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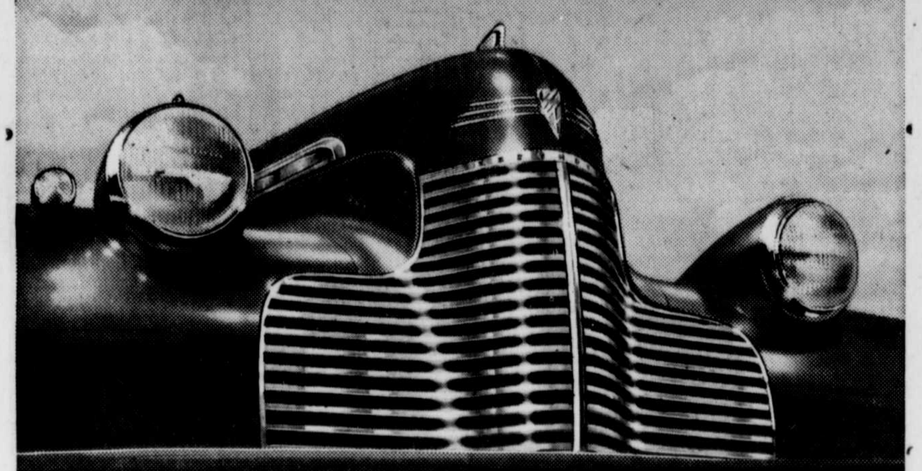

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Schools at North East, Marion, Harts, Principio Furnace, Perryville and The Jacob Tome Institute are to receive American Legion Awards through Susquehanna Post No. 135, of Perryville. These are elementary school awards and will be given to graduates of the seventh grade or equivalent. The recipients will be selected under the supervision of the county school board except for the Jacob Tome Institute.

Awards will be made to the boy of the graduating class who best meets the following qualifications: Honor, Courage, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. Qualifications for the girls are: Courage, Companionship, Character, Service and Scholarship. Presentations will be made at the respective schools by a representative of Susquehanna Post.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVENOR OF CONNECTICUT

Major Alfred N. Phillips of Worsell Manor, First District near Cecilton, and former Mayor of Stanford, Conn., through his papar, the Darien Review, at Derien, Conn., has announced his candidacy for Govenor of Connecticut. Major Phillips was also a former Congressman from his district.

Major Phillips has maintained a summer home in Cecil county for about three years, purchasing the Manor from Mr. Lambert Davis of Cecilton. The mansion house has been renovated and has been listed as one of the colonial homes of the State. Recently a garden tour of the State included Worsell Manor in its itinerary.

Except for the sunflower, the more conspicuous weeds on American farms generally came from Europe.

Cheap cotton materials for the world market are produced at an incredible rate in Hongkong where 50 yards of it are made every time one minute goes by.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Captain Jeremiah Baker Capter, Daughters of American Revolution, held the May meeting at the home of Mrs. B. H. Owens, Principio Furnace. Officers elected for the coming year were: Regent, Mrs. Harriett C. Owens; vice regent, Mrs. Arthur Beaven; chaplain, Mrs. Arthur H. Owens; recording secretary, Mrs. Paul J. Fleming; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cornelia Nickle; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur M. Reeves; registrar, Mrs. Ralph K. Levering; historian, Mrs. Robert McVey; editor, Mrs. Cornelia Nickle.

FAKE BOOKNG AGENT

The Woman's Auxiliary of Chesapeake City Fire Company, were recently victimized by a fake booking agent. The Auxiliary arranged to hold a dance, engaging, so they thought, a Philadelphia orchestra to furnish the music, which was signed for by a booking agent, who obtained a deposit. When the evening of the dance arrived and the orchestra did not appear, an investigation was started and it was learned that the orchestra "agent" was a fake, and also that he had swindled two other organizations in a similar manner, by collecting a fee for an orchetra that did not exist.

NEW COURT HOUSE FURNITURE INSTALLED

The new furniture for the offlices in the recently completed Court House building at Elkton, has been received and installed.

The original contract for the office furniture and fittings was canceled because, it was alleged, it did not come up to specifications and quality. This led to another contract being made. As a result several of the office forces have remained up to present, in the old building.

A movement is on foot to allow the present building to remain and use a part as a public library, or a public hall.

