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MARYLAND FARMERS BEGIN TO ORGANIZE

PLAN STATE-WIDE BODY TO WORK OUT METHODS TO BOOST AGRICULTURE.

MUCH ALREADY IS DONE

Since the recent meetings at Frederick of the Maryland Agricultural Society and Maryland Farm Bureau Federation and the even more recent conference of agricultural organizations called by Governor Ritchie at Annapolis, farmers all over the State and all others whose financial interests depends in large measure upon agriculture, have been aroused by the Governor's statement that "The Legislature of 1924 should be the Legislature of the Farmer," and are beginning to take stock of themselves and organize their forces so that they will be able effectively to look after their interests in the next Assembly.

Already a State-wide committee is being formed to work out a definite agricultural program to be presented to the Legislature of 1924 and members of farm organizations in every county are beginning to get together in order to send to the Legislature men who will carry out that program.

Thoughtful men interested in agriculture, merchants, bankers, lawyers, doctors in every county, as well as farmers, are beginning to realize that they are years behind the general manufacturing and commercial bodies. which long have been organized for their particular interests. Representatives of railroads, the steel and coal industries, and others have for many years had the influences of their organization felt in Congress and in State Legislatures. And the farmers of Maryland are taking Governor Ritchie's advice and beginning to weld together their organizations, and all those engaged in business related to agriculture, so that they will be able to present a State-wide front in 1924 when they ask the State to help them solve their problems.

The farmers have been unorganized, have long been digging out of the soil the materials which have insured the prosperity of others. The farmer has been going his individual way regardless of the interest he has in common with other farmers. True, the State universities have worked in various ways to increase production, machinery of all kinds has been manufactured to save labor, the carriage of farm products has invited the building of great railroads, captains of industry have secured great sums of money by tax exemption, direct taxes, bonuses; all of which has redounded somewhat to the interest of the farmer, but only incidentally and the farmer never has held a main place in the scheme of benefits from the law-making of legislative bodies. And not only that, but when farmers first began to organize protectively as other great industries were organized they faced prosecution in courts of law. Dairymen who organized in Baltimore were indicted and in Chicago and New York were indicted and prosecuted.

Then came the war. In response to the appeal of the President, farmers increased the number of acres under cultivation by forty million, and that notwithstanding they sent a million farmers' sons to war. The farmer got better prices for his products, but the cost of everything he bought, machinery, clothing, tools, food, went up. Taxes were doubled. Then came deflation, but instead of reducing the price of labor and such things as the farmer had to buy, it simply reduced the price of what he raised to sell.

Big industry and labor unions got their leaders on the job, and through the power of their organization retained for themselves much of what they had won during the hour of their country's stress. But what of the farmers? To save themselves they were compelled to sell their grains and live stock in a brief period, and glutted markets and falling prices caused more farm hardships than the agricultural industry ever had known.

Losses that came down on farmers like a cyclone reduced prices of farm products and farm lands and drove thousands of young men from the farm to the cities, cost the farmers, according to careful estimates of statisticians, $8,000,000,000. Such losses to the manufacturing, banking or mercantile interests would have choked the courts with bankruptcy proceedings, filled alms houses and jails, started bread lines in every city, paralyzed building and other city industries.

But the hitherto unorganized farmer, apparently doomed to destruction, like the worm when tread upon, at last turned and began to organize. Congress woke up, repealed the law against

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FIRE COMPANY TO DISPLAY ITS EQUIPMENT

State Deputy Fire Marshall, Richard Percy, of Baltimore, met the members of the Denton Volunteer Fire company at a special called meeting last Friday evening and gave them a splendid talk on fire prevention and precautions to be taken against fire. Very few members were absent from this meeting, following which refreshments were served.

This week has seen a completion of all the fire companies new equipment, the last being the hook and ladder wagon which has just come from the paint shop this week.

All of the equipment will be on display in front of the post office Saturday from 12 noon until 5 p. m.

It will no doubt be of interest to note that with the exception of the chassis of the hook and ladder wagon, all of the carts have been designed and assembled by members of the fire company. Mr. Clarence Roe, president of the company's organization, personally constructed and designed the hook and ladder wagon.

