Gov. O'Conor's Success Cited As Remarkable

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chasing Agent.

10. Constitutional amendment providing that Clerk of Court of Appeals be appointed by the Court rather than voted on by the people of the entire State.

11. Companion Conservation Bills providing for dual setup:
(a) Tidewater fisheries
(b) Upland game and fisheries.

12. Old Age Assistance measure.

13. Aid to Dependent Children Act.

14 Aid to Needy Blind Act.

15. Law authorizing Court of Appeals to promulgate rules governing civil procedure.

16. Abolition of Coroner's system in Baltimore City, replaced by full time Medical Board.

17. Removal of State Director Health from Governor's appointive list; empowering the Board of Health to appoint on non-political basis.

18. Board of Mental Hygiene Act, coordinating work of mental hospitals and authorizing interchange of patients.

19. Reorganization of People's Court of Baltimore City. (This move originated with the Bar Association of Baltimore.)

20. Change of name of State Department of Welfare (Prison Control) to Department of Correction.

21. Reorganization of setup of Veterans' Commission with reduction of over-head expenses permitting greater amount to disburse to deserving veterans.

22. Act providing for coordination of work among State Department; setting up mechanical process for exchange of records, and making personnel eligible for transfer on merit system basis.

23. Creation of Potomac River Commission, to work with U. S. Government and States of Virginia and West Virginia to eliminate pollution in Potomac.

24. Providing for |Public School Survey of State.

25. Constitutional amendment providing one term for Governor.

26. Act providing safety measures for mines; this proposal favored by miners' labor organizations.

27. Now Parole Board setup: (This, is fulfillment of campaign promise for greater extension of parole system and increasing supervision of parolees.

28. Creation of Commission to negotiate for purchase of Morgan College and authorizing further steps for higher education for negroes.

29. Act providing for full-time Commissioner of Labor and Statistics. (This proposal favored by the labor organization to affect closer relationship between industry and labor.

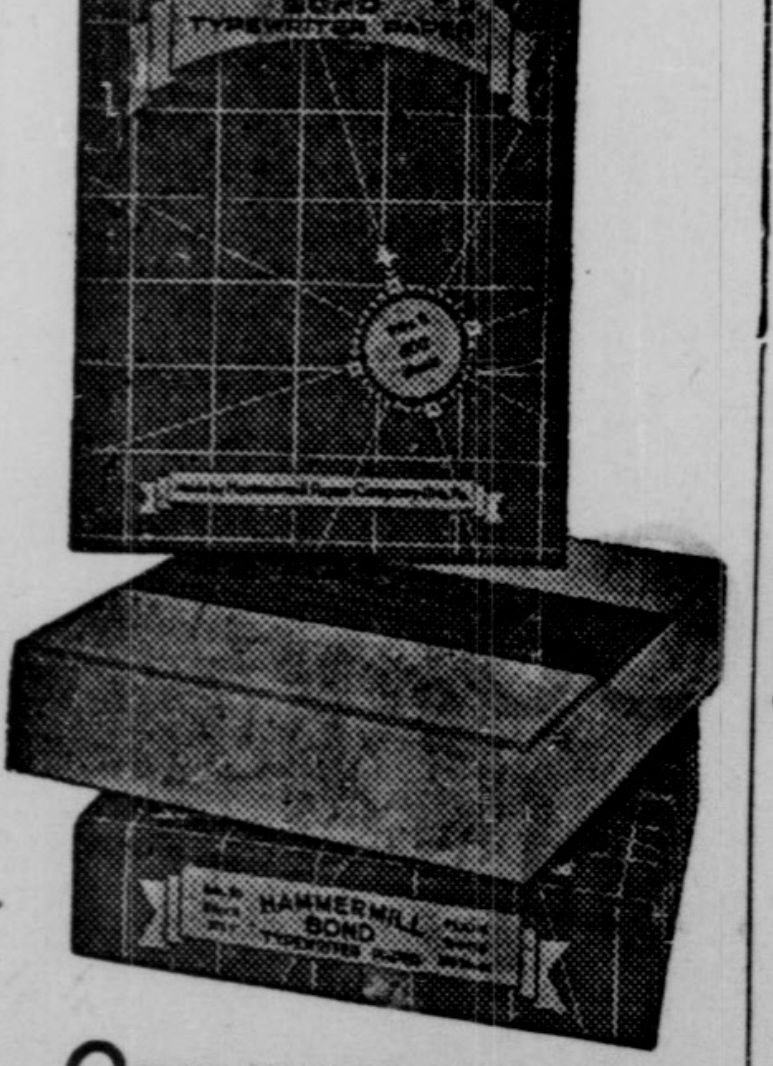
30. Provision by bond issue for acquisition of forest lands, parks and recreational areas.

