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Japanese Beetles To Be With Us Five Years Will Be Reduced To Status Of Ordinary Native Pest

In three or five years Japanese beetles will be eliminated as a serious menace and reduced to the status of an ordinary native pest, Dr. Ernest N. Cory, State entomologist states.

However, it is not believed they will be eliminated entirely, he added. Dr. Cory declared it was believed the elimination of beetles would be accomplished largely by the use of the milky-white disease method of extermination. This substance, which is being compounded at the University of Maryland, is being distributed over infested areas.

It costs only about \$2 an acre, while arsenate of lead, considered to be highly effective, is much more expensive. In the last two years more than 23,000 properties have been treated with the milky-white disease.

As a result of the use of this substance, beetle conditions in Cecil and upper Kent counties, which were very bad last year, are improved greatly this year.

Harford is the worst-infested county this year, with Somerset, particularly around Pocomoke, Marion Station and Princess Anne, the next hardest hit. Baltimore county is next in line, Dr. Cory said.

Commenting on improved conditions in Cecil County, where every farm was treated with the milky-white disease Dr. Cory said it was planned to treat every farm in the State.

"The Japanese beetle was introduced in America without a natural enemy, so we are creating one," the State entomologist said. The peak of the damage from the beetles is expected to be reached about August 15. Shortly after that period they will begin to disappear for the year, although it is believed there will be beetles here as late as September 1.

Young Woman Takes Her Life

Miss Anna May Steele, aged 26 years, took her life by hanging at her home near Media schoolhouse in East Nottingham township, Pa., on Tuesday last. Her lifeless body was found shortly after the noon hour by her aged father, Israel R. Steele, when he came into the house and noting her absence, went to her room to look for her.

Deputy Coroner John C. Brock made an investigation, and on the evidence of Dr. Paul L. Bradford and her father, issued a death certificate of suicide by hanging.

Miss Steele had been despondent at times since the death of her mother, and in January, 1941, had attempted suicide by taking a poison mixture.

She was born in Cecil County, her mother being the late Nancy Krauss Steele; she is survived by her father, a brother, Horace, Oxford; sisters, May, wife of Walter Griesel, Fullerton, Md.; Attie, wife of George Frye, Conowingo, and Celia, wife of Bernard Pierce, West Chester.

Struck On Head By Door Of Auto

Jerry Fears, who resides in Chesapeake City and manages one of the American stores in Elkton, was struck on the head by the door of the trunk on his automobile, while preparing to change a tire.

Mr. Fears was returning home from work one evening accompanied by Earl Harmer and Arthur "Buck" Johnson, both clerks in the same store when he found that he had a flat tire. Opening the trunk door to obtain the jack and place it under the car, without knowing the emergency brake was off, the car ran forward causing the door to drop on Jerry's head inflicting a gash. It was necessary for Dr. H. Davis of Chesapeake City to take several stitches to close the wound.

Negro Farm Hand Arrested For Theft

Charged with larceny of \$165.00 from Walter Hinley, a farm hand employed on the farm of Peter Beitler of near Elkton, Boyd Alexander, Negro, of Pleasant Hill section, was taken into custody, by Deputy Sheriff Ralph Robinson and Robert A. Boyd. It is alleged that Alexander acknowledged the theft and a portion of the stolen money was recovered. The money was stolen, it is alleged, while Alexander was at the Zettler farm.

4-H Boys And Girls Exhibit At College Park

Boys and Girls of the 4-H Clubs in Cecil county who spent the week at the University of Maryland, College Park, are: Jane Seeman, Dorothy Jane Lee, Nell Waddell, Louise Waddell, Leah Otty, Patricia Otty, Mary Frances Robinson, Grace Rawlings, Evelyn Goodman, Leone Kincaid, Florence Graham, Mary Alice Harrington, Doris McGrady, Helen Dillman, Lois Cowan, Sara England, Dorothy Fell, Jean England, Bonnie Collins, Ruth Bower, Frances Crothers, Rosemary Fell, Grace Ewing, Virginia Rittenhouse, Jean Burrows, Kathryn Grubb, Carl W. Feucht, Albert Graham and David Ewing.

