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**After Tobacco Firms**  
 Charges against the so-called "big four" tobacco firms by the Department of Justice are not the first such steps leading to prosecution for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust act. Back in 1911, it will be remembered, the government won a decision in the Supreme Court ordering dissolution of the old American Tobacco Company as a trust.

The tobacco industry at the present time is not a single corporate entity in the sense that it was thirty years ago. But the government is preparing to go into the courts to try to prove that it is again operating as a monopoly in restraint of trade, and that the major manufacturers have some sort of understanding as to prices they will pay for the raw leaf and likewise prices they will charge for the finished product.

Reference in the allegations to conditions that deny the farmers their fair and reasonable bargaining rights strike along the line that has drawn much comment for years by observers of the auction selling system. The farmer, to be sure, does not have to let his offerings go at the price set by the sales crew as it passes down the long rows of golden weed. He can turn the tag, and frequently does, and sometimes even takes the leaf back home to await a more propitious selling day, which he always hopes for. But it is a fact, however, that there is little chance for him to sell his crop by any other than the auction method. And the seller at auction, whether tobacco, bankrupt stocks, real estate, antique furniture or what not, usually is assumed to be willing to trade with the highest bidder.

This, of course, is no guarantee of the merits of the system. It simply is the manner of carrying on over a period of so many years that hardly any one remembers anything different. Perhaps it is not an ideal procedure. Evidently the Department of Justice has concluded it is not perfect in every detail.

The big companies will naturally fight back. The litigation may be long drawn out, as like suits frequently are. But it would be our notion that the government will be persistent. A New Deal Department of Justice more often than not has found lately that it has friends on a New Deal Supreme Court bench. And it may be safely assumed at the outset that neither side will drop the issue until it reaches the highest tribunal.

**Effects of Draft**  
 Of course universal conscription of American youth will change this nation, as independent Senator Norris makes bold to proclaim. He thinks it will make of the United States a work-a-day, and in that we believe he is right. Given top-flight officials in control of the government who are war-minded, and they would make of this country a sort of "cock of the roost" as Hitler has made of Germany. It is not easy to escape the fear that that may be a part of their complex in rushing the conscription bill through Congress, whether the country wants or approves it or not.

It takes time to make a soldier, just as it takes time to build an airplane, a tank or a big gun. And if an adequate supply of man-power can be had in no other way than by compulsion, then we have come to that and may as well make the most of it. But we have not yet been convinced that compulsory military training, otherwise known as conscription, is the only way out of our current emergency. When we are so convinced, we shall be as heartily in favor of the plan as any one, provided always that it is not to be a permanent part of our American way of life.

There would be little opposition if war were at our gates. There was little serious objection to it in the World War. Admittedly those days and these are vastly different. But we do not agree with Senator Minton in his claim that the people are convinced the emergency requires it. The senator's adherence to the idea may be influenced by the views, known to him, of some higher up who are for the idea.

Foes of the proposal are becoming more vocative than they have been, but they are gaining strength and influence much more slowly than those who are straining every nerve to get the bill into law before the rising tide overwhelms them. Public opinion generally moves slowly, and is doing so now, which is all on the side of the advocates of conscription.

Whatever opposition there may be, there are no signs now that it can ditch the sweep of the movement in Washington, both in Congress and out of it.

A mid-westerner announces he has been eating onions for 65 years in order to attain longevity. We wouldn't know about that but we're willing to bet he has attained exclusiveness.

A famed inventor announces he has developed a machine that melts objects at a distance of 250 miles. Amazing, if true—but why tell us about it in this kind of weather?

Cockroaches, according to an item appeared on earth 1,000,000 years before man did. Wonder what they used as substitutes for kitchen pantries and fruit cellars?

Zadok Dumbkopf says the average small boy's dream of heaven is a place where double-header ball games are played every day and the home team wins them all.

In 500 years, says a noted biologist, native Americans will look like Indians. They do now—after every summer week-end.

Everything in the world is undergoing change—editorial. Including the mosquitoes. They're getting bigger.

Worst part of a summer cold is that you can't even blame it on the weatherman.



**Frenchmen on Trial**  
 Trial of former Premier Daladier of France and others who were in high places in the former republic prior to and during the earlier days of the war is to be begun by the Petain government, now a puppet of the German conquerors of that most recent victim of Nazi might. Unless the old general and those functioning with him in the conduct of French affairs under the new order have experienced a more complete change of heart than seems possible, it is reasonable to believe that their hand is being forced by Germany.

In entering the war last fall, Daladier was acting in concert with Great Britain only as a means of stopping Hitler and of saving France and other parts of Europe from the fate that has befallen them in the face of inefficiency to say the least, and probably treason in high places. Had the fortunes of war been favorable to French arms and resulted in the overthrow of the Hitler regime, Petain and his crowd would be among those most anxious to accept the plaudits of their countrymen and the world for their achievements, which would have been heralded abroad as the zenith of patriotism.

