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## What Broke the Country

It's not relief spending that's broke this country. The several billions spent in the name of humanity has produced an unbalanced budget, they say. And probably it has helped throw the banker's budget out of tune. But there are other things that have warped the budget and reduced millions to poverty in this nation.

One of the largest insurance companies is being investigated for alleged illegal practices followed in controlling its vast empire.

In a recent year, the industrial insurance business claimed three billion dollars — more than enough to finance a program for human relief—that a helpless people lost in defaulted policies.

And the same budget that human relief up-set is the one that bears the cost of past wars and the one that finances the pork barrel spending that has been just as rotten as any thing ever devised and charged against the WPA or any other agency in the alphabet.

Throw in the hundreds of monopolistic dictators, and then one will have the group that unbalanced the budget.

When the insurance business, the war business, the monopolies are cleaned up, then start working on the human relief agencies. The common people waited through one long depression for the government to choke off the leeches, and they are watching and pulling for President Roosevelt as he goes about the business of investigating the trusts, the unethical if not illegal practices of certain big companies in holding stockholders' meetings, and the way the courts are run. If he fails in his task, those who have been sucking the life blood from the millions will have to account for their actions direct to the people.

## Rackets

The activities of so many agencies and the dubious practices employed by so many types of businesses border so close to the realm of a racket or plain old hi-jacking that the free flow of trade is being choked to death. It is not the local, state or federal taxing powers that constitute the real threat to business in this day and age. Nearly every transaction in many business systems today is shackled with a conditional agreement that robs the producer of a living price and creates a profit to a removed speculator, lawyer, inspector, and offers no saving to the public, the final consumer.

The cleaning and pressing association in the State appears to be close kin to a racket, recent reports maintaining that the creators of the organization are reaping thousands of dollars in salaries and fees. The operator of a small establishment is saddled with a burden, and in passing that burden on to the public he experiences a declining business.

The farmer, in offering his produce for sale, has to travel through a maze of rackets. His produce is often rejected at a contract price and then rebought at a lower figure because the broker simply lied about the condition of the product offered.

There is little wonder that business can operate under the yoke bearing down upon its neck, and the surprising fact is that if taxes — the thing we talk and complain so much about — were lifted business would still be handicapped.

## And All For Revenue

Several years ago, North Carolina had a law requiring a health certificate of those knocking at the door of matrimony. The law was attacked not so much because it did not measure up to expectations but because it caused the matrimonial business to flee across the state boundaries. The loss of revenue caused a great howl and the law was altered.

And now another attempt is being made to revive the law and put teeth in it, and it remains to be seen whether the legislature is really more interested in revenue or in the general health of generations to come.

Commenting on three bills introduced recently in the State Senate by T. W. Long, of

Halifax, in connection with certain health requirements, the Scotland Neck Commonwealth says:

The first bill would require applicants for marriage licenses to undergo physical examinations, and if they have venereal diseases, tuberculosis, epilepsy or are mental defectives the licenses shall not be issued. In the case of venereal disease, treatment must be assented to for one year. In the cases where mental defectives seek licenses they must submit to sterilization.

This bill has for its purpose the general health of the people. It would, if approved, undoubtedly reduce the number of mental defectives in the state. It likewise would reduce the number of those suffering from incurable troubles as a result of being the children of syphilitic parents.

The argument against such a measure, that the border counties would lose marriage license revenue which would go to adjoining states is hardly worth considering. While a federal marriage license law would be the best means of handling the situation, this does not mean that North Carolina should not tackle the proposition. Other states will undoubtedly follow. As a matter of fact, we have been reliably informed that health authorities of Virginia are contemplating just such legislation at the next session of the legislature of that state.

The second bill, which we heartily favor, is that all children shall be immunized against diphtheria. It is hard to understand why parents refuse to protect their children from this dread disease for which there is little that doctors can do once a child has it. We certainly hope the bill will become law.

