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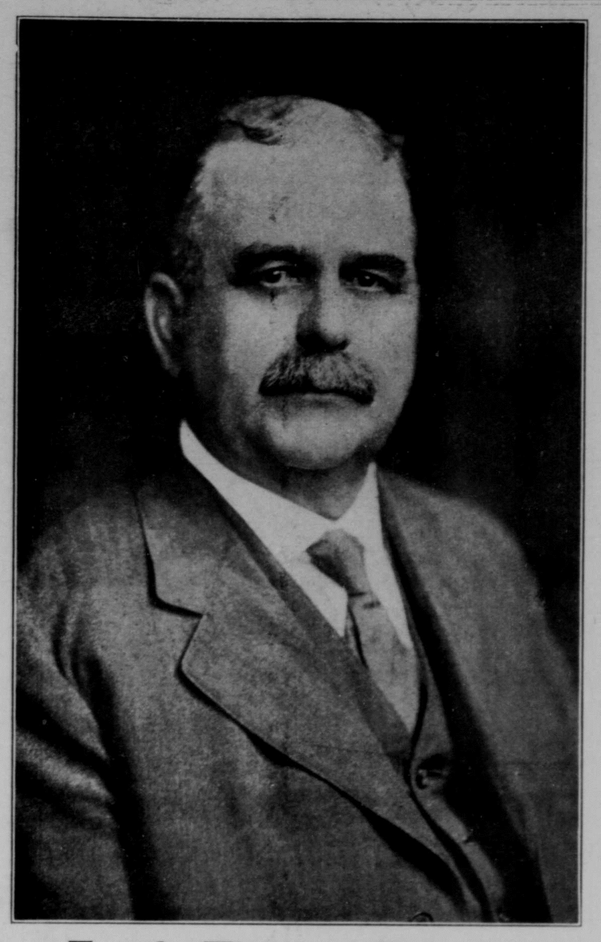

Frank Thomas Babylon

President of Westminster Savings Bank.

April First Completed Fifty Years as a Merchant in Westminster.

At Twelve Years of Age Began Work on a Brick Yard.

Worked On Farm Until 1874.

In Country Store Until 1877.

After 1877 Made Success In Westminster.

Duty be thy polar guide;
Do the right what'er betide.

Many young men grow up obsessed with the idea that treating tasks lightly by doing just enough to "get bye" is the proper way to act in all things pertaining to life's work. Many of them seek always the lines of least resistance and expect to be rewarded as much as others who work to achieve something worthwhile.

Born Near Frizellburg.

Frank Thomas Babylon is the son of the late Josiah and Lydia Haifley Babylon. On July 22, 1857 he was born near Frizellburg, Carroll county, Maryland, and is one of a number of successful and honorable citizens who first saw the light of day in that village, or in that country nearby.

His parents lived on a farm adjoining the village, but they were not as successful at farming as many others who had better farms and were better managers. Their son Frank Thomas, the subject of this article, at the age of ten years, lost the tender and loving care and guidance of his mother for whom he cherishes a loving memory.

Early Education.

His early education began in the old log school house located at Meadow Branch, near this city, and was completed in Frizellburg, Baust church, and Morelock school houses. In those days boys worked all summer, often barefooted during the entire season, and "went" to school during the winter months.

First Work On A Brick Yard.

At the age of 12 years young Babylon began his career by accepting employment on a brickyard near Frizellburg, and followed the same for three summers. In those days brickmaking was quite an industry in this county, but it was hard work, too hard in fact for a child 12 years old.

Works On Farm.

As he advanced in years young Babylon's desire to achieve something worthwhile increased exceedingly. Brickmaking offered nothing but the very hardest kind of labor and farming nothing much better. However, farming offered a better future than brickmaking and he accepted employment with a Mr. James H. Myers, a farmer residing at Frizellburg. Afterwards he worked for Mr. Josiah Unger, of near Baust church, and while with him he was allowed to attend the public school at Baust church, near Tyrone, in which the late George Fleagle, then a noted educator, was the teacher. This was about 1873.

