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## Milkman Receives First Prize In Camel Contest

### James T. Sharkey of Boston Is Awarded \$25,000; Other Winners Announced

Winston-Salem, May 13.—James Thomas Sharkey, 32, a milkman in Boston, was awarded the \$25,000 first prize in the \$50,000 nation-wide contest for the best letter setting forth the advantages to smokers of the new moisture-proof cellophane wrapper on Camel cigarette packages, officials of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company and the contest judges announced today. Sharkey lives at 101 Train street, Dorchester, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Mrs. Walter Sweet, mother of three children and wife of a marine corps captain now stationed at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) navy yard, won the second prize of \$10,000.

Third prize of \$5,000 went to Julius M. Nolte, real estate dealer, of Duluth, Minn., and former secretary of the Duluth Commercial club.

In all, thirty-eight prizes were awarded, of which five were for \$1,000 each, five were for \$500 each, and twenty-five were for \$100 each. Judges of the contest were Roy Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard League of Newspapers; Charles Dana Gibson, famous artist and publisher of Life Magazine, and Ray Long, president of the International Magazine company and editor of Cosmopolitan.

The five prizes of \$1,000 each were awarded to the following:

Albert B. Franklin, 3d, 22-year-old graduate student at Harvard, who lives at 52 Kirkland street, Cambridge, Mass.

John R. McCarthy, 38, blind tobacco store proprietor of 721 Main street, Willimant, Conn.

Frederick E. Robinson, Latin-American mining engineer residing in Coronado Beach, Cal.

William A. Schrader, aerial photographer at Curtis-Wright Airport, Louisville, Ky., who lives in the Brent apartments in New Albany, Ind.

Dr. D. H. Soper, of 523 E. Brown street, Iowa City, Ia., an instructor in dentistry at the University of Iowa.

The five prizes of \$500 each were awarded to the following:

Frank Cartwright, engineer, of 702 Transportation Building, Washington, D. C., who lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

Mrs. Edith Paddelford Cochrane, Glenview avenue, Darien, Conn., housewife, mother and author.

Miss Barbara Lawless, 21-year-old stenographer of 311 East Lancaster avenue, Ardmore, Pa., who lives at home.

Mrs. Jane Persons of 325 East 79th street, New York city, a former actress, now married and mother of two children.

Richard W. Vogt, Green Bay Road, Waukegan, Ill., Swiss nurseryman, who has been in the United States only six months.

Twenty-five prizes of \$100 each were awarded to the following:

Miss Marie Alberts, 6251 Spaulding avenue, Chicago, Ill., who lives at home.

W. B. Barker, Jr., 420 N. Spruce street, Winston-Salem, N. C., employed by an insurance company.

Eugene Barton, 3625 LaLuz street, El Paso, Texas, railroad timekeeper.

Mrs. Edward F. Daly, 1133 Louisville street, St. Louis, Mo., housewife.

Miss Kathryn R. Francis, who lives with her mother at 446 East 22d street, Baltimore, Md.

William G. Erbacher, 303 N. Front street, Conway, Ark., meat and cattle dealer.

LeRoy Fairman, 69 Dartmouth street, Forest Hills, N. Y., advertising man.

Mrs. Alex's Godillot, 191 Waverly Place, New York City, housewife.

C. W. Grange, 2316 Central street, Evanston, Ill., magazine space seller.

C. S. Graybill, of Patonville, Pa., a farmer who works as a foundry foreman during the winter.

John I. Griffin, 1208 Jackson street, Pueblo, Colo., employed by a fuel and iron company.

David C. Hill, Peyton and Arlington Roads, York, Pa., hardware credit manager.

Miss Elizabeth Jarrard, Porter Apartments, Lansing, Mich., secretary state board of health.

J. W. Keating, 523 Prospect avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, salesman for an arms and ammunition company.

J. H. Kennedy, 3027 W. State street, Milwaukee, Wis., electrical appliances service man.

John Kipela, R. F. D., West Paris, Maine, Finnish lumberman.

Dr. Clinton B. Leach, 211 Angell street, Providence, R. I., heart specialist.

