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## Ten Ton Tomato Club Winners

### Twenty-Five Qualify On Production Basis—242 Tomato Growers Enrolled

Out of 242 tomato growers enrolled in the twelfth annual Ten Ton Tomato Club contest during the past season, 25 qualified for membership in the club by producing ten or more tons of tomatoes to the acre, it is announced by Herman A. Hunter, specialist in canning crops for the University of Maryland Extension Service.

The contest is divided into two groups, dependent upon the acreage of tomatoes grown. The first group included growers with from two to five acres; the second group is made up of growers with more than five acres.

Highest yield in the first group was made by Percy Shortall, Easton, who produced 17.735 tons per acre on 2.642 acres, the highest yield ever recorded in a contest since the club was started in 1928. Second place in this group went to Wade Perkins, of Forest Hill, with 14.545 tons to the acre on 4.42 acres.

First prize in the large acreage group was won by John F. Kolk, of Long Green, with a yield of 16.916 tons to the acre on 6.219 acres. Second prize in this group was awarded to Dudley Baynard, of Trappe, with 16.198 tons per acre on 8.498 acres.

Each of the winners will receive a gold watch, funds for which were provided by commercial companies interested in the development of canning crops work in the state. They will also be given trips to the University of Maryland in December to attend the annual canning crops school, at which time the prizes will be awarded. All growers in the contest who produced 10 or more tons to the acre will be given certificates of membership in the Ten Ton Tomato Club.

Other growers who qualified for membership in the club are: Clifford Smith, White Hall; Aalph G. Davis, Whiteford; Ernest L. Cooper, Aberdeen; Elmer J. Bryan, Trappe; A. R. Peterson, Cambridge; Riley J. Willey, Vienna; Arthur T. Towson, Smithburg; F. H. McConnell, Havre de Grace; A. D. Miller, Cordova; H. H. Greenfield, Joppa; E. T. Cullen, Port Deposit; John Lerner, Havre de Grace; William H. Bringham, Oxford; Harvey E. Simmers, Rising Sun; Phillip T. Callahan, Cordova; John M. Green, Reisterstown; E. Raymond Slaughter, Trappe; E. R. I. Smith, Glen Arm; Lewis Shafer, Westminster; Milton Hankins, Pylesville; and Wilmer King, Upperco.

## Demand For Farm Products Stronger

Prospective increases in domestic business and consumer incomes may result on the whole in somewhat stronger demand for farm products in 1940 than in 1939. Export demand for a few products will be increased because of the war, in the opinion of T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland extension service, after analyzing the outlook for demand and prices by the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Dr. Symons cautions Maryland farmers, however, against substantially increased acreage in the hope of conditions similar to the last war.

The war, Dr. Symons says, has been partly responsible for the sharp increase in industrial activity in the last part of 1939, but that it is probable business activity and consumer incomes would have shown some improvement in 1940, even if there had been no war. The outlook report says that sharp fluctuations are likely to occur in 1940 industrial activity as a result of uncertainties arising out of the war and adjustments that will be necessary following the period of inventory accumulation which began at the outbreak of the war. Production is now said to be running ahead of consumption and exports by a considerable margin.

Dr. Symons points out that prices of commodities and services used in production of farm products in 1940 will probably average a little higher.

## Odd Fellows Plan Rally

A demonstration by the Odd Fellows of Maryland, will be held at Elkton Armory, Wednesday evening, January 18.

Supper will be served by the Rebekahs. A street parade at 7 o'clock and degree work to be exemplified by noted degree team of Delaware at 8 o'clock.

This will be followed by a public address by Governor McMullen, of Delaware, and a free dance.

## Briefly Noted News

Snow flurries on Monday served as warning of what may be expected at any time now.

The Elkton postoffice equipment was moved to the new building on Saturday.

The 25-acre farm near Boulden's Chapel has been purchased by Frank E. Weiss, of the Jessup High School faculty.

Paul Barrett has recently purchased the residence in Port Deposit, owned and occupied by the late Dr. J. I. France.

