

Effort To Protect N. C. Livestock

RALEIGH — In an effort to protect North Carolina livestock against Bang's disease, bovine tuberculosis and other infectious diseases, Dr. L. J. Faulhaber, chief of the State Department of Agriculture's veterinary division, has instructed livestock inspectors to enforce strictly a regulation aimed at preventing the entry of diseased cattle from other states.

He said recent reports from inspectors indicate that a considerable number of cattle from neighboring states are being brought to North Carolina auction markets in violation of a regulation requiring compliance with minimum health standards. This regulation stipulates that cattle entering the state, except for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by a proper health certificate signed by an accredited

veterinarian approved by the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin.

Two convictions for violation of this regulation were recently obtained in Mecklenburg county, Dr. Faulhaber said. In both instances truck drivers for cattle dealers were found guilty of bringing cattle to a Charlotte livestock auction market, with out having obtained health certificates.

"The purpose of this regulation," the veterinarian said, "is to safeguard our livestock industry against the spread of the dreaded Bang's disease and other infectious maladies. We have spent many thousands of dollars to eradicate Bang's and tuberculosis in North Carolina and we now have the finest record of any state in the union in the control of Bang's disease. Our dairy and beef cattle herds represent an investment of millions of dollars and we cannot afford to jeopardize them by permitting the entry from other states of unauthorized animals that may be diseased."

"Most of those in the livestock business are cooperating, wholeheartedly with us by scrupulously observing the regulations. They realize the importance of adequate control measures as a means of protecting a growing industry. Some violations occur, however, and we are determined to stamp them out in the interest of all concerned."

Dr. Faulhaber suggested that livestock dealers and shippers obtain a copy of "Health Regulations Governing Admission of Live Stock and Poultry into North Carolina" by writing the Veterinary Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. Most veterinarians in other states shipping cattle to North Carolina, he said, are familiar with these regulations and are supplied with the proper forms for the execution of animal health certificates.

Tracy's Racer Finishes Seventh

J. Tracy McGinnis, local automobile dealer and garage man, had a racer entered in the dirt track races at Southern States Fairground in Charlotte last Sunday.

Fred Bailes, of Beckley, West Virginia, driving the local sportsman's racer, stuck with the leaders to finish seventh in the 25-lap main event.

Bailes ran 2nd and 4th in qualifying runs, with a large number of local racing fans making the trip to watch the races.

Beer Taxes Increase; Local Units Benefit

Raleigh. — Beer taxes collected by the State in May totaled \$381,057.51, a sizeable increase over the \$347,636.36 collected in May of 1947, according to figures released by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

In the first five months of 1948, the State has collected a total of \$2,095,658.55 in beer taxes, an increase of nearly a half-million dollars over the \$1,530,436.92 collected in the first five months of last year.

These figures do not include beer taxes collected by local and Federal government units.

Half of the beer revenue collected by the State is being set aside for distribution on a per capita basis to counties and municipalities in which beer is licensed to be sold. The local government units will receive their share of the money next fall for the year ending September 30.

The year's share going to local governments is expected conservatively to total well over \$3,000,000, with the estimate based on the current trend in collections. None of the money goes to counties and municipalities in which beer is not licensed to be sold.

The new beer money was made available to local government units when the 1947 General Assembly doubled the crown tax on beer, effective last July 1. Many local units used their first quarter's share to pay for needed services and equipment. In some places the new revenue permitted tax reductions or prevented increases in local taxes.

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Don't forget that hilarious Donkey Softball game Friday night between the Lions and Kiwanians. It's been rumored that some of the donkeys are a bit on the mulish side and it'll be quite a test for the rider.

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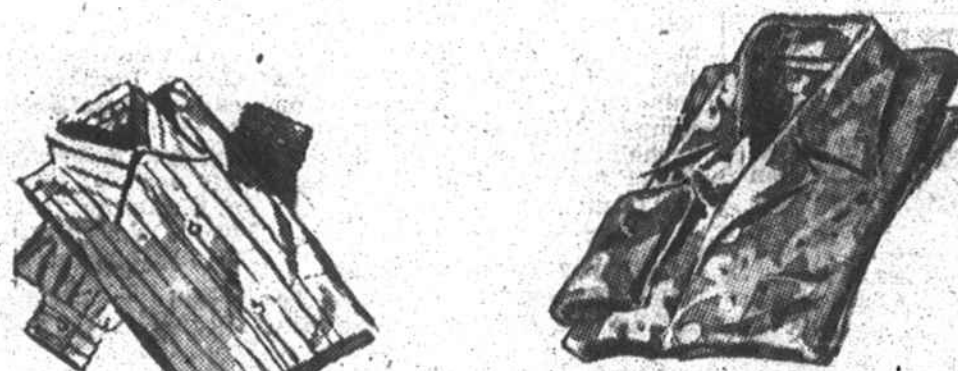
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