Kent News

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1927

Who said there was to be no summer? Mercury on Tuesday 93 degrees, Wednesday 94, Thursday 95 and yesterday 92.

THE NEW ASSESSMENT.

A reassessment of all the real and personal property in Kent County, and in the State is soon to begin in this county, and taxpayers will be notified of any increase in their assessment so they may apply to the Board of Review for a reduction if they feel that an increase is not justified or is greater than it should be.

This reassessment is not the act of the County Commissioners, as many suppose, but is done by the State Tax Commission under a State statute.

The reason for this Commission was that there was no uniformity throughout the State in placing values upon any species of property, so that in some counties property was greatly over-valued while in others it was just the reverse.

Of course, this was not just, for taxation should be as near uniform throughout the State as possible. The plan has worked exceedingly well, and the taxable basis of the State has greatly increased, which has permitted a great amount of road and bridge building to be done without any increase in the State in the State tax rate, and at the same time has added more materially to the taxable basis of the counties and has given them also added revenue to devote to the roads and schools without any appreciable increase in the county rate. The only thing the County Commissioners have to do with the new assessments is that they sit as a Court of Review, and it is to them you go if you have a grievance against the assessors.

Taxpayers should be reasonable and fair themselves; and before they make an appeal to the Commissioners they should consider their assessment carefully and ask themselves the question: What proportion does this assessment bear to the amount I would take for my property?

If they will do this, there will be very few appeals, for as a rule the assessment on real estate, farm implements and machinery and household good is below their actual value. Unifomity is the important aim of all assessments.

WEDDING NOTES

Mrs. Elizabeth Comegys, of 700 West Twenty-sixth street, Wilmington, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Nathalie Worrell Comegys, to F. Howard Hedger, son of Mrs. Hilda Hedger. Miss Comegys is the daughter of Mrs. Comegys and the late G. S. Comegys who formerly lived in Kent county, Md. The wedding will take place in September.

James F. Dodd, of Carmichael, has issued invitations to the marriage of his daughter, Miss Frances Amelia Dodd, and Rev. Joseph Lee Marker. The wedding took place at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, July 14th, at Wye M. P. Church, of which Rev. Marker is pastor. Miss Dodd is one of the attractive daughters of Mr. Dodd, and the late Mrs. Fannie Bishop Dodd. Rev. Marker has been pastor of the Wye Hayden and Ruthsburg Churches for the past three years.

Scholarship Examination

A competitive examination for a free scholarship at Washington College including tuition, board, room and text books for a period of four years, in the Court House, Chestertown, Maryland, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The requirements are that each applicant shall have completed successfully a four year high school course or the equivalent of the same, and be prepared to enter the Freshman Class.

The examination will be given in the following subjects:

1. English, Grammar and Rhetoric.
2. Elementary Algebra.
3. Plane Geometry.
4. Modern, European and American History.
5. Latin.
6. Chemistry.

Applicants will be required to take the examination in five of the above subjects and may select either Latin or Chemistry.

Those deserving to take this examination are required to file with the Register of Wills, Chestertown, Md., not later than August 9th, 1927, their application with certificates as to mental and moral qualifications.

EDWARD A. SCOTT,
J. HENRY THOMPSON,
JAMES H. GROVES,
Judges of Orphans' Court.

True Copy—Test:
S. G. CALDWELL,
jy16 Register of Wills.

World Progresses

Remember the time when you used to think that blue and red lighted jars in the drug store window were real window decorations?

THE CONSUMER PAYS THE BILL.

(By LORIE C. QUINN, JR.)

In granting permission to a well-known Public Utilities holding company to purchase the Snow Hill electric plant, last Saturday, the Maryland Public Service Commission expressed alarm at the growing tendency of the different holding companies to pay excessive prices, often several times the amount of the actual value, in their scramble for utility plants on the Eastern Shore and elsewhere in the State. This expression of alarm was occasioned by the sale price of $31,000, which was paid for the Snow Hill plant, and by an offer of still another holding company to pay $35,000.—when the plant was recently offered for $16,000, while its actual physical value was several thousand dollars below the last named figure.