The late Dr. Jacob Rinehart, of Frizellburg, who owned a farm nearby and a small lot or two in the village, was in need of competent and industrious help, and young Babylon, whose reputation for industry and competency had been pretty well established, was employed.

Enters Mercantile World.

Every one is possessed with talents to do some one thing better than others, and so it turned out with young Babylon. While living in the family of Dr. Jacob Rinehart he had occasion very often to visit the country store of the late Frank Hollenberry, the then leading one of the village. Visiting the store, mingling with the customers, and observing how "storekeeping" was conducted brought the latent talents of young Babylon to the surface, and he became obsessed with a desire to be a merchant. His "opportunity" came before he realized it. Mr. Hollenberry needed help and, having observed young Babylon's demeanor while in his store, and also out of it, he decided to offer him employment.

Mr. Hollenberry's offer opened a new field of endeavor to young Babylon. Work on a brickyard and a farm may have its attractions for some boys, it may build up muscle and brawn, but possessed of a latent talent for merchandising or "storekeeping," it could never have offered happiness and contentment to young Babylon. His visits to Mr. Hollenberry's store aroused his ambition to achieve, a thing possessed early in life by all successful men. Here was his "chance," and he took it—a thing so many young men fail to see until it is too late. For three years, from 1874 to 1877, young Babylon rendered Mr. Hollenberry faithful and efficient service.

Gets Opportunity In Westminster.

In 1877 the late Andrey N. Stephan was conducting a general hardware business in the building now occupied by Mr. Denton S. Gehr, at West Main and Liberty streets, this city,

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Edgar James Reaver and Elsie Marie Whorley, Gettysburg, Pa.

William H. Shaeffer and M. Henrietta Willet, Hanover, Pa.

Millard F. Stevens and Elizabeth C. Reaver, Westminster.

George W. Smith and Edna Yingling, Littlestown, Pa.

Harvey F. Kraft and Mary Frances Eckenrode, York, Pa.

Clarence Wagner and Mary Anna Eckenrode, York, Pa.

Edward W. Gross and Edna C. Miller, Baltimore, Md.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Paul G. Formwalt and wife to Andrew D. Alexander and wife, 116 a, $11,000.

Robert H. Zahn and wife to William G. Speed, 13,222 sq. ft., $3,500.

Sara E. Courtney and husband to Ernest L. Benson and wife, 9240 sq. ft., $10.

Dewey D. Davis and wife to William H. Barnes and wife, 1 a, $10.

Union Bridge Fire Company to Hyman Israel and wife, lot in Union Bridge, $8,000.

Adam O. Hainer and wife to Chas. W. Strevig and wife 59 a, $4,000.

John Harris to Edwin M. Mellor Jr., and wife, 11 a, $10.

Albert D. Gosnell and wife to Leonard H. Gosnell and wife, 2 a, $267.

Harry K. Myers and wife to Amos O. Warner and wife, 46 sq. rds., $10.

William Arthur and wife to Amos O. Warner and wife, 2 a, $10.

Robert A. Swaringen and wife to H. Latimer Elderdice and wife, 7,200 sq. ft., $10.

Melvin E. Rill and wife to Harry Cleveland Neudecker and wife, 27 a, $1,00.

James E. King and wife to Harry L. Munshower and wife, 100 a, $7,000.

Leander Gladhil and wife to A. Meyles Sharrer and wife, 3,840 sq. ft., $10.

Harry T. Eckard and wife to Jesse M. Bohn and wife, 113 a, $4,700.

Alverta I. Brown, et al to Calvin C. Moyer and wife, 3 a, $10.

John L. Graf and wife to William H. Graf and wife, 61 a, $4,000.

Charles A. Leese and wife to Emory E. Bollinger and wife, 1 a, $10.

Haltin C. Sullivan and wife to Edward M. Graf and wife, 52 a, $7,000.

Leander Gladhill and wife to Richard Smith and wife, 10 sq. prs., $10.

Minnie F. Leatherwood to Guy J. Leatherwood, 54,400 sq. ft., $10.

Grace Brashears and husband to Henry Scheller and wife, 5 a, $106.

