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The Farmer Says 'No!'

No move made by the Farm Bureau or any similar organization has brought as much praise from the general public as opposition to the Brannan plan.

This plan, which the Secretary of Agriculture has devised, supposedly to help the farmer, would mean doing away with the present allotment program and permitting the farmer to produce as much as he wants. Then the amount over and above what he can't market would be purchased by the government at prices a local committee in the farmer's area would deem fair.

Under the present system, the government restricts the farmer as to the number of acres of crops (on certain commodities) and then, even after this production control, if he still can't get a "fair price" as determined by the parity principle the government pays a subsidy.

The farmer realizes that enactment of the Brannan plan into law would mean more regimentation for him, more keeping of government records, less independence and a state of affairs whereby his entire existence would depend on the whims of politicians.

When his crops are ready for market, the farmer likes to see the cash come in as they are sold. Working under a more complete government subsidy program would mean, they point out, that payment from Uncle Sam may reach them two and maybe three months later.

To cap the whole situation, the farmers rightfully believe that the program would crash under its own weight. So much money would be handed out to the farmer that the tax-paying public would rebel after one or two years, and cause a reaction against ANY farm support whatever.

A new element has infiltrated in United States politics. An element whereby those in the driver's seat see eternal security for their office by subsidizing constituents. In other words, legalized vote buying.

In the Farm Bureau, Grange and other large farmers' organizations we see for the first time a mass, organized objection to this policy. Our admiration for the farmer and his daily gamble in making a livelihood for his family increases by leaps and bounds. Seen in this is a factor that proves the inherent independent spirit of America is not not dead.

Might as Well Let the Town Burn Down

A big bouquet of red roses to Beaufort firemen. Through the efforts of Chief Charles Harrell and his men, Beaufort was given the opportunity Sunday afternoon to hear what can be considered one of the outstanding programs of the year.

But the many empty seats testified to the apathy and disinterest which the majority of people display. Fond parents tear their hair over the fact that firemen sponsor "these terrible carnivals," town authorities and the chamber of commerce scream because it milks money off from the town for trashy shows and gambling, but comes a worthwhile program such as a band concert and a handful of people attend.

The fire department is composed of men who by their own free will, attend meetings, instruction periods and when there is a fire—whether it be 2 a.m. on a freezing night or during the day when they are at work—rush to save someone's property.

Then they sponsor a program to raise some money, a GOOD program, and how much support do they get? Hardly any. They haven't complained. Chief Harrell says they probably did a little better than break even on the concert.

But it's a sad commentary when the people of Beaufort, or any town for that matter, which depends so much on a fire department, can't show any more appreciation than was shown Sunday afternoon.

Thoughts for an open mind...

Whatever of darkness there may be in our ways, let us be willing to assume, is due to our failure to radiate the light we came here to be.

Establish the image of yourself as you would be, and say, "There I am." It may not seem as though you are these lovely things, but you are if you imagine them.

If you do not believe this—you don't have to—that is the wonder of a seed. It does not depend on belief for its fruition. It carries LIFE in it.

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO

North River news commented that the shrill whistle of the locomotive and the rumbling car wheels operated on the new railroad between there and New Bern added much life to both sections.

A letter to the editor from a Beaufort merchant said that what the town needed was the closing of stores early in the evenings instead of the late hours in practice at present.

Some young men in Beaufort were planning on giving a minstrel show for the benefit of the Beaufort band.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Only three-fourths of the voters registered for the special election which was to be held on a school bond issue.

Changes on Front street in the near future were to include a fine filling station at Turner and Front; B. A. Bell, jeweler, would move to the building at Front and Craven, formerly occupied by Dr. C. L. Swindell.

As the result of an explosion of a steam evaporator at the ice plant, which caused no great damage but much excitement, the manufacture of ice was temporarily stopped.

Ten Years Ago
The Beaufort district board of trustees set a precedent by electing T. G. Leary principal for a two-year period instead of the usual one-year term.

There was a possibility that the President might come down and fish off the Carteret coast.

