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85 Telephones Per Acre In Agriculture Building



Dial service private branch exchange switchboard in the Department of Agriculture. Operators, left to right, include: Mrs. Kate Thompson, Mrs. Edith E. Schaap, Mrs. Josephine C. Mulligan, Mrs. Alice S. Eckloff, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Clagett, Mrs. Nellie B. Chase, and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Childs.

Eighty-five telephones to the acre might seem a high average to the farmer, but in the new Extensible Building of the Department of Agriculture at Washington with its twenty acres of usable floor space this number of telephones is necessary to serve the officers and clerical forces of the department.

Of the approximately 3,000 telephones operated by the Department of Agriculture about 2,500 are of the dial type, according to officials of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

The 70,000 telephone calls made monthly from outside of the department are completed over a dial service private branch exchange switchboard system, which is also used for handling long distance calls. In addition, there are now approximately 47,000 telephone calls originating in the department monthly for points outside, which are completed through the telephone company's dial system without passing through the switchboard.

Aid to agriculture as a means of increasing business has always been a subject of prime importance in the United States. President George Washington in his first annual message to Congress suggested that aid be given to agriculture. In his last annual message made in 1796, he made the pertinent statement that "as nations advance in population the cultivation of the soil becomes more and more an object of public patronage."

While agricultural activities have been of first hand importance since the early settlement of America and the Department of Agriculture is now one of the ten major executive departments of the federal government, strange as it may seem, this department was not formally created by Congress until 1862. For the first few years of its existence the Department of Agriculture was a branch of the Patent Office.

DO YOU RECALL ?

WHEN the book stalls were not as full of books for boys as they are today and we were rather restricted in our choice of reading. We had, however what was then called the "Dime Novel," with us, those blood-curdling tales of fights with the Indians by hunters and trappers, and running through them was always a mushy love story. Our parents objected to this kind of reading for us, but like all the Adams and Eves of history, the apple that was strictly forbidden was the one we desired the most and we would steal away to some secluded spot and read these stories, getting the thrill of our young lives out of them.

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WHEN an old gentlemen was walking down High street on one occasion just as one of our town merchants, who had trapped some rats in a cage, was letting them out for the dogs to kill. One of these rodents escaped the dogs, and seeing no other haven of refuge ran up the old gentleman's pants leg. He did not become excited, however, but reached down and caught the animal by the neck with one hand and with the other beat him to death with his cane, then went quietly on his way.

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WHEN during the World War we we all had to go without meat and wheat, and some times without heat in order to send the natives of Europe millions of money to aid them in killing each other, which debt they now repudiate and refuse to pay? Wonder if we will ever be foolish enough to do this again.

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WHEN the old depot on the out skirts of the town was abandoned and the railroad company moved into the new depot at the foot of Cross street, in 1903, and at that time our hardware man, Wm. S. Culp, was the station agent?

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WHEN the vote was given to the women and it was claimed this would end all our troubles and the millenium would not be long delayed?

"Griggle" Apples

The "griggle tart" still survives in the villages of the West of England, but elsewhere it is almost unknown. It had its origin in the old harvest custom of farmers opening their apple orchards to the villagers after the crop had been gathered. It was the practice of farmers to leave on the trees all the small and misformed fruit. On the appointed day for the "griggling," as it was called, the villagers arrived with baskets, hooks, sticks, and short ladders to gather the "griggle" apples. In good seasons, when the farmer was not particular in picking the undersized fruit, the villagers went home with well-filled baskets, and "griggle tarts" were made.

Just Like Submarines

The larvae of the caddis fly build themselves cases of fiber and pebbles, lined with silk, which serve them in the capacity of submarines. The nature of their craft, like that of the submarine, is such that they can rise and sink in the water at will.

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DEATHS

Miss Mary Ridgely Brown, age 71, died Thursday in Baltimore after a long illness. She was the daughter of Dr. Richard Brown, of Baltimore county. For many years she made her home with the family of William T. Brown in Quaker Neck where she became endeared as one of the family. She was a member and liberal contribution to the M. E. Church, Chestertown, and a devout christian. She is survived by a brother, four nephews and a niece. Funeral services will be held Saturday 11 a. m. from Wm. Cook's funeral parlor, St. Paul street, Baltimore.