James Pearre Wantz, trustee to Carl C. Twigg and wife, 7,920 sq. ft., $4,250.

Mary C. Sharetts to Edwin H. Sharetts et al, one-third interest in tract, $1.00.

William H. Marker and wife to Edwin H. Sharetts et al, 2 roods, $10.

James Harris Vandever to Julia R. Stone, 7,530 sq. ft., $5.

Julia R. Stone to John G. Harris and wife, lot in Hampstead, $5.

Caroline Herder to Henry D. Gentzler, 7,860 sq. ft., $10.

John Wesley Mathias et al to John H. Leister, 124 sq. ft., $5.

Vernon A. Chrest et al to R. Brooke Shelton and wife, 12,600 sq. ft., $500.

Annie G. Garrett to Clarence E. Albaugh and wife, 7,590 sq. ft., $10.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, March 30.—Mary Hook Gorsuch and John A. Caldwell, executors of Charles C. Gorsuch, deceased, settled their second and final account.

William H. Bortner, administrator of Minerva E. Bortner, deceased, settled his first and final account and received order court to deposit funds.

Barbara C. Ebaugh, executrix of Amos Ebaugh, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Arthur B. Snell, administrator w. a., of Jacob M. Snell, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and received order to sell same.

Tuesday, March 31.—Grace V. Brashears, administratrix of Clinton W. Long, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Daniel D. Sharrer, administrator of Mary R. Hann, deceased, received order to sell stocks.

Leslie A. Smelser, executor of David P. Smelser, deceased, returned inventories of debts due and current money, reported sale of personal property, filed petition and settled his first account.

OBITUARY

MRS. LUCINDA R. SULLIVAN

Mrs. Lucinda R. Sullivan, widow of the late George W. Sullivan, died at 1:00 A. M. Friday at Springfield hospital, aged 76 years, 4 months, and 21 days. She is survived by three sons, Charles H., of Hanover, Pa., and William E. and Milton A., of Westminster; also one half-sister, Miss Agnes Miller, this city. Funeral at the residence of her son, Milton A. Sullivan, 51 W. Main street, Monday at 2 P. M. Her pastor, Rev. J. B. Rupley, will officiate. Interment in Krider's cemetery.

James M. Stoner, funeral director.

HENRY T. TROXEL

(Union Mills Correspondent)

Henry T. Troxel, a former resident of Deep Run Valley, this county, died at Hanover, Pa., (to which place he moved some years ago,) on March 25, 1925, aged 74 years, 1 month and 6 days. He was a son of the late Moses and Belinda Yeiser Troxel. He was married 52 years ago to Miss Maria Lippy, the wedding ceremony was performed by the late Rev. William C. Cremer who was at that time pastor of the Reformed churches at Westminster and Silver Run. Mr. Troxel is survived by his widow, one son, Moses J. M. Troxel (a member of the board of election supervisors of Carroll county) of Mt. Pleasant, this county, and one daughter, Mrs. Ira Bowman, Hanover, Pa. The remains of Mr. Troxel were interred in the union cemetery, at Silver Run, on Saturday afternoon last. Rev. M. J. Roth, pastor of Trinity Reformed church, Hanover, and Rev. Edward R. Hamme, pastor of the Reformed church at Silver Run, conducted the funeral services. The pallbearers were Alpheus Utz, Theodore Raubenstine, Alexander Garrett, Edward Fuhrman, John Rudisill and Aaron Mummert. Knights of the Mystic Chair from the Silver Run lodge of which Mr. Troxel was a member, attended the funeral in a body.

JOHN J. REESE

John J. Reese, one of Westminster's prominent citizens, died Saturday, March 28, 1925, at the University of Maryland hospital, Baltimore, aged 75 years.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Elizabeth A. Sharrer, a daughter of the late Francis Asbury Sharrer, of this city, he is survived by a son J. Francis Reese, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. George R. Babylon, of Baltimore; also by a sister, Mrs. George A. Miller, this city, and five brothers, William D. and Eugene Reese, this city; Orlando and Vernon Reese, of Baltimore, and Dr. Harvey S. Reese, of Missouri.

