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WHO GETS THE MONEY?

A special to The Times from Baton Rouge last week stated exemption boards of Louisiana are still drawing money from the federal treasury for attending to their duties, at the rate of approximately \$12,500 a month, notwithstanding the request of Gov. Pleasant that such services be rendered as a patriotic duty.

Louisiana has 90 of these boards so that the monthly average, if I drew an equal amount of money, would be \$140 each. But not all of the boards draw the money. Since The Times opened up the topic several months ago, Calcasieu and Shreveport boards have shown a clean bill of health, followed by De Soto and now by Natchitoches, regarding whose services the current issue of the Enterprise:

It goes without saying that Natchitoches will not cry out "Mea Culpa", etc.

The Times also printed a letter from one parish where the local board draw pay. Of five parishes reporting, four took none of Uncle Sam's money. It seems reasonable therefore, to infer that many of the boards are complying with the governor's request to donate their services. It follows that the boards which draw salaries draw much more, on an average, than \$140 a month each.

As a matter of justice, it seems to us, the original request of The Times should be complied with.

The governor should make public the exemption board pay rolls, showing which boards or members have drawn money and to what extent, and which have served for nothing and are entitled to places on the honor roll.

Unless this is done, the governor should withdraw his request of nearly a year ago and give all the boards a chance at the treasury.

Hon. Phanor Breazeale's idea about patriotic exercises in the schools is all right but why did he go hiking off to New Orleans for a war conference when he had a better one within three hours of home? Shreveport Times.

Germany is sure out of luck in the Trotsky peace situation as well as in the matter of the Ukrainian separate peace both of which appear likely to react seriously against the Teuton military leaders.

Not for the purpose of developing oratory but to train so as to be able to take part in the effective participations of public affairs a number of business men of Seattle, Wash. are taking a course in public speaking at the State University.

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MR. SIMPKINS PAYS HIS INCOME TAX

By ROBERT McBLAIR.

Mr. Simpkins gazed at the portrait on the wall till his eyes filled with tears. It was a portrait of his father, Colonel Simpkins, who had four times been promoted for valor during the Civil War and had died bravely on the field of action. Mr. Simpkins' throat ached now for two reasons: First, he revered and adored the memory of his father; secondly, his age and his eyes and his game leg wouldn't let him go to war himself. And as he observed the martial bearing and uncompromising gaze of Colonel Simpkins he saw, in imagination, the khaki clad lads of the new generation marching forth and crossing three thousand miles of sea to fight, maybe die, for liberty.

Mr. Simpkins peered around to make sure that neither Bess nor John (who were at the teasing ages of sixteen and seventeen) were where they could see him, then he straightened and threw his right arm up for a salute. But his gouty shoulder twinged, and he groaned. He couldn't even salute.

"Damn!" said Mr. Simpkins, and with his other hand fiercely twirled his

was \$250 more added to his burden. And on top of all this came an "Excess Profits" tax of 8 per cent. on all "occupation" income over \$6,000, making \$720 more.

The total, then, he must pay was four hundred and thirty-four dollars.

"Whew!" exclaimed Mr. Simpkins angrily. "There's young Henry Wilkins, who married Jake Johnson's girl, he makes \$2,000 and he doesn't pay a cent of taxes. I guess this is his war as well as mine."

Thinking of young Henry Wilkins, he remembered that Mrs. Wilkins went every afternoon to make bandages for the Red Cross and that Henry, who was a lawyer, was aiding the Local Draft Board with its questionnaires.

"Well," he admitted to himself, "that makes a difference."

He thought next of Judge Willoughby, whose income was about \$3,000.

"He only pays \$20," commented Mr. Simpkins, not quite so angrily this time; and then a thought struck him and he sat up rigidly in his chair.

Judge Willoughby's son had been drowned on the Tuscania when it was submerged with the loss of two hundred soldiers.

"Judge Willoughby gave his son to America," muttered Mr. Simpkins.

He leaned forward suddenly and put his face in his hands.

For a long time Mr. Simpkins sat

this thoughtless manner every day. In the aggregate it is a large amount and should be eliminated. Try cutting your allowance to one teaspoonful or one average cube of sugar to the cup. This amount, if entirely dissolved, will satisfy most tastes.—L. S. U. Press Bulletin.

