The Telephone Situation in the State of Maryland

BECAUSE of the situation which confronts this Company in its operations in the State of Maryland an increase in our charges for telephone service is clearly necessary.

Although rates and other matters pertaining to telephone service are subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission, we realize that the success of our enterprise depends on public understanding and good will and we are anxious that our patrons should know the present conditions and their effect on the future of the telephone service of the State.

Inadequate Earnings

Net earnings now and for ten years past on the book cost or our property which is materially less than its fair value, have been at an exceedingly low rate as indicated by the following tabulation:

1914	5.35	1919	3.24
1915	5.30	1920	4.50
1916	5.17	1921	4.42
1917	5.26	1922	4.84
1918	5.46	1923	5.01

Considering the matter from the standpoint of a valuation made in 1914 plus 80% of net additions made from year to year since that date, which was the basis followed by the Commission in the 1920 rate case, the net return has averaged 5.5% for ten years past.

Present Rates Inadequate

The present rates, which are yielding returns as indicated above, were fixed in 1920 in the expectation that there would be a downward trend in labor and material costs. This expectation has not been realized. In fact, certain expenses, notably taxes, have greatly increased and in spite of marked improvements in efficiency, the rates continue to yield an inadequate net return.

Increasing Plant to Meet the Public Demand

Plant added during the past five years has been at greatly increased costs. Due to this, the average plant per telephone in service, which in 1919 was $151, is now $182, and this increase per telephone will continue. To meet the bare necessities of the public for more telephone service a minimum of $12,000,000 will have to be expended for additions and betterments during the next five years. We are not now earning enough to attract the necessary new capital.

Before June 1st, this Company will present to the Public Service Commission an amended schedule of rates and will inform the public of the proposed changes.

It is proposed to have the new rates become effective November **1, 1924, unless the Public Service Commission shall, in the meantime, find that they are in any respect unreasonable.**

This will afford the Commission ample time in which to inquire into the situation in the interests of the public. The Company will cooperate in every way that will assist the Commission in considering whether the increases in charges are reasonable and fair.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY OF BALTIMORE CITY

A. E. BERRY, President

SWEET AIR

Sunday school Sunday morning at the Bethel Church of God at 10 o'clock. Prayer meeting 11 o'clock; C. E. at 7 P. M.

Children's Day service will be held Sunday, June 22, at 2 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

The ladies of Camp No. 29, Patriotic Order of America, will hold their annual ice cream festival at Winfield, on Thursday evening, June 12th. beginning at 6 P. M. Public cordially invited.

Miss Emma and Lillian Grimes and Mr. John Welsh motored to Baltimore Friday.

Miss Catherine Conaway spent Thursday with Mrs. Rodney Davis.

Mr. Ira R. Davis, Miss Ethel P. Pickett, and Mr. Murray Davis attended the Sunday school convention at Edgewood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pickett, of Taylorsville, spent Sunday with Miss Bessie Hood.

Those who called on Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Pickett Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pickett and son Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pickett, Mr. John Stem, Misses Catherine, Marie, and Esther Conaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keefer spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. William B. Grimes.

Miss Grace Pickett spent Thursday last with Mrs. Russell Grimes.

Mrs. Earl Pickett and Mrs. John Williams called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barnes, of Gamber, Sunday morning.

Mrs. Walter Conaway spent part of last week with her niece, Miss Cora Conaway.

Mrs. Eva P. Bower and brother, Howard Conaway, visited friends at Catonsville, on Thursday of last week.

We are glad to say Miss Bessie Pickett who has been ill with measles and bronchial trouble the past three weeks is able to be out again.

Mr. John Welsh has purchased a new car.

Arthur Conaway and children, and Howard Conaway, also Miss Mildred Bower visited Mr. Harry Conaway and family, of Dorsey, one day recently.

Owing to the continued wet and cold weather, farmers are nearly a month behind with their spring work. Very few have their corn in, lima beans are rottening in the ground in this community. Wheat and grass look fairly good. Potato bugs are making their appearance early.

Mrs. Harvey E. Pickett who spent three weeks with her son Dewey and wife, has returned home.