31.. Traffic Court of Baltimore City measure, providing for civilian clerks appointed under the merit system, thus making possible services of present officers for regular police duty; this measure recommended by Commissioner Stanton; also vesting traffic court judges with authority to suspend licenses immediately for violations.

32. Constitutional amendment which would make possible People's Courts in every County, supplanting present trial magistrates.

MD. WHEAT PROSPECTS

Present prospects indicate a Maryland winter wheat crop in 1939 of 7,917,000 bushels, according to the latest survey of the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. Last year the State's wheat crop was 9,420,000 bushels.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Describes Hurlock As Good Place In Which To Enjoy Long Life

In the second of a series of articles dealing with Hurlock, Dorchester county, Folger McKinsley, (The Bentztown Bard) of the Baltimore Sun, had this to say:

"Of all the lovely towns of Maryland I have visited in my search for material for this series of sketches of Maryland areas, I have never come across a community of such quiet, retiring, unpretentious spirit as this, yet with so much to offer of interest to the observer.

"That it is a town of old people serves to indicate that it must naturally be also a town that treasures its traditions—but it is not old enough, not more than fifty years, to have any very ancient memories. Unlike many others this town has never even had another name. It has always been Hurlock, named in honor of one of its early settlers, the late John M. Hurlock, who built the first store building here and the first dwelling, the second not having been built until 1885. Then in 1887 five new houses and a hoteel were built and Hurlock began to get into its stride. Now it has a population of approximately 800.

"They told me of eight octogenarians in the town, and took me to visit two of them, brothers—Smith E. Harper, who built the sixth house in the town, and William, who lives next door to him on Main Street. William is 85 and Smith is over 80, and across the street from them lives Mrs. Isabel Waddell, who is also over 80. But there are also in Hurlock Robert Hazzard, who is 90; John W. Stevens, Mrs Laura Johnson, C. H. Sheridan, J. B. Hurlock, a descendant of the builder of the first house; Thomas J. Hackett, who was the old town druggist, now retired, and so on to those whose ages are not known but merely guessed at. As Mrs. Harper, wife of Smith E. Harper, said, "Hurlock is a good place to live to be old in."

"But if it has many things to satisfy and delight the old it also has much to attract the interest of the younger generation — the healthy activities of the high school plant and of community organizations, such as the Hurlock Woman's Club. Mrs. Philip S. Richardson is president of the club, which will this month entertain the Eastern Shore section of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, of which Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, of Hurlock, is the head. There is also the Upper Dorchester Garden Club, of which Miss Myrtle Wright, of Hurlock, is president; and in Hurlock there are many beautiful gardens, in which I saw the flowering almond, wygelia, magnolias, jonquils, daisies, buttercups, dandelions and violets in full bloom. The membership of the Garden Club extends also to Vienna, Secretary, East New Market and Williamsburg.

"The Lions Club is the only service organization so far in Hurlock, but it is wide awake and active under the presidency of James E. Andrews. The Lions have recently sponsored a rejuvenation of the Boy Scouts troop that was organized six years ago and is now coming to life again under Mr. Carroll W. Casteel as Scoutmaster. There is also a public library in Hurlock, housed in a building next to the elementary school and presided over by Miss H. S. Barber as librarian.

"The churches here play an important part in the life of the community, promoting through their various church organizations most of the movements for civic and social and cultural progress. The oldest of the churches is the Washington Methodist Episcopal ministry of the Rev. Roy L. Tawes, one of the youngest men in the conference and the author of an appealing volume of sermons bearing the title, "Laughing at the Saints." Hurlock also has a Methodist Protestant church, with the Rev. Charles P. Butler as pastor; a Baptist church, of which the Rev. D. W. Charlton is pastor; a Pilgrims' Holiness church, with the Rev. C. S. Hope in charge, and the St. Andrew's Mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with the Rev. William McClelland, recently elected bishop of the Easton Diocese, as rector.

