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AGRICULTURAL NOTES

BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN

TEN TON TOMATO CONTEST

The contest among Maryland tomato growers, to determine which growers may produce the greatest average yield per acre, is to be conducted again this year. Suitable prizes are offered. The idea back of this contest is the desire to demonstrate the practicability of the slogan "More Tomatoes From Fewer Acres." The contest stimulates the use of the most approved methods leading to low cost of production. Certainly, this year if ever, the growers should be interested in reducing the cost of production and increasing the yield per acre if they expect to make any profit.

Plants are ready for field setting earlier than usual this year—fertilizers are cheaper—labor is lower. It is hoped that a number of growers will enter this contest, not only to increase yields per acre to reduce the production per basket, but also to get the thrill of successful competition in attaining a goal. Those desiring to enter should get in touch with the County Agent.

Attention is called to a common error in tilling tomatoes. Too many people till too deeply, thereby cutting off feeding roots and thus reducing the yield. Frequent shallow cultivation to keep down weeds and conserve moisture, is the best type of tillage.

Those desiring to enter and have already set their tomato plants in the field, may apply additional fertilizer as a side dressing.

See the County Agent for details.

Swine Raising Suggestions

In order that cost of production of swine may be kept down and full values received at selling time, several points should be observed.

1. The importance of green grazing crops.
2. Castrate the young males.
3. Supply protein in the form of tankage or fish meal is a supplement to the grain feed.
4. Furnish a mineral mixture to increase normal growth and strength of bone.
5. Make sure that fresh drinking water is available at all hours.
6. Provide shelter or shade from the direct rays of the sun.
7. Keep the sleeping quatrers sanitary—use proper precautions to insure freedom from internal and external parasites.

In this connection you are reminded that the 1500 pound—150 day Litter Contest is a splendid oportunity to apply the above suggestions and to enjoy a friendly competitive game with liberal prizes available for County and State winners. Entries will not be received after July 1st. Any Kent County farmer who has a good litter of nine (9) or more pigs is urged to compete. The Contest is fostered by the Extension Service and the Maryland Stockmen's Association.

Grain Fields To Be Inspected

County Agent McVean announces that farmers with wheat, barley, rye or oats which they think are worth extra price as seed may have their fields inspected as a preliminary to certification of the grain for seed purposes. The inspections are made in the fields prior to harvest—later the grain is sampled and tested in a Laboratory for purity and germination. A small charge is made for inspection which is under the direction of the Maryland Seed Certification Board. Any one desiring to have any or all of the above named grains inspected should get in touch with the County Agent, who has the application forms and detailed information.

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Bashful Sheriff Won by Clever Ruse

By JACK WOODFORD

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THE thing started out perfectly altruistically. It was the sheriff's idea, primarily. It had worried him for some time that the widow Watkins would live far out on Maple road, half a mile from another house, near to the railroad tracks. Bums were always riding the freights in from Omaha; and they usually dropped off the cars, short of town, and walked in, so as not to be caught by the railroad detectives always alert in the yards.

And in winter weather, with hard times sweeping the country, they were plenty tough. The widow Watkins' house offered a shining mark for them. It was a neat, small house; it looked as though the one in it was pretty well off. If they watched, and discovered that she was alone in the house . . . in that house there was plenty that a tramp might be interested in. Food, shelter, perhaps some money; possibly valuables that could be turned over for cash in hock shops. The widow didn't like dogs; and she loathed telephones . . . and she was afraid of firearms. It was bad business. She ought to be made to take some measures for her protection. And, beside, the sheriff was personally interested in the pretty widow, since he was a bachelor. Tonight he started out with Walter Bumble, the grocer. They drove to within a block of the house . . . got out. Bumble was to go up to the house; make suspicious noises, rattle a window, as though he were somebody trying to get in . . . Then he would try to knock in a door . . . when the widow was plenty frightened, and convinced of the error of her ways, the sheriff would drop in.

For the visit, the sheriff had worn his Sunday suit. He had combed his thick mane of black hair until it was in rigid order. He had cleaned his nails, and had a shampoo down at the barber shop; that the widow did not look upon him with complete disfavor, he knew . . . but so far he had made no progress into her affections.

Everything went fine until Bumble began to rattle a window and then listen to hear what might go on . . . What he heard sent him back to the sheriff, waiting behind a tree.

"There's a man in there with her; a fellow with a big, deep voice. He's talking to her so loud, I guess she didn't even hear me rattle the window."

"Were they quarreling? Was he threatening her?" the sheriff asked.

"Nope; she was talking to him in an ordinary way. Some friend of hers, I reckon." The sheriff and Mr. Bumble slunk off. But, in a small town, that was not likely to be the end if it. The rumor spread. In vain did the sheriff tell Bumble he'd knock his block off if he didn't keep his mouth shut. At last the sheriff, unable to stem the tide of gossip, drove out to see the widow. He was embarrassed, fingered his hat nervously, as she let him into her parlor.

"What's on your mind, Sam?" she asked.

"Nothing," he told her, embarrassedly, "on mine; but there's plenty I don't like on the minds of others around here. They're talking, and I can't stop 'em. Listen, Mary. I ain't no great shakes at making love . . . that's why I'm a bachelor; but I honest-to-goodness think a lot of you. I been wanting to marry you for a long time for more than sufficient good reasons . . . now I got another reason for wanting to do it. I want to be in a position to break the face of any man who dares to say a word about you."

"But what do they say?" she asked.

"They say that a man comes out here at night sometimes. Somebody overheard you talking to him alone in here at night, not long ago."

"Suppose, Sam," she said, "I were to tell you that I've not only talked to that man, but that I kissed him lots of times . . . would you still want to marry me?"

"If you wanted me more than him I sure would," Sam said; "and I don't believe nothing wrong. If you say you love me more than him . . ."

"But I don't," she said. "I love him more than you'

"Then I'll be going," Sam said. For the first time the widow was interested. This big, handsome strong fellow, miserable, looking like a boy who had lost his best friend . . . it was too much for the widow. She said:

"Wait a minute, Sam." She went to a corner. Opened a phonograph. Put on a record. Presently Sam heard a deep, hearty voice; there were pauses with remarks of her own. She turned to him when the record was over.

"My husband," she explained, "made the record for fun one day; he was an executive in a place that manufactured records. Sometimes I use the record when I see strange figures skulking around. They hear it and think there's a man in the house and go away. It's better than a shotgun, or a dog."

"Better," Sam asked shyly, "than a live husband?"

"Well . . ." the widow hesitated; and then, at last, Sam got up the nerve to take her into his arms and kiss her. After that it was all over but the final and vigorous:

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Early Hospitals

The establishment of hospitals in the sense in which we understand them now probably occurred in Europe during the Middle ages. Historians differ somewhat on this, but it is generally agreed that the institutions conducted in Europe by various religious orders were perhaps the forerunners of the present-day hospitals. It should be remembered, however, that there were certain places set aside for the treatment of the sick in early Greece. These were more on the order of clinics rather than hospitals in the modern sense of the word. The first hospital in the United States was established a few years after the settlement of New York was made, about 1670.

Andrew Jackson's Protege

"Among the incidents of Tallusbatchie," says Augustus Buell in "History of Andrew Jackson," "was the capture of a little Indian boy not more than two years of age, both of whose parents had been killed. General Jackson took charge of him, provided him with clothing and made a captured colored woman, a slave of the Creeks, nurse him. He subsequently sent him and his nurse to the Hermitage. The boy, to whom Jackson gave the name of Lincoyer, lived on the general's plantation until he reached the age of twenty, when he died of what was then called 'quick consumption' (pneumonia)."

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