William Edward Parsons, 70, died at his home near Rock Hall, at noon Tuesday. He was a leading dairyman of that section of the county. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. Harvey Brice, of Rock Hall, and a son, Edward Earl Parsons, of Baltimore. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held from his late home, Thursday, at 2 p. m., in charge of Rev. Conrad Hamer, pastor of the Rock Hall M.E.Church, interment in Old St. Paul's Cemetery.

The bearers, William Parsons, J. Thomas Parsons. Clarence Parsons, J. Harvey Brice, Charles H. Davis and Arthur Burris; Dodd and Usilton, undertakers.

Mrs. Sallie M. Taylor, widow of Andrew J. Taylor, aged 65, died in Baltimore City Hospital, September 19th. She leaves two children, Mrs. Geo. Schmidtt, of Baltimore, and Jesse I. Taylor, West Orange, N. J., Funeral services will be held at the home of her brother, Henry M. Rutter, in Kennedyville, this Saturday at 2 p. m., interment Kennedyville M. P. Church yard, conducted by Rev. L. T. Haddaway. The bearers will be Geo. W. French, Harry B. Nicholson, Wm. Clark, Wm. Hague, Geo. M. Glenn, Thos. Bramble; W. T. Hicks, undertaker.

DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine, says: "Since it was found that cases of blood vessel inflammation occur more frequently among smokers than among non-smokers, more attention is being given to the relationship of tobacco smoking to the blood vessels.

Experiments have shown that smoking cigarets will produce in the great majority of normal people under certain conditions a change in the surface temperature of the arms and legs. Moreover, it has been shown that, with many persons, slowing or even complete stopping of the flow of blood will occur in the capillary blood vessels in the finger tips during the smoking of a cigaret.

There is no dust so blinding as gold dust.—D. L. Ritchie.

No pleasure is comparable to the standing on the vantage ground of truth.—Bacon.

Personal and Social Events of Interest

Goldey Warren, of Baltimore, was a visitor to Chestertown this week.

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Mrs. Ralph H. Usilton is visiting friends in Waynesboro, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Usilton formerly lived in that city.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Connelly, of Baltimore, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stenger here.

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Mr. and Mrs. James W. Chapman, 3rd, who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Simpers, here for the past several weeks, returned to their home in Belfast, Maine, on Monday of this week.

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Col. and Mrs. Hiram S. Brown entertained at dinner at Godlington Manor last Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. John Charles Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Dobyne and their guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Roberts announce the marriage of their dauter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Louis Edgar Burgoyne, Sunday, Sept. 16. Mrs. Burgoyne has often been a visitor in Rock Hall where her mother, formerly Miss Delma Middleton, was a girl and has a mother, Mrs. Ella Middleton, and many other relatives. The young couple are honeymooning at Atlantic City and will later be at home at 24 N. East Avenue, Baltimore.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barber R. Bartley are being congratulated upon the birth of a fine daughter at the Easton Hospital Wednesday morning.

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Mrs. James E. Allen is expected home from Easton Emergency Hospital this week.

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Dr. and Mrs. H. Benge Simmons are entertaining the latter's brother, J. Thomas Gher, of Dundalk, Md.

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Miss Mary Scott, of Baltimore, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McIntire.

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Mayor Chas. N. Satterfield, City Councilman George W. French, and City Clerk Thomas D. Bowers are on a motor trip to Pennsylvania, where they will spend several days at the Allentown Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eshman are receiving congratulations upon the arrivel of a fine son. Mrs. Eshman is in Washington D. C., but expects to be at her home at The Voshell House in a few days.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Dixon and little daughter, Viola, spent a couple of days last week with his sister, Mrs. Elva Conner, near Rock Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Taylor, of Belmar, N. J., and Miss Sue Taylor, of Stockton, Md.. vicinity visited the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Frs. R. J. Taylor.

