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TOMATO CANNERS OF 2 STATES MERGE

Leading Packers of Maryland and Delaware Organize At Salisbury

TO STABILIZE INDUSTRY

Salisbury, Nov. 24—A merger of tomato canning plants in Maryland and Delaware was completed here today by leading packers of the two states in all day session at the Wicomico hotel.

The object of the federation is stated as an effort to stablize the growing, canning and marketing of the tomato output through cooperative methods. The entire output will be sold under the federation's brand.

Charles C. Gelder, of Princess Anne, was named chairman of the federation's steering committee. The other members are A. N. Snyder, Dover, W. T. Lank, Seaford; Roland Webster, Hurlock, Md.; M. C. Willis, Chestertown, Md.; Clayton C. Wilson, Cordova, Md.; Fred P. Waddell, Hurlock, Md.; J. S. Long, Ridgely, Md.; H. C. Cole, Newark, Md., and J. W. Arthurs, Kenton, Del.

Working with this committee in an advisory capacity are W. T. Derrickson chief of the Bureau of Markets of Delaware; F. B. Bomberger, chief of the Bureau of Markets of Maryland, and W. E. Lewis, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets.

The federation plans to establish a department of inspection and grades, marketing, purchasing and advertising All these will be operated through a central office, the location of which will be announced in a few days, it was said.

Chairman Gelder said:

"Where the same brands are to be used by so many factories a rigid inspection service if of first importance, that the brands may be dependable in trade channels and to the consumers.

"The absence of standardization has made canned goods, and tomatoes in particular, the object of a lot of free advertising, while in part deserved, it has been very damaging to the industry.

"As the volume of standardized canned goods increases there will be greater stability in the packer-to-order and spot markets. As a means of standardizing the canned product, Mr. Lewis, of the United States Department of Agriculture, has suggested grades for the raw stock to be used by our co-operatives canneries as the first step in reaching standardization and the suggestion has been unanimously adopted by the committee."

Our production is not the only cause of the present low tomato market, Mr. Gelder said, but the "scare" of a large pack had played a minor part.

CHILD DIES WHEN RUN OVER BY SHORE BUS

Chestertown, Nov. 23—Harriett Lindsay, 5 year old daughter of Samuel Lindsay, Negro, was instantly killed this morning when, in attempting to cross the roadway at the intersection of Maple avenue and Cross street, she was struck by one of the busses of the Shore Transit Line, driven by Richard Shauber. The child and her sister started to cross the road just as the bus was nearing the corner, en route from Centreville. The chauffeur swerved his car almost into a ditch to avoid hitting the child, who ran back against the bus, the rear wheel of which threw her to the ground, crushing her skull.

The child was taken to a store nearby and Dr. Harry L. Dood, coroner, summoned. After examining a number of witnesses to the accident, he exonerated the driver of the bus.

UNION THANKSGIVING

The annual union Thanksgiving service of the Denton churches will be held Thursday morning at 10.15 o'clock in the Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon. All are cordially invited to attend.

20TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

Long & Short, of Federalsburg, are celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the store by that name which operates at Federalsburg, Laurel and Milford. In honor of the occasion they are holding a 20th anniversary sale which starts this week at all three of the stores, at which bargain prices prevail. See their advertisement in this paper.

Join The

RED CROSS

THANKSGIVING

By THE CRACKER

Some folks are thankful for their skill at making wads of kale; while others bless the privilege of eating out of jail, some for the heaps of trouble that they think they have escaped; and will brave bad dreams and colic and load up with turkey steak. All are thankful for receivin', wh'ch is human nature's trait and receivin' is a blessin' if it doesn't come too late; but those with wits so scanty that receipts to them are small, should be thankful that the other fellow doesn't get it all.

SCHOOL BOARDS ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ACCIDENTS IN BUSSES

County boards of education in Maryland are not liable for injuries received by children while being transported to or from the public schools in busses or wagons owned and operated by an independent contractor, according to an opinion given yesterday by Willis R. Jones, assistant attorney general.

The ruling was given in reply to a request from E. M. Noble, Caroline county superintendent, for an opinion as to liability of the county for injuries received by children through transportation in busses hired by the county.

The opinion stated that the State Constitution provides that the school fund of the state shall be kept inviolate and appropriated only to the purposes of education.

