THE RECKLESS DRIVER

Within the past four days three persons died and five others were injuried by automobiles at Salisbury. In a few of the larger cities the police have deemed it necessary in the interests of public safety to adopt stern methods in treating the reckless driver. It is not a quarrel between pedestrain and motorist but a movement on the part of careful drivers, pedestrains and authorities to make the streets and highways as safe as possible under existing traffic conditions.

Reckless driving does not consist of exceeding a statutory speed limit. In fact, those charged with the enforcement of traffic rules separate speeders into two classes and concern themselves with only the one.

Acts of reckless driving considered especially objectionable are driving on the wrong side of the road at curves and hills, fast driving at street and road intersections, crowding other cars on any thoroughfare, passing standing street cars where there is no safety zone, excessive speed in heavy traffic, and passing the car ahead at points where the road is concealed from the driver's view and where such passing is made hazardous by traffic congestion.

The reckless driver is as great a menace to the careful motorists as to the careful pedestrain and both are equally anxious to make the highways safe for themselves. They concede that the most cautious driver and pedestrain will make mistakes and will distinguish between these and the deliberately and habitually reckless.

BETTER DAIRY HERDS POSSIBLE BY GRADING

Grade and scrub dairy cows are probably producing from ninety to ninety-five percent of the dairy products of the State. and this fact should impress dairymen with the tremendous possibilities for improving their herds through the introduction of purebred bulls.

According to the same figures for the year 1924, there were in Maryland 173,000 dairy cows which produced a total of 74,042,696 gallons of milk, an average of 428 gallons per cow. Dairy products during that year were valued at$13,400,000. As not more than three or four percent of the dairy cattle of the state are purebred, it is easy to understand that the grades and the scrubs were responsible for the bulk of the production.

Since this is the case the most practical method of herd improvement for the average dairyman is through engrafting upon his herd the characteristics of one of the major dairy breeds by the successive use of purebred bulls belonging to the breed of his choice. There are many instances on record in which the grade daughters sired by a purebred bull and from common cows have both milk and butterfat production records from twenty-five to seventy-five percent greater than the production of their dams.

If improvement of the herd through grading is to be successful, there are certain practices which must be followed. The choice as to breed should not be made without giving careful thought to individual preference, local conditions and market demands. The choice of breed having been decided upon. as good a bull of that breed as circumstances will permit should be obtained. As often as it becomes necessary to obtain a new herd sire, one of the same breed as that with which grading began should be secured. It is not wise to change breeds once grading has been started.

Do not use a grade bull of good individuality and expect to increase or even maintain herd production. As the average production of the individual cows in the herd increases it will be necessary to give greater thought to the selection of the herd sire in order that the herd average may be maintained or increased. This greater attention to selection is necessary owing to the fact that it becomes increasingly hard to obtain a bull which will sire daughters with higher productive capacity than their dams as the dams themselves improve in yield."

TOMATO TESTS PLANNED THIS SEASON

Nine varieties of tomatoes suitable for canning purposes will be tested out in nine of the leading tomato growing counties of the State this season under supervision of the University of Maryland Extension Service, it is announced by L. M. Goodwin, canning crops specialist.

Sixteen tests have been planned, eleven for the Eastern Shore and five for counties in Western Maryland. In all counties except Dorchester a uniform set of eight varieties will be tested. Greater Baltimore, Indiana Baltimore, Tri-State, Livingstone Stone, Norton, Columbia, Marglabe and Bonnie Best will be the varietier under observation.

In Dorchester county wilt-resistant varieties will be used, including the Columbia, Norton, Norduke, Marglobe and a non-resistant selection of Greater Baltimore.

All tests will be conducted under farm conditions and will be directed to discovering the best varieties for local production and canning requirements.

A still geater number of varieties will be tested at the University of Maryland Experiment Station. Samples of the different varieties grown there will be canned under the supervision of F. W. Geise, professor of vegetable gardening, and will be examined later to compare the quality of the finished product.

Community plant bed demonstrattions for the production of tomato plants under approved methods will be conducted in practically all of the leading tomato producing counties of the State during the coming season, it is announced. The size of the beds will produce hundreds of thousands of plants for growers throughout the State. Growing tomato plants in cloth covered cold frames also will be demonstrated in a number of counties.

DEATHS

Mrs. Anne Phillips Strong, wife of Earl R. Strong, formerly, of Kent County, died suddenly of heart trouble while asleep on Thursday. April 28th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen S. Goodrich in New York city where she has lived for the past eleven years. She was born in Baltimore August 20th, 1860 and lived in Rock Hall about thirty years and attended Old St. Paul's Church. Funeral services were held at the Chapel of Intercession, New York and interment was made in Greenmount cemetery, Baltimore. She leaves three children, James P. Strong, of Baltimore; Percy R. Strong, of Wilmington; and Mrs. Heen S. Goodrich, of New York.

Millard F. Wilmer passed away Thursday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Susie E. Toulson after a lingering illness age 70 years. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Susie Toulson where he has lived for the past nine years. He was a member of Worton M. E. Church for many years. He was one of Still Pond's most highly respected citizens. To know him was to love him for his gentle ways. Services will be held Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Susie Toulson at 1 p. m. Rev Mr. Clark officiating. Interment in Still Pond cemetery. B. R. Fellows, undetraker.

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Bramble of Philadelphia, Pa., was brought to Chestertown and buried in Chestertown cemetery on Sunday.

