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## The Real Motive

The Atomic Energy Commission-TVA-private power controversy in Washington serves to highlight something bigger, and something all-too apparent: There is a widespread and determined effort to destroy the TVA.

Most of the folks engaged in that effort would tell you they hate the TVA as a wicked socialistic heresy. We doubt if that is true. We think the hate goes a bit deeper.

We think that for two reasons: First, nowhere is socialism, as a theory, more feared and hated than in the South; but very few Southerners hate or fear the TVA. Quite the reverse.

Second, the anti-TVA-ers are too bitter about it. Nobody gets that hot up about sin in the abstract.

Our guess would be that what they really hate is the South. And that that hate, like most, stems from jealousy. The South is fast catching up with the rest of the country; the TVA, they reason, is speeding that overtaking process. Ergo, let's destroy the TVA.

## Letters

### AN ARITHMETICAL PROBLEM

Editor, The Press:

Here is a problem for the amusement of your readers.

If anyone gets stuck, if they will let me know, I will try to straighten them out.

With best wishes to The Press and to my North Carolina friends of 50 years ago,

Yours respectfully,

WILL S. JOHNSON

#### THE PROBLEM:

Three persons rented a room in a hotel. The proprietor charged them \$10 each, or a total of \$30.

Later, he decided he had charged too much, and gave the bellhop \$5 to return to them. The bellhop decided to keep \$2, and give the three guests back \$1 each.

After the refunds, the guests had paid out \$9 each. Three times nine equals \$27, and the bellhop kept \$2, making \$29.

What happened to the other dollar? For they started with \$30.

## Others' Opinions

### BARLEY

(Quonset Scout)

We hear that next year's bathing suits are barely big enough to keep a girl from being tanned where she ought to be.

### JUST ABOUT SHOT

(Asheville Citizen)

We feel impelled to relay a reader's comment on that A.P. story that read:

"In Grand Rapids, Mich., a grandfather and grandson were watching a jungle show on television when a tiger appeared on the screen. Grandpa grabbed his grandson's B-B gun, fired, and ruined the set. He said he didn't know the gun was loaded."

Writes the reader:

"Never mind the gun; what about grandpa?"

### A TEACHER MAKES A DISCOVERY

(Shelby Star)

A North Carolina teacher has discovered some of the weaknesses in her own profession and cited them to the National Education Association which is now meeting in New York.

Schools have traditionally been faced with the misbehaving student. Now comes Mrs. S. M. Taylor of Greensboro to say there are several kinds of misbehaving teachers.

First, she says there is the teacher who sets bad examples. They tell children not to walk on the grass and yet cut corners themselves.

Then, there is the teacher who rushes in tardy and who rushes out as soon as the day is over.

There is the teacher who does the job as a martyr feeling that he or she is the hardest working teacher in the school.

Finally, there is the teacher who encourages or participates in group conflicts; for example, young teachers against older teachers.

These are not all the sins mentioned by Mrs. Taylor as head of the NEA ethics committee but they will suffice to illustrate a lack of perfection which crops up once in a while and which ought to be called to the attention of those most concerned.

We had never heard that teachers laid claim to perfection. Most of them go about their duties humbly and with full knowledge that they often make mistakes.

Nevertheless, it is refreshing to have a teacher herself call attention to a few specific shortcomings which she has seen crop up among her fellow workers. The chances for them to be corrected are a thousand times better that way.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

**In God we trust**  
THIS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH HAS COME DOWN TO US THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT, THE NEW TESTAMENT, OUR PARENTS' TEACHINGS, OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM—AND EVEN ON OUR COINS.

THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE MOTTO ON OUR COINS WAS ON A BRONZE TWO-CENT PIECE MINTED IN 1864 IN PHILADELPHIA. NOW OUR GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED ITS FIRST REGULAR STAMP PROCLAIMING TO THE WORLD "IN GOD WE TRUST." IT IS AN EIGHT-CENT STAMP, USED PRINCIPALLY FOR INTERNATIONAL MAIL, AND SERVES AS ANOTHER REMINDER OF THE FAITH ON WHICH OUR DEMOCRACY WAS FOUNDED.