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Spanish Wild Horses

The possibility that stray horses from Coronado's expedition stocked the western plains with Spanish horses is slight, says Prof. Arthur S. Alton of the University of Michigan, who recently translated into English the muster roll of the early explorer's companies. This record, which gives a complete count by men, with names, rank, number of horses or other animals, armor and weapons, was made on February 22, 1540, at Compostela in western Mexico as Coronado's men were reviewed by the viceroy and governor of New Spain, Antonio de Mendoza. Careful distinction was made in the document between horses (caballos) or stallions and mares (yeguas). Inasmuch as only two mares are listed, the possibility is rather remote, Professor Alton says, that the hordes of wild horses that once roamed the West were descendants from horses lost from the Coronado band. The muster roll bearing this evidence, with an explanatory introduction, has been published by the university's William L. Clements library.

New Data on Mars

Study of photographs of Mars taken when it was at its shortest distance from the earth—approximately 37,000,000 miles—has enabled scientists to arrive at definite conclusions. An expedition was sent out by the Pulkovo observatory and Leningrad university. It worked in the summer of 1939 at Tashkent, capital of the central Asian Uzbek republic, where atmospheric conditions are favorable, and took more than 500 photographs of the red planet. It has been determined that Mars has quite a dense atmosphere, in which something resembling clouds and mists are formed. Study of the "mainlands," the dark sections, showed that they are regions covered with sands containing ferrous oxide, explaining the planet's orange coloring.

Singing in the Bathtub

The habit of singing in the bathtub, despite the wear and tear on the neighbors' nerves, has been recommended to save the wear and tear on bathroom linens. Scientists at the American Institute of Laundering approved of bathroom yodeling after research showed that it takes the place of a too-vigorous rubdown. "The silent bather is most likely to seize a bath towel, stretch it as it never should have been stretched, and seek new vigor by a strenuous rubdown," the institute reported. "The result is a bath towel that is ruined by having its body stretched out of shape and its threads torn." The institute concluded that "such maltreatment ranks with shoe wiping and razor blade cleaning as chief causes of bath towel fatalities."

About 600 languages are spoken on the European continent.

Kansas Birds Eat Live Cows

Farmers Find It Difficult to Fight Pests Who Cause Big Losses.

WICHITA, KAN.—Cattlemen of western Kansas have learned to cope with zero weather and blizzards which are hitting them now, but they are faced this year with a new menace—Kansas birds are eating Kansas cows.

Ray Lamberson, a cattleman of Liberal, brought two birds to the Wichita stockyards to show men of this part of Kansas specimens of the newest pests.

The birds are alighting on the backs of cows, boring through the skin, and literally starting to eat them alive.

One of the birds is an English starling; the other is similar to the Kansas state bird, the meadow lark.

"It seems that these starlings are teaching our state birds a few bad habits," Lamberson said. "I was born and raised in this part of the country, and never have seen any starlings here before."

Cows at Mercy.

Both species have long beaks and long claws. They alight on the cow's back, just above the rump. There, the cow neither can shake it loose nor brush it off with her tail.

They are attacking beef herds, but are doing most of their damage in dairy herds, according to Lamberson.

Farmers are finding it difficult to fight the pests. If they put out poisoned meat, dogs and cats, the pets of almost every farmhouse, eat it and die. So they have tried putting out poisoned seeds.

The sparrows and other birds that winter in this part of the country readily eat the poisoned grain. The starlings, however, refuse to touch it. Rather, they wait until the sparrows and other birds die from effects of the poison, and then attack them, boring through the breasts of their winged victims.

The English starling is a dark bird. Its feathers are nearly black near the quill end, but on the spread end, they have a purplish dot.

Bird books describe starlings as intelligent and carnivorous. While there is snow on the ground, seeds are plentiful along hedgerows, but the birds prefer to attack the cattle.

Eat More Than Grubs.

The other bird resembles a meadow lark but is somewhat darker and more husky than the ordinary species.

Old-timers here say they have often seen birds land on the backs of cattle, but only to eat grubs which grow under the skin of the animals, rather than the animals themselves.

Lamberson says that the type of boring the starlings do is different and that they eat more of the animal than just a grub.

The starling is a member of the grackle family, the same family to which crows and blackbirds belong. There are thousands of crows and blackbirds in Kansas all through the year, but they never have been seen to attack cattle.

