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Maryland Worst DROUGHT for Eleven Years

Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

That Joe Ginsberg thinks the Nazi may not have been entirely wrong when they announced that they would conquer Russia in ten days. They never said what ten days they had in mind. They might possibly have been referring to some ten-day period in 1945.

That the Peninsula Horticultural Society will meet in Cambridge, December 10, 11 and 12. They expect to have an exhibit in the Armory in connection with the meeting and they would like to have exhibits of canned products, fresh vegetables, fruits from both adults and boys and girls. There will likely be prizes for these exhibits.

That the Government has bought 230 carloads of potatoes on the Eastern Shore of Maryland this year. The first 100 carloads were purchased at a price of \$1.10 a bushel, and the remaining 130 carloads at a price of \$1.00 a bushel. These purchases have had a stimulating effect upon the prices paid by commercial buyers and the income of growers from their potato crop.

That our seine haulers have given up the job of straining water and put their nets and boats away until next spring.

That John Sudy while on a fishing and hunting trip in the Carolinas, which are still noted for their fishing streams, moonshine and upland game. Sudy became thirsty and his host was only a few minutes getting the much craved juice. Riding over the rough mountains roads Sudy lost his fish bait, but his hooch was still in tack. His next move was to locate bait—a grasshopper, worm or a cigarette. The only thing he could locate was a water snake with a frog in his mouth. With the aid of a fork stick he released the frog and in payment gave the snake a good charge of juice. Afterward returning the frog to his snakeship. He was sitting on the bank of the Roanoke meditating about his next move when the same snake tugged on his leg with another frog in its mouth.

That Uncle Ben Melvin was enjoying the breeze on his porch Tuesday afternoon and pleasant thought of by-gone days came to him. In the days gone by it was neuralgia. In this fast day it's Arthritis and in the good old days it was a sore throat. In this fast day it is a "strep throat". What a change.

That the hot weather has been trying on our chicken raisers. James T. Smith who had about four thousand ready for market next week has to leave the chicks out in the open day and night as they were too crowded.

That Capt. Willie Schelberg while giving his boat a tryout Tuesday afternoon in Chester river, saw some rock fish breaking off My Lord's Gift and went trolling and landing twelve large ones in twenty minutes.

That it is with the greatest pleasure that Mike accept an invitation to assist Mayor Howard Jackson of Baltimore, to welcome the Windsors to Maryland Hospitality, this Saturday afternoon at Timonium at 3 o'clock.

That we have heard and read many fish and hunting stories, but the warmest we have read of was a little brown hen forty feet high from Mother's earth in a tree with a nest with a dozen eggs, near Middletown in the Alleghany mountain section.

That Senator George Radcliffe is on the job and has saved Federalburg buttons. The Government has promised him that they have located enough formaldehyde to keep the button plant going.

PERSONALS FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. George Wilhelm and three children, Dorothy, Anthony and Howard of Traverse City, Michigan, returned home after spending a week's vacation with Mrs. Wilhelms parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Canterbury of Belhaven.

Mr. Thomas Beckley has returned home after two weeks trip in the middle west. He, Mr. Olin Hunter and Mrs. Joseph Richardson visited Mansfield, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois. In which cities they had friends and relatives. They report a splendid trip and the weather was not so chilly.

Mr. Tommie Anthony who has been rusticiating in Baltimore for the past six months returned home last week to try his skill at his old calling—oystering.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wagner of Baltimore, were the weekend guest of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner.

Mrs. W. Stedman Cross who has been feeling unwell for several days suffered a paralytic stroke Sunday afternoon. Her condition is not much improved at this writing, and the lady is suffering much pain, much to the regret of her many friends throughout the county.

Mr. Harry Roberts who fell from a scaffold while at work at Aberdeen and broke both legs at the ankle, is now able to get around with the assistance of a cane. His physician said if he keeps on improving that he will be able to resume work next spring.