The third bill would require that the Wasserman test for syphilis be given to women during pregnancy.

We have not had an opportunity to read this bill and do not know the extent to which Dr. Long would have such control spread, and therefore we do not care to venture an opinion on same. However, we believe it should be carefully studied at Raleigh, for while it may not be the exact legislation which should be passed, it may serve as a starting point for a bill along the same lines.

SB 121

## Charlotte News.

The State Senate received last week from Senator Long a bill to require applicants for a marriage license to present a doctor's certificate that they are free from venereal disease. A good short title for this bill, SB 121, would be the Common Decency Bill, which would make it easy to reproach any solon who mastered the nerve to vote against it. No solon cares to be caught on the side against common decency.

For that matter, the chief argument in opposition to such a health measure approaches the indecent. It is that the counties of the state, especially the border counties, lose license revenue by requiring the pre-marital examination. This is equivalent to saying that the State and its subdivisions cannot afford not to license the marriage of syphilitics — at so much a throw. And that, messires, is equivalent to saying what no man in his senses would care to be caught saying — that for a few dollars the State will stand up as best man for a syphilitic and act as godfather to any syphilitic children that he may beget.

## Not in Vain

## Asheboro Courier.

Records of the county health department show the death last week, of a boy who died in the county of diphtheria. He had not been vaccinated because his mother feared that it might "make him sick" and the health nurse was unable to overcome the objection.

Inoculation would have saved the life of this boy, as it has saved countless lives since the public health officers throughout the nation have carried on the campaign against this disease. But one of the greatest problems which public health officials and the medical profession have had to overcome has been the prejudice of parents and others. This prejudice has come in the main from lack of information and from fear of the unknown, but it is being broken down rapidly by education and by such tragedies as happened in Randolph county last week.

The life of a child is a terrific price to pay, but this death may not have been altogether in vain, in that it may center interest again on the failure to protect against disease, and on the certain protection which is given by vaccination.

In connection with this work of the public health department, there is too little general realization of the danger that the legislature may at this time force curtailment of much of their work. Reductions in appropriations for public health work will, if passed by the general assembly, so handicap the public health departments that much of its work must be abandoned in full or in part.

If such an appropriation is passed, it will be a financial sacrifice which may mean a decided rise in the death rates in the state — from diphtheria, and from typhoid, from smallpox, from venereal disease and from other diseases now held in check by eternal vigilance. The saving of a few dollars can hardly be justified in view of such results.

Church Takes Stand  
On Jewish Question

In a recent meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church at Greenville, a resolution was passed urging the women of the church to show sympathy for their Jewish neighbors and promote international government action for the relief of refugees.

Mrs. W. A. Darden, the board's field chairman, said this week that some of the Jewish leaders and organizations had already written letters of appreciation and that they were "very touching".

The resolution passed by the auxiliary executive board reads:

"We, the executive board of the Woman's Auxiliary, representing the women of the Episcopal church all over the world, desire to express our grief and dismay at the persecution of the Jewish people in central Europe."

We call upon the women throughout the church to prove their love for the Master by showing in simple, friendly ways their sympathy with their Jewish neighbors and by making welcome into their communities, schools and homes, refugees who have come to this country. We also urge them to promote international government action for the relief of refugees and to work for a larger measure of justice and consideration for all Jews and other minority groups in our National life."

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Frank D. Taylor and wife, Bertha Taylor, to Harrison Brothers and Company, dated May 26, 1938, and of record in Book T-3, at page 389 of the Martin County Public Registry, and at the request of the holder of the notes of indebtedness thereby secured, default having been made in the payment thereof, I will, on the 20th day of March, 1939, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, offer for sale at public auction for cash the property described in said deed of trust as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the fork of the road in which stands the Biggs School House, thence down the new road to Nancy Rogerson's line to the head of the small branch, thence down the said branch to a lightwood post in the fork of Lamb's Branch, thence up said branch to the fork of the same, thence up the East prong of said branch to the mouth of the small branch, a poplar, thence up said branch to a pine tree, thence a straight course to the back line, a pine tree near a path known as the Matchie Chapel Path, thence along the back line two pines in Askew's line to a black gum on the North prong of Lamb's Branch to the road across which is a canal, thence up said road to the school house to the beginning, containing 190 acres, more or less.

