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Heating Oil May Soon be Rationed...Get Coal

Do You Know

OFF THE CUFF

That John Whaley down Wye Neck way is the champion sweet corn grower of Queen Anne's county up to the last reports. He delivered 36 tons to the cannery from 8 acres. His neighbors stated that he had a bad stand one time started to plant the crop over. They figure if he gotten a good stand that he would have gotten at least a ton or more to the acre.

That fishing has never been better in Chester river, off Love Point and Swan Point for many years. City cousins report catches of 25 to 50 rock fish to a boat for an afternoon or morning fishing. Hardheads are going a begging and anglers can't give them away.

That Walter McElweek of Wilmington, Del., a weekend hook and line fisherman had a very narrow escape from a watery grave last Friday morning. He made a misstep while trying to get himself situated in his small skiff and fell overboard. His friends on the shore quickly went to his rescue and brought him safe to good old terrifirma.

That John Whaley of Wye Neck and Dr. John W. Crowl near Centreville, are the only two farmers in Queen Anne's county that have not threshed wheat. Their crop is said to be withstanding the heavy rains without much loss.

That Bill Horn tells his friends around Skipton that substitutes are so prevalent in Germany that the wool Hitler pulls over his people's eyes is now cotton.

That Fred Sylvester out Queen Anne opines: "A radical is a person who can't out-talk you on any subject!" We are glad that Queen Anne's has a short crop.

That Herbert Edenfield, down Grasonville way, suggests a new tax to pay the war debt. Assess fem inine beauty and let each woman be the judge of how much she should pay according to her charms. Such a plan should raise a lot of money.

That Edgar Jones who has been vacationing with his brother, John Jones, struck his gait last Friday morning and landed 16 rock fish, weighing from two pounds to two and a half pounds each. Edgar had them on exhibition and afterward placed then on cold storage in the ice plant until his return home on Tuesday. He used the trolling system.

That a headline in Wednesday morning Baltimore Sun, read: "C. P. Carter among the 86 soldiers missing." We got all het up with excite ment until we read on and found it was Clyde instead of our Conrad.

That thieves broke into the rationing board office in Washington Tuesday nite, and stole 4314 gasoline rationing books. Rationing Boards throughout the State have been notified to look out for the missing numbers which has been forwarded them.

That Jesse Ryland up Crumpton, has noticed that men and boys are trying to dress and look like the women, long hair and loose blouse, while the women and girls are trying to dress and look like the men, short hair and loose trousers.

That Mason Shaw, up Centreville read in the newspaper where to celebrate his seventy-ninth birthday Henry Ford sat awhile in the first car he built, which was a nice way of dramatizing the line: "Watch the Fords go by" at a time when they together with all other cars, are really going bye-bye.

That Paul Phillips, up Sudlersville, has discovered that politics is called a profession, but it is certainly full of trades.

PERSONALS

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bishop left Monday afternoon for a week's vacation at Rehoboth.

Mrs. John Cole has returned home after spending a two weeks' vacation at Miami, Fla. The lady said the bathing was at its best and that the beach was loaded with bathers daily.

Mrs. S. Catherine Woodland and daughter, Jean, of Baltimore, are visiting the formers mother, Mrs. J. Fred Holden, at the Boyles residence near town.

Mrs. C. B. Taylor of Frederick, is spending a two weeks' vacation with her sister, Mrs. Harry C. Reynolds. Mrs. Taylor reports that the bathing is not so handsome around Frederick and that she always enjoys a dip in old Chester River.

Mrs. Frank Preville and son, Bobby, of Baltimore, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner. Mrs. Preville craved a little tan, the reason for her vacation to Queenstown, but the weatherman did not feel the same way and now she will have to make another trip before the summer is over. She was joined by her husband and two other sons on Saturday, and they really had a wet reception from the weatherman, but they enjoyed themselves talking about by gone days.

TOMATO CROPS BADLY DAMAGED BY RECENT RAINS

The bumper Eastern Shore tomato crop, increased forty per cent this year to supply civilian and military demands, is faced with a twenty to forty per cent failure becaue of recent storms, United States Employment officials reported last night.

Already, farmers who sought migrant labor to harvest the crop have canceled requests placed with the Employment Service and reported that in many sections the unripe vegetables are dropping from the vines.