"There is an air of rest and beauty about this town that is hard to describe, except that it belongs here as a part of the natural peace and beauty of the Eastern Shore. Here is a town on a sub-highway of the great State road system, with hustling young men striving to build up its business and refusing to leave it for better chances elsewhere. A town in which the oldest of old-timey homes exist, and with a large majority of homes of the modern type, equipped with modern conveniences and enjoying the best of everything.

"Most of the men in the active life of the town are under 35 years of age and it is easy to understand that they love the town or they wouldn't stay here. And why they love it is apparent i nthe remarks of one of the young hustlers whom I accosted, who said that it is a summer town in the midst of a farming area, where the summer spirit of youth and enterprise gives zest to every effort to forget the old chromos on the walls, the conch shells on the mantelpiece, and cultivate, with all due respect to the old things, a go-getting will to turn smilingly from the old to the new.

"It is in a strategic position here in this northern border of Dorchester—sixteen miles from Cambridge, eighteen miles from Easton, eight miles from Preston, Salisbury not far, and while not near any body of water, it a part of the famous Fork district of Dorchester in which exists that strange area known as Puckum, the mystery town which nobody has ever been able to find but is supposed to lie somewhere in that region between Marshy Hope creek and the Nanticoke. In past seasons the Nanticoke in all its long stretch up from Vienna to Seaford was full of Chesapeake shad and herring, come up to spawn, but none are caught now except down at the mouth, and spawning is a thing of the past."

Mr. McKinsey's mention of "Puckum" reminds us that very little is heard of this mythical place among the young generation. Old-timers used to have a saying, when jokingly explaining someone's absence, that "He's gone to Puckum." Like Mr. McKinsey says, nobody has ever been able to find it. But its there, all right. If you don't believe it, ask some of the older heads.

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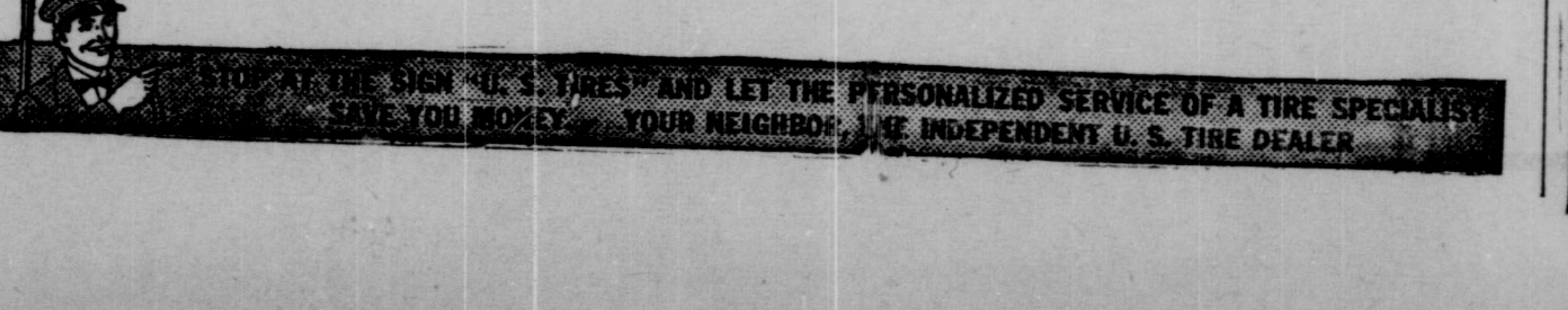
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NEW TOMATO DEVELOPED AT UNIVERSITY OF MD.

The University of Maryland through the efforts of the Canning Crops Specialist, Herman A. Hunter, has developed a new strain of Marglobe tomato that will likely replace the older types so generally used now by tomato growers in this county.

This new tomato, designated as Maryland Marglobe No. 4, was grown very successfully last year by Mr. W. W. Hopkins who already has planned to grow a field of them this year.

This new tomato, while wilt-resistant the same as the old types, has much larger fruit than the former types, and retain their size up to the close of the season. It is these characteristics which make it so desirable, both for the owner and the canner.

Seed of this new variety is being distributed by the Tri-State Packers' Association, Inc. or can be procured from the Talbot County Farm Bureau at $2 per pound.