BOY KILLS SISTER AT PLAY

Dover, Nov. 23—Josephine Ilardi, 11 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ilardi, of Hazlettville, West Dover Hundred, was shot and instantly killed by her 9-year-old brother, Joseph, last night while the children were playing with their father's rifle. The father and Mrs. Ilardi were in the rear of the house preparing rabbits, which had been shot by Ilardi.

After a gunning trip Ilardi laid the rifle in a hallway, intending to remove the loaded shells later. The children picked up the gun and went to the parlor where the boys played Wild West. Joseph seized the gun, and, unaware it was loaded, pointed it directly at his sister and fired.

S .S. INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS AND LEADERS

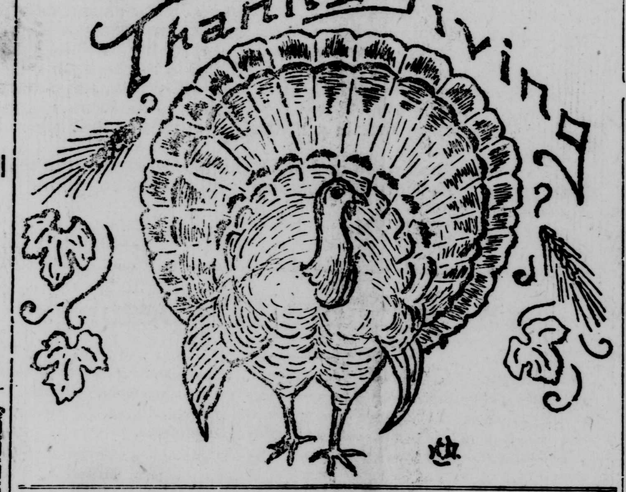
The Sunday school teachers and leaders of the Young People's Department will hold an institute on Tuesday December 15, 1925, from 9.30 a. m. until 9.30 p. m. at Denton Methodist Episcopal church .

Pastors, superintendents and especially teachers and leaders of youth (12 to 24 years) are urged to attend this school of instruction. A registration fee of 25c is required to pay the traveling expenses of the instructors.

Those attending the institute should come early and bring lunch as it is important that all should be present at the opening of the first period of instruction.

There will be three classes instructed by the Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, superintendent of religious education of the Wilmington conference; Col. Joseph Cudlipp, superintendent Y. P. division, Maryland-Delaware Sunday School Association. Brief addresses pertinent to the study subjects will be a part of the program including a report of the training school work at Chestertown.

During the intermissions there will ill be solos , and quartet by Greensboro, Preston and other Sunday school workers.



SHORE MAY BECOME FLAX PRODUCING AREA

If the farmers of the Eastern Shore particularly of Kent county, will cooperate with a movement launched here the entire peninsula, it is believed, may be converted into a flax-producing area said to be among the finest localities in the world for the development of the industry.

Harry F. Jefferson, president of the Chestertown Business Men's Association, Wilbur W. Hubbard and other local business men were in conference Thursday afternoon with Philadelphia, Wilmington and foreign capitalists looking to the establishment of a mammoth factory for the manufacture of flax fiber, the raw material to be grown by the farmers.

Not a penny of local capital will be invested in the concern, which is to be financed and operated entirely by outside interests.

Those in the party of prospectors who are seeking to secure the most advantageous spot upon which to locate their plant were Charles T. Gordon, director-general of James L. Low & Co., flax-spinning machinery manufacturers, of Monimieth, Scotland; Wiliam M. Watson and H. Edward Jefferson, of the firm of Edward Jefferson, textile machinery importers, of Philadelphia; Dr. L. C. Cope, representing a syndicate of London capitalists; Theodore H. Haughey, flax engineer, and Simon Friedberger, president, Sani-Knit Textile Mills, Philadelphia, and Mr. Hoy, of Wilmington.

Dr. Cope, who represents the London syndicate, has made a study of climatic conditions necessary to the production of flax, and he states that in all of his travels and investigations he has found no locality in the United States more conductive to growing large crops of flax than the Eastern Shore of Maryland presents.

It is the object of the capitalists who came to Chestertown, Thursday to inspect different localities and ascertain the conditions upon which property may be purchased and later to arrange a meeting with farmers in the county to secure their cooperation in growing the flax used in textile manufacture.

It is stated that $20 per acre will be paid for the flax and that the farmers will be furnished the seed, which produces about two and one-half tons per acre.

