

Editorial And Opinion

All Is Not Lost

Prominent among the casualties of the twentieth century battle of women's rights is that faithful and indestructible comforter of the male chassis, the Morris chair. He is a lucky man who still possesses one. But, he doubtless bears the scars of battle, and knows too that sooner or later the little woman will win, and his mid-Victorian pride-and-joy will be relegated to the attic or the alley.

Today, however, to those who have lost the fight—and to those who will—it should be comforting news that the Morris chair has a successor. It's so comforting, in fact, that when Poppa comes wearily home from his bread-winning, he'll probably find Momma in it!

This modern (not *moderne*) solace for weary bones has the beguiling name of "Barcalounger", no doubt because it is the creation of a Good Samaritan named Barcalo—who has gone to a lot of pains to ease those of his fellow man. For one thing, it will fool the wife. It looks like any other well-designed lounge chair, and you can let her pick out the covering to match the wall paper, the other furniture, or the color of your eyes! But when you sit down in it—and lean back—things begin to happen.

The back lets down just as long as you keep pushing, and stops whenever you have found the most restful angle. Meanwhile the seat moves forward to accommodate your shifting position, and a padded front panel lifts up to support your feet and legs in sybaritic ease. From the back of your head to your heels, every tired inch of you is supported as if you were floating in a king-sized bowl of custard.

Still, nothing in this life is quite perfect. We think Mr. Barcalo should include, as standard equipment, a mirror for the ceiling so we could watch television.

New Tactics—Same Tightrope

In his first press conference since his return from the Far East, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles unveiled a new concept of atomic war, that was quickly picked up and elaborated on by President Eisenhower in his own meeting with the press the following day.

Tactical use of the newer, smaller, nuclear weapons on the battlefield and against strictly military targets, rather than employment of full-chale, city-destroying H-bombs, Mr. Dulles intimated, is likely to be the new pattern for war. The Secretary held out the hope that these new, relatively small devices with negligible radioactive fall-out, might again make it possible to win victory in battle rather than through annihilation of civilian population.

The President, the sole official under the law with authority to employ atomic weapons, agreed in substance with Mr. Dulles. Qualifying his answer with the statement that he wouldn't "pretend to foresee the conditions of any particular conflict," the President said, "... in any combat where these things can be used on strictly military targets and for strictly military purposes, I see no reason why they shouldn't be used just exactly as you would use a bullet or anything else."

But neither press session brought the public any light on the tension in the Formosa Straits. Asked to comment on the statement of Admiral Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that there was a distinct possibility that war could break out at any time, President Eisenhower answered that there was always such a possibility.

In discussing his atomic-weapons theory in relation to the defense of Quemoy and Matsu from the Chinese Reds, Mr. Dulles seemed to suggest that we might take no part in such an attack if these islands, and not Formosa itself, appeared to be the invaders' objective.

So perhaps we now know what to do—if not when to do it.

Job For The "Pro"

Although Do-It-Yourself projects furnish recreation and save money for millions of homeowners, technical wiring is one job the home handyman should not tackle.

Authoritative estimates indicate that over 31 million homes in this country are inadequately wired, a tempting situation for amateur electricians. This is particularly true in rural areas, where the absence of inspection and the shortage of electrical contractors makes it only natural to attempt to do the job yourself.

As the distribution panel—the place where the wires come into the house—is usually too complicated to tamper with, home work generally consists of installing new circuits and convenience outlets. Even if these circuits are properly installed, they invariably result in an extra current load being put on an already skimpy source. House lights get dimmer, the refrigerator motor slows down, the electric coffee pot takes longer to make coffee, and fuses blow or circuit breakers trip.

These are typical symptoms of inadequate wiring, so common that most people think they are inevitable. They can't be eliminated by a few makeshift additions to present wiring systems. Larger wire is essential, both in branch circuits and in the main conductors and wires leading into the electrical service entrance. The distribution panel must be big enough to allow for as many as 12 to 15 circuits in a medium-sized house, all designed for the particular load they have to carry. The house should have an overall electrical capacity of at least 100 amperes, which will provide up to 24,000 watts of usable electricity. This is not the electrical formula for a dream house, but the minimum current supply needed for today's living.

The planning and installation of such a system is pretty obviously a job for a professional electrical contractor.

KIDD BREWER'S
Raleigh Roundup

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ORGANIZATIONAL WORK

Two fair-sized little cities in North Carolina have asked me to help them find two young men who might be interested in going into chamber of commerce work. These jobs will begin at about \$3,600 per year. They are in up-and-coming towns in the southern part of the State. They want men who have had a little experience in public relations or promotional work—if possible—and one of them is interested in someone who at one time was with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce selling Nation's Business.

