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A Step Backward For North Carolina

An undeniably great step forward in highway safety was taken by the State of North Carolina when the legislature began the motor vehicle inspection program, the financial responsibility program for drivers and the compulsory periodic renewal of driving licenses. Now, having taken those three steps forward to save our lives and our children's lives, we are apparently about to do like the frog in the well and fall back one. It looks like the legislature intends to do away with the mechanical inspection program.

This program is admittedly a lot of trouble to all of us. It takes \$2.00 and perhaps four of five hours a year for each vehicle owner. If it takes more time or money it's because the car isn't safe. There's not one of us in North Carolina who can say that the mechanical inspection program hasn't saved our own life. But, we'll take the chance—\$2.00 and four or five hours a year is just too much trouble for life insurance, and we've got plenty of kids anyway.

The Minimum Wage Problem

The great increase in living costs has created an understandable demand for an increase in the minimum wage. However, we should realize the dangers that would result if the minimum wage were raised to too high a level.

The minimum wage is precisely what the name implies. It is the bare minimum on which a worker can maintain himself. It is not supposed to provide for even the simplest luxuries. It is, in other words, the wage paid to a very small minority of workers who are completely inexperienced, are learners, or are congenitally incompetent and unambitious, cannot develop even minor skills. It is designed to protect this class of workers from employer exploitation, and that is all.

Any worker, with a bare minimum of aptitude, and a desire to get ahead, soon passes out of the minimum wage bracket. He is given higher pay for the sound reason that he is worth more, can do more things, can produce more.

It has been argued that a relatively high minimum wage would make little difference because it would affect comparatively few people. But past experience indicates that this theory just doesn't work out in practice. For example, when minimum pay is raised, the unskilled worker may receive nearly as much as a skilled worker. The latter naturally becomes dissatisfied, and demands more for himself. So it goes, all the way up the line of job classifications and pay scales. Inflation gets another big boost forward.

A high minimum wage could lessen opportunity for beginners, for the reason that industry would have to hold costs down by employing as few of them as possible. This is clearly a case where we should move carefully, and only after exhaustive analysis of all the potentialities.

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Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

ALL IN VAIN — The dry forces swept into Raleigh last week from throughout the State, virtually filled cavernous Memorial Auditorium here, and made one of their best presentations in years. County after county is going bone-dry, legally, and other counties are planning beer and wine elections. The people seem to be getting pretty warm about their inability to obtain a Statewide referendum on alcohol.

Well, they might as well forget Raleigh and go ahead with county-to-county plan. Unless all signs fail, the Legislature is going to do exactly nothing to dry up the ABC counties and cities during this session. If the Allied Church League folks knew as much about the present voting machinery of the House as they do about the evils of alcohol, they would not be wasting their gasoline, their breath, and their time in Raleigh cavortings.

But the vote is coming one of these days, and the Legislature was impressed with the biggest hearing held this session.

PRECEDENT — The Legislature, which has looked on while Governor Kerr Scott has been doing new things, pulled an eyebrow-raiser of its own last Friday. Scott had said he would talk to a joint session of the General Assembly on the liquor referendum "if invited". The invitation was presented to the House. Prior to Friday, these "invitations" had been merely a matter of form and always received a unanimously favorable vote. But there was a chorus of negative voices in the Scott liquor referendum invitation. Oldtimers here cannot recall when this has happened before. So, Governor Scott breaks yet another record.

COOPERATIVES — A subcommittee of the two Finance Committees has been appointed to look into the matter of putting a tax on cooperatives similar to that collected from corporations. The Department of Tax Research has made a thorough study of cooperatives — as instructed to do — during the past two years. Its opinion is that a tax on cooperatives would not yield over \$50,000 per year in revenue to the State. However, it is apparent that cooperatives do not want any new form of taxation whatever. Willard L. Dowell, executive vice president and secretary of the N. C. Merchants Association and a constant thorn in the flesh of the co-ops, pointed out in a private hearing before the sub-committee last week that his organization has no fight whatever with marketing cooperatives or with any cooperative which is not "selling merchandise in competition with regular merchants. The merchants merely want those cooperatives which sell the type of merchandise the merchants sell to pay the same taxes they are paying. They want that and nothing more.

If the cooperative leaders were smart, they would submit to — in fact, request that a tax be placed on them. It would not cost them over \$50,000. This would be an excellent public relations move. It would to a great extent remove the shroud of suspicion which now lies over the cooperatives. If this is not done, the controversy will continue through this Legislature and into succeeding Legislatures.