The office of Fred B. Gambrill, farm placement supervisor of the service, said last night that additional migratory workers sought for the area now may not be needed because of the depreciation of the crop.

First reports of the spoilage were received in the Salisbury office of the service last week, Miss Elizabeth Mulholland, assistant supervisor, said.

Mr. Gambrill toured twenty farms throughout Dorchester and Talbot counties and saw indications of the spoilage in every section of the two counties, Miss Mulholland said.

Farmers told Mr. Gambrill that the crop was failing because of incessant rains and alternately very rainy days which caused the tomatoes to drop to earth before ripening.

County Agent To Secure Farm Help

Farmers are having a hard time getting help in setting out corn, picking tomatoes and other seasonal jobs because of the draft and the promise of better jobs in the city. County Agent, Mark Miller, with the help of Ed Green (representative of the U. S. Government Service located in Centreville) in securing men to help the farmers with these jobs. An effort is being put forth by the County Agent to secure migratory labor if at all possible. Persons interested in this plan should write or call at the county agent's office for details.

That strange things happen now aday, Brother Wilkinson of the Caroline Sun, report the catch of a hard crab in the Choptank that mea sured twenty inches from tip to tip. This was only an offspring of Wye and Chester river twenty-four-inch crabs from tip to tip.

Special Hot Weather Food Precaution Urged

Urging that householders observe special precaution in caring for foods during hot weather, Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the State Health Department has issued recommendations from the department's nutritionist regarding correct refrigeration.

The report suggests that milk be kept tightly covered in the coldest section of the refrigerator. If the milk sours, use it for making breads gingerbreads and cakes instead of throwing it away.

Do not put meat directly on ice, as this tends to draw out the juices, it was stated. Do not store fresh meat more than two or three days. Pork products should always be cooked thoroughly until the meat loses it red color.

Fish should be stored without the wrapping, in a covered container. Leafy vegetables should be wrapped in a clean, damp cloth or waxed paper. Lima beans and peas should be kept in the shells until time to be used. Leftover cooked vegetables should be cooled rapidly and placed in the refrigerator immediately. It was recommended that wrappings be removed before foods are placed in the refrigerator because it is difficult for the cold to penetrate the wrappings and more electricity is neede to maintain a cold temperature.

Large Surplus of Wheat In Many Warehouses

Notices are being sent to all county farmers about their 1943 wheat acreage allotment. Included on this notice is the approved average wheat yield per acre., and also the premium rate per acre for wheat crop insurance.

In spite of the large surplus of wheat this year, acreage allotments have not been reduced, and therefore the wheat growers in this county will be permitted to grow approximately the same acreage as they did in 1942.

The Department of Agriculture realizing that the United States now has the largest surplus of wheat in its history, still felt that with the world situation as it is that acreage reduction at this time might be unwise.

Many farmers have already availed themselves of the protection afforded by the All Risk Wheat Crop Insurance offered by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

In commenting on this phase of the farm program, the County Agent pointed out that the extremely low cost of this insurance is possible only because the coverage is written on 75 per cent of a normal yield instead of 100 per cent. It gives a farmer a guarantee that he will under any condition get back the cost of his seed, fertilizer, planting, and other incidental grow ing costs, even though he might have a complete crop failure.

Restrictions Extended on Use of Kitchen Metal

The War Production Board has extended to August 15 the existing restrictions on the use of iron, steel and zinc in the production of kitchen and household articles.

Iron and steel may be used in 90 per cent of their rate of use in the base period in the manufacture of cooking utensils, and 70 per cent in the manufacture of kitchen ware and essential household articles, and zinc may be used at 50 per cent of its rate of 70 percent in the manufacture of kitchenware and essential household articles, and zinc may be used at 50 per cent of its rate of use in the base period.

Production of the ordinary house hold electric meter was prohibited effective September 26, by order of the War Production Board.

Sharp restrictions on deliveries were simultaneously ordered to take effect at once, and production of domestic meters between now and the cut-off date was reduced to two and one-half per cent of the total manufactured by any producer throughout 1941.

Dr. Metcalfe and Joe George Win High Honor

Dr. C. H. Metcalfe and Joseph M. George of Sudlersville, returned Monday from a very successful participation in the Eighth Annual National Skeet Championships Tournament at Syracuse, New York.

