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MONEY COMING

The co-operative tobacco farmers are getting the returns from their patience, for the second payment on their tobacco is about to be paid, and it will come in the form of a check for which nothing has to be given as the work that earns the check is all completed. From indications the tobacco in custody of the organization is selling at a good price, and it is believed now that the remaining tobacco will move freely at a figure that will establish the association in the full confidence of all the members and of many outsiders who will eventually come in.

This is the first hard pull, and when the top of the hill is reached and folks see that the thing can be done, and that it is a good job when done the troubles will be materially lessened. One definite demonstration of results is a more powerful missionary than a hundred arguments put forth by those who have no samples of the goods to show.

This second payment will be more influential in backing up the week-knead brethren than anything else that could have been done, for it shows them that the tobacco is being sold to the manufacturers and in being sold it is moving on the course that the association intended, and according to the plans the association made. That much once settled the rest of it is of less consequence. The co-operative farmers seem to be in a right fair state at this juncture, and it is worth their while to sit steady in the boat.

HARD ROADS

The Pilot is asked occasionally if highway, route No 50, is to have a hard surface, and the only answer that is given is that The Pilot does not know. Probably Frank Page has his plans, but as he has enough trouble without unfolding to every jay that comes along what he is trying to do it is merciful at times to let the man alone.

Perhaps there are things that others as well as those in authority can figure out. Presumably the amount of hard surface roads that will be built depends on several factors that are yet uncertain. One possibly is the chance that North Carolina may go much farther or but little farther in constructing good roads. These good roads are a mighty fine institution, but always some one is kicking about the cost. Then inevitably a time is bound to come when we have to let up on road building on such an elaborate scale, for the naked truth is that the roads we build we do not pay for. We are leaving that for future generations, and even the conscience of a prodigal spendthrift

will at some point check him in his extravagances. We are not going to continue indefinitely to issue bonds.

Neither do we know yet just what kind of roads should be built. No one has any positive idea of what the traffic of the future is to be, nor whether the roads we will build in the next two years will be suitable for the traffic that is to come. We thought the sandclay road would make us as permanent highway, but before we have a sandclay system the travel calls for concrete or asphalt.

However the prospect is that we can continue to build roads, and that we will steadily build them more substantially, and that as fast as the road contracts can be reached a hard road will be built by Vass on the route now under construction. As a matter of time this road must be settled considerably before it can have its hard surface put on, and it must take its turn in being finished. It is entirely rational to assume that in three or four years from now a hard road will reach from Raleigh to Hamlet, and possibly sooner, and that the longer it is delayed the better the road will be when it is built. For the road builders are learning more about roads every day than they know the day before, and Frank Page is a fellow who drags in for today's use everything he learned up to bedtime last night. This is the main highway from Washington south, with the best route, for it is the route of the natural grade, the fall line of the mountain slope, and the easiest route to build and maintain and travel, and that is a guarantee that it will be put in proper shape in due season.

TAXES

Along toward the end of the political campaign came a circular form the democratic headquarters in Raleigh talking of taxes, and insinuating that the democrats are given to low taxation and the republicans to the other sort. The circular cited a large proportion of the counties of the state as evidence, but it seems to The Pilot it was an unhappy bit of testimony. Moore county is paying this year about ninety cents on the hundred dollars of value, and a large number of districts have added a local school tax of from five to thirty cents to the ninety. In spite of this maximum of a dollar and twenty cents in some of the districts Moore by the result of the election still looks like a democratic county.

The classification is entirely wrong. High taxes usually indicates an intelligent county, low taxes the other sort. Taxes this year in Moore are higher than ever, but regardless of the larger democratic majority these sums of money levied in taxes are laid for a purpose by people who want certain results, and the only way to get the results is to pay for them. We have been wanting good roads and good schools, and are getting them, and we are paying for them. In this world you can get just about what you pay for, whether

it is paid in the form of taxes or in some other way, and if you don't pay generally you don't get.

Moore county has concluded to have better schools and better roads and to pay, and that is all there is to it, and neither democrat or republican or presbyterian or pagan has anything to do with it. It is a matter with the citizens. Nobody likes high taxes, but everybody likes what the taxes bring. Nobody likes any expense, but everybody likes what the expense brings. We complain about high taxes, but if the roads and schools were taken away and the money given back the howl that would go up would make the noise of a winter storm sound like a cradle lullaby. We are paying some money in taxes but the roads of Moore county and the schools are something that are beginning to afford some satisfaction to the people. And that is the whole story.

