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Growers Will Lead Mass-Assembly Tonight to Cut Undue Profits

BLIND SENATOR TO TALK Gore Will Be Chief Speaker at Conference in Academy of Music

A determined effort to find out why the consumer pays about 200 per cent more for vegetables than the producer gets for them will be made at a mass-meeting tonight in the Academy of Music, when United States Senator Gore will be the principal speaker.

The meeting has been arranged to acquaint Philadelphia consumers with the alleged evils which exist in the wholesale marketing facilities here. It will be shown that exorbitant prices, compared with those farmers charge, are asked. At the meeting the association hopes to enlist the co-operation of the buying public in a campaign to reduce prices.

T. Corwin Starkey, president of the association, will be chairman of the meeting. The meeting will be the opening gun in our campaign to bring the farmer and consumer closer together. We believe the consumer will accept our opinions on the reason for the present cost of food in preference to the opinions of gentlemen who sit in office buildings all day long.

"Millions of dollars' worth of food was wasted in this country in the last two years because there was no place to store the surpluses of perishables. Philadelphia farmers were a party to the waste just as others were for the reason that our storage warehouses are entirely too few and too small. Admission to the Wednesday night mass-meeting will be free to the householders of Philadelphia and it is hoped that an overflow meeting will be necessary. The farmers are eager to tell the consumers the real truth about the cost of food."

At the banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford preceding the mass-meeting, N. M. Comly, president of the Philadelphia Vegetable Growers' Association, will preside, and the speakers will include Frederick Kendrick, E. J. Cattell and Walter Minch, of Minch Brothers' Farms, Bridgeton, N. J.

Director of Supplies Joseph S. MacLaughlin will speak at the mass-meeting as the representative of Mayor Smith. Wayne H. Brown will be on the program in behalf of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Chambers of Commerce.

CITY SOLDIER PHILOSOPHICAL

"Only Lost an Arm," Francis H. McCaulley Telephones Mother

"Hello, mother, I'm back. Had a great time and only lost an arm." This is the way in which Francis H. McCaulley, twenty years old, of 5320 Wayne avenue, a former football star of the Germantown High School, telephoned from New York, announced to his mother his return home from overseas.

The soldier brought home with him a Croix de Guerre and three citations awarded for deeds of valor performed with the French army on the western front. McCaulley had been in service with the French as an ambulance driver since August, 1917. Just before the signing of the armistice a shell burst near the place where he was driving his ambulance, and twenty-eight fragments of it entered his body. His right arm was shot off, his left arm is paralyzed and he has just recovered from a fracture of the skull, which kept him in the hospital for many weeks.

7TH DESTROYER LAUNCHED

Dickerson Leaves Ways at Camden Shipyard This Morning

The torpedobomb destroyer Dickerson was launched at the New York Shipyard, Camden, at 11 o'clock today. Mrs. John S. Dickerson, a granddaughter of the navy official for whom the boat was named, was the sponsor.

The Dickerson is the seventh of a fleet of sixteen destroyers to be launched at the yard. Nine others are on the ways. The boat is 310 feet long, has a beam of 30 feet 8 inches and a draft of 20 feet 8 inches long. Following the ceremony the launching party went to the Ritz-Carlton for lunch.

Another destroyer will be launched on March 17 and a third will follow three days later.

FOLLOWS SON IN DEATH

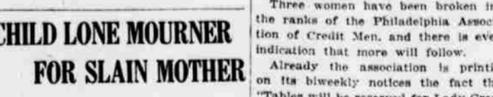
Pneumonia Kills Mother Hour After He Succumbs to Disease

Mrs. Clara Hebling, 2105 East Elk-hart street, died of pneumonia, an hour after she had learned her eighteen-year-old son, George, had died of the same disease. Both mother and son had been ill for several days. The boy died Monday afternoon. Mrs. Hebling died yesterday.

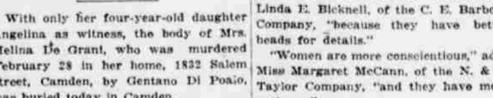
Mrs. Hebling was a widow. Her husband, George Hebling, died six years ago. Another of Mrs. Hebling's sons was killed in action in France several months ago.



