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It's the Greensboro Daily News' notion that "Maybe it's better to swallow goldfish than propaganda."

Wonder what our jungle grandpas would think of their offspring if they could see us spending mountains of money making gas masks to protect little babies from our own inhumanity?

Surely that boasted tie between father and son could not be the one dad finds on the boy when he goes to dress up for Sunday?

There is this consolation: If free speech and freedom of the press ever is curtailed, we'll be spared the daily tripe handed out by General Hugh Johnson.

Some guys are the "life of the party" at social functions because of their intelligence, some because they really are handsome, some because of their wit, and others because they can wiggle their ears.

Although former Governor Max Gardner says he's not gonna mess in the governorship race, they do say he has been trying mighty hard to get Lindsay Warren to enter the race, to make certain that Broughton is beaten.

Japan, they say, means to put China to raising cotton so that there will be no need for dependence on the American farmer. But won't the latter get a big kick out of seeing them battle against the boll weevil.

"Chamberlain didn't invent his policy of appeasement. Look what American husbands give up for the sake of peace."—Robert Quillen.

And there is the fellow whose stenographer couldn't understand that he was talking cross to her only because his wife was in the office.

German militarists plan to bomb London every hour of the day, on a relay schedule that will enable planes to rest at intervals. Don't take into consideration, we reckon, the bare possibility that the pilots will be met in the air by others just as determined that they shan't.

President Roosevelt thinks Hitler left the door open about an inch. Probably to make it easier to snatch something.

What Congress is mostly peeved about is that modern wars are fought without being "declared," and that leaves our representatives all dressed up and nowhere to go.

But not even Mr. Roosevelt would hold that the South is anybody's political problem. No matter what the issue everyone knows that we've done voted.

New Conceptions

A decade ago a great national driveway atop the beautiful scenic mountain range to the west of us was only a secret dream of some visionary who could only hope for its eventuation. Today such a travel lane is in process of development, some of it actually completed, and all of it charted for ultimate completion.

That means that soon great swarms of people will be coming into North Carolina; people who never dreamed of the worthwhileness of this State and who perhaps would have remained in ignorance concerning our great national assets. It is possible, too, that the attraction of this great scenic parkway will serve to bring a new appreciation of our own people of the values that are wrapped up in these hills; may cause them to better understand the history and traditions of our mountainland.

For instance, for our ownself, we didn't associate old Grandfather Mountain with extreme age until the other day an out-of-State writer reminded that, according to scholars and scientists, this is the oldest mountain in the world—older than Ararat where the ark rested after the flood; far older than Sinai where Israel camped on the way to Canaan. In other words, Grandfather is the geologic grandsire of the globe, and that Father Time is one of his obeisant children.

Science has a way of measuring things, and science has been right so long that we are accepting their appraisal without question. And when next again we mount to Grandfather's near-top, we shall pay our respects to age and stand in awe in the presence of one who has stood solid and unafraid during the transformations of the human race. We shall reflect that that solidity,

that complacency in the face of storms that came but did not destroy, is the symbol of the America we love, and which, praise God, shall endure to the end.

Heretofore we have reveled in the thought of what is in store for this section when this great pleasure lane is completed. Its benefits will filter back to the low country and some of them will have to pass through Elkin. Some of these benefits will be in the form of dollars. We ought to be able to use them.

And is it out of time and out of place to remind that this is the accomplishment of a governmental administration that has been, is being castigated for its "useless spending"?

Duke Power's Big Tax Toll

Corporations sometimes come in for a lot of criticism simply because they are big. Sometimes their tactics invite the castigation, sometimes their methods are above reproach. But one thing is certain: because they are big they are easier for the tax hunter to shoot at, and maybe that is why they must spend a lot of money trying to ward off the bullets. Why they pay big sums to lobbyists to defeat legislation that is unfavorable to them.

For instance the nearly three and a half million dollars of tax money which the Duke Power Company must plunk down every year, eats into its earnings like the dickens, and but for the continued watchfulness of its officials in the legislative season, this amount probably would be double what it is.

A breakdown of the Duke Power Company tax load shows that this concern pays \$698,556.57 in county and municipal property taxes and municipal license taxes. And then have a look at these other North Carolina and Federal taxes it paid last year:

State Franchise tax	\$1,098,189.80
State Income tax	315,700.91
N. C. Unemployment tax	112,453.77
Schedule "B" taxes	4,100.00
Miscellaneous State taxes	9,167.47
U. S. Excise tax on	
Electrical Energy	185,448.70
Proportion on Federal Income	
and Other taxes	935,004.51

That's a lot of money, but before it could be paid it had to be earned. There's consolation in that to somebody. Yet because of the yardstick notched by the government, the Duke Power Company is compelled to depend on volume at shorter profit in order to keep to an even keel. It follows then that when the tax gatherer looks upon the Duke concern as a source of revenue, there is a natural uneasiness about ultimate earnings. It is only fair then to keep the above figures in mind when we go to condemn indiscriminately. The Duke Power Company has been criticized for its persistent battle against High Point's big power project on the Yadkin. If it smacks much of Big Business tactics, then those tax figures plainly tell that eternal vigilance is necessary if the Duke concern would survive, and it should not be judged too harshly.

We hold no brief for the Duke Power Company, but common fairness demands that all things be counted when one goes to balance the ledger.

Who Is Right?

Local units of the National Consumers Tax Commission have been formed in many North Carolina towns. This is a non-political group, that has for its main objective a study of the problem of "hidden taxes" that add to the figures on every sales slip. It is nation-wide in scope and membership is at present confined to those who do most of the buying across the counter—the women.

