Agricultural Notes

(BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN)

LOANS FOR CROP PRODUCTION AVAILABLE FROM TWO SOURCES

The Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Baltimore, a banking institution has Federal funds available for crop production, for poultry, dairying, breeding and feeding livestock and marketing The County Loan Committee of which the County Agent is Secretary has application blanks for this loan. A favorable report by an inspector is required in addition to similar action by the Loan Committee. A charge for the inspection is made. The range of enterprizes eligible for loans is greater from this institution than from the Crop Production Loans administered by the Department of Agriculture, but more security is required. Get details from the County Agent.

The Crop Production is to be quite similar to those of 1931 and 1932. Details regarding the loan are not yet available but doubtless will be about March 1st.

No one is encouraged to borrow if it can be avoided. However, loans to provide for food and feed crops are justifiable and mean much as a means of insuring adequate subsistence. Loans for "cash crops" or crops to be placed on the market are not good prospects. Such crops simply add more crops which due to low buying power of consumer, mean unprofitable returns. Livestock and poultry have been better markets for farm crops than "cash crops."

SPRING OATS

Early Sowing of Early Variety Essential

Oats are our best spring grain. At best, they are not highly desirable from the yield and quality standpoint. They have a place however as a feed crop. They serve well as a nurse crop for alfalfa, etc. They fill in acreage not fall seeded to winter wheat or winter barley. Oats may therefore well be considered as an emergency crop.

Oats are a cool weather crop. For this reason, early seeding is very important, as is an early maturing variety if they are to mature ahead of hot weather. Do not use the large white feed oats carried by feed stores as they are late maturing Northern oats.

Recommended varieties of oats for this section are "Richand or Iowa 105" and the Iowa. These are short strawed, and small kerneled but have a relatively high ration of grain and straw.

The Fulghum oat is Red and is but little affected by smuts, use certified seed and be free of smut. Yields well, kernels are plump, yellowish brown. Tests show the Fulghum outyields other varieties when seeded real early, not with late seeding.

Late February or early March are suitable for Eastern Shore Maryland, seeding of oats. Seed as early as you seed canning house peas. Oats withstand cold although it is possible to kill a seeding by freezing under extreme conditions. However, on the average, early seeding is a better risk than late seeding, since the latter definitely means low yields while low yields are infrequent with early seeding.

Canning Crops Suggestions

Prospects for Canning Crops are not bright. No one is saying, how many packers will operate nor the price that can be paid. However, we may be sure that canning crops will be grown. Profit cannot be promised but such crops furnish a source of cash income. Tomatoes are Kent's main canning corp. The effort should be to produce quality crops economically. Quality and quantity or yield per acre figure largely in economy of production. Farmers then will do well to use the practices which by test indicate the greatest chance for "more tomatoes from fewer acres." Fall plowed, well manured soil, the most fertile available is one important factor. Liberal use of fertilizer is good insurance of quality and yield, and pays well as a general practice. There are years like 1931 when the rule fails, due to other factors as drought, hot weather, insects or disease destroying the crop wholly or in pat. Study of the practices used by those who have high quality tomatoes and satisfactory returns shows that soil, fertilizer, variety and early set plants are basic. Tillage and insect and disease control are aids.

Tests reveal the Marglobe to be a most satisfactory canning tomato. Packers like it as well as growers. It yields well, has fine color and responds to fertile soil. Does well on light soils. Strains of the Greater Baltimore do well and are popular, especially on heavy soils types. Pritchard, a new variety, is most promising.

Yields vary so directly with the time of setting in the field that much effort is and should be made to secure early plants. The muslin covered plant bed is a means of securing plants (2 weeks on the average) earlier than from open beds. There may be exceptional years but in general, two weeks are earned by the use of the muslin.

Southern grown plants are tried, also hothouse and hot bed plants. The muslin covered bed in which certified seed of known origin is used, is most apt to produce disease free plants of vigor and vitality.

Bulletins on Tomato Growing are free also plans and directions on making and using muslin covered beds, at the County Agent's office in the Court House.

Sweet Clover For Pasture

Sweet Clover is increasingly popular as a pasture crop. The white variety is rated best for the East. Does well under varying conditions. Soil must be fairly sweet and the seed should be innoculated unless the soil is already innoculated. Lime the manure and fertile soil all increase the chance of success. Usually successful stands are assured when requirements are met yet, the 1931 drought for example left thin stands. Success cannot be guaranteed but should result from nearly all worthy attempts. Acid soil is a big handicap.

