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EDITORIAL

Out Of Your Tents, O Israel, and FIGHT

HOW SHALL THE FARMER ESCAPE THIS CALAMITY IF HE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION?

Like the sound of a rushing mighty wind will be the thundering tread of countless thousands of farmers marching to the ballot boxes throughout the tobacco belts next Thursday October 5.

And upon their verdict at the polls depends the economic destiny of the multitudes who grow tobacco, and involving the condition of all those dependent upon them for business and prosperity.

Heavy production seriously affected the 1939 prices on opening. Then like a bombshell from the sky came the abandonment of the markets by the Imperial Tobacco Company which usually buys more than a third of the flue-cured types.

Demoralization ensued. Prices sank as if hit by a submarine. To save the farmers from the disaster which threatened them, the markets already open, closed, and those about to open were ordered to wait indefinitely for the crisis to be coped with.

THE GOVERNMENT ENTERS THE PICTURE

Now steps into the breach, the Federal Government, with an offer to put up the millions of cash needed to help the farmers until the Imperial comes back—offers to take the place of the Imperial.

But the condition upon which the government will lend its assistance is that the farmers will agree to HELP THEMSELVES by voting to control the 1940 crop.

Otherwise, under the law the administration cannot and will not extend its hand. It unequivocally requires the co-operation of the farmers in working out the plan for their salvation.

AND WHY? Because the government knows that without farmer co-operation to control the vast output of leaf grown by the farmers, its investment in this year's crop, at medium prices, would be a tragic loss of the people's tax money.

Moreover, the Washington officials know that next year the farmers would grow even bigger acreages, and find themselves in exactly the same condition as now, or worse. That its help would be of no avail with the groundswell of calamity coming in from unrestricted plantings in Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia and Florida.

Let the farmers understand plain common sense. No one is so blind as he who WILL NOT see.

THE DANGER AHEAD

If the farmers turn down the government's offer of aid, the best opinion in America says they will wreak their own undoing.

The government cannot afford to back unrestricted production of tobacco, and you know this. Neither can it continue with its various forms of government assistance in a suicidal economic policy, such as crop and feed loans, money to buy fertilizer and tools and all that.

Neither can conservative and safe bankers, merchants, supply dealers continue to furnish powder for an explosion that will wreck the farmers in four States.

WAREHOUSES ENDORSE CONTROL

At a meeting in Raleigh this week 250 tobacco warehousemen pledged their co-operation, en-

dorsing the plan 100 per cent, and advising all friends of the farmers to get behind the movement. The bankers in session also gave their unqualified approval.

Hutson was there, and after communicating with Secretary Wallace, set October 5 for the referendum, and said if the farmers vote two-thirds for control, the government would place the money available for the farmers in 24 to 48 hours.

With the government's guarantee to underwrite, the Imperial agrees to put its buyers at once back on the markets, paying the same price or higher than the figures it was bidding when it had orders from England to cease buying.

WAREHOUSES WILL OPEN OCTOBER 9

Beyond a doubt if control carries every warehouse throughout the belts will swing wide its doors not later than Monday or Tuesday, October 9 or 10.

If the farmers turn down the government's offer of assistance, the Imperial will not come back until war conditions in Europe improve, which appears at this time to be a forlorn hope.

The result can only mean bankruptcy for the farmers and for the business interests throughout the great tobacco belts.

Let every farmer, every business man and every friend of the farmer, lay off his coat and use his influence for the only salvation in sight.

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Committee To Meet Board of Education Monday—Mass Meeting Last Night of High School Advocates

The court house auditorium last night was pretty well filled with advocates of the Danbury high school. Practically every family of Danbury was represented, as well as many from the community in general.

Speeches were made by D. C. Kirby, R. J. Scott, J. J. Taylor, R. L. Smith, W. G. Petree, S. A. Flinchum, N. E. Pepper, Mrs. J. Spot Taylor, Miss Grace Taylor, J. W. Hall, S. P. Christian, Gilbert Alley, and many others, all of whom were earnest in stressing the importance and the need of a high school for the county seat.