When you come to pay your taxes this fall, which it is about time for you to do, remember that one thing—that we have got for our money a greater value than this country every before had for its money, much or little, and that we would not sell the roads and schools for what the cost by a long shot.

RALPH PAGE TO SELL PEACHES

The peach growers have engaged Ralph Page to be general manager of the association, and henceforth instead of a board of directors being the responsible authority and the executive Mr. Page will be given the job of executive and will be made responsible for business contact with the world. He will buy the supplies and sell the crop, and without hindrance from any one. He is shouldered with the responsibilities and asked for results.

The fruit men are much pleased with this step, as they say it looks like more definite action than where a board of directors had to be consulted about every subject that came up, and where no single head could decide anything regardless of its importance. Already a campaign for

distributing the coming crop is being planned, and the intention is to put Sandhills peaches into every town that is of good enough moral character to deserve such a blessing. Association men say the organization was never in more enthusiastic shape than now, and the outlook never so good.

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PERSONALS AND BRIE

Mr. T. R. Moffit, of Sanford, the week-end visiting relatives Mrs. John McQueen, of Lake was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tyson, of eight, spent the week-end in V. Mr. J. R. Thomas, of Raleigh, the week-end at home.

Mr. D. G. Ridenhour was in Sa a few hours Tuesday.

Don't fail to get a chance a doll at Wiggins Drug Store.

Mrs. Mary A. Bynum left Wed day for a week's stay in Sanf Mrs. S. R. Smith spent Wedn with friends in Sanford.

Mr. Arthur Thompson s Thanksgiving in Greensboro. Mr. W. D. Smith went to lotte for Thanksgiving.

Mr. R. A. Pearce spent the days with his people near Rox Mr. J. H. Thomas, of Raleigh, the week-end with his parent and Mrs. J. R. Thomas.

Mrs. Mary A. Bynum ret Sunday, from a week's visit relatives at Southern Pines.

Mr. J. W. Atkinson, of So Pines, was a visitor in town S afternoon.

Mr. Guy Simpson, manager Co-op warehouse, is spending week-end with his family in M Wilmer Thompson spent the end with his father, Mr. J. D. T son, in Aberdeen.

Elizabeth Byrd and Vera spent Tuesday night with Pearl Alexander.

Mr. Will Graham, of Cameron 1, had an all day corn shuckin Tuesday.

Rev. L. H. Joyner was in Thursday evening telling his good-bye.

Mrs. Effie Morgan, teacher, Pleasant school in Hoke cou spending the holidays in Raleigh Mr. Gordon Thomas spent T giving with his sister, Miss Thomas at Maxton.

Mr. C. J. Byrd, of Hamlet his brother, Mr. Vaughn Byrd ing Thanksgiving.

Some folks seem to think t best way to start a library is row books from other people.

Mr. Laland Parrish, of Sm spent Thanksgiving with his Mrs. D. G. Ridenhour.

Miss Josie Lynn Thomp Cameron route 1, spent Frida with her aunt, Mrs. George P. son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wal Carthage, visited at Mr. and M. Tyson, Sunday.

Miss Helen Butler, of S Pines, was in Vass a few ho Friday.

Mr. Gus Payne, of Sanford visitor, Sunday, at the home G. S. Edwards.

Mr. Herbert Edwards, of spent the week-end at the h Mr. G. S. Edwards.

Mrs. Lillie Auer and d Esther, are visiting Mrs. S Lassiter, of Smithfield.

Mrs. D. G. Ridenhour an Montrose Ballard went to Rale Saturday.

Miss Jennie Cameron, of E ham, spent the week-end v parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C near Vass.

The Co-operative Tobacco at this place, which closed day for Thanksgiving, will o Monday, December 4.

Misses York and Hall, of t Life School faculty, was in their way to Raleigh to at Teachers' Meeting.

Miss Bertie Cameron, one teachers of Mt. Pleasant s spending the Thanksgiving with her parents here.

Misses Winnie and Ruth Wilmington, are guests of Mrs. Vaughn Byrd during the giving holidays.

The eighth grade of Vass school delightfully entertai sixth and seventh grades and on Tuesday evening.

Mr. W. H. Bobbitt, who h head bookkeeper for the C this place, has been transf Richmond to help in the hea Mr. Bobbitt made many frien in Vass.

Chil'n! If you want that the drug store, be on hand e