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MANAGER TAYLOR TELLS OF TRIP TO EUROPE

Edward M. Taylor, manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Lynchburg, Virginia, is a member of the Veteran Corps Richmond Blues, one of the most famous military organizations in the country The Richmond Blues and several companies of Connecticut militia chartered a boat and took a trip to Europe a short time ago.

While in Brussels, Mr. Taylor took occasion to visit one of the telephone central offices. Being a firm believer in having every telephone subscriber visit the central office and during Visitation Week in Lynchburg a short time ago, having had most of his subscribers in his central office, he was much surprised to find that visiting a telephone exchange in Brussels was like making an effort to get into America without a passport. He was denied permission to enter the building and was directed to the Post-office Department across town, the system in Belgium being government owned, is operated by this department.

Mr. Taylor says he was treated most cordially by the officer in charge and was given a letter to the exchange head of the central office, he wished to inspect. His description of his visit follows:

"I was admitted then, and was introduced to one of the engineers, who spoke good English. Well, I told them much about the Bell System, especially the Western Electric and Graybar Companies. They became so interested that I thought I would never go through the manual plant—and there was also some auxiliary machine switching plant. I was first shown cable racks and the main and intermediate frames, all of which were familiar, for they use W. E. material.

"Then I reached the operating room, which I recognized, for I used to show it on the slides when lecturing. The board looked familiar, but it is old, and while it was plugged and worked busily, it wasn't like ours. The personnel is made up of hard-working girls, who wear uniforms something like American overalls.

"Part of this old switchboard is being superseded by a 10,000-line machine switching plant, which is located on a lower floor. All the material is from the Western Electric Company.

"Brussels is a city of 850,000 population, but they have only 37,000 telephones. They have six central offices, three manual and three automatic. The outside plant is underground, and they use an expensive distributing pole, a structural affair like the support of a steel bridge, ovaling at the top, from which place the wires are distributed.

"These Belgians in the telephone business have been through a terrible war, and are working like men and women for their country. They deserve much credit."

THE MAINTENANCE MAN

A telephone plant, well designed and admirably constructed in every respect, but not kept up to the mark from day to day, would soon fall into a state of general debility, inexorably reflected in a lowering of the grade of service, says F. L. Rhodes, outside development engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in writing on "Foundation Stones of Service."

Rot or rust in the out-of-doors plant take their daily toll. Dirt and dust in the central offices would speedily affect the operation of the delicate switching mechanisms were eternal vigilance not exercised. It is only by frequent and orderly testing processes that many troubles can be detected and repairs made before the trouble becomes so serious as to affect the telephone service from the subscribers' standpoint. Cleverly contrived devices placed in the hands of the maintenance men enable them, by the exercise of expert skill acquired through long experience, to locate hidden defects in cables and wires with a degree of precision that seems marvelous to the uninitiated.

At every point throughout this broad land where limbs of trees overhang or project near telephone wires on poles, there will be found, not far away, a maintenance man, whose job it is to make sure that these limbs are kept properly pruned so that, when it becomes a vital matter to hurriedly summon the doctor or the police or fire department, it shall not be found that the telephone service is interrupted. And in this man's pocket will be found a booklet, carefully prepared under the guidance of forestry experts, showing him, in every essential detail, how to prune trees, so that his work will be a benefit, rather than an injury to them.

TELEPHONES IN BANK VAULTS

An ordinance has been introduced into the City Council of Chicago requiring that telephones shall be installed in every bank vault in the city. Recently a clerk employed in the City Hall building was locked in a bank vault for several hours and was not released until the night watchman happened to hear a frantic pounding on the door of the vault. If there had been telephonic communication with the outside office his release would have been immediate.

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BAUGHMAN TALKS ON EXAMINATIONS

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Says Learning To Drive Properly Is Vitally Important Matter

NEW DRIVERS BY HUNDREDS

Impressed by the fact that between four hundred and fifty and five hundred persons are applying every day for instruction licenses and that the great majority of these half thousand daily "beginners" will, with a month or two, be out on the highways as fully licensed operators of motor cars, Motor Vehicle Commissioner E. Austin Baughman, points out that in this branch of automobile regulation is found probably the most important of all the duties of an automobile law administrator.