Mrs. Sarah Sidell, of Philadelphia, is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higman.

Mrs. L. A. Hurtt and sister, Miss Willie Moffett, have returned to Wilmington after spending the summer here at the former's home on W. Cypress street.

Millard Porter, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Eva W. Porter.

Miss Florence Gale returned to Blue Ridge College. New Windsor, Md., on Wednesday of last week, after spending the sufmer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gole.

Mrs. F. E. Fitch and two children, Charles and Arrelee, of Miami, Fla., are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale and Mr. and Mrs. Hurlock Gale spent Sunday with relatives in Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Ruby Ahern. of Perry Point, Md., Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, of Baltimore, were week-end visitors of the former's mother. Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

The anniversary service at Blackiston's M. E. Church will be held tomorrow, Septemger 23rd, at 2.30 p. m., with Rev. A. W. Goodhand, pastor of Asbury Church, Millington, speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, of Wilmington, will have charge of music. The public is invited to attend.

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Atkinson-Jones

Miss Eva Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkinson, of Millington, and Frank P. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Jones, of Middletown, were married at their newly furnished home at Silver Lake, at 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. E. Wheatley, pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate families and close friends of the bridal couple.

The bride's gown was of rose beige mousseline de soie, with slippers to match. Her bouquet was of Talisman roses, and baby's breath. She was attended by Miss Frances L. Turner, of Millington, who wore brown crepe with velvet trimmings, and matching accessories. She carried yellow tea roses. Carl M. Jones, brother of the bridegroom was best man.

Guests were present from Media, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Camden, N. J., Bridgeton, N. J., Philadelphia, Wilmington, Claymont, Millington and Middletown.

The couple went to Virginia on their honeymoon. On their return they will live near Middletown.

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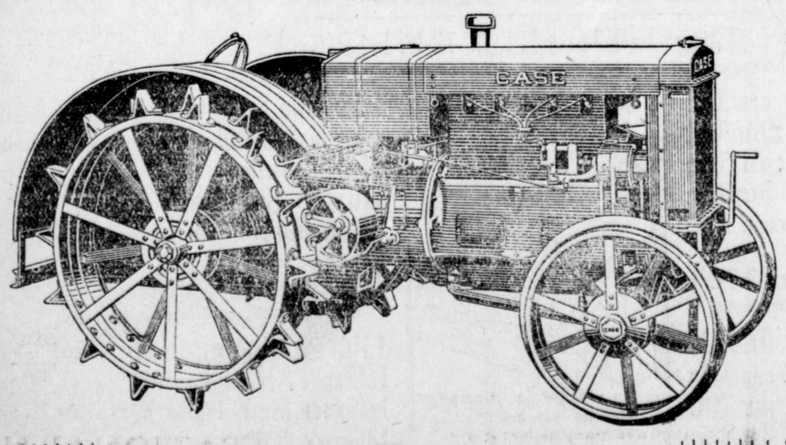
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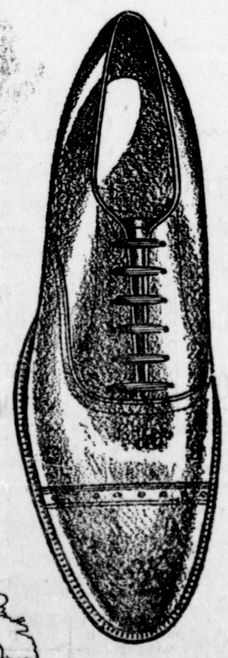
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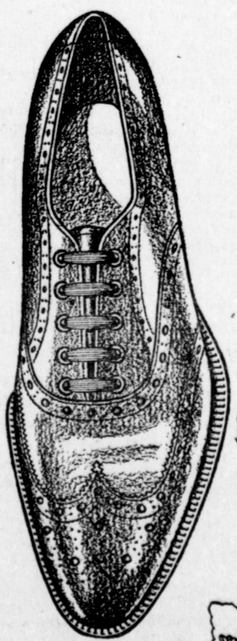
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