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### Stop And Think

Eastern North Carolina farmers, with some few exceptions, are entering one of the biggest gambles in their lifetime. They are turning their backs on the one certainty, and plunging into the production of tobacco irrespective of excessive stocks, world market conditions and prospective prices. The general belief that there was going to be a shortage of plants is without foundation, and the country is setting out right now to produce a billion pounds of tobacco, weather conditions considered.

Tobacco consumption, increased in past years when women turned to the cigarette and tiny tots assumed a mannish air and developed the "habit", has possibly reached its peak. Today there is no outlet in sight for increased tobacco production, but apparently the growers don't believe that startling fact, a fact that will face them in the form of starvation prices next fall.

With uncertainty surrounding the production of the crop from the time the seed are planted until the auctioneer "knocks it out" on the warehouse floor, the growers are apparently willing to enter into the gamble, and throw all reason and judgment to the four winds, overlooking some attractive possibilities that offer no gamble and which are bound up with a very certain degree of certainty in the solid conservation program.

In Martin County, the approximately 1,500 farmers have the opportunity of participating in the program to the extent of \$215,000.00 or approximately that amount. This year they are receiving approximately \$150,000 for participating in the program last year. How much will be available next year is a question tobacco farmers can and should answer for themselves right now. If they can raise an increased tobacco crop at a loss and continue to meet their obligations including the mortgage interest and principal, the tax collector's demands, the needs of their families and continue to operate next year, then it is their business to go bury their earnings in a tobacco patch and try and get it back. The farmer who retires at night after a hard day in the field with a foreclosure staring him in the face and the same thing staring him in the face the following morning, has no business trying to plant all his land to tobacco or even increasing his crop. If he does he is not playing fair with the economic system, but rather he is contributing to the economic upheaval that has made itself felt to the very foundation of our system of living and doing things.

Martin County farmers are urged to consider all the facts before they leap. They are asked to ignore the plans of the other fellow and settle down and give some serious thought to their own problem. Figure out how much you can make by participating in the conservation program as a certain thing, and eliminate as many of the bad features as possible from a gambling system that is bad at its best.

### To Balance a Budget

Asheboro Courier.  
People will do some funny things for money—and state legislatures, being made up of people, will act, in the mass, like human beings where money is concerned.

Take this proposal to balance the state budget by imposing a tax on slot machines. Of course, the tax is on "amusement" machines, but who ever saw a slot machine that was intended for gambling purposes?

The proposal brings the "one-armed bandits" out in the open, properly licensed as amusement devices, and makes them respectable as heavy contributors to the state revenue funds. Citizens will, it would seem, be doing a patriotic duty in patronizing the machines which balance the state budget, no matter what these machines may do to the personal budgets of those who are entertained.

It is asserted that at least 2,500 of the "one armed bandits" are operating in the state and "that they are there because the law enforcement officers will not enforce the law." And so, we'll make them respectable tax payers.

Oh, well, individuals and legislatures have done even funnier things than that, for money.

### Nazis And Don't Know It

Severe criticism has been justly heaped upon Germany's Hitler these past few months, but what the German dictator is doing after a mass fashion we are accomplishing in our own individual way. The aim of Nazism is a return to paganism—to the worship of the material and physical as the ultimate in life.

Collectively we talk about the high ideals of democracy; individually we have reached a high degree in the worship of material things making secondary the finer aspects that figure in the basic foundation of a lasting structural society.

One doesn't have to go into the stranger's camp to recognize the steady and fairly rapid trend toward the material and away from the basic things in life.

As the clock pendulum swings first to one extreme and then to the other, so we are reaching that extreme where material things are held paramount. There is a balancing force in American leadership today, and possibly that leadership will return us to normal. Possibly we are making ready to swing back to the principles that characterized the early development of America, but the return will be slow unless we attack our wrongs at the same time we criticize and attack the other fellow's, be he Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Chamberlain.

### Who Pays For Highways?

Washington Daily News.

