The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the glad voices that go out over the telephone wires at this joyful season bring happiness and good cheer to you.

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HOW TO IMPROVE OUR COUNTRY ROADS

Will Be Main Subject Discussed By Road Men At the Agricultural College, January 10-15.

T. H. TALIAFERRO,
Maryland Agricultural College.

In many sections of Maryland the character of country roads not only precludes the ready movement of farm products during the winter and early spring, but reduces to a minimum social intercourses between friends and neighbors who under better conditions of travel would relieve the monotony of winter days by visits so pleasant to those fortunate enough to have a home in a rural community blessed with good roads. For this reason, in planning for a short course and conference on road making and maintenance, the Division of Engineering of the Agricultural College has laid especial emphasis on the improvement of the country dirt road which may or may not lead to the main thoroughfares so well constructed under the direction of the State Roads Commission. In addition, having in mind the many perplexing problems which confront the Roads Engineers in our counties, one day in the week has been set especially apart for a free and full discussion of the county road problem by Roads Engineers and Supervisors.

Among the most perplexing of road problems, probably that of financing road construction and maintenance without placing too heavy a burden in the way of special taxes stands first and will be discussed with keenest interest by our county commissioners and their fellow-taxpayers. To add to the information obtainable on this subject, an expert from the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering has been invited to lead in the discussion and give data on what is being done in other sections of the country in meeting this problem.

Other road problems that concern every person living in the country vitally will be included in the conferences of the week. Perhaps, none will be more emphasized than finding means of keeping country roads that have been improved in good condition. So frequently, after improvement as to surface our country roads go to pieces rapidly because no adequate provision has been made for drainage. Again many complaints of slippery roads have been made, where they have been improved and oiled. Regarding this trouble, an expert from the State Roads Commission will give the latest methods of overcoming it. In fact, since the road problem is such an important one at this time in every county and neighborhood of the State, it is our belief that the conference and short course should be largely attended by taxpayers, county commissioners, roads engineers and supervisors and many others living in Maryland communities where the road problem is of such prime importance. The complete program of the short course and conference, beginning January 10, which may be obtained by writing to the Agricultural College, College Park, Md., should be in the hands of every Marylander interested in having more and better roads throughout the State.

WHY NOT GROW PURE-BRED FOWLS ON EVERY FARM?

ROY H. WAITE,
Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

Maryland poultry raisers make a practice of mixing their breeds. They use one male this year, get a male bird of an entirely different breed next year, another the year after, until finally the flock gets to look as if it had been struck by lightning. Nothing could be worse for the poultry industry than this hit or miss breeding. You get stronger, healthier fowls, you say. Let us see why you do. When you breed from two birds that are in any way related you increase the chances of perpetuating any defect which they may both have. Being related the chances that they will both have the same defect are increased.

When you cross two breeds or varieties the chances of breeding birds together both with the same defect or fault are greatly diminished. This then is the only plausible reason for breeding a mixed mongrel flock. Let us see what it costs us to do this. Let us see how much we gain or loose in the long run.

1. A good strain of pure bred will lay more eggs.
2. Eggs from pure bred will be more uniform in size, shape and color.
3. A pure bred will make a better appearance on the market.
4. The carcass of a pure bred will make a better appearance on the market on account of uniformity of size, shape and color.
5. Breeding stock of a pure bred can often be sold to advantage.
6. You cannot help but take pride in a pure bred flock and will give them better attention.

Don't you really think that it would really pay to give a little more care to the selection of breeding stock of some good breed, rather than keep on with a flock that the word "hash" would very nearly describe.

By selecting the strongest, most vigorous and healthy birds for breeding, you can keep a flock in first class condition. Instead of perpetuating defects, you will be making headway in fixing and improving the desirable qualities and in the meantime getting the advantages that we enumerated as belonging to the pure bred flock.

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A TOUCH OF GOLD.

Its Magic Restored to Its Pedestal His Tottering Dignity.

One day during his prosperous "Adonis" time in London Henry E. Dixey was walking in the Strand when he met an American actor. He belonged to the order of self satisfied persons who live to give out the impression that the man they deign to speak to is specially singled out by an indulgent providence for high favor. This particular haughty one had obviously made acquaintance with misery. His clothes were seedy, and there were written all over him the signs of pressing want.

"Hello, old man, how are you getting on?" was the Dixey hail.

"Very well, I thank you, sir," replied the unbending one.

"Doing anything just now?" queried Dixey.

"Well, no, I may candidly say I'm not. These plebeian hounds over here do not estimate art at its proper value and I have refused, in deference to my dignity, to accept anything less than consider my services worth. I may be out of an engagement temporarily, but thank heaven, I have not degraded myself by taking any paltry advance and I still consider myself a gentleman."

