

VILLAGE RESENTS QUESTIONS ASKED BY WPA PROBERS

NECEDAH RESIDENTS COUNT-ER WITH OWN QUESTIONS ASKED OF "STANDARD OF LIVING" CANVASSERS.

Necedah, Wis.—Growing resentment is apparent among the residents of this village and vicinity against the activities of a group of WPA canvassers who are engaged in conducting a "standard of living" survey in parts of Juneau, Jackson, Monroe and Wood counties. The survey, which was started several weeks ago, was set up for the purpose of securing data for the Rural Resettlement Administration which plans to move about 200 families off of so-called sub-marginal land in the area.

The canvassers are not only calling up the families included in the resettlement program, but also upon several hundred others, asking detailed information concerning their standard of living. Their questions cover every imaginable phase of family income and living habits, even down to the amount of salt and pepper used in the household.

Called Privacy Violation
Terming the survey "an inquisition into the people's private affairs," a group of Necedah residents recently compiled a mock questionnaire which was distributed among a number of families with the request that they ask the WPA canvassers to answer the questions contained therein before giving out any information on their standard of living. In at least several instances this has been done.

The mock questionnaire, labeled "Form B-069," contains the following instructions: "This form should be filled out by all canvassers seeking data concerning the private affairs of individuals or information concerning intimate details of family life, except assessors, census takers and others engaged in carrying out the provisions of the law." Among the questions asked are: "With what school, college, department or snooping agency are you connected?" "Speak English or college jargon?" "Do you drink or read true story magazines?" "What brand of cigarettes do you smoke, and which brand in your opinion has the greatest charge of vitamins Q, P, Z and B-plus?" Further questions asked by "Form B-069" are: "Ever been on relief?" "Ever been off?" "Do you think you will be any better off if I tell you all I know about myself, family, relatives and neighbors?" "Do you promise to give information received as much publicity as possible if such information supports your theories and forget it if it does not?" The questionnaire winds up with this: "Do you think these questions are any crazier than those you expect others to answer?"

Accomplishes Results
The form contains a space for a notary public's signature and seal. Information is lacking as to whether any of these questionnaires have ever been filled out, but it is believed by the group which conceived the idea of "Form B-069" that it has accomplished the desired results in several instances.

Casper Holmann, one of the individuals interviewed by the WPA canvassers, said that he stood the interview pretty well until they got down to the question about the amount of pepper used in his household, whereupon he put an end to the inquiry with the remark that "he didn't know exactly, but he thought about a ton." He then went on about his work, leaving them to ponder over the question of his sanity or, at least, his sincerity.

Mrs. Peter Blystad, an old and respected resident, said that the investigators took up about two hours of her time and came back later for more information, and that the questions were of a very personal nature and embarrassing in the extreme. She was asked, among other things, how many times she had attended church during the past year, how much she had contributed to the church, how much butter, salt, pepper and spices were used in the household, how many cans of salmon were purchased during the past year, if the furniture and everything about the house was paid for, and if all the current and outstanding bills of the family were paid.

Another woman resident cut the interview short with the declaration that she was providing for herself and wasn't asking them for anything. She offered the suggestion that the canvassers take their questionnaire elsewhere, where it would be better appreciated.

In explanation of their motive in issuing "Form B-069" for submission to the canvassers, the Necedah group issued the following statement:

Study Living Conditions
"Local interest in the standard of living survey, being made throughout the resettlement area near Necedah, has caused a committee of citizens to prepare a counter-questionnaire for the purpose of getting a check on the checkers and throw some light on the character of those engaged in the work as well as the organization for whom they work. The committee may have been prompted by the personal nature of the inquisition and through satire and humor sought to meet the situation with a counter-questionnaire of their own."

In announcing the standard of living survey on April 6, George Hill, state supervisor of resettlement research, said:

"In an effort to determine how much money these families will need in order to get along in the new communities to which they are to be moved, a study will be made of their present standard of living. To compare living conditions in town and

Together Again After 8 Years



Frank Vakoc was back home this week again eight years after he went off on a fishing trip, leaving Mrs. Vakoc and five children on their farm near Milladore. The mystery of his disappearance was solved with his return as he told a story of losing all recollection of whom he was until a short time ago. Monday, he came home to his family, who had given him up as dead, and a happy reunion followed. He is shown above with Mrs. Vakoc in the yard of their farm home.

Mr. Vakoc will leave again for Madelia, Minn., but this time Mrs. Vakoc will accompany him, and the eldest son, Ladd, will run the farm. A divorce, obtained by Mrs. Vakoc, will be obviated by remarriage. The couple was first married in 1907. Two other sons, Leonard and Victor, and two daughters, Mary and Mathilda, are the children.

COUNTY SEAT BRIEFS



Marriage Licenses
Henry Mlsna, Nekosia, and Anastasia Kinsman, Port Edwards.

Transfers of Title
Otto and Clara Neitzel, to Mrs. Otto Waley: Lot 11, block 7, Overlook Heights addition to Wisconsin Rapids.

Rose M. Claussen, to Catherine Schenk: Part of government lot 4, section 18, town of Grand Rapids.

Julius E. and Irene Johnson, to Walter and Edith Lezotte: Lots 5 and 6, block 38, Wood's second addition to Wisconsin Rapids.

Etta Rouer, to John Chrystal: Part of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of section 14, town of Port Edwards.

George and Della Atwood, to George H. and Mabel Marco: Part of NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of section 20, town of Grand Rapids.

J. H. and Frances Cundy, to Theodore and Margaret Adler: P 1-2 of N 1-2 of lot 4, block "B", Philip Adler's second addition to Marshfield.

Frank and Nina Garber, to George and Della Atwood: Part of NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of section 20, town of Grand Rapids.

