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Mecklenburg Tackles A Tax Problem

TAX dodging may never replace base-tax as America's national pastime but it is certainly riding the crest of a new and alarming wave of popularity.

Government cannot be operated in a vacuum. It takes the earnest cooperation of all democracy's partners—men and women and corporations who are willing to assume their responsibilities equally.

Too many Americans look upon tax evasion as some sort of sport in which the citizen matches his wits against the tax collector to see how much he can get away with.

These attitudes need correcting. Mecklenburg county tax supervisor is on the right track.

A Friend Of Good Government

THE DEATH in Raleigh of George Cooper Franklin has saddened government circles in Tar Heel towns and cities from Manteo to Murphy.

Mr. Franklin was not only a completely ignorant legislator, he was active in the movement which resulted in passage of the Powell Bill—under which municipalities now receive state aid to help them pave and maintain their streets.

Mr. Franklin was an outstanding authority on municipal law and legislation. He was particularly skillful in his work with the General Assembly, in which he handled considerable legislation of great benefit to North Carolina municipalities.

The Little Man Who Wasn't There

WE ARE informed, by the ASSOCIATED PRESS, that a 74-year-old secretary of state in Wisconsin who is a "foe of Sen. McCarthy" won nomination for his eleventh term.

We are also told that "a frequent critic of Sen. McCarthy, Rep. Stuyvesant Wainwright II of New York" there is also could be from with that name?

This insistence upon bringing McCarthy into the story reminds us of a recent editorial in the Washington Star.

Then there's the "Five Thousand To

Fifteen" method, in which a speaker devotes five thousand words to the need for, say, more bird watching.

During the 1951 legislature, he was active in the movement which resulted in passage of the Powell Bill—under which municipalities now receive state aid to help them pave and maintain their streets.

Meeting in the midst of widespread controversy over the activities of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the Daughters of the American Revolution completely ignored the Wisconsin Republican in their opening session.

At this rate, the press will soon have the Kremlin inner circle divided into pro-McCarthy and anti-McCarthy factions.

We think it would be a good idea to ignore the little man when he isn't really there.

Welcome To Kagawa, A Great Christian

JUST over 50 years ago a Presbyterian missionary from Kentucky converted a 15-year-old Japanese boy. Thus began the thrilling Christian life of one of the most remarkable men of his age.

Dr. Kagawa is one of these individuals who simply does his job better than most men do, and his job is being a Christian.

social welfare work, organizing churches, cooperatives and labor unions, plumbing for slum clearance and protection of the poor from "loan sharks."

During World War II he was branded a "peace worker" and jailed. Since then he has been in great demand as a speaker at Christian gatherings throughout the world and is now on one of his frequent tours.

Some of the Christian sects in Japan don't agree with Dr. Kagawa's methods. Some "don't like me," he once observed, adding typically, "But I like them."

They Keep Out The Fly-By-Nighters

THE Thanksgiving season is a way off yet, but it's never too soon for a community to acknowledge voluntary service in its behalf.

The board reviews the qualifications of the many organizations that seek permission to ask you for donations. Established by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and aided by the Better Business Bureau, the Board judges solicitation requests by standards like these:

Is the group's disbursing officer bonded? Would this group's work duplicate that of another organization?

Has it provided a complete accounting of its financial affairs? Is the fund raising to be directed by local persons or organizations?

Would solicitation costs consume a reasonably small proportion of the money raised?

the board does not mean that the group requesting approval is fraudulent. Perhaps it just hasn't provided sufficient information for the board to make an evaluation.

Eight men and women have done this job for the community this year. They are, in addition to Chairman Aitken, Hugh C. Spence, A. Polzer, John Knott, Courtney Mauzy, Mrs. H. D. Nelson, C. G. Sellers and Mrs. W. B. Sullivan.

Along about this time of the year it is just as well that the amateur gardener can't find the seed catalog or the packages and compare what he managed to grow with the luscious pictures that prompted his selection.

My wife has been bragging that she has been married to the same man for 17 years. That's not so. I haven't been the same man since the first year—Covington (Ky.) DISPATCH.

Moonshine: Big Business Again For The Bootlegger

(Editors' Note: This account of one of America's oldest racketeers was excerpted from U. S. News & World Report, an independent weekly news magazine published at Washington.)

BOOTLEGGING of whiskey is on the rise again. Bootleggers are increasing in numbers. They are using bigger stills. They are organizing into gangs. And they have become prime targets of the Internal Revenue Service.

