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I. M. Gordon Says Vote Control

Pilot Mountain Banker Says Destruction Will Surely Be the Portion of Tobacco Farmers If They Fail to Vote Control July 20

Editor Pepper:

We face the darkest outlook in the history of flue-cured tobacco. This applies to growers and all other citizens within the tobacco belt. Hence "all hands" should be wide awake and busy.

The leaders of our nation, states and counties, as well as tobacco warehousemen, are doing all in their power in the papers, over radio and otherwise, to save us tobacco growers from destruction; and destruction will surely be our portion if we fail to vote control July 20th. On that morning we will stand at the parting of the ways, and it will then be determined whether we will use our heads and save ourselves and our neighbors, or ignore the advice and earnest admonitions of the leaders of thought throughout the land; and by a stupid blunder destroy half our tobacco income for this year, amounting to many millions of dollars; and for likely all time to come, amounting in the future to untold millions. Yes, our intelligent leaders are doing all possible to restrain us from committing SUICIDE. Will we stop before we plunge to financial death? I prefer to pay attention to men who can think through this matter—men who are in position to know—and who know they know, rather than trail along with those who know not and know not that they know not.

Among others, Governor Hoey is doing his best to save the situation. He says failure of control means "flooded markets and starvation prices". He further states over the radio that it is inconceivable that the intelligent farmers of North Carolina will vote down control.

With stocks of tobacco on hand in America greatly increased, and on account of the terrible wars raging in Europe, we are unable to send much tobacco across the waters, where heretofore they have been taking about half of all the flue-cured tobacco we produced. Our "money crop" is in the government refuses to engrave danger unless we vote control the market with its millions of money to buy export grades, to hold for export when the war is over, for it cannot afford to continue to pile up and pay for foolish over-production which must finally be consumed in the trade, and as a result the price will drop this year to half what it will be if we vote the 3-year plan. The buyers in our own country will consider it foolish to pay for and store up high-priced tobacco which they do not now need

when if they will wait till next year they will be able to get all they want and more than they want at pauper prices when the farmers are turned loose and in a wild orgy grow enough in one year possibly to meet the needs two years. And it is unfair to call buyers ugly names because they are unable to permit us to dump unlimited quantities of tobacco on them at high prices. Low prices is their only way to protect themselves from being "snowed under" when production is unlimited. We cannot change the immutable law of supply and demand. There is no way under the heavens to control and sustain living prices unless we control production. Our financial structure is in danger of collapse as prices take a sharp "nose dive." If and when this comes, Mr. Voter, how will you pay your debts if you are owing any, and save your property; or if others are owing you, how will you collect; and if you are out and want to go in debt who will extend you credit if on the strength of growing tobacco? Better give one sober thought before you shut your eyes and ears and take the plunge.

We have a worthy control plan which is workable and is the best and the only plan that has been devised to take care of the problem of tobacco growers, so far as prices are concerned. It is adjustable. It is in the hands of men at Washington and North Carolina who know how much tobacco stock is on hand; how much is required to fill the needs of the trade, and how much should be grown to supply all that is required, and they can adjust the acreage for cultivation accordingly, either up or down and at the same time avoid over-production and ruinous prices. This is OUR PLAN, and the government is not "bossing us" as some would have us believe, but merely assisting us to enforce OUR PLAN and but for this government feature our control plan would go to pieces. We need to get a few things clear in our minds—one of which is that whether we like it or not, we are going to be controlled in the future just like we have in the past—either by our own plan or by starvation prices. I prefer living prices rather than going under, the galling yoke of pauper prices ever hereafter, with only enough cash to keep soul and body from separating company.

We will sell as much tobacco in

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(An Editorial.)

MR. TOBACCO FARMER, USE YOUR OWN HEAD—BE NOT DECEIVED.

There are those who would rush into print to advise the tobacco grower to take measures that will allow him to INCREASE his tobacco acreage, by VOTING DOWN controlled and restricted production—

NOW when 400 million pounds of UNSOLD LEAF from last year's crop are cluttering and clogging and depressing and poisoning the demand for tobacco—

NOW when European markets that formerly bought 50 per cent. of our tobacco crop, are PARALYZED AND DEAD from the effects of war.

Any person who advises the tobacco grower in this crucial time to spurn the Government's offer of help for the present tragic situation, and who argues with FALSE REASONING that the farmer should raise more and more tobacco in the face of the world crisis—

Cannot be the farmer's friend. He must be the farmer's ENEMY.

Any person who would say "throw more oil on the fire" that you KNOW is consuming you and yours, is one who scruples not at your destruction, but who, to gratify his own personal bitterness or his political animosity, cannot be your friend.

But he would sacrifice you on the altar of his egotism or his political malice.

In the aggregate, the farmers of Stokes are both honest and intelligent.

But there are exceptions where a small minority are willing in their ignorance or misunderstanding to be led to their own downfall, and the downfall of their friends and neighbors.

Let the farmers of Stokes use their own heads and not become the victims of the wolf that skulks abroad in his sheep's hide.