Mr. Reese was a native and life long resident of this city. In early life he was a merchant, having succeeded his father, the late William Reese, in the grocery business on E. Main street now conducted by his brother William D. Reese.

Upon his election to the office of treasurer of Carroll county he sold the business to his brother and, upon the expiration of his term of office he was elected secretary and treasurer of The Mutual Fire Insurance of Baltimore County, an office he held at the time of his death.

In addition to his duties as secretary and treasurer of the insurance company he found time to fill a number of minor offices. For a number of years Mr. Reese was a member of the Common Council of Westminster, and for more than forty years filled the office of secretary and treasurer of the Westminster Cemetery Company, without pay. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and of the Maryland Society Sons of the Revolution.

From early life Mr. Reese was an ardent fisherman and was one of the organizers of The Forest and Stream Club of this city, and at his death still a member of the same.

For many years Mr. Reese was a member of the church council of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, and a teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Monday last at 2 P. M., the funeral services were held at his late residence on E. Main street, this city, Rev. J. B. Rupley, pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, officiating, and the interment was in the Westminster cemetery.

The pallbearers were William D., Eugene, Orlando, and Vernon Reese, brothers, and George A. Miller, and U. L. Reaver, brothers-in-law.

WEDDINGS

WANTZ—KUMP

Thursday evening, March 26, 1925, Miss Pauline V. Kump, of Emmitsburg, and Harvey E. Wantz, of Harney, were married by Rev. L. K. Young, at the parsonage of Mt. Joy Lutheran church. They were attended by Howard Kump, brother of the bride, and Miss Laura Fream. Mr. and Mrs. Wantz will reside at Harney.

WAREHIME—RINEHART

On Wednesday, March 25, 1925, at 2 P. M., Miss Margaret Ann Rinehart, only daughter of Mrs. Ellen M., and the late Harry L. Rinehart, of Frizellburg, this county, and Mr. Morlan Myers Warehime, of Silver Run, this county, were married in Middletown, Frederick county, Maryland, by Rev. J. S. Adams, a former pastor of St. Mary's Reformed church of Silver Run. After the ceremony the bride and groom motored through Middletown and Cumberland Valleys and returned to their newly furnished home in Silver Run.

Mrs. Warehime is a graduate of the Westminster high school, class 1924, a granddaughter of the late Dr. Jacob Rinehart, a former Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of this county, and a niece of Mrs. William Arthur, of Frizellburg. Mr. Warehime is engaged in the produce business in Silver Run.

STEVENS—REAVER

A very quiet, but pretty wedding, was solemnized in Grace Lutheran church, at 10:30 A. M. Saturday, March the 28th, when Miss Elizabeth Caroline, daughter of Mr. U. L. Reaver, of East Main street, this city, became the bride of Mr. Millard Franklin Stevens, of Lancaster, Pa. The inpressive ring service of the Lutheran church was used, by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Rupley. The bride wore an ensemble suit of dark blue poiret twill and red crepe de chine, with hat to match, and a corsage bouquet of sweet peas. The bride was unattended and the groom's best man was his brother Mr. Lewis Stevens of Hurlock, Md. The ceremony was witnessed by the families and a few immediate friends of the couple. Miss Reaver was one of our popular young ladies and was very active in church work and was one of the soloists of Grace Lutheran church choir. Immediately after the ceremony, amid a shower of rice and confetti the happy young couple left for a honeymoon to Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Upon their return they shall occupy a furnished apartment in Lancaster, Pa., where they shall be "at home" to their many friends.

Tomorrow evening the Pleasant Valley high school will give the musical comedy, "Savage Land," at Wesley social hall. Music will be furnished by the Pleasant Valley school orchestra, in charge of Prof. Edward P. Zepp.

HOWARD S. STUMP

Howard S. Stump, husband of Mary E. Stump, died April 1st., 1925, at his late residence, 2523 West North avenue, Baltimore.

Tomorrow, at 10 A. M., the funeral services will be held at his late residence, and the interment will be in the Manchester cemetery, this county.

