

# PREBLE COUNTY MERCHANTS FORM WAR ASSOCIATION

Conservation Will Be the Watchword of New Organization.

EATON, Ohio, March 6.—For the purpose of pursuing rigidly the food administration program and to meet problems that will arise during the war, about fifty merchants of Preble county met here Tuesday afternoon in the temporary court house and formed an organization by electing Warren Sprague, of Eaton, president; Harvey C. Fawcett, of Camden, vice president; Ralph Ayers, of Lewisburg, secretary; John Sauer, of West Alexandria, treasurer.

While a name was not selected, it is probable the organization will be known as the Preble County Merchants' Association, or some similar name. Conservation will be the watchword of the association.

In the way for fuel and light conservation the association will work to the end of having all the business places throughout the county close at 6 o'clock in the evening from October 1 to April 1, with the exception of Saturday nights and Christmas holiday week, and from April 1 to October 1, with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday nights.

For the purpose of making the organization complete, a merchant in the villages throughout the county will be appointed to work with the merchants of his home town toward thorough co-operation in the movement.

Everett Yost, farmer, confined in the state asylum at Dayton, was indicted on two charges of grand larceny by the grand jury which met here Monday and Tuesday. Two indictments returned by the grand jury were not made public. Seven cases were investigated, of which three were ignored. Seventeen witnesses were examined. J. W. Cook, of Eaton, was foreman of the jury.

Funeral services for William McClain, aged 76, who died Monday night at his home here, will be conducted Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the residence, Rev. T. J. Simpson, of the Presbyterian church, to officiate, after which the body will be taken to Lewisburg for burial. The decedent was a veteran of the Civil war. He is survived by his widow.

Postmaster Buck will receive bids for the work of transferring mail to and from the postoffice and the railway station, the place being vacant on account of the resignation of W. H. Eson, who had served for several years.

# R. H. S. EXPECTED TO COP HONORS IN TOURNAMENT

Barring the unexpected, the Richmond high school basketball five will complete the basketball tournament at the Coliseum Friday night with flying colors.

The first game with Rushville Friday morning will be test of the tournament for the R. H. S. quintet. Friday evening's game will be with Milroy or St. Paul at 8:30.

If Liberty eliminates the Cambridge five, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock will see the Richmond high school five in action against the Liberty quintet.

By the arrangement of the schedule the Richmond team must play both of the strongest bets in the tournament in order to prove its superiority and gain the honor of attending the state basketball tournament at Bloomington the following Friday and Saturday.

Both Rushville and Liberty are considered fast teams and will test the endurance and ability of the R. H. S. basket shooters.

However, Richmond basketball fans feel that they have nothing to fear as they are confident that experience that the Richmond representatives have gained through playing the strongest contenders of the state tournament has made it the safe bet of the tournament.

The Richmond basketball crew is in excellent condition and Coach Mullins is putting the finishing touches on. The team was put through a stiff practice Monday evening and will hold a light practice Wednesday evening and then will be allowed a short respite before the opening game of the tournament.

The men who are eligible to play are as follows: Robinson, Stegman, Van Allen, Simmons, Gaffis, P. Price, Harding, Gardner and Rollands.

Manager Nohr and Principal Bentley are making arrangements for handling the influx of basketball players and rooters the last of the week. Reception committees have been appointed to meet the delegations from the out of town schools and show them to their assigned places.

# Three Hagerstown Men Leave for Training

HAGERSTOWN, March 6. — Three young men from this place are leaving for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Charles Brown left here Tuesday evening for Richmond, preparatory to leaving, and Gerald Mead, who enlisted in the hospital corps, and Dr. Frank Brant, veterinarian, left Wednesday morning.

Mr. Mead failed to pass the examinations on two previous occasions. He has a nephew, Ralph Mead, age 20, now in France.



# PLANT SEEDS INDOORS TO GROW EARLY VEGETABLES IN GARDENS

## SEED AND SUCCEED.

Early to bed—early to sprout. A time for everything, especially for planting. Some seed left in that packet? Ask your neighbor.

By using a seed box or window box in which to start plants of cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, celery, and perhaps lettuce, the home gardener may get these crops into edible maturity several weeks earlier than if he waits to plant them out of doors.

**Making the Window Box.** It is a very simple matter to make a window box by nailing together the narrow sides and ends and then nailing the bottom on to these. The boards or strips used should be light in weight, about one-half inch thick, about 4 inches wide for sides and ends, any width available for the bottom. The window box should be of such size as to be easily handled, perhaps 12 to 15 inches long. A store box of convenient size may be sawed lengthwise and across the ends 3 or

