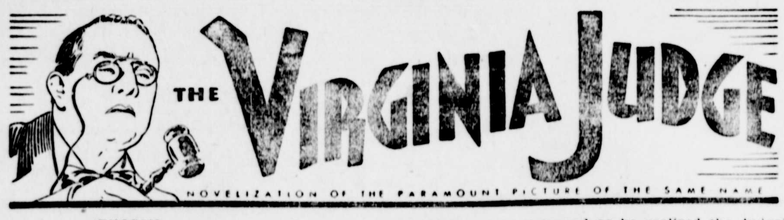


*SYNOPSIS*

*Judge Calhoun Davis of the circuit court in the sleepy little town of Tidewater, Virginia, is hated by his stepson, Jim. Jim is in love with Mary Lee, the girl next door. Mary however prefers Bob Stuart. In a jealous rage, Jim gets into a jam when he borrows a car from a neighbor without permission and wrecks it. In order to avoid arrest and to pay the garage bill he takes a shotgun which he found in the car and sells it to Bob. The latter, meanwhile, finds out from Mary that the gun did not belong to Jim. At a carnival that night, Bob meets Jim and a fight starts when Bob accuses Jim of trying to sell him a stolen gun.*

CHAPTER VIII

**Horror-stricken at what he had done, Jim looked up from the bleeding Bob to see the men coming toward him. He became panic stricken and started backing away.**

**"I'll shoot the first one that lays a hand on me," he shouted, raising the smoking pistol.**

**When his threat did not deter the men, fear took complete possession of Jim. Backing away, he suddenly turned and ran out of the concession into the outer darkness.**

**The burly fellow took charge of the situation.**

**"See if you can find the Chief," he told a companion as he knelt beside Bob. "And get a doctor, quick!"**

**As he spoke the tent flap of the fortune teller's tent was held open and Mary Lee emerged, her face wreathed in smiles.**

"Zara never fails," the gypsy was saying. "Zara sees no dark cloud . . . only a future of sunshine and beauty."

"I just *know* everything will be like you say," beamed the girl. As the gypsy nodded and went back into the tent she looked around for Bob. Then, attracted by the people rushing from all directions toward the shooting gallery, she hurried toward it.

As she did so a section of the crowd separated and four men emerged, carrying the wounded youth. The smile faded from her face. For an instant she was stunned at what she saw. Then, like a thunderbolt, came the realization that the boy she loved was badly hurt.

"Bob! Bob!" she screamed as she rushed toward him.

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At the hula hula concession, Plato and the Judge were thoroughly enjoying the show when a man rushed in and excitedly grabbed the Chief of Police by the arm.

"Chief, there's been a shootin'," he panted.

"Where?"

Plato leaped to his feet and reached for his gun.

"Down the midway a piece."

"Who was it?"

"Bob Stuart, an' . . ." The man stopped as he realized the Judge's relationship to Jim."

"An' *who!*" shouted Plato.

". . . an' . . . an' . . . the Judge's son."

"You mean . . . Jim?" Davis was thunderstruck.

"Yes, sir. Him an' Bob got to quarrelin' an' Jim up an' shot him."

"All right, Bill. Thanks," said Plato, wishing to spare his friend as much as possible. Then, placing a sympathetic hand on the latter's arm, the Chief led the way from the tent.

A deputy met them at the entrance.

"He got away in the darkness, Chief," he reported, "but I got six men lookin' for him."

The man saluted and hurried away. The crowd separated and the Judge and Plato started out onto the midway.

"Cal," said Plato as they walked along, "I know how you feel, an' I'm sorry for you an' Martha. But I've got to get Jim."

"That's right, Plato," answered the Judge gravely. "It's your duty." Taking off his hat, the old man ran a hand through his grey hair. Then he shook his head sadly. "It's goin' to be mighty hard. Plato . . . tellin' Martha about this."

They had now reached the scene of the tragedy. Giving his friend a sympathetic pat on the shoulder Plato turned in to the shooting gallery. The Judge walked slowly and thoughtfully on, a pathetic figure of dejection. From time to time he stopped and looked in the direction of his home, dreading the coming scene with Martha. Then, with his chin on his chest, he continued on and finally turned up the walk that led to the verandah.

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Bob was carried to a hospital and there his mother and Mary Lee waited for hours in the ante-room with no word as to the condition of the boy they both loved.

From time to time a door from the operating ward would open and a nurse would start across the room. At this both the women would hurry forward to intercept her.

"Will he . . .?" Emotion checked any further utterance.

"We don't know," was the invariable reply. "Dr. Trent hasn't finished his examination yet."

