The Annual Report of Dr. Paul E. Titsworth

(Continued from last week.)

The Chestertown Mercantile Section has been very active this year, under the leadership of W. P. Newnam. While their activities cover only Chestertown I am glad to mention them in connection with this report because they are important in themselves and because I hope they may stimulate other sections of the membership of the Chamber to form into groups for co-operative service and to follow the example of the Mercantile Section in achievement.

They promoted a Dollar Day with distinct success.

They conducted a popularay contest in which over twenty merchants participated successfully.

They made an industrial survey of Chestertown at a cost of $300.

They devised a new and original Christmas treat for the children of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

They invite, through the Chamber, the registration of rooms to rent in Chestertown and were able to assist a number of the incoming workers on the Chester River bridge to find comfortable living quarters with very little trouble.

They kept Elburn's Shirt Factory in Kent county.

What Of The Future?

In spite of its considerable achievement during the past three years, the Kent County Chamber of Commerce has only begun its usefulness to the county as a coorinator of the many powers and influences of the county for the welfare of the people of Kent.

Some of the tasks ahead are:

Publicizing itself to the people of the county so that they may make larger use of its services.

Holding get-together luncheons in the several towns of the county with representative citizens so that the membership may secure a broad view of county problems.

Making a carful industrial and agricultural survey of the county so as to have a basis for intelligent development of the county's resources.

Issuing an attractive descriptive folder of Kent's possibilities for the home hunter, the prospective farmer, the business man and the sportsman.

Supporting with the several county organizations working for human welfare; specifically the Farm Bureau, the local Fire Companies, the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, the Kent County Public Health Association in its preventive and corrective work.

Studying and suggesting solutions for the problem of housing outsiders who are constantly coming to all our towns as temporary or permanent residents.

Urging upon towns and villages the desirability of beautifying streets and private properties not only to make them more inviting to prospective citizens but to make them more attractive for their present residents.

Planning a road inspection program as soon as the new highways are completed when the county hold open house to state and county officials and interested visitors from everywhere

Conducting a series of discussions on school problems in Kent county.

For the first time the Chamber is called upon to add a note of obituary to its annual report. The following men have died during the year and have left substantial gaps in the ranks of our membership: Richard C. Leaverton, Henry H. Klinefelter and Charles W. Kibler. Their support has been an encouragement and their passing a distince loss to the Chamber.

In closing this report, I want to acknowledge my gratitude for substantial and continuing cooperation during the past year. My first bow is to our ever efficient executive secretary and my next to that group of co-workers among the directors and membership of the Chamber whose loyalty and cooperation have made the work of the year both an honor and a pleasure.

Passing of Horse Sense

It's a good thing we have psychology to fall back on, now that horse sense has vanished.—Arkansas Gazette.

Literal Meaning

The Steppe regions are so called from the Russian word "step" or "stepi," meaning waste or heath.

SEN. TYDINGS ON TOMATO TARIFF

The victorious effect of tomato growers of Maryland and other states to obtain an increase in the tomato tariff is the result of a fight that started four or five years ago, Senator Millard E. Tydings, of Maryland, stated in an address delivered in Chicago on Tuesday before the National Canner's Association.

Speaking on "the history of the tomato tariff," Senator Tydings points out that what the House and Senat tariff drafting committees recommended and Congress accepted at this session is merely a confirmation of a fight that "was won before the present Congress assembled."

As the situation stands now, Senator Tydings explained, the House bill raises the tariff from 15 per cent. to 40 per cent., while the Senate has approved an increase to 50 per cent.

"It is only fair to say," the Senator asserted "that the fight to increase the tariff on canned tomatoes was largely won before March 4th, 1929, when the present Congress came into existence. This Congress has merely given expression to the facts obtained from the tariff commission's inquiry."

The Senator then continues to tell of the detailed investigation by this commission of the differences in cost of production in this country and Italy, the principal source of tomato imports. The commission found he explains, that Italian imports, although standing almost between 1913 and 1923, then suddenly began to jump. The result was an increase from an 11,000,000 pound import in the later year to approximately 93,000,000 pounds in 1928.

Methods of canning are almost identical in the two counties, Tydings adds, with the result that with their lower labor costs, the Italian packers can lay tomatoes down in New York city, the principal market, at an advantage of about 30 cents per dozen cans with the duty at 15 per cent.

The investigation of the difference in sale costs started in June, 1927, as the result of the requests of himself and former Senator Bruce, of Maryland, Tydings said, and the report, at his request, was printed and submitted to every member of Congress

"Your representatives in Washington were alive to the facts," the address says, "and made an effort to secure a larger amount of tariff duty than was recommended by the commission. When the bill passed the House of Representatives it contained a provision that the tariff on canned tomatoes be raised from fifteen per cent. ad valorem.

"The Senate Finance Committee, upon receipt of the House bill, held extended hearing where the representatives of the canning associations were in attendance and requested increased tariffs. Believing, in fact, knowing, that in my own State — Maryland — many canners and growers of tomatoes had passed thru several disastrous seasons and that these practical results were even more potent than what may be termed the somewhat theoretical findings of the Tariff Commission, I was glad to have an opportunity to appear and held to obtain a measure of justice both for the grower and producer of tomatoes in this country.

