NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST AT STILL POND

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hepburn were guests with their mother Mrs. Edward Hepburn.

Mrs. Sheetz of Philadelphia visited with friends here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden of Philadelphia spent sometime with Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell other guests were: Mrs. Aubrey Hogans and children of near Camp Meade, Baltimore.

We had the pleasure of welcoming two of our young girls, Miss Alice Mann and Miss Marie Campbell into full membership to the Still Pond Methodist Church at the morning worship hour Sunday.

Mr. Willis K. Hackett visited with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lester Coleman in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Pennsylvania spent sometime at their home here.

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Kent WCTU met at Rock Hall Methodist Church, Thursday April 27th our president Mrs. J. L. Price called the meeting to order. Salute to The Flag Mrs. F. B. Harper. Special Music for the evening service by Still Pond Choir. "Immortal Life" by E. K. Keyser. directed by Mrs. John Sweetman of Chestertown.

Mrs. Edward Schofield spent Thursday with Mrs. Howard Woodall in Georgetown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Price were Sunday dinner guests with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary.

The following were winners of blankets from the County-wide Club. First Club, Frances Jamar of Chestertown. Second Club, Mrs. Minnie Coleman of Betterton and New Club, Miss Gladdis Crowding of Chestertown.

The following guests enjoyed the social hour at the Loyona Class meeting April 19th. Their names in Cryptogram are: Sontair Marvels; Chloe Nino Shrins; Theoley Dr. Worthy; Lillie Whiwamy; Pinnar Hamson; Gatern Ogramk and Prodd Pace

Mr William Clark has been housed with a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper were hosts to a few friends at a dinner Saturday evening.

Little Carole King of Metterton spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Boulden.

Miss Edna Wroth and Mrs. Hepburn have as their house guest, their friend, Mrs. Rowland, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Miss Mary Stokes has returned home after a pleasant stay with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hopkins and family were Sunday visitors with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Odgen of Baltimore enjoyed Sunday guests of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

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BETTERTON

Mr. Joseph Minster, of Philadelphia has returned to his cottage in Idlewhile Avenue for the summer.

Mrs. Pauline Von Culin of Army Nursing Corps at Aberdeen had the misfortunte to break a bone in her wrist one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Geber and daughter, of Philadelphia spent the week end at their home "The Charles", Mrs. Feber will stay for the summer.

"Tomie Lewis, of Brooklyn, Md., has been spending some time with his cousin, Mr. and Mrs Elwood Bramble.

Mr. Chas. Harmon passed away at the Kent-Queen Anne's Hospital one day last week. He has been a resident of our town for about two years.

Miss Mary Stokes has returned to her home near here after spending the winter with relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone of Dundalk, Md., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Walter Stone and sister, Miss Iona on Bayside.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper Brice and children, of Galena visited his sister, Mrs. Mary Myers on Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Williams and little son of Philadelphia, spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Harry Brice and family.

Mrs. Richard Fellows and Dickie Jr., spent Sunday with relatives in Oxford, Pa.

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Washington Digest

Egg Glut Calls Attention To School-Lunch Question

House of Representatives Decides Against Spending Taxpayers' Money on Food for School Children After July 1.

By BAUKHAGE
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You have often heard the lament when guests came and the larder was bare: "If we only had some ham and had some eggs, we could have ham and eggs."

If we had the man power and the machinery, equipment and distribution, we could step up American food production until, by 1954, we could feed 380 million people. That is what the Department of Agriculture says. Last year, we raised enough to feed 170 million.

Today, Washington is worrying over two problems brought into focus by that little "if."

This time we have over-production of one food product: eggs. Government agents are hurrying around trying to find a means of absorbing them. America has more eggs than were ever laid on these fair shores in our history, enough to have rolled some on the White House lawn on Easter Monday if the President had permitted such a wastage, which he wouldn't.

The government is buying eggs right and left (600 thousand cases of shell eggs, 13 million pounds of powdered eggs since January 1) to support the farmer's price, and giving some away — and here is where problem number two, which I said Washington was worrying about, comes in. We are giving away eggs to state and federal institutions and also for school lunches. After July 1, school lunches, supported by the federal government, will be no more if the senate follows the action of the house and refuses the appropriation for that purpose. And regardless of eggs, there is developing the other situation over which certain people in Washington are worried. I'll go into that later, but first, let us look at the egg glut.

We are told that we could feed a lot more people if we had the man power, equipment and machinery to produce the food. In the case of eggs, we could consume far more if we had the man power to run the drying equipment to produce the powdered eggs for the military forces and lend-lease although those institutions now consume 400 million pounds of egg-powder a year, and eggs run about three dozen to one pound of powder.

About Hen Power

In this case, the man power doesn't match the hen power. A contraption called a cyclone drier dries eggs. All you have to do is to crack the egg and drop it into a container and let the artificial breezes blow, but it's hard to get crackers. One Kansas City drier who has a wage ceiling of 50 cents an hour for his crackers, has to compete with an airplane plant in the neighborhood which has a 50 cents an hour ceiling, for work no less attractive to young ladies than breaking eggs.