Edward Martin, 121 Liddell street, Buffalo, N. Y., draw bench operator.

Mrs. L. C. Millard, 508 Stockley Gardens, Norfolk, Va., grand-daughter of former Governor Kemper, of Virginia and prominent socially.

Eugene Martin, 745 Chapel street, (Continued on page two)

## Wine and Women But No Singing

### Carl Goerch Analyzes MacLean's Apology to State Senate

(By CARL GOERCH)

The Hon. A. D. MacLean announced on the floor of the house last week that the legislature was being corrupted by wine, women and song. The following day he apologized by saying that he was wrong so far as the singing was concerned.

The apology has been accepted. As an apologist, Mr. MacLean is in a class by himself. His idea of a perfect apology is to call a man seven different kinds of a horse-thief and then apologize to him for having spoken harshly to his dog.

Talking about apologies, wonder what kind of apologies some of the members of the legislature are going to make to their constituents when they get back home again! That's where the real art will come in.

Outside of calling one another liars, thieves, scoundrels and gentlemen of no principle, which no one outside the legislature is denying, the so-called statesmen haven't been accomplishing very much during the last week. It looks as though they might adjourn this week. It's been looking like that for the last five weeks.

Mr. MacLean was home for the week-end. He said that the greatest danger, so far as his side of the fight was concerned, was that some of his co-workers might be forced to leave Raleigh because their money was giving out. If that happens, his little house of cards is liable to fall to pieces. He admitted frankly that he didn't know what was going to happen. I'll bet one thing, though, he'll fight right to the bitter end.

Mr. Ward, another one of our local citizens who is in the legislature, was a little bit more explicit in the information he gave out.

"Mr. Ward," I said, "What do you think of the legislature?"

"—D—H—!" the legislature!" he exclaimed. And then, just as soon as he could draw another deep breath, he added: "Of all the —!— &— I ever have seen in my life!"

And then he turned around and strode away. A whole lot of folks will agree with Mr. Ward's opinion.

## Look For Large Crop Of Tobacco

### Fears Entertained That Pleas for Reduction Have Failed

Henderson, May 12.—Fears that the reduction in tobacco acreage this year will be less than was anticipated, and far less than has been declared necessary if prices are to improve, are being expressed here. Recent surveys and conversations with farmers have revealed that, on the whole, there will be a larger crop than some optimists have looked for, and that serious consequences may follow.

Some rumor is that in belts to the east and south of here, where transplanting is either well under way or practically finished, there is little evidence of a decline in acreage.

Planting got under way on a small scale last week in this Middle Belt although no great amount of the weed was set. Much more is expected to be set during the coming week, and the end of May will see planting operations virtually completed in this section.

From some quarters come reports that there is a widespread disposition to plant less cotton this year, and it is feared some of this acreage may be set to tobacco. Dr. G. W. Forster several days ago reported that a recent survey indicated a cut of 10 per cent, but said that on the basis of his calculations, a 64 per cent would be necessary if a price average of 15 cents was to be realized next fall on tobacco.

At a conference in Atlanta last week of agricultural leaders in Southern States a cut of 28 to 64 per cent in tobacco acreage was urged, compared with indications of a curtailment of less than 10 per cent, which is not expected to have any effect to speak of on the size of the crop, or in influencing better prices. Even increased plantings are reported from some sections.

Grave concern for the outcome of the crop and prices, and the effect on growers and on economic conditions generally in tobacco belts, is expressed by some observers here. A gloomy picture is painted by them, with conditions even worse than last fall unless there is a very sharp curtailment in acreage.

Chippewa Indians View Heap Big Chicago Tepees



Standing on the Chicago Merchandise Mart, Chief Chippewas and Princess O-Me-Me viewed part of the sky-line of the Western Metropolis.

## U. S. Government Erecting Seven Hundred Buildings

### \$429,000,000 Being Spent for New Public Buildings in Country

Washington, May 14.—Seven hundred federal buildings, costing \$429,000,000, are in various stages of construction throughout the country.

In addition 51 per cent which cost \$23,316,876 have been completed within the last two years.

