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## The People Choose

The greatest privilege accorded people in this country other than the opportunity to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience is the privilege of governing themselves through the method we call voting.

That every citizen shall have the right to express his desires, regardless of whether he or she is acting for the common good, is the corner stone of the nation and any person who interferes with that right is tampering with the foundation, which if taken away means sure and inevitable collapse.

One of the most admirable traits of the American people has been and should ever be their independence on election day. All men cannot help but feel a spark of admiration for those who safely guard their right to govern themselves, even at the sacrifice of temporary gain.

Which brings to mind the humorous story which went the rounds in Wilkes a few years ago about a primary candidate. He was reported to have given a man a dollar and the man had promised to vote for him. On the way to the polling place he was approached by the candidate's opponent or one of his workers. Being more liberal or having more to offer, the second man who approached the weak-kneed voter offered him two dollars. He took the two dollars and voted with the man who gave it to him.

Possibly because he felt remorse of conscience and to make believe that he was an independent voter, the person who sold his privilege sought the person who gave him the lone dollar and it happened that the person was at the time surrounded with friends and acquaintances. But the company made no difference to the person who had sold his vote and he handed the dollar to the man who had given it to him, and with the remark, "Take you old dollar, I'll have you to know that I vote as I please."

## Business Found Its Own Way

Without any subsidy from government or any other aid but the working of the ancient Capitalist system, which so many people claim is outmoded, the growers of citrus fruits, oranges and grapefruit, in California, Texas and Florida, have just solved the problem of what to do with surplus crops by their own efforts.

Last Fall they realized that they had the largest surplus crops coming through in all history. They had to do something or dump their products on the market at ruinous prices. Overnight the National Citrus Merchandising Committee was formed. Its members called on the officials of the national grocery associations, wholesalers, retailer groups and dependents and chains. Would the grocer cooperate in the effort to sell more oranges and grapefruit to the public?

They would, and they did. Both chain store organizations and independents undertook a six-month's drive, with lower retail prices and heavy advertising of citrus fruit. So successful were the combined efforts of the entire group that the entire surplus was sold.

America consumed 25 per cent more oranges and grapefruit between last September and March than the year before. One chain store organization sold more than a billion oranges, increasing its sales by 47 per cent.

Everybody was happy over the result. Growers liked it; it moved a surplus and stabilized prices. Consumers liked it; it brought them fresh fruit at low prices; Retailers liked it; it increased their sales volume and gave them a chance to render better service to their customers.

If farmers and distributors can solve their own problems by such means in one field, why can't producers and merchants in every other line follow the same tactics?

## Comparative Costs

A package of cigarettes is just a package of smokes anywhere, yet it takes almost a day's work in Russia, where the government controls everything, to buy a single package of cigarettes. And yet aliens from that country would seek to establish socialism here.

## Borrowed Comment

### STATE'S RIGHTS AT ISSUE

(Shelby Daily Star)

Governor Hoey and Attorney General Harry McCullan are going to let the state become a party to a suit brought by the commissioners of Yadkin county on the question of "state's right" as set forth in the Constitution.

It will be recalled that the Federal government has approved a six and a half million dollar PWA-financed hydro-electric power plant for the city of High Point, which calls for use of Yadkin river water up near its source. Now the question is, does the Federal Power Commission or the state have control over the Yadkin. Of course, back of it all, are other questions—that of the city of High Point going into debt to build a power plant up in Yadkin county, the wisdom of the city issuing so many bonds, competition with the Duke Power Co., which now supplies the city and its industries, etc. But North Carolina as a state will keep away from these questions. It will protect the Federal government's right to control a non-navigable stream as small as the Yadkin.

There was a time when the Federal government's control over streams was limited to navigable waters only. Certainly the Yadkin up near its source where the power plant is contemplated is not navigable. It will hardly float a canoe, but we are not living by the Constitution today. We are proceeding under the most liberal interpretations of that great document and the final arbiter is the United States Supreme Court, the majority of which are New Dealers. New Deal interpretation of the Constitution and that is, that states do not have many rights. It was the old Democratic party that once stood for the sovereign rights of states. Many major political battles were fought on that issue. It is the new Democratic party that denies rights to states and centralizes them in the big government at Washington.

