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Dairymen Organize New Cooperative

Inter-State Group Offers New Set-Up—Sign-Up Program Under Way

Dairymen of the Philadelphia milk shed are organizing a new cooperative association for the marketing of their products. This organization, chartered as the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative under the laws of Pennsylvania, was set up at a meeting in Philadelphia on March 4 at which the charter was accepted, the Cooperative's by-laws and membership marketing agreement adopted and directors elected.

The new organization is designed to eventually assume the present functions of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association, the directors of the two being identical at present and the same officers are serving both organizations. They will serve until November when the members will elect directors at the first annual meeting, each district electing its own director.

The Cooperative will extend over about forty counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Delaware, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, also two counties in Western Maryland and two counties in Northern West Virginia.

Officers of the Cooperative are B. H. Weitz, Waynesboro, Pa., president; A. R. Marvel, Easton, Md., vice-president; I. Ralph Zollers, Philadelphia, secretary; and A. H. Lauterbach, Narberth, Pa., general manager.

The incorporators, in announcing the start of the Cooperative, assert that it will serve a vital need of milk producers, giving them a united voice that can speak collectively for all of them on such matters as milk prices, terms of sale, transportation problems and rates, and sanitary rules. In joining the Cooperative, the producers sign a marketing agreement to this effect.

The organization will start active service to members when a substantial part of the producers in the area have joined, at which time the Cooperative will guarantee a market for the milk sold through it by all producers accepted for membership. Payment for this milk is guaranteed also.

The Cooperative is organized along strictly democratic lines with directors elected within the districts they will represent. These districts must be kept approximately uniform in size. In addition, a delegate body is included which can advise with and, upon occasion, instruct the directors as to policies and programs. John S. Reischer, Calvert, is the Cecil county director.

LOCAL DAIRYMEN TO MEET

Local meetings of Dairymen are to be held in the county in the next few days to submit to the producers the new contract and by laws of the new organization. The Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative.

The Cecilton Local holds its meeting on Thursday evening, March 26, at the Episcopal Parish House. I. Ralph Zollers, Secretary of Inter-State will lead the discussion.

The Providence Local meeting will be held at Cherry Hill Red Men's Hall on Monday evening, March 30. A. R. Marvel, Chairman of the Executive committee will speak.

The meeting of the Bay View will be held at the home of P. Jenks Smith near Zion on Tuesday evening, March 31.

Elkton holds its meeting in the Court House on Wednesday evening, April 1.

The meetings already held in neighboring counties have met with much success. Local Dairymen are showing great interest and a large attendance is expected at each meeting.

ENFORCING LAW AGAINST CUPID TAXI DRIVERS

The Elkton City Council has ordered the ordinance forbidding the soliciting of wedding couples along the streets in that town, strictly enforced. For the last couple of years, no attempt has been made to bring violators to justice. The action, it is said, was brought to a head by the influx of other "cupid taxicab" operators and jitnours. Edward M. Minor, defrocked marrying paragon, recently sought a permit to solicit on the streets.

Hypocrisy is nothing, in fact, but a horrible hopefulness.—Victor Hugo.

Personal And Social

The fifth annual sectional track meet sponsored by the Jacob Tome Institute, will be held at Port Deposit on May 9.

Two deer were killed near Red Mill bridge, Elkton, last week. One was struck by a train and the other by an automobile.

The Third District Democratic Club has elected John K. Burkley president, and Gove S. Jenkins secretary and treasurer.

Joseph B. Connor, a well-known farmer of near Elkton, suffered a fractured shoulder when an unruly horse jerked away from him.

His automobile running off the concrete roadway near Cokesbury, and crashing into a tree, Earl Lesure suffered a fractured jaw and leg.

D. P. Groff, for sixteen years with the Conowingo Power Company, has resigned to assume the management of Steele's Midway Inn, at Conowingo.

The recent Birthday ball for the President, held in the Elkton Armory, netted \$248.95, according to a statement released by Horace B. Lilly, secretary.

Mrs. Charles Ferguson, of this town, possesses a sacred lily of India. The plant is 43 inches tall, and its recent beautiful bloom was 20 inches long.

The members of North East River Yacht Club, seventy strong, held their annual banquet on Wednesday evening last, at the New Central Hotel, Elkton.

The contract for the construction of the new postoffice building in Havre de Grace has been awarded to the Eastern Construction Co., of Trenton, N. J., for \$54,000.

Tome School for Boys, Port Deposit, and Jacob Tome Institute, scheduled to close Friday for the spring vacation, was forced to close Tuesday due to an epidemic of measles.

