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**THE HONOR OF ALL-FOR CHRIST**  
**The Word of God**  
 It is a complete deliverance: Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of my righteousness.—Psalm 51: 14.

A GREAT CONTRAST: For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.—Psalm 37: 9.

**"BROADENING THE TAX BASE."**  
 (From The Winston-Salem Journal.)  
 A five per cent, general sales tax in North Carolina, now proposed by the more extreme advocates of this inequitable form of taxation, would be broadening the tax base with a vengeance.

This proposal only serves to emphasize the truth of our contention two years ago, when a two per cent. tax on gross sales was narrowly averted in this State. We said then that if a legislature should levy a two per cent. sales tax there was no reason why it should not levy a five per cent. or ten per cent. sales tax.

They haven't gone as high as 10 per cent. yet. But they have gone to five. Give them time and they will go the limit in their program of "broadening the tax base," provided the people do not stop them.

By "them" we mean, of course, those who are fighting for the sales tax in order to shift the tax burden from their own large property holdings and big incomes to the shoulders of the average man and woman, who would be forced to pay taxes on the necessities of life.

North Carolina is not the only state, however, that is afflicted with this "broaden-the-tax-base" propaganda. Even the great State of New York, where more wealth and incomes and property—tangible and intangible—is concentrated than in any other spot in America, the politicians are also hard at work now broadening the tax base.

"Extraordinary conditions compel unusual adjustments," says the governor of New York, defending the 1933 budget, which calls for a new tax on small incomes and a retail sales tax. Hitting back at the governor, the New York World-Telegram retorts:

"No so strikingly 'unusual.' Nothing is more usual, alas, than meeting desperate need of public funds by adjustments broadening the basis of taxation so that small incomes will carry more of the load.

"The 'little fellow' is always most numerous. Also he can be made to pay his taxes with least protest and bother. He is a god-send to hand-up governments."

The World-Telegram then goes on to show the effect of the new tax on the average family. Under the proposed plan, the married person with two children and an income of \$5,000 would pay next year a total state income tax of \$84.

"figured in a family budget of strict necessities and on top of other taxes, does that \$84 represent the same proportional hardship borne by a person with \$100,000 income whose state income tax next year would be \$5,602?"

"Who will maintain that it does," asks the New York paper, and adds:

"Broadening the tax base" is the easiest way in state or federal field. But it is still far from equitable. Nor is there justice in continuing to provide a refuge for higher bracket incomes in tax-exempt government securities.

"The retail sales tax proposal, moreover, raises another grave question of the economic wisdom of further discouraging consumption when increased consumption is the admitted major need.

"We do not underestimate the governor's difficulties. We believe he has

honestly and carefully studied the problem. But we are loath to see the easiest ways of increasing taxes accepted simply because they are the easiest. We think the time has come to protect the buying power of small incomes rather than to treat them as the surest, least resisting source of revenue.

"What we should like to see are genuinely 'unusual' tax adjustments—that do not just shift the burdens mainly to shoulders near the bottom of the pyramid."

And this is precisely what we should like to see for North Carolina. All that The World-Telegram has said about the new schemes to raise revenue in New York state can be said with equal truth about the tax plans now on foot in Raleigh.

**OTHERS' VIEWS**

**TIME TO DO THINGS**  
 To the Editor:  
 In this time of depression a howl of pain arises from a certain number of our population every time something is mentioned which would tend to cause them to have to loosen their purse strings. It appears that those things which are essential and absolutely necessary, which should be done now at a saving, rather than wait for the certain return of high prices, draw the biggest "kick" from some few perpetual grouchers.

These "grouchers" in the most part consist of a class of taxpayers who have only selfish and commercial interests at stake. They are afraid of any new project, although some of these projects would most probably increase their material and intellectual wealth in the future years.

H. G. Wells has coined a new word, "Bulp," which describes these stumbling blocks in the pathway of progress at those who build up an artificial exterior, when, inside themselves, they know for a certainty that they are wrong, but continue to "bulp," because they feel that perhaps they would lose a few copper cents if they didn't.

This class of citizen makes up the tie-ropes that is holding back public progress, and are present in every town and hamlet, and these few, by simple bulldozing tactics, have imposed on the mind of the average citizen that he cannot speak until he has the permission of the said "Bulper."

Now is the time for the citizens of this and other towns and communities who have been in the grips of such a situation to break away and do things on their own hook. This can be done only when an invincible initiative has been gained by each separate individual, and has reached the point where it will no longer be tied down and held back.

ALWYNN WHITTEN.  
 Henderson, Feb. 17, 1933.