It is alright for the Public Service Commission to contend that their approval of this sale does not establish the price paid as a fair value on which electric rates may be based, but common sense teaches us that the purchaser will find a way to secure a profit on the full investment and that in the long run the people who use the product must pay that profit. If the value is an inflated one, there is nothing to protect the securities investor from investing his money in an inflated security—in bonds based on inflated values, and not supported by values of a tangible nature. As the Commission observes, its jurisdiction does not extend to other States where Public Utility securities may be offered on inflated holdings, and where securities loaded with water assets may be passed on to the investor without question. In observing its lack of power to control this phase of the situation, it might have occurred to the Public Service Commission that it was really assisting the holding company to establish a false value on this particular plant and to "stick the public" with unsound securities (if the Utility should be so disposed) when it approved the sale at a price that knew to be greatly excessive, and which at least loaned color to a value highly fictitious.

The public need not be so much concerned with the ethics of the Public Service Commission's action, however, as with its relation to service and to rates which the consumer must pay for the very necessary products of the Public Utilities. This phase of the situation is indeed alarming, and one which demands radical remedy if the public is to enjoy the measure of protection to which it is entitled. The fault lies not so much with the Utilities as with the Public Service Commission, whose policy has become, either by design or through a mistaken conception of public welfare, one of monopolistic protection instead of public protection.

As long as the Public Service Commission grants "shut out" franchises to Utilities and protects them from competition, just so long will Utilities be in a position to inflate the value of their holdings and market their securities on their inflated values—and just so long will they find a way to make the consumer pay rates which will give the Utilities a return on the full value claimed.

In financial circles a franchise may be capitalized as readily as a liquid asset, if that franchise is capable of earning money; it is often preferable to a liquid asset, for there is less possibility of shrinkage in value—and when it is a "shut out" franchise, granting to a Public Utilities Corporation the exclusive right to furnish a community with a product that is absolutely essential to the existence of that community, it represents in the eyes of a financier a very apparent value on which securities may be written and marketed without difficulty. At this point the transaction begins to concern the consumer, for the carrying charges and retirement fund on the securities issue, has to be paid; and the underwriter has to be certain that the rates charged for the Utility's product is sufficient to pay those charges. The Public Service Commission may contend that it protects the consumer against excessive rates and that it will not sanction rates which would provide a return on fictitious values—but the Public Service Commission has never yet been known to bankrupt a Utility Corporation, by refusing to permit it to collect rates which would pay the necessary return on all of its outstanding securities, sound or watered, in addition to its operating costs. In the end, the consumer always pays the bill.

It is only proper that the consumer should pay a rate for electricity, gas and other Utility products which would give the Utility a fair return on its investment; and a Utility Corporation should not only be permitted but compelled, to charge a rate which would insure the maintenance of a satisfactory standard of service and a fair return on its capital investment—provided, always, that the capital investment is not inflated or fixed fictitiously for financing and rate-making purposes.

The public must realize that capital is entitled to a fair profit and a square deal from those among whom it is invested; there should be no disposition upon the part of the public or the Public Service Commission to penalize capital because it is massed and works through corporate channels, Massed capital keeps the wheels of industry turning. But the public is also entitled to its protection, especially in the purchase of those things which are essential to industry, and to human life and human happiness. And capital, in the form of Public Utility Corporations, should not be granted monopolistic privileges which permit them to inflate the value of their holdings and to charge the consumer a rate that will return a profit on fictitious assets.

The Snow Hill incident is but one of many similar situations that exist throughout the State, and it but illustrates a form of public menace that grows more alarming every day. If the Public Service Commission would foster and encourage healthy competition in the Public Utility field, and exercise its power to maintain satisfactory standards of service as well as its jurisdiction in the matter of rates, there would be less opportunity for Utilities which enjoy monopolistic privileges to capitalize those privileges and compel the public to pay a return on them

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES
CONNECTED WITH
THE EDWARD W. McCREADY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
CRISFIELD, MD.

