Manchester and was also identified prominently with the Manchester Fire Company.

W. E. SANDERS

W. E. Sanders, a retired Carroll county farmer, died at his home in Taneytown Tuesday, November 30, 1926, after a month's illness. Death was due to angina pectoris. He was aged 68 years, six months and two days. He was a son of the late Jas. S. and Charlotte Sanders. Surviving are his wife who before marriage was Miss Mary Myers and the following seven daughters and one son: Mrs. Charles Weaver, New Oxford; James C. Sanders, near Taneytown; Mrs. John Clabaugh, Bonneauville; Mrs. B. F. Morrison, Taneytown; Sister Mary Elizabeth, Richmond, Va.; Sister Genevieve, Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. J. Orendorff, Bonneauville; and Mrs. Guy Baker, Emmitsburg; Mr. Sanders is also survived by 22 grandchildren and six brothers and four sisters.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning meeting at the house at 8:30 o'clock with services at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Taneytown, the Rev. J. A. Little officiating.

FLOYD BENNETT TO BE AT W. M. C.

Floyd Bennett, pilot of the Byrd North Pole flight, is coming to Westminster on Friday evening, December 10th, 8:00 o'clock, under the auspices of Western Maryland College. While here Mr. Bennett is scheduled to lecture at Alumni Hall.

Floyd Bennett, who, with Richard Byrd, made the flight over the North Pole last May, has just completed a cross-country flight in the giant Folker airplane in which he flew to the Pole, visiting 45 cities in as many days, from New York to San Francisco and return. He has demonstrated the fact that great aviators, like people of accomplishment in other lines of endeavor, can be consistently great. Carrying ten men with him, landing on 45 fields he had never before seen with the giant three-engine plane, the only trouble on the entire six weeks trip was one broken valve spring. A like performance by automobile would be heralded far and wide by the manufacturer of the car achieving such a record.

Fokker, the Dutch designer, the same man whose 'planes, made for the Germans during the war, caused the allies so much trouble, simply nods his head in approval and keeps on with his work in his factory in New Jersey. America should breathe a sigh of relief to know that the man who designed the 'planes which came to have such an omnous sound to the Allied troops, has transferred his activities to the United States and is now turning out his monoplanes for our own Air Service and for the many commercial air lines so rapidly developing everywhere.

The North Pole flight, undoubtedly, has done more than any other single acievement in aviation to increase the public interest in aeronautics. It will not be many moons until one can go anywhere in the country by airplanes flying on regularly established schedules. It was Floyd Bennett, who is coming to Westminster under the auspices of Western Maryland College on Friday evening, December 10th, who piloted the plane on its successful North Pole flight. Driving straight into the unknown vastness of the Arctic, after days and nights of work without a wink of sleep, the moment of reward came when Commander Byrd with his instruments found that the 'plane was over the 'pole. Floyd Bennett is bringing the thrilling account of this memorable journey, the most unusual ever made by man, to Westminster under the auspices of Western Maryland College.

Admission at the door—Adults 50 cents, pupils of public and parochial schools 35 cents.

CLASSMATES WED

Miss Louise G. Spedden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton Spedden, of Cambridge, became the bride of John Alexander Wright, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. John A. Wright, of Hurlock. Both graduated from Western Maryland College in the class of 1924.

CARROLL REFORMED CHARGE

Bachman's Valley: Holy Communion in the church at Bachman's Valley at 2:00 P. M. and not in the church at Pleasant Valley as had been announced through a misunderstanding. The service will be conducted by Rev. John N. Garner.

Kreider's: Sunday school 1:00 P. M. Divine worship 2:00 P. M. Rev. S. R. Kresgo will preach.

Due to lack of space a number of articles had to be omitted in this issue of the Sentinel.

LAURA V. COPPERSMITH

Laura Virginia Coppersmith died at her home in Bachman's Valley, Thursday, December 2, 1926, aged 52 years, 4 months and 23 days.

Besides her husband she is survived by four children, Mrs. Earl Wentz, Melrose; Mrs. Delphia Trish, Deep Run; Paul E., Lineboro, and Elmer C., at home. One sister and five brothers also survive as follows: Mrs. Harry Leese, Pleasant Hill; Noah Geiman, Hanover; Harry Geiman, Manchester, Chester Geiman, Melrose; John Geiman, Baltimore, and Murray Geiman, Pleasant Hill. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Harvey Bankard funeral director.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MELVILLE AND REAVER REFUSE TO SURRENDER THEIR OFFICES TO HARNER AND BENSON.

Clerk Of Court Refuses To Administer Oath To Harner and Benson, Democrats, "Appointed" by Governor Ritchie.

When the smoke of the recent election had cleared it was found that Charles W. Melville, Republican, and Edward Harner and George E. Benson, Democrats, had been elected county commissioners for this county for the term of four years. However, when those in charge of the political affairs of the county got the smoke rubbed out of their eyes it was discovered the three persons had been elected to fill two places, an impossibility.