Inasmuch as part of the carnival funds have been used for this purpose, it is hoped that all will see this equipment. Should the weather be bad the apparatus will be displayed the following Saturday.

BIG SALE OF HOGS BY SPRINGFIELD FARMS WED.

Springfield Farms, owned by J. W. Funk and Harvey L. Cooper, of Denton, and F. C. Wood, of Rock Hall, Md., will sell at auction on Wednesday February 14, promptly at 12:30, 60 head of tried sows, bred and open gilts and boars. Because of the bad condition of the road from the state road into the farm, at Rock Hall, the sale will be held at the sheds adjoining the Voshell House, at Chestertown.

Those hogs are of Poland China breed which is fast being recognized as a prize winner, having captured nearly every prize in the recent exhibits. Many of the hogs are registered, and all are pure bred.

The auctioneers of the sale are H. Stockton Startt, Chestertown, C. M. Ortlip, Oxford, Pa., and Stanley Short, Cheswold, Md. Those who are unable to be present at the sale may send bids to the auctioneers, care of Voshell house, and their bid will receive courteous attention.

GREENSBORO

Mr. Thomas C. Perry

Mr. Thomas C. Perry, aged 86 years, a former resident of Greensboro, died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. E. F. Seward, in Wilmington on February 2. Mr. Perry had been confined to his bed since last July. Funeral services were held at his former home on Sunday and interment was made in Greensboro Cemetery on Monday. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Townsend and Mrs. Anna Seward, both of Wilmington, one grandchild and five great grand children.

Mrs. Mary A. Draper

Mrs. Mary A. Draper, wife of Mr. Robert Draper, died at her home near Bridgetown early Tuesday morning at the age of 55 years. She was improving from an attack of flu, but was seized with indigestion whic hresulted in her death. Mrs. Draper was well known in this community and had many friends who will mourn her loss. She is survived by a husband and four children, namely Harry, George, Paul and Elizabeth. The funeral was held this afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal Church here, at one o'clock, Rev. J. A. Leach officiating. Interment was made in Greensboro Cemetery.

The lesson in reed basket making which Miss Kellogg was to have given to the Greensboro Community Club on Tuesday night, was postponed because of the storm to the next regular meeting on February 21.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ISSUES MONTHLY

This last week appeared the first number of a monthly published by the Maryland League of Women Voters, and called "The Maryland Woman Voter." It has been made possible through the contributions of several of the women most interested in the work of the League. The paper will contain news of the state and local leagues, outline of political events, outlines from committees and notices of meetings. In addition there will be a special article each week on some important point.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kern celebrated the seventh anniversary of their marriage on Sunday last with a turkey dinner at their home in Tuckahoe Neck. The following relatives were their guests: Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ramsdell and son Hugh, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tell.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A MILLION

By the CRACKER

What would you do with a million in wealth, really I do not know; maybe I'd make a fool of my self like big movie actors do. When a million sneaks in like a thief in the night on a man with a ninety cent head, he usually starts for the dazzling lights and paints the whole country side red, like a ship without ballast in a raging typhoon, he launches on enchanted seas, puts a chip on his "gallus" and calls for more room and spreads all his sails to the breeze: A million good dollars in capable hands makes the wheels of industry spin, puts the cash in the bank for the laboring man and bread in his bucket of tin; But in the hands of a man who don't think with his head it works for his speedy undoing, he gets out of his class, he steps on the gas, and ends in destruction and ruin; Very well I can handle a hoe and a spade and to some extent maybe a pen, but unto the rock in a hurry I'd wade, with a million hard iron men. My deficiencies now are known to but few, because my acquaintances is small, but if I was raised to a millionaires pew they'd be seen from all parts of the hall; Let the Fords and the Morgans, Rockfellers and Schwabs take care of big financial deals, while we tick along on our own little jobs, all combined in Nature's big reel, we are just as important in life's big machine and we are placed where we ought to be found, Nature makes no mistakes when she sets up the scene and the most of us are placed near the ground.