Frank J. and Dora Korbak, to Almond Zellmer: Part of lot 3, block 62, Nekosia Paper Company's addition to Nekosia.

W. W. and Rose Witt, to Leonard and Beata Witt: Part of NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of section 17, town of Grand Rapids.

Theodore and Eleanor Linzmaier, to James and Frank Hoffman: Part of NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of section 39, town of Milladore.

Probate Records
Real estate of Nellie Conant, deceased, town of Wood: Certificate terminating joint tenancy filed. Charles E. Briere, attorney.

Will of Theresa Karl, deceased, Auburndale: Dorothy Kindinger appointed executrix. Charles E. Briere, attorney.

Estate of George Baiert, deceased, Auburndale: Joe Baiert appointed administrator. Charles E. Briere, attorney.

Estate of L. M. Nash, deceased, Wisconsin Rapids: C. M. and George A. Nash appointed administrators. Hugh W. Goggins, attorney.

Will of Peter Heiser, deceased, Marshfield: Petition for probate of will filed. Pors and Pors, attorneys.

Estate of Frank Brehm, deceased, Wisconsin Rapids: William Brehm appointed administrator de bonis non. J. J. Jeffrey, attorney.

Estate of Frank Brehm, deceased, Wisconsin Rapids: Petition for administration filed. J. J. Jeffrey, attorney.

Will of N. P. Anderson, deceased, Milladore: William J. Clark appointed administrator with will annexed. Charles E. Briere, attorney.

Will of William Reinheimer, deceased, Marshfield: Petition for probate of will filed. John F. Cole, attorney.

BLAME CARBON GAS

Superior, Wis., April 29.—(AP)—Lawrence Edquist, 45, died yesterday shortly after he stepped from the cab of a road grader and complained of fumes coming from the motor. It was believed carbon monoxide gas caused his death.

CURTAIN WPA IN MILWAUKEE

FUNDS DWINDLING AND ELABORATE PLANS HAVE TO BE CUT; 12,000 ON PAYROLLS.

Milwaukee, April 29.—(AP)—Curtainment of the works progress administration program in Milwaukee began today after district Director Roy Charnock told Roland E. Stoelting, commissioner of public works, funds were dwindling and the elaborate plans would have to be cut.

Hold Up Programs
The Milwaukee program includes a \$5,000,000 street improvement project well under way. About 12,000 persons are on the payrolls.

Stoelting ordered department heads to hold up their programs, cease planning work beyond the middle of next month and refrain from ordering more materials and equipment.

Projects now under way were ordered speeded to completion before materials and funds are cut off. R. W. Gamble, street construction superintendent, said he feared several streets now torn up may be unable to be reconditioned before the deadline.

Situation Distressing
"Just at the time of the year when we expected a break from the weather which would permit us to get this most necessary work under way, we are told there is no money," Stoelting said. "The situation is acute and distressing."

He said the only chance of continuing without lost time would come from approval by congress of more funds.

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To The Editor:
Can the dairy farmer compete with the oleo cow?

A typical formula for manufacturing oleo from vegetable oils was made for the committee on agriculture by former Representative Brigham. It is as follows: 800 pounds of coconut oil, 100 pounds of palm oil, 100 pounds of peanut oil, 35 pounds of salt, 300 pounds of milk.

This formula will produce approximately 1,150 pounds at a cost, based on prices of September, 1935, of 9.89 cents per pound. You will note that only 100 pounds of oils

come from a domestic product, while 900 pounds come from abroad.

How is it possible for the dairy farmer of our country to meet that kind of competition? It is up to us to help solve his problem. Oleo has increased during a single year from 12 to 34 per cent. The amount of oleo sold last year in the United States was equal to 7,413,631,046 pounds of milk or the equivalent of the production of 1,482,000 cows. The year before there were 506,939,321 pounds of milk or the equivalent of the production of 1,012,000 cows.

These figures are startling and show us the menace our dairy farmer is facing. Most everything the American farmer raises is up against the same proposition. And yet this government will spend millions to help the farmers. When a person is sick, a good doctor tries to give his patient medicine that will make him better. That is what this country needs today, the right kind of medicine, not something that will make this country worse. How many

men would be out of work today if it wasn't for this government spending the taxpayers' money? Why not import less and set our men to work?

Respectfully yours,
Ed Clack,
Pittsville, Wis.

Sacajawea 4-H Club To Present Plays

Auburndale.—(Special)—The Sacajawea 4-H club will present two one act plays at the Auburndale high school gymnasium tonight, one of which will be selected to enter the county 4-H drama festival at a later date.

"Alice's Blue Gown" is the title of the first play and those taking part are: Patty, Christine Brayback; Miss Prescott, Elizabeth Byrnes; Alice, Evelyn Fuehrer; Dizzy, Mary Grace Aschenbrenner; Dodo, Luella Aschenbrenner; Lolo, Carol Anderson; Jane, Marjory Hilgart; Celeste,

Marian Krings; Prompter, Mary Ann Aschenbrenner.

The comedy, "My Cousin from Sweden", will be portrayed by: Karena, Carol Schroeder; Charlotte Mills, Lucy Drollinger; Ann Mills, Agnes Zwaschka; Hilda, Naomi Falen; Jeanette Johansen, Georgiana Baltus; Mae Preston, Verda Franz; Gladys Preston, Irene Manlick; Prompter, Marcella Markee. Ushers for the evening are Betty Aschenbrenner, Geraldine Baierl, Virginia O'Brien, Neva Swope. Loretta Brayback, assistant leader and Juanita Lawrie, leader, are directing.

FALLS DOWNSTAIRS, DIES

Burlington, Wis., April 29.—(AP)—Peter Klue, 78, was killed yesterday when he fell downstairs in his home. His son, Roy, said the aged man was subject to spells of dizziness.

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