Baltimore Automobile Show October 11, to 18

The largest and most interesting collection of war and defense exhibits ever assembled under one roof will be displayed in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, for eight days beginning October 11th. Army tanks, jeeps, half tracks, artillery, anti-aircraft guns, pigeon carriers, army ambulances and other motorized units will begin rolling in to Baltimore for its National Defense Exhibit next week while hundreds of army trucks will bring exhibits of search lights, depth bombs, rescue diving bells, self-inflating life rafts, harbor mines, sound detectors and the thousand and one items of war equipment.

The War Department will display a mammoth diorama of a battle field in action covering four hundred and eighty square feet of space. Fortress Monroe of Virginia, Edgewood Arsenal, Ordnance Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Grounds Camp Holabird, the United States Navy, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and other Posts will be represented in the Exhibit.

A detail of over a hundred soldiers, sailors and marines will be on hand to demonstrate or explain each piece of equipment.

A part of the Navy Exhibit will be a display of models of 404 ships of the Navy which are so accurate that each ship can be recognized.

An army field kitchen, mess hall and barracks will be established in the Show which will be a feature attraction during open Show hours and a place to sleep and feed the Army and Navy detail assigned to the Exhibit.

The National Defense Exhibit will occupy both floors of the Fifth Regiment Armory covering 113,000 square feet of space.

In addition to the War Exhibit there will be a complete showing of the new 1942 model automobiles.

Sprained His Wrist

While working a dirt digger Tuesday morning, Earle Jester, badly sprained his left wrist. He was taken to the Easton Emergency Hospital where X-Rays were taken to see if any bones were broken. The sprain was banded and splinted. He will be unable to work for about ten days.

Piney Neck Tips

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter of Baltimore, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Porter on-the-Winchester.

Notwithstanding the extremely hot weather, Bailey & Collier have been busy this week cutting saw logs for their customers. They will start sawing next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillen Kohler of Baltimore, are spending their annual vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jewell.

Our merchants report that business is increasing weekly and with the price of oysters advancing they look for further increase in business as the weather grows cooler. Farmers are awaiting more dampness and cooler weather before seeding their wheat. They claim that this weather is conducive to fly.

Mrs. Herbert Long who has been a patient at the Maryland University Hospital for several weeks was able to return home, but still very weak.

Mrs. Anna Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milligan of Drexel Hill, Pa., and William Jones of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Bradford Eaton who is under treatment at the Easton Emergency Hospital. He is gradually on the mend and maybe able to leave the hospital next week and return to his home, Wye Inn.

Our gardeners are afraid that they will get as many late potatoes as they planted as the hot suns are burning up the vines and the dry weather is not the kind that the potato needs to develop.

It is a wonder some inventor has not brought out a dust screen which is badly needed in this section.

The American Legion will rally around an oyster roast at the Knight of Pythian Castle this evening. A number of Defense speeches is in the making. If Sid Gadd is called upon to tell the story you can bet your last dollar he will get the glad hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe Nesbit have left their summer home, Walsey, for their winter home in Philadelphia. They hope to be weekend guests at their summer home as long as the weather is permitting.

The political bee is buzzing nightly at the beer parlors. No one has announced their candidacy, but they are only talking up the good points of their favorite candidates. With the evenings growing longer the goodsbox orators will get in the affray.

James W. Ruth had a crowded house last Saturday afternoon at the opening of his beer parlor at the Narrows. There was not a single protest against issuing him a license. The folks down this way must live right, or willing to live and let live.

To Fight for Rights And Privileges

As a people we must be ready to battle for the retention of many rights and privileges long held sacred by Americans, Mayor Jackson of Baltimore said Tuesday night in a speech before the Lions Club of Pocomoke City.

Asserting that the "American people are facing a situation that is chaotic and full of peril, Mr. Jackson declared that "our national security, the American way of life and our prosperity are at stake."

"We may not be able to shape our destiny as long as aggressor initiative remains with dictator nations, but we can, through unity of purpose and action, do much to control future events," the Mayor said.

"In addition to any possible military, or naval action that may be forced on the United States by aggression," the people of the nation must be ready to fight for sacred rights and privileges of Americans he continued.