April seeding on firm seed bed using 15-20 pound of hulled seed per acre is advised. Scarified seed germinate more quickly and more completely, unhulled seed can be sown in winter-time is required to germinate the unhulled seed.

Sweet clover is commonly seeded on wheat or barley. Maybe sown with oats as nurse crop to be removed early. Will provide some grazing the same season. Does not produce seed until second year. The plant dies after seed prouction but ferquenty reseeds the land so that it golrws continuously if care is used in grazing it i. e waiting for new growth to get good start and not over grazing. Too heavy grazing the first year so weakens the plants they do not survive the first winter.

Sweet clover grows best during the hot weather and supplies abundant grazing the second year (if well established the first year. It has meant much for milk producers when other pastures are at a standstill. No better pasture crop is known for Kent.

GALENA

Mrs. Bertha DeCoursey, of Atlantic City, N. J., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Powell.

The Willing Worker S. S. Class held a Washington Social on Wednesday evening in the Chapel.

The Ladies of the M. E. Church are planning a surprise package sale, articles running from 10 cents to 25 cents, ice cream and cake for sale on Tuesday, February 28th.

Mr. Jack Newnam, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Newnam.

Mr. James Ryan, of Philadelphia, Pa., was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newnam and family., of New Jersey, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newnam near town.

Mrs. Harry Smith and son, of Salisbury, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Scotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran and Mrs. Wilson Cochran attended a wedding anniversary given in honor of Mr. Crawford, near Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Coleman and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blount.

Mrs. James Skinner and Mrs. L. R. Vansant spent last Thursday with relatives in Millington, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Olie Ford and family, of near Chestertown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyles.

Mr. Irving Vansant, of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Schrieber, of Chestertown, Md., spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCauley and family, of Del-Ray, Va., spent the week end with the former's aunt, Mrs. Linda Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. William Otty, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with the latters niece, Mrs. Heston Cox.

Mr. Ralph Thornley and family, of near Camden, Del., spent part of Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

STILL POND

Mrs. Wm. Medders has returned home after spending several days with her daughter at Westminister, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, of Cambridge, Md., spent a weeks vacation with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Taylor.

Mrs. Harry Wheeler and daughters, of Baltimore, Md., spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norris and family.

Mrs. Wm. Clark has returned home after visiting her brother and family at Vineland, N. J.

Miss Mary Jervis spent this week with Mrs. Lewis Jewell at Betterton, Md.

Miss Edith Hepbron has returned home after spending several weeks with her sister at Washington Grove, Md.

The Sunday School Room was filled on Wednesday evening to celebrate Washington's birthday, a very enjoyable program was given after which home made ice cream and cake was served, and the Epworth League's treasure was helped.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet on next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Angie Rasin.

The devotional service of the Epworth League will be lead on Sunday evening by Avis Clark and Margaret Fellows.

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SCHOOL DAYS — By DWIG



SCHOOL NOTES

CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Janet MacVean

The "Dragon" nearly died a natural death, but to the astonishment and delight of the onlookers it seems to be recuperating nicely. Seniors have come to the rescue with money for their pictures and subsrriptions. Only $230.10 is now needed to pay the costs of publishing, etc. If you desire C. H. S. to remain the only high school on the Shore which publishes a year-book, bring your $2.00 for your "Dragon" before March 15.

The Honor Roll for January, which was omitted last week because of lack of space, is as follows:

Seniors—Lelia Anthony, Mary Virginia Brown, Mary Margaret Eliason, Elizabeth Fontaine, Rebecca Groves, Nancy Hepbron, William Magee, Cora Mench, George Rasin, Georgeanna Redman, Betty Storey.

Juniors—Margaret Bell, Beatrice Berger, Betty Capel, Pauline Crew, Edna Marie Dierker, Myrtle Hadaway, Janet MacVean, Marian Reinhart, Carrie Schreiber, Dorothy Walbert, Mildred Willis, Mark Wood, Elizabeth Wescott, Charles Wheatley.

Sophomores—Elizabeth Baldwin, Betty Coleman, Sarah Dodd, Freida Dorf, Virginia Dulin, Elizabeth Elliott, Grace MacVean, Mary Moffett, Opal Perry, Ruth Redding, Martha Speicher, Betty Strong, John Truslow, Georgeana Whiteley.

