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DAVID G. WRAY NAMED PRES. OF DAIRY ASSOC.

Samuel Spray Herd Lead For 1939

At the Annual meeting of the Kent Dairy Herd Improvement Association held last week, officers for 1940 were elected and the report of the Association for 1939 was made. "Uncle Jerry" Conover, Extension Dairyman was present and spoke on feeds as related to milk production—using several charts to show the comparative feeding values.

The election of officers were as follows: David G. Wray, Rock Hall, President; Arthur M. Lusby, Kennedyville, Vice-President; George R. Debnam III, Rock Hall, Secretary-Treasurer. Howard S. Leaverton, Rock Hall and Phil Brooks, Chestertown, Directors.

The Annual Report for 1939 revealed the following herds with over 300 lbs. fat average per cow:

First—Samuel Spray with an average of 448.1 lbs. fat and 9,804 lbs. milk from 22.67 grade and pure bred Guernseys.

Second—Churn Creek Farms with an average of 410.3 lbs. fat and 8,135 lbs. milk from 54.1 pure bred Guernseys milked three time per day.

Third—Howard S. Leaverton with an average of 394.6 lbs. fat and 12,080 lbs. milk from 38.1 pure bred Holsteins.

Fourth—Thomas R. Thornburgh with an average of 378.2 lbs. fat and 8,0005 lbs. milk from 15.17 grade and pure bred Guernseys.

Fifth—W. P. Bloecher with an average of 377.0 lbs. fat and 8,115 lbs. milk from 14.67 grade and pure bred Guernseys.

Sixth—Walter L. Walbert with an average of 373.3 fat and 7,998 lbs. milk from 19.17 grade and pure bred Guernseys.

Seventh—Arthur M. Lusby with an average of 359.3 lbs. fat and 11,197 lbs. milk from 35.33 grade and pure bred Holsteins.

Eighth—P. M. Brooks with an average of 350.9 lbs. fat and 9,330 lbs. milk from 16.16 grade and pure bred Holsteins.

Nineth—Walter Moffett and Son with an average of 339.0 lbs. fat and 8,005 lbs. milk from 15.17 grade and pure bred Holsteins.

Tenth—C. Harvey Freeman with an average of 320.9 lbs. fat and 10,002 lbs. milk from 23.33 grade and pure bred Holsteins.

Eleventh—Bradford Schauber with an average of 301.6 lbs. fat and 6,576 lbs. milk from 29.5 grade Guernseys.

Twelfth—David C. Wray with an average of 300.4 lbs. fat and 8,041 lbs. milk from 10.5 grade and pure bred Holsteins.

Thirteenth—Edgar D. Lusby with an average of 300.9 lbs. fat and 9,117 lbs. milk from 25.5 grade and pure bred Holsteins.

The average of the 22 herds completing the year and totaling 536 cows was 321.5 lbs. fat and 8,122 lbs. milk from an average herd of 24.2 cows. The average price per cwt. was 31 cents less than the year previous. The average feed cost per cow was $529 less than 1938 and the Returns above feed cost per cow was 77 cents less than 1938.

Forty-two individual cows made more than 450 lbs. fat for the year. The ten high cows were as follows:

First—Sam Spray's Lillian, a three year old Grade Guernsey made 716.1 lbs. fat from 13,092 lbs. milk in 11 months.

Second—Sam Spray's Kick, a nine year old grade Guernsey made 627.2 lbs. fat from 13,077 lbs. milk in 11 months. (These two cows are mother and daughter.

Third—Churn Creek Farms' Ware, a 9 year old pure bred Guernsey made 622.0 lbs. fat from 2,870 lbs. milk in 10 months. (milked three times daily.)

Fourth—Sam Spray's Nell, a 5 year old grade Guernsey made 606.1 lbs. fat from 12,146 lbs. milk in 11 months.

Fifth—Sam Spray's Hershburgh, a seven year old grade Guernsey made 587.1 lbs. fat from 12,743 lbs. milk in 11 months.

Sixth—Churn Creek Farms' Grace, a 9 year old pure bred Guernsey made 585.5 lbs. fat from 11,492 lbs. milk in 11 months. (milked three times daily.)

Seventh—Howard S. Leaverton's No. 60, a six year old pure bred Holstein made 569.4 lbs. fat from 11,870 lbs. milk in 10 months.

Eigthh—Arthur M. Lusby's Rena, an eight year old grade Holstein made 567.3 lbs. fat from 18,423 lbs. milk in 12 months.