Prof. Walter L. Wright, of Lincoln University, will occupy the pulpit of James M. E. church, Rising Sun, on Sunday morning, March 29, at 11:00 o'clock, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. B. Frye, who is attending Conference.

Major Harry D. Williar, Jr., Deputy State Administrator of the PWA, of Maryland, notified the county offices at Elkton, last week, that there had been an emergency appropriation of \$500 for use on emergency flood project at Port Deposit.

FARM TAX DELINQUENCY IN STATE DESCRIBED IN NEW PUBLICATION

Installment payments, closer agreement between time of payment and time of cash income of the taxpayer, especially in respect to farmers, discounts for early payment, and penalization in the form of rapid tax sales for habitually negligent property owners, would assist in prompt payment of Maryland farm taxes, according to William P. Walker and Arthur B. Hamilton, co-authors of a new Experiment State bulletin "Tax Delinquency in Maryland With Special Reference to Agriculture." Copies of the bulletin may be secured from the Experiment Station at College Park free of charge. The number is 381.

According to the authors, discounts for prompt payment of taxes have worked out satisfactorily in a number of counties, three counties reporting collections of 60 per cent during the first month of the year.

It is pointed out that because tax payments are due in one large sum it is advisable to have these payments coincide with or closely follow the time of year when the farmer receives his greatest cash income. If the income peak precedes taxes for several months, it is likely that all available cash will have been used for purposes other than the payment of taxes.

According to the bulletin, less than fifty bushels of wheat were required to pay the average farm tax in Maryland from 1911 to 1920 but more than 200 bushels of wheat were needed to pay farm taxes in 1931.

CHARGED WITH AUTO THEFT

Bill Scarborough, near Childs, and Sam Wright, of Wilmington, Del., who are wanted in Cecil county on charges of larceny of a car owned by Hayes McCauley, Jr., of Childs, and license tags owned by William Kahan, were taken into custody in Philadelphia last week.

Damage Suits Against Elkton Concern

\$55,000 Claimed For Disfigurement And Medical Expenses

Suits totaling \$55,000 against the Victory Fireworks and Specialty Company, have been filed in the United States District Court, as a result of burns allegedly suffered by Mildred Duff, a minor, when a sparkler exploded and set fire to her clothing.

One of the suits—for \$50,000—was filed in the child's name by her father Richard Duff, who also is suing for \$5,000 for medical expenses.

The suits alleged the child was "permanently disfigured" when she was burned, July 4, 1934, after the sparkler, said to have been manufactured by the Maryland concern, exploded. The accident occurred in front of the Duff home in Jersey City, N. J.

It was alleged that the child suffered burns of the body, limbs and face and was forced to remain in a Jersey City hospital for more than two months. While at the institution, it was charged, she was forced to undergo several operations.

The suits charge misleading advertisements were circulated to the effect that its product could be handled safely by minors.

TEXTILE MILL BURNED

Damage to the extent of \$18,000 was done early Wednesday morning last, when fire wrecked the two-story frame building on Railroad Avenue, in Elkton, occupied by the Mann & Dipple Textile Co.

The fire, which started in the boiler room of the mill, was discovered about 1:30 o'clock by a resident of that section. The flames had such a start that the local firemen were powerless to check them until they had practically gutted the structure.

William J. Dipple and Harry Mann, Jr., owners of the mill property, estimated their losses in machines, raw and finished goods would amount to about \$15,000. They manufacture draperies and curtains. The loss on the building, owned by Mrs. J. Will Perkins, was put at about \$3,000.

The structure, built several years ago and operated until about seven years ago as a fruit juice factory, is 30x75 feet. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD APPEAL

Colora Needlework Guild will be glad to receive contributions of money and clothing for the flood sufferers, to be distributed through the Red Cross.

Only new articles and money contributions count in the Needlework Guild work, but we will gladly forward good second-hand articles.

Local Directors are instructed to aid in collecting for this special appeal.

BERTHA BALDERSTON, President.

WOMAN RECOMMENDED FOR DARLINGTON POSTOFFICE

Miss Elsie Botts, the assistant to the postmaster at Darlington, Harford county, has been recommended by the Democratic State Central Committee of Harford county for appointment as postmistress there.

Frederick Whaling has been serving as temporary postmaster at Darlington to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. S. Worthington, a Republican.

The committee agreed on the recommendation of Miss Botts in order to avoid a long dispute such as the one recently settled in the appointment of a postmaster at Street, also in Harford county.

CONFERENCE AT SALISBURY TEACHERS COLLEGE

Prominent speakers on Character Education from Washington, Baltimore, and faculty of the college, will be the headliners in a two-day conference to be held at the Salisbury State Teachers College on Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th. This conference is intended for high school and college students and will endeavor to show how a college life and a college education may strengthen character and develop personality.