Eight of the girls exhibited dresses, which were styled in revue, while two boys assisted in the exhibit. Four girls made home furnishings exhibits in the shape of luncheon and dinner sets and scarfs.

Louis Cowan represented Cecil County by taking her prize cake. This was her third winning year in the county. Louise Waddell and Geraldine Goodman represented the county in a demonstration team on "Tin Can Canning".

Farm Security Advisory Committee

The appointment of the following as members of the Cecil County Farm Security Administration Advisory Committee by the Secretary of Agriculture, was announced last week, by Jack D. Hartman, R. R. Supervisor, at Elkton; J. Z. Miller, C. Albert Ringgold, Elsie R. Coles, Harvey E. Simmers, David McDowell, Argus F. Robinson, S. W. Caldwell, Robert H. Baker.

The members of this committee will meet with the officials of the Farm Security Administration concerning policies and administration of the many phases of the work accomplished in Cecil County through the Farm Security Administration. This work includes making loans to eligible farmers to purchase personal property; for farm operating expenses and other subsistence needs. Mr. Hartman also stated that this work includes debt adjustment facilities by impartial mediation and the adjustment of excessive debts of farmers in the area served by his office.

Eligible farmers are advised to file their applications at the Farm Security Administration, Court house Building, Elkton, Md.

Mushroom Houses Destroyed By Fire

Six mushroom houses operated by William Gilbert, located along the Elkton-Newark road, were destroyed by fire on the morning of August 3. The loss is estimated at \$12,500.

The other Mushroom houses and Mr. Gilbert's dwellings were saved by the excellent work of the firemen.

The Elkton Firemen responded with both its pieces of apparatus while one engine pumped water from the lake on the property while the other fire engine assisted by one of Newark engines laid out over 1200 feet of hose and pumped water from a nearby stream.

The North East Fire Co. was called but did not go into action at the fire, but were stationed at the Fire House in Elkton in the event of another blaze. The firemen fought the blaze for a number of hours.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Co. were notified shortly after Firemen reached the scene and were in action in a few minutes making sandwiches and coffee in the Firehouse, which they served to Firemen at the fire.

The Howard Hotel contributed the coffee and Mr. Carroll Eder of Eders Market contributed the bread and meat necessary.

Oxford Carnival Opens This Week

Oxford firemen are all set for the opening of their carnival on Friday evening of this week, when a big parade will be held, participated in by visiting fire companies and bands. There will be a complete change of program for every evening during the eight nights of the carnival, and gate prizes amounting to two hundred dollars, divided into sums of fifty and twenty-five dollars each, will be given away every evening except Saturdays.

Mood's Orchestra will furnish music for dancing in the apparatus house, every evening, rain or shine. The grand prizes will consist of Oldsmobile Sedan, Radio, Gas Stove, Living Room Suite and Frigidaire.

Lincoln University Appropriation

Governor James, of Pennsylvania, has signed the bill appropriating \$75,000 to Lincoln University.

MOTORISTS WASTE MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF GASOLINE Tests Show That Proper Driving Will Save Twenty-Five Per Cent Of Auto Fuel

Secretary Ickes' drive to conserve gasoline on the Eastern Seaboard—highlighted by the 7 p. m. closing of service stations—has revived the motor industry's argument that the average driver wastes 25 to 30 per cent of his motor fuel.

Last year American motorists bought 24,167,190,000 gallons of gasoline. They wasted more than 6,100,000,000 gallons of that total.

To increase the mileage potentialities of a gallon of gasoline, the oil companies and the automotive engineers have stepped up the quality of gasoline and improved carburetion.