ATHLETIC GROUNDS COMMITTEE NAMED

The first meeting of the high school patrons club since the election of new officers was held on Monday evening in the assembly hall at the high school. Mrs. W. G. Wooters is president, Mrs. Norman Rairigh, secretary.

The pupils gave a very interesting program consisting of music, recitation and dialogues.

The subject of an athletic field was discussed and W. I. Norris, E. G. Cooper, F. E. Yoeman, C. L. Walls and W. Bruce Deen were appointed a committee to take this matter up.

It was suggested that the patrons club and parent teachers association be merged into one association and the latter is invited to attend the next meetng of the patrons club. Mrs. G. A. McDaniel, president of the parent teachers association was present and accepted the invitation for the association.

Graham wafers and frut punch were served by the hostesses, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

CONCORD

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Todd spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hubbard.

Mr. E. B. Maloney has moved Mrs. St. John's personal property to Williston in storage at Mr. Adams hotel. Later Mrs. St. John will make her home there.

Mrs. Edna Collins is on the sick list suffering with cold.

Mrs. Sadie Love is spending the week with Mrs. R. C. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins Thomas spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beauchamp.

Mrs. Ralph D. Finkbinder, of Baltimore is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Everngam.

Broke Arm in City

Bobby Pitts, who until a few months ago ran a barber shop in Denton, met with a painful injury while getting off a trolley car in Baltimore last week. Mr. Pitts fell and broke his right arm. He is recuperating at his home in Hurlock.

Bank Declares Dividend

At the stockholders meeting of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank Tuesday of last week a dividend of 2 per cent. on the stock of the institution was declared to the stock holders.

Caroline Council Sympathizes

On Monday night Caroline Council, No. 175, Jr. O. U. A. M., voted to send its sympathy and condolence to its fellow members, Brothers S. F. Cole, Louis T. Cole, C. Shannon York and Samuel Nowell, in their bereavement.

Public Sale bills are secured on short notice at The American Union. Birthday Cards The American Union.

LINCOLN

Lincoln! When men would name a man,
Just, unperturbed, magnanimous,
Tried in the lowest seat of all,
Tried in the chief seat of the house—
Lincoln! When men would name a man
Who wrought the great work of his age,
Who fought and fought the noblest fight,
And marshaled it from stage to stage,
Victorious, out of dusk and dark,
And into dawn and on till day,
Most humble when the paeans rang,
Least rigid when the enemy lay
Prostrated for his feet to tread—
This name of Lincoln will they name,
A name revered, a name of scorn,
Of scorn to sundry, not to fame.
Lincoln, the man who freed the slave;
Lincoln whom never self enticed;
Slain Lincoln, worthy found to die
A soldier of his Captain Christ.

Authorship Unknown

CANNING EXPERT WILL ADDRESS COM. CLUBS

The ladies who are interested in the Agricultural and Home Economic Extension work in the county may be glad of an opportunity to meet and hear Miss Ina Lindman, one of our few canning experts. Miss Lindman, who is visiting several of the counties in Maryland. is scheduled for Caroline next week. Arrangements have been made for her to give a demonstration of her work at the following community clubs:

Andersontown and Hobbs Community Club, Thursday afternoon, February 15th.

Denton Community Club, Friday afternoon, February 16th.

Tuckahoe Neck Community Club, Saturday afternoon, February 17th.

The demonstrations we feel will prove not only interesting but also beneficial as the demonstrator will give us the most up-to-date, scientific data. We hope for a large attendance at each of these regular club meetings.

EMILY KELLOGG
Home Demonstration Agent

ORPHANS COURT

The last will and testament of Ella V. Langrell, deceased, filed in ths court by Ambrose F. Langrell, custodian, after having been duly proven was admitted to probate. Ambrose F. Langrell, the executor named in the will qualified by filing an approved bond. Notice to Creditors ordered and J. Harvey Coursey and William W. Murphy were named as appraisers.

The last will and testament of Samuel G. Boyer, deceased, filed in this court by Harry S. Daily, custodian, after having been duly proven was admitted to probate.

Howard R. Hopkins, deceased, filed in this court by Mary Hackett Hopkins, custodian, after having been duly proven was admitted to probate. Mary Hackett Hopkins, the executrix named in the will qualified by filing an approved bond, notice to creditors ordered and Lawrence Wilson and Richard Beaven were named as appraisers.

