DOLLAR DAY IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington will hold its official Fall Dollar Day on August 8th, according to an announcement made by the Mercantile Section of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. It is being held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Greater effort than heretofore has been exerted by the Wilmington merchants to offer shoppers merchandise that reflects genuine savings. Special traffic arrangements are being made to take care of out-of-town shoppers.

The stores which are participating this year will be known by having price cards and window cards of a distinctive color issued only by the Chamer of Commerce. These cards bear the emblem of the Chamber of Commerce.

A committee of the Mercantile Section of the Chamber has been working on the event for the past two months and every indication points to a sales event that will benefit the shopper.

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Who Is "That Man?"

Among the Methuselahs of riddledom few present themselves for solution more frequently than the following: "Brothers and sisters I have none, but that man's father is my father's son." It refers to a father speaking of his own son, "that man" being the son of the speaker.

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Sandy—Say, Mon, when is Annie McTavish goin' to let you marry her?

Andy—It's very uncertain, Mon. Some fool gave her a big box of letter paper with her name printed on it. She won't get married till it's used up—an' she writes very few letters on account of the postage.

STATEMENT FROM SEA FOOD ASSO'N

In a campaign of education the publicity committee of the Tri-State Seaford Association has issued a statement to the members of the Legislature again directing attention to what the Association claims to be the deplorable condition of the oyster industry.

In the statement it is alleged that the State is spending annually $175,000 for the maintenance of the Conservation Department and $15,000 for the planting of seed oysters. Swepson Earle is criticised for his announcement in the Sun on July 3, that he would continue his own idea of planting without regard to what the packers say. The statement is:

"P. T. Barnum, the great showman of a few years ago, was accredited with making a statement that the American people 'liked to be fooled.' Evidentally, our Conservation Commissioner thinks the same about the people he is supposed to be serving in Maryland. December 1926 he told a member of the then existing Governor Ritchie's Seafood Committee that Maryland had from five to seven hundred thousand acres of oyster bottom that could be successfully cultivated. In his Conservation Department's fourth annual report for the year of 1926 he made virtually the same statement, on page 16 and 35, that Maryland had 1,472,000 acres of bottoms under the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, but like agriculture lands all of this was not suitable for successful cultivation, after deducting the channels and mud sluices, there was left at least a half million acres that were suitable for oyster cultivation.

"The Tri-State Seafood Association thinks the statement in a resolution, passed July 2nd, that Maryland had 600,00 acres of the best oyster producing bottoms on the Atlantic coast, is born out by Mr. Earle's statements. However, in the Baltimore Sun on July 4th, Mr. Earle contradicts this and says that we only have 229,000 acres where oysters can be successfully cultivated, but even if we have only the 229,000 acres, according to his last statement, we still have 225,000 acres that could and should be producting, and if Maryland was producing a one hundred per cent crop on 50,000 acres, we would be producing more oysters then than any other state on the Atlantic coast. Mr. Earle also states in that issue of the Baltimore Sun that his patrol force is kept to an excellent state of efficiency. The oyster packers contend that there should not be spent approximately $175,000 a year to keep up efficiency in his department, and not only plant 97,000 bushels of seed oysters at a cost of less than $15,000.00 We contend that if the $175,000.00 was spent for seed oysters to rehabilitate a part of Maryland's depleted bottoms and the $15,000 spent in the Conservation Department, it would give Maryland efficiency in proportion to its present very small production. Regardless of the fact that the oyster packer's taxes pay the Conservation Department's expenses the Commissioner states in an issue of the Baltimore Sun July 3rd, that he would continue with his own idea of shell planting, seed oyster planting, and private planting, and pay no attention to what the oyster packers said. Frankly we think that's 'taxation without representation.'

"The Commission's idea of shell planting and seed oyster planting has accomplished little or nothing for Maryland. In 1920 Maryland's oyster production was 4,960,000 bushels. In 1922 the Legislature increased the oyster packer's tax, to be spent exclusively by the Conservation Commission, for shell and seed oyster planting. Since then said Commission has planted more than a million bushels of shells, and the state's production has shrunk from 4,960,000 bushels in 1920 to 2,000,000 bushels or less for the season of 1927-28.