Under the terrific strain Mrs. Stuart broke down and began to sob hysterically. Repressing her own misery, Mary Lee placed her arms around the older woman and soothed her as best she could.

"Cal,' 'said Plato, "I know how you feel, and I'm sorry for you an' Martha. But I've got to get Jim."

# "FARM AND HOME"

***Our Weekly Digest Of Timely Topics Which Will Be Found Interesting And Instructive***

## Maryland Musings

So far as is known only one Maryland fruit grower used artificial irrigation in his orchard last summer. The water pumped through stationary spray lines.

According to Dr. E. N. Cory, state entomopolist, English Ivy, which is found growing on the walls of so many old homes in Maryland and Virginia, is not subject to attack by the Japanese beetle.

The value per head of all species of livestock in Maryland is higher than for the same time last year, according to the Maryland Crop Reporting Service. The value per head of horses is the highest on record and the value of mules is the highest since 1914.

Plans for the erection of four new fire towers in 1936 have been made by the Maryland State Department of Forestry. The towers are to be located at Cub Hill, Baltimore county; Hollowfield, Howard county; Fairview Mountain, Washington county; and Madonna, Harford county.

## Change Location Of Rhubarb

Most people permit rhubarb plants to remain in the same spot year after year but garden experts say this will result in reduced quantity as well as quality. In small gardens especially is it necessary to remove rhubarb to a new location every five or six years. Transplanting should be done in the spring before the plants begin to grow. One old plant can often be divided into as many as 25 new ones but at least two "eyes'" or buds should be left on each stalk. For best results only part of the bed should be reset in any one year; nor should stalks be cut from the new bed the first year. Rhubarb thrives best in a soil kept fertile with applications of barnyard manure.

## Cellar Sills

Before purchasing an old house, go down into the cellar and examine the sills or top of the foundation walls and the first-floor joists. These are the points where decay or the depredations of termites will first take place. If these are sound, it is safe to assume the balance of the frame is sound also.

## Home Grown Foods Save Money

Even a small garden space will give big returns when planted to food producing plants. Just how important the relation of home grown foods is to the cost of living was brought out recently by a survey of 300 families, averaging five members each, conducted over five counties in a Middle Western state. Each family consumed on an average $9.40 worth of food a week or about 27 cents per person per day. It was found that 59 per cent of this food was produced at home, leaving the actual cost in cash at around 11 cents per person per day.

## Stir Paint

Always stir the contents of a paint can before using. It is a mistake to shake the can as this causes bubbles, which later appear in the finished work.

## Concrete Curing

Curing is an important process in making concrete water resistant. The purpose of curing is to retard the evaporation of water from the concrete.

## Have Extra Roosting Perches

Plenty of perches should be provided not only in the hen house but about the chicken yards. Young roosters are often injured by older and larger birds when such "safety zones" are lacking. Once a cockerel realizes he is defeated instinct leads him to seek a refuge or roosting place. The victorious fowl is usually content to route his opponent and does not follow him to a perch.

## Why Paint "Alligators"

Painters use the term alligatoring to describe paint which has cracked into large seggments because of its resemblance to an alligator's skin. This condition is usually caused by applying one coat over another before the first one has thoroughly dried. Sometimes it occurs when a less elastic paint is used for the top coat.

Experience has shown that a half-acre garden, well planned and cared for will in ordinary seasons provide fresh vegetables throughout the growing season for a family of five, with a surplus for canning and storing. To provide fruit, a half-acre orchard, consisting of apples, peaches, cherries, plums, pears, as well figs in Sussex county, and by E. W. Greave, Assistant Horticultrist at the University of Delaware, supplemented by some bush, vine, and ground fruits such as rhubarb, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, muskmelons, watermelons, or grapes.

Before a new orchard or the small fruits begin to bear, extra tomatoes can be planted each season to serve as fruit. For that matter, a good supply of tomatoes is always advisable.

Nutritionists believe that a family needs two vegetables a day besides potatoes, and two fruits, with tomatoes counted as a fruit when no other is available. They also urge green or leafy vegetables three to five times a week and tomatoes about four times a week.

# PLENTY OF WATER NEEDED BY CHICKS

**Poultry Authority Advises Ample Hopper and Fountain Space for Results.**

"Chicks need plenty of fresh, clean water," advises C. S. Johnson, head of the Poultry Department of the Purina Mills. "Provide a one-gallon drinking fountain for each 50 chicks. Keep the fountains filled at all times. To aid in preventing disease, add to each gallon of drinking water, one-half level teaspoon of Chlorena Powder, obtainable wherever Checkerboard feed are sold.

