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FIXING RAILROAD VALUATION IS COSTLY

Considering the growing cost of national government functioning, it is interesting to remember that twelve years have been spent up to date in the effort to fix a valuation on the railroads of the country. In that time, according to figures obtained from the President's Conference Committee on the federal valuation of railroads in the United States, a grand total of one hundred and ten millions of dollars has been spent. At the same time we learn the commission expects to complete the "primary valuation" sometime in 1928. Presumably then the real work will begin.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in this twelve years has reached 682 valuations, 133 of them for final figures covering approximately one half the mileage of the country, and only a few of the final valuations are on the larger roads. Surely the Interstate Commerce Commission like Providence moves in a mysterious way its wonders to eprform. Let us be cheerful of heart, however. If statistical calculations may be relied on there is quite a possibility of this work being finished in another twelve, or with unforeseen complications arising, possibly twenty years, and the expenditure ought to be more than two or three hundred millions of dollars in addition to the hundred and ten millions already sunk.

Those whose political memories run back as far as 1913 will recall that the agitation which resulted in the valuation act was stimulated by one of our periodic waves of public demand that if the government should have reliable figures as the basis of bargaining or confiscation. Of course the Gilbertian phase of the situation lies in the fact that when the figures have been reached, the value of the roads will have changed. Positively there is no escaping evolution.

RIDGELY

On Wednesday evening the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church held another cafeteria supper. Mrs. J. N. Rickards was chairman of this committee. Folowing the supper the program for the dollar social, which was to have been held on Washington's birthday, but was postponed because of the tragic death of Lieut. Seward, was rendered. Members of the organization read verses telling how their dollar was earned, some of the compositions creating much merriment.

Miss Ruth Mitchell, of Wilmington, and Miss Vianna Mitchell of Baltimore were recent visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell.

Lieut. Dudley Davis, of Washington, made a brief visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis.

Mr. Fred H. Flounders, Jr., an instructor in McDonogh school, accompanied by a friend, Miss Katherine Levan, of Philadelphia spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Flounders.

Mrs. Harry H. Zeigler was tendered a birthday surprise at the parsonage of the Church of the Brethren on Tuesday evening of last week. Mrs. Zeigler was presented with many beautiful gifts.

The Women's Community Club will hold a makret in the room adjoining the postoffice Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the library.

Swing Pearsaul, of Goldeys college, Wilmington, recently spent a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pearsaul.

Mrs. Robert Headley and children, of Philadelphia, have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Saulsbury.

Miss Ida Clark is spending some time with relatives in Smyrna.

The Farm Bureau held a meeting on Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. Charles E. Stevenson.

The congregation of the Reformed church gave their pastor, Rev. George Fitz, a surprise party Tuesday evening of last week in honor of his birthday anniversary.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Women's Community Club plans were formulated for three entertainments, the object being to make money to swell the club treasury. The first, under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Thompson Swing, will be a spelling school to be held in the church house on the evening of March 15th.

The Men's Bible Class is enjoying some musical evenings with the newly organized choir.

Miss Ella Pearsaul of Berwyn, accompanied by a friend, spent a few days lately at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pearsaul.

Mr. Kennard Pinder of Philadelphia has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pinder.

Mr. Arthur Richards, of Willow Grove, Pa., has been visiting at the home of his sisters, Mrs. John Hoffman and Mrs. Jonas Shaner.

Mrs. Alfred Bennett, of Clayton, was the guest last week of Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Mr. Roger Ringgold consulted a specialist in Baltimore last week.

The Ladies Aid held the monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. D. Davis last week.

Mrs. Samis, of Easton, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Shaw.

Mrs. T. L. Day has been taking treatment at Easton hospital.

Mr. Tom Roberts, of Wilmington, has been spending a few days at the home of his aunt, Mrs. C. O. Starkey.

The Willing Workers' Sewing Circle met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McKnett and daughter have been spending a few days in Easton.

Mr. James Lewis has returned to his duties as station agent.

Mr. Norman Wilson and family were recent guests of Mrs. Kate Knotts, Templeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond have been visiting the former's parents at Church Hill.

Mrs. Effie Smith, of Greensboro, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Meredith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cherry have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols, of Chester, and Mrs. Sadie Crouse, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parsons and little son, from Harrington, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thompson.

Mr. Eugene Pennington has accepted a position in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, of Rehoboth, spent the week end at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Laird.

Mrs. Mervyn Seward left last week for Aberdeen, in company with her mother, Mrs. Sharpton. She will go to Texas in a short time and make her home with her mother.

Miss Mary Laird is spending two weeks with relatives at Rehoboth.

A VIGOROUS MARYLANDER

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for Comptroller or Attorney General. Such a combination would form a ticket for the state offices of unusual strength, and Maryland would be entertained by a fight of unusual vigor and force, and the candidates on both sides, as well as the party leaders and managers, would realize what a real political contest is.