What is probably the most complete study yet made of highway costs has recently been issued by the Association of American Railroads. But the study is not of railroad origin. It was prepared by three experts with national reputations in their field—Clifford Older, head of the Illinois State Highway Department, Charles R. Breed, head of the school of civil engineering of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and W. S. Downs, professor of highway engineering at West Virginia University.

Their study was undertaken to determine three things of vital importance to the taxpayers of America—first, the total annual cost of roads and streets; second, what part of these costs is borne by the general taxpayers and what part by motor vehicles; third, what should be the equitable division costs between these two groups. The survey covers the 12 years from 1921 to 1932. This period was chosen because the records for years before 1921 are incomplete, and no comprehensive data is available for years following 1932.

The study goes into great detail, and includes charts, graphs, tables, etc. It seems to be as scientifically accurate as is humanly possible. And here is its startling conclusion:

During the 12-year period, the total annual cost of streets and roads was \$20,876,146,000. Of this total general taxes should have paid \$5,087,797,000 and motor vehicles should have paid \$15,788,349,000.

However, motor vehicles actually paid only \$6,031,395,000—and general taxes paid the remaining \$14,844,751,000.

In other words, over a representative 12-year period, the taxpayers subsidized motor vehicles to the tune of almost \$10,000,000,000!

Surveys made by various bodies in individual states have come to similar findings. The problem of highway costs, and who should pay them is something that hits every pocketbook and that deserves a great deal more public attention than it has received.

### Judges Salary, Increase, Bill of \$1000.00

Rocky Mount Herald.

The Supreme court has at last held that the government has a right to tax salaries of Federal and State employees. These has been no change in the Constitution, but there has been a new interpretation. The judges have in times past held that these salaries could not be taxed for income. The judges held that their own salaries were non-taxable, and when they did this they undertook to justify it by putting all salaries of Federal and State employees in this class. The law is right much what the Court holds. The State Supreme Court now is seeking to have its expense salary raised to \$1500 like a Superior Court Judge, when the Superior Court Judge is supposed to have a home rather than having to spend all his money in a high priced hotel. It looks as though the Legislature is going to increase the judge's salary from \$8,000 to \$9,000, while our old-age pensioners and paupers draw only five dollars a month and are taxed with the three per cent sales tax, which leaves only \$4.85.

According to press reports, we notice in our city that a negro defendant was sent to the road for drawing a few dollars Social Security money because he had a measly job that was paying less than five dollars per month, according to our information. So the demands and necessities of one class differs widely from other classes. The Scriptures say, "To him that hath shall be given and to him that hath not shall be taken away, even that that he hath." However, we never heard of the legislature being a scripture body.

"The Churches must learn humility as well as teach it."—Shaw.

"A church is God between four walls."—Hugo.

It would be easy to jack up business if the people had the jack—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald.

## Worry Is Wrecking Many Humans In The United States

### Men and Women "Going to Pieces" in Increasing Numbers

We are living in a "civilized mad-house" which is sending as many people to mental institutions as it is graduating from college, says Dr. Jay B. Nash, of New York University.

Men and women are "going to pieces" in increasing numbers, he asserted, because their bodies have been catapulted 1,000,000 years ahead of their nervous systems and because of the social and economic uncertainties of the modern age.

Addressing the mental health workers division at the national convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation recently in San Francisco, Nash said:

"One can imagine the average person saying, 'my job is insecure, I'm back in my rent. Susie has infected adenoids, Johnny needs glasses. I'm not saving anything for old age or sickness. The boss is constantly after me to speed up but I must not worry, I must be calm, relax, recreate.'"

"Few men kill themselves from over work. Over-worry, over-rush, over-drink, over-eat, under-sleep are the killers.

"The antidote can be supplied only by restoring at least to a degree, the simplicity of primitive living. This will mean building new cities where men may live more quietly and happily.

"It will mean some plan of social security so as to remove the nightmare of sickness, unemployment and old age insecurity."

## Unemployed Get \$10,000,000 Benefits

Benefits of \$10,000,000 to unemployed and partially unemployed workers in North Carolina in the 15 months of benefit payments will be reached this week, Director E. W. Price, of the Unemployment Compensation division, said today. Actual benefits paid through last Thursday reached \$9,957,084.44, by which it was assured that the \$10,000,000 mark would be reached within a few days.

