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John News
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EXTENSION WORK
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F. R. Farnham, Extension Dairy Specialist from State College, will spend Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2 and 3, on dairy farms in Stokes county. Picture shows lectures will be given at the following places:

Tuesday, December 2

10 a. m.—A. M. Carrol's Store
2 p. m.—N. G. Covington's Store
4 p. m.—Fred Fowlers home
7:30 p. m.—Francisco High School

Wednesday, December 3

10 a. m.—R. M. Smith's farm
2 p. m.—A. T. Steel's farm
4:30 p. m.—S.L. Hill's farm

J. W. Crawford of the Land Use Office of Raleigh will accompany Mr. Farnham part of the time. The entire discussion will be very interesting and instructive to farmers at large and especially fine for dairy and poultry farmers. It is hoped all farmers of each respective community will attend their meeting. Such timely topics as winter feeding for milk production, housing, dehorning and pasture making will be some of the subjects touched upon by the specialist.

R. M. Smith recently purchased two purebred Jerseys for foundation animals.

B. P. Bailey reports that his flock of 1742 chickens were found to be free from pollorum disease when tested by the agricultural authorities. Mr. Bailey further reported some interesting facts by stating that 352 barred rocks on the third floor of his large poultry house produced 244 eggs, or 69 per cent. for one day average. Three hundred and eighty-nine reds on the second floor produced 265 eggs, or 68 per cent. Dim lights, sufficient to permit the hens to eat and drink day and night, are used in this modern poultry house.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

President Roosevelt sent identical letters to UMW President Lewis and to the steel company representatives Benjamin Fairless, Eugene Grace and Frank Purnell stating "work in the captive mines must recommence... The issue in dispute... does not justify a stoppage of work in a grave national crisis..."

The President asked the four leaders to "allow the matter of the closed shop in the captive mines to remain in status quo for the period of the national emergency..." or else to accept final arbitration. He said any agreement reached would have no effect on the UMW's closed shop agreement already in effect with regular commercial mines.

STOKES SENDS 17 MORE MEN TO FORT BRAGG

The following registrants have been called by Stokes county draft board No. 1 to report here this morning at 8:30 to be sent to Fort Bragg for military training:

- Wendell Vest Keiger, Tobaccoville.
- Howard Franklin Gordon, Pinnacle.
- James Russel Mabe, Danbury.
- Arnold Vestal Chapman, Walnut Cove.
- Moir Lawrence Bennett, Norfolk, Va.
- William Harvey Lawson, Francisco.
- Silas Martin, Walnut Cove.
- Willis Odell Ashby, Danbury.
- Jerry Randolph Dodson, Sandy Ridge.
- Ralph Allen Neal, Pine Hall.
- Matt Jesse James, Winston-Salem.
- John Thomas Scott, Germantown.
- Joseph Hiram Tilley, Hampton, Virginia.
- Fred Abraham Stevens, Danbury.
- Joseph Edgar Moorefield, Pinnacle.

Cazzie Mabe, 4, Buried Today

Cazzie, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Creed Mabe of near Danbury, died Wednesday at the home at 2 o'clock after an illness of three days.

Funeral services were held today at the home with Elder W. J. Brown, Miller Vaden and Watt Brady in charge. Burial was in the family cemetery.

In a message to the CIO convention in Detroit, the President said unless democratic freedoms are protected from the "world scourge" of Hitlerism, "free trade unions and all other free institutions will vanish." To protect these freedoms, he wrote, "we must produce guns, tanks, planes and ships without delay and without interruption, and the American people and their Government are determined that we shall have them."

Arming of Merchant Ships

President Roosevelt signed the legislation to repeal the three key sections of the Neutrality Act. The President also requested from Congress a new \$380,050,000 appropriation for the Navy, including \$120,000,000 for "defense installations" on merchant ships. Navy Secretary Knox said the first armed U. S. merchant vessels will be plying the seas within a week. He said ships plying both the Atlantic and Pacific will be armed. The arming of the ships will require three to four months.

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(An Editorial.) IN DEFENSE OF A LADY

Gene Tunney, former heavyweight champion, now in charge of navy physical training and athletics, publishes in the last issue of the Readers Digest a strong, almost vicious attack on the cigarette.

He says smoking shortens life, and you have a much less chance of reaching 60 if you smoke. He quotes Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins who "found that among 100,000 heavy smokers (over 10 cigarettes a day), 53,774 die before the age of 60." Among the same number of nonsmokers, Dr. Pearl found "that only 43,436 die before that age."

Tunney goes on to say that no one has ever denied that nicotine is poison, and tells again the old story about what one drop of it will do to a shaved rabbit, and that the nicotine dissolved out of "a few cigarettes and placed on the tongue of a grown man would kill him in 15 minutes," etc.

The first person who ever smoked a cigarette in Danbury was a man who lived here when I was a kid. I thought so well of the way he blew the smoke through his nose that I learned the fascinating art myself.

The other day I visited this pioneer nicotineist at his home over in Virginia. He has not walked any for several years, due to a hip injury. He sits and reads and smokes cigarettes all day, with a fine clear mind. He is now past 80.

I asked him how long he had been smoking cigarettes. He said:

"Only about 65 years."

Tobacco is not good for young people with budding intellects, but for maturer years when a person is old enough to have sense, it is the greatest consolation of this era.

No person has ever experienced the most exalted satisfaction of the physical and mental cosmos who has not sat down after a hearty meal and slapped in a large chew of tobacco.

In such a time you are quite willing to let the rest rest of the world go by while you ruminates and philosophize on the vicissitudes.

There is a keen elation of the spirit as you reach encouraging solutions that otherwise would be severe headaches.

