

HORSES CAPTURE PULLING RECORD

Raleigh—Horses now enjoy the distinction of being workstock pulling champions of North Carolina.

Paul L. Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, today announced that a pair of horses owned by Roger Sexton of Lillington have been certified as lifting 3,000 pounds dead weight and pulling it the official distance of 27 and one-half feet to better the record of a Granville county mule team by approximately seven per cent.

The mule champions, owned by Bodie M. Currin of Oxford, Granville county, held the workstock pulling "crown" until Sexton's mares toppled the record at the Upper Coastal Plain Station field day July 27.

Sexton's horse team which weighed 2,800 pounds, pulled the equivalent of 19.75 tons on a wagon compared with Currin's 2,610-pound mules team which lifted the equivalent of 18.2 tons.

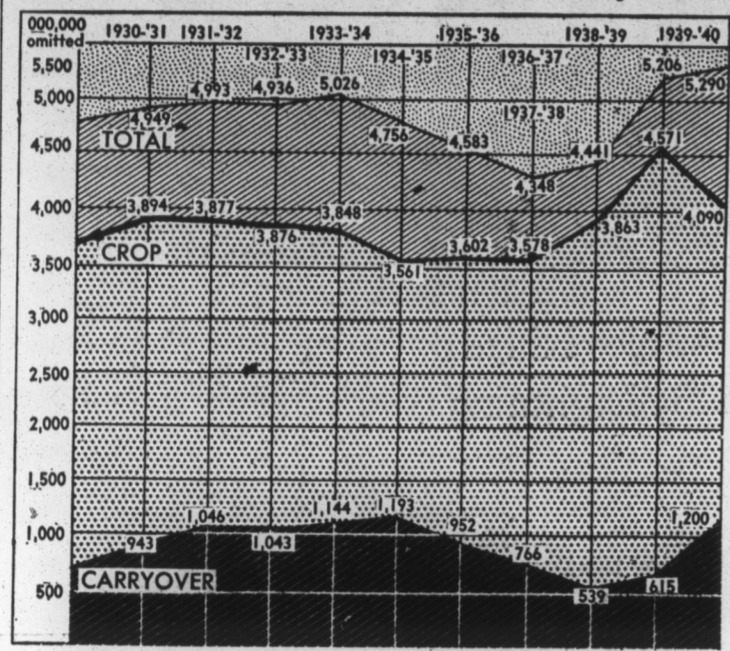
The state-wide champion will be determined at the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh, October 10 through 14, when mules, horses and steers will pull in competition. Incidentally, one of the two horses holding the present championship holds a state-wide crown won at the Fair last year, but is now pulling with another horse since her mate died several months ago.

Sam Godard of Jamesville owns the champion pulling steers. Weighing 2,800 pounds, they pulled 18.2 tons the regulation distance at the Blacklands Station field day at Wenoona July 13.

REDUCTION

In 1870 more than half of the gainfully employed people in the United States were framers, but by 1930 this proportion had fallen to a little more than a fifth.

Here's World's Wheat Supply—Except—



With the exception of Russia's huge wheat crop and China's output, the tentative world's wheat supply is 5,290,000,000 bushels. Which means that more wheat will be available for use in the 1939-40 season than ever before, according to estimates made by the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. The carryover is 1,200,000,000 bushels, and this year's wheat crop will total approximately 4,090,000,000 bushels.

Many Women Sole Support Of Family, Survey Shows

Washington, — Two surveys made by Government groups indicate that great numbers of women do the family bread winning, either alone or with the help of another woman, often while continuing their jobs as home-makers.

Women's Bureau experts, studying 58,000 working women in Fort Wayne, Ind., Bridgeport, Conn., and Richmond, Va., found 43,000 of them living with their families. Of these, they reported nearly 10 per cent were the sole support of the family. Twenty per cent were in families supported by women and with no man wage-earners.

A recent report of family income in Chicago by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics listed women as the principal wage-earners in 14 per cent of the native white families and 18 per

cent of the Negro families studied in a 10 per cent sample of the city's families.

Of 25,800 native white "complete families" (containing both husband and wife), 1,100 had a woman as the principal wage-earner. In 336 such families, the wife or some other woman was the sole wage earner. A woman was the principal wage-earner in 55 per cent of the families that did not contain both husband and wife.

The three-city Woman's Bureau Report indicated that the proportion of families with women workers increases with the size of the family. Three out of five of the nine-member families included a working woman.

One-third of the 58,000 women studied combined the job of breadwinning with that of homemaker. In general, the Three-City Report said, married women and

women with tasks at home were found in jobs offering less chance for advancement than were single women.

In the Chicago survey, experts found that practically 90 per cent of the families supported entirely by the wife were living on less than \$2,000 a year, and over half of them on less than \$1,000.

FOOD

It is estimated that for every increase of \$100 in the income received by families whose yearly income is \$1,500 or less, from 20 to 30 per cent of the increase would be spent for food.