"The Senate Finance Committee reported the bill to the Senate with a provision to make the tariff on tomatoes fifty per cent, ad valorem. When the measure came up for a vote some weeks ago not one Senator spoke against the rate of fifty per cent. in the Senate bill, and it passed the Senate without a dissenting vote. The bill upon final passage by the Senate will go to conference. I feel reasonably sure that both the representatives of the Canners' Associations in Washington, the canners of tomatoes on the farms will be satisfied with the final result."

Indiana in History

The word "Indiana" was first used as the name of a triangular tract of territory containing about 5,000 square miles which is now a part of West Virginia. The tract was given by the Six Nations of Iroquois Indians about 1778 to the Indiana Land company, as indemnity in the settlement of a claim for merchandise taken by a war party of Indians. Later the state government refused to recognize the transaction and Indiana ceased to exist. In 1800 the Northwest territory was divided and part of it called "Indiana Territory." After several changes of boundary it became the section that later became the state of Indiana.

Two Sides to a Weasel

A weasel is good to look upon, for his face, in spite of beady eyes, is handsome, his body supple in a degree almost beyond belief, and his coloring a rich blending of blacks, umber browns and tans. Add to good looks, says Nature Magazine, an almost total indifference to and lack of fear of man, a spirit of sprightly playfulness, and a vigor and activeness that requires almost constant motion. Then subtract from these pleasing qualities a nature which in downright blood-thirstiness and voraciousness has no equal—certainly the total equals an individual with personality-plus.

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"What is the longest sentence on record?" Imprisonment for life.—London Tit-Bits.

EARLY CHICKS PAY

There may be some question about the value of the old saying that "the early bird catches the worm," but there is no question that the early hatched chicks catches the high-egg prices in the fall, when supply is small and demand is heavy. According to market statistics over a number of years, prices in late September and early October are highest, with winter eggs next in value.

Early hatched chicks, which can be put into the laying houses in time to produce for this high priced market, offer one excellent way of insuring the largest profits from the farm poultry flock.

Experiments conducted with many flocks indicate that the early-hatched lots produced eggs of a total value of $6.71 per bird, as compared with $2.97 for late-hatched chicks. This is not all of the story, however. The early-hatched lot was classified into two groups—one comprising all quickly-growing, early-laying, well-formed birds, while the other group consisted of slow-growing, undersized, and undeveloped birds that showed no indications of laying when the others did.

The net proceeds from early maturing lot were $5.09; from the late-maturing lot, $1.93. In the light of this information, it is essential not only to keep the early-hatched pullets, but also to eliminate from the early-hatched flocks the late maturers.

Profits from early-hatched chicks depend, to a considerable extent, upon the high quality of the stock which makes up the flock. Increased profits which farmers have been realizing from poultry the past few years, almost directly, to the effects of hatcheries which have spent many thousands of dollars building up good laying strains. During the past year leading hatcheries have organized under the slogan, "Hatchery Chicks for Greater Profits," to continue further the improvement of chicks, and insure fair dealing.

Replacement of poor stock by good flocks on thousands of farms in taking place yearly, under urging of agricultural leaders. Continued progress points to poultry as one of the leading farm profit makers within a very short time.

Natural Hothouses

Peasants on the island of Ischia, near Naples, make use of numerous steam vents to warm their tomato plants and so make them sprout sooner.

Remarkable Violin

A perfect violin recently completed by a Peterborough (England) artist, is four inches long, weighs a quarter of an ounce and has 91 separate parts.

Some Learn Earlier

One of the tragedies of life is that it isn't until you reach old age you realize that being good isn't as foolish as it seems.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

No Doubt

An architect could draw a model city, but it would still be imperfect when populated.—Toledo Blade.

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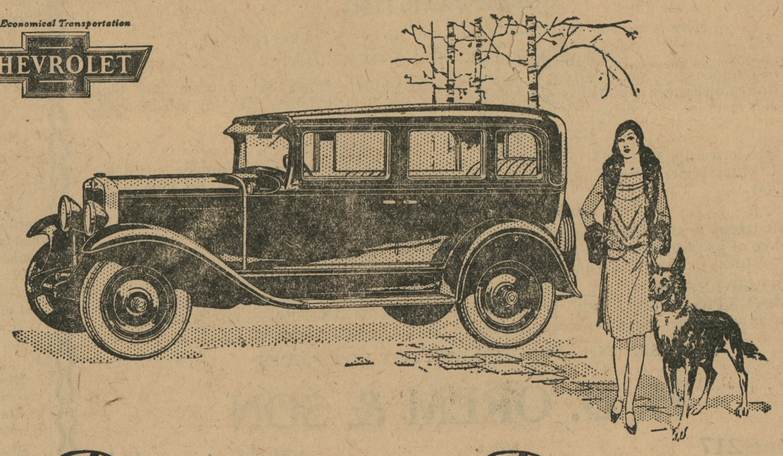

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