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Odds Against The Draft

As long as there have been wars men have either volunteered for service, been conscripted by fiat or draft, or impressed into the services. Should there be another conventional war it is highly likely that men and women will be drafted into the armed services.

Since the President, as Commander-in-Chief, and his advisors, have reached the conclusion that due to the present difficulties with Russia it would be wise to strengthen our armed forces, and that as a first step toward this goal we should require a registration of those best qualified to serve in the armed forces, we should accept his judgment of good faith.

We would prefer that no women be allowed to serve in combat as

soldiers, and would be happier if no women would be allowed to train for combat duty in times of peace. But at the same time it would be well for us to realize that the countries with which we may be involved conscript women for combat duty. We should also realize that in case of war that women could well serve in many non-combat positions, and by so doing free men for combat duty. For this reason we feel that women, too, should be required to register, but with a higher age limit.

However, it should be recognized that registering men and women does not necessarily mean that there will be any draft; the odds, we feel, are against it.

Insuring Free Speech

In The Washington Post

Something is crazy when people start buying First Amendment insurance. But that is what is happening. A Bermuda-based company has developed a program to permit the owners of most American newspapers, magazines, book-publishing companies and broadcasting stations to buy insurance that will cover the costs of defending free speech and a free press in court.

The arrangement, worked out by the American Newspaper Publishers Association, appears to be both businesslike and wise. First Amendment cases arise so frequently these days and the legal fees involved are so high that only the most financially sound companies and publishers can afford to get involved. It may well be prudent management for companies or individuals to insure themselves against risks over which they have no control.

What is striking about this is that the good old U.S.A. survived for a couple of centuries without a need of insuring the First Amendment. Injunctions against publication were not issued. Trials were not held in secret. Reporters were rarely called as witnesses. Governments did not have to be sued before they made available information about their routine activities.

All that has changed over the last decade, and the costs of resisting the trend have become almost prohibitive. Some small newspapers, magazines and broadcasting stations have quietly

surrendered their constitutional rights because they could not pay the lawyers' fees. Others have defended those rights only after passing the hat among wealthier groups or persuading some public-spirited lawyer to handle the case for little or no fee.

Part of this reflects a general situation: taking any and every matter to court has become so time-consuming and expensive that only the rich (who can afford the legal fees and printing costs) and the poor (for whom the government pays the bill) can avoid balancing what they may win against what either a win or loss will cost.

The principal culprit, however, is the series of court decisions and government actions that have weakened the First Amendment. How far the thing has gone can be measured by the items with which the exercise of press and speech rights are not grouped. The prudent man insures against losses due to acts of God (fire, illness, death) or acts of other persons (theft, fraud, accident). Now it has become necessary for those who exercise a First Amendment right to insure themselves against acts of their own government.

Quotes

The little boy told me his cat's name was Ben Hur. "Isn't that a strange name for a cat?" I asked. "Well, I used to call him Ben but then he had kittens," he answered. —The Saturday Evening Post.

News Of 10, 25 And 40 Years

Looking Back Into The Record

Feb. 17, 1970

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners may seek professional help in the restoration of buildings at the Nathaniel Macon Homeplace near Gaston Lake.

More than 200 members of the student body and faculty members of Warren Academy, Inc. met with the principal and some interested patrons for a brief flag ceremony in front of the school last Friday morning. The flag and flag pole were gifts to Warren Academy from an interested person whose name was not revealed in the account of the activities.

Members of the Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce favor extension of the town limits and a delegation from the chamber appeared before the commissioners on Monday

night to make their views known.

Feb. 18, 1955

Howell Steed, Warrenton merchant, has been appointed one of a three-man delegation to attend the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies advisory meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on March 11 and 12.

W. W. Taylor, Jr., Warren County's Representative in the General Assembly, has been named to fourteen committees of the House by Speaker Larry I. Moore.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wise Baptist Church was held in the home of Mrs. Carl Perkinson on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. W. Davis and Mrs. Lena Williams co-hostesses. The Rev. J. C. Gill, guest speaker, spoke on missions.

Feb. 16, 1940

A Negro school at Manson was blown off its foundation Wednesday by the wind which swept through this section with gale velocity throughout the day and far into the night, uprooting at least one tree in Warrenton, twisting off a few limbs in the yards of various residents and toppling over a few outbuildings here and there.

Two homes here have recently been entered by a night prowler who apparently was primarily interested in securing food.

Friday night an unknown person entered the home of Eugene Odum on Ridgeway Street and stole lard, sugar, sausage, coffee and flour and on Tuesday night groceries were also stolen from the residence of Miss Estelle Davis on Main Street.

THE VALENTINE



Mostly Personal

Cow Power Runs Farm

By BIGNALL JONES

My wife, visiting Rocky Mount last Friday, brought me a copy of "Mother Earth News," which always contains a great deal of thought-provoking ideas, some of which may have personal application, but most of which do not.

From earlier copies of "Mother Earth" I learned that an airplane had been run from solar power; that gasoline could be conserved by converting an 8-cylinder car into a 4-cylinder vehicle; that motor vehicles may be successfully operated from alcohol; that farmers may soon be producing their own energy; and scores of other ideas.