GIVE YOUR POULTRY AN EARLY START

Early Hatched Pullets Will Lay in Fall and Winter.

Hatch Chickens Early.—Early hatched chicks are stronger, more thrifty, and mature more rapidly. Early pullets will lay in fall and winter when eggs are scarce and high in price.

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So one cup of corn meal, dear sister, scald well;

Then add to the same one cup of Graham

And a cup and a half of soft white flour;

Of molasses one cup, and an egg beaten up;

And one cup of milk that's turned sour;

A teaspoon of soda will lightly raise this;

Add one of salt or no one will praise this;

Stir it up well and tenderly steam it

And be very sure all will declare it

A greater treat than the finest cake

That you could bake or they could eat.

These directions are perfectly correct and the result is "perfectly delicious" when they are followed. Many recipes omit the egg, but it helps to keep the loaf moist after it is baked. A loaf made over this recipe may be put away for several days and then reheated and used and will be as fresh and good tasting as when first made.

The handsome sum of \$90.15 was cleared by the pupils of the Training School when they gave a splendid patriotic program recently for the Junior Red Cross benefit. It was not only one of the best planned but best rendered entertainments given in a long time and was much enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

By request, The Enterprise publishes the following schedule, so that when relatives or friends visit Camp Beauregard they may know just the hours they will be allowed to see their soldier boys:

Wednesday and Thursday 12:30 to 8 p m
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white mustaches. He turned and limped into the library and sat down creakily before the mahogany desk on which were lying the blanks for his income tax statement, blanks which he had rather grumpily got from the Internal Revenue officer only that day after luncheon on his way home from the club.

Mr. Simpkins' income for 1917 had amounted to just about \$15,000, and he had been rather snappy on the subject of taxes ever since he had discovered that the more income a man has the greater the percentage of it he pays in taxes. He could think of several men who, like himself, were married and had two children, and yet, although their incomes were nearly half of his, they would pay only a small fraction of the amount he paid.

He gloomily drew the blank nearer and began filling in the information that it asked for.

As Mr. Simpkins' income was \$15,000 he had to figure out the amounts payable on each of the successive smaller classes of incomes in order to arrive at the total due from himself. He passed over the first class who must pay taxes, that is, single men making over 1,000. His calculation for married men then showed up as follows:

First, they pay 2 per cent. (under the 1918 law) on all income over \$4,000, deducting \$200 for each of their children under eighteen years. In Mr. Simpkins' case this was \$212, which he put down in the "payable" column.

He saw next that, under the 1917 law, married men pay an additional 2 per cent. on all over \$2,000—with the same allowance for children. This added \$252 to his "payable" column.

He then observed that for every \$2,500 jump in his income over \$5,000 he had to pay a Surtax, the percentage growing larger with each jump. This

was still in that position. There was no sound in the library except the ticking of the tall clock and an occasional trill of laughter from the children skylarking upstairs. The square of light on the carpet gradually withdrew itself through the window, and first twilight and then darkness settled in about the quiet, white haired, sometimes irascible old man.

Mr. Simpkins was thinking things which he would never afterward speak of, he was thinking things that were too sacred ever to be put into words. But some inkling of his thoughts may be found in his rejoinder to Mrs. Simpkins when that placid lady came in and turned on the lights, and asked him whether he was ready for dinner.

"Judge Willoughby's only son was worth as much as fourteen hundred and thirty-four dollars, wasn't he?" Mr. Simpkins demanded of her.

As his wife, who was not unused to his superficial irritations, watched him in mild astonishment, Mr. Simpkins limped out to the hall and took his old felt hat and silver-headed cane from the hat rack. Letting himself out into the foggy evening, he tapped his way down to the corner, and mailed his income tax statement and check with his own hands.

"Now, God be thanked," said Mr. Simpkins as the lid clanked shut over his misadventure, "I can do this much for my country, anyhow."

CARELESS USE OF SUGAR CAUSES WASTE

Oversweetening coffee, tea, and other table beverages is a common habit and means needless waste of sugar. Often much of the sugar is not dissolved and remains in the bottom of the cup to be thrown away. Thousands of people waste sugar in

eggs are lost annually by not observing this rule.