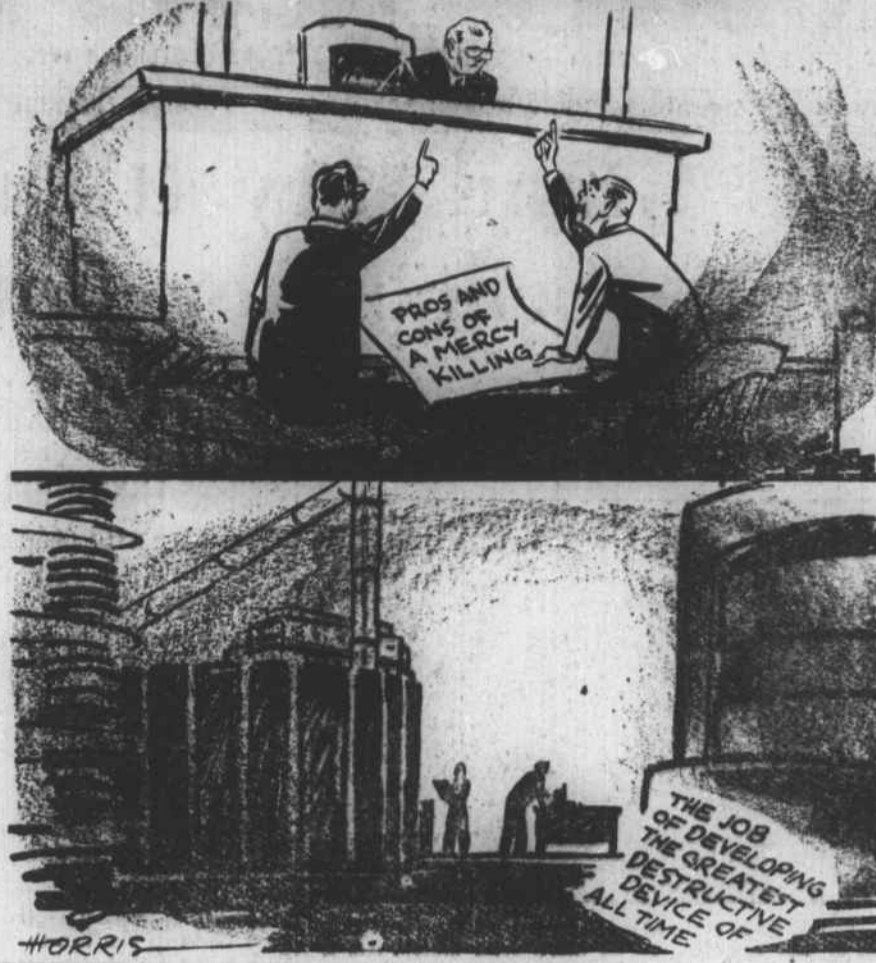
Five Years Ago
Salter Path was to be electrified, the Carteret county REA announced, since 50 of the 65 residents there had made application for electricity.

Henry, Georgia Neal's reproduction of the comic strip boy, was sitting on Front street in front of a Red Cross box, in hopes of helping the drive.

The county board of commissioners voted \$1,000 toward the rat-proofing program for Beaufort.

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LIVES... RETAIL AND WHOLESALE



Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

Politically it was not a dumb move to give \$1,000 to the Cherry Point Zoning commission. One of the large landholders up Newport way who has been selling his lots in the zoned area also has a certain amount of influence when it comes to cornering votes. And there have been indications that Newport has decided leanings to the Hassellward.

When the telephone numbers are changed, the number of White Ice Cream company is going to be M.0000.

I noticed in the Wilmington paper the other day a story on Dave Beveridge's trip to Florida, all about the shrimp, you know? Well, it was copied almost verbatim from this paper, and then the fellow who sends it in signs his name to it.

THE NEWS-TIMES folks say they don't mind his clipping the stories from this paper and sending them to other papers, but HIS by-lines, then, are a little too much. They don't begrudge the fellow a little extra money, but it would save the Wilmington paper a lot of fol-de-rol, I bet, if maybe they bought a subscription to the Carteret county paper.

M. Leslie Davis better have somebody handy with a bottle of blood plasma the next time he gets his razor in backwards or he'll bleed to death.

New business in town: Governor Davis sells Fuller brushes.

STELLA

March 6—Mr. and Mrs. Coloz Brown visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Brown in Washington on Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Jones visited Mrs. Bessie Guthrie in Swansboro recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wiggins attended a singing convention in Vanceboro on Sunday.

S/le Owen Waters visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waters, over the week-end.

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Elizabeth Waters of Pelletier will represent Onslow county in the divisional American Legion oratory contest which will be held in Kinston, Tuesday, March 7. We hope she wins.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Ross and children of Clinton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Key over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sheppard and Mrs. Mattie Sheppard of Richards, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Rhue.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bright and family attended a birthday

DAVIS

March 8—Mrs. Georgia Salter and Mrs. Luther Lewis are in San Antonio, Texas, visiting their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Ronald Earl Mason. Mrs. Mason is the former Joyce Marie Lewis. Mrs. Charles Babbitt and Mrs. Ida Willis left last week for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will visit Mrs. Willis' daughter, Mrs. Fred Ise-hour. Before they return they will also visit another daughter, Mrs. Robert Winthrop in Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Fred Hoyt of Smithfield. They will be gone a month.

Messrs. Lindsey Tucker and Genl. Bumgardner of Winston-Salem were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willis during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McManus and daughter, Maurea Christine and Bertha Murphy of New Bern and Sgt. Robert Belle Oudry of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Cherry Point Air Base, all spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murphy.

Mr. Harlan Murphy and Miss Janice Smith of Atlantic spent a very enjoyable weekend at Murfreesboro visiting Janice's girl friend, Jeane Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Alligood were visitors at Marshallberg Sunday.

Miss Ava Lee Alligood was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor and son, Jessie, of Beaufort, Sunday.

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Miss Lyda Piner of Morehead City visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Piner, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Fulcher of Atlantic were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Piner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardie Fulcher and daughter, Debbie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Willis and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith at Atlantic Sunday.

Several from our community at party given in honor of Mr. Allen Riggs of Maysville.

Miss Stanton gave a very interesting talk on the customs of the Koreans. Since Miss Stanton was in Korea for two years she is very familiar with their habits and, therefore her talk was of great interest to the club. Afterwards, Mr. Williams and Al Stinson showed slides of landscaping. These were

tended Stunt Night which was held in Beaufort High school Friday night.

Mrs. Walter Hughes and son, Wayne, of Bay Shore, N. Y., have returned home after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin W. Davis.

Mr. Everett Willis and family spent last Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willis.

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