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MONEY CROP AND DEBT

The old time question that has perplexed the Carolina farmer as long as he can remember is the money crop and debt to make it. "Money crop" is an expression that falls curiously on the ear of a man from the North when he first hears it, and "time merchant" is another equally novel. But it is these two things that have been largely the undoing of the farmer of this state. Too many farmers are always behind the game. They borrow money to finance a crop, pay a big interest, pay a big price for everything they buy on credit, buy a lot of stuff they should make on the farm instead of buying it from a western or other farm, and in the fall they turn over to the holder of their notes whatever of cash they can secure. North Carolina will never be as prosperous as it can be until it gets ahead of the farm game instead of behind it. When the farmer plants what he can finance, cuts his corners so he can care for his own needs, and gets where he can pay cash for what he buys or arranges to buy only what he can pay for he will be in position to tell the world to go to thunder. But as long as he farms at the time store and eats from the corn field and hog lots of Iowa and Kansas, paying costs of making the stuff there and freight haul and profits to several different dealers his nose will be on the grindstone.

We have one severe lesson to learn yet which is that the government can not fix farm prices or any other prices. As long as the farms pile up cotton and tobacco and such stuff far beyond the wants of the buyer the buyer is going to allow the grower to hold the bag. To make more stuff while a surplus is on the market is the culmination of folly, no matter what a punk-headed government may undertake to do in the impossible way of fixing prices. The way to raise the price of cotton is to cut down production until people can use what is made. The same with tobacco, corn, wheat and any other thing. The farmer is the only man in the world who can fix the price of the stuff he makes and the only way he can do it is by fitting his production to the demand. The factory has sense enough to stop making things when the market is drugged with its product. When the farmer gets to that understanding he will be on better footing. He is the one man who can live on his own product if he will, for his people before him had no other way. But he cannot live on rations raised in the West and spend his time making crops he cannot use himself and hope to make money selling those crops to an overcrowded market that already has a surplus in that line.

AN ASSURING STATEMENT

The Pennsylvania Railroad, in a statement to its stockholders throws a lot of light on the financial situation in fact instead of in bunko. The gross revenue for 1932 decreased 26 per cent as compared with the previous year and 42 per cent as compared with two years before. Operating expenses were 26 per cent below 1931. Net income decreased 32 per cent. The net income was just above two per cent on the capital stock allowing a dividend of one per cent to the stockholders. During the year the company reduced its bonded debt and trust equipment obligations by \$6,500,000. It has no bank loans or other short term loans outstanding, but it obtained a three-year loan of

\$27,500,000 from the Finance corporation to carry on the work of providing electric equipment for the road from New York to Philadelphia and Wilmington, and as a result electric service has been inaugurated between these two points. The company will repay its loan to the Finance corporation, and meanwhile the money has been expended in employing labor and improving the facilities of the road, which is in better shape than ever to serve the country. Under the unfavorable conditions the road has been able to expend the \$27,000,000 for improvement, covering a distance of 120 miles, a step that will materially reduce the costs of operation and increase the power of the road to handle its traffic expeditiously.

Several things are made plain by this brief statement, one being that the money loaned the road by the Finance corporation was a good action by the government, for it was one place where employment was provided and from which the money is not a gift but a loan, and it will come back. It was wholly different from the free flour and free other things handed out by the government for which the taxpayers have to pay. Here the road got its value in labor done and paid its workers, and as the money will be repaid to the government no burden is laid on the taxpayers. But the introduction of electric haulage on the New York to Washington line is a rather positive indication that the Pennsylvania system is fixing to cut its costs of operation to a place where it will not be scared much by competition. It is such policies that must be followed by all business and by government as well that will put the country on its feet. The one per cent dividend gives the stockholders some assurance that their property has not gone to the dogs, and to the hundred thousand women stockholders this will be comforting intelligence. Furthermore the road is one of the biggest taxpayers of the United States, carrying its own load and helping to carry that of nation, states and counties. It is one of the big employers of labor, and one of the biggest buyers of iron and steel, machinery and industrial products. It is slightly disfigured, but it is still in the ring, and so is the rest of this United States if we will only see the facts and cut out some of the ballyhoo.

PUTTERING 'ROUND THE GARDEN

Back to the first days of life goes the legend of the garden. Adam was given a start where he could see things grow and look after them, and up to the day when Cain with one fell swoop wiped out a fourth of the population the entire human race were given to gardening. Cain did a bad job when he introduced the hot spot in Eden. Yet in spite of his lapse in the practice of ethics the garden habit has never deserted mankind. The women still point with pride to the canned stuff that was grown close by the shadow of their own vine and fig tree, and men, sadly tried by the inroads of the neighbors' hens, continue to plant beans and radishes and spaghetti and watermelons—the various things that interest those who are not golf addicts or given to bridge and penny ante. A garden gets you out into the open, and if you happen to know the combination it gets you some rations in exchange for a little of the sweat that was allotted when the first garden was trailed across Adam's path. That is a different kind than the sweat that you experience after a session in the stock market or on similar occasions, and as a rule it has no backfiring.

