The Kent News

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MUST DECLARE INTENTIONS

Persons moving into Kent county with the intention of becoming voters must declare their intention before the Clerk of the Court a year prior to the time they want to vote. Or if voters leave the county with the intention of seeking a livelihood elsewhere and later return, they must, to retain their votes, declare their intention to return before the election. In other words the declaration of intention act is still a law and will be enforced. An effort was made to repeal it by the recent legislature but it failed.

"HANDWRITING ON THE AGRICULTURAL WALL."

Economists at Cornell University list some of their studied deductions based on years of work delving into the facts of the past and present.

(1) "The country is a period of generally declining prices which decline will continue." Therefore be cautious about entering into long-time investments or lon-time debts at high prices.

(2) "Labor will be relatively high, compared to other things, since wages rise slowly and fall slowly." Therefore produce with less labor per unit of product. This means increasing production per cow, per hen and per acre. Close culling of flocks, discarding unproductive land but increasing use of fertilizer on land that will respond.

(3) "Retail prices will be relatively high as compared with farm prices". since wages, freight, handling charge, credit accounts, and profits are added to farm prices. Farmers sell at wholesale and buy at retail. This accounts for city prosperity and farm depression during past ten years.

(4) "The advantage of position," which means in Maryland the production of bulky and perishable products (like milk in close proximity to market) is indicated. High freight rates and handling charges help the nearby producer who can market direct. High quality produces only can compete successfully for the market. High quality turkeys, real quality early lambs, etc., can compete with the world if we will adjust our methods to meet the demand.

We're all chiefly interested in ourselves. Note how little news you can find in a strange city newspaper.

The dirigibl Los Angeles had to get permission from France, Great Britain, Italy ond Japan before it could visit our naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

In Los Angeles a communist arrested on the city hall steps because he yelled "we want bread" too long and loudwas found to have $2,622 in the bank.

The Newburgh (N. Y.) Wheelmen's Club has sadly disbanded after an existence of 44 years.

MOTORISTS IN REVOLT

It would seem to a logical mind that the motorist contributes his share of the cost of highways and streets when he pays a gas tax of three or more cents a gallon. But in some States he must pay tribute to towns as well. More than 100 municipalities—including such large cities as St. Louis, Kansas City,, and New Orleans—are now levying municipal gas taxes on top of the State tax.

It is argued that motor cars wear out exactly as they wear out roads. So they do. The fair course of procedure—and one that has been adopted in several States — is to have a percentage of the State tax allocated to municipalities.

However, the community gas tax, if it goes far enough, may be a good thing. It will stimulate the "revolt of the motorists" that has of late been gathering headway rapidly. The motorist pays a license tax, a registration tax, and in some cases a personal property tax on his car. He pays a State gasoline tax, which is often excessive. In some cases some of the funds he has paid out, ostensibly for highways, have been used for other purposes. He has become the target for legislatures seeking ways and means of raising money.

Unless motorists do something to stop higher gas taxes, it will not be long until the tax is the larger part of the cost of gasoline.

LOANS TO FARMERS EXPIRE APRIL 30TH.

Farmers if they are to borrow from the Federal Government must have their loans in the office of the United States Department of Agriculture no later than April 30th next. All farmers who are in need of these loans and can qualify under the regulations should file their applications at once so that they will be received before the date mentioned.

There is an old saying that the sight of boys playing marbles on the sidewalks is one sure sign of spring. We can not be sure that baseball, lawn tennis, and golf will be as popular 100 years from today as they are now, but it is certain that the boys of 2031 will play marbles just as they do now. Some anxious parents are concerned because their youngsters play marbles "for keeps." They think that it plants the gambling instinct in their minds. The rules of marble games have been codified by some boy leaders and marble championship contests established. The Marble champions are boys who are worth watching. They have a physical deftness that will make them skillful with their hands, and a habit of persistence that will make them formidable opponents in any kind of competition.

A cup of coffee in Rio de Janerio can be had for one cent.

Number of Kent County Farms and Their Value.

KENT COUNTY.	Number of farms April 1, 1930	All land in farms (Acres)	Woodland (Acres)	Woodland not used for pasture (Acres)	Farm land and buildings (Dollars)	All farm buildings (Dollars)	Farm implements and machinery (Dollars)
Kent County	**971**	**159,460**	**2,691**	**20,141**	**9,547,065**	**3,557 910**	**826 075**
Dist. 1, Masseys	237	36,941	318	6,902	1,803,820	586,300	176,884
Dist. 2, Kennedyville	202	38,358	184	2,663	2,510,095	926,520	222,458
Dist. 3. Worton (Betterton)	186	26,054	585	3,125	1,885,660	667,565	113,755
Dist. 4, Chestertown	23	4,662	129	201	300,000	116,700	21,925
Dist. 5, Edesville	100	15,293	52	2,636	999,505	413,375	97,163
Dist. 6, Fairlee	102	20,227	1,169	2,028	947,000	452,050	98,385
Dist. 7, Pomona	121	17,925	254	2,586	1,100,985	395,400	95,505

The Average Man Don't Give A----

picayune, just so the old house is comfortable. He doesn't notice the uneven flooring; scarred baseboards; soiled wallpaper in the bath and the dingy kitchen.

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