

SYNOPSIS
Judge Calhoun Davis is presiding judge over the circuit court in the sleepy little town of Tidewater. Virginia. After a humorous day in court with his Negro prisoners. he prepares to go fishing.

CHAPTER II Mrs. Calhoan wiped her hands her apron as the telephone bel tinkled and aurried out of the

kitchen into the living room. "Yes .. ?" she answered the call "Why, of course, Dan, I'll have Jim name. Jim's head snapped up alertly which belonged to a man who bring the ashing tackle right over. Then his face hardened. along some pennyroyal. The mos Rufus do it. quitoes bite even

when the fish don't."

up the receiver. "Are you up yet." The door opened and a boy of about eighteen entered.

rubbing the sleep from his eyes. "Morning. Moth er," be smiled. "Am I too late for some breakfast?" "It's on the back of the stove. Sit

down, Jim. I'll get it for you." As she started to prepare the food, Jim's attention was attracted by the sound of an He walked to the

window and stared compressed. A shiny roadster was father." Martha placed her hand on trieved the blossom. "I've got an idea. parked in front of the neighboring her son's shoulder. at the wheel was waving to a small. stepfather." vivacious girl who came running across the shaded lawn.

"Well, how about it, Mary Lee?" his voice softened. Jim heard the boy ask.

girl rapturously.

tonight? Huh?" "Dinner tonight with the grand for me is . . is charity." duchess. Then the duchess and I "Nonsense! He'd love you as a son, ing. It's all right. Come on . . . set play a game. She hides the royal too, if you'd only let him. You're in." china in soapy water and I have to pretty headstrong. Jim. Everything And it. . . .

"Say, tell your mother to use paper own good." plates so you can get out early and "I call it 'bossing." Jim's lip too and started the motor with a meet me," laughed Bob as he threw curied. "And I'm tired of it. And you great grinding and clanking of gears. the car into gear. "So long until know I'm the only one in my crowd

His face bitter, Jim turned from breakfast.

"What's the matter, honey?" asked his mother.

"Oh, nothing," he answered, picking up his fork.

"Jim. I wish you'd try to get up a little earlier There's a lot of little

And Dan . . tell the Judge to take "I'd rather not," he said. "Let

"Well, let's not talk about it any more. Doesn't do any good." Jim rose and kissed his mother tenderly. "And say." he hesitated as he turned on an attractive boyish smile. "Lend

me four bits, will you?" With the money in his pocket Jim things you could do to help And left the kitchen and hurried across when you finish breakfast I want to the home of Mary Lee. As he you to get the Judge's fishing tackle crossed the spacious back yard be and take it down to the courthouse." noticed the open door of the garage. At the mention of the Judge's inside stood an antique roadster roomed in the house.

"Isn't Mr. Higgins using his car today?" the boy asked a negress who was hanging

> clothes. "Nossuh." anvant as she picked up the basket and started to enter early dis mawnin' for Nawfolk. He won't be back till

tonight." As Jim stood before the garage in deep thought. Mary Lee came around the corner the house, a flower basket on her arm.

"Good morning. Colonel." she greeted him. time to reach up and get me that

lovely bloom on You're so fond of flowers, let's take a trip up to the Ridge. There's plenty

up there."

"I'd love it, but it's ten miles from much mileage in 'dese heah po' ele feets o' mine." "You don't have to walk. Mr. Hig-

"I thought I was doing the right | "I don't believe it." The girl stared It'll do seventy. Want to try it out she answered. "He always did love the time he's boarded with us, he's never let a soul drive it but him-

> "I know. But I talked to him before he went to Norfolk this morn-

Mary Lee besitated a second. Then the Judge suggests is meant for your she entered the open garage and climbed into the car. Jim jumped in trouble with this old car." The girl was still doubtful.

