

## FARMERS PRODUCE WEALTH IN VAIN

Bread and Meat Program Necessary If Producers Are To Be Independent.

### TABLE TELLS THE STORY

Two hundred and thirty million dollars in round numbers is the amount of hard earned cash sent out of North Carolina in 1920 for bread and meat, grain, hay and forage, and other foods and feeds for man and beast. This total covers standard, staple farm and garden supplies—not extras, dainties and luxuries of diet. And furthermore, the calculation was based on farm values, not retail prices.

In other words, North Carolina was only fifty-two percent self-feeding in 1920. Nearly half or forty-eight percent of our bread and meat was imported from the North and West.

These ratios considered, thirty-four states made a better showing, and five of these were Southern states—Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, Texas and Arkansas, in the order named.

#### A-B-Cs. of Farm Finance.

The first business of a farm is to feed the farmer, the farmer's family, and the farm animals, says Dr. T. N. Carver of Harvard University. The production of cotton and tobacco or any other cash crop on a home raised bread and meat basis, is the only way for the farmer to retain the wealth he produces. In every county there are farmers who always have corn and wheat in their bins, hay and forage in their barns, meat in their smoke houses, and canned fruits in their pantries. These are invariably the farmers who are safely ahead of the game. They accumulate wealth. They are good credit risks, as every banker will tell you.

As for the rest, they are solidly convinced that it is good sense and good business to raise cotton or tobacco and to buy farm supplies with cash money from crops. As a matter of fact it is good sense and good business—for the supply merchants and the warehousemen but not for the farmers. Our farmers produce vast wealth under this plan, but somebody else gets it. It is a policy that enriches the country towns and the metropolitan trade centres, but it impoverishes the country people.

#### Farm Cooperation.

Our farmers can never hope to be self-directing citizens of the commonwealth until they are self-financing; and they can never be self-financing until they are self-feeding. The success of farm cooperative enterprise depends at last upon accumulated farm collateral and the credit it commands. The cooperative marketing of cotton and tobacco in average years in the South calls for something like one and a half billion dollars of cash or credit, and the enterprise is in peril if it must be financed on the outside by organized big business or bolstered by State or Federal favors. The only safe basis is accumulated collateral on the farms. Farming as a business must stand on its own bottom of accumulated capital.

The following tables tell the story in 1920:

#### Bread and Meat Farmers.

States	Percent Self-feeding	Per Capita Wealth
Iowa	195	\$8,113
Nebraska	188	6,826
Kansas	177	3,836
N. Dakota	169	4,074
S. Dakota	162	7,260
Wisconsin	122	2,400
Minnesota	122	3,916
Indiana	118	2,640
California	111	3,724

#### Cotton and Tobacco Farmers.

States	Percent Self-feeding	Per Capita Wealth
Oklahoma	104	\$1,387
Tennessee	78	785
Virginia	78	790
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Kentucky	75	954
Texas	69	1,596
Arkansas	58	731
N. Carolina	52	684
Mississippi	45	701
Alabama	44	419

#### Quicksilver Dollars.

There is an unmistakable relation between home-raised farm supplies and accumulated farm wealth. The bread-and-meat farmers of the Middle West pile up wealth, while the cotton and tobacco farmers of the South stay poor. The towns that handle cotton and tobacco get rich; but the cotton and tobacco farmers get left.

The sad fact is that cotton and tobacco money is not silver but quicksilver. It slips through the fingers of the farmers, and enriches the dealers and the manufacturers. Cotton and tobacco money talks, but what it says to the farmer is, Goodbye. We must always produce cotton and