Until they learn to cope with the trouble, many of the cattlemen are keeping their dairy herds in sheds.

At the same time they are hoping they will find some way to fight the pests because the Kansas climate is so well suited to breeding of the grackle family that there are likely to be thousands of them in the neighborhood in a few years.

Frescoes Adorning Old Roman Bath Discovered

ROME.—Frescoes adorning the walls of a Roman bath built at the time of Julius Caesar and in which Cleopatra may have disported herself, have been discovered during work on the river bed of the Tiber.

Though the actual paintings are of Hadrianic date (117-138 A. D.), the remains of the bath are of the late republican period, 200 years earlier.

The remains of a landing stage, with iron mooring rings, besides those of a temple, prove that the site of these finds is that of Caesar's famous gardens by the Tiber. According to Ovid and other poets, these gardens were the scene of an annual festival to the goddess Fortune, to which the Romans used to come by river.

The frescoes have been removed and are to be made part of the collection in the National Museum of Rome.

Switching Tail of Cow Once Source of Power

BOSTON.—How much power has a cow's tail when it's switching flies?

Enough, calculated a Massachusetts dairyman in 1860, to operate a milking machine. His machine worked by motion of a cow's tail. It is described in that year's September issue of the New England Farmer.

The inventor answered objections that his cow-power machine would operate only during flytime by recommending the introduction of artificial flies into the dairy stable.

It is not yet known where sprats, a fish found in British waters between November and February, go during the rest of the year.

Motion Picture of Heart Shows Beginning of Life

A motion picture of the origin of life—the formation and first-beat of the heart of an embryo chicken—was shown recently at an assembly of the International College of Surgeons.

The film, photographed through a microscope, provided the surgeons an exciting drama of the most mysterious of all the phases of their work. It covered a 10-hour interval, from the time the incipient chicken's heart, little more than a thin-walled tube, first began to twitch, until blood circulation started. It showed the spasmodic twitching become a pulsating; the blood cells and blood vessels begin to form, and the heart gain strength until it was able to pump life fluid through the embryonic blood vessels.

Dr. Bradley Patten of the University of Michigan's anatomy department, gave the demonstration. In a paper he explained that he and his associates had cut a tiny window in the cell of a fertilized egg and exposed the embryo, the size of a pin head. This preparation was transferred to a glass chamber and supplied with nutrient fluid.

The first flutterings of the tube, later to become the heart, are not rhythmic or orderly. Different parts of it merely contract and there are periods as long as five minutes when there is no activity. Then comes a series of fibrillations and gradually, after two or three hours, the twitches seem to combine, although mostly on the right side of the tube.

After another hour, scattered areas of the left side begin to contract. Then right and left sides twitch in time with each other. Still there is no regular rhythm to the movements as a whole.

Three hours later there is a change, so gradual it is impossible to tell when it starts. The motions are starting at one end of the tube and rippling in waves to the other end.

Then the blood starts to form. At first there is just fluid; then a few corpuscles appear within the heart tube . They shuttle back and forth at each beat. The beating increases, the blood cells become more numerous. At last the embryonic heart is pumping blood into embryonic arteries. The chick is 40 hours old. Circulation has started.

Wisconsin Liars Club Has Tough Competition

Burlington, Wis., world capital of tall-story tellers, faces competition. Liars of Osage, Okla., have challenged Burlington fibbers to a "lie-telling session with no holds barred."

"To prove we rate in the championship class," wrote Glenn G. Cates of the Osage team, "here's one an Osage kindergarten pupil tells:

" 'I was getting dinner one day when I accidentally dropped a very sharp knife. It cut our old cat's tail off up close, clean as a whistle. He looked so exposed and embarrassed that I decided to build him a new tail of wood. I threaded the tail stub and made matching threads on the wooden job and screwed it on. The cat looked proudly at it a moment and then scampered out into the yard.

" 'The next thing I saw was our old cat hiding behind a tree near which all the rats in the neighborhood passed. When a rat stuck his head out our cat would switch its tail and knock the rat dead.

