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## Who Pays and Who Benefits?

In the United States \$200,000,000 was collected in processing taxes by manufacturers who had filed suits in the courts against paying it. They added the tax on the price of goods to dealers in the event they should have to pay the tax to the government. The processing tax was ruled unconstitutional and in a test case the supreme tribunal found that the tax money held in escrow should go back to the manufacturers who collected it and laid it away in trust to await decision.

The general public paid these millions in higher prices of merchandise. The manufacturer only acted as a collector in much the same manner as a merchant collects the state sales tax by putting the tax on the invoice. Now it appears that the public has contributed \$200,000,000 to swell the bank balances of manufacturers. There may be suits to collect some of this amount from the manufacturers by those who have purchased goods from them, but in the end, Mr. Public must bear the burden in that he has no way of knowing or proving how much he has paid in processing taxes.

The only logical way in which the public could have realized its proportional share of the funds would have been for the money to go into the federal treasury, but since the processing taxes were not lawful their collection by the government would also have been illegal, according to the supreme court.

This looks like an opportunity for congress to levy one new tax, a heavy and confiscatory tax on excess profits obtained by manufacturers through collection of processing taxes under injunction.

## Exciting Days Ahead

These are exciting days. Not in many years have the minds and tongues of so many Americans been busy in the consideration and discussion of public affairs. And at no time in recent history have there been such wide divergences of opinion as to what is the best course for the nation to pursue.

From now until the presidential election in November these differences of opinion will become more acute and their expression more heated. We shall hear public men and party measures both fulsomely praised beyond their deserts and denounced in terms of unsparring and unjust criticism. A great deal of the language that will be spilled in print, over the radio and in face-to-face controversies will be the product of emotion rather than of reason. That is always the case when public opinion is aroused. But it would be beyond the facts to conclude that the sober processes of self-government are always the products of emotional reactions.

In the long run the underlying sound common-sense of the people always decides the important issues in a democracy like ours. But democracy arrives at its own conclusions through the wholesome processes of debate and discussion, however emotional.

There are no signs on the horizon to justify the alarm which we hear expressed in many quarters. Those who feel that we are on the verge of a revolution, that there is grave danger that either Communism on one hand or Fascism on the other may supplant our traditional and well-tried system of representative government have not learned the lessons of history. The United States is the oldest government in the world that has continued unchanged in form or principle. In our 147 years of constitutional government we have come through far more serious crises than any which confront us now.

## Far Reaching Program

The Tennessee Valley Authority activities have been going on in our neighbor state to the west for some time, but we in North Carolina have paid little attention to it except for glancing at headlines about court suits, etc.

Now the matter comes closer home. The TVA has extended its area of demonstration farming into North Carolina and in Wilkes county offers to farmers free phosphate for use on lands planted to soil-building crops and good pastures.

In order to get the free fertilizer the farmer must pay the freight from the factory at Wilson dam in Tennessee to North Wilkesboro and must agree to carry out a plan of farming that will meet the approval of the county agent and the extension service. This plan, generally speaking, will call for soil erosion control and the growing of soil building crops along with a planned program of crop rotation. Special attention will also be given to growing his own food and feed and general home improvements as far as he is able.

People will be a little slow at first to grasp the significance of the situation. The free phosphate will be only a minor detail compared to permanent farm improvement if a farmer diligently carries out his program. To sum up the situation briefly, the farmer is encouraged to know more about what he is trying to do and go about farming with some aim and purpose in view and to quit haphazard methods which he does not know anything about how they will turn out.

Some of the farmers will try the method and the benefit to the farming industry as a whole will be in learning what planned farming will do.

## Borrowed Comment

THIS IS BETTER (Statesville Record)

Not long since, we wrote an editorial comment voicing our objection to the well known toast to North Carolina on the grounds that it speaks of the state as the land of the long leaf pine and we think that the long leaf pine is confined to a comparatively small section of the state.

Today we have another toast which a reader sent us with the question, "How is this in reply to your editorial sometime back?"

Here is the toast by Mary Gleson Wall:

Here's to the spot in our land so great,  
Known to us all as The Old North State;  
Her smooth roads lead where the sea waves sigh  
And wind through her hills to the Land of the Sky.  
The sun always shines there on hearts that are true,  
Old North Carolina, here's to you!