That service has increased the staff of investigators in the Alcohol Tax Unit from 850 to 950 and has assigned a special task force to Virginia with orders to break up bootleg gangs believed to be operating in the Richmond-Norfolk area.

legging is increasing in many places. More illegal stills were found in Oregon last year than in any year since 1933, when national prohibition was repealed.

FORMING IN DIXIE The real worry over bootlegging at this time is the reappearance of organized syndicates that apparently are well financed, big and tough. They have been found operating near major eastern cities, including New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and evidently are forming in the South.

The South has long led the nation in individual bootlegging operations. Out of 10,704 stills seized by federal agents in the year ended June 30, 1953, the majority, 7,714, were found in five southern states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

"Universally" southern moonshine distillers present the ultimate in pollution and filth. Most of them are in mucky locations beside a stream, lake, pond, river or mudhole. Many are frequented by swine and other animals.



TAR HEEL MOONSHINE'S EQUIPMENT: 'The Ultimate in Pollution'

habitually. The investigators find, at times, the carcasses of skunks, crows, opossums and, occasionally, hogs, in various stages of decomposition, in the fermenting mash. "POPSKULL" Today, however, organized syndicates are moving into the South, flooding that area's new industrial centers with high-potency "pop-stull" as the illegal liquor is popularly known.

The alcohol is usually put into five-gallon cans and sent to "dump" warehouses, where the wholesalers of the bootleg trade take over. The wholesaler "cuts" the raw alcohol one by one by mixing a gallon of water with each gallon of alcohol.

Retailers in this illicit business include "suitcase peddlers," who do not take a product and offer him some allegedly good whiskey at wholesale prices. When the phrase in the racket-riders' 20s "It just came off the boat" the line now is, "It's part of a shipment hijacked from a track."

Another approach to the problem is urged by the legal distillers. They argue that, at long as taxes on whiskey remain as high as they are now, the profits to be made from bootlegging will stand out as an attraction that is bound to interest more and more criminals.

'Just A Nice, Invigorating — Cough — North Breeze'



'Like A Kid At Christmas'

The Hunter Loves What He Stalks

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THESE birds came today. The real big heads. A couple of Tommies I had forgotten. Some Great geeze, and three gorgeous golden impala, and a slew of zebras.

animal's life expectancy expires. This little dik-dik, for instance, with the fantastic horns, all of four inches long.

as you sit to a bartender. I can remember seeing the white of the eyes of the tickbird that clung, upended to the nose of an old cow buffalo, as the bird pecked away at the vermin in her nostrils.

All right, so call me a kid. Somebody noticed he had wonderful armament—for a dik-dik. I could tell you, if pressed, everything that happened on the day of the dik-dik with the wonderful four-inch horns.

SCARED STIFF Enormous great Cape buffalo, enormous great bates. One's half afraid as big as the other. But the little one's the one that darn near killed me.

When the Republican politicians seen a little more scared than usual, and the Democrats a little more confident than usual, and when the spectator sportsmen are thinking of doing a little plunging, if he could find Republicans willing to lay, say, 7 to 5 on Bender.

IT'S LOVE This is what the vegetarians never understand about hunters. They will never be around to believing that what makes a hunter hunt is not a blood lust, but the hunting and for the place he's hunting it, and for the hunt itself, not the actual business of killing.

But what I am able to remember of the day that the little one scared me was that Harry Selby and I sat motionless in a herd of five hundred buffalo, who fed as close to us

BARLEY FAVORED In Kentucky, hardly anyone thinks that the Republican incumbent, the able and extremely popular Sen. John Sherman Cooper, has much of a chance.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HERE is some of the background regarding the hitherto unpublished, now headlined in Queeney, by the National Security Council, journeyed out to Denver.

Dulles Omits Queмой—Reds Wonder

the defense of which he considered to be a primary interest to the United States. Mr. Acheson was accused of inviting Red aggression against South.

Queмой Quandary

A few days later, Aug. 7, Sen. Kuchel of California further highlighted the aggressive quarrel by making a speech at the Republican state convention in California.

Inside The Committee

Most interesting development inside the Senate censure committee is that Sen. McCarthy may not be censured for basing out on Erig. Gen. Ralph Zwicker.

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It was this quandary plus some collateral factors which finally led to the meeting. The collateral factors were: A group of U. S. naval and military men are convinced that the United States sooner or later must face a showdown in the Pacific and that it would be better to have a preventive war now than later.