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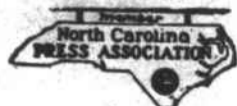
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## A Sorry Bargain

Proponents of Federal compulsory sickness insurance, as projected by the pending Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, use as one of their principal arguments the fact that some 30 nations have comparable plans in effect, some of them of long duration. But, as A. M. Simons has pointed out in the Christian Science Monitor, "No favorable evidence drawn from the working of such systems is ever presented. No unprejudiced visitor returns from any of these systems with praise for its operations or vital statistics of its accomplishments in improving the health of the people insured."

A great many experts have studied the operation of compulsory sickness insurance abroad, notably in England. Practically all of them have reported that doctors are overworked and are unable to give the ordinary patient the degree of individual attention he should have. And some English authorities have themselves come up with unfavorable testimony. For example, the Regional Medical Officer of the Department of Health for Scotland has observed that it was felt that England's National Insurance Act would "have some effect not only in diminishing the amount and duration of disabling illness," but would prove to be "an important preventive element." Instead, he found that both the number of cases of illness and their average duration had increased.

Compulsory government health insurance, in short, would cost our tax-burdened people four to six billion dollars a year—and in return for that we would get a system of bureaucratized medicine which has not been successful anywhere it has been tried. That would be a sorry bargain indeed.

lashes, yep—you're right—the honeymoon is over.

Persons in whom a spark of ambition reposes should not expect to set the town on fire in a day.

Remember the times when more automobile drivers than pedestrians were seen under automobiles?

## Borrowed Comment

NEW WILDLIFE COMMISSION  
(Greensboro Daily News)

Governor Cherry is following a sound course in indicating that he will name members of the new North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission as soon as possible so that they may familiarize themselves with the problems which they are to be called upon to handle and be ready to take over effectively and intelligently when the law creating this new commission becomes operative July 1.

This commission is going to have no easy time. It takes over in what has been a highly controversial field, it has to start from the beginning as a new agency and it faces the psychological handicap at least of having been given such a build-up that many more or less thoughtless North Carolinians are going to expect too much of it too soon. Repletion of game supplies simply cannot be accomplished overnight but will require a period of years.

Far be it from the Daily News to barge in on any of the gubernatorial considerations and prerogatives or responsibilities of the appointive power, but there are certain points in connection with the selection of these commission members which ought to be emphasized for the good of the cause which, so far as we are concerned, is used synonymously with the public interest. Wildlife of the state does not belong exclusively to the organization of sportsmen and conservationists who are largely responsible for action taken in this field by the lately adjourned Legislature; it belongs rather to the whole state and the Governor will undoubtedly keep that fundamental in mind in making his appointments. But advice and consultation with leadership of this organization are desirable. Full responsibility for selection and appointment of commission members rests upon the chief executive. But it is to be remembered that the new agency and its charted assignment represent the law and, we believe, the will of that part of the citizenry most vitally interested as indicated through their duly chosen representatives. The new arrangement ought to have every opportunity to work, to succeed and to accomplish what has been claimed for it; and that, in turn, presupposes that citizens will be chosen for membership who are sympathetic to the cause represented, whose foremost interest is in wildlife, its propagation and protection, and who will do their best to see that the program does succeed in its basic purposes and accountability.

The test of the new wildlife program lies in its unfolding; and in that unfolding the board which the Governor is now considering will be the key and determining figure. We do not expect the new board to be free of politics but we do expect politics to be subordinated and held to a minimum.

A gentleman is a husband who doesn't say anything when his wife forgets she's a lady.

Henry Wallace tells London that "the next war would cost the world \$1,000,000,000,000 and only a world-wide super new deal could prevent it." We hadn't realized that the alternatives were that grim.—Greensboro Daily News.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGET NICHOLS et al

### SHOPPING AWAY—

Some merchants wonder why ladies go away to larger cities and pay much more for the same merchandise that they could buy in their local stores.

A pair of shoes may be the same style, size and quality in North Wilkesboro as in Charlotte or Winston-Salem, and the price may be several dollars more there than here.

So, it is natural to wonder how the ladies figure they can afford to make those expensive trips and pay higher prices.

But have you ever stopped to think that the conversational value of a pair of shoes bought in Winston-Salem or Charlotte is much greater than those purchased at home?

When they get around the bridge table, at the lunch counter or in the beauty parlor it makes good conversation to say that their shoes came from so-and-so and cost \$24.95, PLUS TAX, adding that it was a shame that they just couldn't find a pair of shoes here which would fit. Often it is the case that they could have found a better shoe and a better fit locally at half the price, but the conversational value is nil.

A man now working in a store in North Wilkesboro used to

work in that company's store in Winston-Salem, and he was much amused while there at selling merchandise to North Wilkesboro people when he knew that his company's store in North Wilkesboro had the identical merchandise, made by the same manufacturer in the same sizes and styles and at the same price.

### WHADDAYA KNOW?—

The sins of omission were defined by a Sunday school child as the "sins we should have committed and didn't" . . . One handicap to gardening is that every time a man starts digging and finds worms he quits digging and goes fishing . . . It may be true that half the world does not know how the other half lives, but you couldn't apply that to a small town.