WINDIE HEIGHTS

The Ladies' Aid Society of Harmony Grove met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith on Thursday, May 22. The meeting was opened at 2:45 by the vice-president, Mrs. Allen, with singing hymn number 108, "Jesus Is Calling Today;" prayer by Rev. Martin; singing, hymn number 124, "Have You A Friend Like That?"; minutes of last meeting read and approved; roll called and collecting of dues, amounting to $6.61; reading, by Mrs. Margaret Gibson, "Be Pleasant;" reading, by Elsie Myerly; and singing, "Because He Loved Me So." Mrs. Sarah Grimes and Mrs. Martin. The next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes on Wednesday, June 18. The meeting closed with the benediction. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harris, Mesdames Sarah Grimes, Mattie Barnes, Betty Easton, Margaret Gibson, Ruth Shipley, Estella Glover, Ruth Barnes, Hilda Shipley, Estella Glover, Ruth Barnes, Hilda Shipley, Deliah Gibson, Carrie Bellison, Lulu Harris, Ella Wilson, Elsie Myerly, Misses Hazel Pressman, Helen Wiltman, Mildred Buckingham, Julia Barnes, Mabel Shipley, Lillian Buckingham, Evelyn Bair, Helen Bair, Mary Baile, Beatrice Bair, Margaret Wilson, Ruth Barnes, and Messrs. Charles Barber, Roby Gibson, George Grimes, Lawrence Shipley, Gordon Bellison, John Martin, Ralph Wilson, and Marion Shipley.

The Ladies' Mite Society of Bethesda will hold its annual ice cream and strawberry festival on Saturday, June 14. If weather be unfair will be held the following Monday night.

At Harmony Grove church on June 15, Rev. Martin will preach to the members of the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 20, at 3:00 P. M.

Does Your Back Ache?

Bad Backs Bring Suffering to Many Westminster Folks.

Is that dull, constant backache making you old and miserable? Does your back throb and ache until it seems you just can't keep going? Do you suffer headaches, dizzy spells and urinary disorders; feel weak, tired and worn-out? Then look to your kidneys. Delay may mean serious kidney sickness! Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Doan's are recommended by Westminster folks.

Mrs. Grover Cole, 23 John street, Westminster, says: "My kidneys were weak and I had severe backaches and dull pains across my kidneys, which were so bad I could hardly keep going. When I stooped, I became dizzy and spots floated before my eyes. My kidneys acted irregularly, too. A friend advised Doan's Pills and they helped me from the first. I continued to use Doan's until I was free from all signs of the trouble."

Mrs. Cole is only one of many Westminster people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Pills. If your back aches, if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, ask distinctly for DOAN'S PILLS, the same that Mrs. Cole had, the remedy backed by home testimony. 60 cents at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame, Remember the Name."

MELROSE

On Tuesday, May 20th, Mr. Lloyd Wentz, of Lineboro, teacher of Ebbvale school, with the aid of one of his patrons, transported 14 of his pupils to the athletic school meet at Westminster. When they arrived at Westminster, Mr. Wentz's machine was disabled, compelling him to hire a car to bring them back home.

Some young people of Greenmount, on a pleasure trip, accidentally run with great speed into a tree on the Schue farm, north of here, demolishing the car and injuring one of the occupants.

Mr. Gorden Bixler, of Missouri, accompanied by Messrs. Solomon Bixler and Noah Petermans, of Hanover, visited Amos Sauble and family on Monday.

Some of our progressive gardeners are interested in watching the progress of the early potato crop.

Earlier in the season the bugs were found several inches below the surface of the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sauble and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caltrider, of Westminster, visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sauble, on Sunday last.

"Snow in New York," was reported the early part of last week and later on, "snow blizzard in Wyoming," was announced. "Some of our people claim the season is a month late.

Mrs. Cornelius Dill, who was seriously sick, is rapidly improving.

There were 74 present in Wentz's Union Sunday school on Sunday morning. The topic, "Peter's Conversion" was illustrated by a story by one of the superintendents. It was also announced that during the summer three ministers and two superintendents are expected to visit the school and deliver addresses. Sunday school next Sunday afternoon.

GREENMOUNT

Hemp Folk is having a large new porch built to the front of his home; he is also making preparations to paint, which when completed will beautify his property very much.

Mrs. Ida Stansbury is having her home painted by George Armstrong, Lineboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wentz and children Vernon and Marie accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller, Millers, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Noah Warner, Sparrows Point, Maryland.

Mrs. Folk is spending several weeks at the home of her son Hemp Folk and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed and daughter, Snydersburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Reed Sunday evening.

Curvin Webster is putting down concrete walks at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, Mrs. Walter Garrett, Manassa Reed, Mr. and Mrs. William Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed, and John Reed attended the funeral of their cousin, John Smith., Baltimore, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hann and children visited relatives at Black Rock, Maryland, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed and children Dorothy and Ruth visited relatives in and near Westminster Sunday.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

Hereafter, and until further notice the County Commissioners of Carroll County will meet at their office in Westminster every Monday and Tuesday of each week for the transaction of business.