"A small town judge doesn't get a "I think be'll find that his meter the window and sat down looking big salary. Jim," his mother pleaded. is missing," the boy grinned impawith disfavor at the smoking bot "The Judge denied himself things to dently as they left the yard and started noisily up the street.



"Say, tell your Mother to use paper plates so you can get out early and meet me," laughed Bob.

across at the house next door. Jim's | "Jim, you make me unhappy with | top of the lilac bush." face clouded with envy and his lips this attitude you take toward your "Say," said Jim, after he had re-

bouse and the well-dressed youth "He's not my father. He's just my

A look of pain came into Martha's here. I'm afraid there isn't that face. Jim saw it, his anger died and

"I'm sorry we don't get along, "It's lovely, Bob," answered the Mother . . . for your sake," he said. gins has lent me his car." "Just rolled off the dealer's floor. | thing when I married the Judge." at him with wide blue eyes. "In all

"Let me see," laughed the girl. "Yes, he loved you. What he does

that hasn't a car." see you through school."

Maryland Musings

The Pine tree is seldom attacked by

At Dinner Given By Willis On Saturday &

Stories of Trotting Horses Feature The Meeting

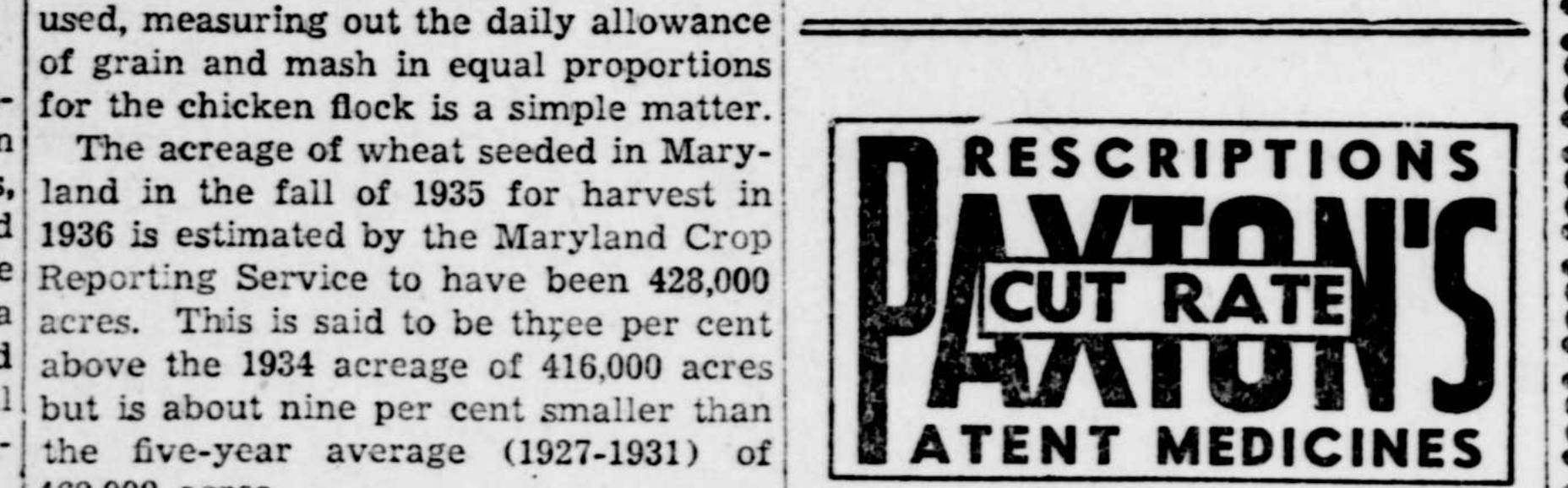
Stories of trotting horses and the provides \$3,000,000,000 in printing press | Cash income from sales plus rental "good old horse racing days" in Delamoney to buy up farm mortgages and and benefit payments for the year 1935 ware featured the annual dinner-meetto make loans on farm lands and im- is estimated at \$6,932,000,000 compared ing of members of the Willis Horse provements. Interest will be charged with \$6,387,000,000 in 1934, and \$4,328,- Club Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A., at 1 1-2 per cent with a like amount 000,000 in 1932 which was the low year given by J. Wirt Willis in honor of his birthday anniversary. The organiza-Income from marketings was higher tion is a successor to the former Mc-