### END OF THE LINE—

A man slipped at the top of a long flight of stairs leading to a subway station and started sliding down. About midway he upset a lady who fell backwards into his lap and finished the trip with him. Reaching the bottom, the woman was too dazed to get up. Somewhat embarrassed, the man spoke politely: "Madam would you mind getting off now? This is as far as I go."

### POOR FROG—

The professor of biology was carefully unwrapping a package before his afternoon class explaining that he would show them a fine specimen of dissected frog. The package, however, proved to contain two sandwiches, a banana, two radishes and a hard boiled egg. The professor scratched his head in bewilderment as he muttered, "But I know I have already eaten my lunch!"

### PLEASE PUNCTUATE—

A funny old man told this to me

I fell in a snowdrift in June said he  
I went to a ball game out in sea  
I saw a jellyfish float up in a tree  
I found some gum in a cup of tea  
I stirred my milk with a big brass key  
I opened my door on my bended knee

I beg your pardon for this said he  
But 'tis true when told as ought to be  
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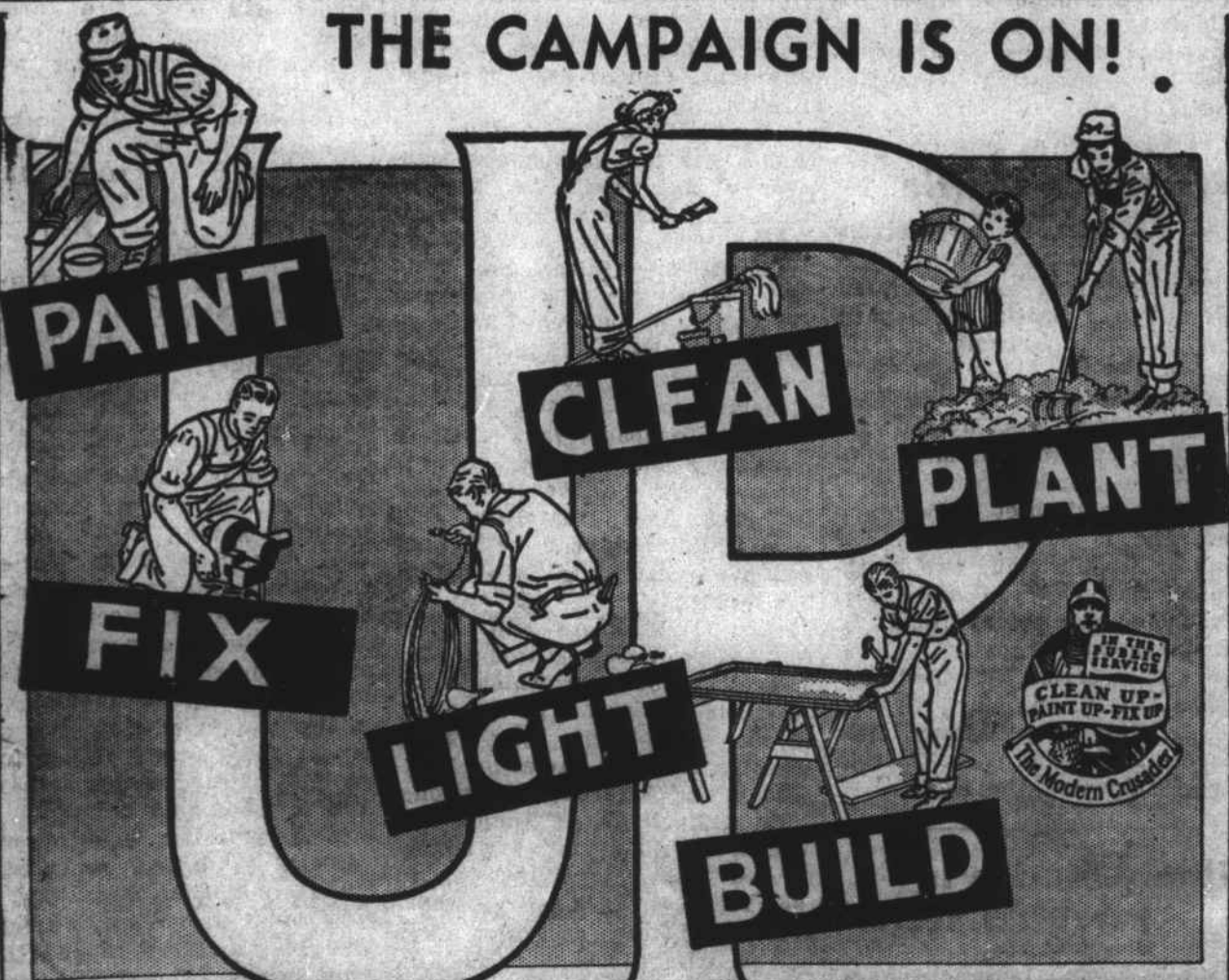
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