Farmers of Kent Plan Sun-To-Order

Everybody talks about the weather, but Kent county agriculturists are doing something about it. They are going to make it to order to dry grain rapidly instead of letting nature take its long, uncertain course.

Construction was started Tuesday on the first plant of its kind in the nation, designed for drying grain in sunshine or in the rain.

Somthing had to be done, the farmers agreed, when they looked ahead this year to harvesting a better than average grain crop. Grain elevators bulge with carryover that there is space to store but a fraction of the 1942 crop, and Federal loans will be granted on farm-stored grain only when its moisture content is below fifteen per cent.

Unable to effect wholesale expansion of storage facilities—although additional temporary space on farms is being provided in substantial volume—farmers decided to improve on nature by drying their grain.

They presented their problems months ago to J. D. McVean, county agent. He took it up with the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of Marylany at College Park.

Arrangements were made—in the face of rationing and rigid priority—for machinery and equipment to build a plant capable of drying up to approximately 1500 tons of grain daily.

The new plant is to be set up permanently. Farmers will bring their grain to it to be dried and then take it back to the farms for storage in bins built to rigid Government specifications.

The plant will perform the same work the sun would do if the weather was clear during harvesting season.

Work on the plant began on Tuesday and when completed will dry over 2,000 bushels of wheat per day.

Dusk-To-Dawn Blackout Set

Normal traffic will be permitted during the State-wide dusk-to-dawn blackout Wednesday, July 15, except for a half hour period of total darkness when all but emergency vehicles must halt, it was announced yesterday.

Rules and the date of the Maryland test were set at a conference attended by Colonel Henry S. Barrett, State director of air-raid precaution service; George A. Carter, chairman of the Baltimore Committee for Civilian Defense, and representatives of the Third Civilian Defense Region, the Coast Guard, Edgewood Arsenal, railroads and war industries.

During the total part of blackout street and traffic lights will be extinguished and all cars halted. Vehicles with credentials permitting emergency use during the test will be allowed to use depressed headlight beams, Colonel Barrett said.

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The object of the Maryland Ten-Ton Tomato Club is to stimulate interest in better methods of producing canning tomatoes. Larger yields generally result in better quality and greater profits. The Maryland Ten-Ton Tomato Club is conducted by the University of Mary land Extension Service in cooperation with the Tri-State Packers' Association.

The requirements for all contestants are as follows:

1. The contest is open and free to all Maryland growers who produce two or more acres of tomatoes. All of the tomatoes grown on any one farm and the total acreage produced by the grower must be entered.

2. Enrollment must be made thru the county agent by July 15. Send your name, address, and acreage on or before above date.

3. Yields per acre will be determined from sales receipts and acreage measurements. Only those tomatoes for which sales receipts have been obtained will be considered in computing yields.

4. The grower must notify the county agent before the end of the season if the yield is estimated at ten or more tons per acre. Otherwise, the field will not be measured. Final yields of growers making over ten tons per acre must be reported through the county agent to the canning crops specialist by October 25.

5. If requested, the grower must sign an affidavit that all deliveries credited to his acreage actually came from the designated land.

6. The grower agrees to report, at the request of the county agent, the methods used in growing the crop.

Growers having from two to five acres of tomatoes will be included in one group, and those having more than five acres in another. Gold watches or other suitable prizes will be awarded the two growers, making the highest yields in each group. These prizes are given by commercial organizations interested in the canning industry.

Expenses of the winners will be paid to the Canning Crops Conference held at the University of Maryland, at which time the prizes will be presented.

All growers entered in the contest who secure yields of ten or more tons per acre wil be given certificates of membership in the club.

Scholarship Awarded

Senator Dudley G. Roe reports the following scholarship appointments for bright students of Queen Anne's High Schools;

Engineering School of Johns Hopkins University, Alan H. Anthony.

Senatorial Scholarship to Western Maryland College; William Emmet Sylvester.

Western Maryland College held this examination for the entire state. Mr. Sylvester was within two points of the highest mark made in the state.

Senatorial Scholarship to Washington College; Vachel Augustine Downes. This boy was high in this examination.

A Mass meeting for the U. S. O. Navy Relief Drive will be held in the High School auditorium in Centreville, Sunday, June 28th at 2:30 P. M. The principal address will be made by the Honorable Victor A. Rule. Our quota is $1900.00—$1500 for the U. S. O. and $400 for Navy Relief. Queen Anne's County must hold up its share in this most meritorious campaign.

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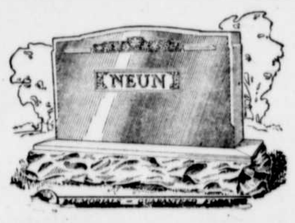
$85.00  $85.00
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