Nineth — Churn Creek Farms' Goldie, a five year old pure bred Guernsey made 565.2 lbs. fat from 10,855 lbs. milk in 10 months. (milked 3 times daily.)

Tenth— Howard S. Leaverton's Jewell, an eleven year old pure bred Holstein, made 563.5 lbs. fat from 16,236 lbs. milk in 12 months.

Sows from the herds of Thomas R. Thornburgh, W. P. Bloecher, P. M. Brooks, and M. E. Wallace are also listed in the 450 lb. fat list.

The tester Wilbur H. Morris was retained for the coming year and plans were made for several activities which the Association plans to sponsor during the year.

Pictured is a group of active firemen of the Chestertown Fire Company who received honor awards for attendance at fires during 1939. Ollie Herzberg was number 1 on the list. The awards were made at the annual banquet of that organization Tuesday night. Left to right—Front row, seated, left to right, Ben Hessey, Morgan Hadaway, James LeCates, Ollie Herzberg, Ernest Leaverage. Standing, left to right, Arthur Leonard, Howard Pennington, Walter Clark, John Vickers, Harvey Blyman, Harry Patrick, Richard George and Robert Penn.

CLAUDE TRUSLOW RE-ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTRY CLUB

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club held Tuesday evening Mr. Claude E. Truslow was elected President for the third consecutive year.

Other officers re-elected were:

Vice-President, Colonel I. Price Ewing.

Treasurer, R. Raymond Wilkins.

Secretary, Rolph Townshend.

Mr. Charles H. Eshman and Ernes H. Strong were elected to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the club were changed at this meeting reducing the annual dues of Junior Members to $10 a year. This class membership includes those between the ages of 10 and 21 years.

COUNTY AGENT MCVEAN REPORTS ON YEAR'S WORK

The County Agent's work is changing in nature. He is administrator interpreter, advisor, and consultant as well as demonstration teacher. His is the responsibility to integrate the work of the various agencies working with and for farm folk. The cooperation from the various agencies has been gratifying and results obtained reflect coordination and team work.

Kent County was chosen in 1939 as the demonstration county for the State to reveal how all New Deal Agencies active in the county can through the leadership and direction of the farm and family leaders, work in unison and attain results in the attack on the problems facing farmers. The problems are largely Land and Land Use. The new elements in such procedure are the organized effort in teamwork, the concentration of agencies, definition and widespread understanding of the attack and the solutions sought. Another phase is the effort to have the people of the county accept and adopt the planned program as their program—not that of the agencies. This means elimination of duplication of effort and working at cross-purposes. In early 1940 the details of the program, the makeup of the county committee and plan of procedure will be released.

The Agencies cooperating with farm leaders in assembling the program and planning to attack and solve problems are the Agricultural Conservation Service, The Soil Conservation Service, The Farm Security Administration, Farm Credit Administration, as well as the regular old line Bureaus of the Department of Agriculture and the Land Grant College research and subject matter specialists.

Crop Data

Wheat, tomato and fruit acreages

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Johnson—Walls Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnston, of Sassafras, Maryland, announce the marriage of their daughter, Alma to Mr. Harry C. Walls, of Kennedyville, Md., which took place on October 3, 1938, at Belair, Md. Their only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Stewart, of West Collingswood, N. J.

Mrs. Walls is a graduate nurse of the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walls will make their home in Philadelphia where Mr. Walls is employed.

KENT COUNTY ON HONOR ROLL FOR HEALTH WORK

Typhoid Fever And Diphtheria Practically Eli-

Dr. A. F. Whitsitt, Kent County Health Director has recently been informed by the State Department of Health that the Kent County Health Department is again on the State Honor Roll for low scores ni typhoid fever and diphtheria. Among all the communicable diseases, these are reported almost 100 per cent.

Kent, along with St. Mary's County has the special distinction of having had no deaths from diphtheria during the last seven years. During the past fifteen years we have had only two deaths for this disease. However, in the five year period 1920 to 1925 there were sixteen deaths and many others crippled for life by this dread disease. There were two hundred forty two cases with twenty two deaths from this disease in Maryland during 1939. Diphtheria could be wiped out entirely if every parent would see that their infant gets toxoid at six to nine months of age and is rechecked by the Schnick Test later. The Health Department offers this service to you if your family physician will not. Therefore, if any child in Kent County gets diphtheria, the fault will lie directly at that child's parent's door.

