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U. S. Loans Help To Stamp Out Hydrophobia

Forty or More Dogs Have Been Killed

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is lending a hand in the hydrophobia outbreak in Cecil County which is menacing livestock as well as the dog population of the county.

Since the federal agent, Dr. O. K. Hoffman, of the livestock sanitation division of the agriculture department, working under the jurisdiction of the Maryland health and agriculture officials, has been operating in the county, 40 or more stray dogs have been killed.

Some dog owners got the mistaken idea that the federal agent was acting direct from Washington and were reported much upset by the wholesale killing of animals. However, it has been explained that Dr. Hoffman has "been loaned" by the government to the state agencies to aid in their fight against the spread of hydrophobia.

Quarantine Notice Given

Last week, notice was given that a quarantine had been placed on dogs in several sections of the county, lasting until May. All dogs found running at large, without tax tags, the notice stated, would be exterminated. Such notices have previiously been given by local authorities, but few, if any canines were killed. Most of the dogs thus far killed have been what are termed "stray" canines.

Call To Maryland and Delaware Youth

A call for the Youth of Maryland and Delaware to meet at the Faith Presbyterian Church, Gay and Biddle streets, Baltimore, March 18th and 19th, was issued by The Council of Churches and Christian Education.

Speakers: Dr. N. J. Gould Wickey, Executive Secretary, United Lutheran Church Board, on "Personal Religious Living," on Friday.

Professor T. B. Manny of the U. of Maryland, Rev. J. B. Reeves, Jr., Presbyterian Church, Severna Park, Md., Dr. J. Lake Imes of Lincoln University, Dr. Raymond Veh, Editor of Evangelical Crusader, and others, will speak.

Later a Forum on "Peace and War" in connection with Personal Religious Living in charge of Prof. W. L. Barnhard of Hood College and Dr. S. Paul Schelling, M. E. Church, Prince Frederick, Md.

Another discussion group in charge of Rev. J. C. Millean assisted by Miss Grace Demetreades and Dr. Chas. Resser, President of Washington, D. C., Sunday School Association, will address the assembly.

Bob Crosby To Play Delaware Junior Prom

Bob Crosby and his famus "Dixieland Swing Band" will play the University of Delaware Junior Prom next Friday evening, March 4th, in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington. Dancing from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m.

This young maestro, brother of the world famous radio and screen star, Bing Crosby, started on the road to success in New Orleans not many moons ago. Recently he was chosen by Benny Goodman to fill in for a month at the Madhattan Room of the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. Reports show he broke an all-time record there (cover charge $4 per person) which showed to the musical world he could fill the shoes of his predecessor.

The feature attraction of the band is that singing armful of joy, Kay Weber. Nappy LaMarre and the "Bobcats" will also render musical numbers. In fact every member of the band is a showman and can do his bit in giving you an evening of good entertainment.

Crosby and his band are booked exclusively through M. C. A. and was handled carefully by James Hutchison, Jr., of Newark.

Play By Chesapeake City High School Senior Class

On March 4, the senior class of Chesapeake City High School will present "Melodrama in Nankipoo," a three-act comedy. The play will be given at the Parish House, starting at 8.15 p. m.

Members of the cast include Woodward Birch, Beatrice Whitlock, Charles Banks, Ruth Purdy, Virginia Lloyd, Dorothy Spear, Joseph Mendoza, Virginia Rodney, George Husfelt, and Evans Watkins.

Three Immortals

There are statues in Paris, France, erected to the honor of three women—Joan of Arc, Marie Antoinette, and Sara Bernhardt.

The Proposed New Bridge Over Big Elk Creek

The interest taken by our people in town and the county in regard to the proposed new bridge over Big Elk Creek to replace the Bridge Street one, indicates that there is a very general disinclination to accept the suggestion, and the various reasons urged against the plan have much cogency.

If at some future date the community is able to utilize the water entrance to the town either for pleasure or for business in a serious way, it would be very much against good policy for the bridge to be located as suggested.

The constant expansion in the summer cruise boats both motor and sail and our location at the head of Elk with the entire Chesapeake to utilize for pleasure should make this facility so important to us that any infringement of its capacity should be looked at with care before being allowed. Equally as important is the matter of water borne business traffic. We must protect the community against any possibility of infringing on this capacity for usefulness.

