ENGLISHMAN ON VISIT TO AMERICA FINDS TOWSON MOST ALLURING SPOT IN EAST

Admires Arrangement Of Town And Says Women Here Dress Better And Wear Nattier Looking Shoes Than Those In London.

Towson women do not suffer by comparison with their English cousins across the sea. Or at least that is what Sewlyn Davis, of London, private secretary to the Rt. Honorable Viscount Wimborne, noted polo enthusiast, told a representative of The Jeffersonian when interviewed during a visit to Towson and Loch Raven.

"The women in Towson are better dressed than those of the United Kingdom," Mr. Davis went on to state, "anad I have noticed that very ecellent shoes worn in your country. Judging, not from the money market, but only by the general appearance and manner of the people here I should say that America is far more prosperous. There is an air of independence and a sense of freedom about the States which is lacking abroad."

"I am impressed, too, with the way Towson is planned," he said, "By this I mean the sweeps and spacaes of the town and the detachment and homelike look of the houses. The land privileges you enjoy in America seems very wonderfu lafter the involved system with which England struggles."

Mr. Davis thinks the people of this locality closely resemble the English in semblence and reflect the Anglo Saxon race which has remained pure with practically no intermingling of alien strain since the Revolution. The accent of the people is charming, he says, and vastly different from the enunciation of the British, and he does not believe that the courtesy of manner he has found here could be surpassed elsewhere.

Arriving in Towson during one of the hottest periods of the season, Mr. Davis nevertheless expressed himself as being delighted with the climate. He would consider Maryland a close second to California, the latter being regarded by the English as having the most ideal location in the world.

The evenings here are more beautiful and the atmosphere more clear than in London, Mr. Davis declares, although the twilight is shorter.

The peach orchards spreading on the outskirts of Towson hold a fascination for this loyal subject of the King. Peaches cannot be grown in his native land, he tells us, and when brought in they command a high price. In Picadilly one pays as much as two shillings, or fifty cents for one peach, he says. Fruit in England is not abundant as in Baltimore county.

"The churches in this town are magnificent," Mr. Davis hastened to add. "I do not know of any place in England of relative size where there are churches to compare with these."

Returning to New York a few days ago Mr. Davis joined Lord Wimborne, with whom he has been as secretary for twenty years, and in whose house he lives in London. Lord Wimborne is in America now for the International Polo Matches. He brought a team over in 1914 and won the cup for England at that time.

COUNTY FIRE ENGINE FIGURES IN ACCIDENT.

Hearing the sound of fire-engine bells, Moore and Marie, 6 and 5 years old respectively, ran from the steps of a vacant house at 1363 W. North avenue, Baltimore city, "to see the fire engine." A moment later fire engine No. 7 of the Catonsville station of the Baltimore County Fire Department, crashed into the steps, demolishing them. Moore and Marie live at at 1361 W. North avenue.

WOMAN'S HAND CRUSHED IN WASHING MACHINE.

Mrs. Herman Gerken, of Johnnycake road, Catonsville, had her hand badly crushed when it became caught in an electric washing machine at her home.

OVERLEA COUPLE WED FIFTY YEARS.

Celebration of the christening of two of their grandchildren marked the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. anad Mrs. James Costin, Locust avenue, Overlea.

The couple were married September 15, 1874, by the Rev. William Koontz, of Catonsville.

This same pastor was present to perform the christening ceremonies. Thirty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild attended.

Those christened were Aubrey Eugene Costin, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Costin, and Eugene Amelia Hopkins, three-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hopkins.

James Costin passed his seventy-fourth birthday last week, while his wife, Madora E., is in her sixty-ninth year.

Recommending young men of today not to hurry into matrimony, the husband said to a representative of The Jeffersonian:

"I was married at the age of twenty-four, which was quite young in my day. But it is worse than that now. Boys at the age of eighteen or nineteen and sometimes younger take wives, and it is not a good way to do. I waited and have always been happy."

CATONSVILLE K. OF C. ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

Patapsco Council, Knights of Columbus, of Catonsville, elected the following officers: Grand Knight, Joseph L. Gessler; deputy grand knight, George Baker; financial secretary, W. C. Weihrouch; recorder, H. Wigmow; chancellor, C. Maddo; treasurer, Anthony Harmon; trustees, Edward Thomey and Dr. Charles L. Mattfeldt.

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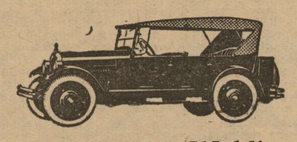

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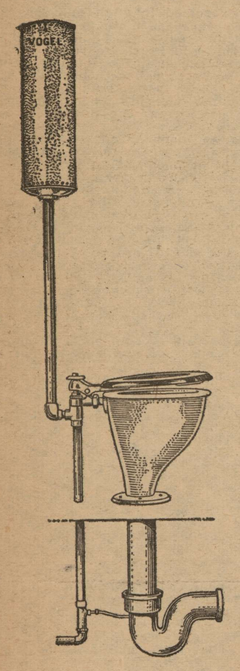

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Our Answer to a Fair Question

¶A number of our patrons have asked us this question.

The Question

¶*The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company increased telephone rates in Maryland in 1920 at the peak of high prices. Why at this late date is the Company asking for a further increase?*

Our Answer

¶The 1920 rate increase was a very moderate one, calculated at the time by the Public Service Commission to yield a net return of only 5.3% on their valuation of our property. While 1920 was the peak of high prices, most of the plant then used in furnishing service had been built at the old pre-war costs and it was largely these old costs, less a deduction of 20% for depreciation, which were used by the Commission in establishing the value of the property.

¶The rate increase asked and granted us was on such a moderate basis because 1920 was a very unsettled period and there was the hope of a general recession in wages and material costs to pre-war levels. Such a recession would have enabled us to make plant additions and replacements at something like our old costs. This would have kept down such expenses as taxes, depreciation and interest and in addition we could have made economies in ordinary operating expenses, all of which would have enabled us to earn a more reasonable rate of return on rates which were so clearly inadequate at the time they were introduced.

¶The hope of a general recession in prices as they affect the telephone business has not been realized. Wages of telephone employees are in general no lower than in 1920 and the costs of the materials used in the telephone industry are still far above pre-war levels. Therefore, general conditions have not developed to help our situation as we hoped they might.

¶In fact we are worse off today than we were in 1920 because, while ordinary operating expenses have remained fairly steady, we have had to carry on a heavy program of plant additions and replacements, all at high costs, and consequently, the average investment back of every telephone, which in 1919 was $151, is now $182. This higher investment per telephone means greater taxes, depreciation and interest and a lower net return from the 1920 rates which are now in effect.

¶In a word, we asked for and accepted an inadequate rate schedule in 1920 with the hope that general business conditions might make it possible to improve our situation and this hope has not been realized. Instead the high cost of plant additions and replacements make the 1920 schedule more inadequate than ever to meet the requirements of operation and yield a fair return on the property today.

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