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**THE HUMAN SIDE**

We have frequently stressed the economic phase of tuberculosis eradication, but the dairy farmer also has a moral responsibility to his own family and the families of others who may consume his product in the raw state. The chief danger is, of course to children, especially to children under five years of age. Listen to what Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of the world renowned clinic of Rochester, Minnesota, says concerning the eradication of bovin tuberculosis:

"I believe in pasteurization," he says in answer to an inquiry, "but I also strongly believe in the eradication of tuberculous animals from dairy herds; this can be done by careful testing. The testing should be repeated twice a year until the herd is free from disease. This is the only safe way for children on the farms where pasteurized milk cannot be obtained. The majority of cases of tuberculosis in the neck, intestines, and abdomen are found in children from the farms and not from the city."

Farm fathers and mothers may well pause and consider these words of a famous surgeon who tells them that this type of tuberculosis is most often found on the farm. Does it pay to temporize and delay? Of course, all children who drink milk from tubercular cows may not acquire the disease. It is even possible that only a small percentage of them will. But what sensible and loving father would refuse to stamp out the burning brand even though there may be only one chance in ten that it will set the house on fire? Who would jeopardize in the slightest or run one chance in a million that his little boy or girl might be taken from him because he was neglectful in adopting reasonable precautionary methods? Many sad stories have been told. Here is one recently called to our attention, and almost any community can find a similar tragedy:

A little farm boy of two years developed a swelling in his head. Local doctors failed to discover the cause and finally the child was taken to the state children's hospital. There it was found that the trouble was due to tuberculosis. Everything that science and tender care could do failed to save the child.

The parents, recognizing the possibility of bovine origin but heretofore neglectful, immediately had had their herd tuberculin tested. Several cows reacted, among them the one cow whose milk had been selected for baby because the cow seemed to be so healthy. Post-mortem revealed that this animal had tuberculous udder.

Is there a father or mother who can fail to understand the anguish and self reproach these young parents suffered? There is no proof here, perhaps, yet there must always arise the question with these stricken parents, "If we had cleared our herd of tuberculosis, Bobbie might still be with us." However, proof is not lacking that bovin tuberculosis is responsible for tuberculosis in people, particularly children. We give below a few references:

A German commission investigated 84 children who had died of tuberculosis. Twenty-one of these, or one-fourth, had contracted the disease from bovine sources. Several years ago an investigation revealed that in New York City there were 300 children that died each year from tuberculosis of bovine origin, in addition to which there were many more that were permanently disabled through tuberculosis of the glands, bones, and joints, acquired from bovine sources. In 67 cases of tuberculosis of the bone in children under 12 years of age, an Edinburgh investigation showed that 41 were of bovine origin. In the same city, out

of 72 children with enlarged cervical glands, 65 showed an infection with tuberculosis of bovine origin and only seven with human germs.

"It is evident from these results," says Dr. Ravanel, "as well as those obtained from other workers, that the chief danger of infection with the bovine germ is in children and especially children under five years of age. It is self-evident that practically the only source of infection in such children is the milk they drink."

This is the human side of tuberculous testing—a possible tragedy waiting just around the corner for the father and mother who neglect to accept the protection of which they might avail themselves. Would they place their boys and girls in jeopardy, even though it may be only in the ration of one chance in a million? Will they continue to knowingly gamble with the life of their own little children and other little children?

—From Hoard's Dairyman, issue May 25, 1926.

**Letters From The People**

**WHO SHOULD REPRESENT THE PEOPLE**

Editor Scout: There has been some discussion already who should represent the people of Cherokee County in the next General Assembly, and I am venturing to give to the people my views in this matter.

The office of Representative should be a post of service and not a post of power, the Representative should be a servant of the people, and a spokesman of their interest, welfare and progress. No person has a right to offer himself for this important position without first showing the people of the County what there may be in his election of value and service to them.

The "Scholar in politics" has often poisoned the springs of legislation by his personal ambitions and partisan spirit. The worst feature of our politics is not want of intelligence but the lack of integrity. We need better men far more than we need brighter men. If our public servants were purer, they could, and would, settle without difficulty many problems which people regard as most perplexing.

A good servant of the people doesn't necessarily have to be a silver tongued orator or a man just out of some university. Geo. Washington was not highly educated but he solved wisely and promptly the issues by which he was confronted. Aaron Burr was the most cultured man of his day and by the skill which he had acquired through education he created difficult problems for the people.

Francis Bacon was justly characterized as "the wisest and meanest of mankind." He never had a noble impulse nor executed a pure purpose. The people have many scholarly men who pretend to be faithful servants but are working mostly for their own personal interest. I don't mean all but never the less it is true with the majority.

In behalf of the faithful old farmer and the tax-payers of Cherokee County I truly believe that it would be to their interest for both political parties to get together and center upon some man whom they can trust with their interest and welfare. It is an assured fact that if both parties go to the legislature grappling at each others throat there will be no laws made that will do this county any good in the least, but by cooperation and wise legislation this county can be run on a more economical basis. Taxation is nothing less than ridiculous and the school system is not what it ought to be.

"The backs of the farmers are against the wall." Official records show that the average farmer pays 16 per cent of his income in taxes and the rest of the people only pay 11 percent. How long do you expect them to stand this? Stop the plow 60 days and every thing in America will stop. The idle plow means a ruined universe.

The levy of general property tax in this state in 1912 was over nine million dollars, in 1922 it was over thirty million dollars, in 1924 it was over forty million dollars and at present time it is near the fifty million mark.