Kent was one of twelve counties among the twenty three counties that again came through the year of 1939 with no deaths from typhoid fever. We had only one case of the disease. In fact, we have had only one death from the disease in the past six years. However, in the five year period 1921 to 1925, we had eighteen deaths and over two hundred cases of typhoid, and in the five year period 1911 to 1915 there were forty deaths out of three hundred ninety six cases. The latter two periods were before the establishment of a full time County Health Unit. This remarkable achievement is due first ot sanitation such as improvement in water and milk supplies, and better sewage disposal; secondly, to the close supervision of the known typhiod carriers in the county; and lastly to immunization.

MAY ORGANIZE LION'S CLUB IN CHESTERTOWN

A meting was held Thursday evening of this week for the purpose of organizing a Lion's Club in Chestertown. This organization is a service club similar to the Rotary Club. Definite plans will be made at a meeting next week.

CHESTERTOWN TAX RATE REDUCED TO SEVENTY CENTS

As predicted in this paper last week the tax rate for Chestertown was reduced five cents for 1940 at a meeting of the Mayor and Council Monday night. This is the first time in the past twenty five years that the rate has been under the 75 cent maximum limit in the past twenty-five years. The town charter sets 75 cents as the maximum rate.

This reduction was brought about by rigid economy on the part of the Mayor and Council as additional expense has been created by the construction of the new fire house and the disposal plant.

The sewer tax, which is in addition to the regular rate, is to help pay for the maintenance of the disposal and not for payments of construction costs and interest as was stated in this paper last week.

J. S. KREEGER, SR., NAMED DELEGATE TO ROTARY CONV.

The directors of the Chestertown Rotary Club on Monday appointed Mr. J. S. Kreeger, vice-president of the club, as delegate to the International Convention which will be held at Havana Cuba June 24th.

The Chestertown Club has been represented by a delegate at every International Convention since its organiza tion in 1927. Many of these conventions have been held in foreign countries.

WM. A. WHEATLEY DIED FRIDAY AT HOME HERE

Was Well Known Business Man Of Chestertown

William A. Wheatley, oldest member of the Chestertown Lodge of Masons, and prominent churchman and retired business man of Chestertown died at six o'clock Friday morning at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harry Cannan, here. He would have observed his 85th birthday next Wednesday.

The deceased was a son of former Sheriff and Mrs. Arthur B. Wheatley, of Kent county and was born and reared in the vicinity of Rock Hall. He was one of the oldest members of the Masonic Lodge of Maryland, and for more than forty years he served as secretary of the Chestertown Lodge, having held the position at the time of his death.

He was the oldest member of the official board of Christ Methodist church in point of service, and until his last illness he was active in the affairs of the church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. He also served terms as clerk to the Kent County Board of Commissioners and Clerk to the City Council of Chestertown, having recently retired from the latter position.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. Cannan, he leaves another daughter, Miss Josephine Wheatley, and two sons, Charles F. Wheatley, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Chestertown and William A. Wheatley, Jr., of Federalsburg. J. Frank Wheatley, of Chestertown who celebrated his 87th birthday last August is a brother. Four grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild also survive.

The hour for the funeral services has not been set at time of going to press.

For many years he held a position in the J. K. Aldridge Hardware Store now Cooper's Hardware Store. He also served as Police Magistrate in Chestertown.

Funeral services will be held at Christ Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. to be conducted by Dr. Roberts. Interment will be conducted by Masonic Burial Rites, with members of the Chester Lodge as bearers. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery. Ralph H. Usilton, Inc., is in charge of funeral arrangements.

4 BOYS ARRESTED FOR RIFLING OF AUTOMOBILES

Four boys, whose ages range from 13 to 15 years, were arrested by Sheriff Lee Wednesday following the rifling of a number of automobiles during the fireman's banquet Tuesday night. The boys arrested were Jackie Miller 13, James Kennard 15, and two colored boys, Earl Green 13 and William Johnson 13. It is understood that the boys, with the exception of William Johnson, admitted taking a flash-light Tuesday night from one of the cars and also taking candy from the A & C candy truck on Friday night of last week. It was reported that Johnson was on his first raid when the flashlight was taken. The lower Court hearing is set for Friday night of next week.

The rifling of automobiles in Chestertown has been going on for several months and until this week all efforts to apprehend the thieves have failed.

The garage of the Peerless Fertilizer Company was broken into this week and the radiator was stolen off a truck and also a battery.

GET HIGH MARK IN INSPECTION

Gill Bros. Milk pasteurizing plant had a mark of 1000 in the last inspection period. In the miscroscopic count they had A.

