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To Wage War On Japanese Beetle

New "Seed Of Death" Will Be Used Against Pest

On spring planting of a new "seed of death" is pinned the lastest hope of blasting the rapid march of the voracious Japanese beetle.

The "seed" is a spore-producing bacterial disease—milk white. It is being "sown" over 2,000 square miles in Maryland where the beetle infestation is most severe.

The beetle is a scourage of farm crops, city lawns, gardens, and golf courses from Maine to Georgia, and west to St. Louis, with the heaviest "belt" from Connecticut to Maryland.

Damage is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars. If unimpeded, the beetle might spread over most of the nation.

The new "bacterial bullet" was discovered by the late Dr. G. F. White, U. S. Department of Agriculture entomologist. Federal tests in New Jersey showed it causes as high as 80 per cent mortality among beetle grubs—the underground stage in the insect's life cycle between egg and adult.

Dr. Ernest N. Cory, state entomologist, and Dr. George S. Langford, specialist in insect control at the University of Maryland, are directing the work in a major test of the new weapon.

They are using 750,000 live grubs, inoculating them with the disease and letting them incubate to obtain countless billions of the disease spores.

The grubs are then ground up, the spores separated and standardized and mixed with chalk to obtain a dry powder that can easily be planted with a modified corn planter. The grubs will yield enough disease spores to "plant" three and one-acre plots in each square mile.

It is hoped, Dr. Croy said, that the disease will spread from grub to grub, that the spores will be carried from planted to unplanted areas. The bacteria are harmless to human beings, and it costs only $1.73 to treat an acre plot, against about $75 an acre for treating land with arsenate of lead, a sure but costly beetle grub killer.

Elkton is the main center of distribution. The powder is packed in two-pound bags, one bag to each acre. Being treated are Cecil County, upper Kent, Harford, part of Baltimore, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, and Prince Georges Counties, as well as a limited area in Queen Anne's, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Talbot, Frederick, and Washington Counties.

Each square-mile area is blocked off on a large-scale map. Diggings are first made to discover areas with high concentrations of the grubs. Each acre "sown" is marked on the map, to keep a detailed record of distribution of the fatal "seed."

New Official Records

Peterborough, N. H.—A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a five year old cow Elk Manor Louise 456153 of North East, Md., tested and owned by Wilmer Stradley. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by The American Guernsey Cat-Club is 11471.1 pounds of milk and 710.6 pounds of butter fat in class AA.

Peterborough, N. H.—A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a five year old cow Cherub's Babe 447258 of Port Deposit, Md., tested and owned by Donaldson Brown. Her official record supervised by the University of Maryland and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club is 12098.4 pounds of milk and 6101. pounds of butter fat in class AA.

Gave Bad Check

Robert A. Bluestein, wanted in Havre de Grace on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretense, was arrested last week in New York. Samuel Haberman of Havre de Grace, obtained a warrant charging that Bluestein obtained goods from him by presenting a check for $1,122.80, drawn on the National Safety Bank and Trust Company of New York City, which was later returned unpaid.

The check was received by Mr. Haberman the first part of March in payment for furs he had supplied to the firm of David Bluestein & Co.

When a man starts throwin' dirt you can be sure he's losin' ground.

Briefly Noted News

William H. Fox has purchased the Bratton property on Bow street, in Elkton, which he will convert into a two family house.

The Marching Club of the North East Fire Company won two prizes at the parade in Christina, Delaware on Thursday night last.

Lawrence Reynolds, member of the Kenmore High School baseball team, suffered a fractured nose during the game at Rising Sun last week.

Rev. Evan W. Renne, of Princeton Seminary, has accepted a unanimous call by Head of Christiana and Rock Presbyterian Churches to become their pastor.

Edward H. Rankin, Holtwood, Pa., won a verdict of $100 in his suit against Jacob W. Graybill, Quarryville, executor of the estate of Andrew Shaubach, late of Providence township.

James Kirk, John Schaefer and William K. Berger have been reelected to the Board of Town Commissioners of Cecilton. George Gorman and William Cooling are hold over Commissioners.

The Rev. Charles B. Traill has accepted the appointment as curate to the Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson, of Elkton, rector of the Cecil County Co-operative Parish, the largest Episcopal parish on the Eastern Shore.

The Johnson Studios, Leslie, Md., are holding a public exhibition of the Florida gardens and southern scenes painted by Mabel Hun Johnson. The exhibition which is being held in the pise' Ie terra gallery will continue until May 15th.

Employe Retires

Charles E Beard, an employe of the A. T. T. Co., for 26 years, who was transferred from Westminster to Elkton eleven years ago, was retired on Wednesday last. He was tendered a farewell party by his fellow employes of the local office and presented with a gold watch. A wallet from the company was presented by District Plant Superintendent, H. G. White, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Beard will live in Darlington, Md.