President Hoover, in making this announcement yesterday, segregated the public works program into six groups: (1) completed; (2) sites acquired and contracts let in whole or part; (3) plans finished, specifications being prepared or bids asked; (4) sites acquired and plans partially completed; (5) sites determined and acquired or in process of negotiation or condemnation; and (6) authorized sites in process of selection.

The second group includes 150 projects on which constructions has begun within the last three months and which will be completed at an estimated outlay of \$120,218,900. A cost of \$20,097,000 is expected to cover the third classification which includes 66 projects.

Sites have been acquired and plans partially completed for 190 projects which have been limited to a cost of \$192,173,723.

President Hoover expects work on construction is to begin within a year, sites have been determined and required or are being possessed through negotiations or condemnation. The limit of cost for these is \$50,622,941.

Feesides these, congress has authorized about 20 to cost around \$46,000,000. Officials are attempting to select the sites.

The most expensive building in the already completed group is that in Washington for the internal revenue bureau. It cost \$10,000,000. The most costly under construction also is in the capital, will require an outlay of \$17,500,000 and will house the commerce department.

THAT BIG EGG AT R. L. DAVIS & BROS.

"What an egg!" That's what everyone is saying today and then adding, "Some canary that laid that egg." Such are the outspoken comments on the big egg on display at R. L. Davis & Bros.

There's a story back of the big egg and the exhibit. It's a part of a national campaign by the Purina Mills through several thousand dealers in the United States and Canada to encourage the production of big eggs. It has been found that the market wants big eggs and discriminates against small sized pullet eggs.

In order to produce big eggs there must be big body development. A small size pullet cannot produce large eggs. For that reason poultrymen are being urged to feed the poultry flock a good growing ration during the growing months this summer in order to insure large body development of the pullets, insuring the production of large eggs when they come into production this fall.

Of 5,000 birds in a recent Canadian National Egg Laying Contest it was found that those fed on a growing ration laid 51 more eggs that averaged 2.2 ounces more per dozen than those that were not properly fed during the growing season. Very important is the fact that birds fed properly during the growing period come into production earlier in the fall, usually at a time when egg prices are starting upward, while birds that are not properly fed during the growing period come into production late and often when egg prices are starting downward.

Yes, there's a real story back of that big egg at R. L. Davis & Bros.

During the 11 years that John Anderson has been official rat annihilator for the city of Vancouver, B. C., he has killed more than 500,000 of the rodents.

Because of the lack of accommodations for the perpetuation of the centuries-old custom of housing farm animals in the same structure with their owners, Italian farmers have refused to occupy the new homes erected in the earthquake region, near Naples, Italy.

The ruined Temple of Karnak in Egypt, originally 370 feet in width and 1,200 feet in length, is believed to have been the world's largest temple on the subject.

The highway commission has been appointed and is getting down to work. Mr. Jeffress will make an excellent chairman. As a matter of fact, the entire board is composed of men who can be depended upon to give North Carolina the very best of service. Leslie R. Ames will be at the head of the practical workings of the highway department. He is the right man in the right place. You know, when you come to consider the personnel of the commission, one by one, you can't help but agree that the governor showed real brains in selecting such a bunch of men to carry on the road work of the state. They and Mr. Ames are going to do some real work; you just wait and see!

Getting back to Mr. MacLean again, I'm sort of the opinion that he was mistaken in the assertion he made from the floor of the house relative to the personal conduct of some of the members. I was up in Raleigh last week and I personally interviewed at least sixty members of the house and senate. In every case I asked them the same questions. These questions and their answers were as follows:

"Have you yourself been drinking too much liquor since you have been in Raleigh and have you been drunk since the legislature went into session?"

"NO!"

"Have you, yourself, been flirting or otherwise been misbehaving with any of the beautiful and charming ladies who may have been in or near Raleigh since January 6?"

"NO!!!"

## House Ranks Chivalry Above Senate Request

### Passes Overwhelmingly Lone Lady Member's Motion

Raleigh, May 13.—The house ranked chivalry above legislative courtesy yesterday, and as a result the Connors bill to tighten restrictions about employment of children under 16 in hazardous occupations was enacted into law.