North Carolina was about to see the Aluminum Co. of America build a plant costing millions upon this same river, but after the federal commission held that little stream was under Federal and not state jurisdiction, it abandoned its investment. Thereby the state lost millions of dollars of taxable wealth and labor missed a job.

Yes, North Carolina is entitled to right we fear she won't get her entitlements.

## WHEN LOBBIES FUNCTION

(Statesville Daily)

A bill was introduced in the General Assembly to add a mite to the Auto license fees for the purpose of providing funds to pay hospital bills of automobile wreck victims. The measure had the support of the hospitals, of course, because it would have assured them at least a pittance which they now are not getting for service rendered. Even the already over-burdened taxpayers didn't seem to mind this little added toll, and the legislators themselves seemed friendly enough to the measure to give it a trial. The impression was that the legislature would write it into law.

But the legislature didn't. Something happened to create a coolness toward the proposition and it finally was shelved.

For one thing the casualty insurance companies had an effective and well-oiled lobby to Raleigh during the session of the General Assembly, and it is significant that a Raleigh legal firm has just been handed a check for \$1,500 by the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, of New York City, in payment for services rendered during the legislative session.

Enactment of the hospitalization bill would have interfered materially with the casualty and surety business, and if it was defeated at a cost of fifteen hundred bucks multiplied several times, it was a good investment for those concerned in selling this protection. And so it is reasonable to suppose that there is a direct connection between this efficient lobby and the somersault in the lower house during the closing days of the session.

There were reasonable objections to the measure but these should have been put on the scales and weighed against its merits—without the employment of a lobby to upset the balance.

## Low Production Costs Essential In Dairying

Low production costs are essential for profitable dairying, as for any other business, and the ability to choose and use feeds properly helps materially to reduce costs, says Prof. R. H. Ruffner, head of the animal husbandry and dairying department of State College.

Livestock farmers should take a tip from the automobile industry, which has lowered production costs by at least 25 per cent in the past 20 years, thereby making cars available to millions of Americans, Prof. Ruffner advised. "Dairymen can reduce the cost of their products and make them available to more people by studying the advantages and limitations of feeds and their relative values," he declared.

A wide variety of satisfactory feeds are available in the South for dairymen to choose the combinations which are most efficient and economical in balanced rations. Because of its availability and low cost, cottonseed meal is usually the protein concentrate around which the ration is built, Prof. Ruffner said.

Among the low-protein, or carbohydrate feeds, of similar value that may be used in dairy rations are: Corn meal, ground threshed grain sorghums, ground or rolled barley, hominy feed, ground wheat, or ground rough rice. About one-fifth to one-fourth more of the following bulkier feeds should be used when they are substituted in the ration. Prof. Ruffner recommended: Ground ear corn with shuck, ground grain, sorghum heads, and corn and cob meal.

Excellent feeds that give best results when they make up one-fourth to one-third of the total ration are: Ground oats, wheat bran, rice bran, and alfalfa meal or other good quality legume hays that have been finely ground. These may be used interchangeably in dairy mixtures.

## Peanuts Should Be Planted May 1 to 15

H. D. Morris, agronomist of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station at State College, reminds farmers of North Carolina that the best planting dates for peanuts are from May 1 to 15. Earlier plantings often result in rotten seed because of cold, wet weather, and plantings later than

## That Vexing Jockey Question



May 15 generally yield less than plantings on recommended dates, he advises.

Peanuts rank third in cash crop value in North Carolina, led only by tobacco and cotton. This state is one of the largest peanut-producing areas, ranking second at present and producing approximately one-fourth of the annual crop in money value.

Jumbo Runner and Virginia Bunch are the two most commonly grown varieties in the northeastern section of the State, where most of the commercial crop is produced. The Spanish variety is grown principally in the piedmont section for home consumption and hog grazing.

Agronomist Morris recommends that peanuts be planted on well-drained, sandy, fine sandy and very fine sandy loams and

that liming is necessary if the soil is too strongly acid. However, he says that growers should hesitate in applying large quantities of lime, especially if tobacco is grown in rotation.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as executor of the estate of Mrs. Norma Jones Yager, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4706 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, on or before the 31st day of March, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 31st day of March, 1939. FRANK HELVESTINE, M. D., Executor of the estate of Mrs. Norma Jones Yager. 5-11-39.

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