A second visit will be paid to this section shortly, when the farmers will be called in meeting and an effort made to secure their co-operation in establishing an industry which promises fine financial returns to the growers of the raw materal, and which may offer an excellent substitute for the uncertain tomato crop, which caused heavy loss to a number of growers here during the past season.

CLUB NEWS

A check of two dollars and another of three dollars have been received from the Andersontown-Hobbs Club and the Preston club to be used to purchase materials for girls' club work.

A meeting of girls' club local leaders was held in the Home Demonstration Agent's office November 21st, at 2.30. After general problems were disposed of, the advisability of a county organization was taken up. It was left to a committee to investigate what others are doing. A practical and attractive way to encourage the clubs to make more effort to carry on better business meetings and to do better work was also discussed. A contest seems the advisable way and a committee was appointed to formulate a score card which could be used as a guide.

Trespass Notices at The American Union office. Put them up now.

T. B. CLAIMED 24 IN CAROLINE LAST YEAR

Active Cases in County Last Year Totaled Approximately 216

According to records given out by the State Health Department, there were 24 deaths in this county last year from tuberculosis, and there were approximately 216 active cases.

According to the most authoritative records available, approximately 100,000 in the United States died from this dreaded disease during 1924, and it is estimated that there are at least 900,000 active cases of the disease at the present time.

Although the death rate from this disease has declined almost yearly since 1900, and has been more than cut in half, there still remains much to be done.

The vigorous campaign which is now being waged all over the country under the leadership of the national and state tuberculosis associations and their county branches is for the purpose of raising funds with which to continue the combat against this terrible disease.

More than 23,000,000 tuberculosis seals have been allotted to the State of Maryland, and the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and its county branches are now making a special effort to dispose of this allottment of seasl in this state.

Seventy per cent. of all the returns collected in this county will remain in the county for health work. The thirty per cent. which is sent to the state association is used to help support the "Miracle House" at Claiborne, Md., and the regular monthly tuberculosis clinics which have been conducted by the state association for more than a year.

The activities of the state association and its branches which will be continued next year provided the seal sale returns are sufficient are:

(1) The Miracle House, a preventorium for undernourished and underweight children of Maryland, located at Claiborne, Md. Last summer more than 240 Maryland children received this preventorium care and treatment. Ten of this number were sent from this county.

(2) Nursing service. Part of the money obtained from the sale of the Christmas seals is used, in a number of the counties, to help support a public health nurse.

(3) Tuberculosis clinics. Clinics have been conducted in the counties for more than a year in co-operation with the health authorities and physicians. These clinics have rendered and are still rendering a distinct service to the people of the country who are unable to pay for a consultant's examination. Known cases of tuberculosis, suspects and contacts are examined when referred by family physician for corroboration of diagnosis. This has resulted in a number of early cases being subsequently recommended for sanatorium treatment.

(4) Child health education. This service is for the purpose of assisting the county school teachers in developing health habit formation in the children through performance of the health rules.

(5) Educational and publicity. Thru this service the association tries to inform the public through the press publication, motion pictures, and posters and exhibits that tuberculosis is preventable, and that it may very often be cured if discovered in its early states.

It may be truthfully said that Tuberculosis Christmas seals are "Stickers for Health." Use them. Buy them.

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BUY NOW



"How Far That Little Candle Throws His Beams!
So Shines a Good Deed in a Naughty World."
—Merchant of Venice.

Hervey's "Book of Christmas," published in 1845 recounts that Christmas was once known as the "Feast of Lights," and that the rich had tall candles decorated with wreaths of evergreens. "There is always considerable ceremony observed in lighting them on Christmas Eve." He states, "It is thought lucky to snuff one and certain augurs are drawn from the manner and direction of their burning."

In Ireland from time immemorial even the poorest peasants light the Christmas candle with ceremony. They must be made in a particular way, so as to burn all day, or it will portend evil for the ensuing year.

"In West Jutland (Denmark), states Clement A. Miles in 'Christmas in Ritual and Tradition,' two great tallow candles stood on the festive board. No one dared to extinguish them, and if by any mischance one went out it was a portent of death. They stood for husband and wife, and that one of the wedded pair whose candle burnt the longer would outlive the other."

Thus the candles in the Christmas Seal are shown reflecting their rays through the double-barred cross, the emblem of the world fight against tuberculosis, bringing health to the world.

WELLER FORMALLY JOINS THE BATTLE

Baltimore, November 21—Senator O. E. Weller formally joined battle with his opponents within the Republican party yesterday by filing at Annapolis his certificate of candidacy for renomination.