Upton S. Landers, a former resident of this town, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Douglass, in Baltimore. The deceased was for a number of years associated with the late Prof. Thomas H. Topping in the milling business here.

NOTARIES AND J. P'S QUAILFY

Messrs. Charles R. Kerr, Olin B. Stafford and George E. Hicks have qualified as Justices of the Peace for Kent county.

The Notary Publics who have qualified are William B. Dukes, Alice R. Smith. Lida B. Wheat, Lawrence P. Strong, C. M. Melvin, Jr., J. William Clark. J. Raymond Simpres, Elsie W. Jester, Jesse E. Ireland, Raymond R. Wilkins, Harry C. Coleman, A. Sydney Turner, Jr., Floyd N. Smith and Herbert A. Urie.

Mr. William F. Malin qualified as Police Justice for the Fourth Election District on Friday of this week.

Mr. Charles L. Dodd has qualified as a member of the Board of managers of the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

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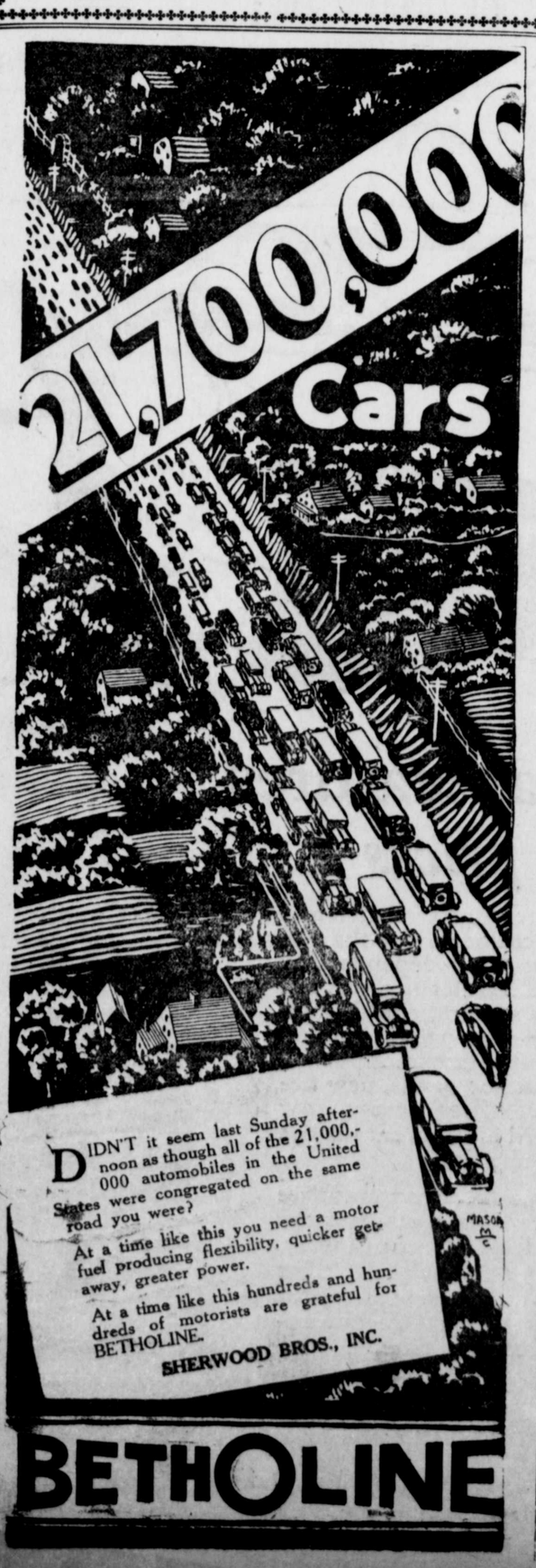

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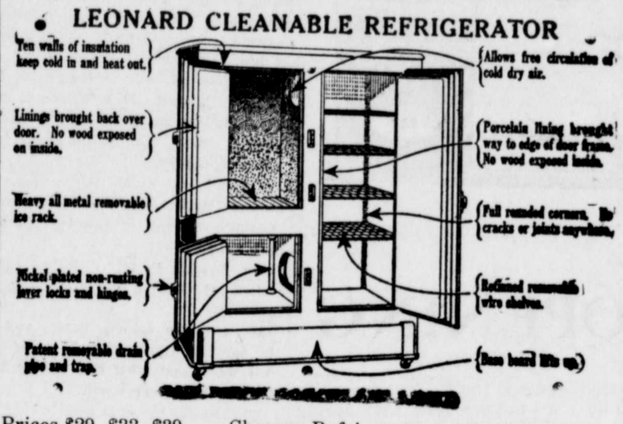

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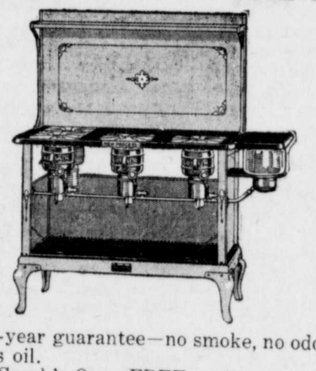

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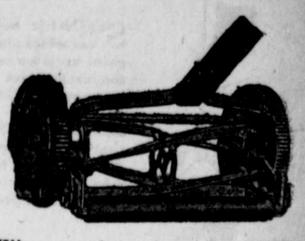

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