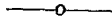


two years, and three for three years, and upon the expiration of their terms, their successors shall serve for three years (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 48, secs. 59F, 59G; Acts 1948 (sp. sess), Ch. 22). The Board elects its own Chairman.

The Authority may make investigation and studies of any phase of tobacco marketing or production in the State, provide information relative to the tobacco price structure; and make recommendations for legislation to provide more effective handling of tobacco, to fix the marketing periods, and to assure the accuracy of weights and measures used by tobacco commission selling agencies. The Authority is further empowered to license commission agencies and purchasers. The agency shall also collect a fee from the owner of tobacco sold at a commission agency. The funds as collected shall be used by the agency.

Appropriations: None.

Staff: 2.



### MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

Chairman: John P. Caspar, 1949

Joseph C. Harrison, 1952; Marshall T. Heaps, 1949; E. Dwight McCain, 1950; Eugene W. Scott, 1950; W. Lee Allen, 1951; D. Eldred Rinehart, 1951.

Harold K. Smith, Secretary

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created within the State Board of Agriculture by the General Assembly of 1947. The Commission of seven members is appointed by the Governor from a list of fruit growers approved by the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Horticulture Society. The terms of the members is for four years, however, of the first group, one was appointed for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and two for four years. All successive appointments shall be for full four-year terms. The purpose of the Commission is to raise funds for conducting publicity and advertising, sales promotion, education, and research to increase demands for, and consumption of, Maryland apples. All apples of U. S. Number 1 Canner Grade or better, grown in Maryland and sold in commercial trade are subject to a tax of one cent a bushel; however, the first five hundred bushels sold by any producer are tax-exempt. Commercial growers must report all apples sold during the crop season by December 31 each year, apples sold after the season shall be reported by the close of the following May. The funds received by the Commission for these purposes are deposited with the State Treasurer in a Merchandising Fund and none of this money may be used for any other purpose (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 97, secs. 66-78).

Publications: *The Maryland Apple Merchandizing Law, 1947.*

Appropriations: None.

Special Fees: No record available at present date.

Staff: 1.