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**Compulsory Crop Control**

North Carolina farmers want compulsory crop control.

They want it because they realize that unless the acreage of cotton, peanuts, tobacco, and potatoes is stabilized by the government production will continue to fluctuate.

And they want it because they know that unless acreage is controlled, year after year will be so large and the price so low that farmers will be kept near poverty.

At present it does not appear that Congress will do very much toward providing any effective control.

There are several reasons for this. One is that compulsory control would probably be unconstitutional. Another is the fact that a very large group of people would oppose any control on the general principle that it represents undue government interference with private business and would eventually have the effect of putting agriculture into a bureaucratic straight-jacket.

Others object to such control because, as spokesmen for industrial sections, they realize that it would mean higher food prices and consequently lower living standards for factory workers, and, in fact, for very one who buys food instead of producing it.

**A Logical Objection**

This last is a very logical objection, but one in which there is a certain irony.

For these same representatives of industrial interests have built up a complicated system of tariffs to keep out foreign made shoes, hats, alarm clocks and similar manufactured goods so that with only a limited quantity of American shoes, hats, and alarm clocks available, the manufacturers can maintain high prices.

If the manufacturer can not obtain what he feels is a reasonable price for his product he fires his employes and shuts down his factory. A farmer can not do this.

And so farmers, except when aided by the government, must sell their crops at the market prices regardless of how low that may be, and have no choice but to buy manufactured goods at two or three or four times as much as they would have to pay if it were not for the tariff.

The Roosevelt administration realizes that this is unreasonable and unfair and so we have various government agencies for buying up excess peanuts, loaning money on cotton, making soil conservation payments, etc.

Thus, the government taxes all of the people in order to raise money to pay farmers so as to make up for a portion of their incomes which its tariff laws permit the manufacturing groups to take away from them.

**A Crazy Business**

The whole crazy business boils down to a simple matter of the government helping industry steal from agriculture, then taxing industry and attempting to give back to agriculture what industry has stolen from it.

The first tariffs began during the Revolutionary war days, when New York had a tariff to keep out products made in Connecticut and Connecticut had a law to keep out imports from New York.

One of the principal reasons for the establishment of the present government was to put an end to these stupid and exasperating restrictions on trade between states.

But the new government had hardly begun to function when Alexander Hamilton succeeded in setting up a new system of tariffs against other nations. Hamilton was the advocate of government for the wealthy and the sworn enemy of rural democracy.

**A Vicious System**

Ever since his time the tariff system which he set up has grown more intricate and more vicious. It was, in fact, one of the major causes of the Civil War. Clearly a class measure, it serves but one purpose, to promote the interests of one economic group at the expense of another.

And now we have the spectacle of another and increasingly complicated system of regulations growing up to offset the effects of the tariff system.

Farmers are right in demanding that Congress give them the aid which they must have if they are to live at all decently.

But they will gain much more in the long run if Secretary of State Cordell Hull is successful in forcing a gradual reduction in tariffs on all of the articles which they must buy.

**RAMBLING ABOUT**

By THE RAMBLER

**IT DOES NOT LOOK GOOD**

Plymouth is beginning to feel what some believe may be the start of another business depression. . . . It all started just three or four weeks ago when the stock market began to drop. . . . Investors have lost many millions of dollars since then and business men are not spending any more money than they have to or going ahead with new projects as they had intended. . . .

So less merchandise is being bought by retail store keepers. . . . and less is being shipped. . . . Which means less shipping cases are needed. . . . And the Plymouth Box & Panel Company here is working only part time. . . . Pay checks are smaller. . . . And this is being felt by store keepers. . . . It all starts a sort of vicious circle. . . . The big boys stop spending. . . . so the little fellows have nothing to spend. . . . Which cuts into the income of the big boys and in a little while things are at a standstill unless somebody does something. . . . Let's hope they do. . . .

**THAT ROTTEN SMELL**

For one thing at least, Plymouth can be thankful. . . . there is still the rotten smell from the pulp mill. . . . And the worse it gets, the more pulp is being made. . . . As Sam Adler says, "It smells a lot better than rotten business." . . . The Rambler is hoping it gets smellier and smellier. . . .

**WELCOME BACK AGAIN**

Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer is back from her honeymoon. . . . We are glad to have you with us again, Mrs. Wilbur Darden. . . . are sure your column was missed by the members of your clubs last week. . . .

