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### Mr. Hoey On Centralization

"Governor Clyde Hoey, just back from the American Bankers Association annual convention, got off a speech deploring the tendency toward centralization of government in Washington."

It is indeed puzzling to understand how the governor can live in Raleigh and then talk about centralization of government in Washington with a clear conscience. Mr. Hoey has not offered to decentralize the all-powerful groups in Raleigh, but yet he parades forth to deplore centralization of government in Washington before a group that is rounding up the last of the independents into a system that is bound and gagged, controlled and dominated by Wall Street. The people are to thank the Almighty that something has been done to build up an agency powerful enough to protect them from the ruthless groups who would hold all the power of centralization for themselves.

Professing loyalty to the Democratic party, Mr. Hoey turns his praise on Bob Hanes who is about to join his brother, John Hanes, in an attack upon President Roosevelt.

The whole thing just doesn't make sense, and it would appear that Mr. Hoey will have to do a lot of explaining if and when he appeals to the people for their votes again.

### A Good Investment

Next to an active membership in the church, a three-dollar membership investment in the Farm Bureau is now recognized as offering the greatest return to any other investment. The return from that investment has been indirect, to be sure, but Martin County farmers have profited in the hundreds of thousands of dollars as their share in the returns from one of the strongest and most promising farm organizations in the United States.

Martin County farmers and business men can't afford to falter in their continued support of the organization that has gone into the thick of political battle to advance the cause of agriculture and improve the welfare of the farmer.

Martin County Farm Bureau officials are launching another membership campaign. Two leaders of the State Bureau got out of sick beds recently to come here and stress the importance of a continued support for the organization. They came here without pay. They have worked diligently without pay, and they have paid their own expenses, just as 44 canvassers are doing today to boost the membership in this county to 800 active farmers and business men.

A careful study of the work of the organization proves beyond all doubt that the organization is deserving of a full membership over the county, including every farmer and every business man who would work for the equal rights of agriculture along with other industry.

The challenge is before the people, and anyone who holds doubt about the validity of the drive and its great importance can rest assured that they can do no better thing than support the organization and make certain that the cause of the farmer will not be sidetracked in the state's and nation's legislative halls.

There's work to be done. Few farmers realize it, but the peanut crop, and it is an important one in this section, is facing an uncertain future. Something will have to be done about it if we are to save the crop even for another year. The Farm Bureau has pledged its willingness to lead the battle for the lowly goober, but we must support the organization in that and its other battles that are certain to follow.

We heartily recommend membership in the organization, and pause here to say that the organization will have every cooperation, financially and otherwise, it is in the power of this paper to give now and in the future.

Goodness and simplicity are indissolubly united.—Martineau.

There is a majesty in simplicity which is far above the quaintness of wit.—Pope.

### Jehovah's Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses, a so-called religious sect with temporary headquarters in Craven County, received what has been described by some as a cold reception over in Greenville recently. All the facts are not immediately available, but knowing eastern Carolina folks as a liberal, forbearing and sympathetic group one wonders if the Witnesses did not get the jump on Greenville and really show the town and its officers up in a false light.

It isn't the custom in these parts for law-enforcement officers to take advantage of anyone, especially when a person is not trying to create trouble. There are those who belittle the law as long as they are acting contrary to its regulations, but when in need of law, they turn to it and demand action.

It would be more reasonable to believe that the Witnesses over in Greenville invited the trouble that was said to have been heaped upon their heads. There is a certain freedom, but while the bully is enjoying his liberty he should remember there are others entitled to the same right.

Residents in Greenville were said to have been pestered and all but insulted by the Witnesses who pushed their way into private homes. They appealed to the police, and arrests followed. The Witnesses are said to have told police that they respected Hitler more than they did Roosevelt.

Reports reaching here from various sources clearly indicate that the Witnesses were not the real witnesses of Jehovah. If they had been meek and humble, their arrests possibly never would have been effected. And if they had been arrested, they never would have attacked the highest officer in the land.