Cora H. Todd and A. Webster Todd, administrators of Alva B. Todd, deceased, filed a release from Cora H. Todd, distributee.

Cora H. Todd and A. Webster Todd, administrators of Alva B. Todd, deceased, filed releases from Frank H. Todd, Wesley T. Todd and A. Webster Todd, distributees.

Last will and testament of Tilghman Harvey, deceased, filed in this court by Fred R. Owens, custodian, after having been duly proven, was admitted to probate. Fred R. Owens, the executor named in ordered and the will qualified by filing an approved bond, notice to creditors ordered and William H. Satterfield and Charles H. Stokes were named as appraisers.

On application letters of administration on the personal estate of Sarah A. Wothers, deceased, were granted unto Beniah L. Wothers. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered and William H. Croll and S. F. Brown were named as appraisers.

On application letters of administration c. t. a. on the personal estate of Margaret Katherine Jarrell, deceased, were granted unto James Richard Jarrell. Bond filed and approved, notice to ceditors ordered and William E. Sylvester and Harry Fisher were named as appraisers.

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INTERESTING TALKS AT CANTALOUPE GROWERS MEETING

Cantaloupe growers of this section and farmers interested in this crop met at the court house last Saturday afternoon to formulate plans for the growing of cantaloupes this season.

The Farmers Supply Co., Inc., ever on the job to benefit the farmers of this section, secured the aid of officers of the Farmers Produce Company, of Salisbury, who were present and gave splendid talks on the growing, selling and shipping of the melon. This concern is the largest shipper of cantaloupes on the Eastern Shore and put out melons under the name of the "Sun Brand."

It was the purpose of the meeting to have all the farmers interested in growing this crop to be present and give their views and estimates as to the acreage that could be counted on for this crop. Any farmers who were not present and who desire to plant this crop should get in touch with Mr. Walworth at the Farmers Supply Company and give an estimate as to the acreage he will plant.

Addresses were made by Messrs. Lee Mitchell, sales manager; W. C. Mitchell, treasurer, Thurman Mitchell, traveling representative, and W. E. Smith inspector, all of the Farmers Produce Company, of Salisbury; E. M. Nichols, representative of the B. C. & A. Ry., and the M. D. & V. Ry., and H. P. Elzey, O. T. Elzey, and E. L. Atkins, farmers of near Salisbury.

Last year there was a fair acreage planted to cantaloupes in this section. Those farmers who were connected with this concern faired pretty good, while the farmers that shipped direct in some cases owed the middle men in the city freight.

Through co-operation, the farmers have a chance to make good on their selling, but to try to go it alone, they will find that as of yore, the other fellow gets there produce and the farmer gets the bill to pay. Get together farmers and protect yourselves.

SWARTHMORE CHAUTAUQUA AT GREENSBORO, FEB., 16-19

The Swarthmore Chautauqua will hold its winter program in Greensboro, February 16-19. Dentonians will be especially interested in it for the reason that the superintendent is none other than our own Miss Caroline P. Redden.

The program is the usual good mixture of helpful lectures on present day topics and delightful concerts, given by various companies. The afternoon session each day, which begins at 3 o'clock, will find a lecture by Miss Redden, followed by a concert company. The evenings are divided between a concert and a lecturer, the first evening Walfred Lindstorm, whose subject is "The Magic Circle," and the second evening Frank B. Pearson. Mr. Pearson was on our program last summer and was well liked. All these who had not the opportunity to hear him at the time are urged to take advantage of a similar chance now.

On the final evening "Cappy Ricks" will be presented. This is a comedy-drama of the best type, a great New York success, and one big laugh from beginning to end. The story ran serially in The Saturday Evening Post several years ago, and was thoroughly enjoyed then. When it appeared as a play it immediately drew big crowds, who found the play if anything more enjoyable than the book. It is a story laid on the western coast, where a big shipping king, the veritable ogre in home, office, and shipping circles, meets up with a most independent young sea captain, who proceeds to take matters into his own hands without caring a hang about the "big boss". The situations are unusual ones, with a trend of love throughout, and the ending is of course a happy one. You are sure to enjoy this comedy from the point of story, and if it is as well presented as were the plays given here it will be well worth going to Greensboro to see.

