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Food And Health

There is a great shortage of milk cows in Wilkes county, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said a few days ago while discussing public health problems as they affect Wilkes people.

Dr Eller is in position to know what he is talking about. His work carries him into every community and he knows much about public health problems in the county.

There are far too many rural homes, he explained, which do not even have a milk supply. He can see no logical reason why a person living in the rural communities and rearing children should not have at least one milk cow.

If many of the heads of homes where there are no cows really made earnest efforts the situation could be remedied, was the opinion expressed by the health official. In other words, he can see no reasonable excuse for little children having to do without milk.

Milk is the one complete food that has all the elements necessary to sustain life and provide for physical growth and development. It is not only a complete food but as such is also a disease preventative in that it builds up resistance to disease.

Granting that there are some few homes so poverty stricken that the parents are unable to keep a cow, we must say that there are hundreds where the fault lies with the parents in that they do not make the necessary efforts to provide milk or labor under the idea that keeping a milk cow is too costly. As a matter of fact, milk could replace other foods to such an extent that a saving would be brought about by keeping a cow.

Parents who can provide milk for their children and who do not are criminally negligent.

This Land We Survey

What are people thinking about these days?

We're not interested at the moment in the movies about which they're enthusiastic, or their current opinion of the next-door neighbors. We have a more general and a more important question in mind:

What are people—Americans—we mean—thinking about this America of ours?

To those who seek an answer, two recent magazine surveys make fascinating reading. One was concerned with the opinions of Americans in general, of all tribes and classes. The other dealt with a survey of the opinions of the youth of the nation.

One of the findings of the surveys is that the majority of the youth of the nation are of the opinion that the present tax system is unfair and that they should pay taxes directly from their earnings.

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CAMPAIGN MANAGERS (Oxford Public Ledger)

One of the first things to be done by a candidate for a major state office is to choose a manager for his campaign.

A campaigner naturally wants a manager with some political experience and sagacity; someone who has influence and who has the ability to foresee and avoid pitfalls. He wants a manager who can keep his ear to the ground, his eyes on 100 counties, his fingers on the public pulse, his nose on the grind-stone and juggle beneath his feet a campaign platform.

The campaign manager, with an assistant who may be in charge of women, is charged with keeping the campaign growing through a spreading state-wide organization that will funnel the ballots, properly marked, into the boxes on election day. It is not an easy job to do well, and it is not always easy for a campaigner to obtain the manager he most prefers.

It is interesting to note the choices of the candidates for Governor who have, to date, announced their managers. Lieutenant Governor Horton chose a hometown attorney, Judge Daniel Bell of Pittsboro, who headed the campaign that won his present office for Mr. Horton. Bidding for the Legion influence, Commissioner Maxwell secured Burgin Pennell of Asheville, former Department commander of the Legion and no newcomer to politics. Crayon C. Efrid of Albemarle, a former president of the North Carolina Truck Owners Association with whom he served in the State Legislature will manage the Gravelly campaign. E. B. Denny, former Gastonia Mayor and politician of experience, is the Broughton helmsman. Grady and Cooper have not named their managers.

In hands of these men and their advisors lie, in part, the success and the future of those candidates they are assisting. They will use every expedient method to win the voting strength of the state for their candidates. Thousands of letters will go but, columns of news, statements will be issued, claims and counter claims will be made and denied prepared. Literature will be circulated, hands clasped and backs slapped, babies admired, sons and daughters congratulated.

The task is made, the race is set—they're off!

WHO PAY THE TAXES (Charlotte Observer)

Although 3,500,000 Americans will pay income taxes this year, according to present estimates, there has been and will continue to be agitation in Congress to get more of the people included within this levy.

This number, as you can deduce, represents only about one in every 38 men, women and children of the population, or about one for every person 15 years of age and older.

The exemption has never been less than \$1,000 for single and since 1920 it has never been less than \$2,500 for married individuals.

It is admitted that any benefit to accrue from making more people pay an income tax will be largely moral instead of financial.

Senator La Follette, the outstanding advocate in Congress of lower exemptions, has estimated that lowering the levels to \$800 for single and \$2,000 for married would produce 1,400,000 more taxpayers but only \$110,000,000 more revenue annually. Most of the additional revenue would come, not from the new taxpayers, but from those who pay at present, through the smaller deductions granted them.

Broadening the base of this levy and the inclusion of another million and a half of our people within the scope of the tax would have the effect of increasing the sense of tax-consciousness on the part of the public.