They have been able to accomplish relatively little, however, in correcting uneconomical driving habits of millions of car drivers, most of whom can ill-afford what amounts to a 25 to 30 per cent surtax on their gasoline purchases.

Exhaustive tests show that between 25 and 30 per cent of all the gasoline that goes into automobile fuel tanks produces no mileage whatever, solely because of carelessness in the maintenance or operation of the vehicle.

The car manufacturer and merchandisers have little hope that they can bring about a major saving of automotive fuel on short notice, but they point out that maximum mileage per gallon will become a matter of individual concern if the requirements of national defense ultimately bring about a rationing of gasoline.

How can the motorist get the most out of his tankful of gasoline?

To begin with, try to drive so that you catch most of the green traffic lights without stopping; don't keep "pumping" the accelerator while waiting for the green light; getting away don't run at high speed in first or second gear before

shifting into high; don't weave in and out of traffic, necessitating frequent changes of speed and excessive use of brakes; keep tires properly inflated.

Virtually every motorist knows that fuel economy declines as the speed of operation increases; he knows also, but probably has given it less thought, that anything that puts a drag on the vehicle increases the consumption of fuel. In the latter category are driving the car with under-inflated tires or with the parking brake not fully released; similarly, fouled or improperly spaced spark plug points, pitted distributor contacts, a poorly-adjusted carburetor and too high a rate of idling speed contribute to unproductive fuel consumption.

Speeding Wasteful Tests made by one leading car manufacturer show that fuel economy has declined as much as 20 per cent when the speed of operation was increased from 20 to 40 miles an hour, and that at 70 miles an hour it was only about half as good as it was at 30.

Besides recommending avoidance of the "jack rabbit" start, unnecessary use of the brakes and frequently fluctuating speeds, the men who make motorcars urge the motorist to get into high gear as quickly as possible; to anticipate stops and slow downs in advance; to warm the engine slowly rather than by racing it and to adopt and try to maintain a reasonable "cruising" speed in country driving.

And as one final bit of advice, the makers suggest there is no more complete waste of gasoline than that incurred by keeping the motor running while some other member of the family is doing the grocery or meat market shopping.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Kellar, of Mount Dora, Florida, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Tanner, near Calvert. They paid a visit, with Mrs. Tanner, to the Midland Journal office. Mr. Kellar is publisher of the Mount Dora Topic, which has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bryson, of Washington, have been spending the week with Mrs. Bryson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown, Wilson avenue. Mr. Brown has been seriously ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Poist, daughter Joan, and Mrs. Stevenson are enjoying a trip to Winter Park, Fla., where Mrs. Stevenson will remain some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter to bless their home, born at Havre de Grace Hospital.

Mrs. Henry Townsend and daughter, of Willow Grove, Pa., were guests of Mrs. Clarence Ashby during the week.

Mrs. Virginia Schenck, and three children of Philada., are spending some time with her father, Dr. J. B. Slicer.

Rev. Frank White, of Ocean City, Md., was a visitor of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. M. Cameron, the past week.

Mrs. Charles Crothers is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. J. Moore, Delta, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawrence announce the birth of a son.

Variety Shower

Miss Dorothy Hindman and Miss Ruth Biles entertained at a variety shower, on Saturday afternoon at the home of the latter, in honor of Miss Gertrude Buck, who's marriage will take place on the thirtieth of August.

One trouble about knowing too much is that you waste a lot of valuable time trying to explain things so that others can understand them.

Walter S. Nesbitt and wife had for a week-end visitor their aunt, Mrs. E. Rebecca Bean, of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt have just purchased and moved into the home estate, lately occupied by his mother, the late Sophia Jane Nesbitt.

Miss Margaret Yocum, R. N., who has been spending a two months' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Yocum, near West Nottingham, left on Saturday for duty in the Army at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barr, Port Deposit, Thursday last. Mrs. Barr is the former Miss Helen Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clinton Logan, of this town.