If the evidence we have presented is not sufficient to convince, we will introduce good and credible witnesses in corroboration.

First—Mr. Carl Ray, efficient deputy sheriff, who consumes a long black plug of "Detective" every day, and who never chases a law-breaker without first putting in a fresh chew.

Second—Mr. Jim Lasley, who keeps a quarter of a pound of the "consolation" packed away in his left jaw, and who can hit a fly at 10 paces.

Now is the time for all good smokers, chewers and snuff-dippers to come to the aid of Lady Nicotine.

THE BULL'S TAIL

American labor, which is by far the highest paid in the world, made a serious mistake in following John L. Lewis, whose name is now mud as far as strikers are concerned.

Somebody put a crimp in the tail of this swash-buckler last week. He relinquished his hold and the big coal strike that was destined to strangle production in the steel factories fizzed out.

But Lewis dared a little too far. His ambition and greed and conceit while leading to his own downfall, has seriously endangered the rights and privileges gained by the labor organizations during the last two decades.

For, now, Congress is aroused and anti-strike legislation is being framed. Laws that will make it a crime to halt the defense program by unwarranted strikes is sure to be passed.

No more will the bull-visaged Lewis have the power to help Hitler with dangerous sabotage.

HAWKINS MICA MINE MUDDLE

COMPLICATION SURROUNDING THE TITLE ENGAGES LEGAL ASSISTANCE—HISTORY OF THIS CELEBRATED MINE, DEVELOPED FIFTY YEARS AGO BY PEPPER MINING COMPANY.

The old James Hawkins mica mine, now being worked, has recently come into publicity extending over a large scope of the country.

The government finds need for mica in its defense program, largely it is reported in the manufacture of airplanes, and so the price for this rare mineral has skyrocketed, inducing speculators to make frantic efforts to control mica properties wherever found.

The history of the old James Hawkins mica mine extends back more than half a century. It was first developed by the Pepper Mining Company, who 50 years ago took fine quantities of mica from this mine, selling it to northern interests at good prices.

The Pepper Mining Company was composed of the late N. M. Pepper and Jas. A. Pepper, and J. W. Pepper, J. W. Pepper, living now at Christiansburg, Va., was manager of the company.

Later the price of mica declining to an unprofitable level, the Pepper Co., who only held a lease on the mineral rights of the land, discontinued operations.

As the years went by, James Hawkins, the owner of the mica, died. Henry Whitaker of Pilot Mt. bought the heirs out and disposed of one-third interest in the mine to Alex Joyce of Patrick county, Va., for \$2,000.

Different parties were later interested in the property.

Finally during the depression the property was sold for taxes, and a party in Mitchell county, North Carolina, became the owner, and still holds his interest, but has made a sale to a Philadelphia concern at \$22,000.

This was probably a conditional sale, as the Philadelphia concern engaged Charlotte lawyers to investigate the title, who found that in the tax foreclosure proceedings by the county Alex Joyce, the owner of the one-third interest, was not made party to the suit.

Learning this state of the matter, Fred Pepper of Walnut Cove, went over and purchased Joyce's interest, Joyce giving the impression that his wife, who would have held a dower interest was dead.

But no sooner than Fred had completed his deed than he learned that Mrs. Joyce was still living in Oklahoma. Accompanied by A. J. Ellington, attorney, Fred went to Oklahoma and secured a quit claim deed from Mrs. Joyce.

Another angle is that title investigation showed that one of the mines, or part of one of the mines was located on the land of Percy Morefield, who was bought out on a \$500 option by W. G. Petree. Mr. Petree has also been to Oklahoma

Changes Made In Emergency Crop Loan Office

W. R. James, field supervisor of Forsyth county in the emergency crop loan service, was here this week.

Mr. James formerly had supervision of Forsyth, Yadkin and Surry in this government service, now yields Surry to G. H. Alford late Stokes supervisor, who has been transferred to Surry. Mr. James will now visit Stokes regularly, as this county has been transferred to his supervision.

JAILED

Watson Broadstreet and Herbert Beeson, both of Walkertown, were arrested Saturday by Patrolman Bristol Dellinger and were jailed after a warrant for transporting liquor was sworn. They were released under bonds of \$300 each for their appearance at the January term of Superior Court. The hearing was before Justice of the Peace P. C. Campbell.

Oscar Gerry, Curtis Southern and Fred Wall of Walnut Cove and Meadows were arrested Thursday by Special Deputy Carl Ray on charges of public drunkenness. They were released upon payment of fines and costs.

Ernest Neal, George Bolton and Marvin Bolton of Walnut Cove were arrested and jailed Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Burke Smith, Special Deputy Carl Ray and Patrolman Bristol Dellinger for public drunkenness. Thirty days for the Boltons; Ernest Neal, fine and cost.

Officers Cleve Lawson and Rufus Mabe of Lawsonville arrested Ed Collins and Otis McAdams, of Peter's Creek Township, Sunday for public drunkenness. Both men were fined.

THREE MEN OF SAME NEIGHBORHOOD. COMBINED AGES 262 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Wood, of the North View section, visited Danbury Tuesday. Mr. Wood informs the Reporter that his father, Sol Wood, now past 80, is peart as a cricket and gets out and works. J. D. Young (Doc), living nearby, now 92, is in fairly good health and his brother, P. H., of the same neighborhood, now past 90 is in delicate health but nothing serious.

Here are three citizens residing in the same community whose combined ages reach 262 years.

R. C. Bodenhammer of German ton was business visitor here today

in the interest of his title.

Next D. C. Kirby was engaged by Patrick county interested Parties, and Mr. Kirby, too, has made a trip to Oklahoma.

So it appears that the real ownership of Hawkins mica mine, embracing only about 20 acres, will be a subject for settlement by the courts.