With rumors that the senator might decide not to go into a fight against John Philip Hill, the Jackson-Lowndes-France, senatorial candidate, thus disposed of, interest turned to the question of whether Mr. Weller will put up a complete slate of running mates.

It has been suggested that the senator might concentrate his attack upon Col. Hill, lessening, in this way, the antagonism of Marion A. Humphreys, of Salisbury, anti-Weller candidate for governor, and William F. Broenig, opposition candidate for attorney general. As to this Mr. Weller has steadfastly maintained silence. Some of his friends, however, have indicated that the senator will encourage the entrance of a candidate to oppose Mr. Humphreys, at least.

It is said that political relations between Mr. Weller and Mr. Humphreys are far from cordial and that the latter would fight Senator Weller just as hard in any event. William P. Jackson, Eastern Shore republican leader is said to be in the same frame of mind as Mr. Humphreys.

EASTERN STAR PLAY DATE IS CHANGED

The date of the play "Happy School Days" which is to be given by the local chapter of the Eastern Star has been changed from December 4th to Tuesday night, December 1st. The play will be held in the Town Hall. An evening of fun is assured all who attend.

Another Files Papers

C. Leslie Walls, clerk to the Board of Election Supervisors of Caroline county has been notified that William Milnes Maloy, of Baltimore, has filed papers for nomination at the Primary of the Democratic party next year. He is a candidate for governor.

WILL CLOSE OUT STORE

Announcement is made in this paper of a sale, beginning Friday, the 27th, of the stock of goods in the store owned by the late Mr. W. C. Pastorfield. Bargains will be offered in all lines except groceries. The sale is under the management of Mr. Harry A. Roe and the administrator of the estate, Mr. James H. Nichols.

APPROVES PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HERD TESTS

Ritchie Sanctions Scheme to Obtain $50,000 For Secondary Work

FARMERS TO SIGN NOTES

Governor Ritchie Monday approved a plan to raise $50,000 to carry out the secondary tests for tubercular cattle in Maryland herds which already have received the first test.

The money, it was explained, will be borrowed from banks on notes signed by the farmers entitled to indemnities, with the understanding that the Governor will recommend to the Legislature in 1927 that it appropriate money to pay the notes. The notes will provide that the makers will repay the money if the Legislature fails to make the appropriation. The Federal Government will match the amount, so that $100,000 will be available for the work.

The governor recalled that to pay for tubercular cattle destroyed the state had appropriated $125,000 for each of the fiscal years during the present budget period, which will end September 30, 1927, making a total appropriation of $375,000. By October 1, 1925, the end of the first fiscal year, he pointed out, the state board of agriculture had spent $302,000 of this, leaving only $73,000 in state money for the remaining two years. Since the Federal government matches the state funds, the total amount available for the work during the budget period was $75,000.

There was no reason, the governor said, why the state board of agriculture could not have mapped out its work so as to keep within its funds of $250,000 a year. Certain farm and cattle organizations, the governor said, had requested him to call a special session of the legislature to appropriate further funds.

"That request could not be granted," he asserted, "because, obviously, the fact that a board spends in one year nearly all the money appropriated for three years, when there is no emergency requiring this, does not justify a special session of legislature in order to meet the deficiency and get more money than was appropriated.

"Since that time I have gone into the whole subject again, chiefly with T. A. Ladson, who is the Federal agent in charge of the tuberculosis eradication work in this state, in order to be certain that the money still remaining was being spent in the most effective way, and also to see exactly to what extent stoppng future work altogether might result in losing the benefits of the work already done."

NEW SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE BEING GRADED

Work has been begun on the grading of the new Harmon Foundation play ground which adjoins the new school building. Several buildings had occupied part of this land and there were a number of hollows which will be filled in and all of it graded. It is the plan of the committee to also beautify the grounds with shrubbery and trees.

Work has also been started on the grading of the grounds in the immediate vicinity of the new school building.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



Dave Gooslum hired a feller to cut him some wood last week, but as he didn't hear much racket in the woods, Dave reckoned that the feller musta had a Maxim silencer on his axe 'r else he wasn't doin' much.

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Parson Savemall says that a feller without any particular aim in life stands about as much chance of success as he would if he went huntin' with blank cartridges.

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Judge Applewyne adjourned court yesterday and established the record of not bein' asleep once durin' the session.

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