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### Do You Know OFF THE CUFF

what is due the two districts. That the beautiful snow is still lingering around, much like a city cousin when fishing is good.

That timber getters are scouring our county for tall, heavy timber and it looks that stove wood will be at a premium. The price now is \$15 a load and large loads at high as \$50 per.

That it would be a good idea for the voters of the Fifth (Queenstown) and the Fourth (Kent Island) district to interview the candidates for the Legislature and get them to give Queenstown and Stevensville a dispensary—a branch of the Centreville dispensary. This is only

That our muskrat trappers are kicking on account of the weather as they are only able to catch five or six in the morning at \$2.75 each or about \$85 for seven 3-hour mornings work. We hope they don't go on strike as lot of folks will have to do without fur coats next Fall.

That Finley Lewis, one of the big boys in the political arena of Kent Island, was in town Saturday and urged Mike to run for Sheriff and that he would promise to deliver Kent Island. Mike declined with thanks as he did not want to buck his old pal, Earl Coursey.

That John Kinnamon, our champion Victory gardener, these disagreeable days is enjoying his home and fireside and mapping out his garden for the coming season. He hopes to be able to donate to his neighbors, choice 2-pound beefsteak tomatoes and 1½-pound onions. The best of luck Johnny.

That Governor O'Connor in his appeal to Democratic friends for a term in the United Senate, claims "The postwar year demands thoughtful consideration and vigorous attention," which he promises if elected. Can't our good Shore friend, George Radcliffe promise the same and prove that he has always been on the job?

That the bad weather has caused several old men of Grasonville to put up their oyster tongs until the weather gets "fair and warmer." One old man said he had not worked for six weeks and was not worrying as long as the five pastebards paid him \$150 to \$200 per week. This proves that their is always a meal ticket for you whether you work or play.

That the big boys of the Jump Hardware Co., used a plenty of gray matter in selecting a site for their new buildings outside the town limits of Centreville, as we find that town taxes are worst than county taxes. They will have ample room to display their ware and can attract attention from the folks down Wye Mills, Willoughby, Kent Island, Grasonville, Bryantown and Queenstown as they pass on their way to the county seat.

That with the creeks frozen up and the weather tough on the oystermen and the price is on the decline, rapid. The packers at the Narrows are buying nothing but selects at \$2 per bushel for Tuesday. No price on common stock which have been selling at \$2.50 and \$2.75 per bushel. They are dropping about 25 cents per bushel daily. They may be around the dollar mark by Saturday. Packers of St. Michaels reported that they would pay 50 cents per bushel starting Monday.

That circulation of new dimes bearing the likeness of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, started last week in Washington. The dimes were available elsewhere in the country on Monday. About 2,000,000 were turned out last Friday at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia. A spokesman at the mint said approximately 3,000,000 daily will be produced by next Monday, and no more of the old type ten cent pieces will be minted.

### Tydings Has Been Peeping Sees No Cure for Strikes

Asserting no law passed by Congress would end strikes. Senator Tydings in a broadcast address emphasized there is no cureall for labor problems and it is time somebody said it.

Instead, he declared that public opinion and the force of circumstances will in time assist both sides in a labor-capital controversy in making a decision. But, he added, public opinion should be careful as it exerts its pressure on such matters to absorb all the facts on both sides before it reaches a conclusion. "When it does reach such a conclusion it can throw its weight into the balance for generally the public is the fairest arbitrator of them all," declared Tydings.

Whether strikes are right or wrong, whether lockouts are right or wrong, in a democracy they are some of the liabilities which "we must shoulder in exchange for some of the privileges," he added. "That is something we must not forget in our consideration of these management-labor disputes," he continued. "Of course, we can follow the pattern of Hitler or Mussolini and use the concentration camp or castor oil. For my part I would rather eat less meat, if I have to do it, than impose on this Government the methods of fascism, to destroy which, so many of our fine young people have lately died.

### Thursday Was Deadline For Payroll Taxes

On or before midnight, Thursday, January 31, employers who are subject to insurance provisions of the Social Security Act, sent to the Government their quarterly payroll tax returns, covering the last three months of 1945.

