Eastern Shore Happenings

Because Sussex county has the highest death rate among babies of any county in Delaware, which is also higher than the average for the State and much in advance of the average for the country at large, the State Health and Welfare Commission hopes soon to establish a county health unit in Sussex, where, through well defined program of education, this excessive and alarming mortality among infants may be reduced.

According to health records assembled by the State commission and government agencies, 108 babies out while still babies. The average for the of every thousand born in Sussex die state is but 100 babies in a thousand, but the high rate in Sussex county is what makes the state average so high.

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Crisfield, Md., April 28.—An inspection of the strwberry vines on the Eastern Shore reveal an unusually slow plant groth for this time of the year and indications are that the season will be later than for the past 10 years. Continued cool weather, accompanied by unprecedented rains, it is expected, will retard the picking of berries from two to three weeks, and it is probable that no substantial shipments will be made before May 25. Berries from Somerset county have been shipped as early as April 29.

The planted average this year is said to be about 20 per cent. larger than ever before, but an abnormal crop is not expected. The plants do not appear to be in as healthy condition as in recent years, and this is due primarily to the warm open winter, which has caused a continued growth of winter grass, or as termed by the farmers as "filth."

The delayed spring weather will also have a tendency to react against the growers. The late spring will cause the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware berries to ripen about the same time, and so rapidly would the crop mature as to create a glut in the market and a decline in price.

Normally these three states grow consective berry crops. Virginia starting the season followed closely by Maryland and the Delaware berries coming in the late spring.

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Delaware's first juvenile legislature composed of representatives from the high schools of the State, convened on Wednesday of last week at the State House, Dover for a three-day session with seventeen "senators" and thirty-two "representatives" in attendance.

The preliminary work of organization was looked after by W. B. Thornburg, supervision principal of Dover High School and Professor John Shilling, of the State Board of Education.

The Senate organized by the selection of Federick Whitney, of Frankford, as presiding officer; secretary, Lola Teneyke, Dover; reading clerk, John Cowgill, Dover; chaplin, the Rev. Leonard White, Dover; sergeant at arms, Vance Holloway; attorney, John B. Hutton, for both houses.

The house organization includes Speaker Edward Rickards, Smyrna; clerk, Pauline McCabe; reading clerk, Miss Eskridge; sergeant at arms, Elizabeth Holt; chaplin, Dr. R. C. Helfenstein; page and telephone messenger, John Shilling, Jr., of Dover.

The juvenile "law makers" entered into the routine work of each legisiative branch with aptitude. Many bills have been prepared, introduced and referred to the proper committees. The idea behind the venture is to make the children more conversant with the workings of our State legislature.

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Easton, Md., April 28 The Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, with a membership of about 50, passed a resolution yesterday upholding the Sheriff and District Attorney of Talbot county in their efforts to enforce the law against gambling.

Advertisements have been inserted in the local papers warning merchants against the various gambling devices which have been prevalent for some time.

The Last Spill is the Hardest



First arrivals to the Prince of Wales following his last fall with his horse in a steeplechase race and after being kicked in the face and collar-bone broken by another horse. Despite protests from his dad, the King, and the people, he refuses to give up the sport.

Poem by Uncle John



Of the several problems of mighty import—you bet the Editor knows! Be it furrin' relations, or mighty world-court, you'll find that the Editor knows. His verdict is righteous an' right off the bat,—the process is easier 'n skinnin' a cat,—and he'll show a fool president right where he's at—for you bet the Editor knows!

In wide-world diplomacy he is a peach,—you see, the Editor knows; he plugs every chasm and sews up the breach,—it's plain that the Editor knows. . . . He lands with a biff on the powers that be,—no geezer so apt or impulsive as he, and he stops when the enemy takes to a tree,—Gol-darn it, the Editor knows!

As a moulder of sentiment he is supreme—and this the community knows,—and the flight of his fancy is sometimes a scream,—it's proof that the Editor knows! He wallops the welkin in front of the mob. . . . To bring home the bacon is part of his job, and his life is a lurid, perennial throb, Lord bless him, —the Editor knows!



Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. Wish I'd known about Rat-Snap before. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatches, I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, $1.25.

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Prompt Installation of Service

Orders to place telephones or to remove them to new locations are urgent orders. To complete them promptly means carrying spare facilities in all our central offices, spare wires in the cables, and large stocks of telephones and installation materials.

Last year we installed 35,500 telephones and discontinued 25,500 telephones. Most installations are completed within a week. Only one in ten takes longer than ten days.

Keeping the System in Order

The telephone itself is a delicate instrument, but back of it is an equally complicated wire and switchboard plant composed of thousands of small parts, every one of which must be kept in perfect order. Much of the plant is out of doors, and however strongly built, is necessarily subject to disturbance from storms.

Last year there was an average of only one case of trouble for each telephone in Maryland. Except for troubles arising from storm damage most of these were corrected in less than half a day.

Handling of the Calls

Our operators are carefully selected and thoroughly instructed. They work under the best possible conditions and the supervision given them is of the helpful sort. The whole operating force thinks in terms of seconds. Operators are only human, and while calls are generally answered promptly, with the thousands handled hourly there is a negligible percentage of error and delay.

Maryland sends 800,000 telephone messages daily. Of these, 225,000 are crowded into the peak of the business day. But it is a twenty-four hour, three hundred sixty-five day service, and midnight finds the force just as alert as at noon.

The Telephone Directory

The telephone directory must be accurate. As each new issue closes printing and delivery must be expedited.

To keep Maryland's directories up to date means adding and changing 135,000 listings yearly. Each issue for the State requires the printing and delivering of 192,000 directories. The last issues contained only 111 errors.

Development of the System

The extent to which the use of telephone service has grown can be measured by a simple test—think how seldom you make a call for someone and find that he has no telephone. Every year brings us nearer to having the telephone in every business place, home and farm.

There are 162,500 telephones in the State of Maryland, a gain of 36 per cent in the past five years. Today there is one telephone for every nine people in the State.

Telephone service is a matter of infinite detail and there will always be a small percentage of trouble which is unavoidable.

Where we fail it is not for want of trying and if our patrons will tell us frankly when troubles occur we shall be prompt to see that the proper remedies are applied.

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