MISS LINDA E. BICKNELL



MRS. E. S. TAYLOR



MISS MARGARET A. McCANN

The Philadelphia Association of Credit Men has three women on its lists of over 800 members

WOMEN ADMIT BEING BEST CREDIT HEADS

Three Recent Acquisitions Timid, However, in Entering Association Discussions

Three women have been broken into the ranks of the Philadelphia Association of Credit Men, and there is every indication that more will follow. Already the association is printing on its biweekly notices the fact that "Tables will be reserved for Lady Credit Managers."

"There is no reason why women should not be as good credit managers as men," says Mrs. E. S. Taylor, of the A. K. Schwank Company. "They should be better," asserts Miss Linda E. Bicknell, of the C. E. Barbour Company, "because they have better heads for details."

"Women are more conscientious," adds Miss Margaret McCann, of the N. & O. Taylor Company, "and they have more patience."

"It is very necessary before granting credits to get all details together, then to make an unbiased judgment, and finally to hold to the decision. After credit is granted, it is necessary to follow up the account to see that collections are kept up to time."

"It takes backbone," says Miss McCann, "to resist the appeals of the salesmen who come in with big orders from people who cannot be given credit, but you have to hold to your decision."

That Miss McCann has been successful after some seven years' experience is shown by the fact that her losses have been so small as to be negligible. The Philadelphia association has on its lists between eight and nine hundred men, and the three lady credit managers cannot help feeling a little timid in entering discussions at the luncheons.

Appointed to Municipal Positions The following appointments to city positions were announced by the Civil Service Commission today: Marion Arnold, 202 South Fifty-second street, clerk, Bureau of Water, \$1600 a year; Irma F. Holloway, 926 Dunannon avenue, nurse, Bureau of Health, \$1400 a year; Marion Brighon, 2111 Woodland avenue, clerk, Bureau of Charities, \$800 a year; Peter Mitchell, 119 Westmount avenue, fireman, Electrical Bureau, \$4 a day.

CHILD LONE MOURNER FOR SLAIN MOTHER

Camden Woman Murdered by Man Buried in Potter's Field. Disowned by Husband

With only her four-year-old daughter Angelina as witness, the body of Mrs. Melina De Grami, who was murdered February 28 in her home, 1822 Salem street, Camden, by Gentano Di Paolo, was buried today in Camden.

Paolo, who tried to take his life with the knife he used to kill the woman, was told of her burial today as he lay in the Cooper Hospital with two armed guards sitting on either side of him. He seemed absolutely indifferent. Asked if he understood that the woman had been buried in a pauper's grave he nodded but did not speak.

Since the night of the tragedy Mrs. De Grami's body has been at the morgue awaiting burial at the hands of relatives or friends. None came. Her husband, who lives in Philadelphia, and who refused to see her after she left him, was notified that she was in the morgue. He refused to have the body taken to an undertaker's or to call for his daughter.

The funeral procession to Potter's Field consisted of a wagon in which was a black-painted pine coffin made by paupers for paupers, and a single hack in which rode the officiating minister and Mrs. De Grami's daughter—a pretty little child with great dark eyes and short curling hair.

BLUEFISH? NO, SHARK IS WHAT THEY SERVE

Penn Professor Says Many Cafes Give Ugly Hammer-head for Delicacy

Have you gone into a restaurant recently and ordered broiled bluefish, and explained to the waiter just how you like it cooked? Well, the chances are that after all of your elaborate instructions he served you with shark.

Quantities of shark are appearing on American tables labeled "bluefish," according to Dr. John W. Harshbarger, professor of botany at the University of Pennsylvania. They are not man-eating sharks, he explains. But they are also quite a distance away from bluefish, anyway you look at it.

"The hammer-headed shark is one of the kinds which are sneaked upon the table as bluefish," says Doctor Harshbarger. "Fortunately the consumer of the hammer-headed shark doesn't see him often in life. A hammer-headed shark, says the botanical authority, would take the appetite away from an alley goat if the goat had to gaze at it face to face."

It seems that the American fish eater is still a mere child as far as his palate goes. He cannot distinguish many fish by their texture and taste and consequently cannot distinguish between bluefish, one of the finest of edible fishes, and hammer-headed shark, which reminds some people of trying to eat a mule.