**THE MAYOR WAS RIGHT**

Heavy rains during the past week. . . . washed away part of one of the ramshackle old buildings which Mayor Campbell recently declared should be repaired or removed. . . . And that just goes to show that the Mayor was right in warning that unless something is done there may some day be a serious accident caused by the collapse of one of these old structures. . . .

**MORE MODERATION NEEDED**

Prohibition was a failure. . . . But the "drys" will be starting another crusade before long if something is not done to make repeal more of a success. . . .

There are too many drunken men on the streets in every part of Washington county. . . . And the wholesale arrests which are made on Saturday nights week after week are not enough. . . .

This is proven by the three serious accidents on the county highways a week ago. . . . One man dead. . . . One facing a long prison term. . . . Two boys injured. . . . all go to prove that there is need for more temperance. . . .

**IT'S A DOGGY TOWN**

Nearly any time of the day or night there are from two or three to a dozen or more dogs of assorted colors, kinds, and sizes prowling around outside the Beacon office. . . . This is more or less typical of the condition throughout the city of Plymouth. . . .

Everyone likes a good dog. . . . But about half of those in Plymouth. . . . and there must be hundreds if they are all counted. . . . are mangy, crippled, badly neglected looking. . . . Would there be as many if someone had to pay a dog tax on each one? . . .

**FAREWELL TO PLYMOUTH—**

Like most newspapers, The Beacon has a rule against the use of poetry. . . . due to the fact that it does not usually look well set in narrow columns. . . . But the best of rules must sometimes be broken. . . . and the Rambler has been unable to resist the temptation to break this one in order to pass along to his readers a "Farewell To Plymouth," by Earl C. Hughes, chief accountant for the James Stewart Company on the pulp mill job here. . . .

I've spent quite some time in your city,  
And some things I've enjoyed here a lot;  
But, before I depart, I would like to impart  
Of the things that I found not so "hot."

When first I arrived, 'twas the water,  
Which all of you folks drink in town,  
I've tried and I've tried to drink with you,  
But, believe me, I can't put it down.

I thought I would go in for swimming,  
So down to your beach I did hie;  
But, I thought, when I'm having my coffee  
I would drink it, and not in it lie.

When out on the road in my auto,  
I happened off Route Sixty-Four;  
But never again will I stray from that path,  
For my poor aching bones are still sore.

I decided to take in some dancing,  
But the minute my feet hit the floor,  
They kept tapping my back and my shoulders  
And for weeks my poor back remained sore.

I stood for these petty annoyances,  
And the smile on my face never fell;  
But the reason I'm leaving you now is  
On account of the pulp mill smell.

Now, I hate to leave your dear city,  
For I think that you folks here are swell;  
And I'm sorry to sever our friendship,  
But damn glad to get rid of that smell.

**Man of the Week . . . C. O. Armstrong**

**New Coach Has Built Up Real Football Team Here**

Cleaton O. Armstrong has been here only a few months, but he is already well known in Washington County as coach of the Plymouth High School football team.

However, few who know him as a coach realize that he is at least as interested in philosophy as in athletics, and hopes soon to add a Ph.D. to his A.B. and M.A. degrees.

Philosophy, he does not consider at all the useless, dull subject, which most practical minded Americans think it.

Perhaps, in fact, he has found that, as Will Durant says: "There is a pleasure in philosophy, and a lure even in the mirages of metaphysics, which every student feels until the coarse necessities of physical existence drag him from the heights of thought into the mart of economic strife again."

**Dr. Lewis Writes Fourth in Series Of Health Talks**

**Only One Form of Dangerous Germ in Plants; But Cooking Is Suggested**

By Dr. S. V. LEWIS

Plants are the primary source of practically all our dietary needs. We may consume them directly, or indirectly in the form of milk, eggs, or meat from animals which have been eating plants.

Plant foods may convey such diseases as typhoid fever, dysentery, and cholera. This occurs from the use of bad soil and infected water from an unsafe source of supply as may be found in some irrigation areas where toilets are constructed over irrigation ditches.

All vegetables eaten raw should be well washed before eating, but this can not be depended upon to remove all the bacteria or raw vegetables.

