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The Other Side of the Coin

(The Asheville Citizen)

That an extensive public project brings liabilities no less than assets with it is strikingly illustrated by some figures recently released by the North Carolina Board of Assessments and dealing with the payments made by the Tennessee Valley Authority in lieu of state and local taxes.

Being a federal agency, the TVA pays no state and local taxes as such but recognizing the losses which communities suffer by virtue of its tax-exempt character, it does make certain voluntary payments in lieu of actual taxes.

The sum allotted by the Tennessee Valley Authority for the benefit of the state and of the counties in which it has large investments amounted to \$128,171.29 for the year 1943-44. Allotting \$38,451.39 to the state for account of franchise and income taxes, the Board of Assessments parcelled the remaining \$89,719.90 to two townships in Cherokee County and to Clay, Graham, Swain and Cherokee counties.

Viewed by itself, \$128,171.29 is a tidy sum of money which no prudent state will sniff at. It can finance many beneficent activities of the respective governments. We are confident that all of the counties are duly grateful for the amounts which they receive.

But what TVA's tax liabilities in North Carolina be if it were a private enterprise and were subject to the taxes which private businesses must pay? The State Board of Assessments estimates that the TVA owns property in North Carolina that has a book value of approximately \$60,000,000. It further computes that if the Authority paid all local taxes on its North Carolina investments, it would be liable for approximately a million dollars instead of the \$89,719.90 which was assigned to the four counties. To illustrate in more detail: Graham county would receive \$193,880.10 instead of the \$16,990.39 actually allotted to it.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is a highly useful activity of the National government. It has brought many very real and very valuable benefits to the communities which it embraces and serves. But in measuring its usefulness, sight should not be lost of its tax-free status. Offsetting its advantages is the hard fact that it does not, like private enterprise, make its due contribution to the costs of local government.

Queens Help "King" Mechanize



Women war workers are not all at shipyards or plane plants; Marie Aldrich and Dolly Ash, feminine welders, are working in a Texas machine shop building mechanical harvesters for cotton, "The Nation's No. 1 War Crop."

Harvesting 6 to 8 bales a day, at savings estimated by farmers at \$25 per bale or more as compared with hand methods, such machines are helping to solve wartime labor problems and to insure the postwar future of the Cotton Belt's most valuable crop.

Homemade "sleds" and "strippers," converted grain combines, and a limited number of commercial pickers will harvest thousands of acres of cotton in 1945, and leading implement manufacturers have successful harvesters ready for postwar production. Combined with mechanical cotton choppers, flame cultivators and other new implements, these machines are revolutionizing the production of the crop which brought growers one and one-half billion dollars revenue from its lint and seed in 1944.

away from his home the morning after a deep snow, and after he had gone some distance, he heard a small voice calling, "walk straight, father, I am stepping in your tracks." The little son may be stepping in your tracks. Leave off bad habits.

It is possible the victors in this war, may fall out over the peace terms. One thing America did in her last wars, I hope it will not do again, and that is take on more territory. Our safety can be more easily guarded if we stay on the continent of America. Our good-neighbor policy is the right spirit, and will do much toward preventing spats and quarrels.

William T. Caviness Dies in Scotland

Funeral services for William Theron Caviness, 56, who died in Laurel Hill after an eight months illness, were conducted last Wednesday afternoon in the Laurel Hill Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Dimmette, with burial in King's cemetery. The deceased was a son of the late William Caviness and Mrs. Sally Pate Caviness. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Doccia Hyatt; four daughters, one of which is Mrs. Heston Rose, and three grandchildren.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

Paprika—the red spice from a mild-flavored pod pepper—has long been known to contribute important amounts of vitamin A to Hungarian diets in which it is used lavishly. Even after drying and powdering, paprika rates high in vitamin A.

Experiments show that midsummer sunlight has six times the value of midwinter sunlight in ultra violet effect on human health. And, did you know that the peel of apples is five times as rich in vitamin C as the flesh?

Connect appliance cords to wall outlets, not to a lamp socket. Push the plug in firmly, being sure it is all the way in so you will not burn the contact points. To break contact, take a firm hold on the plug and pull it out quickly. Don't wiggle it out. Never jerk on the cord itself, either to disconnect it from the appliance or the outlet, or to straighten out the kinks. Such jerking may pull the wires loose from the screws that hold them in the older kind of plug. This might cause a short.