The Kiwanis Club of Elkton is holding a carnival May 3 to 11, for the benefit of their milk fund.

Water And Sewerage Asso.

Methods of water purification; procedure in water and sewerage treatment; and other matters of special interest to sanitary engineers and to authorities responsible for construction and operation of water systems and sewage treatment plants, will be discussed at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Maryland-Delaware Water and Sewerage Association, to be held Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, at the Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury.

Stolen Car Recovered

Learning that an automobile, bearing Delaware license tags, had been parked along West Main Street, Elkton for more than 24 hours, Sheriff David Randolph reported and Town Officer Elwood Boyd investigated and found it had been stolen in Wilmington. It was held pending an investigation and the arrival of the owner.

Will Teach Flying

The Bat'a Shoe Company, Czechoslovakian shoe concern building a $750,000 plant near Belcamp, Harford county, will insist that every apprentice at the Bat'a Industrial and Business Institute learns to fly.

The school, which will open this month for 60 boys and girls, will include aviation courses in its curricula.

Wagon House Destroyed

Rising Sun firemen responded to a call on Monday afternoon, taking both engines to what is known as the Leroy England farm, near Zion, now operated by Lonnie Criswell.

An exploding oil drum caused a fire in the large wagon house that threatened all the group of farm buildings. The explosion spread the flames so rapidly that the wagon house was doomed by the time the firemen arrived on the scene, and they devoted their efforts to saving the nearby chicken house, barn, dwelling and other buildings.

The wagon house was totally destroyed, together with 200 bushels of corn stored therein, an auto and some farm equipment. The loss was placed at $2,000. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Radcliffe Wins Democratic Senatorial Nomination

Ex-Governor Nice Defeats Broening In The Contest For The Republican Nomination

Senator George L. Radcliffe smashed the state administration's organization Monday to win renomination in Maryland's Democratic senatorial primary by a margin of more than 70,000 votes over Democratic National Committeeman Howard Bruce.

Down with Bruce on the political toboggan went the party prestige of Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor. Up with Radcliffe, to a new position of command went Senator Millard E. Tydings, Radcliffe's campaign manager, and Mayor Howard W. Jackson of Baltimore, long-time foe of the Bruce-O'Conor forces.

Thomas E. Dewey, only Presidential candidate to file in the State, polled more than 32,000 votes against some 4,389 for an uninstructed delegation to capture Maryland's 16 Republican delegates.

The Tydings-Jackson group gained control over Democratic convention delegates.

Former Governor Harry W. Nice held a 10,000 vote lead over William F. Broening, former Baltimore mayor, in the Republican Senatorial primary and was assured of the nomination.

Representative David J. Ward won the Democratic nomination for Congress in the First (Eastern Shore) Congressional district.

Walter Johnson, the great American League pitcher of other days, appeared victorious in the primary for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Sixth (Western Maryland) Congressional district.

Thomas E. Dewey, racket-busting New York prosecutor, ran away with the Maryland delegation to the Republican National Convention, but fell short of the 10-to-1 margin over an uninstructed delegation, at which his managers had aimed. He was more popular with city voters than with those who cast ballots in the country.

The State-wide vote was less than that cast in the closely-contested Democratic primary of 1938, but the majority given Senator Radcliffe dwarfed the winning margins in that election rolled up by Senator Tydings and by Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor.

Senator Tydings will dominate the State convention which meets in Baltimore, May 22, in the choice of delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, and the selection of the National Committee man for Maryland—a place now held by the defeated Senate candidate, Howard Bruce.

The winning Congressional nominees in the State were:

First District,—David J. Ward, Dem.; Robert F. Duer, Rep.

Second—Wm. P. Cole, D.; Theodore Brown, R.

Third—Thomas D'Alesandro, D.; John A. Janetzke, Jr., R.

Fourth—John A. Meyer, D.; Daniel Ellison, R.

Fifth—Lansdale G. Sasscer, D.; John N. Torvestad, R.

Sixth—William D. Byron (unopposed) D.; Walter Johnson, R.

In Cecil County Bruce polled 1850 votes, Radcliffe 1765; Broening, R., 839; Nice, R., 660.

For Congress—Roe, 753; Ward, 604; Johnson 1057. Republican, Duer 236, Lloyd 565, Maddix 551.

Boys Flourish Gun And Take Car

Sheriff David Randolph investigated the story of two youths who voluntarily gave themselves up at Elkton, after claiming they secured a gun from an Oakwood farmer and then, at gun-point, demanded the keys to his automobile and drove it off.

The youths, John Blakeley and Berthold Blakeley, about 18 and 17 years old respectively, walked into the sheriff's office in the county jail and related their story.

The boys said they drove off with the car into Pennsylvania, and finding the supply of oil and gas low stopped at a filling station and took on a fully supply without paying for it.