The increase is astonishing but the worst of all the increase is not evenly distributed, the railroads actually paid less in 1920 than they did in 1919. "I believe in equal rights for all and special privileges to none."

The school system is somewhat like the tax situation it has its inequalities and should be remedied as soon as possible. Those who are prosperous must remember that those who are poor love their children just as the rich do, and that poor people would like to educate their little ones and get something ahead for them just the same as the rich.

The man or woman who claims to be the servant of the people should

**Dollar Spent at Home Comes Back**



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Every dollar spent in Murphy comes back to the spender with interest, figuratively speaking. There is no wiser use of money. In the first place, we are assured of getting the best goods and service, and in the next place we are making an investment with the same cash.

By patronizing our local merchants, we are helping to build up Murphy's business section. This means larger stores, bigger assortments of stock and better service to the community. Visitors usually judge a town by the size and appearance of its business district. The storekeepers' ability to make a good showing in this respect depends upon local patronage they receive.

Bigger stores pay bigger taxes and the public improvements and other benefits that come from higher revenues are enjoyed by all.

**Daughter Of Mrs. Dickey Hurt In Automobile Crash**

Mrs. Edythe Clark, of Asheville, daughter of Mrs. Nettie Dickey, was painfully hurt when a state highway truck crashed into the car in which she and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Alexander, were returning to Asheville on the highway above Sylva Monday, according to word reaching here this week.

Mrs. Clarke suffered cuts on the side of the head and temple and about the eyes. She returned to Sylva and had the wounds dressed before continuing the journey to her home at Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were severely shaken up by the crash and their car badly damaged.

**ANDREWS TEAM VICTOR IN WEDNESDAY'S GAME**

The strong Andrews team were victors in the game of baseball played against Murphy on the Cherokee Park field Wednesday afternoon, the score being 3 to 4.

The game was one of the closest and most strongly contested ever played on the home diamond. It was interrupted in the second inning by a refreshing shower of rain, which settled the dust and made playing more pleasant and vigorous.

A tie in the ninth inning made it necessary to play the tenth, and resulted in one score for the visitors. The pitchers: Jenkins for Murphy, and Bradley and Kinsey for Andrews

think and act in these terms. I am writing this article without consulting the leaders of either party, with the hope that no prejudice or ill will may arise toward my suggestion, for I have seen and heard things in regard to the situation that have

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brought tears to my eyes and I felt impressed to speak on this matter. Very respectfully, W. R. MARTIN.

**FOR SALE or TRADE for CATTLE**  
I have a nice bunch of young mules I will sell or trade for cattle. G. T. Posey, Andrews, N. C. (1t-p)

**CULBERSON**  
Mrs. Lester Stalcup and son Orion left Sunday for Taft, Cal., after spending several days here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, after spending a few days with their parents, left Tuesday for Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Bulort Mason, of Young Harris, Ga., spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mason.

Deputies J. A. Cearley and Walter Lawrence destroyed several gallons of beer, just over on the Georgia side Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Shields, after

**Andrews Locals**

D. H. Tillitt was a business visitor in Murphy on Monday of this week.

Ralph Moody, Attorney, was a business visitor in Andrews on last Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. Ashe, Ed. Slagle, Miss Ethel Walker and Z. L. Whitaker motored to Robbinsville on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Mary Agnew Reagan returned home Sunday night after having spent several weeks in Hendersonville, Asheville and Canton.

Mr. R. T. Heaton, John A. Tatham and D. F. McHaffey for several days have been gone on a trip to points in Florida.

Dr. J. E. Tidwell on last Sunday went to Junaluska where he met Mrs. Tidwell who has been in Canton, N. C. with her mother who is very ill. Both returned to Andrews on the late train.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Jarrett returned home Sunday night after a trip to Greensboro and other points. While away Mr. Jarrett attended the meeting of the State Association of Post Masters in Greensboro where he presided over the meeting as president. Mr. Jarrett was elected a delegate to the National Association which meets in Salt Lake City in September.

a short visit here, left a few days ago for their home in Akron, Ohio.

Dr. L. G. Kinsey and A. J. Gaddis of Ducktown, made a business trip here Tuesday.

Uncle Terry Shelton was in town one day this week.

Mr. Joe Foster has been very sick but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Lou Scott made a trip to Raleigh last week and brought home her nephew who was in the State Hospital.

J. R. Loudermilk and family motored to Maryville, Tenn., Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. Luther Loudermilk and family, of Copperhill, Tenn., have moved into L. W. Shields' house.

D. H. Tillitt made a trip to Sylva on last Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Phelps and R. A. Dewar were visitors in Murphy on last Saturday.

J. B. Phillips, R. A. Dewar and D. H. Tillitt motored to Canton on Wednesday of this week.

Rev. W. H. Ford and Supt. J. G. Allen motored through to Asheville on Monday of this week.

Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, who is now teaching in the Summer School at Calhoun Normal spent the week-end at home.

C. M. Slagle, of Detroit, Mich., Arnold Slagle, of Detroit, Mich., and Ed Slagle, of Orlando, Fla., are visiting their mother and sister in Andrews.

Miss Lenna Tidwell is spending some time in Asheville where she is visiting her uncle.

Mr. George Sigmon who has been running as engineer on the Andrews switcher for several months was out riding with Mr. Vic Wood on last Sunday afternoon and in trying to pass a car Mr. Wood had to run off the road, the car hit a stump and threw Mr. Sigmon through the windshield cutting his head in several places. Mr. Sigmon's wounds are healing nicely.

The outlook for this year's campaign is to look out.

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