This the 18th day of February, 1939.

W. H. HARRISON,  
Coburn & Coburn, Atty. f24-4t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE  
Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. H. Moore, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 23rd day of January, 1940, or this notice will be pleaded in bar

of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 23rd day of Jan., 1939.

D. R. MOORE,  
Administrator of the Estate of  
J. H. Moore, deceased.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of John H. Heath, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the

said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of January, 1939.

MRS. IRENE HEATH,  
Administratrix of the estate  
of John H. Heath.

E. S. Peel, Atty. j13-6t

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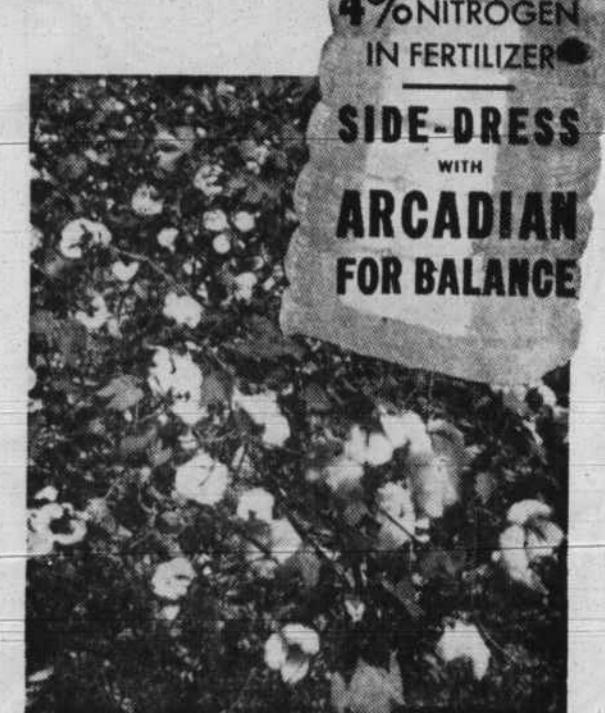
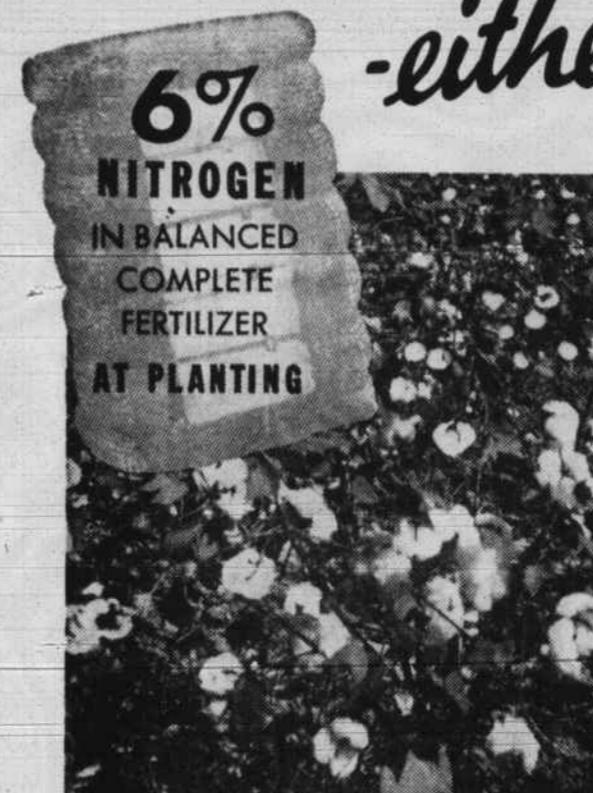
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