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VITAL NOTES FOR FARMERS

Two tours of interest to Kent countians are in prospect and should be well patronized by those who wish to get away for a "breather."

POULTRYMEN'S TOUR

The Caroline County Poultry Association is staging a two day tour into historic Virginia on August 5th and 6th. County Agent McVean has the itinerary and program. If interested in joining the Caroline group notify him at once. The tour goes by way of Matapeake Ferry to Washington to Warrenton, Va. Visit poultry farms in Rockingham county and Massanutten Caverns. Spend night at Harrisonburg.

Visit poultry plants in morning, do some sight seeing in Washington and return on 8.00 P. M. Ferry from Annapolis to Matapeake.

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SEE ELCTRICALLY EQUIPPED FARMSTEADS, AUGUST 7

One day tour to electrically equipped demonstration farm near College Park, Md.

Interest has been manifested in a trip to visit the demonstration farms near College Park, Md. All sorts of electrical equipment have been installed at several different types of farms—In house, barn, shop, hen house, yards, etc. Each place of equipment is attached to a separate meter so that detailed records as to cost of operation are available. The demonstrations have been running several years. Much available data has been recorded and is available. Electricity is more and more coming into use for light, power, heat, etc. It is well worthwhile to be informed regarding its application to farm and home uses. You will get many worthwhile ideas to apply at home.

County Agent McVean has arranged for a one-day tour on August 7th, to visit these farms with engineers from the University of Maryland, who are directing the demonstrations in cooperation with the National Rural Electric Project. Anyone residing in Kent county is invited to attend the tour. Take your car—fill it with friends and join the tour. Notify the County Agent if you plan to go so that complete arrangements can be made. Ask for details.

HORN WORM ON TOMATOES—WATCH FOR THEM.

Considerable damage to tomatoes has come from the greedy heavy eating horn worm—the large green tomato worm—the larvae of which grow to be as large as your finger. If not controlled by stomach poison, dusts or sprays, they will riddle the foliage, blossoms and tomatoes in a few days.

Doubtless the first generation is pupating and soon the moths will emerge to lay eggs for the next generation. The worms yield to control measures but it requires a close "lookout" else much damage may be done before you are aware of their presence.

The sure way of control is to keep the vines covered with stomach poison dust, or spray. You may not feel justified in going to this expense but in self defense, you will want to destroy the horn worm when and if it attacks your tomatoes. Look out for horn worm.

PREPARE NOW FOR ALFALFA

Farmers who desire to seed alfalfa this season will do well to make sure of the lime need of the land to be seeded. Send soil samples to County Agent to be tested for lime need. If needed apply as soon as possible.

Plow the land at once and till thoroughly and frequently, to make a fine, firm seed bed with most weeds destroyed. Best seeding time is usually between August 15th and 25th. Innoculation of seed is important unless the land has grown alfalfa successfully recently. Some innoculate anyway, looking on the innoculation as a type of crop success insurance. Twenty pounds of known origin seed per acre is recommended. Seed from South Dakota and Utah have been very satisfactory. Common alfalfa has proved as successful as the more expensive varieties such as Grimm alfalfa.

Locomotives' Cost

The cost of the average size Atlantic or Pacific type locomotive which is used on large railroads is between $50,000 and $60,000. The cost of the largest locomotives used in the United States is from $80,000 to $100,000.

WATCH CROPS FOR BLACKBIRD DAMAGE.

If red-winged black birds and other black appearing birds (Grackles, Starlings, Cow birds, Crow Black Birds) attack your crops go after them with your shot gun.

In past years, starlings have been blamed for considerable damage to corn in the milk stage also to grain in the shock. Investigation shows the red-winged black bird to be the chief offender. The females and young birds are mistaken for Starlings.

Shooting into the flocks for 2 or 3 days frequently caused the flocks to stay away from the crops. The black bird responds to control measures (poison bait) if their damage warrants the use of such measures.

Anyone experiencing heavy damage is requested to notify the County Agent. The Biological Survey will send an experienced Biologist to aid in controlling the birds.

CURE SUDAN GRASS IN SHOCKS LIKE WHEAT — HARVEST WITH GRAIN BINDER

Farmers with Sudan Grass will experience difficulty in curing it for hay if the humid, showry weather prevails when they cut it. If such conditions continue, the suggestion is made that the grass be harvested with the grain binder and the bundles set up in small shocks. The hay should sweat and cure in the shock without spoiling or moulding. Having grown the crop it is worth making an effort to save it.

If good, drying weather prevails, it should not be necessary to employ the above means of saving the crop.

A long head is more use to a man in times like these than a long nose.

