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For Poultry Progress

For years some of the leading poultrymen and representatives of the extension service have sought to obtain for Wilkes county a full time assistant county agent to serve as poultry specialist.

And it was indeed good news last week when the extension service of North Carolina State College obtained James E. Rollins for that job and he will begin his duties on February 1.

We believe we speak the sentiment of all the progressive minded people of the county when we commend the authorities of State College and the extension service for placing a full time poultry specialist in Wilkes at no expense to the county until July 1, and we commend the Wilkes county board of commissioners for looking favorably on the proposal for the county to furnish some part of the specialist's salary in order to keep him in the county after July 1.

According to statistics, there is one county which produces slightly more eggs than Wilkes, and one which produces slightly more broilers, but Wilkes is the leader in combination production of eggs and broilers.

It appears now that Wilkes will have a poultry income of about 2,000,000 dollars this year, but there is plenty of room for expansion. A full time poultry specialist can be a great help.

Coble Dairy Products company's going into the egg drying business will be especially beneficial to this section of the state.

This means that poultrymen will no longer have to lose money during a low egg price season in the spring and summer. The Coble company will pay higher than the market price during the low price season and thus assure the egg producer an equitable income the year around.

The WAACS

Another American soldier is on his way to fight the Axis with gun, grenade, tank or bayonet because a woman took over that office work he had performed back here in the States for many months. Held back from the front lines because of the burden of administrative work he was forced to help carry on, he finally was able to leave his desk behind him when another full-fledged soldier of Uncle Sam, trained in the business of Army life and capable of doing a tough job well, took over those administrative duties.

That soldier who relieved him—a member of the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps—is a strong, healthy young American woman between the ages of 21 and 44. Proud of her accomplishments in becoming a WAAC, she is possessed of those characteristics for which American womanhood has been acclaimed since the birth of this nation.

She is determined that her service in the Army will be of the highest caliber, and undoubtedly it will be, for she has that heritage which promoted Clara Barton, Jane Adams and other famous American women to accomplish great things. In justice to these noted predecessors, she must do a good job.

But there are many others like her—thousands of others who have already joined the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps, and still thousands more who are eager to join. Those who are eligible for enrollment will have the opportunity, for The President, realizing the importance of the service which the Corps is rendering, has authorized an increase in its strength to 150,000 members. Thousands of women must be added to the Corps, for its work is

ever greater and of a more responsible nature.

Here in the Fourth Service Command, which includes Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi and the Carolinas, at least 9,000 women must be recruited for the WAAC between now and April 1. And as each is accepted and completes her basic training, she will release another soldier for service at the front.

The Army recruiting offices which formerly catered entirely to men are now concerned almost exclusively with the job of obtaining enlistments for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Current 'Intolerable' Stoppage

In a world war and in the face of a desperate fuel shortage, 25,000 anthracite coal miners have laid down their tools and gone on strike. The issues?

The miners want a wage increase of two dollars a day and they are protesting an increase of fifty cents a month in the dues of the United Mine Workers.

Secretary Ickes, as solid-fuel administrator, has denounced the wartime stoppage as "intolerable."

Labor union leaders have declared against strikes for the duration of the war. Machinery has been set up to deal with disputes. Yet these strikes go on and on.

For several days the mine workers defied an order of the President of the United States, who is commander in chief in our part of this total war, to return to work.

The administration has so long agreed to almost every whim of labor unions that the unions have decided they run the whole show.

In order to do their part in war production to beat the dictators, red blooded American men from the hills of Wilkes are having to pay homage and money to union dictators before they can work in war industries.

The satisfaction which will come from personal participation in this country's great struggle is drawing gallant women to recruiting stations all over the nation as they realize how efficiently they may serve Uncle Sam by joining the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Every woman who enrolls in the Corps is taking a personal punch at Hitler.

A scrap collection drive in Mineral Wells, Texas, netted three million pounds in three hours.

It takes money as well as soldiers to win the war. Buy more War Bonds and Stamps.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR, Hiddenite, N. C.

A MAN IS NOT A COWARD

A man is not a coward, sir,
Who is afraid of wrong;
Afraid to do the evil things,
Or travel with the throng,
That's going down the road to hell,
Away from God and light;
But rather is a hero true
That stands for truth and right.

It takes a lot of grit and grace,
A lot of courage, too,—
The very best within a man
To evermore be true
To what is right and good and just
Along life's rugged road,
And tote the part that pleases God
Whatever be the load.

A man is not a coward, sir,
Who will not stoop to sin,
Although enticed by those who say
He ought to enter in
And play a social game of cards,
Or take a social drink,
And in the chain of worldly things
Become with them a link.

He knows too well what such has done
For multitudes of souls—
How they have sunk their ships of life,
Or wrecked them on the shoals;
Therefore he turns from sin away
And faces up toward God,
And goes the way he knows is safe,
Which noble men have trod.

A man is not a coward, sir,
Who loves the royal truth,
Who lives a noble, manly life
Throughout his days of youth,
And on across the years of life,
Whatever be the test,
Desiring in his heart and soul
To give the world his best.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

A REAL FEED

Once in a blue moon an underfed and overworked reporter gets a break.

Well, Friday was one of the breaks for this writer. We had the pleasant duty of being present and reporting on the dairy meeting held in the Wilkesboros.

First was the tour of the Coble Dairy Products company plant in Wilkesboro, where we were shown some of the many processes in manufacture of powdered milk and other dairy products.

