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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."—Thomas Jefferson.

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GOLDEN GLEAMS

Every tub must stand upon its bottom. —Charles Macklin

I am of a sect by myself, as far as I know. —Thomas Jefferson

It is my living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying sentiment—Independence now and independence forever. —Daniel Webster

I was not born to be forced. I will breathe after my own fashion—if a plant cannot live according to its nature, it dies; and so a man. —H. D. Thoreau

To be independent is the business of a few only; it is the privilege of the strong. —F. W. Nietzsche

Follow your own path, no matter what people say. —Karl Marx

A TRICK OF NATURE

Man will play a trick on nature this month when water falling on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains will be diverted by tunnel to the eastern slope in order to irrigate farm land in Northeastern Colorado.

For the first time, the water, which formerly went into the Colorado River and the Pacific Ocean, will move toward the Atlantic. The tunnel carries the water from the western to the eastern side in about three hours.

Without knowing too much about the technical details, we understand that reservoirs have been constructed on the western slopes to impound water which is conveyed to the eastern side of the mountains for the purposes of irrigation.

MEAT PRICES MOVE UPWARD

It would make good reading for the people who are paying high prices for meat to read the statement put out by the producers of meat when the battle was on, last year, to abolish the Office of Price Control.

As we recall the argument advanced by the cattle-growers, the public was assured that if controls were abolished, there would be a free flow of meat to the markets, the supply would be ample and the price would be reasonable.

The facts of the present situation, however, amply confirm the statement of Chester Bowles, who was the head of the OPA, and who said that "we knew a year ago" what was "going to happen."

When the OPA was abolished in June, 1946, the ceiling price on porterhouse steak was 56c a pound. In the black market, according to reporters, it was about 75c a pound. Last week, in places, the steak was selling at 90c a pound.

The same story is repeated in

regard to veal cutlets, which sold for 50c a pound under ceiling prices, 65c on black market and now bring 89c a pound. Pork loin, which had a 36c ceiling, was bought on the black market for 45c and now brings 73c a pound.

The explanation for the situation is simple, in our opinion. It is the abolition of price controls. The law of supply and demand has something to do with the present prices, but whenever supply is badly out of harmony with expected demands, prices are bound to soar unless there is regulation.

Officials of the American Meat Institute say that the explanation for the present price level is the fact that customers want more meat than ever before and have money to buy it. In addition, it is argued that competition from Europe affects the price, but the reply to this, it is pointed out, is that only two per cent of our meat supplies go abroad.

HICKORY BANS CARNIVALS

Hickory residents generally should be pleased to know that the city council finally is putting its policy against licensing the professional side-show type of carnival into a special law, forbidding them to operate within the city hereafter.

The new ordinance, passed last Tuesday night, outlaws all carnivals except those consisting exclusively of riding devices and food concessions. Circuses are exempt from the ban.

Advisability of having such a specific law came to the board's attention at a recent meeting when it eliminated from the 1947-48 privilege tax ordinance the license fee of \$150 per week heretofore specified for carnivals.

Blaine Aldridge Dies in Washington

Mr. Blaine Aldridge, 63, native of the Foscoe section of Watauga county, and a son of the late James Aldridge, died at the home in Tacoma, Wash., June 18.

Mr. Aldridge is survived by a son, Jerome, and a daughter, Mrs. Gay Sanders, both of Tacoma. Four brothers and four sisters also survive: John Aldridge, Boone; Linville Aldridge, Banner Elk; K. J. Aldridge, Kingsport, Tenn.; Harry Aldridge, Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. J. R. Gragg, Mrs. D. P. Wyke, Boone; Mrs. W. C. Calloway, and Mrs. Jud Wagner, Shulls Mills.

A recent article states that farm manure is worth \$5 per ton on its fertilizing value alone.

From Our Early Files

Items From The Democrat Of June 25, 1908

T. S. Coffey came up from Lenoir last Friday, bringing with him his mother, who will spend the summer at the Critcher Hotel. Mr. Coffey returned to Lenoir Monday.

J. W. Farthing, forman, with a number of carpenters, began work on the boys' dormitory at the A. T. S. Monday morning. The building will be a good one when completed.

M. P. Critcher, street overseer is doing some splendid work on the sidewalks and street improvements will be begun at once. He is certainly to be congratulated on the fine start he has made.

Elijan Trivett, an aged citizen of Watauga, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alf Brown, of Meat Camp last Friday, and the remains were taken to the Adams graveyard Saturday for burial. Mrs. Elizabeth Eggers, wife of the late Johile Eggers, of Mabel,

Local League Downs Newland Score 10-1

The American Legion League defeated the Newland team in a one-sided game played in Newland Tuesday, the score being 10-1. The local leaguers go to the bat Thursday with Valdesse on the Cove Creek diamond, if weather conditions permit.

THRESHER INFORMATION: Operators of combines and threshing machines are reminded that they are required to obtain permits to operate their machines in North Carolina. The permits are to be obtained through the Register of Deeds Office in each county of the State.

BOYS, BIRDS, FIRE: Port Huron, Mich.—"To get rid of the birds," a 14-year-old Kimball township schoolboy dropped a lighted match into a starling's nest in a shed on the school grounds.

