

CONTEST OFFERS PUREBRED CALVES

John A. Arvey, extension dairyman of N. C. State College, has announced an essay contest for farm boys and girls, the winners of which will receive purebred dairy animals and a possible trip to the national dairy show.

The contest is being sponsored by the five purebred dairy cattle associations and the Southern Planters magazine of Richmond, Va. The competition is being announced formally in the March issue of the magazine.

Boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 20, inclusive, are eligible to compete. The contest began on March 1 and will close May 31.

The dairy breed associations cooperating are The Ayrshire Breeders' Association of Brandon, Va.; the Brown Swiss Breeders' Association of Beloit, Wis.; the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough, N. H.; the Holstein-Friesian Association of Battleboro, Vt., and the American Jersey Cattle Club of New York City.

Contestants may choose any one of the five breeds to write about on the following subject: "What Dad Should Keep Purebreds, and Why He Should Keep . . ." The last word of the title may be either Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, Jerseys, or Holstein-Friesians.

Winning essays in the circulation area of the Southern Planter will be entered in a national contest, and the national winner will receive, in addition to his or her registered bull calf, an all-expense trip to the national dairy show to be held at Memphis this fall.

STATE REVENUE REPORTED HIGH FOR FEBRUARY

Revenue collections in North Carolina during February increased 18 per cent over collections in February, 1940. A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, reported Friday.

For the first eight months of the present fiscal year, collections have increased 11.25 per cent, Maxwell's report showed.

Total February collections were \$6,444,716.96, compared with \$5,461,730.34 in February a year ago.

For the eight-month period ending Friday, collections in all divisions totaled \$52,034,459.68 against \$46,817,406.10 for the corresponding period a year ago.

Cove Creek School and Community News

A. C. Mast and H. E. Deal returned to their homes at Sugar Grove last Sunday from a three weeks' vacation in Florida. Mr. Mast spent the greater part of his time at Vero Beach, and Mr. Deal visited relatives and acquaintances at Roseland.

Miss Annie Sherwood, principal of a Salisbury city school, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sherwood, during the past week-end. Mr. Sherwood, who has been seriously ill for some time, continues to improve, it is learned.

Henson's Chapel Methodist church members recently paid off a \$1,100 note incurred in the purchase of church seats, and in doing so they wiped the slate clean of all indebtedness against them.

The "Wacovian," school publication, came from the press Tuesday.

Ernest Hillard, Cove Creek agriculture teacher, is building a dwelling house on the four-acre lot which he recently purchased from R. F. Billings. Mr. Hillard is using members of defense classes in partial construction of the home, giving them practical experience required of them by the national defense program.

Roy Brown, formerly employed by D. T. Brown of Sugar Grove, has moved to Vilas where he is working for Conley Glenn in the garage and mercantile business.

Band Club Formed

Mothers and friends of those who are members of the Cove Creek school band met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Nobles on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a club. Mrs. Coy Billings was elected president and several committees were appointed.

Those present were enthusiastic over the progress the band has made under the leadership of Mrs. Fletcher and they hope by this organization to be able to co-operate in every way possible with the band. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Watson on March 25, at 7:30 p. m. Those who are interested in this club are invited to attend.

ALL RULES FAIL WHEN MARRIAGE BONDS FADE FOR CAROLE AND BOB

How to run a home by rules, and what happens to a scrappily married young couple when a situation arises for which they have no rules, forms the basis of RKO Radio's new comedy hit, "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," with Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery co-starring.

Presenting the two favorites as a prosperous lawyer and his wife of three years' standing who settle their frequent quarrels by a set of domestic ordinances they have drawn up, the picture is hailed as the season's funniest offering.

The young couple's unique system works nicely for them up to a certain point, but when they discover that through a legal technicality their marriage is null and void, the system falls down. Mrs. Smith, highly irritated by Mr. Smith's handling of the affair, angrily spurns his attempts at remarriage, and a triangle develops when Mr. Smith's young law partner enters the lists as a candidate for the lady's hand—seeing she's going to marry somebody!

The gay complications that ensue make for a side-splitting climax among the snobs of Lake Placid. The two stars are said to offer the funniest characterizations of their careers, and Gene Raymond as the partner heads the featured cast, which includes Jack Carson, Philip Merivale and Lucile Watson.

This fast moving comedy is the feature attraction at the Appalachian Theatre today (Thursday) only.

WESTERN N. C. WANTS DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

Washington, March 1.—A concerted plea for location of national defense plants and facilities in western North Carolina was placed before the Tar Heel congressional delegation and a high-ranking war department official yesterday by representatives of 31 western and northwestern counties.

