Growing Season Very Backward

This week with a mean temperature about 2.5 degrees above normal was about 4.5 degrees cooler than the preceding week. Moisture was abundant. There were two cool days, one day with seasonable temperature, two moderately warm days, and two warm days. There was one day with heavy rain. Light rain fell on two days.

All crops improved and made headway. The weather was very favorable for the growth of grains, grasses, and pastures.

Pea plants are good to very good. They are 3 to 4 inches high at Rock Hall and one foot high at Bel lAir. Early potato plants are good to excellent, but are growing slowly.

Winter grains are mostly good. At La Plata wheat is 18 inches high and the last blades are starting. Wheat is 14 inches high at Joppa; the crop will not equal the one of 1942. Wheat is ready to head at Queen Anne and is headed at Hurlock. Rye is heading at Northeast, is in head at Joppa, and is headed well at Hurlock. Barley is heading or is headed. Oats are good. Winter oats are heading and spring oats are 3 to 5 inches high at Rock Hall. Sowing oats was interrupted in the Allegheny Mountain region by the rains and the wet soil.

Setting out tomato plants continues; southern grown tomato plants are being set out at Bel Air, Hurlock, and Rock Hall. Sweet potato plants are being set out at Easton and Hurlock.

Preparation of fields for corn and planting corn were interrupted by the wet soil. Corn previously planted is coming up nicely, including yellow sweet corn at Queen Anne.

Considerable sowing of oats and planting of peas and early potatoes are yet to be done in the Allegheny Mountain region.

Late peach and late pear trees have fruited. The set of peaches at Joppa is reestimated as 65 per cent of the 1942 crop. Peaches are being sprayed at Bel Air; a heavy crop is indicated.

Strawberry plants are in bloom or are fruiting, except in the Allegheny Mountain region.

Apple trees are setting fruit in the eastern and central divisions: they have finished blooming in western Maryland, except are blooming in the Allegheny Mountain region.

Pastures are good. Crimson clover at Felton, Del., and scarlet clover at Queen Anne, Md., are ready for cutting. Grasses are growing well at Oakland. Fields for soy beans are being plowed at La Plata. Asparagus is improving, string bean plants are very good, and cucumber plants are coming up at Hurlock.

The growing season is still very backward.

JOHN R. WEEKS

SOCIAL LIFE IN BETTERTON

The Still Pond—Betterton W. C. T. U. met last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Smith in Kenedyville.

Billy Crew of Norwood, Pa., spent the weekk-end with his mother, Mrs. Hattye Crew.

The Naomi Circle met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Elva Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willis, Jr., are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a little daughter in the Kent-Queen Anne's Hospital. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Children's Day Service will be held at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening, May 23rd at 8 p. m. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wheeler and daughters of Reistertown spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler.

Mrs. Emma Willis of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her son, Frank Willis, Jr.

Laurence Brice of the U. S. Army had a seventy two hour leave last week which he spent with his father, James Brice at Ferncliffe. He is now stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

Senator Arthur H. Brice is spending this week with his son, Dr. Talbot Brice on the Western Shore.

Mrs. Bayard Sutton and daughter Nancy of Elkton, spent one day last week with Mrs. Merritt Sutton.

SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND WORTON

Mrs. Paul Joiner and mother, Mrs. Chas. Crowding spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Jack Ball and Miss Marion Rodney spent last week with the former's sister, Mrs. George Painter in Essex, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffett spent Sunday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Moffett of Lankford.

Little Helen Knight spent last week with her Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Davis visited relatives on Sunday and Morris Jr., returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter and Mr. George Rash of Chestertown visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash on Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence Lee and daughter, Thelma Anne of Wilmington spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Lee.

Mrs. Louis Newsome and son Richard visited Mrs. Horace Loller on Saturday.

B. M. 2-C Edgar Harris of Philadelphia spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Katherine Harris.

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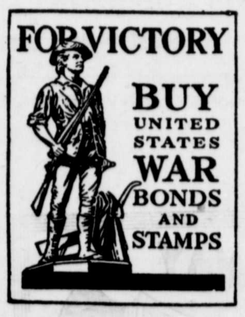

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