Miss Mabel Reynolds week-ended with Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds and son, Greystone Manor, near town.

Howard Goodrich, McDonogh School, Baltimore, is spending his vacation at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Touchton, at Zion.

Mr. Bruce Williams has returned to his home here, after an extended visit with his father in Wytheville, Virginia.

Mrs. J. T. C. Hopkins, of Port Deposit, is in the Eye and Ear Hospital, Baltimore, for treatment for her eyes.

Miss Dorothy Fisher was taken to Union Hospital, Elkton, on Friday for an appendicitis operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rawlings, of Pasadena, California, are visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. H. S. Plummer was a week-end visitor in Trenton and Jamesburg, N. J.

Mrs. Boyd Etter has been spending some time with relatives in Grason, Va.

Invitations Issued

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Curtis Buck have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Gertrude Pogue Buck, to Mr. Thomas Hayes Martindale, Jr., on Saturday, the thirtieth of August, at two-thirty o'clock, James Methodist Church, Rising Sun, Maryland.

Reception immediately following at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Pogue.

Cecil Whig Observes 100th Anniversary

The Cecil Whig, weekly newspaper published at Elkton, marked its 100th anniversary on Friday. A unique feature of the anniversary edition was the reproduction of the first issue of the Whig, dated Saturday morning, August 7, 1841, on the front page of the 100th birthday number.

During its 100 years of existence the paper has had only five editors. P. C. Ricketts was the paper's first editor, and he was supported in his venture by two well-known Cecil County Whigs, M. J. Ewing is the present editor of the Whig.

There are some inaccuracies in the brief sketch given of the Whig's history, which states "P. C. Ricketts was the first Editor. He was followed by 'Edwin C. Ewing' (no relation to the present editor) who purchased the paper in 1876."

Edwin Evans Ewing, late of Rising Sun, purchased the Whig from the P. C. Rickett's estate about the year 1861, conducting it all through the hectic Civil War period, when politics were seething hot. The plant was burned but was reestablished at its present location by the late Mr. Ewing, who SOLD the Whig in 1876 to the late Henry R. Torbert.

State Guard Mustered Into Service

The newly organized Co. D, 5th Battalion, Maryland State Guard, was mustered into service Monday night at the State Armory, in Elkton.

The company is the second unit in the battalion to be mustered and the third unit in the entire State.

The charter members of the company are: Harry B. Alexander, Elmer Beall, George M. Blake, Howard T. Fisher, Herbert Hammond, John H. Heverin, John A. Howell, Harry P. Leibig, Horace B. Lilley, Wallace B. Long, Wilbur F. Nickle, Orban T. Noble, C. Ray Ott, David R. Perkins, Drenerd M. Reynolds, Clarence A. Rothwell, Harry J. Simpson, Delbert Taylor and Joseph Williams.

Examinations for non-commissioned officers will be held after the drill period on Monday, August 25th.

Paper Company Forms Waste Paper Division

The Elk Paper Mfg. Co., of Cecil County, has formed, in line with the National Defense Program, a Waste Paper Division for the purpose of collecting, sorting and baling of various grades of waste paper, and will pay market prices for such material brought to their waste paper division located at the old pulp mill property in Elkton.

Mackey--Jones

The marriage of Miss Rose Mackey, Newark, Del., to Harry Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, Oxford, Pa., took place Saturday afternoon, August 2, in the White Clay Creek Methodist church, Newark, Delaware.

The bride wore white silk, with matching accessories. Mrs. Margaret Mace, Newark, sister of the bride attended her. Willard Ayers, Oxford, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will reside in Newark.

Wilson Reunion Held At Old Homestead

The 17th annual reunion of the Wilson clan was held Saturday, August 9, at the home of Harry Maxwell and sisters, one of the old Wilson family homesteads, near Principio.

Wilson family homesteads, near Principio, which is over one hundred years old.

