

CORN-HOG CHECKS BOOZING TRADE

Business Everywhere Reported Picking Up Through Government Money.

Special Dispatch to The Star. AUDUBON, Iowa, July 21 (N.A.N.A.)—"Believe me, I knew there was something going on when the \$276,000 in government corn-hog benefit checks came into Audubon County," says Pete Dennis, confectionery proprietor and news dealer. "My shop did a rushing business, because every farm family, after buying a few necessities with the check, had to do a little merrily celebrating at the fountain. Most farmers with whom I come in contact, however, have felt more optimistic all year, this year, than they did last. That 9-cent corn still lingered in their minds last year at this time. I guess the corn butter selling on the Iowa farm for 50 cents (a bushel).

Mortgage Refinancing.

"There has been a lot of Federal farm mortgage refinancing around here that has helped the farmers take a new lease on life. The drought looked bad here for a while, but farmers tell me that the corn is coming along fine now. I think most of the people around here are for Roosevelt, because they think he is for them. The people appreciate any one who at least tries something to help them out.

The Government is pouring \$125,000,000 into the corn-hog belt in benefit payments in the next 30 to 60 days.

Audubon County was one of the first in the United States to get the benefit portion of its checks. Other counties are receiving checks almost daily now. The money, raised by processing taxes, goes to the farmer for reducing his corn and hog production.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration officials have been called "business pump primers."

To find out just how the priming works in the corn-hog belt, a reporter interviewed farmers and business men after the checks arrived. Typical replies follow:

Harry Petersen, Hamlin, farmer.

People around here are a lot better off than last year. Most of us get along during the Summer on butter and egg money. Last year we got 11 cents for butter, this year 22. Now, that makes a lot of difference in the number of pennies a farm family has to spend when it goes to town Saturday night.

Finds Business Improved.

L. T. Graham, Audubon, lumber yard manager—I did quite a business this Spring on the basis of being paid when the corn-hog checks arrived. Most of them are coming in now and paying me off. Business has been better throughout the year here in Audubon than it was in 1933.

J. Black, Audubon, county treasurer.

The day before the corn-hog checks were distributed we took in about \$66 in taxes. On the day the checks were distributed in the largest amounts, payments jumped to \$1,695. In five days the total was \$5,264, of which not less than \$4,500 was due directly to issuance of the corn-hog checks.

Beriel Jensen, Audubon, clothier.

Most of our business from the corn-hog checks went for work clothing, shoes, underwear and absolute necessities articles. We did not sell many more or more expensive articles.

FATHER AND NURSE HELD IN DAUGHTERS' DEATHS

Coroner's Verdict Blames Arsenic Poisoning in Kentucky Case.

By The Associated Press. HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., July 21.—Charles W. Cox, an insurance man and former divinity student, was arrested here today on a warrant from Caldwell County, and County Attorney Charles McGough of Caldwell revealed that Mrs. M. E. Butler, a nurse and mother of Crittenden County, was arrested last night, both charged in connection with the poisoning of Cox's two daughters, Morrelle Cox, 18, and Wanda Cox, 16. The older sister died here June 12. Her sister died in Princeton a week earlier, June 5. The public health laboratories at Lexington reported arsenic poisoning. The woman, held on a technical charge of murder, was released in \$5,000 bond. Warrants were issued at Princeton after a coroner's verdict that both Wanda and Morrelle had come to their death by arsenic poisoning.

Church Festival Date Set.

LEONARDTOWN, Md., July 21 (Special).—The St. George's Roman Catholic Church festival will be held August 18, starting at 5 p.m. Rev. Father J. Bernard, S. J., rector, announced.

Cummings to Halt Custom of Making Honorary Deputies

Future Badge Holders Must Be Court Room Variety of Marshal.

By The Associated Press. The man who gets a deputy United States marshal badge from now on must be of the common or jail-and-court room variety of marshal. Attorney General Cummings, told that in one city "honorary" deputies were cluttering the "no parking" spaces, served notice today that badges should be limited to men actually working for the Government. That is what he told Joseph B. Reing, marshal at Philadelphia Reing, concerned over criticism directed at his large staff of lawyers, night club owners and political figures, telephoned Cummings to ask whether there was anything amiss. It was just an old Philadelphia custom, the marshal explained. After hearing Cummings' views, he decided to recall the numerous appointments, most of them made by predecessors in office. No one knows just how many honorary deputy marshals there are. The marshals who do the appointing have 666 regular, paid deputies. The duties and salaries of the office are not the prerogatives of the badge, but the holders, paying for their own, select a wide range of styles. Confidence in flashing the insignia counts a lot, too. Some learn to wear of a "click" from the traffic officer with ease, while others content themselves with less.