As superintendent of this beautiful hospital and training school, I am vitaly interested in both.

A word about our Training School, please. Many changes and difficulties have been experienced here; but let me say to you that I have interviewed the State nursing authorities and know whereof I speak: this school will carry the National Standard Curriculum and it will give experience in all departments of hospital service through affiliation with the Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. Any young woman graduating from here is entitled to take the State Board Examination and receive certificate as Registered Nurse, just as any of the student nurses in the State of Maryland can do. The members of our present graduating class have just received word that they are entitled to all of the privileges of our great profession, by their success in the recent State examination.

I think a young woman to live on these beautiful McCready Memorial Grounds and in our lovely hospital home for three years has a real privilege. Having gazed on brick walls through my three training years makes me realize what an unusual opportunity one has here, fresh air to breathe, "Mother Nature" to admire and wonderful freedom of thought and action.

If any high school graduates are interested in the nursing profession, as a means of service to mankind, I shall be glad for such ones to come see me or to write. Then it will be my pleasure to go over the requirements in detail.

jy16 SUPERINTENDENT.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE KENT BUILDING AND LOAN CO., AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 30th, 1927.

ASSETS

Mortgage Loans	$130,450.00
Call Loans	30,355.27
Supplies	75.00
Cash	1,107.06
	$161,987.33

LIABILITIES

Installment Stock	$139,825.50
Accumulated Profits	22,161.83
	$161,987.33

I, Charles N. Satterfield, Secretary and Treasurer of the Kent Building and Loan Co., do hereby make oath that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. N. SATTERFIELD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, 1927.

ELSIE W. JESTER,
Notary Public.

We have examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer and find the above statement a true copy thereof.

CHAS. S. SMITH,
J. H. SIDES,
jy16 Auditors.

Fire and Life Insurance
Phone 33F22 Millington
E. THOS. MASSEY
MASSEY, MD.

KENT NEWS $1.50 PER YEAR

Public Sale of PERSONALTY

The undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at public sale on the Noland farm on the road from Fairlee to Tolchester on

Wednesday, August 3, 1927

Beginning at 10.30 a. m., the following Valuable Property:

5 Horses and Mules

1 pair black mares, 4 years old.
1 bay horse, 9 years old.
1 bay mare, 12 years old.

14 Head of Cows

Mostly all Guernseys.
One Bull entitled to register.
These cows are all fine milch cows.

IMPLEMENTS

One McCormick binder, 1 deering mower, nearly new; 1 hay rake, 1 Schauber corn cutter, 1 roller, 2 farm wagons, 1 dearborn, 1 manure spreader, 1 drag, 1 drag harrow, 1 springtooth, 2 riding cultivators, 1 new hand cultivator, 1 corn planter, 150 rods wire, 1 lime spreader, 1 grain drill, 1 grass seeder, 1 corn sheller, 1 grain fan, 2 sulky, 1 new 3-horse Oliver plow, 1 sleigh, 1 Syracuse plow, 2 sets wagon springs, 1½ horse Fairbanks engine, 1 milk house and cooler, 1 hay fork and rope, 1 grindstone, 1 Home Comfort range, 1 parlor suite, 1 Overland, wagon harness, plow harness, bridles, collars, forks, shovels, milk cans, buckets, log chains and other small articles.

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of $20 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given on note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

RICHARD HAGUE.
Jas. H. Lee, Auct.
H. W. Vickers, Attorney.

Assignee's Sale —OF— Dwelling Property

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in two mortgages from Samuel E. Cannan and Josephine H. Cannan to William W. Beck dated the 9th day of August in the year 1898 and the other mortgage to WilliamW. Beck dated the 4th day of August in the year 1911, both of which mortgages are duly recorded among the Land Records for Kent County, default having occurred in both mortgages by reason of non-payment of same when due.

The said mortgages by mesne assignments, were duly assigned to the undersigned for the purpose of foreclosure and collection on the 7th day of July in the year 1927.