What is about to happen to these prewar statesmen is being dictated by the German high command. If Petain and his co-laborers in the changed France were not as eager supporters of the war program as Daladier and those now allied with him, word to that effect has not come out of France, either before or after the blitzkrieg.

The former premier was not a traitor to his people in leading France into war. France had lived for years in the fear of German attack, else why the famed but useless Maginot fortifications? And the war declaration of last September was considered the best course of avoiding what has now happened.

No one then had any idea that Hitler was prepared to move so rapidly and to achieve the marvels he has accomplished in so short a time. There was every reason to suppose that France and Britain would somehow be able to block his advance. They, or at least France, did not, but that in itself does not brand Daladier and the others as traitors. They did what they believed was best and proper for the republic.

And the move today to try them to meet out punishment for trumped up charges is the compelling hand of German ruthlessness and is not the soul of republican France. It is but the continuation of Nazi methods that have been followed without deviation in other countries that lay in the path of Hitler's ambitions for world—or at least European—domination.

Japan, we read, plans to continue vigorously the prosecution of her war against the Chinese. Isn't there an old Confucius saying about, "He who rides a tiger fears to dismount?"

One thing the natives of those little Baltic countries now taken over by Russia won't need to worry about is how their elections in the future are going to turn out.

The great Burma road, it appears, will continue to run from Rangoon to Mandalay—but only by permission of the Japanese government.

A hitch-hiking artist is doing scenes of the country through which he passes. They, naturally, should be thumb-nail sketches.

**Victory Half Won**  
 Overwhelming approval of three-year tobacco control by growers in last Saturday's referendum does not solve completely the problem created by surpluses and loss of foreign markets. That merely effects a check on recurring excesses of production.

Loss of cash that comes from generous tobacco sales, in both quantity and price, creates a situation that control alone cannot and does not solve. Something must be substituted for this void.

The answer is the old, old story of crop diversification and living at home. Many growers have long since learned that lesson to their great advantage. All should, and agriculture in our part of the country will not achieve that freedom and stability it deserves until all, or most, growers fall in line with it.

There never was a better time and perhaps never more urgent reason for tackling this bad situation than the present. With thousands of acres of land hitherto put to tobacco now or soon to be deprived of that use, it can be turned to profit with other crops.

From foreign countries are coming hints that food may be scarce this winter. It is certain that with so many millions of men under arms and ready to destroy and dissipate resources of the nations, the occupations which formerly engaged them are going to suffer now since they have left the plow, the factory and the office. Many sections of Europe that are now engaged in fighting or armed to the teeth in anticipation of it are agricultural regions. Production of crops is being left largely to old men, children and women, and that means that yields will be less, but that there are still about as many mouths to feed.

This, then, should offer one opportunity for utilizing American farm acres that are no longer being devoted to money crops.

There is no prospect of a food shortage in this country unless there should be widespread crop failures. That is a matter of weather, which no human can control. But there must be food if humanity is to survive.

It will be a grave mistake if the idea becomes general that crop control is a panacea for all of our ills. Certainly it is not. However good and appropriate it may be, there is the further duty to make idle acres count.

**ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS**  
 See Back Page

1. Avocados.
2. New York.
3. Yes.
4. Eye-kan.
5. "Ellyroy Queen."
6. Oregon.
7. No.
8. King George II of England.
9. Thirty-two.
10. Cornell.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES, PUBLIC NECESSITY.**  
 (Greensboro Daily News).  
 While a number of municipalities are finding trouble in financing their public libraries—it will be recalled that a tude there was in Charlotte when its library was closed temporarily, and there is now the case of Asheboro whose library must be closed by September 1 unless funds are made available—Henderson gives a demonstration in fiscal agility in which necessity of adequate support for this public facility gets a peculiar sort of recognition. The Henderson city council this week made its usual appropriation of \$3,000 to the library, despite the state regulation that library operation cannot be held essential, and is not a proper use of public monies without a vote of the people. But the Hendersonians simply decide to provide the cash from other sources than ad valorem taxation, such as court receipts and the like. Of course contribution from any public fund is a charge against the ad valorem taxation, because the equivalent must be raised by direct taxation of property.

But that didn't hold the Hendersonians, as maybe it shouldn't. The Supreme court stands on its position that a public library is not a public necessity. It's a public necessity so far as the Henderson city duds are concerned, and maybe, eventually, as it becomes more evident what "public necessity" means in the public mind, by such manifestations, the august jurists will decide to take another look into their dictionary.

**What Do You Know About North Carolina?**  
 By FRED H. MAY

1. When did North Carolina lose five congressmen by reapportionment?
2. When was the dollar first used as a unit of money in North Carolina?
3. Why did Congressman Duncan McFarland contest the election of John Culpepper to congress in 1806?
4. How many lieutenant governors have been elected to the office of governor?
5. What is the smallest incorporated town in North Carolina?
6. Who is the oldest member of the North Carolina Supreme Court?

**ANSWERS.**  
 1. Following the census of 1830 North Carolina's number of congressmen was reduced from thirteen to nine. During the next twenty years the state lost two more congressmen. Since that time there has been a slow increase.

