VERNON

The new concrete road is being built pretty fast considering the inclemency of the weather. Willie Wright R. Wesley Ross, and James Outten have given a large piece of land willingly to further the project and public improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kemp of Harrington have been guests of B. Draper.

Thomas Clancey has recovered from his illness in the Hospital and has been recuperating for a week in Vermont.

Mrs. Otis Stafford has returned from the Milford Hospital with a fine son.

Mrs. Gladys Price Moore of Philadelphia, formerly from near here has had the misfortune to lose her three year old child. The funeral was held brought to her old home for interment. She has the sympathy of the community.
in Philadelphia and the body was

Messrs Ward and Outten and the Mesdames Wright and Outten and children have been Caesar Rodney visitors.

Children's Day service will be held at Union Corner church the first Sunday in June. All are cordially invited.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Betts and son Martin, and Mrs. J. B. Thomas of Felton have been Camden and Wyoming visitors.

Mrs. Alice H. Ross was a Sussex country visitor recently. Her neice who resides there, Miss Martha A. Harrington will be one of the graduates of the Seaford high school June 3rd.

Earl Thomas was given a delightful birthday party at which about two hundred guests were present. The presents were numerous and beautiful. Delicious refreshments were served. An angel food cake on which were twenty-one red candles was in evidence. All had a fine time and wished Earl many more happy ocasions.

Marvin and Carroll Wix and Jessie Draper have been Caesar Rodney visitors.

Miss Margaret Coulbourne is spending sometime with her sister, Sara, at Audobon, N. J. and being treated for her eyes in Philadelphia.

Rev. Mr. Cummings is congratulating the Mite Society of the Union M. P. church upon its large attendance. He is delighted with the enthusiasm displayed. The society was formed by Mrs. A. W. Betts of Felton when she was on the Caroline charge.

Frank Coulbourne who has been on the sick list is very much improved.

Miss Amy Brown who is teaching near Felton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown.

Mrs. Pearl Travis Anthony who has been spending some time at the Hope Farm, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Travis of Greensboro, Md.

Mr. Travis has recently bought a comfortable home there.

Mrs. Lulu Travis is somewhat improved in health.

Mrs. Lenda Harris of Virginia will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Whiteley Travis.

Mrs. Nettie T. Dawson of Camden will visit Burrsville and surrounding neighborhood during Decoration Day and week end.

Irene and Nellie Marie Turner have been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Ross. All the Turner children and their mother have recovered from an attack of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon.

The Baccalaureate sermon of the Harrington high school will be preached at the M. E. church of Harrington, Sunday morning. June 8. All are invited. The Mother's and the Father's Day at this church were fine.

Mrs. Josephine Todd entertained her children from Chester recently for the week end.

Many of the farmers have been put back on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The Misses Mable Luff, Ruth Ward, Mary Wright, and Elizabeth Schuff attended the Field Day meet at Caesar Rodney.

Harry Porter has been suffering with rheumatism.

For a pleasure trip and the social science classes, Rice's school went on a hike. Closing day exercises have been held at which a fine program suitable for the occasion was rendered. The teacher, Mrs. Ross and the pupils recited, gave dramatizations folk dances, songs and Miss Camstock of Dover gave a talk and presented the pin to the Domestic Science class.

Woodland, Del., May 25—Farmers in this section are complaining of a large eagle carrying off their fowls, and in one instance carried off a 6-week-old pig belonging to Edwin Massey. A nest belonging to the eagle with two young eagles in it was discovered by Rodney Gordy, but when he went after help to capture the eagles the mother bird returned and moved her young ones to a safer hiding place, and the farmers have not been able to find the nest since. Eagles are very rare in this section.

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 of 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.

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