

"Tobe" Came Back John Thought He He Was A "Gonner"

You've all, no doubt heard the story of the cat who "came back, because he couldn't stay no longer". Well so it was with "Tobe", the cat belonging to John Willis.

"Tobe" so John tells us, "is a city cat, not just an ordinary Alley cat, but one that came all the way from Beaufort down to the Isle of Portsmouth with his master, where Capt. Willis is recuperating from a bad spell of rheumatism."

Tobe seemed very content in his new surroundings and no doubt would never have strayed away from his own back yard, but John took him sight seeing the first thing.

Down East strolled John with Tobe keeping up a few paces behind. They hardly more than passed by the church going toward the Coast Guard Station when one of Portsmouth's "Marsh Cats" walked up to get acquainted.

John went back home with a heavy heart, because he and Tobe were close companions. No greater reward was put out for the Lindburgh baby, than was the one put out for Tobe.

Ezell Tells Of Operation Costs Of County Homes

Carteret County taxpayers footed a bill of \$4,650.88 for operation of the county home for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1939 with an average population of 12 inmates a day costing \$28.19 each to care for every month.

Figures released this week by W. G. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, showed operating costs for all North Carolina almshouses still operating totaling \$647,984 for the year. Final Tabulations of financial reports were completed and released this week and showed an average daily population of 3,078 in all county homes.

Of the total state county home property valuation of \$955,665, Carteret almshouse buildings and grounds account for \$10,000 non-tax-producing property. The value of farm and garden produce used by the home in Carteret was set at \$300.

Garden produce used in all operating homes was valued at \$138,843 for the year, \$10,988 being obtained by some institutions producing a surplus for outside sale. Several homes had no surplus farm products to sell.

Cattle

Production of cattle in California declined about 3 per cent in 1939 because of poor range and feed conditions, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Drinking drivers are dangerous drivers. If you drink, don't drive, for safety's sake.

Tobe is still a peddler he knows the best place for him is in his own back yard.

But the cat always comes back.

Drivers license Now Over Million Mark

The issuance of 7,343 drivers' licenses last month brought the total to 1,040,955 the number of licenses issued since the Uniform drivers' License Act was passed in 1935, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, announced this week.

Licenses issued the first four months of this year totaled 25,836, he added. There are nearly 650,000 registered motor vehicles in the state.

"The purposes behind drivers' licenses," Hocutt explained, "are to provide a means of investigating in case of drivers who are involved in accidents, and to make people realize that the operation of a motor vehicle is not merely a right but a privilege, which carries with it certain responsibilities and a regard for the safety of others."

"A driver's license carries behind it an assumption that the State regards you as being competent to operate a motor vehicle upon its streets and highways without jeopardizing the safety of fellow travelers. If you violate this trust, the State suspends or revokes your license so as to remove you from the highway until your attitude, skill, knowledge or physical condition has improved to the extent that you can drive safely."

"Don't regard your driver's license too lightly. If you had to do without it after being accustomed to driving quite a bit, you would realize what a great privilege it is to be allowed to drive."

"See that your driving skill, mental attitude, physical condition and knowledge of the motor vehicle laws and rules of the road are maintained at all times in such a manner as to render you a safe driver and assure you of being allowed to retain your privilege of driving."

Many Activities For CMTC Members

Fort Bragg, May 7—Young men of the Carolinas attending the 1940 Citizens Military Training Camp here June 12-July 11, will still have an opportunity to ride horses and receive instruction in equitation, notwithstanding the rapid progress being made in motorization of the United States Army.

Stationed at Fort Bragg is the Second Battalion of the 83rd Field Artillery, which is a horse-drawn French 75-millimeter outfit. Equitation instruction is included on the regular schedule of trainees attending the C. M. T. Camp this year, and the United Army horses will be used for this.

It is expected that horses for riding will be available to qualified riders at other periods during their stay at camp.

Enrollment for the 1940 C. M. T. Camp is now under way, and already almost the full quota of 750 who will go to Bragg this summer has been signed. North Carolina and northern South Carolina youths desiring to attend camp should contact their county representative at once or write direct to: C. M. T. Officer, Fort Bragg, N. C., for application blanks.

Silage

R. D. Goodman, Cabarrus County farm agent, says that L. N. Overcash of near Kannapolis fed his cows on silage all winter, and has enough left to feed his herd of 30 dairy cows all summer.

Accident records show that 1,210,200 persons were injured in motor vehicle accidents in the country last year.

Farm Plans Signed By 715 In Carteret

A total of 715 growers of Carteret County will cooperate with the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program, F. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, announced following receipt of signed Farm Plans signifying such intention. The Tripple A lists 732 farms in this county.

The "sign-up" for the 1940 program is an increase over the 425 farmers who earned payments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation program. Floyd expressed himself as highly pleased over the participation indicated in this county.

Every farmer in the county was given an opportunity to sign a Farm Plan, on which he listed the soil building practices he intends to carry out. He received a copy of the Farm Plan which showed the type of practices in the pro-

gram, and how much he could earn from each. The Plan also listed the individual grower's allotments for soil depleting crops, which he must plant within to earn payments.

Floyd said that in the State as a whole, Farm Plans were signed by 223,104 out of the 236,546 eligible farmers. This is an approximate 94 per cent "sign-up" and is a decided contrast with the 113,598 farms on which payments were earned in 1939.

"A preliminary check of the Farm Plans shows that more farms will be operated under conservation methods than ever before," Floyd declared. "The approved practices, such as the application of lime and phosphate, seeding legumes and grasses, the use of cover and green-manure crops, and crop rotation will have their greatest use in the State this year."

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WPA Open House May 20th-25th

WPA (P & S. Division) will observe "Open House" the week of May 20th to 25th. The Professional and Service Division which embraces what was formerly known as the Women's Division is composed of the following projects: Sewing Room, Re-Indexing, Recreation, Library, Adult Education, Municipal Survey, Lunch Room, Matron Service, and several others.

Open House Week is being planned so that the public may become better acquainted with the work that the above projects are accomplishing.

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Further notice as to the location and visiting hours will be published in the next issue of this paper.

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