What Maryland needs at the present time is a real, old-time, knock-down and drag-out, campaign. The voters have been apathetic for several years. Not more than 50 per cent. of those entitled to vote, have taken the pains to do so. And nothing will arouse them to a sense of their duty to such an extent as a real fight for control. No matter how much mud slinging is indulged in, it will do good to the whole body of citizens, and even if a few great reputations come out of the fight in a somewhat tarnished condition, the benefit to the public at large will more than counterbalance the evil.

With a Democratic ticket headed by Governor Ritchie, who is a fighter of the first-class, and a Republican ticket headed by Lawrence Towers, the fur would fly from the start, all other figures in contest would be relegated to the rank of followers, and such interest would be aroused, that there would be a full registration and a full vote on election day. And that is the great need at the present time.

The state from one end to the other should be awakened, and the sooner that is done, the better for everybody. And Messrs. Ritchie and Towers, on opposite sides, are the men to set things going as they have not gone for almost a generation.

ORPHAN'S COURT

The Orphans' Court for Caroline County met in regular session Tuesday; present their Honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn, and the following business was transacted:

The last will and testament of P. H. Wright was led in this Court by Wilmer S. Noble and will be considered for probate Tuesday, March 9th at 11 o'clock a. m.

On petition of Mary G. Shockley the Court passed an order authorizing and directing the Goldsboro bank to pay over to her a certain sum of money with accrued interest.

On application letters of administration on the personal estate of Emma Poole, deceased, were granted and committed unto Harry E. Poole. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered and Herman Wright and Jacob O. Williams were named as appraisers.

Isaac L. Dukes, administrator c. t. a. of Reynolds Wilson, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of the personal property and an order to sell was granted.

The last will and testament of Belle M. Wilson was filed in this Court by H. Claude Rawlings, custodian, and by order of Court will stand for probate Tuesday, March 16th, at 11 a. m.

Edward E. Williams, administrator of John W. Williams, deceased, filed appraisement of the personal property of said deceased, also appraisement of the real estate which were examined by the court and approved.

James H. Nichols, administrator of W. Carroll Pastorfield, deceased, filed a list of sperate debts and a rent account.

REV. R. T. WHITELEY

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Messick and Miss Cleota Messick were called to Williamsport, Pa., on Monday, February 22d, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Messick's brother, Rev. Robert T. Whitely, a retired minister of the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

The Rev. R. T. Whitely, of 1002 Rural Avenue, died Saturday evening at 9 o'clock at the age of sixty-five years following a ten-day illness and failing health for a number of years.

Prior to the last four years, which he had spent as a supply minister for the various Methodist churches of the vicinity, Mr. Whitely had been a member of the Central Pennsylvania conference for thirty-five years. He had been pastor of the churches at Picture Rocks, Woolrich, Ralston and Montgomery in this neighborhood and served his last pastorate in the Farragut church.

For the last three years he had been teacher of the Owen Hicks Adult Bible class in the Mulberry Street Methodist church which has a large membership of men.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Sarah G.; three daughters, Miriam F., a missionary in Buenos Ayres who is now home on furlough; Ethel E., of Baltimore; and Martha D., a missionary nurse in Algiers; one brother, Harry F., of Preston, Md., and a sister, Mrs. A. J. Messick, of Preston, Md.—Williamsport (Pa) Sun

Mr. Whiteley was born and spent his boyhood days in Preston, and has many relatives and friends in Caroline.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DENTON M. P. CHURCH

The annual membership meeting will be held at the Denton M. P. church Friday evening, March 5th. at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting will be held the election of the official board for the ensuing year and also the election of delegate and alternate to represent this church at the session of conference which meets in Wilmington on April 7th. Every qualified member of the church is urged to attend.

Fourth Quarterly Conference

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Denton M. P. Church will be held on Tuesday evening, March 9th, at 8 o'clock. Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of the Maryland Annual Conference, will be present and preside. All members of the quarterly conference are urged to be present.

BAYNARDS GIVEN SURPRISE

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Baynard gave them a surprise party on Monday night in honor of their birthdays, Mr. Baynard's occurring on Saturday and Mrs. Baynard's on Sunday. The guests gathered shortly after eight, completely surprising the guests of honor. Apolly evening was spent, and later refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served. Mrs. Baynard was given a lovely flower bowl in the new black glass design.

CARROLL—GRANGER

Mr. Robert James Carroll, son of Mrs. A. D. Carroll, of Easton was united in marriage to Miss Elma Granger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Granger, of St. Michael at the M. P. parsonage at Easton on February 22d, by the Rev. Edgar T. Reed.

Mrs. Carroll was a graduate of the St. Michaels high school class of 1924 and since then has been employed as a bookkeeper for Mr. J. N. Marshall of St. Michaels.