Then he added, in a lower and less aggressive tone, "But I most candidly own that the pangs of hunger may soon make me forget my professional dignity, as I have not had a mouthful to eat in two days."

"For heaven's sake," exclaimed the pitying Dixey, "take this and get something to eat!" And he laid in the starving man's hand a sovereign.

With the touch of gold in his consciousness the recipient's face underwent a magical change. Halting a passing cab, he turned to Dixey and said: "Thanks, old fellow. I'll return this in a couple of days. Cabby, drive me to the Cafe Royal."

And away he went to spend that precious sovereign at a single throw. His pride as a gentleman must not be allowed to suffer.—Detroit Free Press.

IMPOLITE OFFICIALS.

They Sometimes Get a Jolt, as One of Them Did In Paris.

It would appear that the public servant, no matter how small his position or humble his function, is much the same person in France as in this country, manifesting much the same lack of courtesy as that which meets us so often here.

Recently in one of the departments of a Parisian mayoralty, toward midday, a little old employee was about to begin munching a bunch of carrots. Some one rapped at the door. No response from the little employee.

The person who had rapped entered. "Monsieur," he began.

"Come back at 2 o'clock," growled the little employee, as he continued to gnaw away at the vegetables.

"But"—

"No buts about it. Come back at 2 o'clock."

"I am the new chief of the bureau," said the visitor.

At once the little employee jumped up, trying to hide the bunch of carrots behind his back, as he bowed deeply to the visitor.

"Go before me," said the chief, "and show me, if you please, to my bureau."

The little employee was greatly embarrassed by his carrots. He did not know where to put them.

The chief took pity on him. "My friend," he said, "put down your carrots. There is no shame in eating vegetables. But that respectable occupation should not prevent you from giving a gracious welcome to the public. Let this serve as a lesson to you."—Indianapolis News.

Mathematical Prizes.

The Academy of Sciences of Goettingen, Germany, holds $21,000 to be awarded to whomsoever can furnish a general proof of Fermat's theorem, which is to the effect that in the equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ if n stands for an integer (whole number) greater than 2 no integral values can be found for x, y and z. This must be furnished before Sept. 1, 2007.

The French Academy of Sciences awards every five years the Jean Reynaud prize of $53,200 for the best original work in mathematics.—Scientific American.

Mark Twain's Advice.

Mark Twain was a firm believer in the higher education of woman, but Hartford still remembers a speech he made one June to a platform of Hartford girl graduates.

This speech, a humorous attack on the college girl, ended:

"Go forth. Fall in love. Marry. Set up housekeeping. And then, when your husband wants a shirt ironed, send out for a gridiron to do it with."

Pride of Pedigree.

"Who was that you just spoke to?"

"Can't think of his name just now, but he is a descendant of one of the old families."

"He hasn't got over it yet?"

"My boy, they never do."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Worth Cultivating.

"I think fortune is beginning to smile on me a little."

"Keep up the flirtation," advised the friend.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Diplomatic.

Bobby—Pa, what are diplomatic relations? Pa—Ask your mother, Robert. Some of hers were, before I married her.—Judge.

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In Effect Monday, January 3rd, 1916.

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 9, Light St. Wharf, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 A. M., weather and tide permitting, for the following points: Rock Hall, Queenstown, Bogles, Cliffs, *Ashland, Quaker Neck, Booker's, *Riverside, Rolph's, *Piney Grove, arrive Chestertown about 5.30 P. M.

*Stop on Signal.

Returning, steamer leaves Chestertown for Baltimore, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8.00 A. M., weather and tide permitting, stopping at the above landings, arriving in Baltimore about 2 P. M.

Steamer operating to Points above Chestertown, namely, Deep Landing and Crumpton, will be withdrawn on and after January 1st, 1916, last trip from Baltimore, December 29th, 1915, last trip to Baltimore, December 30th, 1915.

This time-table shows the times at which steamers may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several wharves, but their arrivals or departures at the times stated is not guaranteed, nor does the Company hold itself responsible for any delay or any consequences arising therefrom.

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WINTER SCHEDULE

(Weather and Ice Permitting.)

In effect 12 o'clock noon, December 24th, 1915.

SASSAFRAS RIVER ROUTE

Steamer will leave Baltimore Thursdays at 7.00 A. M., for Betterton, Sassafras River Landing and Tolchester, returning same day.

Leave Fredericktown at 12.00 noon, Betterton 1.00 P. M., Worton Manor 1.45 P. M., Tolchester 3.00 P. M., arriving in Baltimore at 5.00 P. M.

TOLCHESTER ROUTE

Steamer will leave Baltimore Saturday, January 8th and 22nd, 1916; Saturday, February 5th and 19th, 1916; Saturday, March 4th, 1916, at 7.00 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.

Returning, Leave Tolchester same day at 9.00 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.

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