Only those who are acutely tax-conscious—who have become that way because they pay directly from their earnings—are likely to develop any great opposition to increased political

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OPEN FORUM

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Prevette Explains Veterans Case In United States Court

To my many friends in Wilkes and Ashe Counties:

To those who are familiar with all the facts about the indictment in the Federal Court against me there need be no explanation but there are a few, who pretending themselves to be all virtue, will intentionally misrepresent the matter rather than agree with the Department of Justice, that after finding I was wrong, I sacrificed to do the right and my action was approved by U. S. District Judge, The Honorable E. Yates Webb, who heard the case in Greensboro on March 13th.

On June 10th 1931, a veteran, John A. Kindley, came to my office in Salisbury and employed me to assist him by suit to collect his Old War Risk Insurance on a fee basis of 10 per cent of amount recovered. My files show that over 100 letters were written and that he visited the office 10 to 15 times.

The Veteran died in December, 1934, and on April 18th, 1935, the Veterans Bureau agreed to pay and did pay to a duly qualified administrator of Catarrus county the insurance claim that I had filed in 1931. The administrator of his estate paid me the 10 per cent and expenses or the sum of \$572.00. It had long been recognized by the legal profession that this was a reasonable charge and that the Probate Courts of this state had the right through an administrator to pay same and that this was no violation of the U. S. Laws.

The United States Supreme Court under the same facts as in my case held in the Stien Case decided in April, 1938, that such was no violation, however, Justice Hugo Black in a case construing another section held that in no event was a lawyer entitled to a greater fee than \$10.00 no matter how valuable services were rendered unless the case actually went to trial and the judgment provided the 10 per cent fee, this case was decided Nov. 1938.

After studying the law carefully and advising with a Special Asst. of the Attorney General of the Department of Justice I decided that while I had really earned the fee I was technically guilty and entered a plea of Nolo Contendere which means that I neither admitted or denied guilt. This plea was accepted by the United States and by sacrificing my 200 N. C. Reports for \$175. and sacrificing other personal property I was able to pay the \$272.00 after being allowed a fee of \$10 and \$14.50 for expenses and was allowed 122 months to pay balance of \$300., giving my note secured by a first mortgage on my remaining law library.

Before entering the plea of Nolo Contendere I ascertained from the State Bar that such a plea would in no way affect my right to continue to practice law. I have definitely decided to open a Real Estate office in North Wilkesboro and have rented offices formerly occupied by J. I.



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Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH M. PREVETTE.

Prize Fish Story

Abner Roe, a prominent Isaak Waltonian of Washington, D. C., has verification for the prize fish story of the year... bass casting on the Potomac River, Roe was frequently annoyed because his line was snubbing on subsurface roots and other obstructions... one especially vigorous cast placed the plug close to shore... as Roe attempted to reel in, the line grew taut... he had hooked a redhead duck through the fleshy part of the wing... the bird had been crippled and was unable to fly... next season, Roe says he's going to take his rod and reel with him when he goes duck hunting... "If I can't shoot 'em, I can hook 'em," he believes.

FREEZES

Severe freezes killed up to 50 per cent of the early cabbage plants in Dare County, reports C. W. Overman, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER AND DATE OF HEARING THEREON

As required by Section 3, Chapter 186, Public Laws of 1927, notice is hereby given that application has been made by C. & S. Motor Express Company, for a Franchise Certificate, authorizing the operation of motor vehicles for transporting freight over the route No. 268 from North Wilkesboro to Elkin via Roaring River and Ronda, and that the Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on the said application in State Dept. Bldg., at Raleigh, on Tuesday, 19th March, 1940, at 10:00 a. m. o'clock.

N. C. Utilities Commission By R. O. Self, Chief Clerk. 11-14-18.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 18th day of March, 1939, by James R. Pearson and wife, Nellie Pearson, to the undersigned trustee, said deed of trust being to secure the payment of a certain note, which note is past due and unpaid, and request having been made upon me by the holder of said note, the undersigned trustee will expose to sale at public auction at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on the 25th day of March, 1940, at twelve o'clock, noon, to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land, said sale being made to satisfy said note and deed of trust, and said land lying and being in Wilkes county, and more particularly described and defined as follows: BEGINNING on a black gum, John Barnes' corner; thence running

North-east to a dogwood on the Chinquepin Ridge; thence running a North Course to Nancy Parsons' line; then West to Dula's line; thence with Dula's line to Law's line; then with the Law's line to Barnes' line; then with Barnes' line to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less.

This being the same land conveyed by Deed from G. W. Barry to R. G. Barry, recorded in Book 19 Page 202, in the Register of Deeds' office of Wilkes County, N. C. This the 24th day of February, 1940.

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