Mr. Carroll has been connected with the Easton Cleaners and Dyers for the past seven years until the first of this year. On January 22d he opened the Denton Cleaners and Dyers establishment on South 3d street, Denton, and has been doing a very nice business. The young couple will reside in Denton.

BIBLE INSTITUTE AT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Friday evening, March 5, 8 p. m.

Saturday, March 6, 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. 7:15 and 8 p. m.

Sunday March 7, at 10 and 11 a. m., 2:30 and 8 p. m.

Dr. Henry and Prof. Flohr of the Blue Ridge College instructors will be present at this institute to be held at the Church of the Brethren. Your presence at each session is desired.

Tri-C Class Gives Fine Supper

Everyone who attended the supper given by the Tri-C Sunday School class of the M. E. church Tuesday evening, was fully repaid by the well selected menu which consisted of ham, potato salad, Maryland biscuit, warm rolls, fried oysters, baked beans, jelly and pickles.

The supper, which was held in the Community Clubhouse was well attended, and the Tri-C class wishes to thank the community for its patronage.

Spring Opening Next Week

Long & Short, Federalsburg, will have their annual spring opening next Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13. According to the custom established several years ago there will be several style shows at which living models will display the newest creations in dresses, gowns, coats, shoes and stockings. Every one interested in being well dressed is invited to visit the store on the spring opening days.



Fashion has loosed the bonds of color and design, and will run riot in gorgeous and exotic combinations. Milady's frocks have seldom been so gay and colorful as this Spring. Here is a beautiful model of printed chiffon, graced by a bow of changeable taffeta.

DR. J. MAURICE HENRY TO LECTURE ON PEACE

Sunday evening, March 7th, at the Church of the Brethren, Dr. J. Maurice Henry, Phd., will give one of his great peace lectures. Dr. Henry has made extensive first hand studies of this subject and will give us much information that every citizen should have.

Remember, 8 o'clock, Sunday evening.

Alleged to have been shot by his wife, Armster Conquest, a Virginia Negro, is in Emergency Hospital, at Easton, with two severe bullet wounds in his side, as the result of a quarrel near Kent Island Narrows last Saturday night.

Conquest and his wife were both employed in the oyster house of Alfred Harris and were in their shack when the trouble occurred. Occupants of nearby buildings heard four shots, and later found the man bleeding profusely from two wounds in his side. It was at first feared that they would prove fatal, but later at the hospital, the bullets were removed and it is believed that he will recover.

The injured man's wife has not been seen since the affair and is believed to have made her way either to Baltimore or back to Virginia.

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Centreville, Md., March 1.—Louis Kline and Zeb Skinner, who escaped from the Centreville jail last night, were apprehended and returned this afternoon.

H. M. Sweeney, another prisoner, who accompanied them, is reported captured at Wilmington, where police have gone to identify him.

The three men, waiting trials, are said to have escaped by picking a lock and cleared the wall with the assistance of blankets taken from their cots and knotted together.

Kline was caught at 3 p. m. today at Millington and Skinner was taken an hour later at a farmhouse near here. Skinner was located by the police in following a yarn invented by Kline to shield him. He declared Skinner had been murdered by Sweeney. It was near the scene of the alleged murder that Skinner was discovered in an investigation.

Rev. M. G. Morris Back

Rev. Melvin G. Morris has just returned from Florida and will preach morning and evening Sunday March 7 in his Greesboro pulpit and at 3 o'clock at Jumptown Baptist mission. Mr. Morris was called to Florida to deliver a special sermon to the Green Cove Springs Bible conference.

Do it now—Advertise

Mrs. LYDIA ANN OUTTEN

Mrs. Lydia Ann Outten, widow of Hebron Outten, died this morning, at the age of about 80 years. She is survived by one brother, Mr. James Hobbs, of near Denton.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 at her late home near Burrsville. Interment will be in Wesley church cemetery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

In the interest of the Maryland-Delaware Sunday School Association there will be an efficiency conference Friday, March 12th at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist Episcopal church, Denton.

Other conferences will be held on April 27th and May 28th.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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Notice of

FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland
In the matter of
JAMES W. LORD, Bankrupt

Notice is hereby given that on January 29, 1926, the said James W. Lord, of Caroline County, Maryland, was duly adjudged Bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of Merriken & Merriken, in Denton, Maryland, on the 23d day of March, 1926, at 1 o'clock p. m., at which time the creditors of said bankrupt may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee or Trustees, examine said bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

EDWARD T. MILLER
Easton, Maryland Referee

N. B.—Creditors should at once prove their claims before a Notary Public and file same with the referee or have them ready to file at the first meeting of Creditors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Caroline county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Caroline county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

OLIVER HUTCHINS

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscriber, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 14th day of Sepember, 1926, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 23d day of February, 1926.

BELLE SATTERFIELD,
Administrator

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