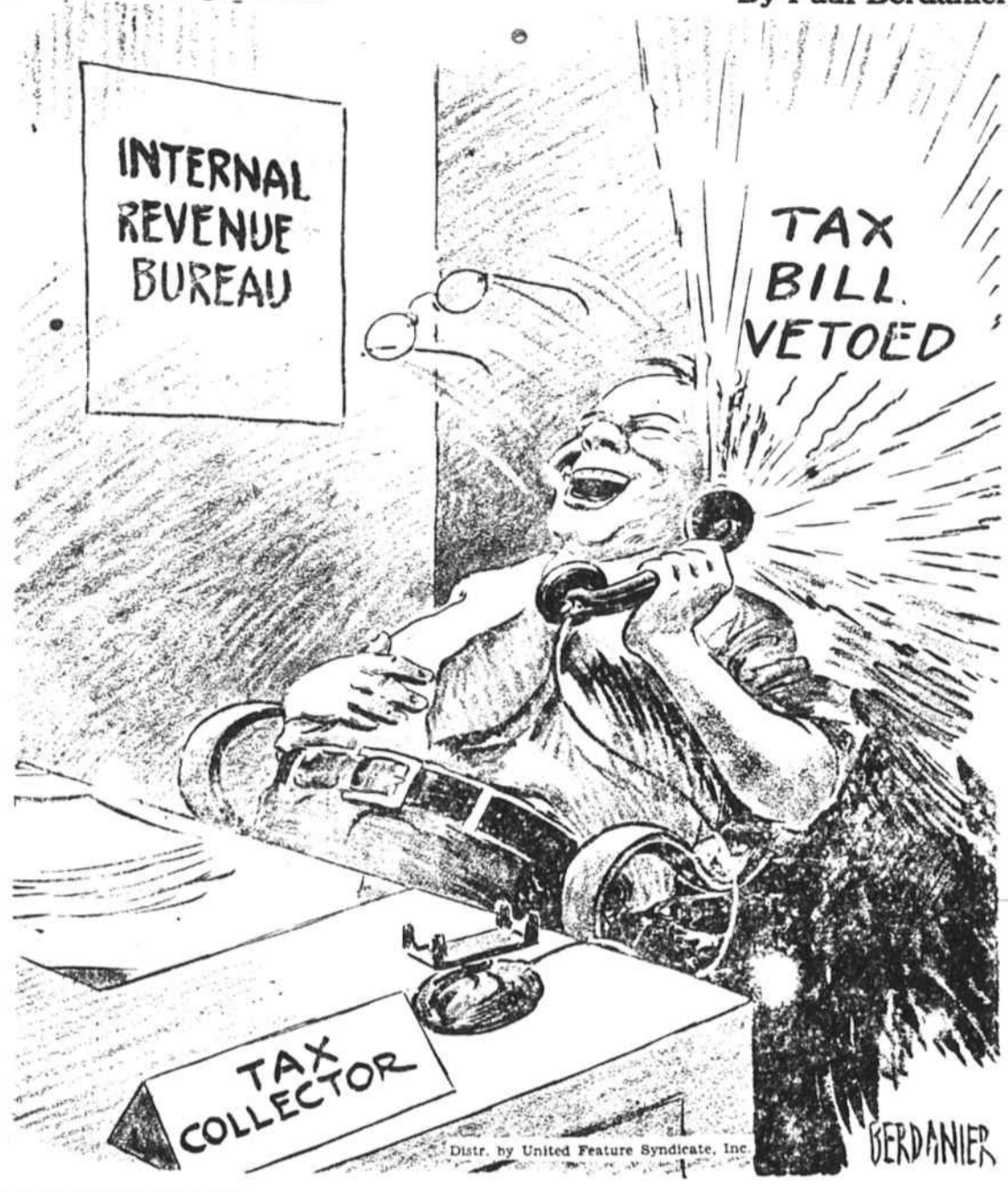
BABY SHOT IN HEAD: Memphis, Tenn.—While being rocked in his grandfather's arms a 15-month old baby was struck in the head by a stray bullet, which apparently ricocheted out of the nearby river bottoms and imbedded itself in the child's brain.

Food especially planned for folks over 60 is a coming thing and The American Magazine describes one pioneer as a powder which contains blends of whole milk, skim milk, and dried brewers' yeast and rich in minerals and vitamins A, B complex, C, and D.

Windmills were first erected in England in 1040.

He Who Laughs Last

By Paul Berdanier



ATTENTION, WORLD WAR II VETERANS

There are 14,267,000 living honorable discharged veterans in the United States that are eligible for terminal leave and up to date 5,000,000 have not applied for it. September 1st is the last day that veteran can apply under the present regulation.

What the public thinks of cotton products, and the extent to which it prefers and buys them, will be the final measure of how much cotton can be produced on American farms.

Advertisement for Bendix Radio Consolette. Text: 'THE RIGHT COMBINATION FOR THE MOST IN LISTENING PLEASURE'. 'Bendix Radio SPACE-SAVER CONSOLETTA AND \$15.00 WORTH OF TOP DECCA RECORDS, INCLUDING ALBUMS BOTH FOR ONLY \$179.95 CASH OR EASY TERMS'. Includes image of a woman with a radio and record albums.

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