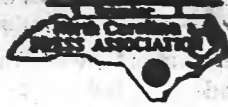


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Common Sense

Robert Kazmayer, who is one of the most popular and stimulating lecturers on foreign and domestic affairs, recently gave this excellent advice in one of his talks:

"War talk, mounting tensions, crises, these will return. You may as well get used to them, take them in stride, they're going to be with you for a long time. Better learn to live with them. These years demand of the intelligent citizen that he do everything in his power to strengthen moral and spiritual fibre of his nation, to sustain its economy and direct its course.

"Having done that, you may as well relax, enjoy the days of your years, make life as pleasant as possible for yourself and for those around you. Take the longer look, keep the over-all picture in mind. There's no percentage in waiting for happier days. They will not come in your lifetime or mine.

"If you keep eyes glued to headlines, ears to radio, jump at every alarm, you will not successfully plan and conduct a business: you'll join the ranks of the one-in-ten who are already mental cases."

This isn't the first world crisis and it won't be the last. The "war of nerves" is producing too many victims in the United States. The best medicine for survival lies in calmness and strength, and a determination to stand by our principles.

Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

Views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.—Ed.

SHADES OF 1937 — There is now talk in Raleigh that Governor Kerr Scott is looking to his 1951 Legislature, the thinking being that he had not hoped for too much from the pro-Charles Johnson men who compose the present body.

All other North Carolina Governors have had their best days during their first four months in office, with the Legislature right along with them on the honeymoon and everything bright and cheerful.

Some of Scott's brain-trusters are trying to sell him on the idea of carrying his fight to the people. If this thought jells, he will make a tour of the counties next year and work for the defeat of the senators and representatives who are refusing to add new taxes with which to carry the State onward and upward. Thus, our Governor, who last week likened his plight to that of President Truman's, may find himself following in the steps of Franklin D. Roosevelt when in 1937 he worked for the defeat of Senator ("God bless you, Walter") and other senators who would not go along with him on his plan to enlarge the membership of the U. S. Supreme Court.

SCHOOLS AND ROADS — Even in the Governor's inner circle of advisors, there has been disagreement about the road bonds. At least one of his friends working with the Legislature whispered to members last week that he would be satisfied with \$100,000,000 instead of the original \$200,000,000. The Governor nailed this one quickly, lapsing into his theme song, "\$200,000,000 for roads, \$50,000,000 for schools."

The people will probably be given an opportunity to vote on these two bond issues. If the Legislature does pass these problems along for a final decision by the voters, you will find Governor Scott in a bit of a bind. If he does not do a great deal of plugging for them, the people will turn them down.

It has been shown time and time again that the greatest strides which North Carolina has made in the past did not come about by a direct vote of the people, but through the Legislature—

the indirect vote of the people.

NO NEW TAXES — As the Legislature completes two months' work, it becomes more and more apparent that no new taxes will be enacted. On the other hand, there will be few, if any, reductions. Governor Scott, himself, says now that he probably made a mistake last summer in standing for the elimination of the sales tax on meals.

The average legislator is not concerned about reductions, feeling that if he can go home and say "We didn't put on any new taxes," he will be lucky indeed. **END IN VIEW** — The 1949 Legislature this week begins packing its bag for the return home. It will require approximately a month for the members to pull together and little items thrown about here and there. Nobody in Raleigh thinks the Legislature will be here later than April 10 and there is some opinion that adjournment may come even earlier than that.

Work on the two major bills—finance and appropriations—should be completed by the latter part of next week.

NO NOT ONE — A scant two months ago Governor W. Kerr Scott had ambitious plans for a virtual rebuilding of North Carolina. He wanted to "go forward," he said, with new taxes piled on by the Legislature.

The shocking surprise is that not one of the Governor's bills has been enacted by the General Assembly. No, not one—not even the little bill which would set up a Personnel Department. It is still in committee. Governor Scott also wanted an administrative assistant. This has not been done, though it likely will be.