Doctor Harshbarger strongly favors cultivation of a taste for fish among Americans. He extols fish of all kinds (even sharks) and says that once Americans learn to have them well served they will prefer them to meat.

At 12 o'clock the first group begins to arrive, and within twenty-seven minutes 400 or more have been served with their three-course meal, costing thirty cents. For a fact, soup is five cents, pork chop and potatoes fifteen cents, a large mug of coffee five cents and ice cream five cents.

And there are other things to eat. The cafeteria always has a choice of meats, two vegetables besides potatoes, rolls, cakes and pies and tea—for three or four of the patrons like tea and insist upon having it.

It takes twenty persons to operate the cafeteria—three cooks, three part-time women, two men and twelve girls from the shop, who help serve for three-quarters of an hour daily.

Everybody comes to the cafeteria—clerks in georgette waists, mechanics in overalls, enlisted men, officers, and they all eat at the same time and at the same tables. Only one table is reserved in cases there are guests at the arsenal. The very good reason for the big dinner plate is that the government has provided the entire equipment and taken care of all overhead expense, so that the patrons get full value for their money. On the meat course they usually get more than full value, and the large stone mugs for coffee hold at least two cupsful.

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450 AT FRANKFORD ARSENAL FED IN CAFETERIA AT COST

Three-Course Dinner at Thirty Cents Gives Choice of Meats and Vegetables, With Coffee and Dessert—Food Cooked to Order, Too, for Epicures

MAKING food fit for consumption is one of the peace-time activities at the Frankford Arsenal and the business is a thriving one.

In January a cafeteria was opened in one of the old storerooms and today a fully equipped restaurant business is well under way, with all profits going to the consumer and the losses—but there are not going to be any losses, for the government has put the management into skilled hands.

When the cafeteria opened there were about 100 patrons. Now there are 450, taking two shifts in the large dining room, and the number is growing daily.

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CITY AVIATOR, HOME, DESCRIBES BATTLES

Lieutenant Hoffman Was Chum of Quentin Roosevelt and Saw Lufberry Die

After thrilling experiences as an American aviator in several of the important battles of the war, Lieutenant Ross J. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hoffman, 15 West Wallace, Germantown, has returned home from France.

At one period of his training he was a roommate of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt. He witnessed the death of R. O. U. Lufberry, one of America's leading aces. Lufberry leaped from his burning plane at a height of 1000 meters, Hoffman ROSS, J. HOFFMAN said today in describing some of his experiences.

Hoffman was credited officially with one German airplane. This was a large Fokker. He was scouting during a rain and snowstorm, and then to mount suddenly in large numbers and take them at this disadvantage.

Hoffman carried four machine-guns on his plane. On one occasion he fired 150 rounds at one of two German Albatross machines which had attacked him. He brought one of them down.

He spoke of the excellent performance of the American aviators in doing the vital work which fell to the aviator as an essential branch of the service.

Hoffman, who is twenty-nine years old, was a member of the 213th Aero Squadron, which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William Thaw, of Pittsburgh. He graduated from the Cornell ground school August 4, 1917, and sailed for France on August 22, 1917, where he trained at Tours, Issoudun and Cosnaux. He wears a Spad badge and is a French brave. He sailed for this country on February 23, 1919. He is engaged in the automobile business.

MAY LOSE LEFT ARM

Abington Police Investigate Peculiar Shooting Circumstances

The left arm of Nicholas Jabatis, of Fifth street near Callowhill, may be amputated in the Abington Hospital as a result of the accidental explosion of a gun.

Jabatis, according to the Abington police, was examining the gun of a friend living in Havertown when it exploded. The cartridge contained shrapnel bullets the size of grains of corn. The arm was shattered from the elbow down.

The police are puzzled as to why shells of the peculiar character were in the gun, and it is expected an arrest will follow their investigation.

A. W. Vollmer Heads Building Owners' Association of Philadelphia at its monthly meeting held last night on the sixteenth floor of the Franklin National Bank Building. Other officers chosen were F. X. Mochle, vice president; J. B. Robinson, treasurer, and Andrew Johnston, secretary.

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