The said Harrison W. Vickers, as Assignee of said mortgages will sell at public sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY, AUG. 2, 1927

between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m., the following:

Valuable Real Estate

situated in the town of Galena. A

6-Room Frame Dwelling

in fair repair with large garden and situated and lying on the North side of Josephine Street in the village of Galena. This property contains about one-third of an acre, more or less and for a fuller description of same see said mortgages.

This property is well located in a desirable neighborhood and would make anyone a fine home.

TERMS OF SALE

One-third cash on day of sale, balance upon the ratification of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser. These terms can be modified to suit the purchaser. The taxes for the year 1927 to be paid by the purchaser.

HARRISON W. VICKERS,
Assignee.
James H. Lee, Auct.

Cabinet Shop
And
Furniture Repairing

We also mend aluminum, agate, china, glassware, pottery, tubs, boilers, tanks, radiators, gas lines, and many other things. Bring us anything you have broke or worn from cooking pans to wash tubs. Don't throw them away, we make them good as new. We also sell book trough tables, smoking stands, flower furneries, flower stands and many other things. Give us a call. Our prices are right. We are located at
549 High St.,
Chestertown, Md.,
Norman E. Peterson, Prop.

Trustee's Sale —OF— Desirable Residence

At Betterton, Kent County, Md.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, passed in a Chancery Cause entitled Harriett R. Hamilton vs. Harry T. Hamilton et al, Number 2418 equity, the undersigned having been duly appointed therein as Trustee to sell the Real Estate mentioned in said proceedings, will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door, in Chestertown, Kent county, aforesaid, on

TUESDAY, JULY 26th, 1927

At 2.00 O'clock P. M.

All That Lot of Land With Dwelling and Improvements

located in the town of Betterton in the 3rd election district of said Kent County, Md., and occupied as a place of residence by Harry C. Hamilton at the time of his death, on the North side of the public road or street known as Wheeler avenue, adjoining the lands of James A. Brice, Mary Sutton and William Wheeler and fronting on said avenue a distance of 61 feet and having an even depth of 173 feet. For further description and title see deed from Geo. E. Brice and wife to said Harry C. Hamilton dated May 15th, 1923, and recorded in Liber R. R. A. No. 2, folio 109, etc., of the land records for said Kent county.

This property is improved by a

Good 2 Story Frame Dwelling

in good condition with the usual outbuildings all in good repair. The neighborhood is good and the property conveniently located to stores, school, steamboat landings and the street called Wheeler avenue on which it is located is one of those to be improved at once. This property is now rented by I. Wasserman, merchant, and the rent of the property goes to the purchaser from the day of sale, and the purchaser will be required to pay the Betterton corporation taxes for the present year, the State and county taxes being paid by the undersigned Trustee.

TERMS OF SALE

as prescribed by the Decree are: One-third of the purchase money cash on day of sale, the remainder in two equal sums to be paid, one in six months from day of sale and the other in twelve months from day of sale, all deferred payments to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned and bear interest from day of sale.

Title papers at purchasers expense.

JOHN D. URIE, Trustee.
Thomas Toulson, Auct.

H. C. HUGHES
DENTIST
CHESTERTOWN, MD

Assignee's Sale OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a mortgage from William H. Moore and Margaret E. Moore, his wife, to Edwin L. Maslin, dated the 10th day of June, in the year 1916, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent County in Liber A. P. R. No. 1, folio No. 173, default having occurred under said mortgage due to the failure of the mortgagors to pay the mortgage debt, interest and taxes thereby secured, which said mortgage was assigned to Harrison W. Vickers on the 14th day of April, 1927. Said assignment is recorded at the bottom of said mortgage, and the said Harrison W. Vickers, Assignee, will offer at Public Sale to the highest bidder in front of the Court House Door, at Chestertown, Md., on

TUESDAY, JULY 19th, 1927

between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12M.

All Those Tracts of Land

located in the town of Golt's and containing about

13 Acres of Land

more or less. The property is improved by a Dwelling and other buildings, for title see references in said mortgage.

TERMS OF SALE

One-third purchase money cash, on day of sale. The remainder upon ratification of sale, deferred payments to bear interest, these terms may be modified to suit the purchaser. Title papers at the expense of the purchaser.