No one is to be denied the right to express his views in this land, but when he goes out to invite trouble he should not complain when he gets what is asked for.

### Crying Out in the Wilderness

While it has been rated even more important than the armament program, moral and religious character is, today crying out in a feeble voice from the wilderness, urging those whose privilege it is today to enjoy peace and liberty to repair their religious and moral structures and make ready for a shock that is certain to threaten the future course of events just as much so as actual warfare will threaten the future being and welfare of all the people of the world.

The small attendance figures reported by the churches have been cause for alarm for many months. Especially have their been cause for alarm when compared with the attendance figures recorded in the amusement places. They are even more cause for alarm when the trend of events is considered. In our mad search for pleasure we have turned our backs on the basic ideals that support decency. Tender youths are turning to the dance hall and liquor bottle as a necessary step in our modern way of life. The church is crowded out, possibly as a place to go when there is nothing else to do.

Laymen are being called into session in the local Baptist Church this evening at 7:30 for a discussion of the attendance problem. Some will find it inconvenient for them to attend; others will make it a point to stay away. The uncertainty of freedom and liberty and even life itself is such that it would appear well for everyone to stop and consider the problem, not from the standpoint of individual gain but with the hope that posterity will not be bogged down in sorrow and degradation.

### A Great Opportunity

If history repeats itself—next only to shot and shell—this week offers the greatest opportunity the nation has ever had to rid itself of its greatest constant war casualty.

In time of peace we should prepare for war. This hidden enemy can be brought out of ambush into the open and destroyed for we have a safe means of locating him and rendering him harmless.

You have guessed it. The enemy is Syphilis. Syphilis has a known cause; it is controllable; it is curable; we can exterminate it.

It is the duty of every registrant to see to it that he, as well as his buddy, is not a carrier of this infectious disease. He owes it to his country, to himself and to his buddy. There is no excuse for his failing to take advantage of the opportunity offered on Registration Day.

The test is harmless and free.—By Carl V. Reynolds, M. D., N. C. State Health Officer.

### A Weak Spot

A weak spot in America's defense program centers around a hifalutin' society as it applies to officers' clothes. It is declared that \$250 is needed for the army officer to equip his wardrobe. In past wars, officers and men fought in their bare feet. Even as late as the Civil War, fellows of the South fought in overalls and rags. Now, the officers must go in debt for their shiny belts, boots and tight-fitting garb.

It is also stated that some youthful officers must write home for money, to supplement their salaries of \$200 or more to finance gala entertainment programs.

It would appear that the fighting forces of all this nation are about to be bogged down by social regulations, a system that has about wrecked the economic life in countless numbers of homes.

### 1940 SACK RACE



### Disowns Red Son



Because his son, Kenneth May, a teaching assistant at the University of California, is an avowed Communist, Dr. Samuel C. May, a professor at the Berkeley school, has publicly disowned and disinherited him. Kenneth is county campaign manager for the Reds.

### Sheep Return As Farm Enterprise

There has been an acute awakening of interest in sheep production in North Carolina within the last year, reports Dr. John E. Foster of the State College Animal Husbandry Department.

He says that whereas sheepmen formerly experienced difficulty in placing their surplus ewes and frequently had to send valuable breeding animals to the butcher, now all available ewes are taken. In addition, western ewes are being shipped into the State to meet the demand.

Why the increased interest? "A number of factors have contributed," Dr. Foster replies. "The substantial profits derived from most flocks for the past five years have had an effect. The change in our farming system has also been conducive to sheep production."

"The reduction in cotton, tobacco and other row crop acreage has released more land for pastures and feed crops. The improvement of pastures through proper fertilization and management has been almost as important."

"Then too, the sheep organizations, establishment of parasitic-control methods, improved breeding, and controlled marketing have been major factors. The cooperatives have been instrumental in promoting interest, in obtaining protection from the dog menace, and in providing and encouraging better breeding and dipping to control parasites."