The returns of the election were duly certified to the State Board of Canvassers who through Attorney General Robinson, also a member of the board, certified to Governor Ritchie that there had been no election of county commissioners in this county; that two of the positions were vacant, and that he should fill the same by appointment.

Governor Ritchie sent to E. M. Mellor, Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court, commissions of Harner and Benson, Democrats, whom he said he "appointed" to fill the two positions until the next election of members of the House of Delegates, which will not take place for four years.

Upon learning the commissions were in possession of Mr. Mellor, Messrs. Harner and Benson presented themselves before him and requested him to administer the oath of office to them, which Mr. Mellor refused to do upon the ground that the Governor had no legal right to issue the commissions, there being no vacancies in the office of county commissioners, the present incumbents having the legal right to continue in office until their successors are "duly elected and qualified." If, as decided by the Board of Canvassers, no election was held for county commissioners, then no one has been elected as the successors to Charles W. Melville, Republican, and John W. Reaver, Democrat.

Governor Ritchie, yesterday in an interview, said he had done all he intended and that it was up to Harner and Benson to apply to the court to have themselves installed. He said he had only followed the advice of the Attorney General.

The election returns gave Mr. Melville a large majority over Harner and Benson, but the Governor, imbued with an intense partisan feeling, and at the behest of local Democrats, appointed two Democrats and stated that in 1927 he will appoint Mr. Melville for a three year term.

In the meantime proceedings for a recount of the ballots cast in the election for county commissioners has been filed in the circuit court and up to the time of going to press Messrs. Harner and Benson have not answered the same.

Some legal lights claim Melville and Reaver are remaining in office rightfully, while others say they are not. Anyway, they are the defacto officers, election or no election, and will continue to perform the duties of the office until removed by order of the court.

If Harner and Benson really want to be county commissioners by "appointment," in view of the pending proceedings for a recount, it is up to them to petition the court for a writ of mandamus to compel Melville and Reaver to vacate. Up to to-day no movement of that character has been started.

Opinion of Attorney General.

November 20, 1926.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Governor Ritchie:-

I have received your letter of November 18th, regarding the controversy which has arisen in Carroll county with respect to the County Commissioners. It appears from the letter of Mr. Edward O. Weant, which you enclosed, that the terms of two of the County Commissioners for Carroll County expire on December 1, 1926, and the term of the remaining Commissioner expires on December 1, 1927. At the recent election three Commissioners were selected, but there was no designation on the official ballot indicating the terms for which they were to hold office. The question now arises as to which two of the three Commissioners selected are entitled to qualify on December 1, 1926, and which one should take the three year term beginning on December 1, 1927.

I have heretofore considered this question informally, at the request of Mr. Weant, and several days ago advised him that the candidates in filing for the office should have designated the term to which they severally aspired, and the Supervisors in preparing the ballots should have printed separate headings on the ballots in substantially this form:

For County Commissioner
Four-year term
Vote for two
For County Commissioner
Three-year term
Vote for one

I rendered an opinion to this effect to the Supervisors of Elections of Howard County, on August 20th, 1926. Inasmuch as the above procedure has not been followed, and there is no method provided by law to determine the terms to which the several candidates for County Commissioner are respectively entitled, it would seem that the attempted election of these officials on November 2nd, 1926, is invalid.

Under he provisions of Section 5 of Article 17 of the Constitution, more commonly known as the Fewer Elections Amendment, it is very clear that two of the Commissioners should have been elected for four-year terms and one for a three-year term. The failure to designate these terms in the certificates of candidacy as well as on the official ballot is, in my judgment, fatal to the validity of the election. This conclusion is supported by a statement in 20 Corpus Juris, at page 261, where it is said:

> "Where by reason of improper omissions or additions to the official ballot, the electors are misled and thereby prevented from free exercise of the franchise, the tribunal trying the contest should adjudge the election invalid."

I have been very reluctant to reach the above conclusion, as it operates to create vacancies in two of the offices of County Commissioner on December 1st, 1926, and an additional vacancy on December 1st, 1927, and also to deprive the candidates who received the highest number of votes, of the offices to which they thought they were elected.

Section 4 of Article 25 of the Code of Public General Laws, authorizes you, as the Governor of the State, to fill vacancies created by "death, resignation or otherwise." In the case of Handy vs. Hopkins, 59 Md. 172, the Court of Appeals decided that where the office of a Commissioner became vacant because of a void election, it was proper for the order of Court to direct that notice of the vacancy be given to the Governor that he might fill it under the above provision of the Code.

It is my opinion, therefore, that there will be two vacancies on the Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County on December 1st, 1926, and another vacancy on December 1st, 1927, and that you, as Governor of the State, are authorized to fill these vacancies by appointments. Section 4 of Article 25 further requires your appointments to fill these vacancies to be submitted to the Senate within thirty days after the next meeting of the Legislature.

Although this conclusion may operate to work a hardship on the persons who were apparently the successful candidates at the recent election, this misfortune can be obviated by the appointment of the persons who received the highest number of votes at that election, if you deem this course advisable.

With kind personal regards, believe me,

Very truly yours,
Thomas H. Robinson,
Attorney-General.

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