"Its" of the World's Series-Beer Protest

The World Series Baseball between the New York Yanks and the Brooklyn Bums was the talk of the base ball fans throughout the States and enough of Uncle Sam's long greens exchanged hands, to build a battleship we would think. We have thought of a bunch of "ifs."

IF, Mickey Owens hadn't let the third strike get away in Sundays game;

IF Billy Herman hadn't had a game hip;

IF, pitcher Fitzsimmons hadn't got hit on the knee by a line drive;

IF, Peeve Reese had put the ball over the right field fence; The Brooklyn Bums might have won the series.

While the petition to stop Queens town from having only one beer parlor did not take in as much territory as the World's Series, still it was a hot fight in Queenstown and surrounding territory and even reached the county seat. We've had a few "ifs" left that may make spicy reading:

IF, Pop Pop Cross hadn't lost his political pull;

IF, Hawkeye hadn't been scratched early in the race;

IF, Dr. Hitch hadn't been short a coach;

IF, Mike hadn't used a special writer to spread the ink;

Mrs. Kaufman might not have gotten her beer license.

Accidents Hinder Defense Work, Governor Warns

Following his proclamation, calling for an "Enlist for Safety Week" Governor Herbert O'Connor today issued a plea for cooperation of all Marylanders in a continuing program to reduce the number of accidents now occurring, and which have been mounting at an alarming rate.

According to estimates of the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, there likely will be 100,000 deaths in the nation this year from all types of accidents. The Commission points out that last year, motor vehicle deaths amounted to 34,500 in the United States, and of this number, 541 were Marylanders.

Basing his plea on the needs of National Defense, Governor O'Connor said, "The people of the United States are concerned these days with National Defense. They want to see our Army become the most proficient in the world. They want to see our production mount until we can outstrip the factories of any Nation in the world. Waste and delays cannot be tolerated. We must have the utmost efficiency."

"Accidents," he continued, "are one of our greatest destroyers of efficiency. The men hurt or killed are hard to replace. The lost time is gone forever."

"To offset this mounting toll of accidents, the Commission is endeavoring to enlist the aid of every Marylander to do his or her part in accident prevention work. Every driver of a motor vehicle can assist by pledging to drive carefully and courteously."

Governor O'Connor also pointed out that "Even though large industrial plants are equipped with every possible device to reduce accidents, the management cannot be assured that the worker will not be careless in travelling on the highways. 'Off the job' accidents, he said, reduce the plant's efficiency just as much as if the accident had occurred while the worker was on the job."

Governor O'Connor continued: "We are calling on every man, woman and child in the State to enlist in this accident prevention campaign. We must have public support in order to defeat this rising toll of deaths due to carelessness. Just a little effort on the part of each of us will help win this battle and insure greater happiness for our people because accidents bring nothing but trouble and despair with them."

U.S. will try to Save Vanishing Crabs

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to study the Chesapeake Bay crab industry and recommend measures to restore the fishery to its former high level of production, the Maryland Tidewater Fisheries Department announced late today.

At the same time the department ordered the Maryland crab season closed October 31, instead of November 30. It was authorized by a legislative act to shorten the season if it saw fit.

The request for an impartial study of the bay crab problem grew out of meetings between the Maryland and Virginia fisheries departments, attended by both crabbers and packers.

"These meetings," a department official said, "had demonstrated to the two commissions that neither of the States was willing to accept fully the suggested remedies offered by the other."

The fish and Wildlife Service is to begin the survey immediately, the spokesman said, adding: "It was further agreed that every effort would be made to obtain necessary money for the service to set up machinery for a permanent check of the crab industry in the Chesapeake Bay so that the administrative officers of the two States would always have a clear picture of the industry before them."

"Thereafter, with all facts before the administrators and the industry any changes that might be necessary in laws governing the industry could be put into effect immediately."

The spokesman pointed out that prior to 1924, when the bay crab population declined, the Federal agency was requested to conduct a survey.

"This study," the tidewater department official said, "was made in 1924 and specific recommendations were presented to the States. These suggestions were accepted by the industry and appropriate laws enacted by the two Legislatures."

