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Encouraging News For Stock Raisers

The most encouraging news for stock raisers is not found in the market quotations or in the forecasts. Reports state that telephone officials are going to raise beef cattle in Hyde County. The venture may prove disappointing, but it is reasonably certain to believe that when telephone officials undertake a project there is usually money in that project, and big money, too.

Tax Problem Is Political Dilemma

The big question is: Will Congress increase taxes in an election year? President Roosevelt looks with favor on a 10 per cent "super-tax" on the income tax—primarily to help pay increased national defense costs. A man or woman who ordinarily pays an income tax of say \$40 each year, would find himself owing \$44 on March 15, 1941, under this proposal.

The only alternatives to raising taxes are for Congress to get really serious about economizing or to follow the course of the last few years of letting the deficit mount by three billion dollars or more annually. The latter "out" isn't as easy as it looks either, because the national debt is restricted by law to \$45,000,000,000. Without new taxes or economy, the debt surely would go beyond this mark in the 1941 fiscal year. There-

fore, Congress would have to amend the debt limitation law, which in an election year might be embarrassing politically.

So, anyway you look at it, the tax problem is really a political dilemma this year.

Tax Reduction Begins at Home

Tax reduction, like charity, should "begin at home," Mrs. Melville Muckleston, president of the National Consumers Tax Commission, recently told the Philadelphia Federation of Women's Clubs. Stressing the vital need for more economical and more efficient municipal government—the NCTC theme for 1940—she urged appointment of joint citizens-officials committees to work for better service, lowered costs. One specific improvement suggested is elimination of long-term bond issues; this practice has been found to result in present-day taxpayers still being assessed for improvements made as far back as the Civil War, the commission reports.

Complete Answer By Secretary Hull

Senator McNary of Oregon recently sent Secretary of State Hull a copy of a statement he had made complaining that wartime currency depreciation in Canada, Great Britain and France had, in connection with our trade agreements with those countries done such serious injury to this country's trade that the agreements should be canceled or modified.

In a letter replying to Senator McNary, Secretary Hull showed by authoritative official figures that this statement, like others put out by Republicans, was just simply not true. Secretary Hull wrote:

"Your sole evidence of injury is the citation of a theory—that when one country depreciates its currency unit another country, whose currency remains at the old level, inevitably finds its exports to the depreciated-currency country retarded and its imports from that country stimulated. Without discussing the merits of the theory, let us look at the facts.

"An examination of what happened to our export and import trade with the three countries you mention during the first two months of the war—namely, September and October, 1939 (the latest complete figures available)—as compared with the corresponding

period of 1938, reveals the following data:

"In the case of Canada, our exports to that country rose, between the two periods, by \$35,989,000, while our imports from that country increased by only \$23,322,000.

"In the case of Great Britain, our exports to that country rose by \$8,121,000, while our imports from that country increased by only \$1,320,000.

"In the case of France, our exports to that country rose by \$1,131,000, while our imports from that country declined by \$4,503,000.

"Taking the three countries together, our exports to them showed an increase of \$45,241,000, while our imports from them rose by only \$20,139,000.

"Whatever may be the case in the future, the theory you cite, in its application to the situation with which we are immediately concerned, fails completely to square with the facts."

Surplus Food Supplied Needed

The annual report of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation reveals the great progress made by the administration in correcting the evil of need in the midst of plenty. By means of the Food Stamp Plan, School Lunch Program and the distribution of food commodities to State welfare agencies, thousands of tons of the agricultural surplus have been brought to people who were in need of them and who, without the employment of these methods, would not have been able to secure them.

By means of the free school lunch program 29,000,000 pounds of commodities were distributed in 14,000 schools for the benefit of 900,000 children. State welfare agencies received for distribution to needy and unemployed persons farm products of about forty kinds in the amount of 50,500 carloads. Among the commodities were such important items of diet as butter, skim milk and evaporated milk, eggs, oranges, grapefruit, apples, peaches, raisins, prunes and many kinds of vegetables.

These surplus commodities went to an average of 10,500,000 needy people each month to supplement their regular supplies.

PROGRESS

A summary of 37 progress reports of unit demonstration farms in Graham County shows that much progress has been made on these farms in the past four years.