Keep kinks out of cord. Kinks or bending the cord too sharply may finally break the fine wires that carry the electricity. Broken wires wavy out through the insulation and touching each other, cause a short. Keep cords off the floor. This is for their protection and for safety too. Dangling cords may trip the unwary. Don't run appliance cords under a rug. Going over them with a vacuum cleaner and walking on them day after day will hasten cord failure.

Farm Questions and Answers

QUESTION: What is a good disinfectant for treating barns?

ANSWER: Dr. C. D. Grinnells, Agricultural Experiment Station veterinarian at State College, recommends 1 pound of lye to 20 gallons of water. A good spray pump is needed and the solution should be hot. He recommends the moistening of the litter and woodwork, and then the removal of litter. Walls and



MISS CLARA BAILEY, soprano, who will be presented in a recital on Monday evening at Flora Macdonald College. Miss Bailey is professor of voice in the school of music at the college. The recital will begin at 8:15 p. m.



HONORABLE WALTER F. GEORGE, United States Senator from Georgia, will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour Sunday morning, March 4th, according to S. F. Lowe, director of the Baptist Radio Committee.

Mr. Lowe stated that Senator George is an honored leader in the United States Senate for twenty years, chairman of the foreign relations committee, a deacon in the First Baptist church of Vienna, Ga., and a Christian scholar of the first order. He has a firm grip on the Christian verities as they apply to world affairs as well as to personal living, and is eminently qualified to speak on the subject.

The Baptist Hour program may be heard in North Carolina over stations WBIG, Greensboro; WPTF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem; and WWNC, Asheville, at 8:30 A. M. EWT, Sunday morning.

ceiling should be thoroughly brushed. Remove all litter and about 4 inches of topsoil. Clean soil should then be substituted for that which has been removed.

QUESTION: Is it best to press a garment just after you make it?

ANSWER: Press as you sew," says Extension home economists at State College. "Success or failure in making a garment often depends on the way it is pressed during the making as well as after completion. Press seams immediately after stitching, rather than after dress is completed. Press all seams up from bottom and in towards center of the garment. Press darts on light fabrics to one side, either up or towards center. On heavy fabrics, slash darts and press open. Lift gathers while working point of iron into them."

QUESTION: Should peanut seed be treated?

ANSWER: Yes, says Howard Garriss, Extension plant pathologist at State College. He recommends Arsan or, if this is not available, 2 per cent Ceresan or yellow Cuprocid. Such treatment of seed before planting will give much better stands on the average, tests have shown. Consult your county agent about supplies of materials for the treatment of all types of seed, because it will soon be time to do these jobs.

WHERE'S THE MEAT
 There are 10,000 meat stores in New York city.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Lot 55 by 190 feet on South Main street, north of Fuller filling station, F. G. Leach, 28-38c

START your little chicks the right way with Purina Poultry Feeds. Home Food Market, 20-c

FOR SALE—Giant Strata Crotalaria Seed, 20c per lb. L. R. Cothran, Ashley Heights, 37-41-p

WANTED—All people suffering from Kidney Trouble or backache to try KIDDO. Priced 97c with money-back guarantee, at Reaves Drug Store, Raeford, 24-44p

WE WANT man to assume full and complete responsibility for Parts and Accessories Department of Chevrolet Dealership. Experience preferred but not necessary. Man must be able to meet public and pass bond. Position essential and permanent. Applicants looking for temporary employment will not be

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER
 DECEMBER 17, 1807—SEPTEMBER 17, 1892

A FARM BOY, SELF-EDUCATED, HE BECAME A POET, EDITOR, LEGISLATOR—DEVOTING HIS LATER YEARS TO PRESENTING IN NARRATIVE AND BALLAD FORM THE LEGENDS, TRADITIONS AND HISTORY OF COLONIAL AMERICA.

SNOWBOUND
 "What matter how the night behaved?
 What matter how the north wind raved?
 Blow high, blow low, net all its snow
 Could quench our hearth-fire's ruddy glow!"