"If Maryland's oyster situation wasn't so serious his ideas of rehabilitation would create a gigantic laugh Frankly, we don't thing the Commissioner should be held wholly responsible for our present deplorable condition. The past Legislatures and especially the last session should take some of the responsibility. Instead of reducing the expense of our Conservation Commission and its several departments in proportion to the very small amount of oysters the state is now producting and this tremendous saving be expended in seed oysters that would rehabilitate at least a part of our depleted bottoms they increased said expenses more than fifty per cent. Usually in our private businesses employees get paid for what they do or know, but if these figures are correct, (they are taken from the Conservation Commissioner's report) Maryland's oyster production has shrunk 250 per cent in eight years, why should the Conservation Department's salaries and other expenses be increased 150 per cent? Isn't it possible for the different interests of Maryland's oyster industry to get closer together and pull for a greater supply of better oytsers?"

The statement is signed by Publicity Committee, Tri-State Seafood Association.

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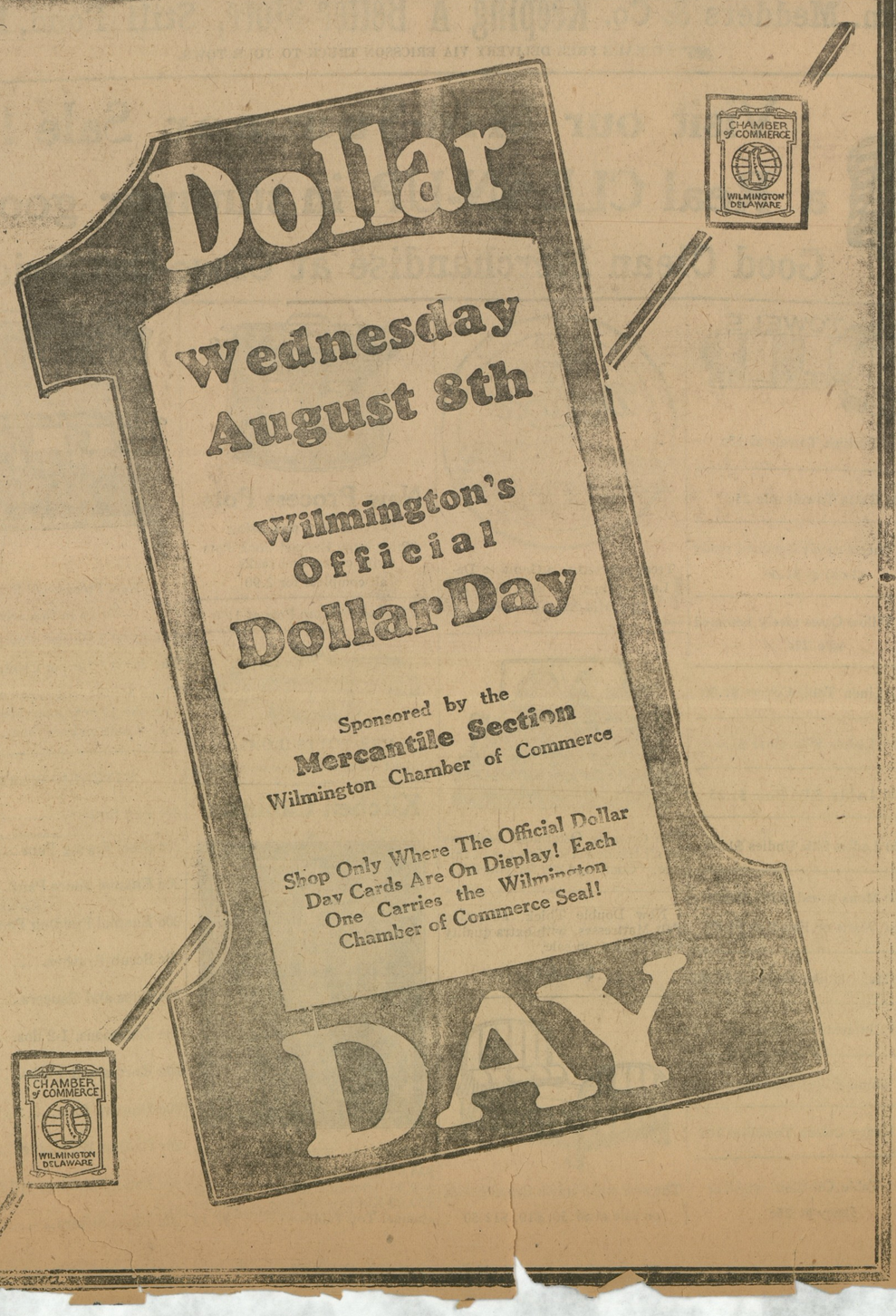

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