MORE TAXES — Larry Moore of Wilson and Grady Rankin of Gastonia, chairmen of the House and Senate Finance Committees, said last week their groups are waiting for Governor Scott to send forth bills to increase taxes with which to carry out his "go forward" program. On Friday afternoon, Governor Scott said it is up to the legislators to draw up the tax bills. However, they feel this way about it:
 The Advisory Budget filed a balanced budget with the General Assembly calling for a 20 per cent increase in salaries for all personnel, including school teachers. This is all the increase which can be had from funds on hand and revenue expected to come into the State Treasury within the next two years. Any further increases will have to come from new taxes.
 Since not one member of the Legislature was elected on a

platform of new taxes, they want to stick with the budget recommendations and go home as soon as possible.

NO SURPLUS — People throughout the State are still talking about that "surplus in Raleigh." Put this down as a fact: There is no surplus in Raleigh. There was a surplus last summer. The Advisory Budget Commission had on one hand this surplus and it dipped into the future and tried to guess what the State's income is going to be from July 1, 1949 through June 30, 1951. So, taking the surplus and the expected income, it sat for several weeks and then laid down recommendations as to where the surplus and the expected income will be used. Thus, all the surplus and the expected income have been allocated.

If you, dear reader, want new services, you will have to pay for them with new taxes or with bond issues. There is no surplus in Raleigh. And, when you go around talking about a surplus, you are merely blowing pretty bubbles in the air.

NOTES — Nell Battle Lewis, who became an associate editor of the "Raleigh Times" here last spring, is ailing, has spent some time in the hospital, and is planning to return to the hospital. Her name is no longer listed as associate editor of Raleigh's afternoon newspaper.

Frank Daniels, manager of the News and Observer, was back in the hospital last week with stomach trouble. Physicians reportedly do not know exactly what is wrong with Daniels, who looks as strong as a bull, but they are giving his intestines a genuine going-over.

Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, big wheel in North Carolina politics for the past 15 years, still wants to be Governor. He is telling friends in the Legislature that he is a candidate for 1952.

One of Governor Kerr Scott's main advisors is University of North Carolina President Frank P. Graham. Another is Harry Caldwell, Ohio native and master of the State Grange. They are saying Caldwell has his eye on the Governor's office next time around.

Congressman Monroe Redden of Hendersonville, close friend of Senator J. M. Broughton, is receiving a terrific buildup in his plans to run against Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

North Carolina's 1949 allotment for Irish potatoes is 20,500 acres. Beaufort, with 3,325.5 acres, has the largest county allotment.

LECTURER



DR. LUTHER GABLE
A. M. E., R. E.

Dr. Luther Gable, noted uranium-radium physicist will be sponsored by the student mathematics club of Flora Macdonald college on Wednesday evening, March 2, at 8:15, when he will give a lecture-demonstration on "Atomic Energy - Radar and Television in Peace", in the college auditorium.

This versatile scientist offers an entertaining and prophetic lecture-demonstration on TAKING ATOM BOMBS FOR PEACE. This will be done in darkness by aid of the mysterious Black-Light and whirling symbols in vivid fluorescent color.

Farm Notes

Farm milk production in 1948 was 116.2 billion pounds, compared with 119.4 billion the year before and an average of 104 billion during the period 1935-39. The continued decline in the number of dairy cows on farms was only partly offset by the higher milk yield per cow.

The average American last year ate 215 pounds of fruit, both fresh and processed. This was a decline of 10 pounds from 1947. The calendar year 1948 was the first full year since 1942 in which sugar was neither under price control nor distributed in the United States under the point rationing system. Total civilian consumption was about seven million tons — a new record.

Sodium fluoride is valuable for the control of large roundworms in swine.

Shell color has no relation whatever to the interior quality of eggs.

Young chickens top the list of foods expected to be plentiful throughout North Carolina during March.

The North Carolina Crop Improvement Association has approved 7,463 bushels of sweet potatoes for seed certification.

Several Warren County Negro farmers have decided to enter the beef cattle business, says Negro County Agent C. S. Wynn. All of these men have laid the foundation for this enterprise by building up permanent pastures.

MORE ABOUT Red Cross

Arabia: Mrs. Ruth Bristow, Mrs. W. S. Crawley, Mrs. Clifford Boston, Mrs. J. A. Jones.

Rockfish: Mrs. T. C. Jones, Mrs. Allen Wood, Clarence Koonce

Wayside: John Parker, Richard Nealey, L. H. Koonce, Mrs. Marshall Newton, Mrs. Alton Potter, Mrs. D. K. Parker, Mrs. W. M. Monroe.

Raeford: T. D. Potter, Jack Holland, Cliff Conoly, Miss Lucille McLeod, Mrs. Irene Thrower.

Town of Raeford, Northeast Section: Mrs. Harry Green; Northwest Section: Mrs. Younger Snead, Mrs. J. L. McNeill, Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Mrs. Marcus Smith; Southeast Section: Mrs. Marion Gatlin; Southwest Section: Mrs. Robert Gatlin; White-Tex Mill Section: Paul Long, Chm.

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