The town meeting at which the various public spirited citizens expressed their opposition to the plan was received very enthusiastically by the several hundred members present, and is a sure gauge of public sentiment in the matter.

Emergency Crop Loans Now Available

Application for Emergency Crop and Feed Loans for 1938 will be received at the Court House, Elkton, Maryland on March 2, from 9.00 a. m. to 12 noon, by W. A. Winfree, Jr. Acting Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1938 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock, and the amount which may be loaned to any one farmer in 1938 may not exceed $400.00.

Farmers who can obtain the funds they need from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern are not eligible for a crop or feed loans frm the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Credit Administration. The loans will not be made to standard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Farm Security Administration, formerly known as the Resettlement Administration.

As in the past, farmers who obtain emergency crop and feed loans will give as security a first lien on the crop financed, or a first lien on the livestock to be fed if the money borrowed is to be used to produce or purchase feed for livestock.

Where loans are made to tenants, the landlords, or others having an interest in the crops financed or the livestock to be fed, are required to wavier their claim in favor of a lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be mailed from the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Rhoda Meck Buried Yesterday

Mrs. Rhoda E. Meck passed away at her home in the Port Deposit R. F. D. district, near Woodlawn, on Sunday, February 20th. Mrs. Meck was the daughter of the late Sylvia Thompson and Joseph Barnes. She is survived by her husband, Joseph D. Meck, and ten children: Mrs. Elsie Linton of Woodlawn, Mrs. Anna M. Wilson of Port Deposit, Miss Elizabeth Meck of Wenonah, N. J., Mrs. Ida Meck of Abbington, Pa., and Mary, Woodrow, Glenn, James, Stella and Teresa, all at home, also two brothers, Allan K. and Harry H., of Richardson Park, Del. Funeral was held at the Patterson funeral home yesterday, Wednesday, February 23rd, at 2 p. m. Interment was in Hopewell Cemetery.

Elk Neck Sunday Services

Service Sunday, Feb. 27, at Elk Neck charge will be as follows: At Hart's, Church School at 9.45 a. m.; Epworth League at 7.30 p. m., leader, William Wilson; preaching at 8 p. m.

Wesley: Church School at 2 p. m.; Preaching at 2.30 p. m. Services at Racine School House.

To Discuss Future of Tome School

For the purpose of discussing the future of Tome School for Boys, a public meeting has been called in Port Deposit tonight. The board of trustees of the institution during the last week announced that since operating funds have diminished in recent years and since the town school must be continued, it must sell the property. A proposition already has been made to the alumni of the school, but no definite action has yet been taken.

Some Important Features of the New Farm Act

Continuation of the conservation program with its attack on problems of soil waste, together with changes which broaden the power of agriculture to control surpluses and improve farm income, may be expected under the new farm act of 1938, in the opinin of J. Z. Miller, County Agent.

Steps in the operation of the act were summarized as follows:

1. National acreage allotments are divided among states, counties and individual farms. The national allotment is the acpeage which, with average yields, will furnish a supply sufficinet for domestic consumption, exports and adequate reserves. Provisions are designed to provide surplus control of wheat, corn, tobacco, cotton and rice.

2. Marketing quotas are proclaimed when supplies of the crops affected exceed these adequate supplies by amounts fixed in the act.

3. A referendum of producers must be held on each marketing quota. The quota becomes ineffective if rejected by more than one-third of those voting. When quotas are in effect, marketing in excess of the farm's quota becomes subject to penalty. Supplies withheld under marketing quotas may be released under certain conditions to meet any need that might develop.

4. Loans are provided for on cotton, wheat and corn under certain conditions of below-parity price or about-normal supply, and may be offered as well to producers of other crops. However, no loans will be made for a year in which producers have rejected a marketing quota. Under marketing quotas, non-cooperators are offered loans, but at lower rates than for cooperators and only upon their excess about quotas.

5. Committees of farmers in cooperation with the Extension Service will continue to administer the program locally.

6. Special provisions for small growers include specific increases in all payments under $200.

7. The act encourages use of conserving crops primarily for building soil fertility, but does not forbid their use for producing commodities used only on the farm. Provisions are included which are designed to protect livestock and dairy producers against abnormal increases in production of these commodities.

Red Cross Chapter to Meet

The Cecil County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting in the M. E. Church House, Elkton, Md., Wednesday afternoon March 9, 1938, at 2.30 o'clock.