Over a sustained period of checking, it appears that more persons are learning to drive automobiles in Maryland at this time than at any time in the history of Colonel Baughman's department.

"There is no phase of automotive regulation which is so important, to my mind, as that of seeing that persons licensed by the State to operate motor cars know the law, realize its importance and are thoroughly versed in the requirements of safe and proper operation of a motor vehicle," says Commissioner Baughman.

"While Maryland is one of the pioneers in the examination of all applicants for the privilege of driving automobiles, and is generally considered to have a model law in this respect, even here we encounter difficulties in administering the law so as to insure that no injustice is done the applicant through asking too much of a beginner, while at the same time seeing that every precaution is taken to see to it that none but competent and safe drivers are licensed. As a general proposition, it may be said that Instructors of applicants should take more care in having their pupils letter-perfect in the provisions of the law and the safe rules of the road, and mechanically apt in the operation of a car.

"With the literal flood of new operators being turned out each month, and with the increasing congestion of the highways, the importance of the perfection of the human element is daily becoming greater. The driver of today—whether an experienced operator of many years experience or a mere beginner—encounters in a single day's driving more hazards and situations requiring quick and proper thinking and action than was met by the driver of ten years ago in months of experience. Thus is the problem of the examining authority increased and made more vitally important.

"Under these circumstances," says the Commissioner, "I feel that too much importance cannot be placed upon the efficient application of the requirement that the new drivers shall actually demonstrate their knowledge of the law and ability as drivers to the satisfaction of those who must pass upon their fitness. These examiners and particularly the ones having the supervision of the driving demonstration, are, so far as we can make them so through selection and training, well fitted to judge a driver's qualifications. However, both in the driving tests and in the mental examination on the law, more than a merely mechanical operation of gear-shifts and steering wheel, and a parrot-like repeating of the legal phrases of the law is required, to make a good driver. Indeed some applicants who are none too proficient in these matters have a driving sense which eventually makes them the better and more safe operators. We must, so far as it is possible, size up the applicant's driving qualifications and aptness in addition to the mechanical driving ability and letter-perfect knowledge of the law. In this process we take into consideration the driver's poise, quickness of reaction to emergencies, "road manners" in respect to the rights of others.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

JOHN E. SPEICHER,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of February, 1927, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

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Given under my hand this 3rd day of August, 1926.

REBECCA T. SPEICHER,
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PROCLAMATION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE, 1926.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1924, an Act was passed, to-wit: Chapter 116 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, by adding a new section to Article 4, to follow section 31, and to be known as Section 31-A, granting authority to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay each of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore additional salaries; in words and figures as follows:

CHAPTER 116.

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Maryland by adding a new section to Article 4.

Section. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of both Houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as hereinafter provided, the same shall stand as an additional section to Article 4 of said Constitution, to follow section 31, and to be known as Section 31-A.

31-A. In addition to the authority granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the preceding section to pay to each of the judges of the Supreme Bench the annual sum of Five Hundred Dollars, authority is hereby given to said Mayor and City Council to pay to each of said judges such further annual sum as an addition to their respective salaries as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall from time to time deem right and proper, provided, that any such sum being once granted shall not be diminished during the continuance of said judges in office.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," so that the voter may elect; and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said 14th Article of the Constitution.

Approved, April 9, 1924.

Now, Therefore, I Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this Proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1924 be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday the 2nd day of November 1926, at which election the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

The Great Seal of Maryland

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis this 15th day of July, in the year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

WILLIAM S. McDONNELL,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 1927, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 27th day of July, 1926.

MARGARET V. McDONNELL,
j31-4t Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

RACHEL A. DODSON,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of Jan., 1927, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under our hands this 13th day of July, 1926.

WILLARD E. DODSON,
OWEN S. DODSON,
jy17-4t Administrators.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters Testamentary Ancillary on the personal estate of

HENRY B. THOMAS,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of February, 1927, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

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