Norman P. Foster, manager of the Salisbury office of the Social Security Board, calls attention to the fact that an employer can save himself time and trouble, by making certain that the name, account number, and wage earnings of each worker employed by him during October, November and December, 1945 are shown on this tax report. He said also that most of the employers in this section are very careful to include the name and the Social Security account number, as well as the wages of each employee, in their reports, but there are still a few who do not realize that the law applies to every business or industrial establishment, even though it has only one employee.

Social Security tax returns are sent by the employer to the Collector of Internal Revenue. Shortly thereafter, the wage reports are transmitted to the Social Security Board and there each item of wages is certified to the proper account. Every insured worker has an individual wage record and this record will be used, later, as a means of determining the amount of benefits that may be payable to him when he is old or to his dependents in case he should die.

### Local Vegetable Canners To Meet in Baltimore

Members of the Southern States Hillsboro-Queen Anne Marketing Cooperative will hold their Annual Membership meeting at the Lord Baltimore hotel, Baltimore, Thursday, February 14, starting at 10 a. m. and continuing until 3:30 p. m. These farmers are from Talbot, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Harford, Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel counties.

The cooperative operates a vegetable cannery at Woodbie and one at Hillsboro, with F. A. Weller superintendent of the former and R. C. Ewing superintendent of the latter. At a meeting the members will hear reports on operations and will draft general plans for the coming year.

The board of directors is composed of Edwin Warfield Jr., president and Charles I. Boyle, Ray Brown, Austin P. Knill, Fred B. Sylvester, and F. D. Zeigler.

### Kerosene Can Explodes Burning Two Badly

Pouring coal oil on a smothering fire came close to burning Denny Marshall to death and destroying the home Monday morning.

Denny arose about 5 o'clock and started the kitchen fire to get breakfast. The fire was not rapid enough for Denny so he grabbed the 2-gallon oil can (half-full) and soaked the smothering fire which caused a blaze which ignited the wood and cause the can to explode, sautrated Denny's clothes, burning his face and hands. He called for help and "Rip" Councillor jumped out of bed in his pajamas and carried Denny out of the house and rolled him in snow to put out the blaze. "Rip" had to tear off Denny's clothes to save him from burning to death.

While "Rip" was looking after Denny, Eddie Thomas, neighbor, heard the call for help and grabbed two buckets and filled them with water and put out the kitchen fire, which was very hot.

Denny's face and hands were badly burnt and the doctors at Easton Emergency Hospital, where he was rushed, fear he will never be able to use his right hand.

"Rips" hands and face were badly burnt and his hair on his head nearly singed off.

Eddie, the life-saver was slightly scorched. Mrs. Councillor an invalid was carried in her chair to the front porch for safety in case the house caught fire.

### Easton Airport Rated One of the Best

Easton's Municipal Airport has been certified as a Class II commercial airport, the States Aviation Commission announced last week.

The Maryland Airlines have resumed operations from Easton to Washington from this airport and began Monday, January 28 they inaugurated an Easton to Baltimore service. All flights are non-scheduled charter service.

Approval of the Easton field for commercial purposes was announced by Edward R. Fenimore, director of State aviation, following a report from Easton authorities had been made to the field.

He pointed out that Easton's airport is an "important link in the development of Maryland's post-war program," and that Easton now rates among the top three Maryland cities served by airlines. Baltimore is rated first and Hagerstown second.

It was reported that Easton now has gasoline facilities for servicing and refueling of airplanes, an emergency "crash" truck equipped with fire fighting and first aid equipment, a control tower with an automatic light for controlling traffic, a temporary administration building with facilities for serving the public, a wind indicator and radio for use in obtaining weather information.

Application has also been made to Federal authorities for operation of a radio transmitter to provide air to ground communications between the planes and airport, Mr. Fenimore said.

The airport is equipped with two 4,000 foot macadam runways and temporary taxi strips.

### O'Connor Honors Draft Board Members

Each member of the local draft board and appeal board was awarded a certificate of merit by Governor O'Connor last Monday in recognition of the outstanding and unselfish service which they rendered the county and the nation during the past war time crisis.

The present members are Tilghman Hayden, Jack Cannon and Conrad P. Carter. Two first named has served the entire session, while Mr. Carter has served two years succeeding George W. Aldridge, who resigned on account of his health. These men have rendered faithful service doing a necessary, but unpleasant job.