In their study of this problem the ladies will be surprised to find that these "hidden taxes" (tolls collected from the maker and distributor and passed on to the consumer) add \$1.95 to a \$5.00 hat, \$1.56 to a \$4.00 pair of shoes and sometimes as much as \$10 to every \$30 of rent.

Here is one very good reason why the ladies should undertake this study and not depend on others to form their conclusions: In his address before the Lions Club in Statesville last week, Governor Hoey made this statement, one that he has made time and time again in speeches throughout the State:

"As unpopular as the sales tax is, 80 per cent. of the people of the State would contribute nothing to the cost of operation of the government if it were not for the sales tax."

When the ladies have finished their study, probably they will challenge that statement. For they will find that everyone who buys pays tribute to the government—in hidden taxes; that everyone who rents contributes a big slice of the rent dollar to government. And almost every man, woman and child in North Carolina—buys. Many of them rent. Therefore none of them is escaping payment in support of government. Whether their just share or more than their just share is not in argument. But Governor Hoey holds that eighty per cent. of them pay—nothing. And by "nothing" we take the Governor to mean "not one cent."

It is the same old argument that was used to sugar-coat the sales tax. Many fell for it then largely because the schools were what were to be supported. But the Governor has said that the sales tax we shall have with us permanently. Does the fear abide that it won't stay pegged?

We don't think the Governor would deliberately deceive. He just needs to join the ladies in their study of hidden taxes, and he, too will find that every person who buys pays "something" to the cost of operating their government. His 80 per cent. theory is a little overdrawn, to say the least.

PLEASANT HILL

Rev. D. W. Day was in charge of the prayer service last Sunday night.

The Millicent quartet sang at Reidsville Sunday night.

The Happy Day quartet sang at New Hope, Iredell county, Saturday night and attended a singing convention Sunday afternoon at Shady Grove.

The friends of Mr. B. W. Crabb in the Pleasant Hill community, gave him a birthday dinner Sunday at his home in the Mine Ridge community. About 125 attended the dinner. The majority of the people attending were from Pleasant Hill. In the afternoon special singing was enjoyed. Those singing were the Sunshine quartet and part of the Junior Choir.

Mr. E. C. James will speak at Pleasant Hill Sunday for the Mother's Day service.

TO ASK MORE LAND IN YADKIN FOR POWER DAM

High Point, May 9.—In the first official action of the power board today, the High Point board of power commissioners agreed to ask for more land in the hydroelectric plant area in Yadkin county.

The board set Tuesday at 1:15 o'clock as the time for the meeting of the commission.

F. Logan Porter Sr. was elected vice chairman of the board.

COWS ELECTROCUTED BY MILKING MACHINE

Honolulu, May 9.—A short circuit in a milking machine electrocuted 23 cows in a diamond head dairy barn today. Three milkmen escaped harm because they wore rubber boots.

Shintoku Nakata, Japanese dairyman, said metal stanchions holding the cows carried the electricity into their bodies. Describing their death, he said:

"One time all shake. All sit down one time. Quick, I go outside."

WANTS

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Just received a big shipment of novelties you will want to see. Wall vases, what-not trinkets, china vases, bud vases, ash trays, candle sticks, etc. Walker's Basement Store. tfo

New and used Jay Bee Hammer Mills, Grinders and Grist Mills, for every grinding requirement. Small down payment. Good terms. Write quick for details. E. E. Hill, 196 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga. 5-11p

Lost: Truck license No. 186-957. Finder return to Tribune office. James M. Spicer, Traphill, N. C. 1tp

Supply your needs in tin ware, pie plates, milk pails, wash basins, pudding pans, drinking cups, covered buckets, etc., at Walker's Basement Store.

For sale—ice refrigerator. Good size for home. \$15.00. L. A. Woodruff, Elkin, N. C. 5-18c

For sale—Several acres of land on Swan Creek Road, close to Jonesville. Ideal building sites. Will sell all or part. Dr. Crutchfield, Jonesville. tfo

For sale at a bargain—Used General Electric refrigerator in excellent condition. See it today. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Wanted: To repair your watches and clocks of all makes. Work promptly done. My prices are right. J. F. Talbirt, Main St., at new bridge. 5-11p

We have a beautiful spinette piano in your community that is partly paid for. Anyone may have same by paying the unpaid payments. If interested, write at once and we will notify you where piano may be seen. Box 262, Salisbury, N. C. 5-18c

For Sale: Wheat straw, 90 to 100 pound bales, 30c; good top fodder \$2.00 per 100. See P. H. Swift, Zephyr. tfo

For rent: four room apartment, unfurnished, private bath, to couple, no children. Telephone 238-R. 1tp

Special—100 jars of gold fish. 25c value, special 19c each for Friday and Saturday. Graham & Click 5c & 10c Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

The Shadow



J. R. Watkins bean spray, fly fluid, shred soap, mineralized stock and poultry tonics, liniment, flavorings and extracts for sale. K. M. Carter, Elkin, N. C. 5-25p

For rent: store building, State Road, 5 miles north Elkin, U. S. 21. Equipped, living quarters in rear. Remodeled. C. M. Royall, State Road, N. C. tfo

Summer Chicks, White and Barred Rocks, New Hampshire Reds, Rock-New Hampshire Cross. State Pullorum Tested. They are FINE. Only \$8.00 per hundred delivered—9c less quantities. Bunch Hatchery, Statesville, N. C. 5-11p

Lost: On Mitchell's River, spotted Walker fox hound, about 1 year old, black and white with tan ears. Answers to "Ronnie." Please notify Dewey Hamby, Elkin, N. C. 1tp

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For Sale—Two five-room bungalows in Arlington; two 5-room houses in Jonesville; one five-room house in Elkin. Easy terms. Also some beautiful building lots in Arlington, and on N. C. Highway 26, U. S. 21. See D. C. Martin. tfo

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