But with all the funny remarks made about the garden it is pretty much the dependence of mankind, as well as the neighbors' hens and if we would pay as much attention to the garden as we do to some of the other things that are common fads we would not be as knee deep in the Slough of Despond as is the situation just now.

The time we waste complaining of high tariffs and German reparations would serve to make enough stuff in the garden to enable us to tell the tariff to go out and get a reputation, and probably enough more to pay off the German debt, for a garden is like the Dutchman when a

stranger in the beer garden asked him how much beer he could drink and he answered that he had never filled up enough to tell how much more his capacity was good for. In spite of the prodigious abundance the gardens of the country yield they have never yet done any harm to any household by providing too much subsistence. Their only damage has been in the negative, in not raising anywhere near as much as they should. A lot of men and boys are wearing out shoe leather now who ought to be going around a few times with the hoe and the garden rake. The American garden could raise this year money enough to offset the annual installment on the national debt, and we could apply the product by putting it on the table instead of living so entirely for the Florida and California and Shenandoah gardens. A really good game this summer and ready to begin now is making garden. It is the game this country was raised on, and it is a winner every time, even if you lose a little.

BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT

It looks as if the legislature and Congress are both beginning to see the situation that confronts the whole country, which is that the time has come to stop expenses rather than to prattle about in hopeless quest of further source of taxation. The people have finally become aroused, and when that point is reached the question is pretty well settled.

If Congress and legislature do not pretty soon settle the matter of tax reduction it will settle itself and in a most positive way. The people now are beginning to think in terms of individualism instead of centralization government, and if that trend of thought should ever get a vigorous lead the result would be definite anarchy. The question is likely to be asked any day as to why the individual shall be assessed annually a lot of money for things he has no voice in providing, many of which he has no interest in, and much of which is an open question as to its value to him. Pressed too far the entire question of government is likely to be questioned for some radical thinkers are all the time offering that question, and the more it is repeated the more impression it makes. Men will ask themselves why in the world we are to be burdened with an impossible load of taxes to keep forty-eight states and the general government busy making thousands of new laws each year when not one in ten of those laws is familiar to the people in the faintest degree. Men will begin to ask in resolute tones what we get out of all this expenditure of money, and why those who get it do not show more cause for it. Men will ask by what right and fairness a group of men in Washington may take billions from the people and why men in Raleigh and other state capitals take hundreds of millions from the people for the innumerable appropriations that take money every place and for everything.

While the people had money they stood for all these tax loads. But now that the situation is changed the burden is chafing and the insurrection is boiling. Our tax situation is a grave danger to the whole popular government structure because the point has arrived where the people are angry over demands for money when they have none. Fortunately Mr. Roosevelt in Washington and Mr. Ehringhaus in Raleigh are seeing the light, and trying to stop the deluge. But the legislature and Congress must go with them, or we invite a catastrophe that may be incomprehensible.

TWO PLAYS TO BE PRESENTED BY SCHOOL DRAMATIC CLUB

The Southern Pines High School Dramatic Club will present two one-act plays on next Monday evening, March 27, at 8:15. The play, "The Flattering Word," by George Kelly and Paul Green's "No 'Count Boy" will be presented. The first of these will represent the City Schools of this section in the State Dramatic Contest at the University of North Carolina. This contest will be held on Wednesday, March 29th.

The proceeds from these plays will be used to help defray the expenses of the contest. The price of admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

Grains of Sand

Ye editor was in Washington this week. It is remarkable the change of feeling there since March 4th. We didn't hear a word of criticism of the administration; there was an enthusiasm over Mr. Roosevelt which prompted visitors to gather about the White House in the hope their President might reveal himself. There are cheers whenever he does appear, something unknown during the latter years of Mr. Hoover's regime. The general atmosphere is a happy one, and confident.

It is good news that the national tennis body has decided to send candidates for America's Davis Cup team back to Pinehurst this year. The North & South tournament is always one of the most enjoyable events of the spring season because of the entries of the country's leading players and the exhibition of tennis as it should be played. These players will all be here again, we judge from New York reports, with the exception of Ellsworth Vines, national champion, who is on the Pacific coast.

Next week comes the annual Horse Show, another feature event of the spring season. Charlie Picquet reports entries from High Point, Greensboro, Camden, S. C., Aiken, Fort Bragg and Columbia, S. C. as well as the leading hunters, polo ponies and saddle horses from hereabouts. See you at the show ring next Thursday and Friday.

And for the golfing enthusiast, the country's leading professionals will be here for the North & South on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Big days ahead in all branches of sport.

Mr. Garrison's "swapping board" is now occupying a prominent place in the main corridor of the court house and numerous cards are already posted, telling of cows that the owners would like to exchange for grain or what have you. Good idea, say we.

