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## SCENES OF CARNAGE

A writer in a recent issue of American Mercury presented a new and interesting view of the automobile accident problem. He observed that, in the light of present-day conditions, it is not remarkable that 36,000 persons are being killed in traffic accidents annually—but that it is remarkable that the number is not several times as great.

In the average state, almost anyone not completely crippled can obtain a license to drive a car, irrespectively to his ability, responsibility, intelligence or judgment. If he chooses, he can operate a car that belongs by rights in the junk heap—a car with an inaudible horn, feeble or glaring lights, uncertain brakes, and a steering gear affected with St. Vitus dance. If he drives that car in a dangerous manner, cutting curves, weaving in and out of traffic, and "giving her the gun" whenever possible, the chances are that he will escape arrest—and that if he is arrested, he will be assessed a relatively small fine and permitted to go right on driving. When the inevitable finally occurs, and someone is killed or injured because of his recklessness or incompetence, he may have a harder time getting out of the mess—but that won't bring a dead person to life.

If any progress is to be made in reducing the horrible toll of automobile deaths and injuries, stringent methods must be adopted. Traffic codes must be modernized and enforced with the utmost strictness and impartiality. Much higher qualifications for the issuance of driver's licenses must be established. And the unsafe automobile, as well as the unsafe driver, must be banished from the road. Otherwise, America's streets and highways will continue to be scenes of carnage.

## NEW INTEREST IN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE

Picnics and out-door meetings are replacing inside gatherings, but organized farmers of Maryland are continuing to meet and discuss methods of improving their economic and social position, says C. E. Wise, Jr., secretary of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation. The Federation's secretary predicts an unusually large number of meetings for the three summer months of 1936.

"The past few years have brought out more clearly than ever before that the welfare of farmers depends on many factors besides the ability of the individual to produce crops on his own farm," Mr. Wise believes. "Farmers are realizing more and more that the agricultural industry must have a greater share of the national income, and that the correction of present inequalities will come only as they work together on a united program. They realize that general gains to their industry in the past two or three years have come as a result of organized activity."

An added reason for meetings this summer is the interest of farmers in the new national agricultural program as contained in the Soils Conservation program, Mr. Wise reports, while interest in the development of cooperative organizations to serve farms continues to get more interest and support.

The good news the Commissioners of Cecil County have for taxpayers—if anything connected with taxes can be called good news, is that the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, will not be any higher than it was last year, but will remain at 78 cents on the \$100.

Despite the fact that other counties in the State have been forced to push tax rates up a little, our Board of Commissioners, which has pursued a policy of rigid economy in the management of our county affairs, is to be congratulated that strict adherence to good business methods has enabled them to "keep within their means" and again give county tax-payers the benefit of a rate that is the lowest in the State.

A conservative is one who is perfectly comfortable, thank you.

## LEST WE FORGET

On November 15, 1922, the obligations of the various foreign governments held by the U. S. Treasury aggregated \$10,045,282,026.60.

The cash advanced to Italy was \$1,648,034,050.90. The amount funded June 15, 1925, was \$1,648,034,050.90 plus accrued interest, or \$2,042,000,000. Under the terms of settlement the payments were spread over a period of sixty-two years, with easy annual payments of \$5,000,000 for the first five years, and increasing each year thereafter from \$12,000,000 on the sixth year, and reaching \$79,400,000 in the last year of payment.

"After the first five years interest is fixed at 1/4 of one per cent for ten years and then increases for successive ten-year periods to 1/2 of one per cent, 3/4 of one per cent, 1 per cent, and the last seven years are 2 per cent." The United States was to have received during the period of the agreement a total of \$2,407,000,000.

The date of settlement was June 15, 1925. The first payment was made June 15, 1926.

Italy's defaults in payments to date amount to \$47,863,383.64, but in 1935, she began a military conquest of Ethiopia which has cost her over a billion dollars, and now plans, according to the press, to spend another billion dollars in exploiting this forlorn country.

Is there nothing to be done, not a word that our State Department can say to this country which pleads its inability since the World War to pay its indebtedness to us, and during the past eighteen months has expended nearly one-half the total amount of its debt to us in military conquest of a helpless country, a fellow-member of the League of Nations and of the Kellogg Pact?

## SIDE-LIGHTS ON REHABILITATION FAMILIES

That farm families in Maryland receiving assistance through the Rural Rehabilitation section of the Resettlement Administration are making an effort to be self-supporting is revealed by a survey of the first 100 families granted loans by that Agency. This survey shows that the average number of chickens per family for these 100 families is 122, the percentage making their own butter is 63, and the average number of quarts of food preserved is 236.

Other facts brought out by the survey were that the average number of persons in a family is 5.19; that 55 per cent of the families have children between the ages of one and six years; 41 per cent have children between six and twelve years; 49 per cent have children between twelve and eighteen years; and 20 per cent have children eighteen years old and over. In 12 per cent of the families there are dependent old people.