HARRISON W. VICKERS,
Assignee.
James Lee, Auct.

THE ROCK HALL REALTY CO.
have listed for sale a very fine block of
Building Lots
ON MAIN STREET
in South Rock Hall
Also One Fine Summer Home near Rock Hall, on the water, and a Small Water Front Farm.
For particulars call or write The Rock Hall Realty Company, Rock Hall, Md.

MAN
Good pay with advancement for energetic man in this general section, to represent, up-to-date nursery, as salesman; full or part time. Outfit and full particulars furnished; no nursery experience necessary; knowledge of farming helful. Write HOOPES, BRO. & THOMAS COMPANY, West Chester, Pa. j4-4t

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Betterton's Cafe Unique
On Board Walks near Erricson Pier
Open Late
Everything To Eat
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Drop Around
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Daily Base Ball Scores BY RADIO
UNITED CIGAR STORE
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SHORE RADIO SERVICE, IN.

S. Scott Beck, Attorney.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Mary C. Hurlock
versus
James T. Hurlock
versus
In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 2474

The object of the Bill filed in the above entitled case is to procure a Decree for divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

The Bill states:

1. That on the 27th day of July, 1910, Mary C. Hurlock was married to James T. Hurlock, at Smyrna, Delaware, by the Rev. Milton McCann and she resided with her said husband in Smyrna and Wilmington, Delaware, and at Betterton, in Kent County, Maryland, until sometime during the month of September, 1920.

2. That during the month of September 1920, while your Oratrix was living at Betterton, in Kent County, Maryland, her husband, the said James T. Hurlock, without any just cause, abandoned and deserted your Oratrix and has since lived apart from her although contributed partially to her support until sometime during the month of June, 1922, since which time he has contributed nothing towards her support.

3. That although the conduct of your Oratrix towards her husband, the said James T. Hurlock, has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, the said James T. Hurlock has, without any just cause or reason, deserted your Oratrix, which desertion has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years and the same is deliberate and final and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

4. That there have been no children born as a result of said marriage; that your Oratrix ha sbeen a resident of Kent County, Maryland, for more than two years last past; has always behaved herself as an affectionate, chaste and kind wife towards the said James T. Hurlock and that the said James T. Hurlock is a non-resident of the State of Maryland and she believes that he is a resident of the State of Delaware as he had rooms or lodging in the City of Wilmington, State of Delaware, when she last heard of him.

It is thereupon, this 12th day of July, 1927, ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity that the Plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Kent County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 15th day of August next, give notice to the said James T. Hurlock, non-resident defendant, warning him to appear in this Court in person, or by Solicitor, on or before the 29th day of August next, to show cause, if any he has, why a Decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
jy16-4t ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.

S. Scott Beck, Attorney.

ORDER NISI

S. Scott Beck, Attorney, Assignee
versus
Sara E. Simpson et al
In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 2380.

Ordered, this 12th day of July, 1927, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the sale of the mortgage Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by S. Scott Beck, Attorney, Assignee, under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in mortgage from Sarah E. Simpson and husband to Amanda M. Stevens, dated February 5th, 1927, and duly assigned to S. Scott Beck, Attorney, also by Order of Court dated May 26th, 1927, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 16th day of September next; provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 15th day of August next.

The Report states the amount of Sales to be $4,100.00.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
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BROKEN LOTS
...From Our...
Good Will Sale!
We will close out at very special prices all broken lots left from our "Good Will" Sale, which closed July 2. We are offering this week some rare bargains in Bathing Suits.

Men's and Women's
BATHING SUITS
Values up to $5.50
Bradley all wool worsted Bathing Suits for Men and Women, in all the popular colors and styles. Sizes 34 to 44.
$3.29
Just in time at reduced prices for your vacation.

Boys', Youth's and Children's
OXFORDS
Values up to $4.00
Priced at
$1.69
Broken lines and sizes in this lot of good Oxfords.
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VANSANT & NEWSOME
Chestertown, Maryland.

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