INCREASE

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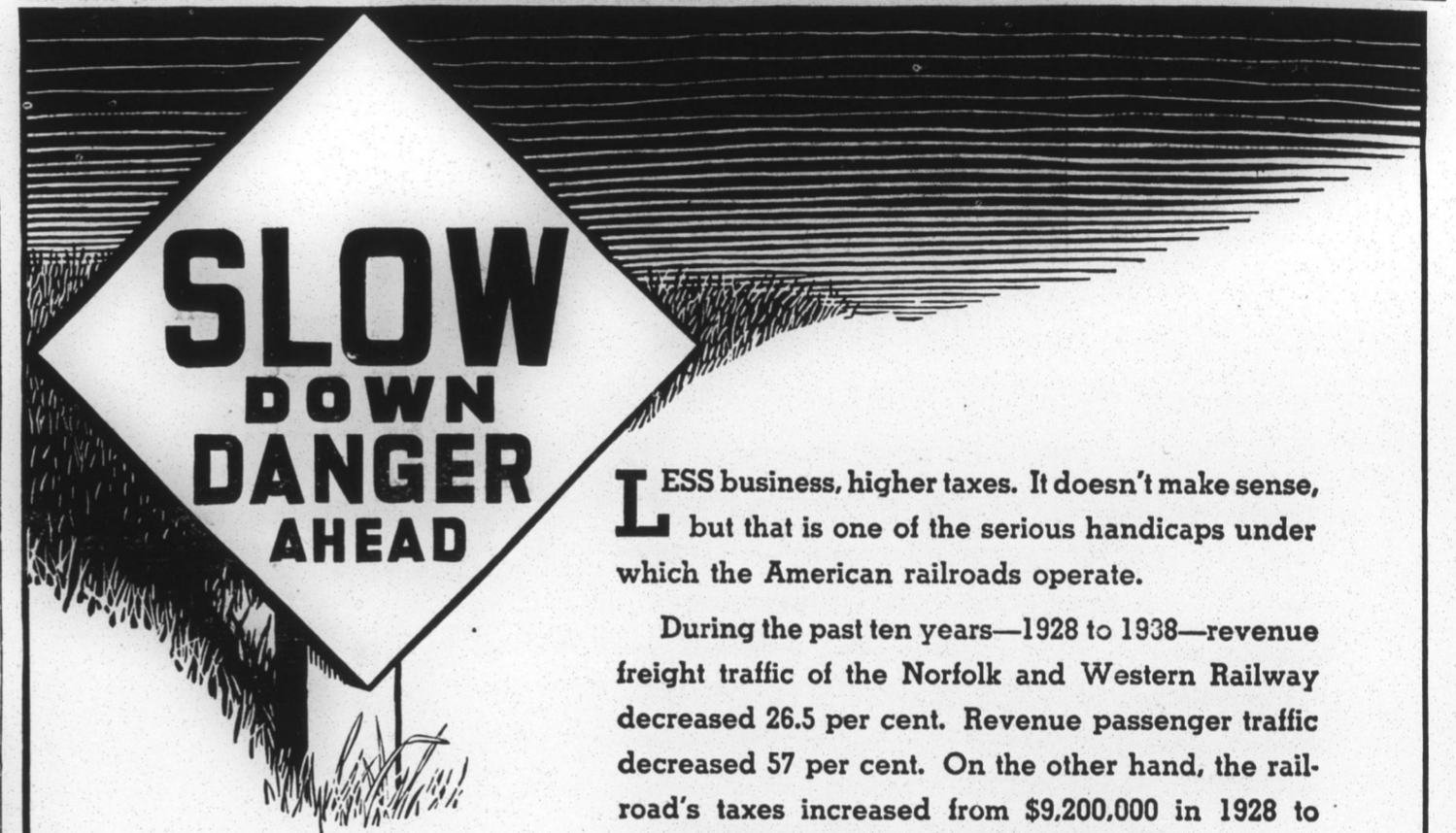
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LESS business, higher taxes. It doesn't make sense, but that is one of the serious handicaps under which the American railroads operate.

During the past ten years—1928 to 1938—revenue freight traffic of the Norfolk and Western Railway decreased 26.5 per cent. Revenue passenger traffic decreased 57 per cent. On the other hand, the railroad's taxes increased from \$9,200,000 in 1928 to \$11,485,000 in 1938, or nearly 25 per cent.

Any way you figure it, you get the same answer—constantly increasing taxes. For example:

Out of every \$100 taken in, the N. & W. paid the tax collectors	{ \$ 8.60 in 1928 14.88 in 1938
For every person it employed, the N. & W. paid the tax collectors	{ \$ 333.68 in 1928 658.47 in 1938
For every carload of freight originating on its line, the N. & W. paid the tax collectors	{ \$ 11.72 in 1928 18.08 in 1938
For every dollar paid in dividends to its stockholders, the N. & W. paid the tax collectors	{ 62 cents in 1928 77 cents in 1938
To earn enough revenue to pay its taxes, the N. & W. worked	{ 31.4 days in 1928 54.3 days in 1938

The results of such a taxing policy applied to the railroads, and to the nation's industry as a whole, are inevitable—drastic decreases in purchasing power, production and employment. These facts and figures strikingly demonstrate the vital necessity for curtailing Government expenditures and the consistent application of sane economy in Government. Without economy in Government there can be no permanent national prosperity.

The Norfolk and Western and the other railroads of the nation do not protest the payment of their proper and equitable share of taxes. As good citizens, they are glad to contribute to public education and to the orderly function of Government by payment of taxes. But, when the cost of Government reaches the point where taxes take more and more of the national income, while that income declines, then it is time to slow down. For there is danger ahead.

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