By order,

SAMUEL J. STONE.
Clerk.

SANDYVILLE

Sunday school this Sunday at 1:30. Preaching at 2:30. C. E. at 7:45.

Sandy Mount festival will be held on the church lawn Thursday night, June 12. If inclement it will be held Friday night.

Children's service Sunday morning, June 15, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Washington Arnold is extremely ill at this time with a complication of diseases.

Mr. Ira Bowman and family of Linwood, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Blacksten.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leister and son, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Arnold.

Miss Ruth Flater, an aged woman, has been operated on for cataract of the eye.

Miss Amelia Rathage, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meckley.

Miss Mildred Childs, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Carrie Shreeve Zepp several days last week.

Some farmers have planted some corn, and other have to plow the ground, being delayed by the heavy rains.

Little Kenneth Blacksten is sick at this time at the home of his grandparents near New Windsor.

UNION MILLS

Rev. Edward R. Hamme, the newly installed pastor of the Reformed congregation, Silver Run, delivered his introductory sermon in that church last Sunday morning, to a large audience. With his family, he moved to the parsonage this week, and he begins his pastorate under very favorable conditions.

The Union Mills lodge, No. 61, I. O. M., will hold a memorial service in its hall at 2:30 o'clock, on Sunday afternoon, June 1, on which occasion the eulogy will be delivered by Dr. G. Lewis Wetzel, and the oration by Rev. Edward R. Hamme, pastor of the Reformed church, Silver Run. There will be music by the Pleasant Valley band.

A committee of ladies of the Reformed church, Silver Run, will sell light refreshments to motorists and the general public, on the lawn of John W. Flickinger, Union Mills, on Decoration day.

Henry Roche and his son, Shriver Roche, of Ireland, who are visiting the United States, spent several days last week with James M. and Miss Madeline Shriver, to whom they are related. Mrs. Henry Roche is a niece of the late B. F. and T. H. Shriver, of Union Mills.

UNIONTOWN

Rev J. H. Hoch, as pastor, and Mrs. Bailey Fleagle, as delegate, attended the Church of God Sunday school convention held at Edgewood, Md., last week.

Mrs. J. H. Hoch and children have returned from their visit in Penna.

We are sorry to learn that Rev. Hoch is suffering a nervous breakdown, being compelled to give up preaching for a time, but it is hoped he may soon rally to his former activities.

Last Thursday morning the infant child Betty Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Waltz, was found dead in bed. Her age was 26 days. She is survived by two sisters and a brother. Funeral services at the home Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. C. Englar. Burial in the Hill cemetery.

George Zinkhan Jr. is happy over the arrival of a little brother last Friday. Thinks now he will have some one to play with.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lowe, who attended the Md. Synod held in Westminster this week, were guests of the Rev's. brother, Frank Lowe and family.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zollickoffer, who arrived home from their California trip, had been west for over a year. They made the trip East in their auto, stopping off at different places to visit relatives and friends.

Theodore Haines has improved his lately purchased home by adding a long porch in front. Others are adding improvements and brightening up their properties.

The farmers are feeling rather blue on account of not being able to get their crops in the ground. But it is hoped it may all turn out for the best.

Miss Ella V. Smith was rather unfortunate a few days ago. She made a misstep and her ankle was given a twist, causing her considerable pain, but she is able to get around slowly.

Uniontown Circuit Church of God: 9:30 S. S.; 10:30 preaching service.

Frizellburg. S. S. and preaching Sunday afternoon.

Pipe Creek Circuit M. P. Church

Uniontown. 9:30 S. S.; 10:30, Holy Communion; 8:00 P. M. evening worship; Saturday, May 31, 1:30 P. M. meeting of the First Quarterly Conference at Pipe Creek M. P. Church.

Uniontown Lutheran Charge.

St. Paul. 9:30 S. S.; 7:30 P. M.; C. E. Mrs. R. H. Singer leader.

Missionary meeting at Mrs. Roy Singer's, June 5, 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Thomas Devilbiss leader.

St. Luke (Winter's) 9:30 S. S.; 10:30 Sacrament of The Lord's Supper; Thread Day for India Lace; Festival Saturday, June 7.

Mt. Union. 1:30 S. S.; 2:30 Jun. C. E.; 7:30 Sen. C. E..

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