Now, we think that is a better toast. It takes in the whole state, and does not misrepresent it. We thank our dear reader for giving us the opportunity of seeing this toast which should take the place of the one which calls the Old North State the Land of the Long Leaf Pine.

## Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

### JESUS DECLARES HIS PURPOSE

Lesson for January 26th, Luke 4:16-30; Golden Text, Luke 4:18, 19

At the beginning of his Galilean ministry Jesus visited His home town, Nazareth, a place of no importance where he had spent the obscure years of his boyhood. There, "as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read." In the Master's day there was a synagogue not only in every town, but also in every village able to provide a congregation of ten men. In the services of worship passages from the law and the prophets were read, prayers were said, and a sermon preached. Now Jesus, although He was an ordinary member of the congregation, was permitted to read the lessons. Thus his fellow-worshippers were not surprised to see Him arise and read a familiar passage from the beautiful 16th chapter of Isaiah announcing the deliverance of the exiles in Babylon from their captivity. He then closed the roll, and gave it back to the presiding officer. A moment of silence ensued while all eyes were directed toward Him. He then began to preach, "Today," said He, "is this Scripture fulfilled in your hearing."

What a bold assertion! We can imagine whispered murmurs spreading through the congregation. Some were delighted at his winsomeness and manly charm. Others were offended. "Who is he," they asked themselves, "that he should instruct us? Is he not the child of Joseph, the common-place carpenter? Why should we listen to this upstart?"

Jesus knew what they were thinking. But He did not allow their resentment to soften His message. With characteristic audacity He showed how God's favors are showered upon outsiders like the widow at Zarahath (1 Kings 17) and Naaman (2 Kings 5), aid are denied to those like the Nazarenes, who expect them but are unfit.

This was too much. In fury the people wanted to cast Him out of Nazareth. Some even were eager to kill this foolish prophet. But they did not dare to touch him.

## PUBLIC PULSE

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### A Much Needed Attitude

Editor Journal-Patriot: Senate Democratic floor leader Joe Robinson was holding a press conference in his office and during the course of the discussion rested his hands before his face. He might have been in an attitude of prayer. As he did so a photographer clicked his camera. Joe bolted upright, snapped, "Here you! Destroy that plate. I don't want my picture appearing in the papers of the country in a prayerful attitude." (Taken from the Greensboro Daily).

That's just what is the matter with our nation and rulers today. We don't have enough prayer, or often enough. And to be sure the picture like that in prayer to God, would be highly superior to any we see in our daily papers today.

I mean by those of us who value things rightly. There might be some who would think it a disgrace, but they are not good moral citizens of our land much less the kingdom of God and the man, or men, who think likely or lightly have no business with an office of any kind much less one around the Senate.

We don't follow "Christ" when we leave off prayer in the beginning of every important event, or act.

Jesus said man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. (Luke 4:4.) Therefore we are tempted by the devil when we neglect to pray. And we have the tempted politicians from the President on down to the sheriff of the county. The tempted business man as well as all walks in life. We have been tempted to use dishonest methods "to get by" with in this life. But will we be able to face them at Judgment and get by then?

Take the Hauptmann case for instance if the leaders had stopped long enough to pray, it would have been finished long ago. There is one who knows all and who will be the final judge. MRS. J. H. HAYES, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

### PRISONER WRITES

State Prison Camp, Franklin, N. C. January 6, 1936.

Editor Journal-Patriot: I was born and raised in Wilkes county and I feel that this open letter from me will be read with great interest by my many friends.

I have been away from Wilkes county since August, 1931. During this time I have made a creditable record as a prisoner. I have had no marks placed against my record of conduct. Most of this time has been served in the honor grade.

I know that my friends and the public-spirited citizens will be interested to know that one North Carolina prison camp has a school in effective operation each night.

This school was started by seven prisoners as pupils, and the teacher, who is also a prisoner, I am glad that I was one of these "charter members."

The school has grown steadily until two teachers are kept busy every night.

Great interest is being shown, and much good accomplished.

Any sound thinking man can readily see the benefits of such a school.

Personally I cannot estimate the value I have received from my efforts.

More than anything else, I want to let the citizens of North Carolina know that a school will prove beneficial in any and all the prison camps—that it is a workable idea tried out and proved useful on this camp.

If a prisoner applies himself he can leave prison with the proper mental equipment to make a useful citizen; I know this is true.

I consider this prisoner-organized-school-for-prisoners the only real benefit that prison has afforded me.