Let the farmers of Stokes remember the rewards that came to them under the first AAA plan, and then with bowed head recall the following disaster that resulted from the abandonment of the saving grace of sensible and scientific curtailment of OVER-SUPPLY.

Vote for a 3-year control next Saturday, which is the only known plan to escape certain calamity—the calamity that will be the portion of all tobacco interests when farmers lose their heads and go blind trusting those who heretofore led them to their economical ruin.

DEAN SCHAUB AND J. F. BROWN ISSUE LETTER

To County Agents In Tobacco Counties:

I feel that it is almost as important to secure a large vote as it is to get a two-thirds majority. The situation is so important from the standpoint of the future, not only of the tobacco growers but the business interest of the State as well, that I feel it important that you enlist the support of every businessman as well as farmers in getting the situation before the tobacco growers, and likewise in getting them to the polls on July 20.

Apparently there is a general apathy on the part of the growers. This is exceedingly unfortunate in view of the general situation and I wish to make every effort to acquaint the growers with the fact that with a favorable three-year control plan, they

may anticipate a price equivalent to last year with assurance on the part of the administration that there would be no reduction in allotment, while with only a one-year control program the price will be several cents less than last year and with a 10 percent. reduction in allotments. A difference of three cents per pound would mean a difference in total income in North Carolina of \$14,000,000 this year. With full cooperation of all interested people we can anticipate a successful referendum.

Yours truly,
I. O. SCHAUB.
Very truly Yours,
J. F. BROWN, Sec'y,
Stokes C. A. C. A.

Guy Priddy was here Monday from Madison.

Roosevelt Named For Third Term

Accepts In a Midnight Speech Wednesday— Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, Nominated For Vice President.

Exactly as predicted by the Danbury Reporter a week before the convention, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was nominated for a third term at the Chicago convention Wednesday night.

At midnight Thursday following the President accepted the nomination.

Washington.—President Roosevelt accepted early today the Democratic convention's precedent-breaking nomination to a third term.

In a radio address to the convention, the Chief Executive stressed the swift pace of foreign events as influencing his decision to accept the party's call and attempt to shatter tradition.

Henry A. Wallace of Iowa, new deal secretary of agriculture, was nominated for the vice-presidency by the Democratic national convention.

Choice of President Roosevelt, whose acceptance of a tradition-breaking third term nomination for the presidency was eagerly awaited by the delegates, Wallace's selection at the eighth convention session last night completed the Democratic ticket that will battle it out with Wendell L. Willkie and Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican standard bearers.

Nomination of the 51-year-old Iowan, who was once a Republican, was by an overwhelming vote.

Several others who were in the running for second place on the ticket withdrew after word came from Secretary of Commerce Hopkins' hotel suite that the Chief Executive looked with favor on the farm member of his original 1933 cabinet.

Dr. Helsabeck Wins \$1,000 Prize

Dr. C. J. Helsabeck was last week presented with a check for \$1,000 by the Lewis-Howe Co. of St. Louis in its "Pot O' Gold" radio broadcast program of advertising.

It is needless to say how very happy the Walnut Cove physician was made by the handsome gift.

King Items

The Fidelis class of the First Baptist Sunday school went on a picnic trip to Crystal Lake Wednesday afternoon. It was a pleasant occasion for all who attended.

Jesse A. Lawson of High Point is spending a few days with relatives here.

Smith-Leake Reunion at Cove Smith's store, August 11.

JOE EVERETTE BUILDS NEW HOME

KING CONTINUES TO EXPAND —LIGHT WEEK FOR THE STORK — RADIO REPAIR SHOP TO BE OPENED.

King, July 18.—Miss Iris Lawson of High Point is spending a week here the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Joe Carroll.

Cleve Cromer and Vance Kiser have returned from an extended trip to Oklahoma, City, Okla.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newsom incurred a broken leg when the child ran in front of a car being driven by Tom Payne at the Christian Church on Main street Saturday night.

The following patients underwent tonsil removal operations here last week: Miss Rachel Covington of Capella, Fred Snider of Pleasant Garden and Miss Lucila Southern and Richard Duggins of Tobaccoville.

Nome Hooker has returned from State College, Raleigh, where he took a short course in electrical work. Mr. Hooker is opening a place of business here.

Pete Smith is quite sick at his home on Depot street his friends will regret to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caudle of Abingdon, Va., were among the visitors here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Robinson of Charlotte and Miss Rachel Hemby of Monroe, have returned to their homes after a visit to Miss Kate Stone on west Main street.

The Southern Railway Company is having Daubs trestle, three miles south of town, filled in with dirt. This trestle is ninety feet high. The work is being done by a Charlotte contractor.

Work has been commenced on a new home for Joe Everette Stone on Dan River street near the old fair grounds. Slate Lumber Company is the contractor.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck of Walnut Cove were among the visitors here Friday. The doctor showed your correspondent a \$1,000.00 check which he won in a recent contest.

The stork took things easy last week, only two births being recorded. They were to Mr. and Mrs. Blanket Fain, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Everette Kiger, a son, but he is going to be much busier in the near future.

Herbert Petree has leased the E. P. Newsom building on east Main street and will open up a radio repair shop. Mr. Petree has had considerable experience in this work.