The aim of the Rural Rehabilitation work, according to E. I. Oswald, Director for Maryland, is to help farm families become established on a basis which offers reasonable opportunity for success. To this end, he states, loans are made to those who lack the necessary resources to obtain credit from other loaning agencies. In addition, plans for farm and home management are worked out for each individual case with the assistance of Specialists and with a view to operating the place in a manner which offers greatest probability to success. The work is conducted in close cooperation with the Extension Service and the assistance and advice of County Agents, Home Demonstration Agents, and Specialists are available at all times to those receiving Rehabilitation aid.

In formation relative to Rehabilitation loans may be obtained, Mr. Oswald states, from either of the three District Supervisors with offices at Frederick, Salisbury, and La Plata; from the County or Home Demonstration Agent in your County, or from Headquarters at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Patriotism consists in preventing wars as well as in fighting in them.

## VARIED ADVENTURES MAKE COBB 'TOPS' AS COLUMN WRITER

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Irvin S. Cobb

Cobb, whose Judge Priest stories will always rate as favorites in American literature, started his career as a newspaperman in Kentucky. Becoming an editor before reaching the age of 20, his popularity began spreading rapidly. Novels, plays and magazine articles flowed from his witty and prolific pen as the years went by.

He turned to war correspondent work, later becoming a favorite radio star. Recently Cobb entered a new field—the movies. Here again he bids fair to capture a great audience.

But readers of The Midland Journal need not wait for occasional magazine articles, radio performances or screen features to capture the wit and humor of Irvin S. Cobb. His column of musings on the world's side show is a regular feature of this paper, one that you won't want to miss. Get next to Cobb now. His distinct style and unusual slant on life will be a source of constant delight.

## JEST A-WHITLIN' AN' A-THINKIN' BY PETE GETTYS

A State Farmer Section Feature

When the Lord made the world in six days he certainly was entitled to rest on the seventh. Jest think of the details he had to take care of to make all the birds an' animals an' fishes an' plants an' trees an' flowers! Jest teachin' the migratory birds where too go and the way there and back, was about as interestin' a thing He ever did. And strangely enough, migration of birds is old stuff. It's in the books back there nearly 3,000 years, to the times of Homer, Herodotus, Aristotle, and other old fellers like that.

Even in the Bible are several references to these regular movements of birds. In Job: "Doth the hawk fly by Thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the South?" And Jeremiah wrote: "The stork in the heavens knoweth her appointed time; and the turtle (dove), and the crane, and the swallow observe the time of their coming." An' the flight of quail that saved the Israelites from starvation in their wanderings in the Wilderness of Sinai is now figured out as a whoppin' big movement of quail between their breedin' grounds an' their Winter home in Africa.

Looks as if country folks and city folks are takin' more interest in birds than they used to do. At one time, express cars were packed full with coops of quail that'd been caught in nets, bein' shipped to the northern markets—whole covies was wiped out—an' the Government figures every quail on the farm is worth \$5 for the bugs and weed seeds he eats.

An' these Game Conservation fellers are doin' great work—hatchin' quail in incubators and raisin' 'em in brooders like baby chicks.

Here's some sure nuff signs of improvin' business conditions that beat all the opinions of them expert professional economists:

"Patent medicine men, with their bags of tricks and 'cure alls,' plentiful this season."

"The big circus tent full each night."

"Farmers again carryin' check books."

"Farm homes and buildings showin' signs of recent repair."

"The lightning rod salesman, almost unheard of for the past several years, again making the rounds."

"The actual business gains boasted by automobile dealers, merchants and bankers."

Breaking up of the roads of the State during last winter and the formation of so-called "frost boils" was due largely to lack of drainage and the proper sealing of the roads, according to Dr. Homer E. Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission. To avoid repetition of this experience, he states that the heaviest program of oiling and sealing carried on in Maryland is being undertaken.

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## STEPS NOW UNDER WAY TO REPLACE BAY LIGHTS

Navigation Aids in Chesapeake Destroyed By Heavy Ice Of Past Winter

(Washington Bureau of The Sun) Washington, June 15.—Representative Goldsborough (Dem., Md.) announced today that steps are being taken for the replacement of a large number of navigation lights in the Chesapeake Bay which were carried away by ice last winter. He said that actual work by the lighthouse service is now under way.

C. A. Park, acting commissioner of the lighthouse service, informed Mr. Goldsborough that the equipment has been ordered and contracts are being placed as rapidly as possible.

He also explained that the request for replacing the light beacon at the head of the creek on the bay shore of Smith Island, which also was carried away by the heavy ice last winter, is being considered. A can buoy with a reflector at the south end of Sharp Island, near the mouth of the Choptank river, will be established soon.

Take it in whatever form you like, but some milk should be included in the everyday diets of every family, nutritionists say. Milk contains an abundance of calcium and other essentials which are likely to be deficient in diets without milk.

## ADVENTURES OF ROYALTY

Startling facts about career of a lord who, with wealth and social standing at his command, became an outcast. One of many illustrated stories in the June 28 issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine published with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Your newsdealer has your copy.