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### Defense to Keep Egg Prices Up for Two Years

Charles S. Williams, poultry specialist for the University of Maryland extension service, yesterday that demands of the national defense food program were expected to maintain egg prices at profitable levels for at least two years.

He advised Maryland farmers to take advantage of price prospects by raising fall-hatched pullets of improved breeding to add to laying flocks next spring.

The farmer who follows this suggestion, Mr. Williams said, "will be helping his country as well as himself."

He explained that fall-hatched chicks will increase the size of the spring flock at a time when culling winter losses may have reduced the number of layers by as much as twenty-five per cent. Fall rearing, he added, also provides more pullets without additional brooding equipment.

Mr. Williams also stressed the importance of using poultry in hatchery flocks that rate high in production of meat and eggs if the industry is to continue successfully competition with other branches of Maryland agriculture.

"Hatcherymen," he declared, "can do more to improve the efficiency of farm flocks than any other single branch of the poultry industry by exercising utmost care in the selection of males and females used in hatchery flocks."

Hatcherymen were urged to make immediate arrangements for having their hatching egg-supply flocks selected for production qualities and tested for pullorum disease.

Mr. Williams said the amount of pullorum infection in Maryland hatchery flocks has been gradually decreased to a point where not more than three per cent reactors will be allowed in flocks that qualify as Maryland-United States pullorum-tested.

### Eastern Shore Base

#### Ball Chief Hurt

It is gratifying to the many base ball fans of the Eastern Shore League that Harry S. Russell is recovering from painful injuries sustained last Monday night.

While returning to his home late at night from one of the ball games in his loop, the league president fell asleep when his car crashed into a culvert of the State highway. He sustained a deep gash over the left eye, which required a number of stitches to close, and several injured ribs. While his injuries have been painful, he is able to be at his desk in his newspaper office. Too many highballs has the same effect on Mike.

### Advises Farmers to Keep Grain Home

Harry H. Nuttle, State AAA chairman, disclosed yesterday that the State's grain-storage facilities were fast approaching peak capacity and urged wheat growers to store dry grain on the farm until additional commercial space can be provided.

A combination of circumstances, he declared, brought about a situation "even more acute than had been anticipated."

Baltimore, the State's main grain storage terminal, has a commercial capacity of 10,800,000 bushels and already has received 9,710,000 bushels, Nuttle said. One Baltimore elevator normally handling 750,000 bushels of wheat has received more than 1,000,000 bushels, with further deliveries on the way.

"This was a wet year for harvesting," he explained, "and the wet wheat had to be moved to such points as Baltimore and Philadelphia for drying."

"Yields were generally higher this year. Mills in the producing areas already had large stocks of old wheat, and many farmers moved their wheat into storage in order to be eligible for the relatively high loan values."

However, loans will be made on wheat of eligible grade stored in farm granaries, he declared.

Maryland's Legislative Council yesterday asked its research secretary Dr. Horace E. Flack, to enlist the help of railroads operating grain elevators in Baltimore.

Senator Dudley G. Roe, Queen Anne's blamed storage of Western grain in Baltimore and told the council that several hundred thousand bushels are being held on the Eastern Shore awaiting storage space.

Grain men, who are studying the problem with a committee of farmers and railroad executives, declared the shortage was due not only to movement of Western grain to the seaboard but also to an unprecedented movement of grain grown in this section.

