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Free Government Grading Here

Williamston warehouses will have all the tobacco put on their floors government graded for the four weeks during October, it was announced last Friday. This is a very commendable thing for the warehousemen to do.

Everybody knows when warehousemen and buyers are rushing up and down on warehouse floors that they can not possibly do better than guess at the grades; especially so when they look at one row on the sunny side and then go through the next row in the shade. And then, too, with a line of buyers, some three piles ahead and some three piles behind the auctioneer, it is impossible for each buyer to get a fair and square look at it, one man looking at it from a 45-degree angle from the light side, another peeping at it at a 45-degree angle from the dark side.

The government grader grades according to the United States Bureau of Standards regulations, and has a clearer and better opportunity to look the tobacco over than the fellows who are in the gang. Of course, any man will make some variations in grading, but for a safe standard of grading, get the government representative, who is disinterested, to grade for you.

And farmers should remember that the local warehouses are furnishing this service free of charge.

The South Carolina markets averaged about \$1.30 per hundred higher for graded tobacco than the same tobacco ungraded sold for.

The Idea Is Not New

Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the head of President Hoover's new committee on unemployment relief, speaking over a nation-wide radio hook-up Sunday night, advised a spending era as the means to an end of the depression, thereby contributing nothing new in the way of solutions. Spending was suggested months ago, when the "buy now" idea was whooped up by all and sundry in position to do the whooping. The weakness of the whole idea lies in the fact that people can't spend, at least they can't down in this part of the woods. They have already spent, and there'll be no margin between cost of production and the price that will be realized from cotton and tobacco, so the prospect for future spending is practically nil.

The opinion here is that the solution to the problem of the depression lies deeper than the puerile suggestion of further spending. Much of the present trouble is because of excessive spending, and too little thrift. Excessive spending on the part of the masses has resulted in too much concentration of wealth in the hands of the few, and not until some way is found to get that wealth back into the hands of the masses will there be prosperity in the sense that the nation was prosperous in times past. That may sound a bit socialistic, but it doesn't sound one half as bad as things may sound if affairs keep their present course.

After all, the problem of the depression is not merely a problem of spending. It is a problem international in its scope, even world wide. It will be solved when nations forget their jealousies and their desire to be self-contained when the leaders of nations realize the inter-dependence of nations, and take necessary diplomatic steps to restore world commerce. The world is amply supplied with every item of human needs. People are suffering for a lack of commodities that lie rotting and molding in the fields, in the storage houses, and on merchants' shelves. There must be a deeper reason for such situations than the fact that people who have nothing to buy with have quit buying.

How to Lose Your Money

Some easy ways to lose your fortune is cashing checks for strangers, buying land without seeing it or investigating its title, buying stocks without first procuring the advice of an honest man who knows, trying to beat gamblers at their own games, and extending credit to persons of doubtful honesty.

Hundreds of thousands of persons are today standing in the bankrupt row because they have done one or more of the above things.

Extending credit to those who are not worthy of credit is no doubt responsible for more losses than any of the other causes.

Farmers Compete With Each Other

Just one-eighth of a cent more keeps the farmers separated.

The old idea that makes one farmer think he is getting a good price for his cotton, peanuts, or tobacco if he can just get an eighth of a cent per pound more than his neighbor, goes a long way toward satisfying him.

Until farmers pull together better, they need not expect things to improve very much—or at least they need not expect a satisfactory market.

In India, a tobacco farmer knows just what he is going to get for his tobacco before he plants it. In the United States prices fluctuate as much as 25 per cent from the first to the last of one week.

One of our greatest troubles as farmers is that we each sell in competition with the other. It will take honest cooperation to properly handle our crops.

We see the price of the farmers' products slaughtered by their helter-skelter methods of selling. But when the manufactured product returns to the farmer, the price stands as steady as the rock of Gibraltar.

Editor Parker Wins By a Knockout

That was a hard blow that Mayon Parker, editor of the *Bertie Ledger-Advance*, gave J. C. Baskerville last week. In fact, it was a knockout. Another interesting feature of the bout was the fact that so many people were glad of it.

The following embraces the editorial and correspondence between Mr. Parker and Mr. Baskerville:

WE DON'T CLAIM TO BE THAT GOOD

The *Ledger-Advance* was surprised Friday to find itself in the headlines of several afternoon dailies, the headlines conveying the misinformation that Bertie had changed its attitude on the sales tax and this paper had led the fight that brought this change about. The misinformation came via the Ehringhaus politico-news bureau devoted to the distortion of the news by J. C. Baskerville, who supplies his brand of political hokum to several afternoon newspapers.