2. In 1775 when the state voted an issue of \$125,000 in bills of credit to aid in financing the Revolutionary War.

3. Culpepper had been declared over Congressman McFarland, who had already served one term. McFarland contested the election. The Congressional committee found irregularities in the election and declared the seat vacant. Another election was called and Culpepper again was the winner, and was again seated in the same congress that a few weeks before had unseated him.

4. Since 1868 when the office of Lieutenant governor was created only three lieutenant governors have been elected to the office of governor. Two of these, Governor Todd R. Caldwell and Governor Thos. J. Jarvis had already become governors to fill vacancies. They were elected to succeed themselves. Max Gardner, lieutenant governor under Governor Bickett, 1917 to 1921, ran for the Democratic nomination in 1920, but was defeated. It was not until 1928 the nomination was given him without contest.

5. North Carolina's smallest incorporated town is Delview. Gaston county, with a 1940 population of eight, in 1930 Delview had a population of ten. This loss of twenty percent in population, in all probability, will place Delview as the heaviest loser among incorporated towns of the state.

6. Associate Justice Heriot Clarkson, who was born August 21, 1863, in Richland county, South Carolina, Justice Clarkson is only one year the senior of Associate Justice Seawell.

**In Tune With GOP?**



Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, is pictured at the piano as he engaged in barber shop quartet singing at the New York World's Fair. Smith, former Democratic nominee for President, is expected to back Republican standard-bearer Wendell L. Willkie.

**CAMERON SAYS FORD NEVER HAD 'OFFER'**

San Francisco, July 26.—(AP)—The Ford Motor company never rejected any proposal of the national defense commission for manufacture of airplane engines, because the reported "offer" was never made, W. J. Cameron, Ford spokesman, said yesterday.

Cameron said negotiations for Ford production of Rolls-Royce aviation engines did not get within three months of agreement before they were discontinued.

(In Washington, the defense commission asserted the Ford company was offered a contract for airplane engines, and that Edsel Ford had accepted and said his father had approved.)

"No contract was ever offered us," Cameron said, in an interview. "The administration has no idea what it wants manufactured."

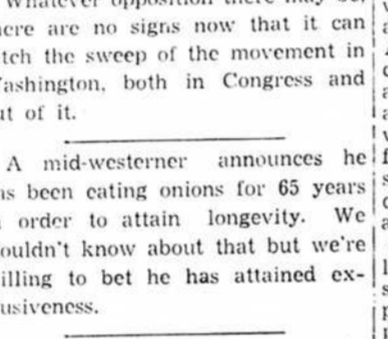
**CREDITORS' NOTICE.**  
 Having qualified as Administrators of the Estate of Baxter G. White, deceased, late of Vance County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to their attorneys at Henderson, N. C., on or before the 12th day of July, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to this estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of July, 1940.  
 S. F. WHITE,  
 J. C. WHITE,  
 Administrators of the Estate of Baxter G. White,  
 Gholson & Gholson,  
 Attorneys for Administrators.  
 12-19-26-2-9-16

**NOTICE.**  
 The Partnership existing between Mrs. Aileen Lewis Carter and her husband, C. L. Carter, operating under the firm name of "C. L. Carter Lumber Company", has this day, by mutual consent, been dissolved and Mrs. Aileen Lewis Carter has no further interest in the partnership.

This the 11th day of July, 1940.  
 C. L. CARTER,  
 MRS. AILEEN LEWIS CARTER.  
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- NOTICE OF SUMMONS. In The Superior Court. Before The Clerk.**  
 State of North Carolina: County of Vance: Mamie Crutchfield Foster and her band, David Lee Foster, vs. Millie Crutchfield Davis, widow; Cora Crutchfield Hawkins, widow; John Crutchfield and wife, Elvira Crutchfield; Tom Crutchfield and wife, Laura Crutchfield; Lydia Crutchfield; (widow of William Crutchfield); Mary Crutchfield Wright and husband; — Wright; Clarence Jeffries, James Jeffries, and Henry Jeffries, (heirs of Eliza Crutchfield Jeffries, deceased).  
 The defendants John Crutchfield and wife Elvira Crutchfield, Tom Crutchfield and wife Laura Crutchfield, Lydia Crutchfield, Mary Crutchfield Wright and husband, and James Jeffries, Clarence Jeffries, and Henry Jeffries, will take notice that an action entitled as above in the nature of a special proceeding has been commenced in the Superior Court of Vance County, North Carolina, by the sale of real property held by the parties in this action as tenants in common, for partition:  
 And the defendants, Elvira Crutchfield, Lydia Crutchfield, John Crutchfield, Laura Crutchfield, Mary Crutchfield, Elvira Crutchfield, James Jeffries, Clarence Jeffries, and Henry Jeffries, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Vance County, at the Courthouse in Henderson, North Carolina, on the 26th day of August, 1940 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the writs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
 This the 26th day of July, 1940.  
 E. O. FALKNER,  
 Clerk of Superior Court of Vance County.  
 Gholson & Gholson,  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
 26-2-9-16