In reply, they were invited to submit complete factual data on all available sites for all types of projects, were shown the most effective manner in which to present such data, but were strongly urged to it in the form of written briefs rather than visiting delegations.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the death and burial of our dear husband and father, and also the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless and be with you when such sorrow comes to you.

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Hitler's Invasion Plans Described

New York.—Louis Johnson, former assistant secretary of war, said here today that Adolf Hitler was known to have manufactured 700,000 British uniforms, an equal number of parachutes, and quantities of chrome and arenic gases for an invasion of England.

The attack must be made soon, he said, since the United States "is now committed to the program of furnishing the production and the transportation to break the counter blockade of England."

Mr. Johnson, in an address prepared for the anniversary dinner of the Insurance Society of New York, said he believed that if England could hold out until the middle of next summer, "Hitler can never take the British Isles and can never win the war."

Mr. Johnson said he feared Russia's intentions more than "anything else in the world."

"Stalin, in my opinion, seeks to fertilize the soil of all the world for world revolution," he said. "I think he hopes that the hour will come when England is about ready to lick Germany, and that then before it can finally be done, Communism can step in and take Germany. To me, Communism is the greatest menace of all."

Deep Gap News

(Deferred from last issue)

Mr. H. S. Steelman has been on the sick list for several days. Mr. G. O. Triplett, substitute rural letter carrier, has been carrying the mail on the route for Mr. Steelman while he has been sick.

Mr. W. A. Watson has recently written two sensational songs, entitled: "Stop Telling Lies" and "Blue Ridge Moon," which have been arranged to beautiful melodies. The songs will soon be published and released to the public. The songs are expected to go on the air by radio artists in the near future.

The high winds have blown quite a bit of hay down here. This has been the highest winds of the entire winter so far.

INCOME

Preliminary estimates place the national income for 1940 at \$73,800,000,000, an increase of four billion dollars over 1939 and the highest total since 1929, reports the U. S. commerce department.

Zionville News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lookabill were called to Meat Camp Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lookabill's grandfather, Mr. Norris.

Among those visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Castle over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Mon Critcher and daughter; Warren Castle and Fred Castle of Kingsport, Tenn., and Mrs. Fred Castle and son, who recently moved here from Kingsport.

Miss Mildred Thomas, accompanied by George Jenkins and Wade Wallace, spent a short time with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Duncan and Mrs. Spencer Greer in West Jefferson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Graybeal Reece of Lenoir, spent the past week-end here with Mrs. Reece's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Icenhour.

Mrs. N. T. Byers and Mrs. Polly Greer were shopping in Bristol, Va., Tuesday.

W. C. Miller and son, Howard, have returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where they spent last week on business.

Mrs. W. S. Penn and Miss Carolyn Greer of Boone, were guests of home folks here over the week-end.

Miss Virginia Critcher who spent the past week in Bristol, Tenn., with relatives, has returned to her home here.

Valle Crucis News

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Olsen entertained Sunday night with a delicious chowmein supper at their beautiful home in Valle Crucis for friends in the valley and Boone. Those enjoying the delightful supper were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, Miss Helen Underdown and Marguerite Miller Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, Misses Gladys Taylor, Wilma Baird, Messrs. Calvin Wentz, Paul Robertson, Frank Taylor and H. H. Merrimon of Valle Crucis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Mast have returned from a two weeks' visit to Florida.

Miss Nancy Taylor left Saturday for a visit to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farthing of Neva, Tenn., spent Sunday in the valley with Mr. Farthing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farthing.

An eye-testing device known as a phoropter can work out 61,060,356-816 different prescriptions for spectacles.

The peculiar war cry of a queen bee can be heard several yards away from the hive. The ice cream industry has an annual value of \$125,000,000 in England.

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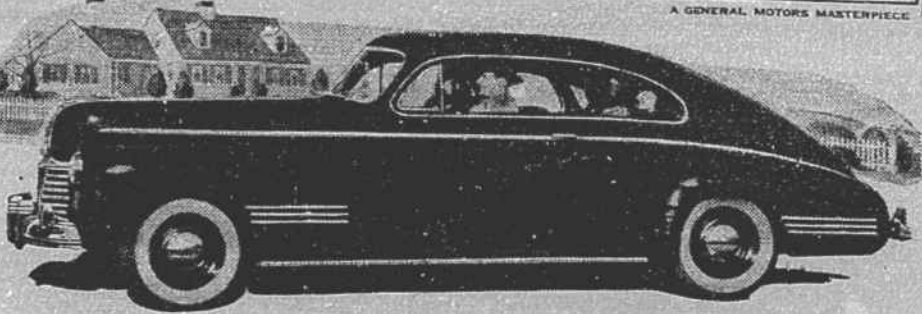
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