

From Our Early Files

Items From The Democrat Of March 2, 1911

J. C. Maat is now engaged in re-posting and re-wiring his telephone system in the village. Richard M. Greene left for Asheville Sunday afternoon to consult a specialist about a very annoying throat trouble with which he has been suffering for some time.

John S. Williams, who has a position in the North Carolina Legislature, spent a few days with his family on New River leaving on his return to Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. John Mac Holland of Gastonia, and Miss Alice Boyden of Hickory were married in the Episcopal church in Hickory on February 22. The bride was born and reared in Boone, and has many friends here who wish for her much happiness.

During the cold snap last week Jesse F. Robbins succeeded in getting a large ice house well filled, while the balance of our people, waiting for a better harvest, are now almost sure to go through the season with empty ice houses.

Attorney E. S. Coffey is in Raleigh this week, looking after the interests of the Watauga Railway Company before the Legislature. The company will lose its charter unless active work is begun on the road within three months, and Mr. Coffey is trying to get an extension of time for beginning the work, which if necessary, we trust he may secure.

Our old friend, W. W. Presnell, a maimed Confederate veteran, was a caller at our office last Friday, and while here remarked "Forty-seven years ago today I lost my arm in a skirmish at Buzzard Roost, Ga." Although nearly 75 years of age, he is still in fairly good health, and is thinking of going on a visit to his son, George Presnell, in the State of Washington, in the near future.

According to a booklet just issued by the Secretary of State, Charlotte had 190 licensed automobiles owned by private parties on June 30, 1910, this number not including the stock cars held by the several dealers and garages in the city. The Chronicle says there is no doubt but that there are now more than 200 automobiles in Charlotte.

The county of Avery, which is no. 100 in the sisterhood of North Carolina counties, has been formed by an almost unanimous vote of the Legislature, and the promoters of the new county scheme, with those employed, are to be congratulated upon achieving such a very signal victory, when the pressure in Watauga, at least, was so heavy against it. On the 4th day of next May, the people included in the strip to be taken from Watauga, will be given a vote to ascertain whether or not they desire annexation, and if they decide to remain with the mother county, the portions of Mitchell, Caldwell and Burke set forth in the bill, will constitute the new county. Of course the fight over the Watauga territory will be a hard one, and how it will turn out when it comes to a vote of the people remains to be seen. If annexed to the new county, we are told by Capt. Lovill, who was one of the strong advocates of the bill before the Legislature, that the people embraced in the strip will still be responsible for their part of Watauga's bonded debt, and when added to the bonds that will necessarily have to be voted in the new county, will make a rather high tax rate for them. But their will shall be our pleasure.



BELLE OF THE BALL... Shirley Rhodes selected the biggest beach ball available to pose on St. Petersburg, Fla., sands. Shirley is this year's Miss Florida, which makes her no run-of-the-mill beach beauty.

Says Cigarette Claims Some Firms Untrue

Washington—The maker of one low-priced cigarette testified last week that claims of some tobacco firms are "nonsense." Another said blindfolded smokers couldn't tell one brand from another.

They made the statements before the House Ways and Means Committee in support of a bill by Rep. Hale Boggs, (D., La.), to tax low-priced cigarettes less than the standard brands.

Boggs asked Stephen C. Stephano, vice-president of Stephano Brothers, Inc., makers of Marvels, about cigarette advertisement claims that one brand "will cure my sore throat." Another cigarette is advertised as being made of nothing but the finest tobacco, he said. "Is all that true?" Boggs asked.

"It's nonsense, sir," Stephano replied. Addison Y. Yeaman, of Brown and Williamson Co., makers of Wings and Avalons, told the committee:

"I don't believe any smoker, if blindfolded, can tell (identify) any brand." Their comments prompted Chairman Robert L. Doughton (D., N. C.), to offer this advice: If you want to cut into the business of the big cigarette makers, you have to make a better cigarette. "We are making a good cigarette," replied Yeaman. "Ours are as good as any."

Spokesmen for tobacco growers testified against the Boggs proposal, which would give the economy brand cigarettes a tax advantage of two cents per pack. All cigarettes now carry a Federal tax of 7 cents per pack.