Skeet shooting is actively encouraged by both the Army and the Navy and several of these Service teams competed at the national shoot. The First Team of the Navy defeated the First Team of the Army by the small margin of five targets out of 1250. Both of these teams were selected from among the best shots in each branch of the service, some of them coming from as far as San Diego, Cal. Many of these men are top ranking stars of the sport and are acting as instructors at the aviation training bases all over the U. S. Skeet shooting is part of the daily training of our boys in the Air Corps. The fast cross and angle flight of these targets affords excellent practice in aviation gunnery.

Dr. Metcalfe and Mr. George, Queen Anne's County's most enthusiastic skeet shooters, won six trophies, two Team Award Chevrons, $20.00 in Defense Stamps and a sweepstakes of $120.00.

In the twenty gauge event Dr. Metcalf won third in his class and Mr. George won fifth.

The All-gauge match, in which more than 250 of the country's best shoots competed, was won by Dr. LeRoy Childs of Florida with a perfect score of 250 straight. Dr. Metcalfe, with a score of 245 out of his 250 targets won first place in his class and was a member of the First Team in Class B. Mr. George broke 244 of his string and tied for second in his class. He won the shoot-off from Harry Walters of Washington, D. C., with 25 straight in the extra round. George also won the sweepstakes which carried a prize of $120.00 in cash.

The winning team in Class B consisted of Dr. C. H. Metcalfe, Jos. M. George, J. Carrell, F. Maltby, and Frank Huseman. The latter three are shooters from Washington, D. C. and the five shot as the National Capital Pheasants. All of them belong to the National Capitol Club of Bethesda, Md., near Washington.

AUGUST SCHELBERG

After a lingering sickness of several years, Capt. August Schelberg, one of the old landmarks of Queenstown, passed away at his home on Second avenue, Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Age 81 years. Captain Schelberg followed the water from boyhood until three years ago when he retired. He was considered one of the best captains of sailing vessels on the bay and one of the best and successful seine fishermen. While a staunch Republican he never aspired for office and many times voted for the local Democratic candidate. He was admired by his many friends as he was broad-minded in all of his dealing.

Forty-six years ago he married Miss Nora Eiser, who died about 15 years ago, and from this union three children survive: John Schelberg, who is in Uncle Sam's Navy; William Schelberg, who will soon be in uniform and at home; Mrs. Alfred Sweitzer of Wilmington, Del. Two grand children, Charles and Jane Schelberg of Baltimore, and grandchildren of his deceased son, Charles Schelberg.

Funeral services were held at his late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Wye cemetery. John D. Williams of Easton, funeral director, had charge of the funeral.

TRUCKS FOR SALE—One 1938 Chevrolet, Duel Wheels, 1½ ton chassic and cab. Good tires.

One 1937 Chevrolet 1½ ton long wheel base chassis cab and stake body. Good tires.

One 1941 Willys coupe, demonstrator, 7,000 miles.

W. H. BISHOP.
Queenstown, Md.

Who's Who In Political Circles

Well, Sunday was a grand day for washing away promises. Mike was glad to keep under cover and did not venture out until late in the evening and he picked up a chunk of goods box orators politics. Some of them elected the Old Line ticket while others was satisfied that the New Dealers would be very much in the picture. But the election is just around the corner and then we can all say, "I told you so."

Well the public sale of Marshall Pratt, Monday, brought out all the local candidates and the way they mingled with the farmers was very interesting to say the least. They all claimed that they made many victims.

The folks up Crumpton think WE have made a mistake in placing G. Roland Harrison on OUR ticket for Treasurer. We can't agree with them. Harrison as the story goes, left his native county to go West to take a post graduate course in looking after the meal ticket which ought to be in his favor and give him a jump on Tom Pippin who has been a life-long resident of our county. He is now a registered voter in Queen Anne's county and hopes to cast his first vote in the county for himself, September 8. It seems to be one of Queen Anne's county long-suits to bring the native born boys home and put them in office.

There seems to be but little interest in the States' Attorney fight.

Speaking about the bridge at Chesapeake City which was destroyed, Leon Andrus sent telegrams to all Eastern Shore Newspapers that Congressman Ward ought to get busy. The Kent News commenting: "Since the canal is strictly and absolutely under the War Department control, Congressman Ward couldn't possibly do anything about it." Perhaps he is suffering from an overdose of chronic lassitude supinduced by too much work.

