A. In my opinion, it would be to the best interest of all parties that the same be sold.

(Exhibit "B" offered in evidence.)

Q. Will you state why you believe it is to the best interest of the parties in interest that the sale be closed.

A. There is nobody up here to look after the property, because Earl is living in Baltimore, and, of course, Arthur is confined to Springfield Hospital. The property was vacant for a long time prior to the sale last December, and there was no income coming from the property. The house was in a dilapidated condition and very much in need of repair. I think it is generally true that properties depreciate faster when they are not occupied, and unless some change was soon made in connection with the management or ownership of the property, it would have been worth much less than the amount offered for it.

To the General Interrogatory: Nothing further.

Harry W. Wise
Deponent

Dr. Samuel Barkoff, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiff, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

Q. Doctor, will you state your full name and address.

A. Samuel Barkoff, Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville.

Q. What is your age, Doctor?

A. Twenty-seven.

Q. You are a licensed physician of this State?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. How long have you been admitted to practice?

A. Five and one-half years.

Q. Are you connected with the Hospital staff?

A. I am.

Q. How long have you had that connection?

A. Since September 1,1938.

Q. Have you a patient at the Hospital by the name of Arthur E. Rice?

A. Yes.

Q. When was he committed to your institution?

A. December 15, 1938.

Q. Has his commitment continued uninterruptedly since that date?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you had an opportunity to observe the mental condition of Mr. Rice since your attachment to the Hospital?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you kindly describe the nature of the patient's mental condition.

A. Yes. He has the delusion that he is related to royalty in England; that he was made a Sir by King George VI; that he himself is a king, but at present he is a king in exile. He has an auditory hallucination, hearing people call him names. He believes that this is a trap of some kind. He also has visual hallucinations, or visions, which he usually does not care to discuss. In addition, he shows some physical findings of cerebral arteriosclerosis, or, as it is commonly called, "hardening of the arteries". My diagnosis is schizophrenia, paranoid complicated by cerebral arteriosclerosis, and the prognosis for recovery is hopeless. I feel that he is incompetent to be fully aware of the significance of any bill or deed or act that he may sign, and that he is incompetent to handle any funds.

Q. You express an opinion that he is not competent to transact normal business?

A. Yes.