Unexploded Shell Unearthed On Scene of Civil War Battles

Special Dispatch to The Star. WOODSTOCK, Va., July 21.—A 10-inch shell, which had never been exploded, was unearthed this week near the entrance to the Shenandoah Gorge, scene of many important engagements during the Civil War. It was found by a farmer plowing a field. Many shells were discovered when the highway was improved from the Shenandoah Caverns to the Valley Pike. Frequently after heavy rains bullets and fragments of shells are found in this vicinity. The location was the scene of Gen. Early's last stand against Gen. Sherman, and it was near there that the Virginia Military Institute cadets charged the Union forces during the Battle of New Market.

Cadets Went into Battle.

In this battle the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, school boys, ranging from 14 to 20 years of age, had their first and only experience in practical warfare as a cadet unit. The Confederates had about 7,000 and the Federals about 8,000 soldiers in the battle. Partly because of the courage and daring of the cadets the Confederates won a complete victory and undying fame. Of the 250 cadets in the battle, many were killed or wounded. While Harding was President the Battle of New Market was commemorated by the United States Marines under Gen. Smedley D. Butler, in a sham battle against the cadets from the Virginia Military Institute September 20, 1923.

100,000 Saw Sham Battle.

The sham battle was witnessed by nearly 100,000 people from various parts of the world. They came in 20,000 automobiles. During these maneuvers some one suggested that Shenandoah, which is an Indian name, would be an appropriate name for the airship that was about to be launched at Lakehurst, N. J. Secretary Denby ordered a bottle of water from the Shenandoah River and the airship later was christened the Shenandoah. When it flew to St. Louis on its initial trip it flew over the battlefield where it got its name.

NINE TO REPRESENT 4-H OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Members Chosen for State Short Course Opening This Week at Blacksburg.

Special Dispatch to The Star. FAIRFAX, Va., July 21.—Fairfax County will be represented by nine 4-H Club members at the annual 4-H State short course at Blacksburg, Va. next week. Miss Sarah E. Thomas, county home demonstration agent, announced today. She also stated the county 4-H Club Leaders' Association is arranging to send two delegates.

Representatives include Dept. Steele, Fairview Club, Jean Bready, Herndon Club; Margaret Lawrence, Herndon Club; Beulah McWilliams, Herndon Club; and Katherine Edwards, Oakton Club, who will enter the judging contest in health and house furnishings; Helen Rector, Fairview Club, who will enter the food judging contest; and Margaret Bladen and Louise Swartz, both Annandale Club, and Nancy Dove, Lorton Club, who will judge in the correct dress contest. Mrs. L. I. Dolph, member of the County School Board, and Miss Dorothy Brown, Fairfax 4-H Club leader, will represent the Leaders' Association. Alice Bready of Herndon is to take part in the all-star conference Thursday and will also assist with the short-course program. Delegates will leave Fairfax by bus for Blacksburg Monday morning at 5:30.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED AS CHURCH CLASS ENDS

Rev. Keith Custis Makes Presentation at Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Special Dispatch to The Star. RIVERDALE, Md., July 21.—Exercises marked the closing of the Vacation Church School at the local Presbyterian Church Friday evening. Rev. Keith Custis was principal of the school and awarded certificates to the following: Junior Department—Helen Allen, Fred Ashby, Richard Baldwin, Clinton Beeler, Charles Belzer, Raymond Bradshaw, Betty Bush, Ida Goshorn, Donald Gould and Robert Perkins. Primary Department—Russell Baldwin, Eleanor Ballinger, Robert Barnett, Phillip Carter, Dolores Covey, Francis Ann DeVerger, Martha DeVerger, Jean Glading, Eleanor Insko, John Knowles, Martin Moul, Hans Schweiler, Niles Schweiler, Richard Wedding and Paul Zier.

Those assisting Rev. Custis were Mrs. Custis, Mrs. James O. Grandstaff, Mrs. Ruth Baldwin, Mrs. O. G. Ballinger and Mrs. John Harlan.

MEMBERS SOUGHT

Library in Purcellville Tentatively Accepts Quarters.