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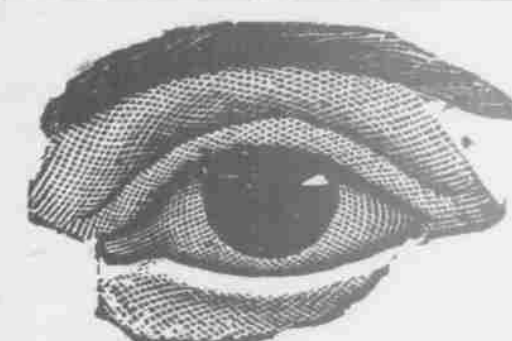
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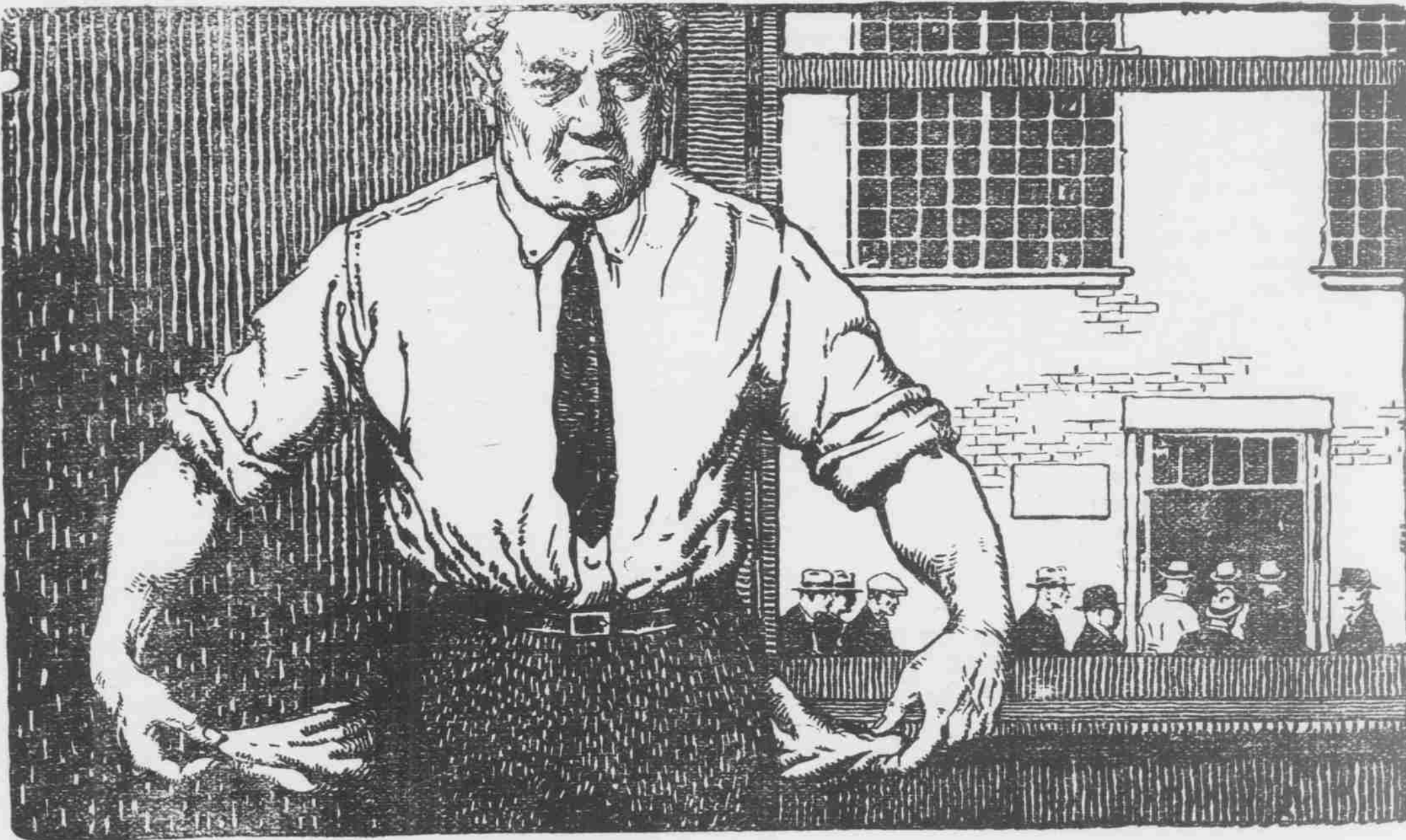


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