The house originally passed the bill preventing children under 16 from working in mines, around moving machinery and other occupations. It went to the senate, whether it was amended to provide that no occupation be labelled dangerous until so classified by the Child Welfare Commission, and to make exceptions in cases where families were dependent upon the earnings of children above 14 so employed.

The house refused to concur in the amendments and the bill went to conference without result.

Yesterday the senate sent over a message asking the return of the bill.

Mrs. Mebane, of Rockingham, the lone lady of the house, made a motion that the house keep the bill and concur in the amendments which would bring about enactment. Brooks, of Durham, moved as a substitute that the bill be returned to the senate.

It was indicated in the debate that the senate wanted the bill back to kill it.

The house voted down, 33 to 55, the Brooks motion to let the senate have the bill back, and passed so overwhelmingly that no standing vote was required, the motion of Mrs. Mebane.

Despite considerable argument against further depleting the ranks of eligible jurors, the house passed the bill to exempt railroad brakemen from jury duty.

## SEPTUAGENARIANS HOLD FIRST MEET

### New Organization Begins With Parade and Barbecue Dinner

Something "new under the sun" in organizations is believed to have been perfected here Tuesday, when the Septuagenarians and Octogenarians of this and adjoining counties, met together to organize themselves into a unique group to be called the Septuagenarian Society.

Thirty-two men, veterans of two wars, and representing various occupations and walks in life, ranging in years from 70 to 89, were given seats of honor on the Perkins hall stage Tuesday morning, and the whole town turned out to do them honor.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "America." The welcoming address was made by R. T. Martin, local attorney, who briefly reviewed the wars represented by aged veterans present, and paid tribute to the heroes of the present and the past, and also remembered those who are forced to remain at home, "to keep the home fires burning." A. J. Moyer, one of the Septuagenarians, responded. Watt Parker, by whose zeal and untiring energy the society was originated and perfected, spoke on the value of such an organization and suggested a motto, "Let honor be bestowed where honor lies."

Mr. R. L. Davis, Farmville's oldest and most beloved citizen, and the only living resident who witnessed the first incorporation of the town 59 years ago, was honored by the rising of the assemblage when he arose to speak. He is the only bachelor in the society.

Dixie was sung lustily and with great spirit preceding the address of Rev. Newsom Harrison, of Plymouth, a silver-haired Confederate veteran of 85 years, and an ambassador of God, who has served four Primitive Baptist churches for the past 65 years and who states that the chief ambition of his life has been "the sowing of the right seed at the right place at the right time." He has the added distinction of being the only Civil War veteran in Washington county, out of the six companies which marched into the great struggle. His expression of love for his captain was touching, and one could not hear him without feeling the heat of the burning patriotism which seemed to obsess the souls of the Southern men and made of them as fine soldiers as ever depicted death.

Mr. Newsom Harrison contrasted the principles of war with those of the Christian religion on "Peace on earth, good will towards men", and as one realized how very close was this man of God to the life beyond, he could almost see the light of the halo which surrounds the heads of the saints.

Tears and laughter were inter-

## Heers Sworn Testimony Indirect Bribe Attempts

### Goldsboro Man Told Absence of Dortch Would Be Worth a Considerable Sum

Raleigh, May 14.—Sworn testimony of two indirect attempts to bribe senators to vote against the luxury tax was heard by the senate committee, charged with the investigation of reports of attempted corruption, at the first hearing yesterday afternoon.

Senator John Hinsdale, author of the luxury tax, testified to the committee that David H. Pope, chairman of Wake commissioners, had come to him with what he said was a message from W. N. Reynolds, then chairman of the board of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, to the effect that it would be "worth anything he wanted" if he would give up his fight for that form of sales tax. Mr. Pope testified in conflict that his only mission from Mr. Reynolds was to endeavor to persuade Senator Hinsdale to give up the fight, and that there had been no offer made or reported by him.