Market Cockerels Early.—Dispose of the surplus cockerels early and cut down feed costs. Retain all thrifty pullets and they will earn you a profit. The cockerels will not.

A Hundred Hens On Every Farm.—One hundred hens or more on every farm means profit and patriotism. It will double the output of eggs and poultry meat and thus help solve the Nation's food supply.—L. S. U. Press Bulletin.

LESCHÉ.

A very important meeting of this club was held Monday night, when much business was disposed of. The matter of holding the postponed district meeting of last year of the Federation was discussed and left to the state president, which if she deems necessary, will be held here in April with Lesche as hostess.

Plans for the Better Baby week were discussed. Child Welfare and Program committees for next year were appointed and Lesche decided to tax each member like the Epual Suffrage Club, for the Y. W. C. A. War Committee fund.

The lesson was Hygiene and Sanitation, very interestingly discussed by Misses Newell, Nelken and Mrs. M. C. Cunningham.

Mrs. James Kemper of New Orleans was the guest of the evening.

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NATCHITOCHESS LOUISIANA

Work of the drilling for gas and oil at Grande Ecore goes on apace but just what the prospects are for reaching either or both are not definitely known as the promoters are just "sawing wood and saying nothing."

But the persistent fact that the work continues in spite of innumerable set backs, proves that there must be strong hopes for finding what they are drilling for and then—well that will be another story.

Natchitoches parish farmers are mobilizing their resources for large crops and satisfactory returns and will make not only the State but the nation sit up and take notice by their contribution in food and feed.

Our business people are giving all the assistance in their power and all are as one united in hope faith and courage to do their share to help win the war, and our strength and patriotism will be fully realized when peace comes.

The old theory that poultry raising requires very little capital not much labor and no worry, has been exploded into thin air, because it takes some money these days to buy just an ordinary every day broiler or fryer to say nothing of an old hen, much industry, considerable interest and plenty of thoughtful care.

The value of a motor truck to a farmer is increasing day by day as farm labor becomes scarce and horse feed higher, its advantages are becoming more appreciated as a time saver in taking men to and from distant fields, hauling building material, standing without hitching and not having to be fed and given the care faithful farm animals are entitled to after a hard day's work when the manure as tired as the workhorse.

Between the parishes, state and federal government, Louisiana has 600 men employed, 3000 vats built and at least the biggest percent of the tick infested area has begun the spring drive to free the State of the pest by the close of the dipping season.

Federal representatives supervise the work done by the parish vat inspectors who are directly under the State Live Stock Sanitary Board. Forty six vats were built in our parish within the past month and excellent work is being done by G. E. Ellis who has his headquarters in town, while constantly making the rounds.

A PROBLEM IN GEOGRAPHY

A soldier desirous of obeying the rules of the censors writes: "I am sorry I cannot tell you where I am because I am not allowed to say. But I venture to state that I am not where I was just before I left here to go where I have just come from."

After April 1st without any fooling, the government is going to take the coal industry under its rigid control.

Not as a surmized statement, but as a known fact it is announced that the fuel shortage of the winter that has caused terrible suffering among those able to pay for it as well as among the poor, has been entirely due to lack of transportation facilities and not to coal shortage and this problem is still far from solution.

Louisiana's salt mines are the greatest on the western hemisphere and are remarkable for their purity.

Geologists are satisfied that rock salt underlies Natchitoches, were before the war, the "salt beds" near Grande Ecore were very much in demand and mined in a primitive way for this section of the State.

Like the boll weevil to the cotton so has the borer injured the sweet potato industry in certain sections of Louisiana.

Natchitoches parish has been entirely free of this pest so far and it would be taking the ounce of prevention if our parish solons at the next sessions which is due now very soon, issue stringent quarantine against the introduction of potatoes from any locality infected by the borer.

The sweetest and all around good potatoes are grown right here and an increase in acreage is taken as a matter of course like the increase of corn and other food and feed stuffs as it will be a crop very much in demand and promises to be a great industry for all Louisiana.

The newspapers of this country, big and little alike have shown themselves worthy of absolute trust in every activity of the war, and are doing their bit, alright.

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