Any candidate that is optimistic as W. Pinkney West, Jr., Republican for Governor, ought to take a day off and get a phenologist to examine his bean. His literature reads: "After November 3, address me as Governor W. Pinkney West, Jr.," It will read proper after November 3: "W. Pinkney West, Jr., is a dead political sister."

It looks to Mike that the political pot in Kent is hung at the boiling point. A flock of politicians big b'hoys congregated and selected a harmony ticket. But, a few voters that were not considered in the shuffle had a few cards up their sleves and selected a full ticket except State Senator and Legislaturemen. The Harmony ticket endorsed David J. Ward for Congress and the Independents endorsed Senator Dud leg G. Roe.

A Republican businessman, (if he hasn't changed his affliation,) up Sudlersville way, made a good Democratic Statement the other day when he said that a few years ago farmers had to get loans from the banks, but today they have a good-size accounts at the banks. Today the farmers are making more money than they ever made. The Democratic admiration has helped them. They will get to the polls—gas rationing or no gas rationing—and they will vote for the party that helped them.

W. Pinkney West, Jr., Republican candidate for Governor, must sleep well, as he dreamed he was self-nominated and self-elected Governor of Maryland.

That men with broken legs or arms can't claim a handicap. They have a plant in Williamsport, Pa., where men without legs study drafting, men with one arm can operate some kind of machines. As long as there is any sort of man power left in a man or woman, it can be used to keep our freedom.

Heating Oil May Soon Be Rationed

A program for consumer rationing household heating oil in the Eastern States is being widely forecast as the most practicable way of dealing with the fuel shortage.

The supply situation is so critical that the announcement of some definite plan of allocating the product is looked for in the near future.

Reports that a rationing plan already has been drawn up were not confirmed by officials of the Office of Price Administration, but they stated that coupon rationing is under study as part of the heating oil question.

It was strongly indicated, moreover, that the OPA would be inclined to favor consumer rationing and would recommend the procedure to the War Production Board, which will make the decision in the light of estimated supplies.

An authoritive source, predicting that before September the fuel oil problem will be greater than that involving gasoline, emphasized the likelihood of a rationing program by calling attention to the steps which would be necessary to avoid it.

If the winter is mild; if the barge lines, pipelines and railroads come through with supplies as planned; and if gasoline consumption in the East is reduced an additional twenty-five per cent, this source pointed out, the shortage of fuel oil still would average about 100,000 barrels a day.

If gasoline rationing were extended westward to the Mississippi that would release sufficient transportation facilities to enable the East to increase its supplies of petroleum and cut down its prespective shortage of fuel oil to 30,000 to 40,000 barrels daily.

If all those things take place, it might be possible to get through the winter without coupon rationing. That is the conclusion of officials in close touch with all aspects of the problem.

This analysis left the plain implication that if some of these factors do not materialize, coupon rationing would be necessary.

It was pointed out, moreover, that not much reliance could be placed upon a mild winter, upon a further substantial reduction in gasoline consumption and upon an extension of gasoline rationing in the mid-West.

Heating oil already is rationed as have been barred during the sumfar as dealers are concerned. They mer from making full-scale deliveries, and for the period until September 15 are not permitted to make any deliveries for use in heating or cooling equipment.

While the rationing of deliveries to oil dealers, or restricting deliveries made by dealers, achieves the ultimate goal of reducing consumption, it was pointed out that it does not assure equitable treatment for all persons to the extent that consumer rationing assures it.

Hence there is discussion now of some form of coupon rationing, modeled after the sugar and gasoline systems now in effect. But because of houses and the consequent consumption of oil per household the question is not as simple.

One of the likely methods is the so-called "historic" system, under which rationing coupons for heating oil would be based on a stipulated percentage of actual consumption last yeaar. Each household might be reduced forty per cent below last year, as an example.

Whether some special allowance would be made for households with small children or aged persons, is one of the undetermined points which came up during the study.

As another part of the study of the problem, officials, including President Roosevelt, have been urging householders to convert their burners, where possible, to coal, and to be prepared to let some of their rooms go unheated this winter.

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