About sixty members of the clan and invited guests were present to enjoy the reunion. Officers elected at the business meeting were: President, Mr. Alzona Wilson, Little Britian, Pa.; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Wilson, Little Britian; secretary, Mrs. Mercy Huff, Sylmar; treasurer, Mr. Joseph Herr, Nottingham.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. George Hammond announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Faye Hammond, of Elkton, to Mr. Ervin Benfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Benfield of Statesville, North Carolina.

Editor Brinton Takes Enforced Vacation

Douglas E. Brinton, editor of the Oxford Press, is a hospital patient under care of his physician, who has ordered a complete rest.

Roads Construction Program In Full Swing

Since First Of Year Contracts Totalling \$7,000,000 Awarded

Construction work on Maryland's highways and bridges is moving ahead in full swing as per schedule, according to a report covering the three-months period from May 1 to July 31, submitted to Governor O'Connor by Major Ezra B. Whitman, Chairman of the State Roads Commission.

A list of State and County projects, which have been let by contract since May 1, totals an expenditure of \$4,995,107.11, of which \$4,609,705.15 covers State and \$385,401.96 County work. This makes a total of approximately \$7,000,000 in contracts put out by the State Roads Commission for around 50 projects since the first of the year.

Major Whitman also advised the Governor the State already had let contracts for well over one-half million dollars in connection with work to relieve the heavy traffic situation around the Glenn L. Martin plant at Middle River.

In addition, bids are now being advertised for the construction of a grade separation cloverleaf near the Martin plant, connecting Eastern Avenue and Middle River, designed to speed the flow of traffic to and from the airplane plant. It is estimated this project will run above half a million dollars.

Meanwhile, the State Roads Commission, working in close collaboration with the Governor, is doing everything possible to have surveys and plans completed for the very important military access road program when Federal funds are made available.

The projects include the dual highway, Elkton to Delaware line, \$38,366.63.

Struck By Hit And Run Driver

The body of Thomas Tapp, of near Rising Sun, was found along the roadside near Port Deposit, about 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning, by Robert Marshall. The unfortunate man was evidently a victim of some hit and run driver. Thomas Tapp had resided in this neighborhood for about twelve years. He had recently been employed at Aberdeen. Examination revealed the fact that he had suffered a broken neck and other injuries.

Coroner J. Slicer is investigating the case. The body was prepared for burial by funeral director J. Earl Tyson, of Rising Sun, and shipped to Jackson, Tennessee, on Monday. The deceased was unmarried.

Grubb--Layne

Historic old St. Stephens P. E. Church, near Earleville, Cecil County, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon, August 2, when Miss Phyllis Grubb, Norwood, Pa., became the bride of Mr. William Layne, of Drexel Hill, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Wylie, Sr., of Kent County, in the absence of the resident rector the Rev. William Wylie, Jr., who has been ill. Mr. John Ehler, of Drexel Hill, was best man, and Miss Lavina Gilchrist of Norwood, brides maid. The parties were accompanied by their immediate families and other friends. The altar had been decorated with gladiolus, presenting a beautiful appearance. The bride and groom left for a trip to Virginia.

Observes Ninety-First Birthday

Mr. G. G. Beams, of Perryville, on Wednesday, August 6, observed the 91st anniversary of his birth. Mr. Beams is one of the most active men in his section and enjoys the best of health. He was born in Celina, Ohio. Mr. Beams spent about 60 years of his life in Nebraska and expects to return this week for a visit with relatives.

Spending The Week At Virginia Beach

A party of young ladies from Rising Sun is enjoying the week at the popular resort in the Old Dominion State, Virginia Beach. Those in the party are Miss Eleanor McCauley, Miss Dorothy Hindman, Miss Hope Reynolds, Miss Ann Roberson and Miss Virginia Yerkes.

Still, no law prevents conveying our ships half way across the Atlantic and these happening to meet British destroyers.