Faison Thompson, Goldsboro lawyer, testified to the committee that J. J. Hatch, another Goldsboro lawyer, had told him it would be worth considerable money to Senator Hugh Dortch if he would absent himself from the senate on the night of Monday, May 4, the night the senate defeated the conference report which included the Hinsdale luxury tax. Mr. Thompson said that he refused to approach Senator Dortch. The committee had issued a summons for Mr. Hatch but the sergeant at arms reported that he could not be found at his home in Goldsboro or located by telephone at New Bern where he was supposed to be.

Mr. Thompson, while on the stand yesterday, did not go as far in his testimony as he did when he talked to Judge Henry A. Grady in Washington on Sunday, according to a statement made by the judge yesterday. Judge Grady said Mr. Thompson told him that a senator came into room 346 while he was there, took the other man into the bathroom and that he, Mr. Thompson, heard the senator say: "Clay is here with \$5,000." Mr. Thompson, on the stand yesterday, told the committee that the only senator he knew that came into the room while he was talking to Mr. Hatch was Senator John Umstead, of Orange.

The committee will continue its investigation at 10 o'clock this morning, and Mr. Hatch will be examined as soon as he can be found. No process had been issued for Mr. Reynolds yesterday, it was learned from the chairman of the committee. Senator Ward, but it was the general opinion that he would testify before the committee, probably voluntarily, before the investigation is complete. S. Clay Williams, new president of the Reynolds company, was present at the hearing yesterday.

The only other witnesses examined yesterday were W. L. Long, of Roanoke Rapids, a former president pro tempore of the senate, in whose room Mr. Hatch is alleged to have spoken to Mr. Thompson, Ray Jones, hotel clerk, who brought the hotel records and A. C. House, former employe of Mr. Long, who was called when the committee learned that the said room, number 346, was registered in the name of E. C. House, a fictitious name, Mr. Long told the committee.

Though the committee heard Mr. Pope as its first witness, his testimony amounted to a denial of the most important part of Senator Hinsdale's testimony.

FARMVILLE ROTARIANS BRING HOME THE BACON

Farmville Rotarians brought home the bacon last week from the Durham convention, the bacon taking the form of a cup offered for attendance based on membership and mileage.

The local club, while live and progressive along many lines, has a membership at present of 14. The following members were: D. E. Oglesby, president; W. A. McAdams, R. A. Joyner, R. H. Kight, Dr. W. M. Willis, John L. Lewis, A. C. Hodges, R. E. Boyd and W. L. Smith.

## Will Revalue Pitt Property

### County Commissioners Order Revaluation to Get Under Way at Once

Greenville, May 11.—Revaluation of property in Pitt county will get under way immediately.

This was the decision reached by members of the board of commissioners in adjourned session at the court house here this morning. The meeting was called solely for discussion of this matter, and lasted only a short time.

P. L. Stone, head of the board of county appraisers, stated that work in connection with the revaluation project would get under way as early as possible. The board of appraisers was appointed by Mr. Stone last December, but never began work on account of action of the legislature postponing revaluation.

Mr. Stone said it was probable some members of the board would not be able to serve at this season of the year and that several days would be required to definitely settle this matter.

It was estimated that the revaluation program would cost the county between \$3,000 and \$10,000, although it is impossible to accurately determine the cost.

The revaluation program will be increasingly difficult because of the fact that tax listing is already over in the county, and it will be necessary for the appraisers to check and recheck the records many times before finally completing their work.

It was not known how much time would be consumed in the work, but it was a recognized fact that several weeks would be involved.

When neighbors became displeased with unpleasant aroma that emanated from the Brooklyn (N.Y.) apartment of Mrs. L. R. Hyam, 501 E. 75th street, 25 poodle dogs, 4 birds and 4 goldfish were found to be living in the rooms occupied by the woman by the police who made an investigation.

Census figures reveal that approximately 1,000,000 children are living in remote mountain districts of the Southern United States.

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for Joseph Nobles, 17 year old negro boy, who was drowned in Contentnea creek Friday. The lad with a companion was learning to swim. The plank on which he was lying slipped from under him, and in the confusion the boy lost his hold and was drowned before assistance came. The body was found immediately afterwards by a passerby who dived for it.

The accident occurred about a mile from town at a swimming hole near the creek bridge.