

## 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 Spring, of Eaton, president; Harvey C. Favinger, of Camden, vice president; Ralph Ayers, of Lewisburg, secretary; John Sauers, 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 half-day 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 McLean, 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 deceased was a veteran of the Civil war. He is survived by his widow.

Postmaster Buch 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. Eisen, who had served for several years.

The basketball team of the high school of Lewisburg is scheduled for a game with the local high school here Friday evening.

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

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

The first game with Rushville Friday morning will be test of the tourney 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 tourney 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 tourney has made it the safe bet of the tourney.

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 tourney.

The men who are eligible to play are as follows: Robinson, Stegman, Van Allen, Simmons, Graffis, 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.

Following suggestions made by farmers willing to employ high school boys, the schools of Illinois have arranged to give the boys an extensive farm course, from February 1 to May 1st.



### PLANT SEEDS INDOORS TO GROW EARLY VEGETABLES IN GARDENS

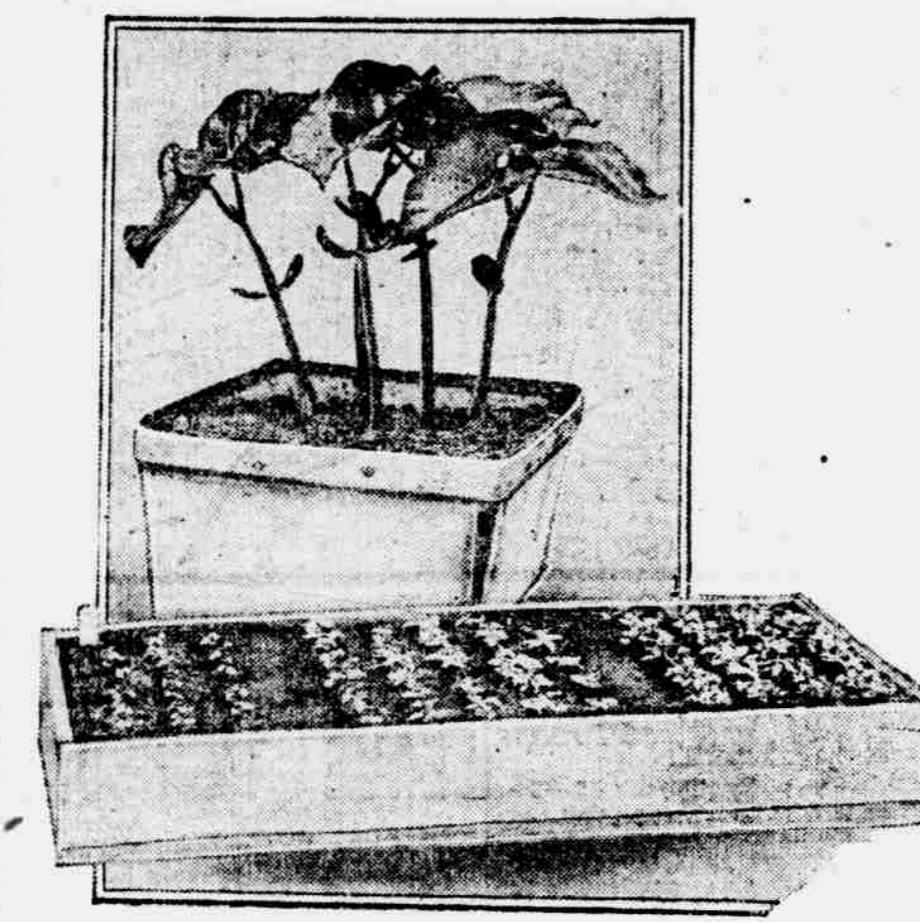
#### SEED AND SUCCEED.

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



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 putting 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  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Distribute 8 or 10 seeds per inch in the rows and cover with rich soil or fine sand. Press down the soil again with the piece of board and



#### 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.

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