The only known bacteria that grow in plants are the Botulinus bacilli. The poison given off from the body of this germ is a deadly poison in very small amounts, but if well heated is readily destroyed.

The germ is not harmful, only the toxic material manufactured by the germ is not harmful, only the toxic material manufactured by the germ is poisonous.

Many plants are dangerous if eaten. There are probably 20 or 30 species of the mushroom that are poisonous, and toadstools, often mistaken for mushrooms, are poisonous. Plant foods, however furnish most of the necessary elements necessary for well being: carbohydrates, proteins, and vitamins.

From a point of food value, the following are the most important among the leafy plants: lettuce, collards, cabbage, turnip tops, spinach, brussel sprouts, kale, and water kress.

Fruits of the plant kingdom contain less of the food element than are found in the seeds, leaves, and roots. They are valuable, however, for their laxative properties, salt content, and anti-scorbutic properties.



C. O. ARMSTRONG

But philosophers are usually misunderstood, as socrates learned when the Greeks ordered him to drink his cup of poison, so Armstrong prefers to talk about history, athletics, or current events.

He likes history, and while majoring in English at college, took history as his minor subject. Now, teaching it in the High School, he attempts to make it as interesting to his students as he found it himself.

The study of history is of vital importance today, he believes, because without it as a background one is at a loss to understand the meaning of the tremendous forces which are in conflict that may soon drag the United States again into world war.

The two mightiest men in the world today he says, are not Hitler, Roosevelt, or Mussolini, but Pope Pious XI and Stalin.

Coach Armstrong was born in Wilson, 23 years ago, the son of a Methodist minister. His father died when he was four years old, and he grew up in Ayden, an only child.

In high school he developed a keen interest in athletics and played football, basketball and baseball. After graduating, he worked one summer as cashier in a Washington, D. C. restaurant, then entered the University of North Carolina without any

**Likes Study Philosophy and Teaching History**

particular idea of what he wanted to do.

At Christmas he left and entered East Carolina Teacher's College, majoring in English and minoring in History.

After graduating in 1935, he went to Bath and taught history there one year, coaching the basketball and baseball teams. Both teams did well with seven games won and three lost

in basketball and nine victories against one defeat at baseball.

But that summer he entered George Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn. and the following March received his Masters degree.

The Plymouth football team has not been anything remarkable this year, but has a record of three games won against three lost; and in this he is considerably ahead of last year when only one game of the season was won, and that against the "B" team of Elizabeth City.

It takes time to build a football team and with this year's start if Armstrong is in Plymouth next fall the Panthers should be something for the other teams of the Alberman to recon with.

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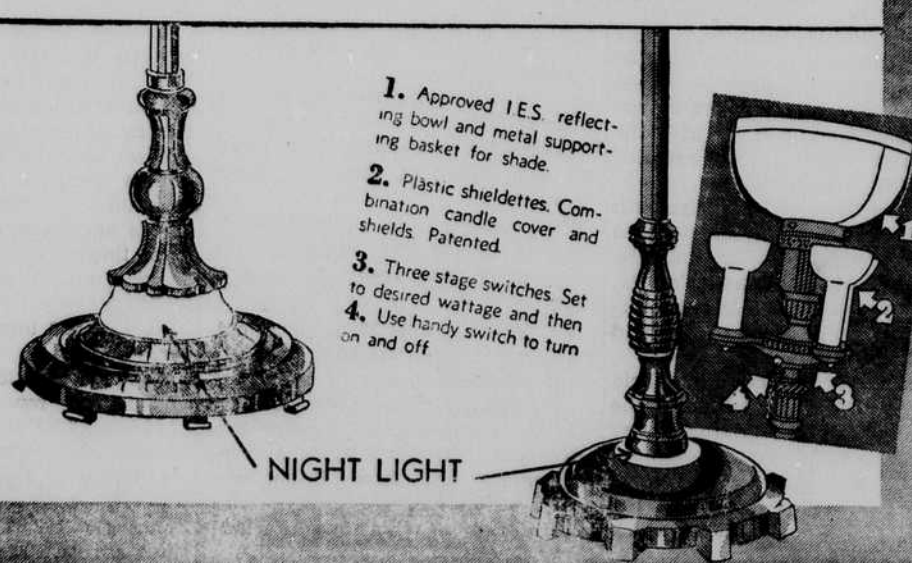


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