MEANS WELL — Kerr Scott means well. Generally, he is a man of great sincerity. Had he laid more careful plans late last summer and last fall, he could have come out of the General Assembly with a much better record. He received some bad advice in November and December, followed it, and is now paying the price. Before the Legislature convened, he knew who its leaders would be. If he had only taken the time to sit down and talk with them and plan with them, he would not now be in his predicament.

COMPARISON — Governor Scott, who has said the Legislature doesn't have "guts," is timid, has

no leadership, etc., capped the climax last Friday when he compared it to Harry Truman's infamous 80th Congress. But, whereas President Truman was talking about Republicans in his lamentings and cursings, the Governor was lambasting members of his own party.

Even if Scott's comments are true, they do no good and accomplish nothing.

HIGHWAY CHAIRMANSHIP — Capus Waynick has told intimates he will accept the position as chairman of the State Highway Commission if it is offered him. Meantime, he is remaining pretty busy as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Also, he is still interested in becoming one of President Truman's ambassadors. If this doesn't pan out, he wants to run against Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

George Coble, new man on the Highway Commission, is exceedingly active, and is still in the running to head this department. Chairman Jordan is not expected to stay in this job for more than a few months. Friends of Coble say he had better look after his milk business, which is still growing. He recently bought out a huge dairy in Lenoir.

If Scott wants to push the improvement of dirt roads, it seems that Coble would be the ideal man to do it. No individual or business in the State is more dependent upon good secondary roads than Coble, whose milk lines run over thousands of miles of dirt roads every day in the year.

Forest Service Out Of Seedlings; Had 6 Million

Forest tree seedlings at the N. C. Forest Service's two nurseries have been completely exhausted and no more orders are being accepted, District Forester L. E. Hicks announced today. Mr. Hicks said orders for one half million trees cannot be filled and the money is being returned to the applicants.

The Forest Service's Clayton and Hendersonville Nurseries produced more than 6 million seedlings this year and the entire stock has been sent out to more than 1500 cooperators. Because of the tremendous demand for the forest seedlings Hicks urges all landowners planning to plant next year to get their orders in

to this district forester's office early in the Fall.

Trees are a growing crop. They should be protected, managed, and harvested when mature the same as corn or cotton.

The greatest damage to the North Carolina Farmers growing timber crop is caused by uncontrolled fires. These fires not only destroy the young seedlings, the crop of the future, but retard the growth of the older trees. A tree in a forest protected from fire may reach harvest size in half the time required by one in a forest that is burned every year.

Trees, like cotton or corn, will grow best if not too crowded. A stand of young timber should be thinned when necessary. Thinning should remove the crooked, diseased, low value species and healthy, fast growing valuable species left for future saw timber.

Timber should not be harvested

Tarheel In Washington

By Lester Baker

Excitement has become widespread throughout the country during the past few days because of the sudden drop in food prices and the rise in unemployment.

But some persons are not in the least disturbed over this situation. They believe that inflation simply has run its course, and that the country is again returning to the "good ole days." Other persons tell us, however, that the situation is alarming and should be frankly recognized. These persons warn that the inflation picture is manifesting increasingly dangerous elements which might bring on another 1929 depression.

A look at the economic situation reveals that the cost of living has decreased two per cent in the past two months. A downward trend has occurred principally in the cost of food, clothing and fuel. The wholesale price of lard has dropped 64 per cent, 50 per cent for corn, 33 per cent for cattle, 32 per cent for hogs, 30 per cent for wheat, 30 per cent for butter, and 10 per cent for sugar. Additional reductions showed women's cotton dresses to be down an average of 24.5 per cent, nylon hose down 15.3 per cent, and men's shirts down 7.5 per cent.

The cost of living has by no means decreased to anywhere

near normal. In fact, it is still 74 per cent above 1939 levels. The apprehension has been brought on, however, by such a sudden drop in market prices.

As for the employment side of the picture, 700,000 persons became jobless from December to January. But this figure cannot be taken too seriously. Many persons were employed during December and January on seasonal employment, a swell as on work especially for the Christmas season. And at any rate, actual employment still is above the first three month level of 1943.