"After driving around for some hours," said one of them, "we drove back to Oakwood section where we abandoned the car."

Elkton Girl Injured In Crash

Miss Alice Elizabeth Potts, of Elkton, suffered a fractured leg and lacerations on the face, sustained when an automobile ran into a pole on South Market Street near C street Wilmington, Saturday morning.

Stephens Alford Potts, her brother, who was driving the car, escaped with only minor bruises and lacerations. Miss Potts was admitted to the Wilmington General Hospital for observation. Her brother was treated at the same hospital.

According to police reports, Potts' car struck some lumber extending from a truck of the Wilmington Sash and Door Co., and then swerved into a telephone pole. The truck was operated by Jack Gorman, who lives at the Wilmington Y. M. C. A.

Struck By Car

While attempting to cross the business section of Main Street in Elkton, Charles Dilks, 50 years old, a resident of Elkton, was struck by a car alleged to have been driven by Edward Lewis, Jr., of White Hall section. Upon being removed to Union Hospital, it was disclosed he had suffered a fractured arm and a number of bruises.

Liquor Licenses Issued

The Board of Liquor Control last week issued five licenses in this county. They were: W. Frank Mathues, Horseshoe Farm, Elk Neck; Cecil Tavern, Cecilton; Paradise Inn, Elkton; Well's Camp, near North East; and Reginald Thompson, Landing Lane, Elkton.

Work On Incinerator Progressing

Work on the incinerator, being constructed at the disposal plant near town, is progressing rapidly. It is expected to be ready to put into operation by June 1st.

The concrete and brick building is 15 x 15 feet in demensions, one story, with basement, and will have a stack 47 feet in height. It will have a capacity of 240 pounds an hour, the intense heat doing away completely with smoke and objectionable odors.

All persons wishing their garbage removed are urged to provide themselves with standard garbage cans, with tops, to prevent animals from knocking the cans over and scattering the trash about.

This is one important feature of the garbage collection plan that is urged, to facilitate the work.

Jury Fails To Agree in Damage Suit

The damage suit of Mrs. Taylor W. McKinney against Mrs. William J. Davis and her daughter, Mrs. John H. Minster, all of Elkton, over injuries allegedly sustained in an automobile accident near Singerly avenue and West High street, in that town, was tried in the Chestertown Court, the jury failing to agree.

P. T. A. Meeting

The Rising Sun Parent Teacher's Association met in the high school auditorium, Thursday evening, May second. A short business meeting was held. The entertainment committee reported $29.50 clear from the bake held in the Shepherd Store building, Saturday afternoon.

The elementary school gave an entertainment. It was encouraging to have so many parents and friends present.

C. & L. Printing Co.

The Star Printing Plant in Elkton has been taken over by Harry Cleaves and H. Livingstone, of Newark, and the name of the Cecil Star changed to the Cecil News, with Geo. H. Huston, of Wilmington, as editor. Both Mr. Cleaves and Mr. Livingstone have for years been connected with the Kells shop of Newark

All things come to the other fellow if you wait long enough.

The average man spends all his life looking for he ideal woman—but in the meantime he marries.

Personal And Social

Mrs. Samuel J. Terry has been visiting Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. Lewis T. Garvin is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Stradley, of Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Taylor, of Bridgeport, Pa., have been visiting Joseph Johnson and family.

Mrs. Martin Keplinger is a patient in a Baltimore hospital where she sustained an operation.

Miss Louise M Worthington was the guest last week of her cousin, Mrs. B. M. Fleck, of Ambler, Pa.

Mrs. John Scheneck and son, of Philada., are spending some time with her father, Dr. J. B. Slicer.

Mrs. Samuel Gamble, of near Sylmar, was taken to Woman's Hospital, Baltimore, on Monday, for an appendix operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCoy, of Stanton, Delaware, were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Logan and family.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson and Edwin L. Haines attended the Conference of the Methodist Church at Altantic City on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ablert L. Buffington and Miss Gertrude S. Dare, of Swarthmore, Pa., visited Rising Sun friends on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. Wm. M. Pogue and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines enjoyed a week-end motor trip to Pittsburgh, where they visited Wm. R. Pogue and family.

Mrs. Mary J. Walworth, of Hartford, Conn., formerly of Chesapeake City, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Betty Jefferson Walworth, to Robert N. Lemen.

Miss Dorothy A. Shepherd, of Wilmington, and Mr. Eugene H. Futty, of Elkton, were united in marriage on April 19, at the rectory of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett F. Johnson, of this town, are receiving congratulation on the birth of a 7¾ pound boy, on Tuesday last, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Mother and son, Paul David, are doing nicely.

April 25th was the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Winchester, of Principio Furnace. A number of their friends tendered them a surprise party at their home in the evening, in honor of the occasion.