As of April 20, the contribution payments of employers reached \$22,072,332.08, to which has been added \$411,124.88 in interest, practically all of which is on the commission's balance in the U. S. treasury. Less the benefit payments, the fund had a balance of \$12,526,372.52 as of April 20.

## Number Of Births Decrease In State

Raleigh—There were 254 fewer births in North Carolina last month than in March, 1938, and 60 more deaths, according to figures just released by the Vital Statistics Division of the State Board of Health, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the director.

Influenza deaths last month totaled 176 throughout the State, as compared with 75 the same month a year ago, while tuberculosis deaths numbered 157, against 135 a year ago, the report shows. There was also an increase in the number of deaths from cancer, the March, 1939, total having been 186, compared with 151 in March 1938. Pneumonia deaths, however, dropped from 314 to 309.

Deaths from what are termed preventable accidents last month numbered 108, compared with 101 in March a year ago. Thirty people died of burns, as against 25 in March 1938, while fatalities from railroad accidents increased from 5 to 7.

Suicides showed a decided drop—from 33 in March a year ago to 19 last month, but homicides increased from 25 to 29.

Infant deaths under one year of age increased from 386 to 415, throwing the rate for the month up from 56.6 to 63.4, while maternal deaths showed a decided drop—from 47 to 35, bringing the monthly rate down from 6.9 to 5.3.

During the month there were 3,028 deaths, compared with 2,968 a year ago, and 6,546 births, compared with 6,800 in March, 1939.

## Things To Watch For In The Future

Paper plates with metal edges for baking pies, said to do the job 15 per cent faster than will the time-honored pie tin... A new ammonia-sugar compound which when added in small amounts to dairy products, fruit juices, bakery goods and coffee is said to keep these perishables fresh for two months... A new artificial bait which looks like a fish swallowing a smaller fish with plenty of hooks for the real fish to bite on... A combination comb and nail file with the file partially embedded in the back of the comb... A new chemical for preservation of wood to enable the lumber industry to meet competition developing from other types of construction materials... A new slow acting poison for roaches that does not need to be scattered; it's left in the can with the end punched in so the pests may eat...

## Job Placements Good In March

Placements in jobs by the Employment service—division of the State Unemployment Compensation commission in March of 9,576 workers represents the best month since October, 1938, and was 62 per cent above placements in March, 1938, Director R. Mayne Albright reports.

Registrations of applicants seeking work also declined from March a year ago. The active applicants on April 1, 1939, numbered 120,738, which represented a drop of 10 per cent from April 1, 1938, and the number registering in March, 1939, was four per cent below that of March, 1938.

Farmers made up the largest number registering in March. In sever-

al sections the active file was being built up in anticipation of the strawberry and peach crops, which draw heavily upon the supply of surplus labor at this time of the year.

The next important source of applicants was in the personal service group, from which summer hotels are manned and housewives secure help for spring cleaning.

An increase in building activity should provide employment for many of the 2,237 applicants in the building trades who registered during March. Building and construction during March furnished jobs for 4,937 applicants and was the largest source of employment during the month.

Jobs were found in homes and institutions for 2,240 domestics and maintenance workers, while manufacturing used 677 of the applicants, 60 per cent of them being in textiles.

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### RESOURCES

Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 7,433,250.04	
Obligations of the United States	7,106,976.24	
Federal Land Bank Bonds	719,842.39	
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	175,369.38	
North Carolina Bonds	304,589.29	
Municipal & Other Marketable Bonds	1,384,479.58	17,117,500.83
Loans and Discounts	2,732,805.52	
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable	88,303.57	
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures, and Real Estate, less Depreciation Reserve	237,335.94	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,175,945.86</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	324,960.00
Surplus	400,000.00
Undivided Profits	708,237.06
Reserves	286,312.40
Unearned Discount and Other Liabilities	94,387.55
Deposits	17,962,068.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,175,945.86</b>

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