If you know of a friend, relative, or acquaintance who would like to get into something like this, tell him to write Kidd Brewer, and tell all...so we won't have to keep asking him question about his education, experience, family, etc. Thanks.

DOLLS... Here's an item from Southern Accent. News and Observer column, last Sunday:

Bennet Cerf tells about the dissatisfied customer who returned a copy of Harriet Arnow's "The Dollmaker".

"This is just a novel," she complained. "I thought it was a biography of Artie Shaw."

MORNING SHOW... Speaking of actors, we are glad to see that Jack Paar is making a name for himself on his TV program, "The Morning Show".

Jack is a good boy, a hard worker. We served with him for a long time in Southern Pacific waters during World War II.

Some few years after the war was over we visited him at his home in California. We thought he had plenty of talent—more than many another making ten times as much money—but Jack wasn't doing much when we saw him. He was having it tough—but he later did a little pinch-hitting for Jack Benny during the summer months.

Last summer he was signed up for the Morning Show and now has people watching television during breakfast. If you haven't caught his show, better do it. You will like it.

FIVE-CENT SHOESHINE... Over in Durham last week, I went by a place that advertised shoeshines at five cents. This carried me back a few years, but was a pleasant sight. I didn't know anything like that was left.

I did a little checking and found that this particular shoe shop has pulled in a lot of business, because of the five-cent shoeshine.

The original five cents—plus the tips—is making the operation more profitable than if 15 cents were being charged as most places do in this latter half of the twentieth century.

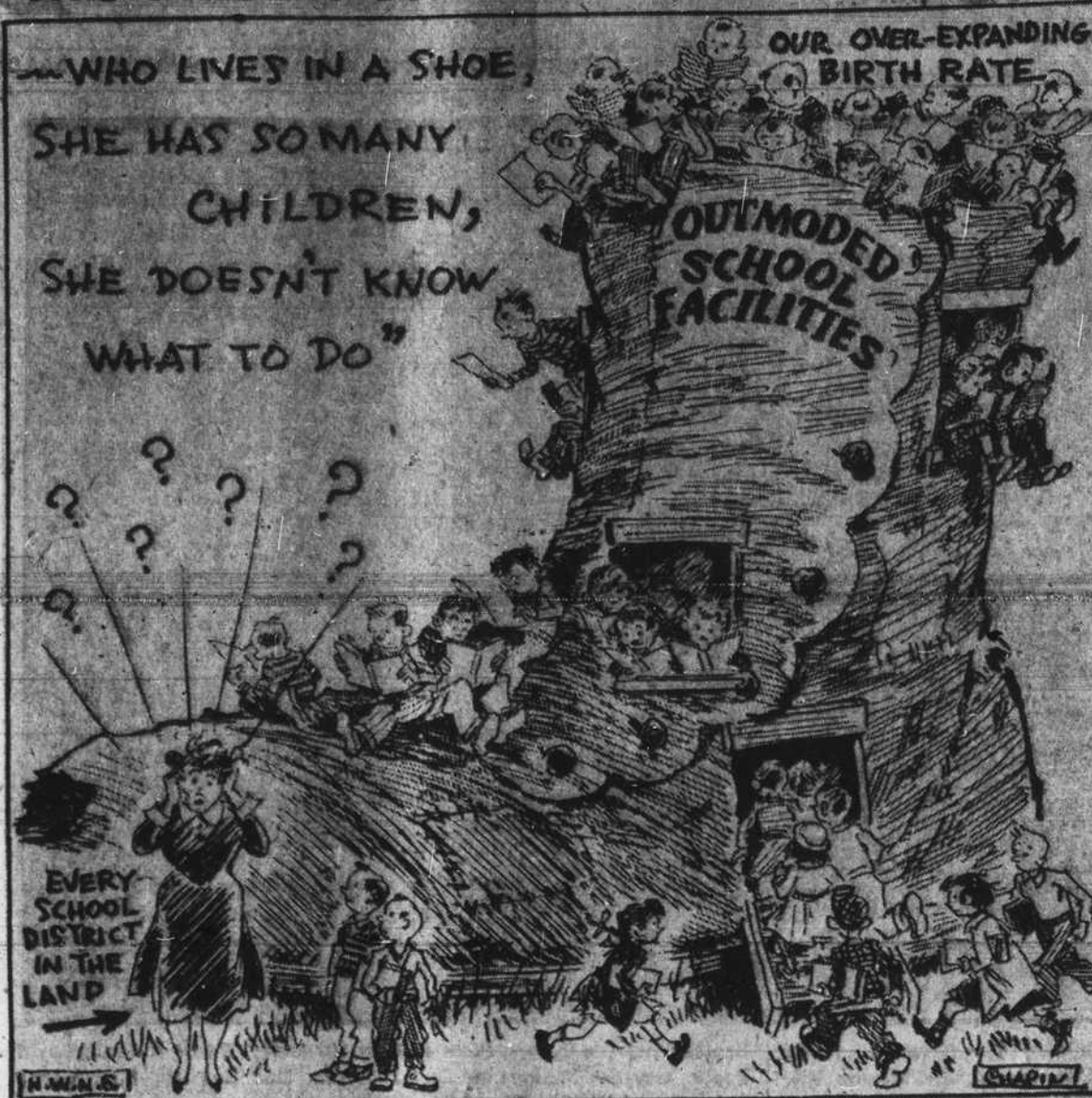
WITH THE LEGISLATURE... For some two or three weeks it had been apparent that the Joint Appropriations Committee was not making much definite headway on recommendations for a spending program for the next biennium.