Dr. Foster said that, in most cases, sheep production is with grade ewes and pure-bred mutton-type rams. Spring lambs are the chief product and wool is a by-product. It is conducted on a farm flock, rather than a large-scale commercial basis, with 10 to 30 ewes per farm being the average. "Yes, sheep production is returning to North Carolina, but not on the haphazard basis of old," the animal husbandman concluded.

### Good Mart Offered For Black Walnuts

Americans consume fifty million dollars worth of nuts each year, and about one-fifth of these are from wild trees in the forests. In other words, ten million dollars picked from the ground, not including the nuts consumed by thousands of farm families who have their own.

With this in view, R. W. Graeber, extension forester at N. C. State College, suggests that North Carolina farm families, especially 4-H club boys and girls, add the growing of black walnut trees as a sideline to their agricultural enterprises.

"No less than \$150,000 worth of nuts are sold in North Carolina each year," he declared, "and the possibilities for growing black walnut, both for nuts and lumber, are good. The market is far from saturated."

This is only one of the angles of "tree farming" stressed by Graeber in his forestry educational program. Continuing, he says "Each year eight hundred million dollars are brought into the American bank account through the sale of forest products, making this one of the chief sources of our income. Six million people are directly or indirectly employed in our forests; and if it was not for wood, another 122 million or more would have a hard time making a satisfactory living."

"The house we live in is usually made of wood, as well as the bed we sleep in, the chair we relax in, the table we eat at; and the stove we cook with consumes a lot of wood. Even when the newspaper arrives, it is printed on paper made of wood. Our shoes would be so stiff we could not bend them if they were not treated with tannic acid, which is extracted from chestnut, hemlock or oak bark."

"There are more than 4,500 different uses of wood. This counts plastic as one use and paper as one use, but there are thousands for each of these."

### Cumberland Growers Get Grant-Of-Aid Program

Cumberland County growers have received 120,000 pounds of Austrian winter peas through the AAA grant-of-aid program for fall seeding, reports Farm Agent J. T. Monroe.

### Do Not Overcrowd Auto, Says Hocutt

The old adage to the effect that there is safety in numbers certainly does not apply in automobile travel, according to Ronald Hocutt, director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division.

"Happiness is the keynote when a group of young people pile into an automobile and start off to the fair or a football game, or on some other short trip, but if they overcrowd the car, grief may soon enter the picture," said the safety director.

Hocutt pointed to the recent accident in which an automobile loaded with eight young people overturned while enroute to a high school football game, injuring four of the boys and girls in the car and killing two.

"There is serious danger in the practice of overloading an automobile," he declared. "In the first place when three or four people are jammed into the front seat, the driver does not have sufficient room to operate the car safely, due to the difficulty of shifting gears and using the brakes. And on top of that, when there are too many people in a car, the driver has too many distractions and cannot very well keep his or her mind on their driving."

Hocutt cautioned all car owners against overloading their automobiles, and he particularly urged that parents who allow their teen-age children the family car to go to a football game, dance or other school activity should admonish their children not to take along any greater number of persons than the car was designed to accommodate.

In Raleigh Sunday Roger Critche visited in Raleigh Sunday.

### Defense Program Now In High Gear

With three-fifths of the money voted for defense spending already under contract, the re-armament program is slipping into high gear, so far as allocations is concerned. Even so, observers in Washington guess there will be continuing demands for many more billions. One phase of this now in the offing is an expected recommendation, soon, from the bureau of roads for a multi-million-dollar program of fixing up our highways from the defense standpoint, including 2,000 new bridges.

The war and navy departments have acquiesced to the defense advisory commission's request that they refuse to let contracts to firms violating the federal labor laws. That undoubtedly will hasten compliance without a challenge, by smaller concerns, though some major producers may stick to their guns and try to battle out their differences with the law.

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