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## A Good Investment

The approximately 30 cents per person levied by the county authorities for public health work is recognized as one of the best investments ever made by them, and one that offers possibly the greatest return when measured in terms of human life and the general advancement of everyone, collectively and individually.

Assessing its people at the rate of six and one-half cents on the \$100 assessed property valuation for the promotion of public health Martin County is asking very little in proportion to the amount asked in other counties. Edgecombe is asking for more than \$27,000 as compared with around \$7,000 in this county. Other counties are asking in excess of \$1 per capita against 30 cents in Martin. We levy far greater sums to maintain police protection, to operate the courts and the several other departments. It is safe here to throw out the challenge to any or all those departments and have them show which is offering the greatest return for the amount of money invested.

The value of the various departments is admitted. They are necessary in our form of government, and a close inspection will prove that they are operating economically.

Let's take a look at the health department and see just what the taxpayer is getting for his 30 cents he contributes to its support. Just now a county-wide campaign against typhoid fever is drawing to a close. This campaign, valued in terms of individual treatment, is saving the people enough to run the department for two years or more. No value can be placed on the results accomplished for it is reasonable to believe that the lives of some of us have been saved from the fever. Just imagine what it would cost to insure almost twelve thousand people against typhoid fever through regular insurance channels, and then know that only a pecuniary return could be expected without any guarantee of health free of fever.

The drive against typhoid alone is worth the cost of the health service, but other features of the work are equally as important. The average citizen is aware of the work that is being done by the department to check the scourge of venereal diseases. Possibly from this work alone, the county will save in years to come far more than the entire cost of the department.

Then there are the other services when added up prove beyond all doubt that the county has made a humane investment that offers a great return.

## If Newspapers Should Shift To Radio Style

The weekly publication Newsdom hopes the frantic publisher does not shift his style to compete with radio, otherwise the news columns might read something like this:

LONDON—Prime Minister Chamberlain denied today at 3:10 Greenwich Time 10 (a. m. Watchout Time) that Adolph Hitler has given him the hotfoot in exchange for his policy of appeasement. During a stormy session of Parliament the Umbrella Man said:

"Brief pause for station identification."

Before we return you to London we want to say that Prime Minister Chamberlain is one of millions who finds shaving a pleasure by using Vaino, the lather without palaver.

Readers may obtain a copy of the complete text of Prime Minister Chamberlain's speech by enclosing two bottle tops in an envelope and addressing to the editor.

BOSTON—Igo Higher, a window washer, terrified hundreds of pedestrians this morning when he found himself suspended three hundred feet above the street. Higher appeared calm in his predicament. He pulled out and coughed up a Nicotine—when you say it, smile. Though wisps of smoke marked the ebbing of his life he had no fear despite the fact that he was caught by the seat of his trousers. He had walked up two flights, to Buttons, Needles and Packets (corner of Old Oak and Knotty Pine) thereby saving a pair of pants. The funeral will be held Thursday from Pots and Graves, undertakers in Boston since the Battle of Bunker Hill.

WASHINGTON—Senator Blatherskite, ad-

ministration foe, was booted and cheered by visitors in the gallery today when he said: "Reformers campaign against capital punishment but are first-class executioners when it comes to punishing capital."

Majority Leader Lobby failed to reply. Later on it was reported in the cloakroom that Lobby had snickered at Revivo, the drink that's good to the last word. Senator Blatherskite never fails to have a refreshing cup of Revivo every night before retiring.

## Subsidies and Price Begging

There are those who on the one hand yell to the top of their voices in opposition to the government's price-pegging and liberal farm policies, and who on the other hand, enjoy directly or indirectly huge subsidies from the government that make the farm hand-outs appear small in comparison.

The opposition to the farm payments means the fact that the government pegged the price of cotton and lost the foreign markets. They can point out some of the most dismal results as they follow the farm program, and oddly enough overlook the miserable failures of other government policies, policies that originated long before the present administration took office.

It is an established fact that the United States government has spent millions upon millions subsidizing private and semi-private shipping companies. How does the American Merchant Marine compare with that of other countries? Cotton farmers have more millions coming to them before they will have shared equally at the government feeding trough.

Then there are the educational institutions. They have shared liberally in a liberal government policy. Surely, the money was well spent, but just as the cotton subsidy has failed to relieve the cotton situation so has the educational institution failed to prepare and send out men to lead the millions out of a wilderness.

It is a bit disgusting to hear those who are directly or indirectly lapping at the government trough criticize the first program ever attempted in an effort to relieve bankrupt agriculture. The plight of the cotton farmer did not come about under the Roosevelt administration. Bankruptcy in the form of the mortgage engulfed the cotton farmer back under Mr. Hoover when, if one will bother to recall, American cotton was selling for five cents a pound, and cotton produced in other countries was being offered on the markets of the world at a figure below that starvation price. Then why all this opposition to a plan that gives the neglected farmer a chance to get his mouth in the trough along with the hundreds of others?

And then those who oppose the cotton program, never offer to suggest what would have happened had the government continued to ignore agriculture as it did under Mr. Hoover and nearly every other president before him. It is possible that during the period from 1933 to the present, farm owners would have been relieved of their lands, their homes and reduced to serfdom by now had a thoughtful government failed to recognize the conditions and refused to do nothing about those conditions.