Harry B. Caldwell, master of the North Carolina State Grange, and himself a tobacco grower, said in a prepared statement: "Our members are opposed to any change in the consumer excise taxes on cigarettes, designed to promote the use of some particular brand."

"It is our contention that a uniform tax on cigarettes does not discriminate against any brand. If there was no excise tax on cigarettes, all brands would compete equally. The application of a uniform consumer excise tax does not change the competitive relationship."

With the marketing of flue-cured tobacco, which accounts for more than half of the domestic crop, almost completed, the Agriculture Department estimates that growers would get about \$530,000,000 for their 1949 crop of about 1,130,000,000 pounds. This would be about \$10,000,000—some two per cent less than they were paid for the 1948 crop of 1,820,000,000 pounds.

Bakersville, Md. — The dairy herd of John L. Cave increased recently by leaps and bounds. One of his cows presented him with twin heifer calves and, a few hours later, another cow gave birth to a heifer and a bull.

Pork, Spuds, Eggs Top List of Foods

Pork, Irish potatoes, and eggs will be among the best food buys for Southern consumers in March, Miss Betty Matheson, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week.

These items, she explained, are the top trio on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's monthly plentiful foods list. Eggs, she pointed out, set a production record in January, and liberal quantities are to be found on all retail markets. Pork, of course, has been plentiful for several months and current hog marketings are still heavy enough to keep consumers supplied with tasty and economical pork cuts. Irish potatoes usually move into the plentiful class in the spring, and this year is no exception, Miss Matheson said.

March also will bring a wider variety of fresh vegetables to Southern markets, with carrots, cabbage, beets, and lettuce rated plentiful, along with Irish potatoes. Other good buys will include canned corn and canned lima beans, she reported.

Fruits suggested for March shopping lists include apples, canned peaches, raisins, and dried prunes. The home agent said chickens—broilers, fryers, and hens—fish, manufactured dairy products, and dry beans were expected to be in plentiful supply on Southern markets in March.

AIDED BY BOYS' PENNIES Bloomington, Ill.—When fire destroyed the shack in which John Branaman, 80, lived alone, he escaped with only the clothes on his back. Three sympathetic small boys went from house to house, collecting a purse for Old John, which added up to a few pennies less than \$14.

HIS LUCK HELD Waterloo, Iowa—When the gas tank on the snow plow Duane Morelock, 30, was using exploded, Morelock was thrown through the windshield and in front of the menacing blade. However, the same explosion burned an ignition wire, thus halting the forward motion of the plow.

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Man Markets Corn For \$4 a Bushel A Johnston County farmer, Harold Peedin of Route 3, Selma, has learned how to market his surplus corn for \$4 a bushel. And, according to L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry work for the State College Extension Service, there is nothing unlawful or secretive about the procedure he is using.

Peedin decided a year or so ago that he would not put his eggs in one basket. He decided to put part of his land in pasture and feed crops and give beef cattle a trial as a sideline to his cash-crop farming.

He started a small breeding herd after his pastures were established, and last fall, having a surplus of corn, he bought 10 yearling steers. He grazed the steers for a few weeks and put them in the feed lot where they were fed corn, balanced with cotton seed meal and home-grown hay.

Giving \$30 per ton credit for the hay, and charging actual cost for cotton seed meal, Peedin figures he received more than \$4 per bushel for the corn which the steers ate. In addition, he estimates that he kept at least \$50 worth of manure on his farm rather than selling this much fertility.

Peedin is well satisfied with the result of this feeding venture, Case says, and he plans to feed cattle again this year.

THE PATIENTS The Veterans Administration has reported that up to 6,000 tubercular war veterans a year are walking out on their hospitalization. As the great majority of the "runaways" are in far advanced stages of the disease, they thus represent a considerable potential menace to the public. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Veterans Administrator, reports that 5.7 per cent of the 547,697 patients' dispositions from veterans' hospitals during the 1948-49 year were irregular discharges—walkouts—and that of the latter, one-fifth were tuberculosis patients.

CARRIERS TO PACIFIC The Navy is adding two carriers to its Pacific striking force by making use of one carrier which had been scheduled for a long re-building layup and by moving another escort carrier from relatively minor duty on the east coast into regular Pacific duty. The move will bring Pacific carrier strength to five.

