

### ACCEPTANCE OF FORD'S MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER URGED IN SENATE MINORITY REPORT

(By Associated Press)  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for purchase and lease of the government's vast nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was urged by Republican and Democratic senators comprising a minority of the Senate Agriculture committee in a report submitted today to the senate. Strong protest was entered by the senators against the acceptance of the government ownership and operation plan proposed by Senator Norris, of Nebraska, the committee's chairman.

The report was presented by Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota, in behalf of the Ford proponents on the committee whose signatures were attached.

The belief was expressed that every member of the senate would agree with the committee minority with reference to the acceptance of Mr. Ford's proposal when they consider the "present fuel and transportation emergencies" in the light of "development of such great hydro-electric power as is found at Muscle Shoals," adding that it "is the only certain and permanent relief in the future from the present paralysis of American industry."

The report called attention to charges that acceptance of Mr. Ford's tender would give him a government subsidy in the development of power and the manufacture of fertilizer and said:

**Claims Offer Subsidy**  
 "It has been claimed that the Ford offer constitutes a subsidy to Mr. Ford. If it is a subsidy, it is not such a subsidy as is proposed by the administration in the Ship Subsidy bill."

An agricultural benefit to the country by development of the Shoals properties by Mr. Ford, the report asserted, will include a large scale production of fertilizer "produced under the most favorable manufacturing conditions, maintained abreast of progress in an art that is developing rapidly, and which will reduce the cost of fertilizer."

After reviewing conflicting testimony taken by the committee on the question of how much present fertilizer costs could be reduced at Muscle Shoals, the report asserted:

"To our minds the evidence is convincing that there are modern electro-chemical processes which, applied at Muscle Shoals, will reduce the cost of fertilizers, but if there is any doubt on that score the United States should stay out of the business."

"Mr. Ford has agreed to pursue a plan of research and to adopt the results from his investigations which will compel him to introduce the best available methods, and he has the necessary capital to do so."


"We, therefore, believe that among the costly problems which Mr. Ford will have to solve at Muscle Shoals, will be the selection of the most economical nitrogen fixation process, and therefore it is conceivable that Mr. Ford will be obliged to either redesign nitrate plant No. 2 and possibly scrap and rebuild the entire nitrogen process equipment."

... Mrs. Anna Kennedy of Logansport was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Darter and daughters Nellie and Corinne at Locust farm Tuesday and Wednesday... Mrs. Anna Brookbank and daughter Miss Freda and Mrs. Lizzie Brookbank spent Tuesday as guests of Herbert Melvin and family at Woodlawn farm... Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Garrett and daughter Miss Frances were down from Richmond Tuesday and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Abernathy at Ashcroft farm, west of town... Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Batchler and children of near Connersville, were guests of Elmyra Osborne here... Misses Grace and Mary White of near Bentley were here Wednesday for a visit with their grandparents... Miss Laura Hill of Liberty is a guest of Mr. George Stanley and family at their farm home west of town this week.

#### Suburban

**PHILOMATH, Ind.**—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, daughters, Clara and Josephine of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rodenburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stinson and family... Mr. and Mrs. William Smoker of Abington, Mrs. Mary Smoker of Centerville spent Sunday with Mrs. Lizzie Walting and Mary Plankenhorn... Mr. and Mrs. Dan Plankenhorn attended the funeral of James McClerney of Centerville. Funeral services were held at Centerville Sunday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. Ben Manly and son of Richmond spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCashland... Catherine Miles and Russell Hendrix of Richmond spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hendrix... Dick Lamber and son, Leonard of New Paris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lambert... Mrs. Harry Weber and daughter, June, Mrs. Grant Rose and Mrs. George Kelley spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Dan Plankenhorn... Mrs. Grant Rose and daughter, Fern, called on Mrs. Jennie Plessinger and daughter, Virgil, Sunday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother and family of Rushville... Mrs. Harry Shadle and son, Russell, of Centerville spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Plankenhorn... Mrs. Willard Rodenburg called on Mrs. Mary Shank Tuesday afternoon.

**DUNLAPSVILLE, Ind.**—Mrs. Elizabeth Brookbank of Liberty, arrived here Monday for a visit with Mrs. C. E. Brookbank and daughter, Miss Freda... Thirty of the Rex Manufacturing company's men of Connersville enjoyed a 6:30 o'clock chicken dinner at Rose Corner farm here... Mr. and Mrs. John Stone and daughters were in Connersville Sunday... Miles Pace and family of Falmouth spent Sunday as guests of the former's father, G. H. Pace, east of town... Liberty township will hold its Federation meeting here at Rose Corner farm on the lawn Thursday evening. Fine orchestra music and the picture show will be the entertainment of the evening.