There is little justice in a world that approves a subsidy for this and that, and belittles or even denies a subsidy to an industry that has struggled along without aid. We must remember that it is just as important to save the farmer as it is to save the shipping lines, the educational institutions or even the public health of the nation.

## Politics Versus Business

In the recent senatorial argument over neutrality, was bound up a hefty blow against the business of the country, a blow that Republican leadership would direct at business in an effort to drive a political wedge into the forthcoming election.

It is apparent that neutrality, regardless of its great significance on the world front, was trampled under the feet of politicians who are more interested in a political victory than they are in the peace of the world or in the successful prosecution of business activities at home. It is also apparent that the Republican leadership and a few questionable Democrats have chunked reason out the windows of the Nation's Capitol and reduced the grave issue to a battle of politics against business.

The bull-headed opposition to changes in the neutrality law will literally reach into the pockets of Martin County farmers and take money from them in the form of lower tobacco prices. At the present time we are helping Japan kill China and with it one of our best export markets for tobacco. Under the neutrality act we are shipping war materials to Japan that the Japs might kill off our potential customers. Extend the front and it is reasonable to believe that within a period of months, we will not be able to ship tobacco and other commodities to other world markets.

It is asking too much of the United States to withdraw from the channels of world trade, but that is just what the neutrality opponents are asking.

## Relieving The Situation

The announcement of Charles M. Johnson this week stating that he will not be a candidate for governor got front page attention in the State press. The gubernatorial candidate muddle, the papers intimated, has been greatly cleared by Mr. Johnson's announcement.

There isn't a great deal of value in Mr. Johnson's action, as we see it, unless it serves as a hint for quite a few of the remaining dozen or so of the other alleged candidates to withdraw.

## Interesting Bits of Agricultural News

### Suggestion

Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace has suggested to Congress that it might be well to extend federal crop insurance to cotton because of the large number of hazards faced in growing the crop.

### Wages

Wage rates to agricultural workers increased slightly less than usual during the April-June quarter of this year, and the July wage index was the lowest for the month in recent years.

### Exports

During the first nine months of the current marketing season, the world's eight largest exporting nations shipped 7,924,000 bales of cotton as compared with 9,250,000 bales last year.

### Decline

Cash income from the sale of American farm products in the first five months of 1939 amounted to \$2,466,000,000, a decline of 4 per cent over the same period in 1938.

### Loss

Livestock shipping losses from death and injury were 13 per cent less in 1938 than in 1937, according to a report of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board.

### Progress

Owners of both dairy and beef cattle in practically all states are making substantial progress in eradicating Bang's disease from their herds, with North Carolina well to the front in this effort.

### DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST

Plymouth office, Liverman Drug Co., every Fri., 2 to 5 p. m.

Robersonville office, Ross Jewelry Store, Tuesday, August 8

Bethel office: Rives Drug Store, Store, Monday, August 21

Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted  
At Tarboro Every Saturday  
Williamston office, Peele Jly Co., every Fri., 9:30 a. m. to 12 m

### SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a Deed of Trust executed by William Herman Everett on the 1st day of December, 1935, and recorded in Book M-3, page 493, we will on Saturday, the 12th day of August, 1939, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to-wit:

All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, containing 123 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the Hamilton and Oak City Road about one-half mile East of the town of Oak City, Goose Nest Township, Martin County, N. C., having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a map made by J. R. Mobley, Surveyor, on the 16th day of May, 1923, and adjoining the lands of J. T. Daniel on the North and West; the lands of L. T. Chesson on the East and the lands of N. M. Worsley on

the South, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the Hamilton and Oak City Road, corner of N. M. Worsley and J. T. Daniel; thence with the line of J. T. Daniel N. 38 1-2° E. 81 1-2 poles to a stake; and N. 5 1-4° E. 118 1-5 poles to a stake; thence with the line of J. T. Daniel S. 87 1-2° E. 134 1-8 poles to a stake in Conoho Creek; thence with said creek S. 54° E. 54 1-3 poles to a gum in said creek; thence with a

ditch S. 62° W. 57 1-2 pole S. 26° W. 22 3-8 poles S. 52° W. 25 1-2 poles S. 35° W. 10 1-2 poles and N. 25° W. 30 poles; thence S. 41 3-4° W. 123 poles to the aforementioned road; thence with said road N. 66 1-2° W. 36 2-3 poles to the beginning, and being the same land conveyed to the said Cassie M. Davenport by W. F. Haislip by deed dated Dec. 23, 1922, and of record in Martin County Public Registry in Book M-2, page 37.

This land is sold subject to all unpaid taxes.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of William Herman Everett to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust. A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This the 11th day of July, 1939.  
INTERSTATE TRUSTEE CORP.  
Trustee.  
Durham, N. C. jly18-4t

# Special Notice To All Delinquent TAXPAYERS

Suits will be brought within the next few days foreclosing all property on which taxes have not been paid during the year 1937 and all previous years.

It will be to your interest to pay your taxes for the above period at once.

# Elbert S. Peel Attorney for Martin County

# W.H. Basnight & Co., Inc.

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