Were man to live coeval with the sun, The patriarch pupil would be learning still.—Young.

Hospitalization One out of every average family becomes sick or injured each year. Every day approximately 35,000 persons become hospital patients for the first time. "BILLS, BILLS, BILLS!" Did you know that in order to pay a \$100 Hospital Bill that you must earn \$1,000?

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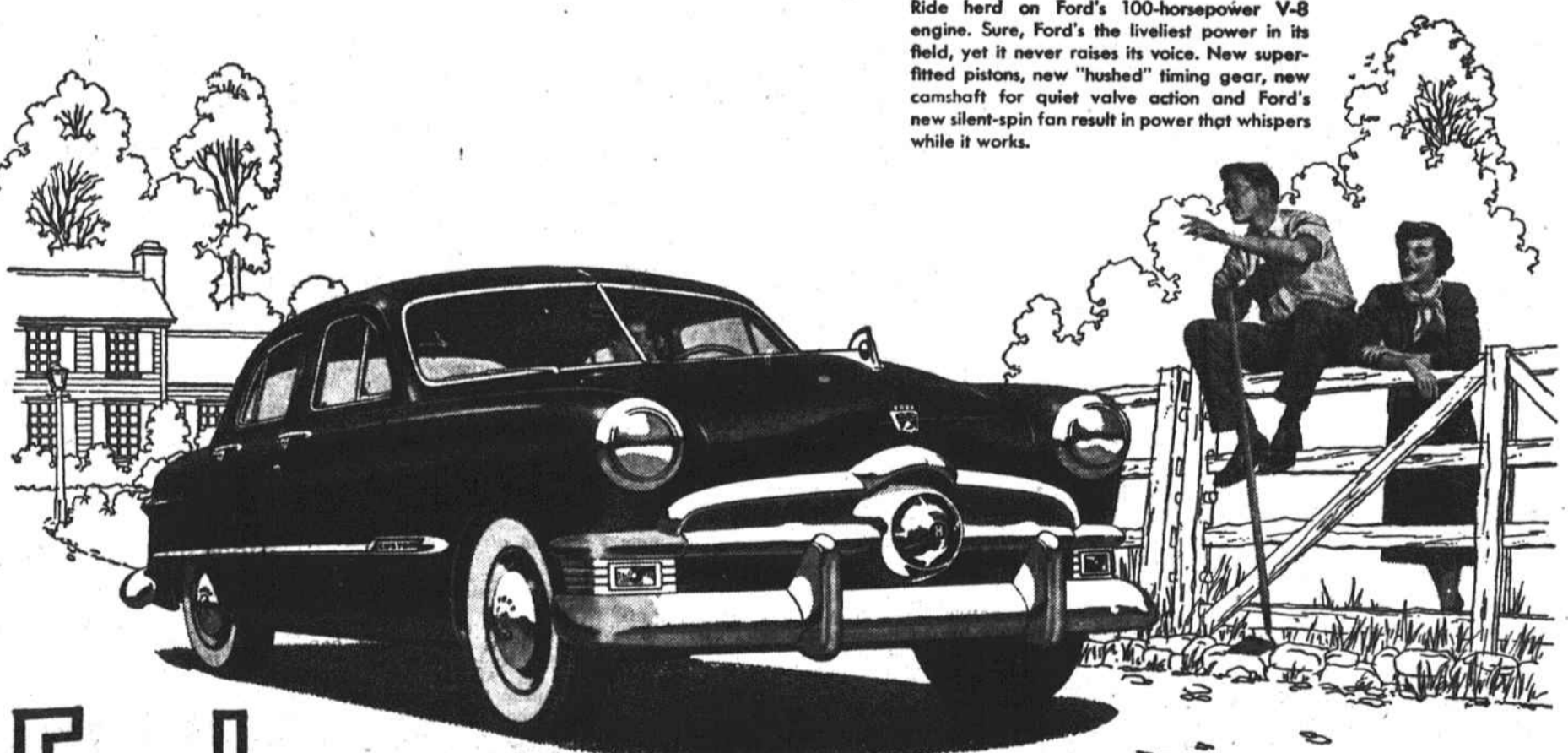
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