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

"Life Is Sweet"—

(In the Walt Mason Manner)

It's passing strange how man will cleave to life when life is vain, when he's racked, from morn to eve, with every kind of pain. I used to say, when hale and blithe, "if sickness come to pass, I hope the reaper with his scythe will mow me down like grass." I would not wish to linger on, to swallow concrete pills, and biters from a demijohn, to stave off fatal ills. I'd hate to lie for weeks in bed, with only pills to eat, with poultices upon my head, and more upon my feet. Oh, better far to loop the loops, and weeks of anguish shun, and join the silent sleeping groups whose agonies are done. "I thought I meant it while I talked, but lately I was prone, and pains and aches unchartered stalked through every thwack and bone. There was no hour in many weeks when I knew aught of ease, and aches and pains with vulture beaks tore at my neck and knees. I heard the docs and nurses sigh. "Twere mercy if he'd croak; that pains that through his system fly, have filled the house with smoke." But I endured my grievous ills, and cried in accents strong. "There surely are some purple pills that will my life prolong." The kind mortician came around and tried to make me see I'd be much better underground, beneath a willow tree. But I refused to bump the bumps, to quit this mundane game, while yet the pain, in leaps and jumps, cavorted through my frame. And now I smile sardonic grins, when I hear one cry, "When once a sickness dire begins, I'll curl me up and die."

Think of all its fine "boys," men and maidens too. Mothers by their hearthside, faithful, loving, true. Who in church and nation, school and store and farm. Worship God while serving, man, free from all alarm.

First in soybeans, renowned in poultry, too. Corn and cotton, pork and a "danged good chew."

With an auto for a ride, and a road upon which to go.

With some money in the bank—our blessings who can know.

God in heaven we thank Thee, Thou our Father still.

Make us true and worthy to do Thy holy will;

May we love each other, respect and keep the law.

On its fertile farm lands live the thrifty, free. And its thankful people none can finer be. Oh! it is a bounteous land with great and full plenty.

Lees Mills and Roper, Mackeys and Chapel Hill. Creswell, Cherry, Cross Roads and Skinnerville. Long Acre, Long Ridge and Pleasant Grove.

Scuppernon, Lake Phelps and Plymouth let us love.

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Roy Conacher, high-scoring forward of the Boston Bruins

In recent laboratory tests, CAMELS burned 25% slower than the average of the 15 other of the largest-selling brands tested—slower than any of them. That means, on the average, a smoking plus equal to



FOR EXTRA MILDNESS, EXTRA COOLNESS, EXTRA FLAVOR. CAMELS Slow-Burning Costlier Tobaccos

Worth-While Things—

W. R. Hampton, a member of the Board of the State Department of Conservation and Development, has a poem framed on his desk that carries with it a beautiful sentiment: Things worth while are not what you get.

Not what you say, out how you live; Giving the world, the love it needs Giving a life of noble deeds.

Not where you come from, but whither bound.

Not what you have, whither found. Strong for the right, the good, the true;

There are the worthwhile things for you.

For School Children—

Here is a little song that the school teachers might try on their children some time using the tune of "Ho! For Carolina."

Do you love North Carolina, our Old North State. With its hundred counties all trying to be great? Then just love old Washington better than the rest.

For it is your very own to serve and make it best.

Chorus: Hail to Washington County, that's the place to be!

The PUBLIC Forum

HAPPY NEW YEAR

What a world of inspiration is couched in those three words; what a multitude of hopes and expectations come to our hearts and minds as we read them on greeting cards, or have them called to us by our friends.

No other time in all the year offers such opportunities for looking ahead, for blotting out the mistakes of the past, and beginning again, it is truly the springtime of the heart, and a time for retrospection, for recalling pleasant happenings of the year just ended.

I am very pleased to say "Happy New Year To All and May Your Fondest Hopes Come Into Realization in 1940."

SADIE LEE FAGAN. Dardens, N. C., January 13, 1940.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Washington County; Superior Court.

Washington County vs. Fred W. Benckendorf, Bertha Benckendorf, J. O. Carr, Trustee, and M. S. Hawkins, Trustee. The Board of Drainage Commissioners of Albemarle Drainage District (Beaufort County Drainage District Number Five), Norfolk Southern Land Company, Incorporated and North Carolina Land and Investment Company.