"When chicks are 3 or 4 weeks old they outgrow the chick size feed hoppers. These should be replaced with larger hoppers and more of them. A 4 weeks old chick is more than twice as broad as a baby chick, therefore it needs more than twice as much room. They need extra watering space at this age, too.

Provide a one-gallon drinking fountain for each 50 chicks. Keep fountains filled at all times.

"Keep feed hoppers and drinking fountains clean. Disinfect daily with a solution of 2 level measuring spoons of Chlorena Powder to 3 gallons of water. Lift the litter lightly with a fork at intervals during the brooding period so that dropings will sift to the bottom."

"Old litter should always be removed and the brooder house cleaned and disinfected with cre-so-fec solution before brooding a second lot of chicks in the same quarters."

Information on the amount of seed or plants of each kind to plant in order to produce the amount of each vegetable or fruit desired may be obtained by applying to county agricultural agents for Farmers' Bulletin No. 1746, published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The preservation and improvement of national soil resources, the reestablishment and maintenance of farmers' purchasing power, the assurance of adequate supplies of food and fibres for consumers, and the protection of rivers and harbors against the effects of soil erosion, as provided for among the newly enacted Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, which was signed March 1 by President Roosevelt, were among the questions discussed at the regional conference of formers, farmers' representatives, and state extension workers which was held at New York City last week.

Jelly that tastes like honey but cuts with the dleicate texture of fruit jellies can be made as follows: Heat 1 cup of honey and 1-4 cup of water to boiling, stirring constantly. Add 1-8 cup of liquid fruit pectin and heat just to boiling.

# HOBBIES

By MAX CHAMBERS

**BIRDS**

All birds have suffered from the long seige of snow this winter and with the northward migration now in progress, the wild fowl situation is acute expecially in Dorchester county. They are hungry and weak and easy prey for their enemies. If we have more bugs next summer you will know it is because we have lost so many birds this winter. Mr. Clemson Brown, Educational Chairman of the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, asks that you help by feeding the birds. They need food.

The bluebirds, harbinegrs of spring, and the robins have already made their appearances and before long "Johnny Wren" will be twittering in the maple tree. Now is a good time to build and locate boxes.

Bird life offers a galaxy of fascinating hobbies. You can just watch birds live or you can snap them with your camera. You can collect live exhibits, specimens for mounting, nests, eggs, feet or beaks, slippings, pictures, or books. Have you tried to imitate bird whistling or draw birds in color? It is fun to build houses, feed boxes and baths. Who has the largest bird house or the tallest bird box pole on the peninsula? A man in Massachusetts and another in Ohio have developed from their hobbies of bird house building, a life work and a very profitable business.

Probably the outstanding student of bird life on the peninsula is Frazer Poole, a Federalsburg boy who was the First Hobby Fair Chairman and now a junior at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C. Some day he will be a leading ornithologist and it all started with a hobby. Howard Ribbin, who lives near Crisfield, and Brenton LeCompte of Wyoming, Delaware, have hobbies of wild life.

The largest and finest private exhibits of mounted wild fowl in the East may be seen on the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry, "Governor Albert C. Ritchie." This collection has many rare specimens and was mounted by Mr. Elmer Hall of Fishing Creek, Md., whose hobby is taxidermy.

Colonel Albanus Phillips, Cambridge "Soup King" has a deep interest in bird life for he owns all of the 16,000 acres contained in Bloodsworth Island, which he has established as a natural sanctuary for wild fowl of all kinds. No gun has been fired on the island since Colonel Phillips took possession.

He maintains the largest pen of Canadian Wild Geese decoys in the East. There are more than a hundred "honkers" in this flock and Colonel Phillips tells me that they mate for life. If the goose or gander dies, the remaining member never remates. These wild geese know him like a dog knows his master and often jump into his arms when he appears in the pens to take them out on a hunting expedition. Among the visitors who spend time at the Colonel's sanctuary are Walter P. Chrysler, former Senator Woolcott of Connecticut and the eighty-year old Ex-Senator Kean who occasionally flies down from New Jersey to enjoy the thousands and thousands of beautiful birds in their natural and happy sanctuary.

Hop on the Hobby Horse! Take a ride!

Books: Book of Birds, Henshaw, Natural Geographical Society; How To Study Birds, Job; Some Birds of Maryland, Pearson.

Next week: Indian Relics.

## Numerous Things May Be Cause of Water in Eggs

The cause or causes of watery whites and some other conditions do not seem to be understood, states a writer in the Rural New-Yorker. The physical condition of the bird, season of the year, food, age and rough handling of the egg and partial freezing are all mentioned as possible causes, and it is quite possible that one or more individuals in the flock are responsible for all the defective eggs found.