A committee was appointed to present Danbury's claims for a high school to the Board of Education to meet here Monday, as follows:

J. E. Nelson, Mrs. J. E. Nelson, Alex Flinchum, S. A. Flinchum, N. E. Pepper, N. E. Wall, Mrs. R. R. King, Mrs. N. E. Pepper, Mrs. R. J. Scott, Mrs. D. C. Kirby, Mrs. N. D. Priddy, W. G. Petree, E. L. Alley, Mrs. J. J. Taylor,

Hill Reunion

On second Sunday, October 8th, the Hill reunion will be held at State Line Baptist Church, Stokes county. Those related to the Hill generation, friends and neighbors are invited to come and bring a basket of lunch. Will have services by able ministers.

MRS. C. S. HILL.

Sandy Ridge Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kington of Mayodan visited Mr. Walter Kington Sunday.

Several people of this section attended the Mayodan fair during the past week.

Mrs. Vester Dunlap and small son, Elwood, spent several days of the past week with Charlie Wall and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dunlap.

Belle Dunlap has returned home after having spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sharp at Madison.

Several from here attended the monthly Saturday and Sunday meeting held at Wilson Primitive Baptist Church.

Mrs. J. Spot Taylor, D. C. Kirby, J. J. Taylor, R. J. Scott, H. P. Loftis, Luther Shelton.

Editorial.

Goodbye, Sweetheart

Beautiful season of sunshine and gladioluses, of moonlight and melody, of honeysuckle and humming birds, of watermelons, bees and hammocks—goodbye.

But say, didn't you forget something—asters and the pensive goldenrod, sunflowers and the smile of Miss Morning Glory—

Hickorynuts and chinquapins, scuppernongs and pumpkins that the frost will soon paint.

Cool fields where fall bugs chant and the frankincense of meadows, hill and vale intoxicates the senses, and dark, clear water that steals whispering through the willows. In the evening the jaybird shrieks from the woods, the big owl hoots on the old dead pine, and the fox barks lonesome on the mountainside.

The gold harvest moon swings low over the mountain and kisses the Three Sisters good-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham of Etna, Pa., were here a few days this week as house guests of Lois Martin. Mrs. Graham was formerly Miss Lillian Dornor of Pittsburgh and has visited here on several occasions.

CERTAIN CONTROL WILL CARRY

THIS IS BEST OPINION TODAY

—STOKES WILL PROBABLY GIVE NINETY PER CENT. OR MORE—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA EXPECTED TO GO OVER TOP.

There is very little doubt that Stokes county will go 90 per cent. or more for tobacco control next Thursday, while the best opinion is that North Carolina and Virginia will vote far over the required 66 2-3 majority.

Mass meetings were held Tuesday night at all the precincts of the county, attended by good crowds. Speakers explained the proposed new acreage allotment, as well as other details to curtail the 1940 crop.

It is certain that if control wins that the tobacco markets will open October 9.

Great interest is manifested in the referendum to be held October 5, and a large vote will doubtless be recorded.

R. C. White of King and Ellis Stone of Pinnacle were in Danbury Wednesday.

After The Rats—Woman's Club of Danbury Sponsors Campaign

A campaign, sponsored by the Danbury Woman's Club, is on to rid this community of rodents. L. C. Whitehead, District Agent of Rodent Control, of State College, was here Tuesday and lectured at the Danbury school.

The Woman's Club heard Mr. Whitehead, Mrs. D. C. Kirby, vice president, presiding at the meeting, and introducing the speaker, who told of the damage of rats in every community and advising the latest and most effective methods of the U. S. department of agriculture in coping with the problem.

Mr. Whitehead will return October 12 to supervise the campaign against the destructive pests, and each family of the community is expected to co-operate with him and his four helpers.

A committee of the club members consisting of Mrs. N. E. Wall, Mrs. A. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Ralph Scott, Mrs. R. R. King and Mrs. D. C. Kirby was appointed to co-operate with the federal representative.

THE WAR

It is believed by high military authorities in Washington that since Germany and Russia have partitioned Poland between them, that Hitler has not put out his full strength on the western front. Many believe he is waiting the result of the neutrality act now being debated in the American Congress. It is known that Germany fears the power of America to furnish supplies to England and France, and that his hesitation in bombing allied cities is largely because of the dread of arousing U. S. sentiment.

Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, reports that England has already destroyed from one-fourth to one-third of the German submarines operating in the waters adjacent to Britain and France. Churchill says the damage to allied shipping is being steadily reduced every week.

Warsaw is still holding out with a small army of Poles, although the nation elsewhere is

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