The marriage of Miss Florence B. Egee, of Chesapeake City, and Dr. William E. Brown, of Preston, Maryland, which was solemnized in Glenburnie, on April 17, has been announced. The Rev. C. Gilbert Hill, Jr., performed the ceremony.

The marriage of Miss Ann Cutler formerly of Rising Sun, and Mr. Wilson Abrahams, took place Saturday, April 27, at 10 p. m., at the Tome M. E. parsonage, Port Deposit. Mrs. Ralph Winchester and Mr. Joseph Cutler were attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Rutlegde, Perryville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while in Florida last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge both 71, make their permanent home in Perryville, Md. He was retired by the Pennsylvania railroad four years ago after serving as a passenger conductor and trainman for 53 years.

Powell--Ernest

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Powell of near Galena, Kent County, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Adelaide Powell, to Mr. Douglas E. Ernest, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Ernest, of Middletown, Del., which took place at the Methodist parsonage in Elkton on Tuesday, April 16, with the Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley officiating.

They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stidham of Sassafras, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. The couple will be at home on May 1, near Cecilton. The bride is a graduate of the Galena High School and of Beacom College, Wilmington. The bridegroom is a graduate of Valley Forge Military School.

Elkton Still Popular As A Marriage Center

Elkton is still a popular place for weddings, in spite of the 48-hour waiting period now required between application for and issuance of licenses, 358 couples came to the town in search of wedlock in April, a gain of 51 couples over April, 1939. Permits for the first four months of 1940 were granted to 293 more couples than in the same period of 1939.

Even greater increases are expected after May 17—when a new, more stringent Pennsylvania marriage law becomes effective.

Water System Voted Down

North East Residents Defeat Proposal For Public Improvement

The citizens of North East have finally voted down the proposal to establish a public improvement by the installation of a town water system. A special election was held on Friday.

The referendum was taken after a new registration had been made and after leaders made sure they had complied with the terms of the court ruling in previous legal contests over the issue. This is expected to settle the issue for the time being, at least.

The voters by a 35-vote margin turned down the town board's proposal to bond the town for $50,000 to help finance construction of a modern plant to take the place of the present well system. The vote was 291 to 256.

The North East Improvements Association and the Chamber of Commerce had advocated the water project, which had been urged by State Health Department officials. The majority of the new town board also favored it, but the proposal had been a moot issue with taxpayers as a whole, for more than two years.

Early July Set For Bridge Completion

State Roads Commission officials estimate that, despite spring rains, winter freezeups, and a contractor who defaulted on one of the major contracts, the new $4,242000 Susquehanna River Bridge will be completed early in July.

Work on the span, from which the state expects to derive some $419,000 a year in gross revenue from tools, was started Dec. 5, 1938 and will be "substantially completed" by the June 30 dead line, officials said.

Another two weeks of furnishing touches may be necessary before the bridge and its 16 full-time employes go into operation.

Road way of the bridge will be 46 feet wide between sidewalk curbs and will accommodate four lanes of traffic. The two main channel spans clear mean low water in the river by 89 feet. All approaches are above the highest recorded flood level of the Susquehanna.

The toll plaza, between the Perryville-Aiken road and the east abutment, will accommodate three lanes of traffic in each direction, with an added emergency lane in each direction, and handle an estimated 2,000 cars an hour in each direction.

The number of cars expected to use the bridge during its first five years of operation is estimated at 2,317,000 a year.

Personnel proposed for full-time service at the bridge include a superintendent, a cashier, a stenographer-clerk, seven toll officers, four toll sergeants, one janitor and one mechanic.

Thousands Of Herring Being Caught

The cold weather delayed the opening of the fishing business at the head of the Chesapeake Bay for about ten days, but the run of herring was reported as heavy last week and thousands of the fish were caught. The Tilghman Co. has been packing 300,000 herring per day and many truck loads have been sent to their packing plant at Tilghman's Island carrying the overflow which has crowded the plant in Havre de Grace.

Shad, while still scarce at the head of the Chesapeake, have been caught in huge numbers in the Delaware and Hudson Bays. Henry Keen, reports a catch of 3,000 pounds of rock fish the past week.

Illegal Whiskey Seized

Sheriff W. E. Bennington, of Harford county, Deputy Sheiff Earle Francis and three Federal agents seized over two hundred gallons of liquor in a raid last week, on the residence of Walter J. Ross, at Carsins Run, Harford county.

Twelve kegs of whiskey were in an upstairs room, being aged by heat, and the remainder of the haul was found in the cellar, being aged by electrical equipment. Ross, the owner of the home, managed to make his escape while the officers were obtaining a search warrant, but a colored man, George Earle, was arrested. At present Earle is being held in the Aberdeen jail pending a hearing.