in every month except July in 1935 Daniel Horse Club. of Stephen McNee was chairman of the nominations committee. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Willis was The effort to agree upon an agricul- ings of meat animals, particularly cattle presented with a cane-seat for use while in the field following sports events, while Frank Hopton was pre-

sented with a wrist watch. George R. Snedeker, recounted stories of the prowess of such locally new scheme outlined, the prospects issued by the Maryland State Depart- owned trotters as Lord Dewey and Di-

rectum I. Dr. William Harris, a new member, told of the increasing interest, and importance of the dog game here as did Richard W. Willis, who is interested in

Following the reminiscences William C P. Rheuby showed motion pictures. Charles H. Howess was toastmaster.



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The Frazer-Lemke Farm Mortgage | 000 in December benefit payments combill will probably be forced to a vote pared with \$56,000,000 in November, and before Congress adjourns. The bill \$53,000,000 in December a year ago. collected annually to amortize the loans of the depression, in forty-seven years.

While Congressional leaders have at than in 1934, but the greatest increase Officers for the coming year, re-electtempted to head off any vote on the occurred in the last three months of ed, follow: Mr. Willis, honorary chairmeasure, it seems certain that the test 1935. A part of this increase ,it is man; Dr. H. B. P. Eves, president; Jocannot be avoided much longer. What stated, was due to increased marketings seph S. Gould, secretary and treasurer. the outcome will be in uncertain, al- from the larger crop production though most observers predict a veto 1935, to increased demand for farm prothat will prevent its passage. ducts, and to unusually heavy market-

tural program to replace the old AAA and lambs. met with difficulties. Some resistance was found in the Senate committee, but There are thirty fire towers in sevenlast week, in the face of increasing pres- teen counties in Maryland, according to sure from farmers anxious to have the a recent issue of the "News Letter," were that early action would begin. ment of Forestry.

The Administration advocated a sub- the Japanese Beetle, according to Dr sidized soil conservation measure which Ernest N. Cory, State Entomollogist. some Congressional leaders considered The really efficient hen goes to roost would not meet the Supreme Court's with a crammed crop, says Wade H. decision in the Hoosac Mills case, al- Rice, poultry specialist for the Univerthough Chester C. Davis, farm adminis- sity of Maryland Extension Service. trator, and Secretary Wallace had no Where reel or trough feeders are such doubts.

The idea seems to be to move to- for the chicken flock is a simple matter. ward a permanent program to begin in The acreage of wheat seeded in Mary-1938. This according to Mr. Davis, land in the fall of 1935 for harvest in would operate in the limits prescribed 1936 is estimated by the Maryland Crop by the majority opinion of the Supreme Reporting Service to have been 428,000 Court. The program would be on a acres. This is said to be three per cent State's relation basis and would avoid above the 1934 acreage of 416,000 acres the necessity of any constitutional but is about nine per cent smaller than amendment to take care of the agricul- the five-year average (1927-1931) of tural problem. 469,000 acres.

would be expected to enact legislation along the lines of the existing Federal highway program to authorize acceptance of Federal funds for disbursement to farmers under State supervision in return for soil conservation practices acceptable to the Federal Government. The States would supervise the program and Federal funds would flow to them as they complied with "standards" to be laid down by the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture re-

ports: "Farmers' cash income from sales of farm products was \$598,000,000 in December, compared with \$660,000,000 in November, and \$473,000,000 in December a year ago, according to estimates by the Bureau of Agricultural Eco-