### Watching Oyster

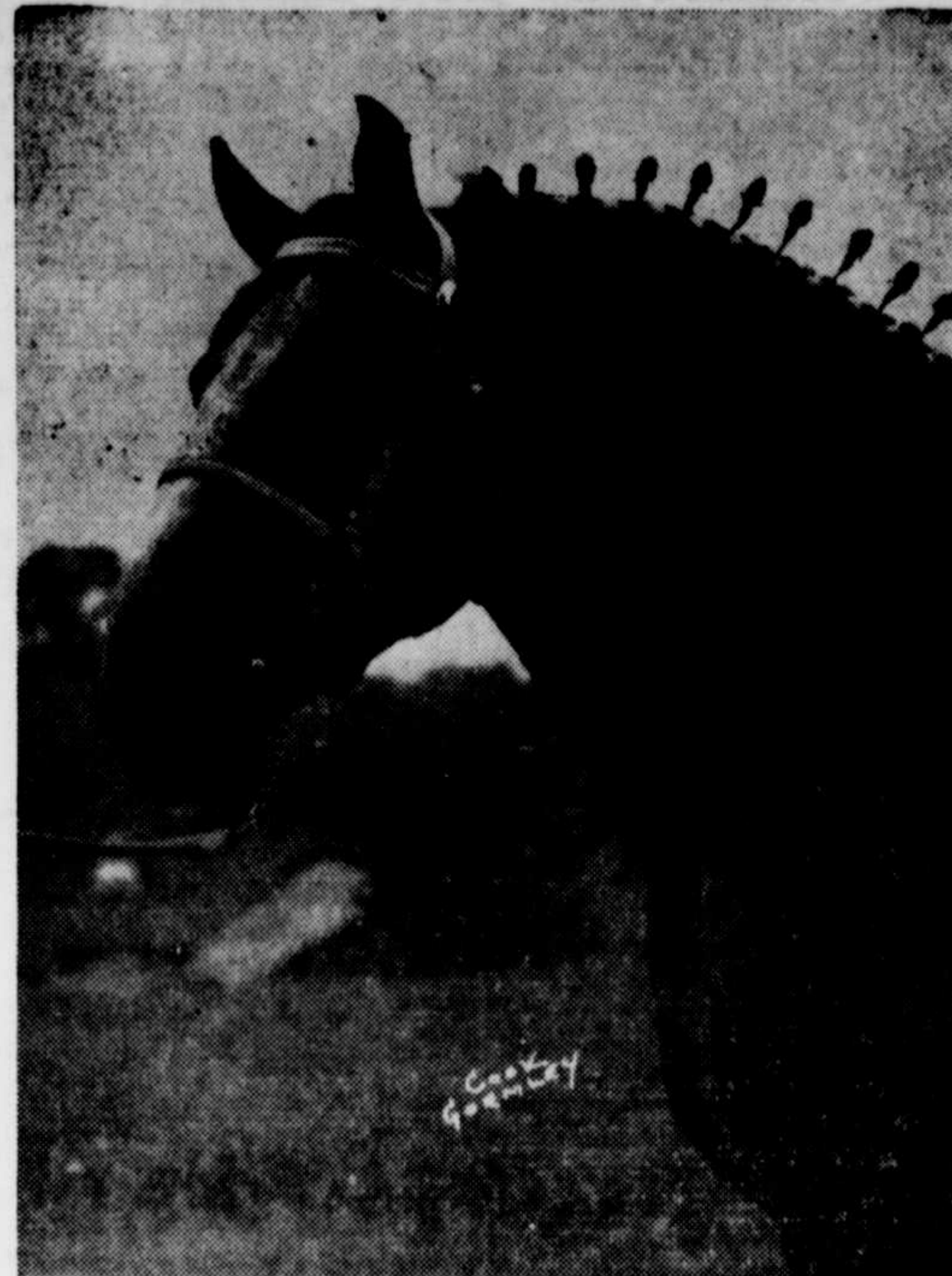
#### Shell Planting

Tidewater Fisheries Department officials announced yesterday that 1,612,464 oyster shells have been planted on Chesapeake Bay oyster bars this year.

Officials said careful records of the spat fall would be kept. When the records show that shell planting is ineffective in an area seed oysters instead of shells will be planted there, they added.

"The objective of the commission, a spokesman said, "is to produce the greatest possible number of oysters per dollar spent."

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Palaiseau, imported Percheron Stallion owned by Fuerst Stock Farms, Pine Plains, New York, will be exhibited at the Maryland State Fair, September 1-11. This great stallion, winner of many show ring awards, was recently selected as most nearly representing the ideal type in his class at the National Conference of Percheron Judges and Breeders held in Frederick in July.



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