We and most of us, fresh from the dirt farms, cannot think of milk being anything but a liquid. But in the Wilkesboro plant they take the water out of milk and leave the food in a fine, dry powder, which when you add water, is milk again very much like it comes (or should we say is taken) from the cow.

The milk is condensed and goes into the drying chamber in a small pipe under 2,500 pounds pressure. There it enters the metal room through very small jets, which make it a vapor. And as it enters it is bathed in air of 350 degrees, about one and one-half times as hot as boiling water. That heat dries the milk and it falls on the floor a very fine and dry powder. It is so condensed that one barrel will make 3,600 glasses of ordinary milk, and is worth \$256 per barrel.

From there we wandered off into a freezing compartment with the temperature about ten below. Needless to say, we didn't stay there long, it being winter time and us tired of cold weather anyway.

From the milk plant to the American Legion hut for dinner with more than 100 more. It was about one o'clock, the crowd was about all men and hungry. As we waited we wondered if there could be enough food anywhere for that many hungry men.

Once inside, we found out. We were served in cafeteria style. They gave each a paper plate, on which was deposited a whole three-pound milk fed broiler chicken. And we mean the chicken was all there, minus feathers and innards.

With the chicken they deposited a generous helping of delectable slaw, and gave each a pint of milk. At each place at the long tables was a half-pound carton of Coble ice cream.

After beginning to eat, we rejoiced to see them bring cartons of cigarettes of popular brands and scatter packs all along the table. Then the host's representatives passed a few boxes of cigars around, and there were not two-fers.

All in all, it was one of the grandest gatherings we have ever seen staged.

George Coble, principal owner of Coble Dairy Products company, was the genial host who before the dinner appeared in the doorway and asked all to "come and get it," before he threw it away, or words to that effect.

Cities, Counties May Set Reserve

Raleigh.—The state, which already is taking steps to provide a post-war reserve for itself, indicated in the legislature that an equal opportunity would be afforded cities and counties.

With the full support of State Treasurer Charles Johnson, a measure introduced by Senator O'Berry of Wayne would permit the local governments to create reserves and designate the bank or trust company to serve as a depository. The procedure would be under supervision of the local government commission, of which the state treasurer is chairman.

The fund could be used for improvements or to supplement proceeds of bond sales, anticipation notes or federal grants, or money that might be borrowed temporarily to meet the appropriation made for the then-current fiscal year in anticipation of tax collections. There would be a 25 per cent limit of the total appropriation for financing the fiscal year and the obligation must be repaid within 30 days of the close of the fiscal year.

The fund also could be invested in bonds or notes of the federal, state or local government, or could be used for purchasing and retiring outstanding bonds of the local governmental unit maturing more than 10 days from the withdrawal date.

The law now provides that local surpluses must be used for tax reduction the following fiscal year.

Treasurer Johnson said some time ago that many cities and counties had built up surpluses and that in his opinion it would be wise to allow them to set aside the money for post-war rainy days.

IT TAKES BOTH!



U. S. Treasury Department

Men Should Possess Classification Card By This Date

All men in the State of North Carolina between the ages of 18 and 38, who have been subject to Selective Service registration for as long as six months and who do not have their classification cards were advised today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, to communicate with their local boards at once. On and after February 1, the Director pointed out, any man in this age group who does not have in his personal possession his classification card (Form 57), as well as his Certificate of Registration is liable to fine or imprisonment, or both.

The recent order of the Selective Service Bureau of the War Manpower Commission, setting the February 1 deadline for possession of Classification Cards by men of military ages, has met with very prompt response in North Carolina the Director said. Many registrants are reporting to their local boards, requesting classification or asking that lost Classification Cards be duplicated. However, Director Metts says he believes there are still a few who have failed to get in touch with their boards because of carelessness or negligence.

Registrants in the 45-to-65 year-old group are not affected by the order. And Director Metts said there are actually only a handful of men in the State who can be considered as delinquent, according to Selective Service regulations, for failure to keep in touch with their local boards. Nevertheless, he emphasized that in the present emergency no man will be allowed to avoid military responsibility merely because of failure to keep his local board advised of his whereabouts.

Wilkes Local Board No. 2 is completing classification of all registrants by Feb. 1, 1943. Anyone who hasn't received a classification card by that time should

get in touch with the board at once. This does not apply to those who have recently registered.

GOING UP

Have you heard about the salesman who started on a show string? He worked up until he got his face slapped.

More than 900,000 children in the United States are receiving "aid to dependent children" under the Social Security act, and an additional 1,500,000 children are in need of such assistance.

HOW COLOR CAN AFFECT OUR TEMPER AND HEALTH

Read what scientists have found out about the role different colors play in causing human discomforts. One of many unusual articles in the January 31st issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with The Baltimore Sunday American on sale at all newsstands.

Malaria has been known as a disease of man since ancient times—its cure was discovered in the 17th century.

MOVING?



Before You Do, Ask Us About Available ELECTRIC SERVICE

BEFORE you sign a lease or sales contract, we suggest that you check with us to see that ample electric service to meet your requirements is available at your new location.

As you doubtless know, wartime restrictions have drastically curtailed electric service extensions. Copper needed to make electric wire must go into the production of tanks, guns, ships, planes. Consequently, in some instances, we may not be able to make extensions or enlargements of our electric facilities which you require.

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