**TODAY**

**TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES**  
 1745—Count Alessandro Volta, famed Italian physicist, born. Died March 5, 1827.  
 1795—George Peabody, American business man, London banker, beloved philanthropist, born in Danvers, Mass. Died in London, Nov. 4, 1869.  
 1832—Octave Chanute, Chicago railway engineer and constructor, pioneer aerial navigator and engineer, born in France, Died Nov. 23, 1910.  
 1848—Louis Comfort Tiffany, one of America's most noted artists, son of the founder of the famed New York jewelry house, born in New York. Died there, Jan. 17, 1933.  
 1855—Jean Jules Jessorand, for 22 years France's Ambassador in Washington, born. Died July 18, 1932.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**  
 1546—Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.  
 1861—Jefferson Davis, inaugurated president of the Southern Confederacy at Montgomery.  
 1932—Manchuria declared independent.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**  
 Homer Folks, noted New York social worker, born at Hanover, Mich., 56 years ago.  
 Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, president of the Hartford, Conn., Seminary Foundation, born at Glasbury, Conn., 43 years ago.  
 Rt. Rev. Robert N. Spencer, P. E. Bishop of Western Missouri, born at Tunnel, N. Y., 56 years ago.  
 Arthur Goodrich, New York novelist-playwright, born at New Britain, Conn., 55 years ago.  
 Sir George Henschel, famous British musician, born 83 years ago.  
 Lt. Gen. Sr Henry Wilson, famed English soldier, born 74 years ago.

**TODAY'S HOROSCOPE**  
 This day produces a lover of good works, and with a royal nature. With good powers of persuasion, a skill of argument, there is the groundwork for a good lawyer or military officer. You are born a leader of men, but not with good fortune from the acquisition of money.

**Wife Preservers**

A small triangle paper slip may be used for a bookmark. Use this clip, also, to keep places in cook book where most used recipes.

**Bombing of Stolen Warship**



This spectacular picture, telephoned from Batavia to Amsterdam, transmitted to London and radiated to New York, shows the actual explosion of a bomb aboard the Dutch battleship, De Zeven Provinciën, which had been stolen by mutineers and held for several days. The bomb, dropped by a Dutch plane, killed 22 of the mutinous crew and injured 25 others, causing the surrender of the remaining mutineers. In background is the Dutch destroyer, "Piet Hein," which had pursued the stolen battleship from Kuta Raja, Sumatra. Seventeen planes were used in rounding up the stolen ship.

**Farmers Will Be Among First To Recover, Since They Have Reduced Debt**

**Tax Relief Should Be Given, Babson Says, by Government Economies, and 1933 Will Likely See Price Rise, Either by Natural Causes or Politics**

**ROGER W. BABSON,**  
 Copyright 1933, Publishers Financial Bureau.  
 Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 18.—The farmer's plight is indeed serious. However, to listen to all the gloomy talk one would imagine that utter ruin faces him, with no hope of recovery. This is not true. There is a brighter side to the picture. First although he is now hard pressed, the farmer has been gradually reducing his debts for the past ten years whereas other industries and classes have been increasing their debts. Second the farmer at least has a living soil on which he keeps his farm. He is better off than his city relatives who are out of work and starving for food. Third, the average amount which farmers pay in interest and taxes is no more than what the average city worker, with a separate home, pays in interest and taxes, or in rent. Fourth, farm prices are likely to rise during 1933 probably from natural causes, but if not, then from artificial political causes.

**Farmer Alone Has Reduced His Debts**  
 The farmer piled up his big debts in land speculation of 1918-1920. Since then he has been gradually reducing them. In 1929 total farm indebtedness was nine per cent lower than in 1922. Contrast that with the increases in indebtedness of 48 per cent for other individuals 76 per cent for corporations 88 per cent for state and local governments, and 84 per cent for total debts of all classes. The farmers constitute nearly one-half the total population, but their total debts are only one-twelfth of the total indebtedness of the country. This trend toward lower farm indebtedness is a fundamental, optimistic factor. Debts got us into this depression; and those industries should improve first who are the first to lower their debts.

One great relief to the farmer would be lower taxes. Farm taxes are too high. So are all other property taxes. There is no reason why real estate, whether it be a farm, or a city worker's home, should pay two-thirds of all the taxes when real estate constitutes only one-third of all the wealth (a more equitable system of taxes can and should be devised. Moreover, taxes should be reduced by cutting out all waste, graft and extravagance. The remedy lies through the ballot, not through "taxpayers' strikes" and other unlawful acts. A holder of a mortgage has the legal and moral right to insist that owners make every effort to pay taxes and interest. Creditors should, however, be lenient on maturities and principal payments (action of insurance companies in suspending farm foreclosures during the emergency is praiseworthy, but that does not relieve the farmer of his clear duty to pay interest and taxes. Seventy per cent of such interest goes to savings bank depositors and life insurance policyholders, hundreds of thousands of whom are now unemployed.