PINEHURST

On Friday of last week, Mrs. H. M. Dingley and Mrs. E. M. Statler entertained about fifty guests at a luncheon and bridge at the Carolina Hotel. Guests included Mrs. Warren Bicknell, Mrs. Ralph King, Mrs. H. C. Buckminster, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, Mrs. C. A. Chandler, Mrs. Frank T. Easton, Mrs. Eberhard Faber, Mrs. Herman Gifford, Mrs. G. M. Howard, Mrs. A. S. Gilman, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Mrs. E. C. Keating, Mrs. H. B. Emery, Mrs. E. G. Fitzgerald, Mrs. T. C. Morrison, Mrs. M. W. Marr, Mrs. J. F. Newton, Mrs. H. F. Noyes, Mrs. Donald J. Ross, Mrs. F. A. Powdrell, Mrs. Cott, Mrs. C. H. Pray, Mrs. Percy Thompson, Mrs. C. M. Radcliff, Mrs. Albert Tufts, Mrs. W. H. B. Ward, Mrs. E. L. Scofield, Mrs. C. S. Waterhouse, Miss Marion Rood, Mrs. W. H. Watts, Mrs. Marion Phillips, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Mrs. Emmet French, Mrs. W. W. Windle, Mrs. Thomas McGraw, Mrs. J. W. Dickie, Mrs. W. C. Mudgett, Mrs. George C. Moore, Mrs. Clara Pushee, Mrs. Graham Johnston, Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. W. O. Huske, Fayetteville and Mrs. F. D. Gordon of Auburn, Me.

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. S. R. Jellison entertained a large group of friends at contract and tea at Pinebluff Inn. Prize winners in bridge were Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. F. L. Dupont, Mrs. F. B. Keith, Mrs. Marion Phillips, Mrs. Tom Cole, Mrs. Herman Campbell and Mrs. J. A. Mills. Other guests were Mrs. A. O. Blackburn, Mrs. E. S. Blodgett, Mrs. Gordon Brown, Mrs. E. A. Bush, Mrs. R. K. Footman, Mrs. Gordon Cameron, Mrs. True P. Cheney, Mrs. Eva Dunlop, Mrs. Willard Dunlop, Mrs. E. G. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. E. Harrington, Mrs. Alex Innes, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mrs. W. S. Lovejoy, Mrs. Clarence Lyman, Mrs. H. A. Lewis, Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Mrs. Eric Nelson, Mrs. James McNab, Mrs. H. Norris, Mrs. Mary H. Pinkerton of Baltimore, Mrs. F. C. Pinkerton, Mrs. James Quale, Mrs. N. P. Ray, Mrs. Charles Sadler, Mrs. I. C. Sledge, Mrs. Alex Stewart, Miss Lenora Riggan, Miss Pat Lumpkin, Miss Marguerite Woolf and Miss Edith Woolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. Carter returned early this week from a three weeks' stay at Palm Beach, Miami and other places of interest.

W. Allen Taft has returned to his home here after a short stay in Boston.

Mrs. S. R. Jellison, Mrs. Buttrey and Mrs. Brindell were guests for luncheon and bridge of Mrs. W. S. Lovejoy at Pinebluff Inn on Wednesday.

W. P. Morton, superintendent of the Pinehurst schools has announced that this Friday will be given as a holiday in order that the teachers may attend

both the Friday and Saturday sessions of the State Teacher's meeting which will be held in Raleigh on the 26 and 27th.

Miss Lelia Miller, teacher of commercial courses in the Pinehurst school spent the past week-end with friends in Hartsville, S. C.

John Webb of Edenton was a guest on Sunday of his brother E. S. Webb at the Hazelwood Club.

W. H. Stewart and young sons Billy and Eugene of Maxton, R. F. Stewart and Miss Lena Stewart of Mossyglie Club were visitors on Sunday afternoon in the home of Alex Stewart.

Miss Kathryn Matthews spent the week-end with home folk at Wagram. Miss Mildred Laird of Gastonia was a guest for the week end of her sister, Miss Miriam Laird.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Chapman have returned to Pinehurst after a two months stay in California.

Miss Carol Hotchkiss has returned after a visit of several weeks with Miss Lillian Ross in New York.

Mrs. Laura J. Beam spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Keith and attended Dr. Morgan's services at the Community Church.

UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB POSTPONES CONCERT

The University of North Carolina Glee Club, which was scheduled to give a performance at the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines this Sunday night has postponed it on account of illness of some of the members, until April 2, one week from the scheduled date.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore County:

W. A. Shaw and wife, Alma Fry Shaw, to L. F. Comer, property in Moore county.

Thomas L. Campbell and wife, Elizabeth Campbell to J. W. Goins and wife, Lotie Goins, property in Moore county.

Interstate Trustee Corporation, Trustee, to North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham, property in Sandhills township.

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BULK DEL MONTE COMPOUND PEACHES 4 pounds 25c 3 No. 1 cans 25c

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