John Devine, employed by the Keys and Miller Lumber Co., suffered a fracture of the leg when struck by an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ingram have moved from the Buck bungalow, on Haines avenue, to the dwelling of Mrs. Lawrence Sadler, at Farmington.

John McDonald, who occupied a small shack along the B. & O. railroad, near Aiken, has been taken in custody charged with selling no-tax liquor.

J. Earl Tyson has had a neon lighted sign placed beside the front door of his Funeral Home as an aid to anyone who might be trying to locate the place at night.

Poultry thieves took advantage of the absence of the family of Chas. K. Keithley from their home near Elkton one night last week and stole one hundred chickens from the premises.

Fred Fish of Elkton, an engineer at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, is a patient in the Marine Hospital, Baltimore, suffering from a fractured ankle, sustained by a fall on the reservation.

Mrs. Murray Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Poist and family of Colora have moved into the dwelling on South Queen street recently vacated by Harry Hovermill and family, who are occupying the Clifton Kirk dwelling, east of town.

Miss Mary J. Campbell, Missionary from India, will speak at the Popular Meeting of the Westminster Guild to be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Cameron, near Rising Sun, on Saturday afternoon, November 18th, at 2 o'clock. The public is invited.

Ransom R. Reese and wife, have filed a deed to John T. Kyle and wife for land in the village of Colora, Sixth Election District of Cecil County, Md. Containing 8250 square feet of land, more or less; and a tract containing 34 square perches, more or less.

Wayne White, Holtwood, Pa., was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering a severe injury of the right hand. He is an employee of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, and ran an angle iron through his hand while at work at the Holtwood plant.

The annual meeting of the Cecil County Unit of the Towson State Teachers' College, will be at the home of Miss Kathryn M. Bratton, Elkton, Saturday, November 18, at 2 o'clock p. m. Dr. Wiedefeld, President of the College; Miss Scarborough and other State officers will be present.

Prospect Mills, in Harford county, are being reorganized under new management and papers of incorporation filed by Taylor G. Holland, of Brookline, Pa., Charles A. Jackson, near Elkton, and Stewart O. Day, of Aberdeen. The new firm will be known as the Prospect Mills, Inc., with Mr. Jackson, manager.

The Red Cross Roll Call in Cecil county has been given signboard space, through the courtesy of the Martin Outdoor Advertising Company, for one month to advertise the campaign. The signs are located near Rising Sun, Conowingo, Elkton, North East, Charlestown and Chesapeake City.

The suit brought by Mrs. Lillian M. Foy of Havre de Grace against Wilson H. Clark of Perryville, and Ralph E. Moody of Elkton, claiming \$5,000 damages has been settled out of court. The suit alleged that Moody was the driver of a car owned by Clark which struck and killed Fred Foy, husband of the plaintiff, last winter.

## Bridge Worker Injured

James Bedford of Elkton, is a patient in the Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace, suffering from a badly injured neck, which was first thought to be broken as a result of being struck by falling materials while engaged on construction work for the new bridge, being erected across the Susquehanna River, near Perryville. His wife is the former Miss Katherine Bunce, of Elkton.

## Masons Husk Corn At Bonnie Blink

More than 2,000 Maryland Masons, including a large number from Cecil County swarmed over forty-nine acres of corn on the farm at Bonnie Blink early Saturday morning, and in less than three hours had husked it clean.

As the last truck load of the husked corn was headed up the steep hill at the Masonic Home, for the cribs, buglers stood on the hilltops and sounded taps, the Masons stood in silence, then massed solemnly in a natural amphitheatre behind the Home near Cockeysville.

As taps was sounded at 11 A. M., the flag over the Masonic home, which since sunrise had been at half-mast, was raised to the top.

Dr. Edgar Cordell Powers, chaplain of the Grand Lodge, pronounced the opening prayer. John A. Hesser, grand master, made the address and introduced the Rev. Dr. J. Franklin Haas, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, who preached the sermon.

Following the impressive service the Masons crowded about the eating stands and made short work of the 1700 pounds of barbecued beef and other provisions prepared for them.