### Jump's New Site Will Get Them Going and Coming

At the annual entertainment program held Thursday evening, January 17, in the Centreville High School, Mr. William Fleming, a member of the Jump Hardware and Implement Company, Queen Anne, announced plans of the company to operate an establishment in the Centreville area. The store will be located just south of the town on the Centreville-Wye Mills road.

The building will be of modern design and will contain 7,500 square feet of floor space. It will have a complete hardware and implement parts department, a show room for their line of International Harvester farm machinery, and a completely equipped repair shop containing 3,000 square feet of floor space.

Mr. Fleming stated that he expected the building to be completed by June 1. Their Queen Anne business will remain as it is.

The announcement was made before 800 people who attended the entertainment sponsored by the company. Featured on the program was Ray Mond, a Magician, known as the aristocrat of deception with the fastest pair of hands on the American stage. The magician thrilled his audience throughout the evening with clever tricks of magic, especially his pulling of cigarettes from the air all lighted and ready to smoke.

The Jump Hardware Company also presented several movies of interest to farmers, and closed the evening by serving refreshments to the guests.

### TWO SEVERE ACCIDENTS

Jerry Skaggs, the head meat cutter of Seward's Cash and Carry Grocery Store, while carving up a side of beef, Saturday morning, the knife slipped and nearly severed his little finger of his right hand. First aid was administered and he was rushed to a physician who found it necessary to take three stitches in the cut in dressing the wound. After the wound was dressed Jerry continued his work under pain.

Clyde Embert, our rural mail man, while trying to remove a folding tire, Saturday afternoon, the jack slipped and caught his right hand, badly mashing four fingers. His index finger was cut with an "x" on the knuckle and it looks to those who rendered first aid that a seamstress would have been a help in closing the wound. After first aid was rendered he was able to be around but his hand was badly swollen Sunday morning and a physician reduced the swelling and he was able to be on the job Monday morning.

### AN AGREEABLE SHOWER

A shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stubbs at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Greaves, Tuesday evening at their home, The Debut farm, in Tilghman's Neck. Quite a flock of friends and relatives were present to enjoy the feed and a good time. The happy couple were married Tuesday, January 15 and are now at their home near Church Hill. They received a bunch of valuable presents, and the wishes for a happy life on the sea of matrimony.

### "VISIBLE SPEECH" NEW AID FOR THE DEAF

Science reports rapid strides in aiding the deaf. As a sample of their discoveries "visible speech" is the latest. Read about this new help for the deafened in an interesting illustrated article in the February 17th issue of The American Weekly. Nation's favorite magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from Your local Newsdealer.

**FOR SALE**—Office Building, sheds and Fairbanks Scales, known as the Wright & Collins Lumber Yard, Centreville, Md., Apply to Mrs. J. Frank Harper, 1721 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md. Phone Mulberry 5995.

### Retail Turkey Dealers Out-of-State Fined

Seven out-of-State retail turkey dealers last Thursday were fined a total of \$1,350 by Judge W. Calvin Chesnut in Federal Court after they pleaded guilty to buying live turkeys at above-ceiling prices through two men, one of whom is a Delaware state senator.

The State Senator, Frank Attix, of Kenton, Del., and Peter J. Sudol, of Hightstown, N. J., both poultry brokers, also are charged in Federal Court with dealing in turkeys at above ceiling prices, but the cases against them were not heard Thursday.

Ralph Whaley of Bloomingdale, near town, one of the Fifth district practical farmers turkey and chicken raiser, was the individual from whom all the turkeys were originally purchased. Government prosecutors, said, but when Whaley was taken evidence in the case, he took compelled to testify in order to obtain advantage of his statutory rights and claimed immunity from prosecution, Judge Chesnut was told.

Whaley, who received about 10 cents a pound over the ceiling price for the turkeys, paid \$3,000 in an OPA administrator's suit, the prosecutor stated.

The retailers were charged with purchasing from 771 pounds to 10,142 pounds of turkeys at prices ranging from \$74.79 above the ceiling to \$983.73 above the maximum set by the OPA.

Most of the defendants contended they did not know of the price arrangements until they reached the Maryland farm and the turkeys were already loaded on the truck. Then, they said, they paid the higher price rather than lose the purchase.

Other defendants cited the severe shortage of turkeys at the time of the purchase, shortly before Thanksgiving Day, 1944.