MRS. JOHN SNYDER

Mrs. Jane, widow of the late John Snyder, of Union Bridge, this county, Monday night, March 30, 1925, was found dead on a couch in her home in Union Bridge by her grandson Frank J. Snyder, death having resulted from paralysis.

She is survived by a son J. Pierce Snyder, of Union Bridge, and five grandchildren.

MRS. WILLIAM STULTZ

Mrs. Annie E., widow of the late William Stultz, died at Springfield State hospital, Sykesville, this county, aged 87 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. John Storms, Charles, John, and Harry Stultz, of Baltimore; George Stultz, of Uniontown, this county, and Jesse and Ernest Stultz, of this city; also by 20 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

Tuesday morning the funeral services were held at the home of her son Jesse, this city, Rev. J. W. Reinecke officiating, and the interment was in the Uniontown cemetery. Her six sons acted as pallbearers.

Harvey Bankard and Son funeral directors.

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

Thursday, March 26th., was a beautiful spring day and by 2:50 o'clock almost every available space in Mrs. Joseph Baust's large comfortable home on Pennsylvania avenue was filled with members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for their monthly meeting. Promptly at the appointed time the meeting was called to order by the president. America was sung, led by Mrs. David Geiman, with Mrs. Edward Little at the piano. Mrs. Martha Shaw conducted the devotional service, choosing for her subject "Faith." The hymn used was, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary," by Palmer. The Bible lesson was selected from St. Matthews gospel, followed by prayer. Mrs. Shaw's Bible lessons are always instructive and appreciated by the ladies.

The next number was a selection written by Miss Gordon, National president of the W. C. T. U. entitled "Everybody Sing, The World Is Moving Godward, Everybody Sing."

The secretary's report by Mrs. John Bowers was very complete and showed meetings well attended. The treasurer's report was indeed very encouraging, all obligations met and a nice little sum left for future work planned.

The success of the tea held in D. R. Geiman's show room went far beyond expectation, and the members of the union stood in appreciation of the patronage they received. Mrs. Shaw, the treasurer, was asked to write Mr. Geiman giving him a full account of expenses and returns, and thanking him for the use of his splendid room. The reports of the following superintendents were then heard. Mrs. William Johnson, White Ribbon Herald. Mrs. Frank Myers, Child Welfare. Mrs. Philena Fenby, county president, was present and spoke to the ladies on the importance of enlisting the children and young people generally in the work of the W. C. T. U.

Ladies were present from New Windsor, Finksburg and Sandyville Unions. Plans are being perfected for a county institute to be held in Westminster the last of April with the state officers present, and to close the day with an illustrated lecture on World Court and League of Nations by Dr. Henry, of Blue Ridge College.

One of the most gratifying things of the afternoon was the Loyal Legion report given by the superintendent, Mrs. Johnson, and closing with a recitation "When Ma Was President," by little Miss Katherine Gilbert, a member of the Legion. Arousing ovation was given Mrs. Baust for the hospitality of her home. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

MORGAN CHAPEL AID SOCIETY

Thursday, March 26, the Morgan Chapel Aid Society met at the church, and was called to order by its president, Mrs. Bessie Jenkins. After a Scripture reading, singing a hymn, and reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were approved, and there being no unfinished business, the following program arranged by the vice-president, Mrs. T. B. Gosnell, was carried out: Readings, Mesdames F. T. Gosnell, Amy Fleming, and Flora Mills; song, from Sacred Praise, and roll call.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. William Buckingham for entertaining the society at its previous meeting. The society was invited to hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. William Fleming, at Berrett, who will entertain for her mother, Mrs. George Wolbert, who is still sick.

Forty members were present and $10.00 in dues were collected.

At the close of the meeting a committee consisting of Mesdames Samuel Gosnell, Clifford Gosnell, and Harry Aeplemeyer served refreshments, consisting of tea and take, in the basement of the church. All present enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Grace Steward, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister Mrs. William H. Thomas, this city.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fowler moved from the Campbell building to the newly erected Stonesifer building on E. Main street.

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