Juniors will meet after each afternoon session, and on the afternoon of the closing day will give their pageant, "Conquests of Peace."

On Sunday a program suitable to the day will be arranged.

Rev. Dr. W. A. Wise, D. D., district superintendent of the Wilmington conference of the M. E. Church, will be at Concord Church Sunday morning and preach at 11 o'clock and at Chestnut Grove at 3 in the afternoon.

Quarterly conference will be at Concord Saturday morning at 10.

GROUND HOG GOT BUSY AT ONCE

Saw Shadow Friday Cold Weather Set in Saturday Night With Snow Sunday

COLDEST THIS YEAR

Ground Hog Lost No Time

Last Friday was the day when the groundhog decided the fate of winter, whether it should be allowed to hang on for another six weeks or be banished immediately. He came out early, took one good look around, saw a very good picture of himself on the ground, and decided he'd wait a while before ordering his spring suit. Hardly had he curled himself up for the rest of his nap when the sun vanished, the skies clouded, the wind came up and the thermometer went down. Winter came in full force such as we have not had so far. Saturday and Sunday were still colder and Sunday night came the first real snow of the winter. About three inches fell over night, and the morning found us in a white world. Monday the temperature hovered around 25, and at intervals all day Tuesday the snow fell in great flurries.

Tuesday was about the coldest of the season. One must be thankful for the cold, however, for the unseasonable weather has produced much sickness. Real cold is far better than the almost springlike days we have had until this week.

Wednesday the thermometer rose to 45 and the snow melted enough to make good ice last night, when the thermometer went lowest this year, 15 degrees at midnight and was only three above that at 7 this morning. Hoar frost was everywhere this morning, hanging on everything.

Coasting on the hill in front of the court house over the causeway is very much in style this week. Not only the boys and girls but many of the older boys and girls are enjoying the good coasting there. While the snow we had last winter was deeper than this one, the weather turned warmer and made the snow useless to the children for sledding purposes.

Easton, Md., Feb., 6.—From 10 o'clock this morning snow has been falling with but few let ups. At times the snow turned into hail, but the wind from the North was stronger and the snow had a tendency to drift. About two inches have covered the roads, and this, on top of the ice from yesterday's storm, made traffic somewhat difficult. A car containing two Episcopal ministers, who were on their way to Easton, when nearing Longwoods, completely turned around on a hill and a serious accident was narrowly averted.

Cambridge, Md., Feb. 6—Falling fitfully this morning from 9 o'clock to noon, snow began coming down in earnest shortly after 1 o'clock today and has continued falling ever since Much of the time it was accompanied by a bitter northeast wind and the average person, spoiled by the warm weather, shivered in the gale. Unless the snow lets up it will put a decided crimp in oystering and send the price of the bivalves already caught skyrocketing. The noon train was nearly half an hour late today, but there has been no serious interruption to traffic.

Salisbury, Md., Feb. 6—Following upon a six inch snowfall since 11 o'clock Sunday night, a northeast wind brought hail and snow to this section of the Eastern Shore about 2 o'clock this afternoon, which has continued unabated and at 7 o'clock tonight the indications are that the storm will continue to become worse. But little of the previous snow had disappeared and about seven inches, well packed by hail, now covers the ground in the rural sections. Should the snowfall continue it will be blown into drifts, impeding traffic in the highways, until now but slightly hampered.

CHRIST CHURCH WILL HOLD LENTEN SERVICES

Semi-popular addresses will be held every Thursday evening during the Lenten season at Christ Church. Short talks by the pastor will touch interesting subjects such as "Modern Discoveries as they bear on the Old Testament", which is the subject for the first evening. Some of the others are "Manuscripts of the New Testament," "Ancient City of Jerusalem," "City of Rome", "Catacombs". These services are open to everyone. The addreses will be short, non-controversial, and of interest to everyone. 7:30 is the hour set for their beginning,

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