## Poetry

Editor  
EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE  
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### MY NEIGHBOR

I see her press her weight against the wind,  
To a shabby house that leans against a hill.  
But there are flowers upon her window sill,  
And peace is there for those who ask no more  
Than mother hands and heart and open door.  
She is so frail and yet so strong  
To bear the weight of all their care.  
Her beauty not a thing of form or face,  
But from a certain inner grace.  
The Master must have placed such beauty there.  
Perhaps when He shall walk with us again,  
He will pass by the very wise and great,  
To linger by my neighbor's gate.  
For one of His simplicity,  
Might well prefer to be,  
Her guest for tea.

MARIE HALBERT KING

## STRICTLY

## PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

This column is for women only.

No mere man should try to talk about cooking recipes. He shouldn't, certainly, if he'd had the experience I have.

I ought to have had my lessons. For every time I've ever even talked about cooking (much less tried to do it), I've got myself in trouble.

The climax of those troubles came a number of years ago when I was working on the Asheville papers. It was decided to put out a section devoted to recipes. And I was nominated and unanimously elected (by my newspaper boss) as recipe editor.

It'll be very simple, I thought; all you have to do is just print the recipes women send in. O, yes; I also was supposed to read the proof, to make sure there were no typographical errors.

It should be simple, I thought; and when the section was out, I congratulated myself it had been simple. Really nothing to it.

But, unhappily, some folks read that section; or, at least, I know of one person who did—my wife. And though it's been at least 15 years ago, she never has let me forget that one recipe in the section I edited called for a CUP full of baking powder!

You'd think I'd know better by this time. But here I go; not only talking about recipes, but putting what I say in type—where I can't possibly deny I ever said it.

I'm doing it for a reason—two reasons, in fact.

What prompted this column was a dish we had at our house the other night. It was some of the best food I ever put in my mouth. And it came from a recipe, of course.

And where did Mrs. Jones get that recipe? From Boston? New

York? San Francisco? Wrong! It came from Macon County. And she found it in The Franklin Press—in that little "Cooking Corner — Favorite Recipes of Macon Women".

It's called "Congealed Salad", and it was given to the world by Mrs. Lyle Shepherd, of the Liberty Home Demonstration Club.

A burnt child dreads the fire, and I'm not going to try to give the quantities this time. But I am going to list some of the things that go in it: Cream, black walnut meats, cottage cheese, pineapple, olives, and gelatin.

Note those ingredients again, and you'll get an inkling of how smart Macon women are: Cream—comes from the family cow; walnuts—right off the farm; cottage cheese—again thanks to the cow (and to considerable kitchen labor). The pineapple, the olives, and the gelatin are, I would guess, minor items; and a lot of women here would find, if necessary, substitutes for the pineapple and olives. They might even substitute the gelatin out of pig's feet for the bought kind.

That brings me to my first point, my first reason for writing this: Mrs. Shepherd's recipe illustrates how Macon women turn out delectable (that's a \$64-word meaning "how good that is!") dishes, using what is produced right on the farm.

My second point is this: Macon County folks are eating a lot better than they did 50, or even 25, years ago. Imagine congealed salad on a Macon County table, back in 1904!

P. S. Since this is written for women only, I'll break down and make a confession: The best ideas in this article naturally aren't a man's at all. You can probably guess what woman gave them to me.

## News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

By BOB SLOAN

If the figures given by the Atomic Energy Commission as to the increase in cost in obtaining electricity from a private company for their work rather than from the TVA is correct then President Eisenhower is doing the people of the United States a great wrong.

According to this commission the power could be obtained for \$50,000,000 less money from the already existing TVA. This power is necessary for the development of Atomic power necessary for the defense of the country. It should be obtained in the cheapest way possible with the assurance that the supply will continue. Furthermore, it seems unwise to place something so essential to the defense of our country in the hands of a small group of men who could if so motivated attempt to force the country to pay an even higher price for what may be a great part of the life blood of our defense. Also it looks to me like this \$50,000,000.00 excess in price is a handout from the government for those utilities producing this electricity. If the motive behind the whole project is not an attempt to gradually freeze out TVA then why don't the other private utilities protest this move? It is not only beneficial to their competitors, but, also is a waste of their tax money as well as the private citizens.

It seems to me that the Democratic party would do well to make their pitch on the basis of the unfairness and unsoundness of allowing small groups to benefit extremely well from the use of our natural resources rather than seeing that they are developed for the use of the country as a whole. The Tidelands Oil deal was an example and if we go paying private companies bonus sums to produce power necessary for defense with the intent of destroying the government agency built at great expense which can do this job we are doubly wasting our money. If TVA is selling power to private industry that is needed for defense then that should be stopped, but isn't it better for a government agency to produce defense power rather than a company which wants to make the biggest profit possible.