KENT COUNTY DAIRY HERDS

J. D. McVean, the industrious county agent, calls attention to a page from the recent second annual report of the Kent County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the year ending May 31, 1931. It recalls in a very graphic way the various levels on which Kent Countians are carrying on their dairying operations. It also reveals that there is much room for improvement in our methods of dairy feeding and management. This is very apparent when we compare average production of 212 Kent County cows with the average of over 262,000 cows in the United States in similar record keeping associations. The comparison folloys:

The average United States Dairy Herd Improvement Association cow produces 7,451 pounds of milk containing 296 pounds butter fat—value of product $197, total feed cost per cow $80, returns per cow above feed cost average $117, out of which the farmer deducts his labor, all his overhead charges and his profits. The average of the 212 Kent cows is 5963 pounds milk—217.8 pounds fat—the product is worth $156.79 actual cooling station prices. basic and surplus accurately computed — feed costs $69.32 and the returns above feed costs $87.45.

Referring again to the enclosed graph the $41.43 appearing at the lower left hand corner represents the average per cow returns above feed cost of 24 low producing cows scattered through the Association but not culled out during the year. The second figure $62.53 represents 77 cows in the five lowest herd in the Association. The third step $87.45 is the average returns above feed cost for the 212 cows as already mentioned. The next step $115.62 represents the returns above feed cost per cow for 70 cows in the five high herds in the Association. The last step represents the high herd.

Many significant facts are revealed by a study of the records made in Kent County by representative dairymen who employ a disinterested person to test their herds, weigh their feeds, compute the value of the product and determine the returns per cow over and above feed costs.

Space does not permit of citing many of these lessons. One significant outcome is that the farmer who feeds little has small returns over and above feed costs out of which to pay labor, overhead, and show a profit, while well fed cows furnish a good market for large amounts of farm products and give a much larger return above feed costs which means that such dairymen are prospering.

Another very evident fact is that many of our farmers are "cow poor" and are struggling along with half-fed cows, producing surplus milk and complaining, while if they would cull their herds, feed all their feed to the reduced number of cows, their total returns would be greater, their overhead and labor costs less, the price for milk would be more certain of being maintained, which is an important consideration at this time.

I write you at this length in the hope that you in your contacts with farmers will mention the significance of these findings and perhaps urge farmers to cull their herds of the low producers and to grow feed for the better cows which are able to return a profit and which will give more net returns than a greater number of half fed—producing surplus milk and depressing the market. These two steps—culling the unprofitable cows and feeding well, on home raised feeds, will do much to lessen the cost of production of milk, will aid greatly in maintaining basic prices and increase the prosperity of our farmers.

A more detailed analysis of these difinite Kent County 1930-31 data will be furnished upon request of the County Agent.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters Testamentary on the personal estate of
THOMAS H. CASEY,
late of said county, deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased' estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of January, 1932, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.
All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.
Given under my hand this 14th day of July, 1931.
JOHN R. CASEY, Administrator.
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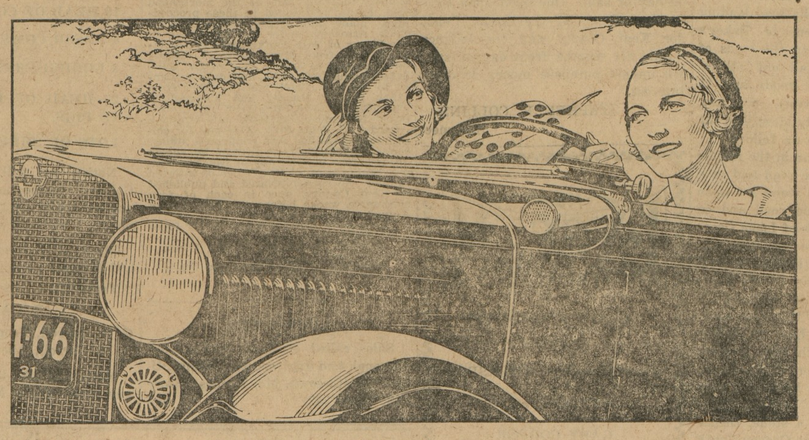

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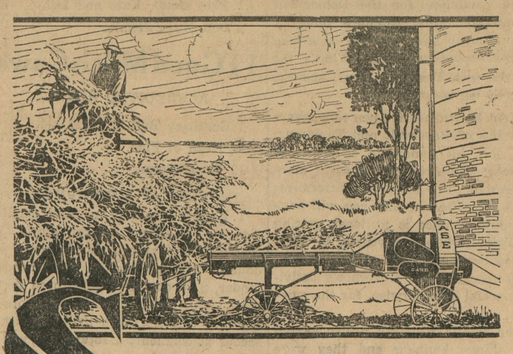

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