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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

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dipped into the future and tried

to guess what the State's in-

come is going to be from July 1,

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

ALL IN VAIN - The dry forces | platform of new taxes, they want swept into Raleigh last week from to stick with the budget recomthroughout the State, virtually mendations and go home as soon filled cavernous Memorial Audi- as possible.

torium here, and made one of their best presentations in years. County after county is going bonedry, 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 been allocated. gasoline, their breath, and their time in Raleigh cavortings.

services, you will have to pay for But the vote is coming one of them with new taxes or with these days, and the Legislature bond issues. There is no surplus was impressed with the biggest in Raleigh. And, when you go ahearing held this session. round talking about a surplus,

you are merely blowing pretty PRECEDENT - The Legislature, which has looked on while Governor Kerr Scott has been doing

new things, pulled an eyebrow-NOTES - Nell Battle Lewis, who raiser of its own last Friday. became an associate editor of the Scott had said he would talk to "Raleigh Times" here last spring a joint session of the General Asis ailing, has spent some time in sembly 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 News and Obesrver, was back in chorus of negative voices in the

tion. 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. he is a candidate for 1952. The Department of Tax Research

feel this way about it:

come from new taxes.

egislature was elected on

M. 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

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

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1949 through June 30, 1951. So, Dr. Luther Gable, noted urantaking the surplus and the exium-radium physicist will be pected income, it sat for several sponsored by the student matheweeks and then laid dow nrecommatics club of Flora Macdonald mendations as to where the surcollege on Wednesday evening, plus and the expected income will March 2, at 8:15, when he will be used. Thus, all the surplus give a lecture-demonstration on and the expected income have "Atomic Energy - Radar and Television in Peace", in the college If you. dear reader, want new auditorium.

This versatile scientist offers an entertaining and prophetic lecture-demonstration on TAK-ING 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 146.2 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 hiher milk yield per cow.

The average American last year mach trouble. Physicians reportate 215 pounds of fruit, both edly do not know exactly what fresh and processed. This was a is wrong with Daniels, who looks decline of 10 pounds from 1947. as strong as a bull, but they are The calendar year 1948 was giving his intestines a genuine the first full year since 1942 in going-over. which sugar was neither under Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro price control nor distributed in big wheel in North Carolina polithe United States under the point tics for the past 15 years, still wants to be Governor. He is tellrationing system. Total civilian ing friends in the Legislature that consumption was about seven million tons - a new record. Sodium flouride is valuable One of Governor Kerr Scott's

of eggs.

MORE ABOUT **Red Cross** Arabia: Mrs. Ruth Bristow, Mrs.

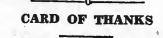
W. S. Crawley, Mrs. Clifford Bostic, Mrs. J. A. Jones. Rockfish: Mrs. T. C. Jones,

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.

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

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1949

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



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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 the hospital last week with sto-

bubbles in the air.

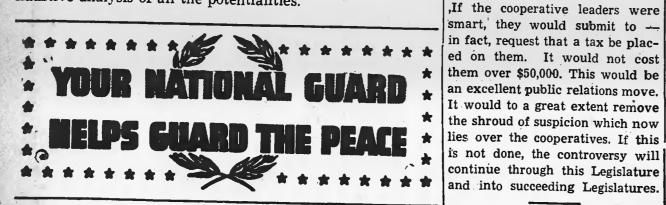
Scott liquor referendum invita-

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.

any new form of taxation what-It has been argued that a relatively high minimum wage ever. Willard L. Dowell, execuwould make little difference because it would affect compartive vice president and secretary of the N. C. Merchants Associaatively few people. But past experience indicates that this tion and a constant thorn in the theory just doesn't work out in practice. For example, when flesh of the co-ops. pointed out minimum pay is raised, the unskilled worker may receive in a private hearing before the nearly as much as a skilled worker. The latter naturally besub-committee last week that his organization has no fight whatcomes dissatisfied, and demands more for himself. So it goes, ever with marketing cooperatives all the way up the line of job classifications and pay scales or with any cooperative which is not "selling merchandise in com-Inflation gets another big boost forward. petition with regular merchants.

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 exand nothing more. , haustive analysis of all the potentialities.



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Sanford, N. C.

has made a thorough study of cofor the control of large roundmain advisors is. University of operatives - as instructed to do North Carolina President Frank worms in swine. - during the past two years. Its P. Graham. Another is Harry

opinion is that a tax on coopera-Caldwell, Ohio native and mastives would not yield over \$50,ter of the State Grange. They are 000 per year in revenue to the saying Caldwell has his eye on State. However, it is apparent the Governor's office next time that cooperatives do not want 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.

for Irish potatoes is 20,500 acres, of these men have laid the foun-Beaufort, with 3,332.5 acres, has dation for this enterprise by buildthe largest county allotment. ing up permanent pastures.

Shell color has no relation whatever to the interior quality Young chickens top the list of foods expected to be plentiful throughout North Carolina during March. \*

The North Caolina 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 North Carolina's 1949 allotment County Agent C. S. Wynn, All