Civil Service Examinations Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

Landscape architect, various grades, $2,600 to $3,800 a year, National Park Service, and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Medical pathologist (research), $3,800 a year, and associate medical pathologist (research), $3,200 a year, National Institute of Health, U. S. Public Health Service.

All States except Colorado, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia, have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from H. E. W. Bouchelle, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in this city.

Charles D. Stradley Dies Suddenly

Official of Diamond Ice and and Coal Company

Charles D. Stradley, vice-president of the Diamond Ice and Coal Company, died suddenly yesterday at his home on Ridge Road, Holly Oak, Del. He was 56 years old.

A heart ailment which caused his death had been induced by an attack of pneumonia seven years ago. Mr. Stradley had been confined to his home by illness for several weeks. Two days ago his condition became worse, but it was not thought to have been critical.

Native of Wilmington

A native Wilmingtonian, Mr. Stradley was a son of Miller Stradley of that city. Throughout his entire career he was engaged in the ice and coal business, first with the Consumers Coal Company, and then with the Diamond Ice and Coal Company, where he was in charge of manufacturing, maintenance, and related activities.

Charlestown Homemakers Club

The Charlestown Homemakers Club held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Chester Irvin, February 14, for the purpose of making gloves. Eighteen pair were cut ready to make. A most delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, Mrs. Irvin, and her committee. Twenty members, one visitor and Miss Denning attended.

Billions Paid in Gasloine Tax

A total of $7,144,584,000 has been paid in State and Federal gasoline taxes in the United States since 1919.

Maryland motorists taxpayers during that time have paid in the sum of 99,924,000 of this total, as reported by Maryland Petroleum Industries committee. The gasoline taxpayers are lifting the burden of road costs and maintenance from the shoulders of the citizens who would otherwise participate in costs and maintenance. Under the circumstances it seems desirable that the money raised by this special tax should be expended only for road purposes. Last year Maryland motorists paid a total of $10,587,000 in state gasoline taxes, this amount being approximately $5,000,000 greater than in the year 1928, the first year of the four cent levy. Use gasoline taxes for roads only and a real modern up-to-date system can be built and maintained with a three cent levy.

Stop Walking

The "walkathon," its employes convicted 114 times for violation of Maryland laws against work on Sunday, closed its doors last week at Salisbury after a checkered career since it opened December 15.

The endurance contest in which contestants walked around a dance floor (dance marathons are illegal in some Maryland counties) paid a total of $912.00 into court treasuries. Almost every week everybody connected with the affair wuld be haled into court and fined $5. The convictions were all appealed and bond of $15 posted on each. In addition to the Sunday laws conviction, a "judge" of the contest was convicted of assaulting a patron.

The Low Down from Hickory Grove

Mr. Morgenthau, down in Wash., he sent me a circular and some pictures, showing people with smiles and lookin' pleased, while they are buying his bonds—with so much down and so much a week. And our Govt., it has been hoppin' on the automobile guys, for offer-easy terms, and the shoe, it looks like it might fit the Secy. of the Treasury.

And I looked at the pictures and everybody is getting on ocean liners, and playin' pianos, and restiin', etc.—and it looked great. So I read the circular but could not find if the bonds were Q. K. with the SEC or whoever it is that tells other people what they can sell—and makes them prove they are not a horse thief.

And with the Govt. in the bond business, and other kinds of business, and never payin' two-bits of taxes, I am up a stump about who will pay, when it runs everything. And if I could write a letter and need no stamp, like the Treasury sends letters free, I would ask 'em.

But if I could locate a crystal ball, I could get the answer, I reckon—and save writin'.

Yours, with the low down,
JO. SERRA.

Labor Is Blamed for Ship Building Slump

Joseph P. Kennedy, Washington, new Ambassador to Great Britain and recent Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, believes labor has been the principal factor in discouraging private investment in American merchant ship building.

Mr. Kennedy, who has made many bitter attacks on the activities of seamen's unions and the conduct of union members, declared that labor conditions signalized by demands of the ship crews, "sit-down" and "quickie" strikes and slip-shod performance of duties are characteristic of the seamen's organizations.

He said that private operators are hesitant to build new ships—and thus provide thousands of jobs for unemployed—because of these "chaotiic labor conditions."

