M. B. BURRIS BUYS MIDDLETOWN FARMS

Pursuant to an order of the Chancellor, the plant of the Middletown Farms, Inc., located in Middletown was sold at public auction Friday morning to Martin B. Burris, attorney, representing Charles H. Cook, of Trenton, N. J., the president of the Middltown Farms, for $21,000. The Smyrna plant of the same corporation was sold to Mr. Burris, acting for Mr. Cook, for $4,500. The fully stocked store of the company in Wilmington was knocked down to Mr. Cook for $700. His bid was the only one made. It was said this afternoon that the stock was worth $1500 and the fixtures $10,000.

Earlier in the day the Farms' plant at Middletown was sold to Mr. Cook for $21,000 and the plant at Smyrna for $4,500.

The plant at Cecilton was offered but there was no bid.

The sale was conducted by Daniel W. Stevens, receiver for the company at Middletown plant at 10 o'clock. There was a large crowd of curious spectators on hand but only two bids were submitted and both of them came from Mr. Burris.

The Middletown property consists of several tracts of land in Middletown with a completely equipped modern creamery, ice cream factory, ice plant and case in factory. The Smyrna property includes a tract of land in Smyrna on which is erected a modern creamery, ice plant and case-in factory. The Wilmington property, which is located at Eighth and Orange streets, consists of a fully stocked store. The Cecilton property includes a small creamery.

Just what Mr. Cook, the purchaser of the properties, plans to do with them could not be ascertained.

News For Sheep Raisers

Kent county sheepmen are now in or about to enter the critical period of their year's work with the flock. Lambing time and the period that follows it call for careful attention to details if a good crop of lambs is to be raised and sent to market in good condition.

Failure to save the lambs at birth, followed by failure to provide abundant, suitable rations, will prevent satisfactory profits from being realized. The higher price per pound and the increase weight will abundantly pay for the care and feed required to effect superior production. Suitable care and feed are not difficult to provide. Money spent for feeds, if purchased feeds are necessary, will be returned and increased in a very short time, for the healthy generously fed lamb will be ready for market at an early age.

An abundant suitable grain ration should be fed both to the ewe that is supplying the milk for the growing lamb and to the lamb itself if best results are to be secured. The best of good alfalfa, clover, soybean or cowpea hay, should be provided when abundant pasturage is not available

Tramping over the fields is not conducive to rapid fattening and the little lambs that are being forced for the early market should be given good shelter, though this need not be costly shelter, and should not be required to travel far for its feed.

A "creep" to which the lambs, but not the ewes, have access should be provided; and in this creep the best of good roughages and concentrates should be supplied to tempt and satisfy the appetite of the lamb.

Failure to dock and castrate far too often results in the production of undesirable market lambs.

The County Agent will gladly supply information to any one who desires to produce better lambs and, if it is desired, will arrange for the Animal Husbandry Specialist from the University of Maryland Extension Service to visit the county and advise with sheepmen concerning their problems. Conditions in Maryland favor the production of high-class lambs for the early market, and unless sheepmen take advantage of the favorable location and climate profits will be smaller than they should be.

The most recent available Government statistics show that there are 107,887 sheep on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Government statistics show further that 45,214 sheep on the Eastern Shore are shorn annually for wool.

	No. Sheep.	No. Shorn
Talbot	26,479	11,897
Queen Anne's . .	38,903	15,558
Somerset	927	300
Worcester	4,809	1,803
Wicomico	1,321	634
Caroline	4,036	1,504
Cecil	4,552	1,822
Dorchester	7,684	2,846
Kent	19,176	8,860
Total	107,887	45,214

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Business Statement, December 31, 1923

Assets . . . . . *More than any other Insurance Company in the World*		$1,431,399,418.27
Liabilities		
Reserve for Policy Obligations . .	$1,290,579,178.00	
Dividends to Policyholders payable 1924	25,572,037.69	
All Other Liabilities	40,498,790.35	
Unassigned Funds	74,749,412.23	1,431,399,418.27
Increase in Assets during 1923 . . . . . *More than any other Insurance Company in the World*		171,549,093.04
Income in 1923 . . . . . *More than any other Insurance Company in the World*		396,311,664.25
Gain in Income, 1923 . . . . . *More than any other Insurance Company in the World*		55,643,362.95
Paid-for Insurance Issued, Increased and Revived in 1923 *More than ever placed in one year by any Company in the World and 889 million dollars more than any other company in 1923*		2,359,034,859.00
Gain in Insurance in Force in 1923 . . . . . *More than any other Company in the World*		1,430,697,111.00
Number of Policies in Force December 31, 1923 . . *More than any other Company in the World*		30,221,727
Number of Policy Claims paid in 1923 . . . . . *Averaging one claim paid every 20 seconds of each business day of 8 hours. Payments to Policyholders averaged $919.15 a minute of each business day of 8 hours*		430,866
Total Bonuses and Dividends paid or credited to policyholders 1892-1923—plus dividends declared for 1924		180,294,982.83

Insurance Outstanding

ORDINARY (Insurance for the larger amounts, premiums payable annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly) . . . . . *More than any other Company in the World*	$4,710,630,635.00
INDUSTRIAL (Premiums payable weekly)	3,910,156,319.00
GROUP . . . . . *All placed within seven years*	617,467,114.00
TOTAL INSURANCE OUTSTANDING . . . . *More than any other Company in the World*	9,238,254,068.00

GROWTH IN TEN-YEAR PERIODS

Year	Income for the Year	Assets at End of Year	Unassigned Funds at End of Year	Number of Policies in Force at End of Year	Outstanding Insurance at End of Year	Year
1883	$ 2,082,619.05	$ 2,186,622.24	$ 627,368.24	531,048	$ 63,425,107	1883
1893	15,216,236.65	19,343,705.06	4,109,689.92	2,940,226	353,177,217	1893
1903	49,887,804.11	105,656,311.60	10,691,857.56	7,523,915	1,342,381,457	1903
1913	117,503,043.89	447,972,404.85	35,728,077.34	13,957,748	2,816,504,462	1913
1923	396,311,664.25	1,431,399,418.27	74,749,412.23	30,221,727	9,238,254,068	1923

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While the average life span in the general population of the United States is 5½ years greater than it was 11 years ago, the life span of the Industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan increased nearly 8½ years in the same interval. This greater gain has resulted in large part from the Metropolitan's Health Service.

During 1923 the Metropolitan distributed 33,790,840 booklets and pamphlets dealing with health, general welfare and longer life. The total number of pieces distributed to date amounts to 305,990,507.

The Metropolitan arranges for free periodic health examinations for holders of Ordinary policies. Among those who availed themselves of this privilege, the death rate was found to be 28% lower than was expected for the group.

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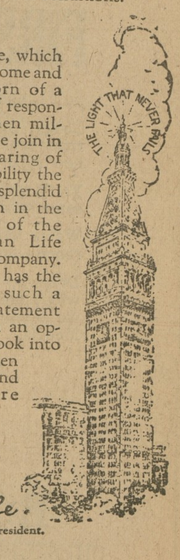

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