Need of Strict Price Control

Government price control is necessary to avert the disastrous consequences of inflation, Guy Harmon, the headman of the Lions Club, told local Lions at their feed Wednesday night.

Guy declared, the regulation will have to be all-inclusive as there can be no adequate control with some groups held down and others given the runaway signal. The process must be fair to the people, and there must be proper economic balance.

Specifically the speaker referred to the control of the prices of farm products, which are immediately reflected in our food costs and wages. We cannot have cost rises and prevent rising prices, he declared.

One of the big troubles, Guy told the Lions, has been the inconsistency of our public men who insist upon objectives and then yield to pressure groups that will defeat those objectives. In seeking to life prices of farm products, the Government has encouraged increased living costs, he added.

Tydings Talks Sunday On WBAL

The weekly talks of Senator Millard E. Tydings which were previously heard on Friday evenings over WBAL are now broadcast each Sunday afternoon at 1.30 p. m.

Senator Tydings continues to bring to his listeners a review of the activity in Washington. In his discussions he gives the view points of both the pros and cons and then states his interpretations of the issue.

MASS—at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, at 8 o'clock Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville, at 10 o'clock.

Drought is Worst in Eleven Years

Marylanders scanned hazy skies last Thursday night looking for rain to break the worst drought conditions since 1930.

In widely scattered parts of the State farmers were forced to haul water for their cattle. Little gusts of wind kicked up eddies of dust in stream beds ordinarily full.

Most recent rain in Maryland hit the Shore last Wednesday which lasted for twenty minutes and cooled the temperature just a little, but did very little good to growing crops.

Far Western Maryland, around Cumberland, has gone without rain for thirty days. Other parts of the State, including the Eastern Shore, have received no moisture for more than twenty days.

Throughout the State, rainfall for the year is from five to more than six inches normal. Total precipitation for September ranges from a mere trace along the Western Shore to nearly two inches at Hagerstown, where normal September precipitation is 3.12 inches.

Crops have suffered throughout the summer, but occasional rains enabled farmers to harvest them before they burned out. Late crops went to full growth in the central part of the State, but in the Far West late growth was stunted.

J. P. Brown, Wicomico county agent, said Eastern Shore white and sweet potatoes suffered seriously.

In Western Maryland farmers are unable to plant winter wheat—the ground is too dry. Calvert county farmers have lost their fall seedings of clover and ketch—the sprout came up, then withered and died for lack of water under the unseasonably hot sun.

Throughout the State during the last month temperatures have changed into the 90s.

For months city officials have baned use of water for many purposes at Frederick, Thurmont, Loanocoring, Midland and other towns. Officials throughout much of the State have begged homeowners to conserve wherever possible.

No city shortage is foreseen anywhere because of the rigid economy but reservoir supplies continue dwindling. Salisbury, drawing municipal water from seven wells, has pumped fifteen per cent more water so far this year than in any comparable period in the past.

Farm water supply is the hardest hit. Many small wells and spring are dry in the Hagerstown area.

Calvert farmers, many of whom are forced to haul water for their stock, are planning to deepen their wells unless relief comes soon.

The daily discharge of streams near Salisbury has dropped from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 gallons below normal.

Woodlands are tinder dry, and State forestry officials anticipate one of the worst fire conditions in years unless the mantle of withered leaves beginning to fall on the ground receives a good soaking.

The Weather Bureau sees little permanent relief, predicting only occasional showers—where soaking rains are needed—for the State.

Skeet Shoot At Pioneer Point

The Second Annual "Bill Raskob" Memorial Trophy Skeet Shoot Chesapeake bay, open to all gauge gun champions will be held at Pioneer Point Skeet Club near Centreville, this Sunday, October 12, rain or shine. 50 targets, (1) "Bill Raskob" Memorial Trophy, (2) Champion five-man team, (3) Champion two-man team. Sterling Silver Trophies awarded the winners of all championship events.

LOST—8 Burrough Hogs, weight, about 200 pounds each, any information concerning these hogs will be rewarded.

RICHARD DAVIDSON

FOR RENT—A five room bungalow, good well of water and a water front, about a half mile from the State road. Apply to Jory's store at Grasonville.