

Three P's PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

This column was started by me to discuss and discuss private problems of individuals who submit their questions to this column. These inquiries to me will cover questions that come up in living, social, economic, business, life and career. All inquiries are handled in strictest confidence. All inquiries and questions should be addressed to "Three P's", care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C.

Dear Three P's:
From various articles I have been reading it would seem that the average taxpayer is paying his taxes to make millionaires of farmers under the government aid to farmers program. At one time I had great respect for farmers and from my reading of the history of the country farmers at one time were leaders in many fields of government activity. If only a portion of what is printed is true then the situation is indeed rotten. How did this come about?
—City Dweller.

Your question is a broad one and a complete detailed answer is outside the province of this column. However, an attempt will be made to give you some

idea of the situation which may not be a complete answer. Generally speaking the reasons for the development of the farm program are two: (1) During the depression the farmers, like a great many other people, were hard hit and an attempt was made to pump money into the hands of farmers to stimulate buying power; (2) An attempt was made to equalize the difference between what the farmer had to pay for the products of industry and the prices he received for farm products. However, this attempt to equalize this difference has created more inequities than the inequity it tried to correct, as is true in every field of economic and social activities where this is tried. During the war period to stimulate production the government adopted a policy of guaranteed fixed price support and it has continued ever since. This has resulted in huge crops and increased acreage to take advantage of the easy money. Then there have been other programs of aid to the farm such as soil conservation, tax exempt cooperatives and allow ances for federal gasoline taxes. The causes for the increased crops are two: (1) Increased acreage, which the governmen-

thought would be reduced; (2) Improved and more efficient farm machinery. The result is greatly increased crops leading to large surpluses which have to be bought by the government and stored at great cost. It must be said that all farmers do not profit from this program, but mostly the large operators in the mid-west and western areas of the country. The effect of all of this is many sided. First there is a lowering of the moral standard to make money out of a program designed to be of help. Secondly corporations have been formed to operate large areas to profit from the farm program. Then, there is the buying up or leasing of abandoned and non-productive land to put under the soil conservation program. The program was not designed for this purpose but to reduce acreage already in production and conserve the soil. There are a great many crops under the farm support program but the crops receiving the largest support are naturally the staple crops of wheat and corn. Of the many products in storage it has been said that a great many rot, are stolen or just disappear. Then it has been alleged that poorer grades of wheat have been imported from Canada and placed under the program. It has been claimed that many processing firms buy the products from the government at low prices and then sell them back to the military at outlandish profits. There are other effects of the program which cannot be enumerated here but one of the most trying effects is the political situation between this country and Canada and other wheat raising countries. We understand Canada in foreign markets to get rid of the wheat and this has an adverse effect on Canadian exports of wheat, and Canada is a large producer. Then the give away program to countries who previous bought from other wheat producing countries has upset the world markets. There are two phases of the program that are receiving public criticism: One the cooperatives—in the middle west these co-ops have grown into big business, they operate manufacturing plants, food processing plants and even hospitals. They are all tax exempt and it is claimed that they are socialist-communist parasite organizations feeding on the tax paying producing community.

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Then there is the effect on the non-farming community who are supporting the program. It is claimed that since the beginning of the program the government has invested between eighteen and twenty billion dollars; that the program for 1959-1960 calls for the expenditure of six billion in addition to one billion dollars per year for storage charges. Then there are a great many other charges for supervision and control of the stored crops; disposition and shipping and other controls. It is further stated other than for defense purposes, twenty cents of every tax dollar paid to the government goes to the farmer. This raises a question of whether this is not unconstitutional, taking the taxpayers' dollar for the benefit of a specific class in the community. It would be worth a test case before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Dear Three P's:
When I was seventeen I married a man in the military service. While he was stationed in this country we were very happy and have two children, a boy and a girl. Since he has been stationed abroad his letters are few and far between. In fact they are very cool letters and in one he even hinted at divorce. It is true I am receiving dependants' support allowance. He never answers my questions about going to live

with him. What should I do, for I do love him?
—Jessica.