7 MD. WATER PROJECTS ON HOUSE GROUP'S LIST

Seven improvement projects in Maryland to cost $112,600 are among 60 projects recommended by the House rivers and harbors committee in Congress.

The seven are: Mill Creek, $4,200; channel to Island Creek, St. George Island, $10,000; Black Walnut Harbor, $21,000; Town Creek at Oxford, $25,000; Lower Thoroughfare, Deals Island, $22,000; Duck Point Cove, $19,500 and St. Catherine's Sound, $10,900.

The Eastern Shore projects are sponsored by former Representative T. Alan Goldsborough, and the two Western Shore projects were supported by the late Representative Stephen W. Gambrill.

The Maryland waterway improvements included in this bill have been approved by army engineers. If the measure is enacted it will authorize their improvements, but before thi scan be carried out, Congress will have to appropriate the necessary funds.

Metropolitan reports to its policyholders—

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1938

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is a mutual company. It is operated solely for the benefit of its 29 million policyholders, whose life insurance with this Company totaled over $22,612,000,000 at the end of the past year.

In 1938, more than $566,300,000 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries, and $176,000,000 was added to statutory reserves for payment of obligations which will accrue in future years under present policies. Dividends paid in 1938 amounted to $103,940,000. A still larger sum—$118,042,000—has been set aside for dividend payments in 1939.

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As part of its welfare program in 1938, Metropolitan distributed 68 million health booklets—an average of 1 every half-second—and published monthly health-education advertisements in magazines whose combined circulation for the year was over 300 million copies.

Metropolitan welcomes every opportunity to provide its policyholders with information that will enable them to have a clearer understanding of how the Company operates. To help accomplish this, the Company is publishing a series of educational advertisements in magazines, and seeks in various other ways to keep its policyholders informed. A booklet, soon to be available, contains a detailed account of Metropolitan's progress in 1938. We shall be glad to send a copy on request.

Metropolitan's Business Report for the year ending December 31, 1938.
(In accordance with the Annual Statement filed with the New York State Insurance Department.)

ASSETS

Government Securities		$933,919,346.89
U. S. Government	$868,608,893.16	
Canadian Government	65,310,453.73	
Other Bonds		1,768,541,971.29
U. S. State and Municipal	117,430,070.53	
Canadian Provincial and Municipal	104,610,612.32	
Railroad	590,984,033.71	
Public Utilities	589,927,007.34	
Industrial and Miscellaneous	365,590,247.39	
Stocks		88,452,477.37
All but $24,588.78 are Preferred or Guaranteed.		
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate		979,562,124.03
Farms	$73,800,886.26	
Other property	905,761,237.77	
Loans on Policies		526,263,387.92
Real Estate Owned		392,187,370.22
Includes real estate for Company use.		
Cash		108,817,444.71
Premiums outstanding and deferred		84,974,718.06
Interest due and accrued, etc.		60,181,576.49
TOTAL		$4,942,900,416.98

LIABILITIES

Statutory Policy Reserves Amount which, with interest and future premiums, will assure payment of policy claims.	$4,317,868,342.00
Dividends to Policyholders Set aside for payment for the year 1939.	118,042,832.00
Reserve for Future Payments on Supplementary Contracts	90,504,443.44
Held for Claims Including claims awaiting completion of proof and estimated amount of unreported claims.	21,155,521.99
Other Policy Obligations Including reserves for Accident and Health Insurance, dividends left with Company, premiums paid in advance, etc.	88,480,722.21
Miscellaneous Liabilities Liabilities not included above.	43,457,484.19
Surplus and General Voluntary Reserve This serves as a margin of safety—a cushion against contingencies which cannot be foreseen.	313,391,071.15
TOTAL	$4,942,900,416.98

Total Life Insurance in Force

Ordinary	$11,556,261,130
Industrial	7,550,316,755
Group	3,505,825,709
TOTAL	$22,612,403,594
Accident and Health Insurance	
Weekly benefits	$18,500,602
Principal sum benefits	$1,449,927,200

Payments to Beneficiaries and Policyholders

Ordinary	$241,946,643.12
Industrial	260,990,746.69
Group Life, Health, and Annuities	60,703,229.57
Personal Accident and Health	2,715,671.05
TOTAL	$566,356,290.43
Number of new life policies issued	3,330,151

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