"A Ready Made Family" at Cherry Hill

The Zion Dramatic Club of Cecilton, Md., will present a play "A Ready Made Family," at the Red Men's Hall, Cherry Hill, Md., on Friday, February 25th, 1938, at 8:00 p. m. The entertainment will be sponsored by the Cherry Hill Epworth League.

Internal Revenue Officers In Elkton

Both the Internal Revenue office, Baltimore, and the state comptroller's office, Annapolis, will have representatives in Cecil County for the next several days to assist taxpayers in making out their income tax returns.

Disorderly House Operator Arrested

Placed under arrest, charged with operating a disorderly house, Harry Todd of Porters' Bridge section, has been held under $300 bond for action of the March Grand Jury for Cecil County. Seven men and two women have also been held under $100 bond each as material witnesses.

Boy Loses Eye By Accident

Teacher Not Blamed by Board; No Action Likely

The investigation into an accident at Christiana public school, Feb. 2, through which Frank S. Webb, 14, a student, lost the sight of his left eye, was closed last night by the school board after a private session with the parents of the child and several teachers in the school.

A statement issued later by the board president, David McMullen, follows: "At a meeting of the Christiana School Board held Wednesday, Feb. 23, the accident which occurred Feb. 2 was investigated. The father of the child involved made a statement to the board that he does not contemplate taking any action what-so-ever in the case. After investigating the case the board is satisfied that it was an accident and the teacher is not held responsible."

The student, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Webb of Glasgow, is said to have been struck accidentally by a teacher at the school with a pointer, injuring his eyeball. Last Friday the eye was removed at the Delaware Hospital in an attempt to save the sight of the other eye.

Lent At Trinity

An interesting and instructive Lenten program for Trinity Church, Elkton, has been arranged by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson. Each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a visiting clergyman will bring his message and on Friday evenings, at the same hour ,Doctor Albinson will give a series of short lectures on "Important Facts About the Episcopal Church." These talks should be of special interest to the recently confirmed and to any others who would liike to know what the Episcopal Church teaches and believes. Everybody is invited to attend these services and will be cordially welcomed. The schedule of services is:

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, Holy Communion, 10:00 a. m.; Penetential, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. March 9th, the Rev. Edward H. Ehart, Curate of the Parish; March 16th, the Rev. Richard K. White, Georgetown, Delaware; March 23rd, the Rev. Robert Hubbs, Philadelphia, Pa.; March 30th, the Rev. Ellwood Hannum, Baltimore; April 6th, the Rev. Arthur Pfaffke, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

Friday evening lectures by Dr. Albinson at 7:30 o'clock: March 4th, The Church in Early America; March 11th, The Doctrine of the Apostolic Succession; March 18th, The Forms and Ceremonies of The Church; March 25th, Service in the interest of Missions with a speaker from the mission field; April 1st, The Creeds and The Church Year; April 8th, The Sacraments.

On Good Friday, April 15th, between the hours of twelve, noon, and three p. m., there will be the Service of Our Lord's Agony, with meditations on "The Seven Last Words from the Cross," by Dr. Albinson.

Baptisms At Trinity

On Sunday, February 20th, the rector of Trinity Church, Elkton, Dr. J. Warren Albinson, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to Edward Fowler Anthony, infant son of Amelia and James Anthony, near Elkton, and Frances Marie, Elizabeth Ann and Caroline Margaret Patton, small daughters of Elizabeth and James Francis Patten, near Elkton.

Numbers Racket In The National Capital

U. S. Attorney General Speaks Of It As "A National Disgrace"

The numbers game, with its clandestine ramifications, has become the Nation's largest and most wide-spread racket. Not only is this racket taking $30,000,000 per year out of the pockets of persons in Washington, D. C., but the crime record has shown a marked and startling increase with the growth of the numbers racket, until the crime situation in the District of Columbia is spoken of by U. S. Attorney General Cummings as "a national disgrace."

What has been arousing thousands of respectable citizens of the Capital is the refusal of the District Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives to report the numbers bill, which twice passed the Senate with huge majorities.

Rep. Vincent L. Palmisano, Democrat of Maryland, Chairman of the District Committee, is accused of smothering the bill and not even letting the members vote on it. In defense of his position, Palmisano says:

"Why pick on the numbers? Why pick on this form of gambliing? I can't see that the legislation would serve any useful purpose. It would help the book-making and other forms of gambling at the expense of numbers. It looks to me like an effort of one clique of gamblers—the bookmakers—to crack down on another and make more business for themselves."