Dear Jessica:
This, of course, is a situation unless handled properly could end in sad consequences of a divided family. In the first place in your letters to him do not be at all critical in any way; keep the burden on him. Then try to find out how long his tour of duty abroad will be. Keep your letters full of information about the children, how they are growing and developing and how they are waiting to see him when he returns. Keep yourself in the background other than to tell him that you miss him and love him. This treatment should have some effect on the tenacles of his heart and bring about a change in his attitude.

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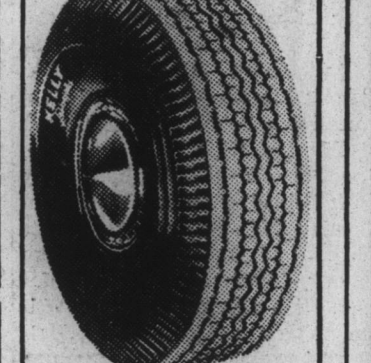
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Notice of Special Bond Election to be Held on Tuesday, October 27, 1959, in the State of North Carolina on the Issuance of the Following Bonds of the State of North Carolina:

- \$18,891,000 State Educational Institutions Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$12,053,000 State Mental Institutions Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$ 1,500,000 Community College Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$ 500,000 Hospital Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$ 100,000 State Armory Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$ 466,000 State Training School Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$ 140,000 State Blind Rehabilitation Center Capital Improvement Bonds
- \$ 500,000 North Carolina State Ports Bonds
- \$ 250,000 Historical Sites Construction And Restoration Bonds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Chowan County that Governor Luther H. Hodges, by Proclamation dated August 13, 1959, has called a special bond election to be held in each county of the State of North Carolina on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1959

at which the following questions will be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of North Carolina:

1. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$18,891,000 State Educational Institutions Capital Improvement Bonds of the State of North Carolina for capital improvements at the State's educational institutions and agencies?
2. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$12,053,000 State Mental Institutions Capital Improvement Bonds of the State of North Carolina for capital improvements at the state's mental institutions?
3. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$1,500,000 Community College Capital Improvement Bonds of the State of North Carolina for grants-in-aid for community college capital improvements?
4. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$500,000 Hospital Capital Improvements Bonds of the State of North Carolina for the purpose of providing funds for the participation by the State through the Medical Care Commission in local hospital construction?
5. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$100,000 State Armory Capital Improvements Bonds of the State of North Carolina for capital improvements for the North Carolina Armory Commission?
6. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$466,000 State Training School Capital Improvement Bonds of the State of North Carolina for capital improvements at the State's correctional institutions?
7. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$140,000 State Blind Rehabilitation Center Capital Improvement Bonds of the State of North Carolina for capital improvements at the State's Blind Rehabilitation Center?
8. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$500,000 North Carolina State Ports Bonds of the State of North Carolina for Port facilities at Southport, Brunswick County, North Carolina?
9. Shall the State of North Carolina contract a new debt on behalf of the State by the issuance of \$250,000 Historical Sites Construction and Restoration Bonds of the State of North Carolina?

The bonds referred to in each of the foregoing questions have been authorized by Chapter 1038 of the 1959 Session Laws of North Carolina entitled:

"An Act to authorize the issuance of bonds of the State to provide for capital improvements for State institutions and agencies and State aid to community colleges and for local hospital construction, subject to a vote of the qualified voters of the State".

Under instructions from the State Board of Elections the registration books for this special bond election will open on Saturday, October 3rd, 1959, at nine o'clock at the polling places, and remain open until sunset on Saturday, October 17th. The various registrars in the county will be at their polling places for registering voters on the three Saturdays of October 3rd, October 10th and October 17th. Those persons now registered do not have to register again in order to vote in this special election.

The polls for said election will be open from 6:30 A. M., to 6:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.
Dated this 10th day of September, 1959.

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