The government is adequately prepared to handle the unemployment situation unless it becomes much more critical. At present there is a record \$7,630,000,000 on hand in Federal funds for unemployment benefits. This fund will cushion to a considerable extent, not only the present but any future drop in jobs.

In studying the serious factors which threaten our economic security, we find that consumer demand of total output in 1939 to 70 per cent in 1948.

Furthermore, sharp increases have occurred in lighting materials and home furnishings, as well as in metal products, zinc and lead.

Another important feature is the fact that since 1946 wholesale farm prices have increased 22 per

cent and industrial prices 45 per cent. At the same time, the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar has been decreasing. Now, the problem involves the lowering of the cost of living without driving farm income further downward.

The present situation certainly

does not emphasize that America is facing a depression. But it does serve as a warning, and we should take no chances. Without further delay, we should frankly recognize and give our immediate attention toward correcting all "maladjustments" now opposing our national economy.

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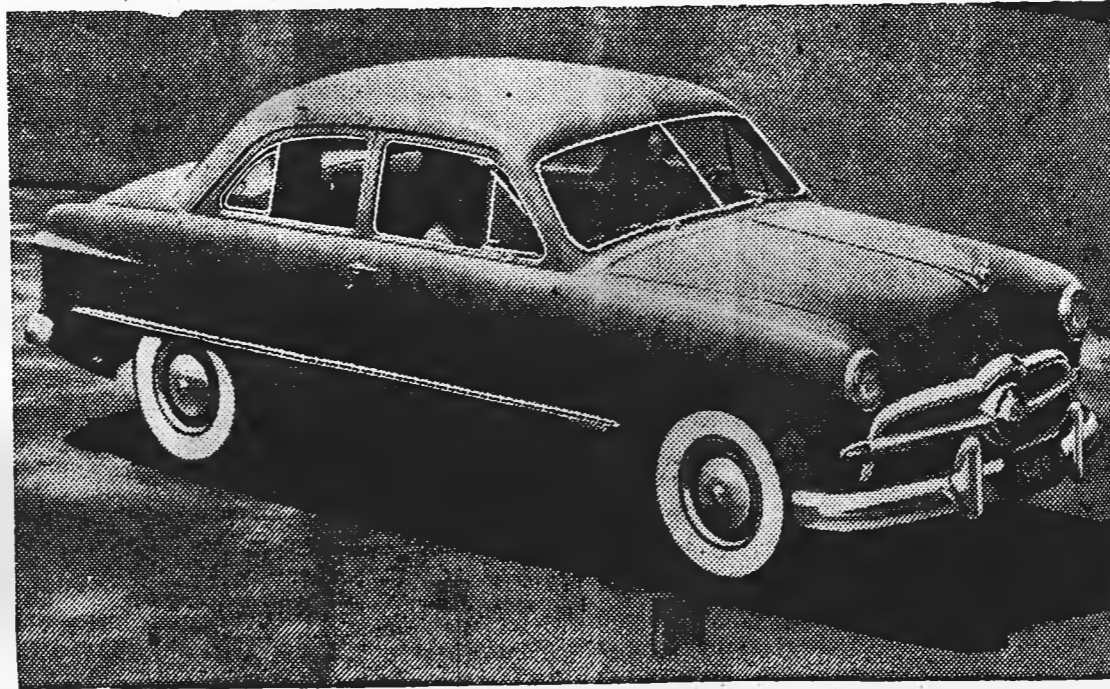
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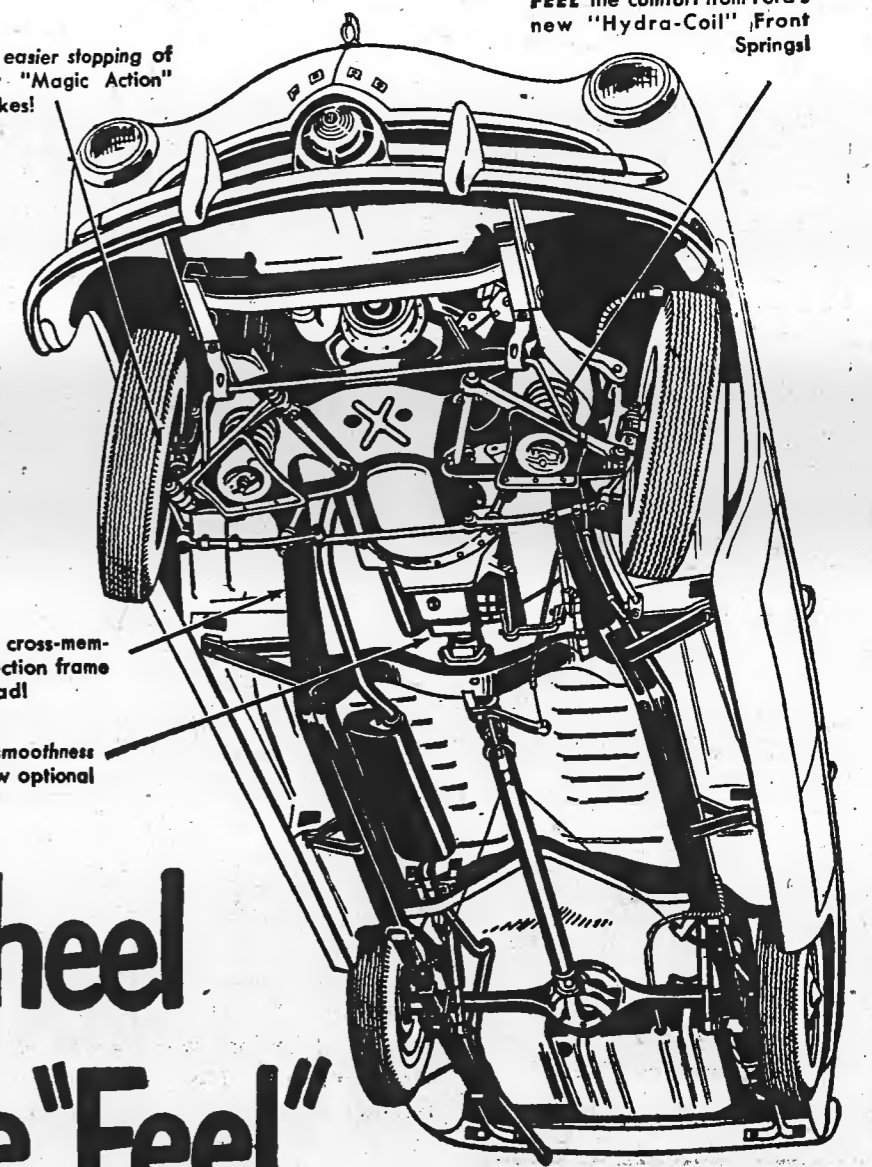
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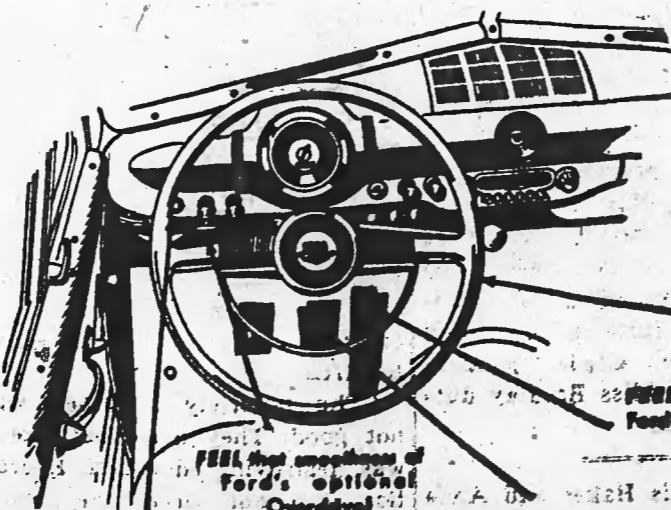
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