Among the Masons from this vicinity who attended this annual corn husking event at Bonnie Blink were Job W. Kirk, Charles Crothers, Clyde C. Drennen, James Eshleman, William Whitman, Benj. Briscoe, Curtis Hall, Lewis Martindale and James Peeples.

## Commercial Roadside Enterprises Barred

Ezra B. Whitman, chairman of the State Roads Commission has revealed that the commission has taken action which may block all attempts to commercialize property along Ritchie and Philadelphia roads and future highways in the state.

The commission hopes to stop commercialism along these roads by refusing to issue permits allowing prospective owners of filling stations and other commercial roadside enterprises to build approaches to their property from State roads, he said.

The entire widths of rights of way now held by the commission (or which may be acquired in the future) are not used for the road proper, Mr. Whitman explained. Consequently, the roads body can prohibit commercial interests from building approaches over the remaining rights of way which parallel the roads.

## Boy Loses Life In Gunning Mishap

George Arthur Standiford, aged 14 years, of Fallston, Harford county, lost his life on Saturday, Nov. 4, while shooting pigeons on the farm of Clarence Dietz.

The boy, son of Mrs. Dorothy Iliam and the late George W. Standiford, Jr., left his home accompanied by his brother, Eugene, to spend to week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Standiford. They journeyed to the Dietz farm and were shooting pigeons scared from the barn. The youth was resting the gun on the ground when it was discharged, the entire load of shot striking him in the neck and brain. He died instantly.

## Suit Over Property Sale

A bill in equity has been filed in the Circuit Court for Cecil County, by the Sunfield Realty Corporation, a New York company, asking the court to specifically enforce a contract between the company and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jeffers, for the sale of their store property on East Main Street, in Elkton.

More than two years ago, it is alleged the plaintiff obtained an option on the property, but the sale was not consummated. The owners, however, recently sold the property to another purchaser.

## Gas Stove Explodes At Tourist Camp

Two motorists were badly burned Tuesday night last, when a gas stove exploded in a tourist cabin on Route 40, a few miles west of Elkton.

They were Edward Skiva and his wife, Mrs. Grace Skiva, both of New York City. They are in Union Hospital in Elkton, Skiva suffering burns about the face and hands and Mrs. Skiva arm and leg burns.

Returning home from Wilmington Monday, Mrs. William Lofland of Cowantown, fell from a moving car near Farnhurst on the duPont Highway, sustaining bruises, cuts about the body and face.

## Speed Limit Signs Are Being Erected

New signs, notifying the motoring public of the speed limits that went into effect last June 1, are being erected along Maryland highways by the State Roads Commission.

Robert M. Reindollar, assistant chief engineer of the commission, said 2,000 of the 6,000 black-and-white posters ordered by the commission already have been erected. Posting of the signs will be completed by the end of the month, he added.

The Washington Boulevard and the new Philadelphia road are lined with the signs at one-mile intervals. In the near future warning signs also will be placed between these and on other main road arteries in the State.

The delay in the posting of the signs was attributed to two causes: First, the commission, together with State police and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, had to decide where the signs were to be placed.

Under the old law the speed limit was forty-five miles an hour. The roads commission, through authority conferred on it by law, set thirty-five as a speed limit for some sections. The present law, which sets limits of fifty-five for dual highways and fifty for ordinary roads, does not carry the thirty-five-mile for ordinary roads.

The absence of this intermediate limit caused officials of the three departments trouble in deciding what sections should be governed by the fifty-mile limit or the thirty-mile limit.

Erection of the signs also was delayed because they were late in arriving from the manufacturer. Ezra B. Whitman, road chairman, had expected the signs to arrive October 1. Signboards announcing all the speed limits in Maryland already have been placed on some highways at the end of the State line.

## Appointed To The Tome Faculty

Announcement has been made by Dr. Trentwell Mason White, Headmaster of Tome School, of the appointment of Mr. A. Robert Shaw, of New York to the Tome faculty. Mr. Shaw will give his entire time to individual remedial work. A critical study of the needs of the students made by Dr. White since he assumed the Headmastership of Tome has revealed that reading and spelling difficulties constitute a serious handicap to a number of students in practically every subject in the curriculum. Strengthening of the fundamentals in every course given throughout the school, Dr. White insists, is one of his objectives, so that every student who graduates from Tome may be able to bring credit upon himself and upon the School when he enters college.