Freshmen—Sara Baxter, Mina Brown, Annabelle Coleman, Marcia Earle, Gladys Gustafson, Erma Long, Anna Olice, Ralph Thornton, Doris Toulson, Christine Vansant.

Attendance records at C. H. S. have been damaged considerably by the mumps. At least one of the "solemn seniors," surely solemn while she had them, suffered this painful and slightly ridiculous ailment. Other cases have been sprinkled among the lower classes.

The "Reflector" is due to make an appearance at the end of the week.

Speaking of the "Reflector" calls to mind the card party which was held Saturday night. Rummy, bridge, and five hundred engaged the attention of nearly forty students and their friends. $9.60 was cleared.

The Commercial Law Class will hold a mock trial this week as a part of their class work. The whole school would like to be present, which fortunately for the peace of the class is impossible.

The Senior Class will present Macbeth in the Elementary School auditorium on Friday, February 24. The tickets will cost 25c apiece. Come one, come all.

A supper is planned for Thursday, March 1, at C. H. S. Every 35 cent ticket will be just that much toward the "Dragon."

The boy's doubles ping-pong tournament has advanced to the semi-finals. The Wright-McMahon team was defeated by the O. Smith-Kirby team. Benjamin and Moore won over L. Smith and Porter 6-4, 9-11, 8-6. Truslow and Owens won 6-0, 6-0, over Benjamin and Waddell. Atwater and Dole defeated Hepbron and Harper 614, 6-1. McGregor and Miller lost 6-0, 6-0. to Coleman and Wheatley. In the second round, Benjamin and Moore eliminated O. Smith and Kirby 6-6, 7-5, 7-5. Truslow and Owens won 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 over Atwater and Dole. Coleman and Wheatley had no opponents. In the semi-finals Truslow and Owens defeated Coleman and Wheatley 6-4, 6-1. The title now lies between the Truslow-Owens team and the Benjamin-Moore team.

The History Club pencils are selling well now that the supply of Christmas pencils is running out. However, there are a good many more left for sale. Buy your pencils from the History Club.

The first History Club programs under the new officers will be held next week.

The 9B and 9C sections are starting the unit on quadratic equations. The 10B section is starting Book III in Plane Geometry which deals with the theory of proportion.

The first program of the 9C section of the Home Ec. Club was held in the form of a party. The refreshments were made and served by the girls. Mrs. Knotts, Mrs. Speicher, Mrs. Stavely, Mrs. Greenwood, and Mrs. McVean were the mothers who were able to attend. They and the other guests enjoyed the little program presented by the girls very much. The 9B section entertained the Seniors who take Home Ec. and who had a study period at the time of their party. The 10th graders have started their study of budgets by budgeting their day. So many minutes for this and so many for that are laid off on a circle representing the day. This seems to be quite amusing, as well as instructive. The sewing machines were thoroughly cleaned and overhauled on Friday and Saturday by a Singer Company man.

The 10th and 11th grades take Latin together, you know. This year they are studying the orations of Cicero. As a test, a very unusual one, the class had to write up the story of the Third Oration against Catiline as a newspaper report. Mary Margaret Eliason's report follows:

ROMAN GOVERNMENT
NARROWLY ESCAPES
TREASONABLE PLOT

Lives Of Consuls Saved By Cicero

By the keen cleverness of Cicero, the Consul, and his aides, traitors to the Roman government have been brought to justice, and the complete destruction of the government has been narrowly avoided.

Allobroges Confide Secret Plot To Consul

Having planned to murder the consuls, set fire to Rome, and then flee to Etruria where they intended to join Catiline, who was directing the scheme, the traitors sought the aid of the Allobroges through some Allobrogian ambassadors who were at that time in Rome. Cicero was told of their plan.

Cicero Obtains Lotters As Evidence

The Allobroges with Volturcius, a Catilinite who carried letters to Catiline, were intercepted at the Mulvian Bridge, and the letters taken by some of Cicero's assistants.

Conspirators Confess of Meeting of Senate

Volurcines turned state's evidence, and other leaders followed by admitting their guilt. Chief among these was Publius Lentulus. He with Cethegus, Statilius, and Gabinius, other prominent members of the conspiracy was imprisoned.

Day of Festival Declared by Senate

In honor of Cicero's valor in this affair, the Senate has declared a day of thanksgiving.

Meeting Called in Forum by Cicero

After the session of the Senate, which lasted all day yesterday, Cicero called together a meeting in the Forum early this morning. To this gathering he told of the thwarted conspiracy and the Senate's decision.

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