When pressed to bring the measure before the Committee by an indignant citizenry, Palmisano raises the question that the bill would, in his opinion, authorize police to search a man's home on mere suspicion or caprice, and would allow the arrest of a numbers player carrying a single ticket. Friends of the measure deny that this would be true. They claim that its framers, as well as the many lawyers of the Senate, scrutinized this feature of the bill carefully. Furthermore, they explain that Section 911 of the bill, the search and seizure clause, is virtually identical with a Section of the District Code which has been in effect for many years, and that the language of the pending bill merely broadens the District Code to include gambling paraphernalia, such as numbers tickets, not specifically mentioned in the original Code Section.

In further answer to the Maryland Representative that innocent purchasers of numbers slips who have no connection with the racket could be arrested and prosecuted, local officials explained that Section 863, making the possession of tickets prima facie evidence of guilt, is modeled after a Section of the New York Penal Code. The New York Code, they aver, is typical of the statutes iin many other states.

By raising first one objection and then another to the pending bill, without offering any amendments curing his own objections, the Maryland Representative has sat quietly on the numbers racket legislation ever since he left the chairmanship of the House Committee on Education to take the chairmanship of the House District Committee.

Forced at last to take action in the matter by other members of the Committee and an aroused public, Palmisano will convene the Committee to hear testimony on the viciousness of the numbers racket and its relation to the criminal record of the District of Columbia, it is stated, within a few days.

County Commissioners Issue Building Permits

The following permits were issued this week at the office of the County Commiissioners here:

George Sartin, North East, R. F .D., dwelling, on North East and Turkey Point Road.

Edw. A. Fleming, Elkton, R. F. D. No. 2, chicken house, Elkton and Commissioners here:

Samuel L. Janney, North East No. 1, straw and cow shed, near Bay View.

George H. Simpres, Elk Mills, chicken house, near Elk Mills.

John and George McKeown, Elkton No. 2, packing house, near Locust Point.

Jerome Hardcastle, Media, Pa., dwelling at Hack's Point.

John E. Stroup, Essington, Pa., dwelling at Hack's Point.

Rayne C. Edward, North East No. 2, garage near Leslie.

Wilmer Stradley, Wilmington, Del., bull pen, Elk Neck.

Henry R. Shank, Elkton, Summer cottage, Hack's Point.

Founded Barcelona

The city of Barcelona in Spain is named after the Carthaginian, Hamilcar Barca, who founded it.

Missionaries Practiced Irrigation

THINGS ONE REMEMBERS

By R. M. HOFER

A free, uncensored and unlicensed press is the greatest safeguard of the rights and liberties of American citizens.

Never was proof of this more apparent than today, when the editors in every part of the nation are discussing the acts and policies of public servants, from the President down. In the majority of cases they are doing this from a non-partisan angle and purely for what they believe to be the best interests of the nation.

An example of this is an editorial by Roy H. Johnson, editor of the Fayetteville, West Virginia, Tribune, In a column and a half he comments on the general smear campaign that has been underway against so-called big business to try to divert public attention from underlying causes of the present business depression. He takes for his text the inflammatory statement that sixty families control the nation.

He then points out that this section of Virginia has become highly industrialized and that its industries are backed by some of the big businesses condemned by politicians, including members of the "sixty families." He says the local people can personally check up on industrial conditions in his territory, as to working conditions, living conditions and general treatment accorded to employes.

He asks why the defamers of big business don't name the industries to which they refer, instead of trying to inflame the public against all big business. He says he cannot get the viewpoint of the politician who makes blanket accusations against industries whose investments and activities have brought progress, made it possible to build paved roads, improve and broaden the educational system, first through direct taxes and second through wages and the taxes that flow from wages. He points out that following such progressive modern industries, have come medical and social services previously unknown to many of the people in his section of the country.

In concluding his editorial, he says, as to these stabbing-in-the-back attacks on business: "If there is a financial leader or a corporation in this nation who is exploiting any human being, that individual or that corporation should be forever held up to scorn . . .But what we want to know is—who are these people; what are these businesses?

"Let's be done with all generalities which frighten all business men in big business and in little business. Let's get down to specific names, and life the stigma of public attack from those who are innocent."