So, last week the inevitable happened. A subcommittee will go into all the requests. Representatives of the press—if the rule adopted in 1953 is followed—may sit in with the subcommittee and report all that happened, but they can't say who said what, etc.

Would you like to have a dog track in your county?

Well, if one Edwin Johnson of Currituck County has his way, you can vote on the matter. He's the oldest man in the Legislature at 86, but he's interested in this dog track business—particularly in view of all that's happened in Currituck County.

THIS PRESENT-DAY WOMAN



Garden Time

Robert Schmidt

Small fruits and berries should have a place in every home garden because they adapt themselves to the usual methods of garden culture and they come into production so soon after planting. Of these the dewberry is one of the easiest to grow. It will succeed on any type of soil and, although it responds to fertilization, does not require a great deal of care along that line. Plants may still be set in most parts of the state. The usual planting distances are five feet apart in the row with rows five to eight feet apart. For garden culture dewberries are generally trained to stakes which are five to six feet high. Twenty-five plants should supply the average family with all the berries they will need for fresh fruit and for freezing or canning. Plants set now will produce a full crop of berries in June of 1956.

The red-fruited varieties such as Youngberry, Boysenberry and Lavacberry are generally recommended for home garden planting. Under our conditions the Boysenberry appears to be somewhat larger than the others.

These are claimed to be and now are generally accepted as hybrids between a dewberry species and the red raspberry. They have a raspberry flavor and are of exceptionally high dessert quality when allowed to become fully ripe. However, when ripe they are quite soft and cannot be shipped or kept for any length of time, but must be eaten or processed without delay.

Thornless strains of these may be obtained and are recommended for home gardens because it is more pleasant to handle the canes and to pick the fruit. Sometimes the thornless plants will revert back to the thorny type. Propagations should always be made from the thornless canes if you wish to retain the thornless characteristic. Dewberries are propagated by covering the tips of the canes with soil in early fall. These will root during fall and winter and may be dug up, cut from the parent plant and set in a new location during February or March.

Cuts Can Be Made

Speaking about cutting unnecessary and wasteful Government spending, in the interest of balancing the budget next fiscal year:

A commission headed by former President Herbert Hoover finds that Federal paperwork—the daily blizzard of forms, letters, carbon copies, etc., etc.—is costing us taxpayers about four billion dollars a year!

That's about equal to the entire U. S. Federal budget prior to 1933. It means that Federal paperwork is costing the average American family of four about \$100 in taxes a year.

The Hoover economy program, if adopted, would slice about \$25,000,000 worth of red tape immediately. It shows that cuts in Federal spending, to bring about a balanced budget, are possible. They should be made.

IT CAN BE CUT!



The Business Side Of Farming

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A farmer might say it like this: "When my outgo exceeds my income, my upkeep will be my downfall."

Our farm income in North Carolina is just about \$1 billion each year. Just how much is \$1 billion? At one dollar per second, 24 hours a day, it would take 33 years to accumulate \$1 billion.

We have made our progress in agriculture by selling more products at higher prices with more efficiency. During World War I lots of people got into farming as a "fad." Now they're losing money in many cases. It takes sound management to make a go of farming today.

Returns for super-management are greater now than ever before. What's the difference when one farmer has a 600-pound beef calf at selling time while another has only a 325-pound calf? It's know-how and management to have the calf dropped in January instead of May.

Another example of need for all possible know-how is with irrigation. Irrigation won't make a good tobacco crop—but combined with other good practices, it pays off nicely.