The conference will feature forum discussions led by authorities on the subject of personality and character education, as well as social events to entertain the young men and women from all sections of Maryland.

The Federal Writers' Project

Research Workers Gathering Valuable Material For Reference

Malvin Grason, of Rising Sun, has been appointed one of the research workers for the Federal Writers' Project, and will assist with the compilation of the American Guide for Cecil county.

Its purpose is to provide residents of communities, tourists, students, authors, and research workers with an inclusive picture of the scenic, historical, cultural, recreational, economic, aesthetic, and commercial and industrial resources of the country; with (1) information that is not now readily available or is scattered in various sources; (2) an understanding of the native and folk backgrounds of rural localities; and (3) a convenient and compact series of reference books, for tours, sight-seeing, and investigation of notable landmarks, objects of interest, fictional association, or other data of value to citizens throughout the country. The first district of Maryland is comprised of Baltimore, Harford and Cecil counties. Each county is to be treated separately with the exception of tour sequences throughout these contiguous territories. Older residents of Cecil county can aid in the compilation of this Guide by releasing any obscure but authentic information regarding any of the above phases of the guide.

BILLIARD EXPERT AT RIALE'S

Everyone interested in learning how to play billiards or further improving their prowess with the cue and ivory spheres will have their opportunity when Allen Hall, of St. Louis, one of the world's "first ten" three-cushion billiard experts appears at Thos. S. Riale's Rising Sun, on April 2nd at 9:00 P. M. Hall comes here in connection with the third annual National "Better Billiards" program being sponsored by the National Billiard Association of America.

During the young three-rail star's two-hour visit here, he will not only offer a billiard exhibition and a unique display of fancy shots, but devote one full hour of expert FREE billiard instruction. Feminine billiard fans, mediocre players and tyros are especially invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Hall has appeared in every world three-cushion championship tournament since 1925. He has finished in the runner-up position twice and was once tied for second place. In the opinion of astute billiard critics, it has been one of the game's miracles that he has never won the world's crown.

MUD STALLS FIRE TRUCK AS BARN BURNS

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn on the farm of Calvin McCleary near Mechanics Valley last week together with a lot of farm implements, hay, provender and harness. The Volunteer Fire Company of North East started for the scene but is auto truck became mired in the mud before reaching its destination.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Contributions for flood sufferers will be gladly received by Chas. S. Pyle, Treasurer Cecil County Chapter American Red Cross, Rising Sun, Md., and forwarded to National Headquarters of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C. Some contributions have already been received. Cecil County is asked for \$500.00.

CANAL WORKER KILLED WHEN STRUCK ON HEAD

William E. Ellis, 35 years old, of near Shellpot, Del., was instantly killed Monday morning while working on a government project near Chesapeake City. Ellis, employed by the Arundel Corporation, contractors on the improvements to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, was about to quit work on the night shift, when a stud cap weighing 125 pounds fell from the dredge General, as he stood in a rowboat alongside the vessel. The cap struck him on the head and crashed through the bottom of the boat.

Ellis went overboard and other workmen grappled two hours before they found his body with the skull crushed. Death was thought to have been instantaneous. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Short Paragraphs

Mrs. Clarence Ashby entertained the "Komrad Club" on Thursday evening.

Don Exler, of Philadelphia, was a week-end visitor of Miss Mary Brumfield.

Mrs. Emma L. Patten spent last week with her son, W. Evans Patten, Philadelphia.

Mrs. G. Clinton Logan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leo E. Callahan, of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. E. Crothers, of Calvert, spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey W. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stowe and son, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, were guests of Mrs. Louisa Brokaw during the week.

Miss Anna Haines and Miss Ruth Wilson are home from Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., for the Spring vacation.

Mrs. Helen Tyson Woods, of Silver Lake, Mass., who spent the winter in Miami, Florida, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Tyson.

Mrs. Emily Magraw Heideman, of Peterboro, Canada, is visiting relatives and friends in her home neighborhood around Rising Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lane returned on Sunday from Miami, Florida, where they enjoyed the past three weeks under sunny skies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hartenstine, of Principio Furnace, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson, of New York, were week-end guests of Mrs. Sara Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sollars and two sons, and Mr. Thomas Sollars, of White Plains, Md., former residents of Rising Sun, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jones.

Rev. A. B. Frye is in attendance at the 68th annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference which opened on Wednesday morning, March 25, in the Delmar, Del., M. E. Church.