In the current issue I learned that many foods can be cooked in a compost pile; how to build a small and unique still, with which farmers can produce fuel with which to run their tractors and automobiles without reducing the value of grains as livestock and poultry feed, and of particular interest to me was an article in which was related the experience of a dairyman in Sweden in converting cow manure into methane gas, a substitute

fuel for his car, and the bulk of which drove a generator which not only provided all the energy for heat and power in his home, but enabled him to sell two-thirds of this electricity to a local power plant, without reducing the value of the treated manure as a fertilizer.

The article is headed "Swiss farmer Manfred Steiner isn't afraid of the oil crisis at all, because he already runs his entire farm on... COW POWER."

Unfortunately, I can not reproduce the entire article because it is copyrighted, but I will give a synopsis of the experience of this farmer who operated a 25-cow dairy farm.

In his efforts to make his farm self-sufficient from an energy standpoint, Steiner already had a large manure pile and a compost ditch, and soon added a silo equipped with heating coils at its base and a store the nitrogen rich manure residue, which he says is without odor.

He was able to find a large balloon in which he stores the methane, and purchase a small generator that was capable of converting the gas into electric.

Manure is shoveled into a concrete ditch which collected the liquid overflow. This is minced with a long-handled mixer and pumped into the digester silo and heated to 95 percent to trigger fermentation.

Steiner, last fall set up a new experiment, after his grain harvest he fed the stalks into the digester and discovered the straw he produced on his farm — when doctored with regular doses of anaerobic bacteria (found in the manure) could

produce the equivalent of 3000 liters of petroleum products (more than 750 gallons.)

Some time ago I had learned that a large pig farm in the middle west had sold its manure to a company which converted it into methane gas and I think it too was converted into electricity.

The weather being treacherous Monday, when I finished the above paragraph, instead of walking home I went across to The Carriage House for a bowl of soup and after lunch I continued talking with Leonard Kilian about methane gas. He said that he had recently read in a farm release about a large dairy farm, some 300 cows, in Pennsylvania, which had invested a large sum of money in equipment and was producing methane gas which it had converted into electricity.

The Swede about whom I read in "Mother's Earth News," said he had invested around \$20,000 in his project, which would pay for itself in about eight years, less if oil prices continue to rise.

The still about which I read in the same magazine was supposed to cost \$500 and less, if pickup material is used, and would provide about 7 gallons of alcohol per hour.

While I am primarily interested in seeing the United States become free of its dependence on foreign countries for fuel, in the process I would like to see the family size farm again above to produce its own energy from farm resources as was the case in my boyhood when grain fed to mules and horses produced the energy to pull plows, buggies and wagons.

Stabilization Meet Set For Henderson

Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the grower organization which administers the price support program for flue-cured tobacco, will hold its 22nd annual district meeting for North Carolina growers in District 8, District 8 includes 11 flue-cured counties in the Middle Belt of North Carolina, including Warren. Marsh H. Currin of Oxford, director from District 8, and Fred G. Bond, general manager, jointly announced that the meeting will be held at Holiday Inn in Henderson on Wednesday, February 20, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

The 'CO-OP's operational report for the calendar year will be given. Stabilization's stocks totaled 547.5 million pounds as of January 1, 1980. Currin noted that on January 1, 1979, Stabilization held 599.5 million pounds of tobacco in inventory. He further added that Stabilization's sales for calendar year 1979 totaled 123.6 million pounds. This

compares to sales of 50.5 million pounds in 1978. In addition to Stabilization's report, reports will be given by representatives to Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers' Information Committee; USDA's Tobacco Division, Agricultural Marketing Service; and other allied organizations and agencies. Ample time will be provided for discussion.

A brief business session will be held immediately following the regular meeting to elect the director for the ensuing three-year term on Stabilization's Board to represent District 8 growers. Stabilization's Advisory Committee members from each of the flue-cured tobacco producing counties in District 8 will be selected at this time also.

Currin added, "Flue-cured growers are urged to make every effort to attend Stabilization's meeting in order to gain a better understanding of the Cooperative's operations."

Kenney Joins Clinic Staff

Dr. James E. Kenney has joined the clinic staff of the Beckford Avenue Medical Clinic, Dr. James P. Green, president of the clinic, announced this week.

In his new position at the clinic, Kenney will practice in his specialty of family medicine. Kenney joins Green and William M. Davis, a physician assistant, on the clinic staff.

It was also announced that new clinic hours will be from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 2 to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday (including all day Wednesday).

Kenney is a native of Somerville, N. J. He served in the U. S. Army before attending Savannah State College in Savannah, Ga. He attended medical school at the University of Alabama and completed a residency in family practice at Kings County-Downstate Medical



KENNEY

Center in Brooklyn, N. Y., in July.

Kenney is married and the father of two daughters. His wife, Connie, is employed as a nutritionist at the Vance-Granville Health Department.

Cold Weather Training Held

Marine Cpl. Wayne A. Towns, son of Gilbert and Mattie S. Boyd of Rt. 1, Norlina, recently participated in cold weather training on Cape Cod.

He is a member of the 36th Marine Amphibious Unit, based at Camp Lejeune.

The Exercise, which involved 3,000 U. S. sailors and Marines and three Navy ships, was designed to test

clothing, equipment and amphibious techniques under adverse weather conditions. The exercise started with an amphibious assault landing and involved infantry training at Camp Edwards, Mass. The training was a prelude to a NATO cold weather exercise to be held late this year.

Towns joined the Marine Corps in October 1976.

June, 1979 Color TV Picture Survey*

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