Right now, the country boasts the biggest hen population it ever had and egg production is 80 per cent higher than it was just before the war. Ever since March, something has gotten into the hens that has made them step up their production — feed was supposed to be hard to get so it couldn't have been something they ate. Maybe it's just patriotism. Anyhow, the War Food administration is buying all the eggs it can, and now it is giving eggs to schools for school lunches and to state and federal institutions, not entirely because it has a generous heart but because it wants to support the price to the farmer who (as usual) hasn't been getting the benefit of the retail prices which, in many places, have stayed up even in the face of the greater supply. Washington, however, was able to buy eggs for the Easter rabbit this year, 18 cents a dozen cheaper than they were in March.

This egg glut has brought into sharp focus the school-lunch question which is of considerable concern to the Office of Education as well as the War Food administration.

The present laying spree of the hens will not last forever, and there will be no eggs to throw around later on. And anyhow, the house of representatives has decided that even if there were a surplus of eggs and other food products, it does not approve of spending the taxpayers' money on school lunches even if the four or five million school children won't get hot lunches after July 1 of this year.

Not all the parents of all of the four or five millions of school children are taxpayers. In fact, the truth is that many of them are too poor to buy a decent, or in some cases any, lunch for their children. The richer ones who can afford a lunch will have to be satisfied with a cold one and the chances are they won't get nearly as healthy a one as if it were provided by a school where parent-teacher and other groups have seen to it that a balanced diet is provided.

Educators Worried

This worries the Office of Education which is still working on congress to get an appropriation through to continue the school lunch idea.

School lunches started as "made work" back in the days of depression and the WPA. The original idea was to provide employment for women. But as the idea developed, it was discovered that here was an opportunity to do two things; to improve the health of school children and to absorb farm surpluses.

So the WPA furnished the woman power and some equipment and the Department of Agriculture furnished the food. For awhile, the department took the actual responsibility of buying the food and delivering it. Later, when the WPA went out of business, and in many cases local sponsors took care of the service, the Department of Agriculture merely contributed a certain amount of money (nine cents per child, matched by nine cents from the local community). This came out of funds provided for the purchase of surplus commodities and the school bought the food itself.

The proponents of the school lunch point out that on the principle that as a twig is bent the tree is inclined, furnishing a balanced lunch to school children will build good eating habits which will affect the whole community. It also points out that now that so many schools, especially in rural areas, have been consolidated with one school and bus service drawing children from many distant places, children can't go home to get a good hot lunch. Many can't afford to bring food with them.

Of course, the community ought to look after this question itself and in most communities great interest has been shown and local authorities have cooperated. But in the poorer communities which have the greatest need, it is impossible, and even in the richer locations it isn't easy, to get money for things pertaining to the schools — as school teachers' salaries all over the country testify.

Unless the appropriation bill now before the Senate Appropriations committee is accepted and passed by both houses, the next time the hens step up production, the school children won't benefit nor will they feast at federal expense even if other farm products are so plentiful the government has to buy them up to protect prices.

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News From London

The London Daily Mail sets up a little special edition for the United States—a digest. It is photographed in London on microfilm, flown over to this country, enlarged to a four to six page brochure, about the size of ordinary typewritten sheets.

I do not know how large a circulation it has obtained so far or whether it is achieving its purpose of mutual understanding but it often contains some rather interesting items. For instance:

John Henry Jones, a 40-year-old steel smelter, came to America with other British trade unionists to visit our war factories. The Daily Mail quotes his reply to one of his wife's questions when he got back: "How about wages? Is the American worker really better off than the British worker?" And this is what Mr. Jones replied:

"Taking a chap with the same size house, same number of children, doing the same job as his counterpart over here — No. Our house here would cost $18 a month clear, in rent. A similar house in the States would run away with $30 a month."

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

Gasoline needs in this war are 80 times greater than in the last one, according to the U. S. Petroleum Administration for War.

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Since Dunkirk, more than 14,000,000 food packages have been sent by or through the British Red Cross to British prisoners of war in Europe, the British Information services report.

Fifty per cent of the outdoor advertising space in the city of Madrid must be reserved for the use of Spain's totalitarian party to present messages of the Phalangists.

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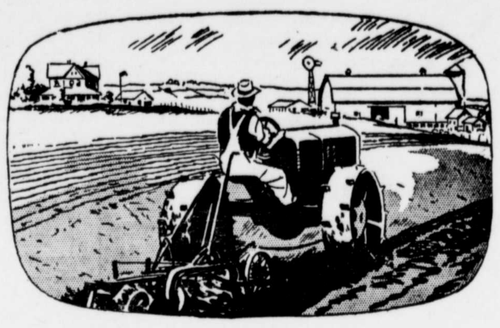

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