SEVEN FISHERMEN CAUGHT IN ICE JAM FRIDAY

Drift Ice Again Shuts In Rock Hall Harbor

Captains Hynson Carter, Joseph Gagalski Elridge Joiner and four colored men left Rock Hall Thursday to set nets and had a very narrow escape when drift ice set in on them. The men were in two boats and the ice sheared the propellar off Captain Gagalski's boat. The other boat stayed with him but they were unable to get back and had a very narrow escape Thursday night and did not get into harbor until 10 a. m. Friday morning. Captain Gagalski reported that at one time Thursday night his boat was forced so low in the ice that the ice as it piled up came into his boat. Friday morning Captain Akers with the police boat Murray went to their assistance. All of the men reported a very harrowing experience.

Rock Hall watermen are again shut in by heavy drift ice from the Western Shore after having had two days of fishing and oystering in open water.

Following a freeze-up since the first of January which closed the seafood industry until the ice suddenly disappeared Sunday night, the watermen had open water on Monday and Tuesday and made the most of it.

Captain Harry Carter, Jr., succeeded in laying his nets by cutting ice and made a haul of 2200 pounds of rock fish which were sold at a reported price of 22 cents a pound.

During the two days of open waters the price of oysters held the freeze up price of 60 cents a bushel which was the price received for oysters caught from the ice.

MILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The weather man played a trick on us and brought bad weather for last Friday night. In spite of this we cleared approximately $50 on our P. T. A. supper. The girls made quite a nice appearance in their new aprons and headbands, too.

The Science Club met at the high school last Monday evening to experiment with hydrogen. Any unknown findings will be reported later.

As its leading citizen, our school chose Dorothy Jones, who was to attend the Kent County meeting. This was to determine a winner, who would compete with other counties of Maryland for the honor of representing us at a Convention in Washington, sponsored by the Daughters of American Revolution. Because of old man weather again, she was unable to attend.

Last Friday afternoon a health movie was shown us, stressing the dangers of tuberculosis and pneumonia. It gave a thorough explanation of the diseases and the new scientific treatments for them.

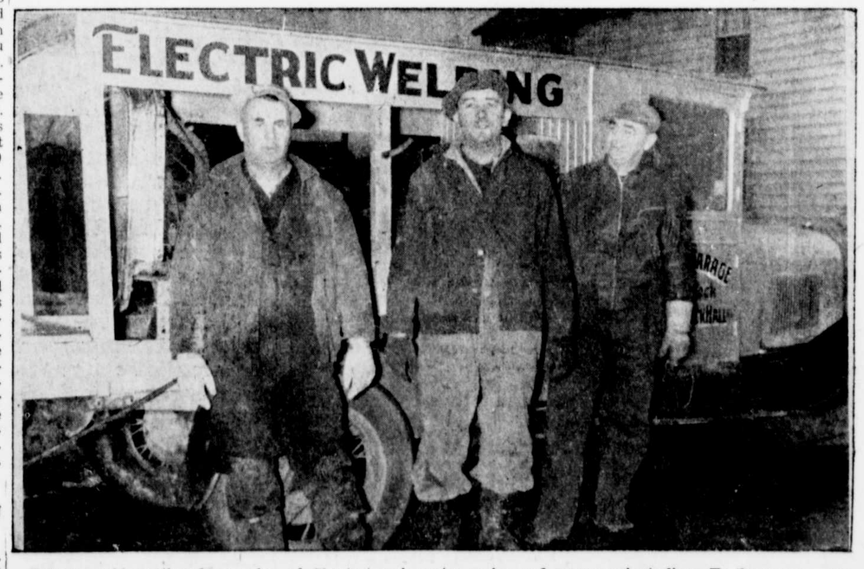
We are all very glad to see Miss Dorf back at school after her absence due to illness.

Last Saturday a meeting was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church to form a religious club, composed of high school students. It is sponsored by one of our seniors, Dave Seymour. Mary Semans is president and Ethel Stevens, Secertary.

We have started regular practice on our senior class play, which is to be given before Easter.

J. P.

This mural on the wall of new Bunting-Foxwell library building depicts the laying of the cornerstone of the first college building at Chestertown in 1784. The building will be dedicated Saturday, February 24th.



Extreme cold weather froze a few of Chestertown's water mains and maany private lines. To the rescue came Cecil Crouch, of Piney Neck, with his portable electric welding outfit. An electric current was sent through the pipes and thawed them out. This avoided the necessity of any digging.
Pictured above is portable welder and left right, Messrs. Ward, Cecil Crouch, of Rock Hall, and Medford Caple engineer for the water board. Picture taken on Lynchburg Street where they had one of their toughest jobs with a four inch main.