In confining ones remarks to a short column like this one always runs the danger of not making his position too clear due to lack of space. Last week in commenting on conditions at Arrowood I intended no reflection on the personnel charged with the duty of keeping the area clean. Instead I felt that the administration in their pseudo effort to fool the people into thinking they would give the same service at less cost would result in placing almost impossible jobs on personnel down at the bottom. In army parlance that is where the "buck finally got passed to." Such is the case. One man is

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## Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 WEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
President (Theodore) Roosevelt has given out that he will deliver no political speeches during the campaign. The country is to be congratulated.

Mrs. George T. Bryson moved last Wednesday from the Dr. Lyle cabin to the Bartlett house on West Main Street.

At the Democratic senatorial convention that met at Andrews last Friday, Mr. Steve Porter, of Cherokee, was unanimously nominated by acclamation for senator from the 34th district.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
On August 10 Highlands is planning a big barbecue in celebration of three distinct events. First, a monument to S. T. Kelsey, founder of the town, will be unveiled. Second, the opening of Highway 28 between Franklin and that town. Third, the opening of the Highlands Golf Course. On the opening date, Bobby Jones, the most famous golfer in the world, will play.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Lieut. Horace C. Hurst has been awarded the Air Medal, according to an announcement received here from England.

Sgt. Carlisle Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Shepherd, has arrived safely overseas, according to a letter received by his parents.

## Surrender and Repudiation

Perhaps Benjamin Franklin was right in saying that "there never was a good war, or a bad peace". But beyond a feeling of relief that the slaughter in far off Indochina has ceased, the West can get little comfort from the cease-fire agreement signed last week in Geneva.

Maybe there never was a "bad" peace; but certainly this one is not a "good" peace—if, indeed, it is peace at all.

What it probably will prove to be is simply an armed truce, and a temporary truce at that. For it settles nothing. The problem of Indochina is a far more complicated one today than it was when the fighting started eight years ago.

The settlement is a humiliating defeat for the West. Even the most casual examination of its terms reveals that. In fact, there was no pretense that it was anything else. The Communist negotiators, ordinarily glum, were openly jubilant; and the French premier told his country's National Assembly that the peace is "cruel", but the best bargain obtainable.

In the light of this abject surrender, what must be the emotions of the mothers and widows of the thousands of French soldiers who died fighting in Indochina! And of the mothers and widows of the Vietnamese soldiers who died to keep their country free! Surely they must be asking themselves today: "To what end did they die"?

Probably the most significant effect of the West's surrender, though, will not be the humiliation, or even the terrible loss of prestige the West has suffered. The worst feature is the West's repudiation of all the things it is supposed to stand for.

By the terms of the agreement, the big powers handed over to the Reds approximately half of another country—Viet Nam. They sold into Communist slavery 13,000,000 souls. And the protests of the Vietnam foreign minister were ignored; he charged he wasn't even permitted to read the text of the agreement that so vitally affects his country. After such a betrayal, how can the West ever expect to be believed again?

The United States attempted to keep its skirts clear by refusing to sign the agreement. But it was represented at the conference; its delegate merely abstained from voting—he could have, but did not, cast his vote against the agreement. And we gave it support by announcing we would not attempt to upset it by force.

We tried to salve our conscience by making another idle threat, about what we will do to the Communists—next time.

## Then - And Now

If anything is going to be done about the antics of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, it will have to be done by you and me; that is, by the taxpayers. That was the suggestion offered in these columns last week.

The way to put an end to those antics, the suggestion continued, is for Congress to stop appropriating the money that makes them possible. And the best way for taxpayers to get such action out of Congress is to refuse to pay federal taxes until Congress cuts off these appropriations. After all, it is our money.

Of course, the law says we must pay taxes; and to advocate refusal to do so is to advocate breaking the law. That, we have been told, is pretty serious; it is to advocate a form of rebellion.

Well, maybe.

But we seem to remember reading in the history books about some earlier Americans who refused to pay taxes. They went even farther; they not only wouldn't pay taxes on tea, they forced their way on to a tea-laden ship and threw the tea overboard.