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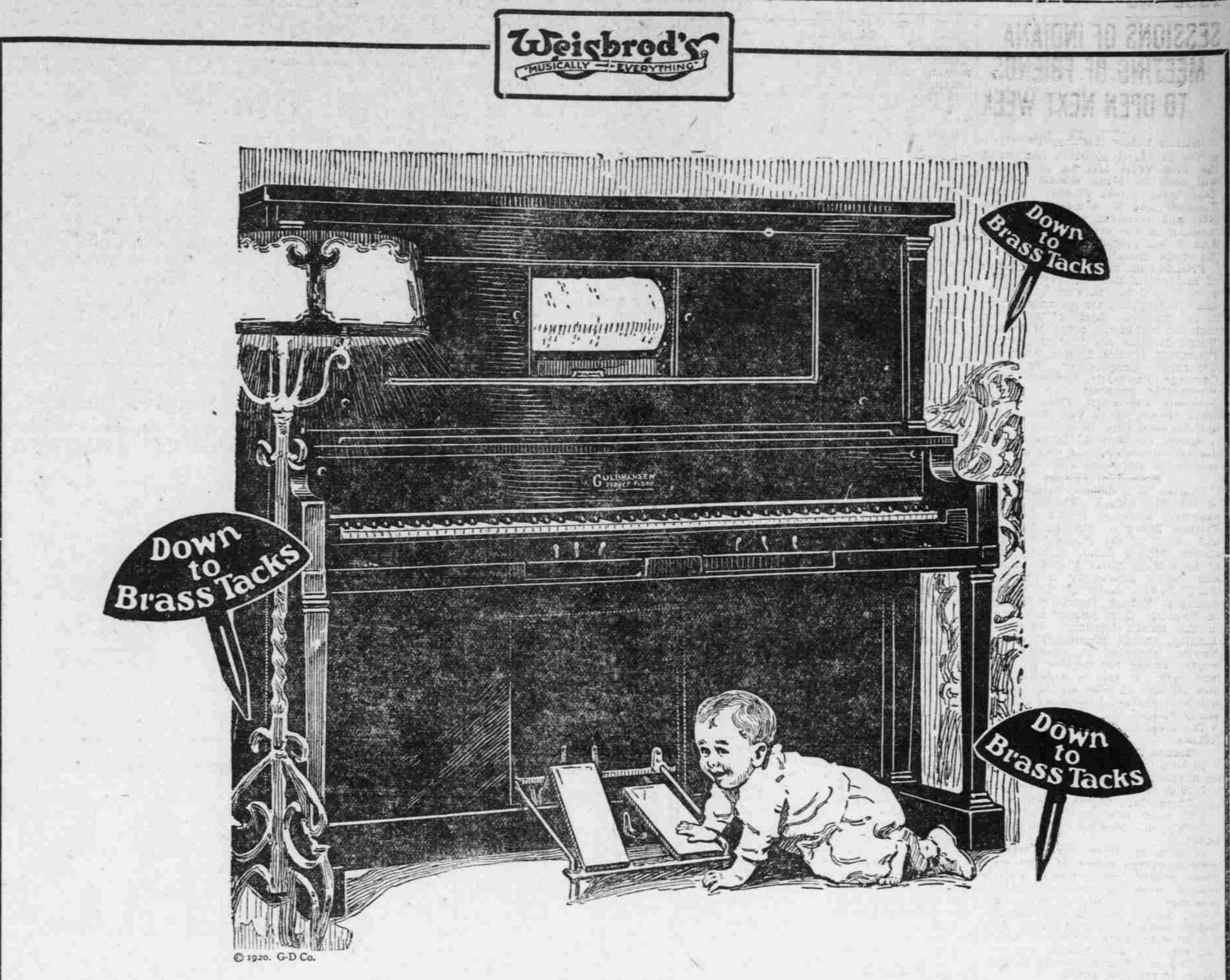
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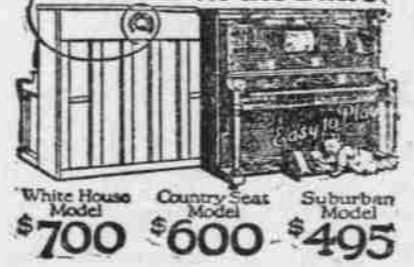
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