The defendants, Fred W. Benckendorf, Bertha Benckendorf, J. O. Carr, Trustee, M. S. Hawkins, Trustee, Norfolk Southern Land Company, Incorporated and North Carolina Land and Investment Company, will take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Washington County to foreclose the tax liens of said county for the years 1929 to 1938, both inclusive, covering a lot situated in Lees Mill Township, Washington County, State of North Carolina, described as follows:

Being a subdivided portion of Registered Estate No. 126, Book 6, page 176, of Washington County, N. C., and being the northern part of Lot No. 57 of a subdivision of certain lands made by Norfolk Southern Farms, Incorporated, containing 156 acres, said property being more particularly described in Title Book 8, page 49, Washington County, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

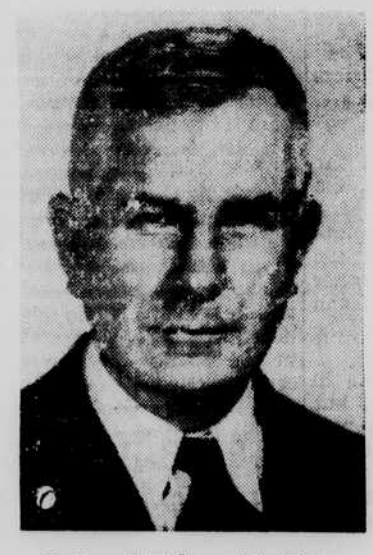
The said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk Superior Court, at his office in the Court House, in Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff within twenty days from and after the 18th day of January, 1940, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 20th day of December, 1939.

C. V. W. AUSBON, Clerk Superior Court.

Cooperation Is Succeeding!

"Clean Up or Close Up" Campaign, with Public's Aid, Is Ridding State of Illegal, Disreputable Beer "Joints"



Colonel Edgar H. Bain State Director

Six months ago, the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee began its efforts to eliminate those relatively few beer outlets that sought to hide liquor selling and other illegal activities behind the respectability of legal beer licenses.

"Clean Up or Close Up" was the ultimatum.

The results are gratifying. Public sentiment has been awakened. Newspapers all over the state have reinforced us with editorial support. Law enforcement agencies have responded with constructive aid. And 37 licenses have been revoked — 37 "dives," so to speak, "kayoed."

For the generous cooperation received, we are most grateful. Accept our pledge that throughout the New Year we shall continue unremittingly the job of driving law violators out of the beer retailing business in North Carolina—driving them out, and keeping them out.

Editorial Comment on "Clean Up" Campaign

Rockingham Post-Dispatch: "The industry does not want beer sold in joints where blind tigers operate. ... That's why the industry has a 'clean up' committee."

Oxford Ledger: "An alertness to insure distribution of their product only through reputable outlets is keeping the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee active in many sections of North Carolina."

Greensboro Record: "... the state committee of the brewers and beer distributors is in a position to render a very definite service in ridding communities of places which belong in the category of 'dives,' and low class hang-outs."

Statesville Daily: "The average citizen is still rubbing his eyes in disbelief, but slowly is becoming convinced when he sees beer dealers losing their licenses after engaging in questionable practices. And that has happened here in Iredell."

Durham Sun: "The dealers in beer have outlived the bootlegger. ... Such a campaign is certain to have wholesome effects."

Hickory Daily Record: "... the Beer Committee has done its duty, and all persons who are sincerely interested in curbing the illegal sale of hard liquor will welcome the opportunity to join in the crusade."

Salisbury Post: "The beer folk have taken the stand that they want beer dispensed only in establishments of good general reputation. To that end they are filing formal legal petitions for the closing of such establishments as serve beer but fail in some measure to sustain a good name."

The State (Raleigh): "Col. Edgar Bain ... is reporting excellent progress. The work has been progressing quietly but excellent results have been accomplished."

Lexington Dispatch: "... where persons are found selling without licenses the violation is promptly reported. This work in a good many instances may result in a decided check on bootlegging."

Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee 813-817 Commercial Building Raleigh, N. C.

Advertisement for Chevrolet used cars, featuring the slogan 'The Leader in New Car Sales is THE LEADER in USED CAR VALUES' and listing 5 reasons why you should buy a Chevrolet dealer's used car.

Advertisement for Pender Quality Food Stores, listing various food products and prices such as Tuna Fish, Dog Food, and Pure Lard.

Advertisement for National Peanut Week, featuring Virginia Maid Peanut Butter, Candy Peanut Cubes, and Choc. Cov. Peanuts.