I would like to encourage other camps to follow the precedent set by the prisoners of this camp; and I would also drop a word to the citizens: take all active interest in any movement or effort on the part of a prisoner to become a useful citizen—it will bring worthwhile results.

Sincerely, EDWARD BAUGUESS.

### JERSEY BREEDERS PLAN ANNUAL MEET

The annual business meeting of the North Carolina Jersey Breeders Association will be held in Burlington, Alamance county, on February 22, according to an announcement by John A. Arey, in charge of dairy extension work at State College. Alamance is one of the leading Jersey counties in the State with the breeders there intensely interested in the work they have been doing over a long period, he says.

## Questions And Answers Popular Radio Feature

The answering of timely farm questions on the Carolina Farm Features radio program is believed to be proving popular with rural listeners.

Instead of a regular seven or eight minute talk, some of the speakers are selecting questions which are being asked them at this time of the year and giving the answers. In this way, several phases of a particular field may be covered in one broadcast.

The Poultry Department at State College has found this type of broadcast to be especially well-suited to its needs, since there are so many different angles to poultry raising. By the use of dialogue, or the question and answer program, the subject can be covered briefly and thoroughly.

The schedule for the week of January 20-25 follows: Monday, A. C. Kimrey "Questions and Answers on North Carolina Pastures;" Tuesday, J. P. Pillsbury, "Improving the Farmstead;" Wednesday, Dr. T. B. Mitchell, "Beneficial Insects;" Thursday, Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, "Marketing;" Friday, C. J. Maupin, "Management of Breeding Birds;" and Saturday, W. H. Darst, "High Point Seed Show and Exposition."

Included on the schedule for the week of January 25-30 will be a talk on "Home Hatching and Factors Affecting Hatchability" by C. F. Parrish on Friday, January 29; a talk Wednesday by J. W. Johansen, "Cooperative Rural Finance"; and a talk Tuesday by J. P. Pillsbury on "Improvement of Home Grounds."

## SCHAUB TO CONFER ON FARM PROGRAM

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Dean I. O. Schaub of the N. C. State College extension service left here tonight for Washington to attend a conference on the situation created by the recent Supreme Court decision holding the agricultural adjustment administration act unconstitutional.

Dean Schaub is a member of the national committee on extension organization and policy, meeting in Washington on the invitation of Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace.

## FIRST LETHAL GAS EXECUTION RECID

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—North Carolina's new lethal gas chamber will take its first life Friday morning, barring some unforeseen eventuality.

Allen Foster, stocky Birmingham, Ala., negro, is to be executed for criminally assaulting a Hoke county white woman.

Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill interviewed Foster in his cell on death row at the central prison today. Afterwards, he reiterated his previous announcement that Governor Ehringhaus will not intervene in Foster's behalf.

Foster, Gill said, continued to maintain he is innocent of the charge on which he was convicted but, the commissioner added, "there is nothing that we can see that would give us cause to extend clemency to him."

The negro, a CCC member assigned to a camp in Rebeson county, near Hoke, was picked up by officers shortly after the young woman was assaulted. She positively identified him as her assailant within a few hours.

Watanga Man Hurt Lenoir, Jan. 17.—J. C. Danner 48, near Boone, is in a local hospital in a dangerous condition with a crushed skull received while cutting wood today. Two large pieces of skull were removed and recovery is doubtful. Foul play is suspected as the injury indicated that he had been hit on top of the head with an axe.

## WHOLE STORY OF KIDNAP-SLAYING

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 20.—The "whole story" of the Lindbergh kidnaping was described tonight as the sole aim of Gov. Harold G. Hoffman's personal investigation of the case, whatever effect it may have upon Bruno Richard Hauptmann's fate.

Should this convince him that Hauptmann was the sole perpetrator of the Lindbergh baby, the governor let it be known he would have no further desire to save the condemned man's life.

The 30 day reprieve granted Hauptmann last week and the continued investigation of various phases of the case were said to be based solely on a desire by the governor for a complete solution.

Governor Hoffman made it known he was investigating all angles of the kidnaping in the hope that ultimately the results would be of value in removing any mystery still existing.

Treasury Officials Resign Washington, Jan. 17.—Conservative Thomas Jefferson Coolidge, under secretary of the treasury and directing head of its huge financing operations, resigned today in protest of the general policies of the new deal. At the same time the resignation of Lawrence W. Robert, assistant secretary, widely known as Chip Robert, was announced.

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