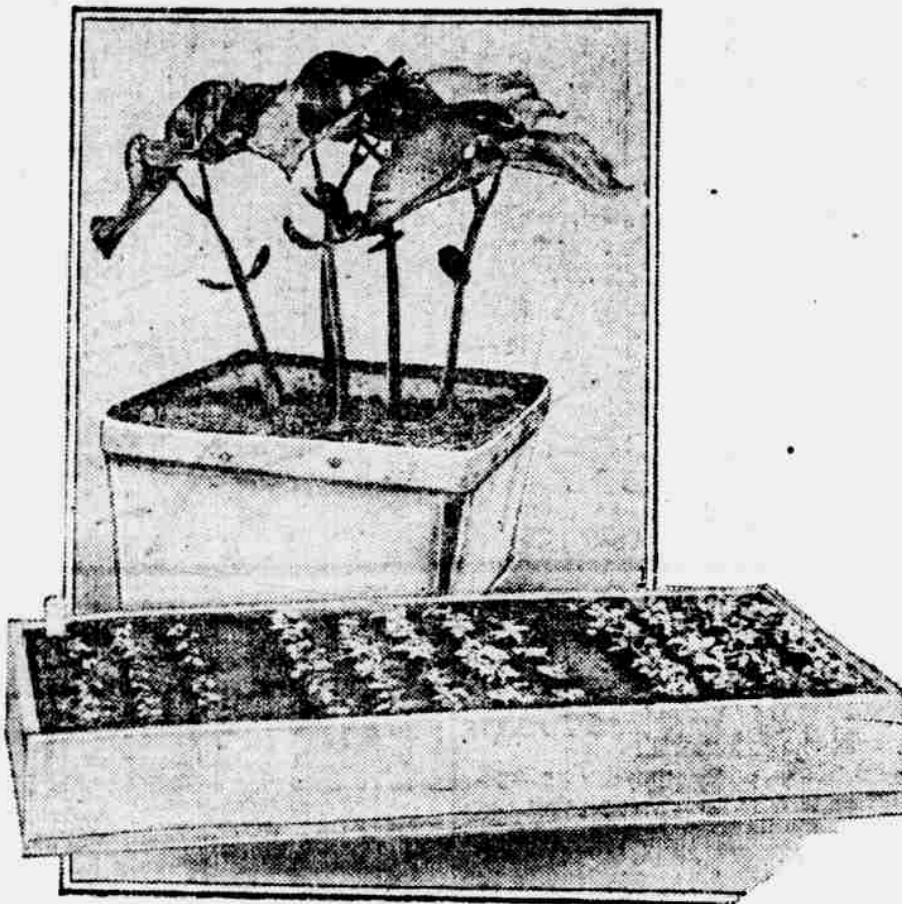
water carefully so there will be no leaking through the bottom.

If a piece of glass is placed over the box it will keep the moisture and warmth in and cause more rapid germination and cause rapid growth of the plants. Enough water must be given as required to keep the plants growing thriftily.

Set the box in any warm place until the seeds begin to sprout, then place it in the sunshine by a window.

**Take Out Surplus Plants.** When the plants are from an inch to an inch and a half high, they should be thinned to one or two inches apart in the row so as to give them space enough to make a strong, stocky growth. If it is desired to keep the plants which are thinned out, they may be set two inches apart each way, in other boxes prepared as mentioned for the seed box. When the weather becomes mild, the box of plants should be set out of doors part of the time during the day so that the plants will "harden off" in preparation for transplanting to the garden later.

A good watering should be given just before the plants are taken out of the box for transplanting so that a



A Hill of Beans Started in a Berry Box in the House Long Before the Seeds May Be Planted in the Open Garden and a Flat or Seed Box for Use in Starting Plants in the House.

4 inches above the bottom and thus make a good window box. Filling Box with Soil and Planting Seeds.

When the box is completed, cover the bottom about an inch deep with gravel or fine cinders and fill nearly full with rich soil full of decayed vegetable matter or of manure like that used in potting house plants or greenhouse plants. Most gardeners have a compost pile which will furnish the kind of soil needed. The rich soil beneath or around decaying logs is splendid for this purpose.

Press the soil down firmly in the box with a small piece of board, then with a thin strip, such as a cheap ruler, make rows crossways, 2 inches apart by pressing the edge down 1/4 inch. Distribute 8 or 10 seeds to 1/4 inch in the rows and cover with rich soil or fine sand. Press down the soil again with the piece of board and

large ball of earth will stick to the roots of each one.

## GARDEN JOGS.

Are your flats filled with fertile forceful soil? The new handle for the spading fork. Did you think of it? Those wood ashes from the fireplace? Are you saving them for the potash they contain?

Perfectly level gardens please the eye, but they are not always well drained.



# Patriotic Rally to Be Held at Hagerstown

HAGERSTOWN, March 6.—Arrangements are being made for a patriotic meeting to be held here in the I. O. O. F. hall Thursday night. Speakers will be sent here and the local committee, of which Blair Hartley and Frank Teeter are members, has arranged a program of good music, consisting of orchestra and singing.

By royal order, the celebration of Arbor day has been made obligatory in every township and municipality in Spain, and tree-planting is to be carried on.

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# On The Screen

## WASHINGTON

Slackers there have been in every country of the world when engaged in war, and slackers there will always be, according to Captain Edwin Bowser Hesser, author of "For the Freedom of the World," which will be presented at the Washington theatre on today and Thursday. Captain Hesser was director of recruiting and publicity for the American Legion of the Canadian Army, and had many interesting experiences with Canadian slackers.

## MURRETTE

Washington is deeply stirred by the reported effort to involve Senator Franklin in a disgraceful scandal. The conspiracy was the work of Wall Street schemers anxious to obtain inside information on the senator's views on a governmental project wherein the senator's voice is the deciding factor. There was a secret, however, a secret of mother love be-

hind this surrender in Triangle's master photoplay of Washington's life and intrigue. A woman's life had been wrecked by a Southern gentleman and gold had become her God, but—the rest of this great tale is told in "A Soul in Trust," which will be shown at the Murrette theatre tonight. Belle Bennett is in the lead, supported by those sterling actors, J. Barney Sherry and Darrel Foss.

The fuel famine made it necessary for the mourners at a funeral in Ohio to carry coal with them to the church.

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