## Maryland National Guard

The First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, will wind up a week of intensive training at Camp Albert C. Ritchie Saturday and return to home stations.

During the stay in camp the regiment witnessed a gas demonstration by troops from the Edgewood Arsenal; had its supply of gas masks checked and inspected by the regular army experts. Two tanks from Fort George G. Meade also were assigned to the troops during the combat exercises.

Among the 1,000 men making the trip to camp were more than 100 new recruits enlisted during the past few weeks under the War Department's special order authorizing an increase in the strength of the National Guard.

## Burned By Gasoline

Ralph Keen and Dallas Sheridan, of Havre de Grace, employed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, were painfully injured as the result of an explosion, and are receiving treatment at a Baltimore hospital.

They were cleaning with gasoline the gears of a railroad mounted gun when a short circuit in an extension electric wire ignited the gasoline fumes causing the explosion. Mr. Keen ran from the pit with his clothing aflame. Mr. Sheridan was burned on the arm while beating out the flames of his associate.

## Fox Hunting Association

The annual banquet of the Cecil County Fox Hunting Association was held Wednesday evening, November 15, at the Chesapeake City Fire House, when challenge cups and other trophies were awarded.

Hunts were held on November 7th near Rising Sun; November 8, near Cecilton; November 9, near Chesapeake City, starting each morning at 8 o'clock.

## Personal And Social

Miss Mary Gramling and Robert Enderle, of Philadelphia, were Saturday visitors of Miss M. Liddle Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shingler and Billy Buck attended the "Home Coming" at State Teachers College, Millersville, Pa., on Saturday.

Mrs. John Tosh entertained a number of guests at the Red Rose Inn, Jannersville, Pa., on Saturday afternoon. Thirteen tables of bridge were played.

Miss Ann Dinsmore, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Dinsmore, Harrisville. Miss Dinsmore is a student at the Marionella Beauty Culture School.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Prettyman, of Zion, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Saturday, November 11. The new member of the family has been named George Barker, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown announce the birth of their 2nd daughter Nov. 2, at Havre de Grace Hospital; weight 6 pounds, 7 ounces. The little lady's name is Mary Lou. The mother was formerly Miss Margaret Donache.

Students at Tome School, Port Deposit, who have made the honor roll are: Edwin L. Haines, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haines, Rising Sun; George R. Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Atkinson, Port Deposit; Smedley Lee Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Craig, Aikin; Walter E. Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buck, Port Deposit.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Kyle entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening, Nov. 6, in honor of their daughter Dorothy's 15th birthday. Dorothy received several gifts. These to enjoy the happy occasion, were: Misses Geraldine Reed, Freda Stemple, Hazel and Harriet Coale, Lorraine Riade, Frances Kyle, all of Rising Sun; Miss Maude McVey, of Nottingham, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Kyle and son, Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt and Miss Lorraine Fassitt spent Wednesday night with friends in Richmond, Virginia, Thursday with Miss Laura Townes, of Richmond, they visited Charlottesville and enjoyed a trip over the Skyline Drive. There had been fifteen inches of snow, an unusual fall for this time of year. The C. C. C. boys, with scrapers and shovels had the roads well cleared. There was plenty of snow in the mountains, while the valleys were green and colorful.

Miss Mildred Garvin and Miss Ruth Baugher, members of Rising Sun High School 1939 graduating class, who are now first year students at State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., have been placed on the honor roll, in recognition of their work.

There are 132 members of the first year class at the State Teachers College, and 32 of them made the honor roll. The gaining of the merit by the Rising Sun students speaks well for their training at the high school here.

## Airplane Visitors

Mr. William Graham and Mr. Jack Shaffer of Christiana, Pa., were visitors of Herbert Dinsmore, at Harrisville, on Sunday, coming by airplane and landing in a field of the farm of A. J. Dinsmore.