An editorial in this paper recently in which the majority sentiment in favor of a sales tax was remarked upon and justified as entirely reasonable and logical in consideration of the unbearable burden of land taxes, also called attention to argument against laying additional sales taxes on tobacco advanced by A. J. Maxwell in his announcement as candidate for Governor. This argument was named worthy of consideration by the tobacco farmers of this section before they "committed themselves irrevocably" to a luxury sales tax that selected "tobacco, their principal crop," as the main commodity for taxation.

Brother Baskerville's conclusion from this editorial, arrived by what process we leave others to decide, as sent out by his news bureau was in part as follows:

BY J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Although Josephus Daniels is still rumored to be on the verge of jumping into the contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor on an out-and-out luxury sales tax platform, and Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit is poised on the edge of the gubernatorial pond ready to dive in with a sales tax life belt on if Daniels doesn't jump in, opinion in at least one Eastern County has changed in the last fortnight from in favor of a sales tax to decided opposition to it. This county is Bertie, from which came noisy clamor for the passage of the luxury sales tax during the 1931 General Assembly, with the editor of the *Bertie Ledger-Advance* leading the chorus.

The effect of Mr. Baskerville's illogical effusion was to spur the following letter, which states the case, we believe, and in part conveys the opinion of the *Ledger-Advance* for so-called "reporters" who let their enthusiasm for a candidate for public office run away with their sense of values, news and otherwise:

Mr. J. C. Baskerville,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear sir:

Son—I call you son because of your boyish enthusiasm and inaccuracy, in spite of the fact that you are several years my senior in years and newspaper experience—be truthful; and don't let your enthusiasm, produced by natural youthfulness, or some other stimulant, for a political office-seeker, cause you to lose your sense of proportion or honest presentation of facts.

Do not attribute a change of sentiment toward the sales tax in Bertie to one editorial in this county weekly, which merely advises farmers to consider carefully the arguments against it which are set forth by one candidate. Further, be careful in your quotations from others. There is no excuse for misquotations when the printed word is available. Likewise, get your facts straight; this county weekly has never committed itself on a sales tax, luxury or otherwise, lately, or during the last Legislature. It has discussed the many-sided aspects of taxation, burdensome, luxury, general sales, single, et cetera; but it has never campaigned for any. It prefers none, in fact.

Having the same characteristic all humans show, I like to see my effort recognized by others and enjoy the pleasant thrill of seeing my name in headlines. Similarly, I like the flattery implied in your statement that the *Ledger-Advance* has led a fight and won it, so that there is a change of sentiment down here. But the flattery is not merited. There hasn't been a change, so far as I know; if there has been a change, the *Ledger-Advance* has not been responsible for shaping this change. For this paper has not attempted to do this.

So, son, again I say be more careful in the way you handle the version of news you hand out.

Yours very truly,

MAYON PARKER,
Windsor, N. C., September 25, 1931.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to me as trustee on the 15th day of July, 1924, by W. A. Manning and wife, to secure a note of even date and tenor therewith, and which deed of trust is recorded in book Q-2, at page 156, and at the request of the holder of said note, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at the court-house door of Martin County on Wednesday, October 28, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described land:

Containing 48 3-4 acres, more or less, bounded on the north and east by the lands of J. J. Manning, on the south and west by the lands of D. B. Stallings and being same land described in mortgage to the Federal Land Bank, recorded in Book Z 1, page 84, Martin County records, to which reference is made for full description.

This the 26th day of September, 1931.

E. S. PEEL,

Trustee.

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SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by N. D. Matthews and wife, Lizzie Matthews, on the 24th day of August, 1927, and recorded in Book X-2, Page 507-508, we will on Saturday, the 17th day of October, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court-house door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder the following land, to-wit:

All those 2 certain tracts or parcels of land containing 212 1-2 acres and 10 1-4 acres, respectively, more or less, situate lying and being on the N. and S. side of the public road leading from Parmele, N. C., to the old Hassell and Bethel road, about 1 mile of the town of Parmele, N. C., Robersonville Township, Martin County, State of N. C., having such shape, metes, courses and distances, will fully appear by reference to plats of same, one by T. Jones Taylor, showing 212 1-2 acres, and one J. S. L. Ward, showing 10 1-4 acres, and first tract better described as follows: Bounded on the N. by lands of Lucinda Scott, on S. by lands of Rufus Carson, and on the W. by lands of W. J. Smith and N. O. Van Nortwick. Second Tract, adjoining

the first tract and bounded on the N. by the John R. Purvis lands, on E. by lands of Lucinda Scott, on S. by first tract above and W. by lands of Pleasant Matthews. Being same tract conveyed to N. D. Matthews by deed from Pleasant Matthews, dated August 1st, 1927, and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Martin County, in V-2, at Page 435. This sale is made by reason of the failure of N. D. Matthews and wife, Lizzie Matthews to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 11 day of September, 1931.
W. S. LOCKHART, Trustee.

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