- considered. Applicants must comply with all WMC regulations. Apply: Claude Todd Motor Co. Windsor, N. C. Phone 340-1 36-39
- Shop, Monroe Street, Laurinburg, N. C. 39-46c
- JUST ARRIVED—Our new garden seeds, BULK, Raeford Hardware Co. 39-c
- FOR SALE—Try Covington's Fire Starters—Delivered in Raeford Roland Covington, Phone 5246 26-46c
- FOR SALE—Nice shady building lot on North Main street, 100 feet front—2 3-5 acres in plot. F. G. Leach. 39-40c
- BUTTONS and BELTS COVERED any style. Delivery on any work within 24 hours after received. Mail orders filled and shipped C. O. D. Mrs. A. H. Smith, Box 1042, Laurinburg, N. C. 39-46c
- FOR SALE—New tiller plow, McCormick Deering No. 3. Has 26-inch gisk. Clarence Lytch. 39-42c
- FOR SALE—Nice building lots 12 1-2 to 15 cents per square foot—in blocks of 15000 and 20000 square feet. F. G. Leach. 39-40c
- LOST—If the person who found a small blue coin purse containing about seven dollars, will keep the money and mail my "B" and "A" gas tickets to me, it will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Paul Dickson, Raeford, N. C. 39
- LOST—Wednesday morning somewhere between Ashley Heights and Red Springs, a truck canvas. Finder please return to E. R. Pickler, Rt. 1, Aberdeen. 39-p
- FOR SALE—Lepesdeza Seed. See Clarence Lytch. 39-42-c
- EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
 Having qualified as the executor of the estate of W. C. Brown, deceased, late of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them, duly verified according to law, to the undersigned at Alexandria, Va., on or before Feb. 22, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediately payment. This 22nd day of February, 1945. Lamont Brown, Executor Estate of W. C. Brown. 39-44-c

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

According to George Rothwell Brown, columnist, President Roosevelt has found a way to finance the Breton Woods bill to the extent of \$5,925,000,000—five billion, nine hundred and twenty five million dollars—without going to Congress for a cent of it.

"The Administration's Breton Woods bill now before the Senate and House to set up an international monetary fund and an international bank by passing Congress completely. If the administration can get away with it.

"The American contribution of two billion, seven hundred and fifty million dollars are to be made to the bank by transferring one billion, eight hundred million dollars from unexpended "profits" of the gold stabilization fund, and the balance from the sale of securities under the Second Second Liberty Loan Act."

It seems we are to have an international banking system. That may prove to be quite convenient, but it may, like the state university, desire titles. This will bring the nations of the world into one family of nations, and nobody at this time can divine what the result may be. I would stress a universal language, if we must all come to gather into one "family."

The Panama Canal has proven to be a world-wide blessing, and now the United States plans to build the Nicaragua Canal, which has long been recognized as indispensable to the maximum prosperity of all nations of the Western Hemisphere, and inseparable from their permanent security.

It is a remarkable escape America has had from the insane hatreds of Germany and Japan in our freedom from bombings from the air. Their hatred against England was shown in their cruel merciless bombings be-

fore the Allies gained the supremacy of the air. Robot bombs still slay, almost daily, men and women and children in England. Over two thousand were killed or wounded last week, it was reported.

Americans are making free of their freedom of speech, as is plainly seen in the daily wrangles in Washington, and even nearer by.

An old house place proves that sandy land can be permanently improved, and when sandhillers learn what to use to bring about this result, this section will blossom as the rose. Another thing: When the growing and curing of the finest grades of cigarettes and smoking tobaccos have been learned, this part of the world will grow wealthy.

And, another hope: A travelling man told this writer once as we were on our way to Aberdeen on an Aberdeen & Rockfish train, that this section has the identical appearance as the "oil belt of Texas." Perhaps some man will bore deep enough to strike oil in these sandhills, then, this will not only be noted for its climate and thereby a great health resort, but it will be a rich section.

If we were strangers to every other luxury, we have pure, sweet water as often as we want it. And, who on earth ever had anything better than good, health-giving water? Another advantage is the pure, health-giving atmosphere. There is nothing that beats a good breath—nothing you must have more frequently.

When the Smitherran Cotton Mills was built in Troy, it was driven by steam, and a smokestack 90 feet high was the last job in its erection. The mason who built it got up on top that smokestack and walked around. A boy helper, 12 years old, followed that man around on top that smokestack. Some boy may be following your steps.

I once read of a man who walked