Candling is the practicable way of detecting such eggs before they reach the market but is of little help in finding the bird or birds responsible for the trouble. Trap-nesting would, of course, give opportuinty to find the ailing fowl and perhaps a suspected bird may be isolated and caught, if the offender.

## Rooster Likes "Safety Zone"

Young roosters appreciate safety zones when they find it hard to hold their own against other fighters in the flock. They often get bruised heads when they are unable to escape from stronger or larger foes. Pole perches in chicken yards provide safety zones on which the cockerel can get his "second wind," say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Once a cockerel realizes he is defeated he hunts a spot where it will be difficult for his opponent to attack him. In the poultry house he often finds refuge on the roost. In the chicken yard it may be on top of a coop or under a bush. Extra perches in the houses are desirable for these cockerels during winter months.

Plenty of soap but little or no bleach is the rule in laundering sheets and other household textiles. Piling too many sheets on a shelf makes sheets wear at the folds. So does ironing in the folds. As on all fabrics, the less ironing, the better, and never an extremely hot iron. Rough spots on beds or springs often snag sheets.

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## Newark

Mrs. Robert Jones spent Monday in Baltimore and attended the flower show.

Mrs. Carl Rankin has returned from a visit with relatives in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Mrs. Pierce Cann is entertaining a number of friends at luncheon and bridge today.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Hanson and children spent the week end in Baltimore and attended the flower show.

Mrs. Daniel Thompson is entertaining at luncheon and bridge on Friday, March 20.

Miss Mary Burnett and Miss Marguerete Pie entertained about 50 friends at a dance at Miss Burnett's home on last Friday evening.

Rev. J. H. McComb, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church, N. Y., and mother spent last Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Taggart Evans, of South College avenue.

Mr. George L. Medill, of York, Pa., spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. M. McVey.

Mrs. Norris Wright and Mrs. Ernest Wright have returned from a month's stay in Bermuda.

Prof. R. W. Heim gave an address before the Felton High School assembly this week.

A committee arranging for the covered dish supper, to be held in the High School on March 26, met at the home of Mrs. J. M. McVey on Thursday evening.

Prof. R. W. Heim held a conference with Dr. J. D. Blackwell, President of Teachers College, in Salisbury, Monday.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a covered dish supper in the Legion Room on Friday evening March 20 at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. R. W. Heim spent Monday in Philadelphia.

William K. Richardson entertained a number of friends at a birthday party on Friday evening.

Miss Elsie Wright is spending sometime in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ginther and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller have returned from a three weeks stay in Florida.

Miss Phoebe McKeon, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harry Hill.

Beverley Ball, small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Ball, who is ill with scarlet fever, is much improved.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Mavromatis spent Sunday in New York City.

Mrs. James Hutchinson has returned from a week's stay in Rehoboth.

Beatrice Keyes is ill with the mumps.

Mrs. A. C. Heisler spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith and family were dinner guests of the Misses Smith on Sunday.

Wilson Nichols, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols, has returned home after several weeks spent in Baltimore.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, held a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Carleton Douglass on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Reese Griffin has returned from a visit with relatives in Landsdown.

Mr. Edward Vinsinger has returned from a business trip to New York.

Mr. Richard Greenland, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Steedle.

Mrs. Gurney Dayett, of Baltimore, spent Friday and Saturday with her father, Mr. George Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Taggart Evans will spend the week end with friends in Baltimore.

The Rev. H. E. Hallman was a dinner guest of Prof. and Mrs. Heim on Sunday.

Mrs. George M. Haney, South College avenue, entertained members of her Wilmington Bridge Club at dinner last Wednesday evening.

Miss Anna Reeves, of Laurel Springs, N. C., who has been visiting the Galyen residence, New London road, for sometime, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ulmer and family, Fred, Jr., and Maryalice, Olney, Pa., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Tryens at their home, "Eastplace," Kells avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lane, Ogletown, are receiving congratulations following the birth of a daughter on Monday at the Wilmington General Hospital. Mrs. Lane will be remembered by local friends at Miss Leona Tryen.

Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Skinner, Amstel avenue, entertained at supper Sunday evening.

Mrs. E. B. Crooks, South College avenue, entertained last Wednesday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Lesher.

Mrs. N. D. Holbrook, South College avenue, entertained her card club last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. Pierce Cann entertained seven tables of bridge today.

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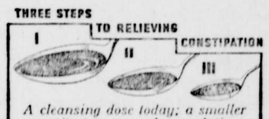


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