Mr. J. Frank Bedwell, of Elkton, and Miss Rachel E. Bowsby, daughter of Mrs. John S. Bowsby, of Fair Hill, were quietly married March 14, at Lewisville, Pa., by the Rev. J. W. Prettyman. They will reside with the bride's mother.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO STATE INSTITUTIONS

Sheriff Eugene Racine has taken prisoners convicted at the March term of Circuit Court to various institutions to serve out their sentences as follows: Bentley Owens of Perryville, Maryland Penitentiary, two years for larceny; Kenneth Robinson of Elk Neck, House of Correction, three years for attempted felonious assault; Cordelia Gibbs, Negro of Chesapeake City, six months in the House of Correction for keeping a disorderly house; James Wallace of Elkton, nine months in the House of Correction for larceny of a car.

SOME CHANGES OF RESIDENCE

Wednesday, the 25th of March, was what is known as "Moving Day," and a number of changes of dwelling places occurred in our town. Among them were: Arthur Tosh, of New Jersey, moved to the Nields dwelling, on Cherry street, which has been vacant for some time; Lewis Garvin and family moved from the dwelling of Mrs. Mollie Martindale, on Wilson avenue, to the house next door, owned by Miss Florence Yocum. Mrs. Martindale will move to her own property.

Marion White and family moved from the Yocum dwelling to the S. M. Ward dwelling, on Main street. Lewis Miller and family moved from near town to one of the Pogue dwellings, on Mount street. Frank Orr and family moved from Pearl street, where they have resided for years, to Haines avenue. N. B. Williams and family moved from the Cooney property, on Cherry street, to the Boyd C. Etter dwelling, near town, vacated by G. L. Wiley, who moved to apartments in the C. C. Buck building.

OFFICERS DYNAMITE LARGE STILL

Federal and county officers on Tuesday night last seized and then wrecked with dynamite a 1000-gallon still found in the Principio Furnace section. The property seized included vats containing 1000 gallons of mash, a large quantity of sugar and 100 gallons of new liquor.

Flood Waters Take Heavy Toll

Estimated Damage Reaches Many Thousands Of Dollars

Flood conditions along the Susquehanna river reached their peak on Thursday and Friday last, and since then old man river has gradually crept back within his banks, leaving a trail of wreckage, mud, and untold damage done by the raging waters, which destroyed and swept away property and caused losses the extent of which is staggering in the aggregate, and will require months and the expenditure of vast sums of money and labor to repair.

For days business was paralyzed in the flooded area, sickness, hunger and untold suffering resulting. In our neighboring town of Port Deposit the Susquehanna's flood waters inundated homes and business places to the depth of three or four feet, or more, according to their location, and the only mode of travel along the greater portion of the town's main street for three or four days was by boat.

Several miles of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, along the river, were covered with water and have been undermined to such an extent that it will be days before suspended traffic can be resumed.

Residents of Port Deposit are working with a will to again make habitable their water-soaked homes and places of business, and the individual losses are numerous and heavy.

High water caused the closing down for a time, of the immense power plant at the Conowingo dam, where thousands of dollars worth of damage was done. The railroad along the Harford county shore of the Susquehanna, owned by the Philadelphia Electric Co., and running from the dam to Havre de Grace, was undermined and almost completely destroyed in several places.

The half-mile-long hydroelectric power plant at Holtwood, Pa., one of the principal links in the Consolidated Gas and Electric Company's system, was also put out of commission by the raging flood waters, which on Thursday last, were the highest at that point ever recorded, and caused damage of over a million dollars alone to the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company at that place.

At five o'clock Thursday morning the concrete retaining wall extending from the power plant to the island, in a southwesterly direction, gave way. This wall was about six feet across at the top and forty feet in height above the water level.

When the force of the flood water broke down this protecting wall it allowed the angry waters to reach the lower side of the power plant, where the transformers are located. Two of these, when the water, oil and electric current came together, caused them to explode and break into fragments. The plant ceased to operate at this time, otherwise greater damage to the other transformers would have occurred.

One outstanding feature, despite all the damage done along the Susquehanna river in this locality, is that no loss of life was reported.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Cecil County Council of Religious Education will hold its third annual Easter Sunrise Service at Tome School, Port Deposit, on April 12, at 6:30 A. M.

For the past two years this service has brought together a large number of people interested in welcoming the dawn of Easter Sunday in this significant way. A splendid program has been arranged this year. The details will be announced in the next issue of this paper.

This service is a replica of the ones held in the large cities. The church people of Cecil county are urged to be present.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

A covered dish supper will be held in the basement of James M. E. church, Rising Sun, Thursday, April 2nd, from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. Price 35c. At 8:00 p. m. the same evening the choir of Oxford Presbyterian church will render Stainer's "Crucifixion" in the church auditorium, under direction of R. P. MacLellan, of Philadelphia. Admission—silver offering.

Both the supper and concert are under auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.