Special Dispatch to The Star. PURCELLVILLE, Va., July 21.—At a meeting of the Blue Ridge Library Committee held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. J. A. Speer, here Wednesday evening, a resolution was passed to accept tentatively the offer of the Town Council to furnish quarters for the library, and to begin a campaign for membership immediately.

Membership cards will be put on sale which will entitle the holder to one book from the free shelves each week and the privilege of reading whatever new books he wishes at an additional cost of 5 cents a week. The cost of membership cards is 15 cents.

Landover Plans Fair Booths.

LANDOVER, Md., July 21 (Special).—Mrs. Robert Overing, president of the Landover Community Club, has been named chairman of the club's special committee, which will arrange a booth exhibit at the Marlboro Fair. Mrs. Frank Fitzhugh will have charge of the club's luncheon booth.

Orders to Hold Picnic.

DAMASCUS, Md., July 21 (Special).—Aubrey Council, Jr., O. U. A. M., and Baker Council, Daughters of America, will hold their annual picnic on the Damascus High School grounds August 4. Ernest Duval is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the picnic, and Paul Watkins is chairman of arrangements for the Daughters of America. Suppers will be served from 4 to 8 p.m.

Will Hold Story Hour.

SILVER SPRING, Md., July 21 (Special).—The third of a series of story hours for children of the community will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Silver Spring Public Library. Mrs. William Dahl will have charge of the story telling and will be assisted by Miss Dorothy Miller. Mrs. Herbert J. Howland will accompany the children on the piano in group singing.

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CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS IN DAMASCUS MONDAY

Will Be Held Every Week Day Except Saturday—Rev. R. H. Brown to Be Dean.

Special Dispatch to The Star. DAMASCUS, Md., July 21.—A vacation church school will be held at Damascus Methodist Episcopal Church for two weeks, beginning Monday. Classes will be held each week day morning except Saturday, from 9 to 12. Rev. Raymond Hunter Brown, pastor of the church, will be dean of the school. Assisting in this work is a group of competent teachers and administrators. The faculty consists of: Beginners' department, Gertrude Stanley and Beatrice Woodfield; primary, Ruth Souder and Louise Williams; Juniors, Helein Mullinix and Jessie Burdette; intermediate, Rev. Brown, with Mrs. William A. Baker in charge of hand work for juniors and intermediate boys; recreation, Anna Mary Boyer and Mrs. George W. Boyer; music, Mabel Fairchild; transportation, Damascus, Mrs. Bradley M. Woodfield; Salem, Mrs. William Beall; registrars, Damascus, Mrs. William A. Baker; Salem, Mrs. William Beall; treasurer, Mrs. John W. Hager.

Seeks Committee Post.

LEONARDTOWN, Md., July 21 (Special).—Louis Nathanson of this city has filed his announcement to become a member of the State Democratic Central Committee here.

Carnival Program Arranged.

BERWYN, Md., July 21 (Special).—An attractive program has been arranged for the carnival to be held under the auspices of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church here July 28 to August 4. There will be a fried chicken dinner Tuesday night. The following program will be known as Democratic Club night. A pie-eating contest will be the high spot Friday night.

Street Carnival Planned.

WARRENTON, Va., July 21 (Special).—A street carnival will be held at Remington Friday evening, July 27. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the John Barton Payne High School, to complete payments for land purchased for school playgrounds.

Seeks Two New Roads for Charles County

Petition Asks for Laying Out and Construction in Fifth and Seventh Districts. Special Dispatch to The Star. LA PLATA, Md., July 21.—The Board of County Commissioners for Charles County has been petitioned to lay out and construct two sections of county roads. The first petition requests a county road three-quarters of a mile in length in the village of Fenwick on the Potomac River in the seventh election district of the county. The second petition asks a road about one and one-half miles in length to be established in the fifth election district of the county. The road is desired to begin at the end of the State road near Mount Victoria and continue to the entrance of the farm known as Yaton, and the present entrance to Wilcomico Fields on the Wilcomico River. The first petition is signed by the following: Sada J. Ritchie, Clara E. Johnson, Kate P. Johnson, Mary E. Johnson and H. Frederica Olcott. Those who signed the second petition are Blandford Bailey, Peter Q. Noyce, Kent Mullikin, E. Maurey Posey, Foeter M. Reeder, Robert Dyson, Donald H. McKnew, Howard P. Cobby, Charles Swindler, Frank Appleman and J. C. Marshall.

CARNIVAL WEEK

Parade Tomorrow to Open Festivities in Silver Spring.