" 'The next morning the cat had everything organized. He had another cat sitting on a fence as lookout, 16 cats dragging off the dead rats, 15 digging holes to bury them in, and 25 more covering them up. A pussy was keeping score.' "

When Roll Was Called

Two years ago citizens of Granger, Wash., organized "the finest volunteer fire department in central Washington" and named Darwin Davis as assistant chief. But now they're considering all sorts of dire action against Davis because he spoiled the chance the department had awaited for two years. For 24 months members of the department drilled faithfully, waiting for the day they could show their prowess in a real fire. It finally came and when the fire alarm rang the members turned out in force—all except Davis. Not waiting for their assistant chief, the volunteer firemen dashed to the scene.

Sprinting Pig

Perhaps looking forward to the day when a fleet foot might save him from the slaughter house, a baby pig at Wilton, N. H., tries his luck at outdistancing automobiles. The pig races a car going in one direction, but reverses its track when it meets one traveling the other way.

LITTLE ELK TRIBE OF RED MEN

Little Elk tribe of Red Men of Cherry Hill, has installed the following officers: Arthur Founds, Sachem; William Rothwell, Prophet; Wiliam Founds, Sr., Sagamore; Laird Steele, Jr., Sagamore; Joseph Steele, Keeper of Records; Samuel Moffit, Keeper of Wampum; Paul Costella, Collector of Wampum; William C. Miller, Guard of the Wigwam; E. Truitt, Guard of Forest; Howard Heath, Sennap.

FORESTRY EXPANSION PROGRAM

Full credit for the continuance and expansion of the State Forestry Program was given to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor by John M. Nelson, Jr., professional forester; F. W. Besley, State Forester, and other speakers at the hearing before the Board of Public Works on the proposed renewal of the State Forestry Department to College Park.

In the opinion of several of the speakers, there was only one thing that saved the Forestry Department in the State, and they took the occasion publicly to acknowledge the thanks due Governor O'Conor for rescuing the Forestry Program by providing in the buget amount in the history of the State for this work.

State Forester Besley declared most emphatically, "I want to say righ here and now, we owe the continuance of our program for public parks, forest reserves, etc., to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor.

In addition to the appropriation for administrative expenses of the Forestry Department, which was included in the $1,024,135.00 allotted for each of the years 1940-41 for the University of Maryland and State Board of Agriculture, Governor O'Conor included in the State bond issue of February 15, 1939, provision for $100,000 to the State Department of Forestry for the acquisition, improvement and development of forest lands, Parks, and recreational areas. This was the particular provision reffered to by Mr. Nelson, State Forester Besley and others.

THE ARMY HELPS YOUTH

The Army is helping in the solution of a major problem in many Maryland communities and the District of Columbia, that of the employment of youth.

The drive for recruits in the new expansion plans of the Army is progressing satisfactorily, and is giving many disheartened young men of ability the very thing they most need—a pay check of their own, a comfortable home with good food, and a chance for education and advancement.

While the number of young men the Army may absorb from the great number of unemployed is probably retlatively small, still it is a factor and of real assistance.

Any young man between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five should consider whether the Army does not offer him many advantages he does not now enjoy. Any questions will be cheerfully answered without obligation by a call to the nearest Army recruiting office or a post card will bring prompt reply.

The Army is really helping the unemployed youth find the place they have been taught to expect.

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CATTLE CLUB EXHIBIT

The grand champion bull prize offered by the Jersey Cattle Clubs of Cecil and Kent counties that held their combined show on the grounds of the Chesapeake Cruising Clubs, Chesapeake City, on Wednesday last, went to R. P. Dulin and Son of Chestertown. The Dulins also won the junior champion bull cup with their Dairylike Raleigh.

The senior champion bull prize went to K. L. Clevenger of Galena, for his Pierrots Oxford Noble.

Rick Neck Farm, of Earleville, Cecil county, won the female senior and grand champion with Pierrots Pie Crust. Dairylike Dora, owned by the Dulins, captured the junior champion female prize.

William Edward Locke is president; R. Clayton McDowell, vice-president; and Mrs. L. J. Bonin, secretary-treasurer of the Cecil club which was host for the affair.

The field day was one of a series sponsored by the state club throughout Maryland.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"God the Preserver of Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientists, on Sunday, June 16.

The Golden Text will be from Psalms 18:21, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress ,and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible, Psalms 91:1; "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with the Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, Preface V11; 1-2, "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite today is big with blessings."

Between the years 1870 and 1875 about two and a half million buffaloes were killed annually.