### Homesteaders on Moon Checked by Land Office

They laughed when R. L. Farnsworth wrote the General Land Office to ask for information on homesteading the moon.

But today— Said Joel David Wolfsohn, assistant land commissioner: "Remarkable foresight. How do they proposed to get back from the moon?"

Farnsworth's letter of November, 1944, came to mind when the Army disclosed it had bounced a radar beam off the moon. The Army added that this increased the possibility of "space ships."

If the explorer reaches the moon, can the hardy homesteader be far behind?

Farnsworth, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and president of the United States Rocket Society, Inc., wrote a year ago:

"Many of our members write in and ask how they go about filing a claim to land on the moon. This may be a reality within a generation."

Despite Farnsworth's prompting, Wolfsohn disclosed today, the General Land Office still doesn't have a moon division. Nor does any of the 5,000 public land laws give the moon a second thought.

But Wolfsohn says he's certain that if and when the need arises, Congress and the General Land Office will not be caught snoozing. Slumping so far down in his chair that about all that could be seen of him were his twinkling eyes, Wolfsohn gave this picture of the moonstruck homesteader: First he would have to go in person and study a likely piece of land. Then he would have to hustle to his nearest land office (right now a mere 240,000 miles away) and file his claim.

### Boys From Overseas Shun Farms Same as Skunks

War workers and returning GI's are not moving back to the farm very fast in Maryland, a survey disclosed.

Paul E. Nystrom, deputy extension director of the University of Maryland extension department in charge of the farm-labor division, said that unless more soldiers returned to the farm before spring, it would be necessary to tap new sources to get in Maryland's 1946 crops.

A check of all the veterans guidance centers of the State recently showed that only twenty returning veterans had indicated any desire to return to the farm as workmen, and only one as a tenant farmer. County agents say there is no great rush to take up farming, even among the farmers' sons who marched off to war.

Approximately 3,000 German prisoners of war were engaged in harvesting and planting of Maryland crops on V-J day, according to the 3rd Service Command.

How many of these "contract laborers" will be allowed to remain here for work in accordance with President Truman's announcement of German prisoners engaged yesterday of the postponing of shiped in contract work for 60 days, is unknown at this time, a spokesman of the Service Command said.

Headquarters of the Command is awaiting textual confirmatory orders that will amplify the President's announcement, it was said.

Last year Maryland farmers supplemented their own efforts with German war prisoners, 1845 Jamaicans, 2,680 migrant workers, 918 Bahamians, 184 conscientious objectors, 31 New Finlanders, 621 boys and girls from the cities, 9 veterans, 50 inmates of penal institutions and 1,100 local workers. To replace those who will not be available this year, it will be necessary to find new hands. Dr. T. B. Symons, dean of the Maryland University extension service said the supply from Bahama and Jamaica was stretched to the maximum last year, and that little more help can be expected from this source.

He suggested that if possible Peur to Rico should be used as a source of supply.

### C. P. Carter Get Honorary Mention for Hybrid Corn

William Robinson of Centreville won first prize of a bushel of hybrid corn and a blue ribbon with his exhibit of Southern States U. S. 13 hybrid corn entered in the Southern States Open Formula Hybrid Corn show sponsored jointly by Queen Anne's Cooperative Farm Bureau, Centreville, and Southern States Cooperative.

Richard B. Davidson of Wye Neck and Amos Hynson of Centreville placed second and third, respectively, with their Southern States U. S. 13 entries. Their prizes were a red ribbon for Mr. Davidson and a white ribbon for Mr. Hynson. Honorary mention went to C. P. Carter of Queenstown for his Southern States U. S. 13.

The twelve entries in the show are now on display at the store in Centreville.

### FOR SALE—Small dining room buffet. Good condition. Call Manager, Queenstown 2151.

At this point, an idea struck Wolfsohn, and he hurriedly called an engineer to ask a few questions.

"Just as I thought," he said, when he finished the conversation. "All our measurements are based on calculations of the earth's position in relation to the sun. An entire new set of figures will have to be worked out before we can so much as survey a 60-acre homestead on the moon."

His advice to "moon-steaders": Go ahead and plant your tulips and rose bushes on earth this spring. It'll take a while for the General Land Office to get ready for you."