Special Dispatch to The Star. SILVER SPRING, Md., July 21.—Plans have been completed for the annual carnival of St. Michael's Catholic Church which will be held all of next week on the grounds on Georgia avenue between Hardon and Oak streets. Marking the opening of the affair a parade will be held Monday evening, starting at 7 o'clock from the District line on Georgia avenue and from there to Sligo and back to the carnival grounds. The parade will be headed by the 50-piece Victory Post Band, American Legion, of Washington. Local merchants have been invited to participate.

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Descendants of Original Manor Owners in Maryland Sought

Colonial Dames Begin Search Under Mrs. F. J. Parran.

List of Those Descended From Gentry Also Being Compiled.

Special Dispatch to The Star. LEONARDTOWN, Md., July 21.—A Nation-wide search for descendants of the original lords of the manors in Maryland has been started here by the Southern Maryland Society of Colonial Dames, under the direction of Mrs. Frank J. Parran, president of the society. The society is desirous of names, not only of descendants of the owner or subsequent owner of an original manor in Maryland, but also persons of direct descent from Colonial gentry and of direct descent from foreign nobility now residing in the State. A leaflet is being distributed by the society explaining that while the "regal courtesy and courtly bearing, passwords to society," may have faded, "the remembrances and pride of those who have descended from these dignitaries always will exist. It is a qualification that today, as well as in Colonial days, marks one with distinction."

"Our State of Maryland has a place in the heraldry of the world. Its origin is in a palatinate, where the lord proprietor had on his coat of arms the insignia of royalty and possessed the right to erect manors, authorize applications for coats of arms and the right to elevate his Colonists to rank among the imperial gentry. No other colony in America had such advantages." Maryland was the premier in aristocracy and those who descend from it continue to hold the rank of their ancestors, for these things are never lost."

Mrs. Parran also is interested in a movement to have the State of Maryland buy back the historic Blackstone Island in the Lower Potomac River, where the first Maryland settlers landed on March 25, 1634, and make it a Maryland shrine. The land is owned by the Federal Government and used as a proving ground for the naval guns at Indian Head, Md.

Surprise Program Planned.

RIVERDALE, Md., July 21 (Special).—A surprise program will be presented at the monthly meeting of the Democratic Club Thursday evening in Stephen Hall, East Riverdale, according to President W. A. Carson.

Republican Club to Meet.

LEONARDTOWN, Md., July 21 (Special).—The Republican Club will meet at St. Mary's Hotel here on July 25 at 8 p.m. Invitations to the ladies as well as others who have not attended the meetings are being extended.

Chicken Supper Planned.

GROVETON, Va., July 21 (Special).—Mrs. G. L. Struder heads the committee in charge of the chicken supper and dance to be held at Groveton School Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Happy Valley Athletic Club.

TAXPAYERS LOSE TO LAND GRABBERS

Auditor Says Irregularities Cost \$4,711 in Norfolk County.

By The Associated Press. RICHMOND, Va., July 21.—State Auditor L. McCarthy Downs today reported 15 months of land-grabbing activities in Norfolk County have cost the taxpayers there \$4,711.72 in fees alone. The statement was made in a report on an audit of the accounts and records of A. B. Carney, clerk of the county. The auditor said the loss to the county has resulted from irregularities in the payment and collection of fees required by law. The law which prescribes the procedure in buying land for unpaid taxes, provides that at the time of filing application to obtain the land, the prospective purchaser must pay the clerk at least 10 per cent of the proposed purchase price but that this de-

posit, which shall be first for purchase price and then for costs shall in no case be less than \$1. A person seeking to redeem the property for which a purchase application has been made is required to pay a penalty equal to 10 per centum of the proposed purchase price, provided that this penalty shall be not less than \$2, nor more than \$5 and this is paid to the applicant, along with his deposit which is returned. If the right of redemption is not exercised within four months, the applicant may purchase the property, but if he does not exercise his right within five days, then all amounts deposited by him are forfeited to the Commonwealth. After quoting the sections of the law containing these provisions, the auditor said: "It was obvious to us that it was not the intention of the land grabbers to obtain title to the various parcels of property, because it will be noted that the practice of land grabbing would not be profitable had the statutes been complied with. It will be observed also that the failure of the clerk to require the payment of 10 per centum of the amount of the proposed purchase price, or a minimum of \$1, has deprived the Commonwealth of the right of forfeiture in such cases where the application was not consummated."

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