As a result of promotional work, Northwest North Carolina eggs now bring a premium of five

cents per dozen. This is the result of combined efforts of various agencies and all mass marketing. We still import \$17 million worth of eggs annually into North Carolina.

Dean of Agriculture D. Colvard says we can increase farm income 50 per cent by use of all available know-how. The only way to accomplish this for everyone to get behind the same wheel and push hard.

We've reached only 67 per cent of our potential productive capacity with corn and 45 per cent of our NC grown use hybrid seed. Omit one recommended practice and you lose an entire program. It's know-how to produce the maximum.

Research by North Carolina rural sociologists has shown the average farmer must learn about a new practice nine times before he changes from the method. That's why all the more so important in telling the story.

Farm income changes five or six times before it reaches the community. Hence, an increased farm income has several times that increased effect on local business.

Our success toward achieving a 50 per cent increase in farm income in North Carolina is limited only by our determination and imagination.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN

SAYS



I received numerous letters and telegrams from constituents giving me their views in respect to the bill to extend excise taxes and corporate income taxes at their present rates for an additional year.

I delay answering these communications until the Senate acted on this bill because it was impossible for me to tell before that time the exact form in which this bill would be represented to the Senate for consideration.

The tax bill was acted upon in the Senate on last Tuesday. As a member of the Senate, I voted on two proposed amendments.

My constituents are entitled to know how I voted on these amendments, and the basic convictions which prompted me to vote as I did.

I entertain two basic convictions in respect to taxation, which were applicable to these amendments, summarized in this way:

1. The Federal Government mortgages our future and that of our children when it operates in the "red". It should make an honest effort to balance its budget by paying current expenses out of current revenues. Believing this as I do, I cannot vote for a measure which I know will substantially impair the capacity of the Federal Government to meet its current obligations out of current revenues.

Tax Amendment

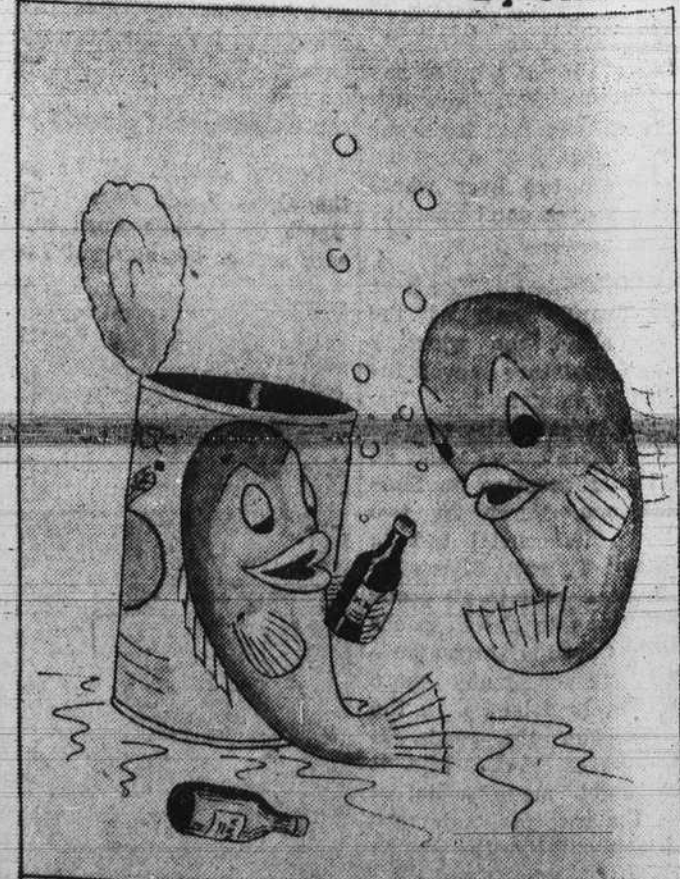
The first amendment on which I voted was that of Senator L. Don Johnson, the Democratic leader of the Senate, and Senators Kerr, Frear, Long, Small and Barkley which undertook to give every ordinary taxpayer \$20.00 credit, plus \$10.00 each dependent except a wife.

I voted for this amendment because it satisfied both of the basic convictions respecting taxation which I deemed applicable to the problem under consideration. It was designed to extend to all ordinary taxpayers the same benefits regardless of the sources of their income. Moreover, it could not have contributed to the unbalancing of the budget or impaired in any degree the capacity of the Federal Government to pay its current expenses out of current revenues. This is true because

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BUBBLES

By Jim Lee



"Got to do something to (hic!) kill the taste of this polluted water!"

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