**Better Farm Prices In Prospect.**  
 The proposal now before Congress to have the government advance money to farmers with which to pay interest and payments on their loans, may, if passed, temporarily ease the situation. However, any such legislation should be carefully safeguarded. Otherwise it would become an outright gift, and hence be grossly unfair to all other classes as well as put the government in a worse financial hole than it now is in. Moreover such government loans merely postpone the settlement and do not cure the trouble. Real relief to the farmer can come only through higher prices for farm products. My belief is that before 1933 is ended higher farm prices will be seen. This will

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**ACROSS**  
 1—Kind of wood  
 5—Hired fellow  
 8—Subsequently  
 12—Perfume  
 14—Consumed  
 15—Wear away  
 16—Bristle  
 17—Swab  
 18—Weary  
 19—Senator from Florida  
 21—Years of adolescence  
 22—Associate  
 24—Frighten  
 28—Sailor (colloq.)  
 29—Feminine pronoun  
 32—Not prose  
 33—Supplied with sustenance  
 34—A farm implement  
 35—Epochs  
 36—As of old  
 37—Stop  
 38—Enclosure for swine  
 39—Before (part.)  
 40—Chief  
 41—A leopard  
 43—Ancient Roman outer garments  
 46—Resident of Cordova  
 51—Toward the port side  
 52—Embrace  
 53—Rags  
 54—Demise  
 55—Compass point  
 56—Drug yielding plant  
 57—Come in  
 58—A color  
 59—Loan

**DOWN**  
 1—Mail  
 2—River in Germany  
 3—A roll of names  
 4—Street car  
 6—Beasts of burden  
 6—Island consisting of a reef  
 7—Emptied  
 8—An epistle  
 9—A constellation

**A Picture That Needs No Title!**



supply and demand. People are so accustomed to talking of crop surpluses that they forget there might be such a thing as crop shortages. Stocks of wheat on hand in the United States are now 30 per cent below a year ago, and prospects are for a very short wheat crop this year. Cold storage holdings of meat, dairy products, pork, eggs, and other foodstuffs are anywhere from 15 per cent to 60 per cent below the preceding five year average. Also prospects of the coming British debt settlement and the reopening of foreign markets are real bullish features for farm prices.

**Farmer Will Overcome Depression.**  
 I have the highest regard for the farmer and believe he should be given every reasonable help. However, in spite of the clamor of politicians, I do not believe the real American farmer wants any government dole, nor does he want to take unfair advantage of his unemployed fellow-

men in the cities, many of whom are worse off than he. All he wants is a chance to keep his farm and to work out of this depression with as little interference as possible. The fundamental trends are turning gradually in his favor. He will fight through with the same spirit of courage, integrity and independence that his forefathers showed when they turned an unbroken frontier into the rich granary of the nation.

Business, as estimated by the Babsonchart, now stands at 13 per cent below a year ago.

**HOUSE DEFENDED BY ITS SPEAKER**

**Harris Takes Floor To Re-sent Charges by Duplin Representative**

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.  
 Raleigh, Feb. 18.—There is probably not a more even-tempered, unruffled and steady-minded man in the General Assembly than Speaker E. L. Harris, of Person county. In his long record in the General Assembly he has become noted for his coolness, his calm deliberation, his ability to size up a situation impersonally and to act accordingly with deliberate precision. He is anything but excitable and has never been addicted to speech making or even to much talk.

But Speaker Harris has always had a keen sense of justice and has been a believer in fair play. From his past experience as a member of the General Assembly he knows that the great majority of the members work hard, are sincere and do the best they can to fulfill their duty to the people of the State. He also knows that the various House committees, which he appointed, have been working harder than ever this session, if that is possible, to develop and expedite legislation.

So it did not take Speaker Harris long to descend from the speaker's chair and take the floor in defense of members of the General Assembly and of the House in particular after Representative Hamp D. Williams, of Duplin, rose to a point of personal privilege Friday afternoon and assailed the House for its lack of progress and declared that "sinister influences" were at work to defeat important legislation.

This was the first time Speaker Harris had taken the floor this session to address the House. It will probably be the last. He declared emphatically that no "sinister influences" were at work to defeat or impede any pending legislation, defended the record of the House so far and moved that Williams' statement be recalled from the committee to which it had been referred and that it be tabled. Both motions were carried in a unanimous chorus of "ayes."

Speaker Harris is being widely commended for his action.

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