The plane is owned and piloted by Mr. Shaffer, who has a commercial license. Herb was taken for a ride over Port Deposit and up the river as far as Conowingo, and reports it was a great thrill.

## Sportsmen Gather At Havre de Grace

An important meeting in which all Harford and Cecil county duck hunters were interested was in the high school auditorium, Havre de Grace, on Monday evening, November 13, when Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, chief of the U. S. Biological Survey, discussed the matter of government restrictions on the Susquehanna flats and on the waters adjacent to the Aberdeen Proving Ground and also on the government reservation.

Besides, Dr. Gabrielson showed motion pictures of wild fowl life throughout the United States and Canada, including a number of shots taken in nearby waters. He was accompanied by Mr. J. D. Salyer, a member of the staff, who is familiar with the local situation, having made frequent visits to Havre de Grace to inspect local waters.

The meeting was arranged through Senator J. Wilmer Cronin of Aberdeen, and Leo M. Moore, of Havre de Grace, in the hope that sportsmen would get first hand information as to the necessity for the passage of the law in the last session of the Maryland General Assembly, setting aside a certain area on the "tail end" of the flats for a duck sanctuary.

## Some Don'ts Gunners Should Observe

### A Little Care Will Be The Means Of Preventing Accidents

Gunners in Maryland took to the fields on Wednesday, when the upland season opened. There is always more or less hazard during the gunning season, as a great many boys, as well as older persons, are none too careful in the handling of their guns.

A little care may prevent an accident, fraught with serious consequences, and below are listed some suggestions which, if strictly observed, will eliminate careless accidents:

1. Always assume that every gun is loaded until you prove it to be otherwise.
2. Never point a gun in any direction where an accidental discharge may do harm.
3. Guns should be taken apart when transported in an automobile. If not taken apart, gunners should exercise extreme care in removing them. Be sure you take the gun out of the car "butt first" instead of "barrel first."
4. Shells should not be placed in the gun until action is anticipated. Keep the safety on safety position until game is flushed.
5. Using the gun to punch or club game out of brush is a hazardous practice.
6. When going through barbed wire fences, place the gun through first, never to the front.
7. Never fire at any moving object until you are able to determine exactly what it is.
8. Never leave a gun in such a position that a dog or companion may discharge it.
9. Make sure the muzzle of your gun is clear, not clogged with mud or snow.
10. Pick your gunning company carefully. Shy away from foolish hunters and pranksters.
11. Wear the red side of your hunting cap outside. The brilliant color will help identify you to fellow gunners.
12. Don't let an accident spoil your sport.

## Road Construction Delays

The creation of a revolving fund of \$1,000,000 or possibly \$1,500,000 to be used by the State Road Commission in eliminating delays connected with road construction is being considered by Governor O'Connor.

He explained that he will discuss the feasibility of the fund, which could be created either through a bond issue or through a budgetary allocation of gasoline tax revenues, with the State Roads Commission and the State Planning Commission.

The Governor said a study revealed that considerable delay in road building has been caused in obtaining rights of way. The commission, he added, anticipating there would be the usual resistance where serious dislocation on property values occur, during recent years has waited until a project was ready before making surveys and procuring right-of-way.

"This policy," the Governor continued, "has been due, in large measure, to a hesitancy on the part of the State Road Commission to embark on a long-range program to select the units and to proceed with surveys and procurement of rights-of-way well in advance of construction."

"The policy which has heretofore been followed might be described as a hand-to-mouth system and it has occurred that where any complications arose the entire policy was held up, oftentimes with overhead expenses still running on."

"Under the plan which I now have under consideration, this revolving fund would be available to the commission of surveys, road planning and for the actual purchase of rights-of-way on projects, the selection of which could be made well in advance of expected construction."

## Bridge Contractor Returns To His Home

Robert C. Reitz, Lancaster, Pa., contractor who disappeared Aug. 19, while in the midst of erecting the new Susquehanna River bridge at Havre de Grace, has returned to his home.

According to the family, Reitz was in a "highly nervous" condition. They said he had been "out west" since his disappearance, having previously "cracked under the strain" of working night and day.

The bridge is being completed by a bonding company which took over Reitz's contract.