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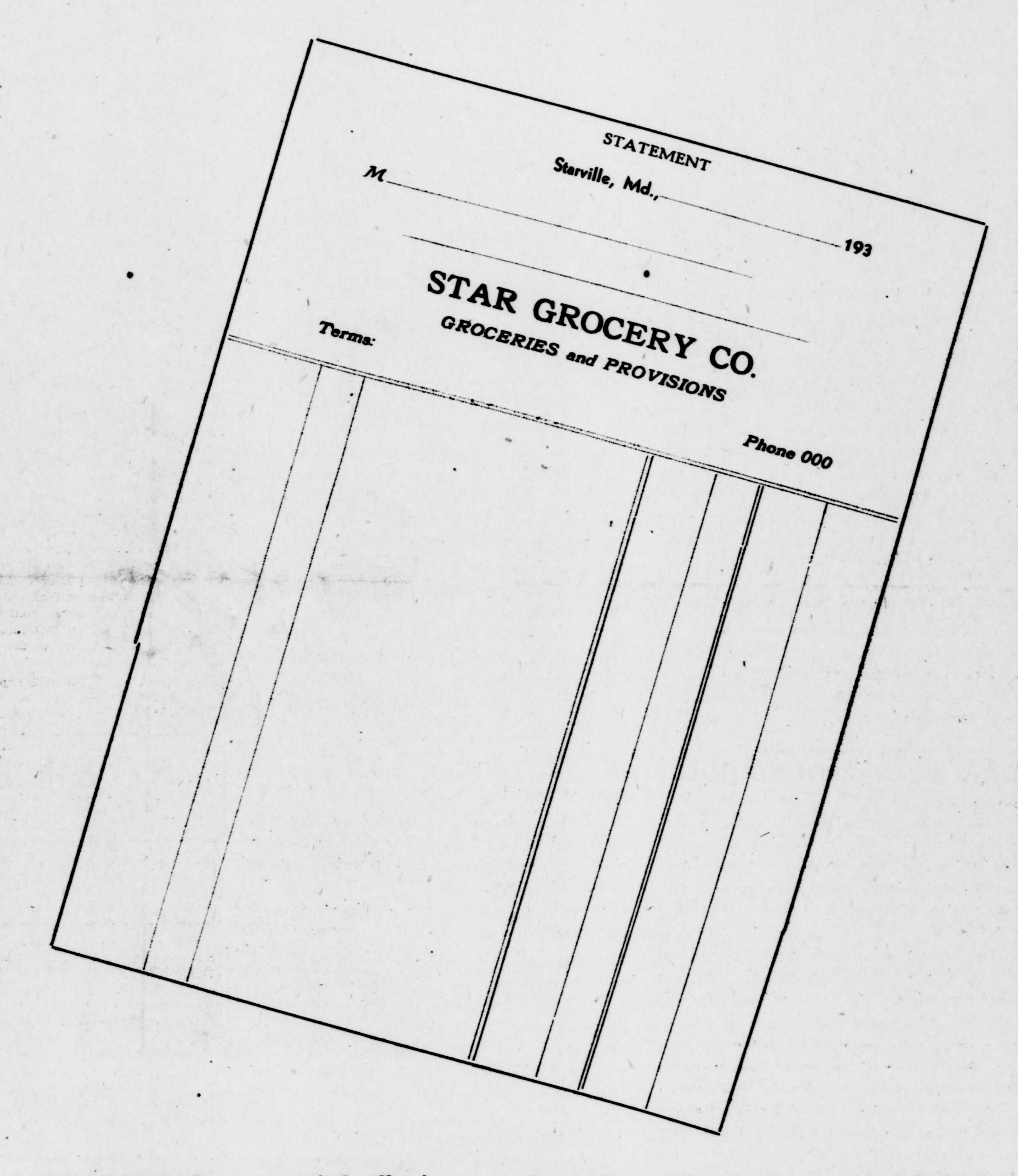
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