

Money From Potatoes But Where Is Farmer's Share

Currituck Potato Grower and Prominent Citizen States His Experience and Makes Proposal to the Farmers of the Section to Improve Conditions

Whoever may read this article don't let it make you mad, but get your brains together and think some. I see in both of the Elizabeth City newspapers that the farmers in Elizabeth City had received lots of money for Irish potato returns. One paper stated three quarter million dollars and the other \$700,000.00. Let us know the facts in the case.

I am asking some potato farmer around Elizabeth City to make a statement as correct as it is possible to make, and state actually what part of this \$700,000.00 did go in the farmers' hands after paying for the seed potatoes, the fertilizer, the barrels, the covers but, not least, the delays in transportation to which we are subject, especially those of us who are served by the North River Line.

In steps the above class known as potato buyers, potato sellers, potato brokers or any other name you may call them, just so he gets the farmer's truck in his possession to handle. The other class is the poor, foolish, hard working farmers that are afraid to trust each other, but will readily consign their truck to a stranger in the northern markets, it makes no difference whether he is a Gentle, Jew, Chinaman or a Dutchman who has just landed in this country, they let it go before they will help organize for their own protection.

Fellow farmers what are we going to do? You know there has never been a truer saying than, United we stand, divided we fall. There is one class of people that will be satisfied with the farmers becoming a solid iron-bound organization, that is the consumer. It is not the consumer that would kick, it is the long row of men that stand between the producer and consumer. This long row of people take in all the transportation managers, all the barrel factories, all the fertilizer factories, and all the potato hogs. A solid organization can ask for a man (an inspector) from the Interstate Commerce Commission who will check up on the service of the transportation companies and force a proper schedule so that our truck may be delivered on time and in good condition. I mention again, United we stand, divided we fall. We are now surely divided. Did we fall? Will we fall? Have we fallen? Are we down? I say at this writing we are down.

I also say if there is not a change soon in our favor or we don't get some protection in some way, we will not only be down, but we will be down and out. I give the banks in Elizabeth City great credit for trying to help them be able to pay expenses. But on, say, my, what is going to happen when the final settling day comes? I suppose when the papers in Elizabeth City say farmers in the Currituck, if this is true, I would be glad to know how many dollars the three banks in Elizabeth City receive in one year actual interest from the farmers in the three counties. I know a man in Currituck County who has had to pay between three and five thousand dollars by signing notes for his truck. Another over six hundred. I say if we don't get some relief what will be the consequence in the end? Civilization began when man ceased wandering and began to till the soil. The command to our first parents in the garden, was to dress it and to keep it. The great depression following the war struck down the prosperity of the farmer. His markets were shut off, his credits were curtailed, his property was depreciated. The burden of taxes, transportation costs and distributing service was increased on him, requiring more production and more labor to meet these charges. The efforts so far to relieve the farmer's distress have been futile and unavailing. Unorganized in a highly organized age, the farmer is compelled to sell in a buyer's market, and buy in a seller's market. He is compelled to ask what will you give? Or what will you take? He needs to

be able to say, I will take so much, or I will give so much. This would put him on an equal footing in the realm of barter and trade. United we stand, divided we fall. I appeal to the growers of perishable truck in a portion of eastern North Carolina, shall we try to go on as we have in the past? Or shall we organize and take charge of the situation? There are plenty of men in the territory who are sober, honest, truthful and efficient, that can and will take charge of an organization of farmers, provided it is strong enough to stand alone and support the required help. We have a small organization known as the Carolina Potato Exchange. This Exchange has saved the farmers in Currituck County thousands of dollars in the past eight or ten years. This I am prepared to

prove. My object in writing this article is to find out if I can whether the farmers want to help each other or not. If we raise a crop of sweet potatoes we want them to go to market (I am sorry to say if the rain continues a few days longer we won't have many to ship.) If the sweets are put on the market I believe we will get a good price. In my end of the County if our potatoes have to be put under deck of the class of boats the North River Line sends down here, then we can't expect anything only heated potatoes and a small price. Unless there is some satisfactory arrangements made we will be compelled to try and get barrels and put our potatoes through the canal to Norfolk.

I am yours truly,
R. L. GRIGGS,
to stand by these five words: Co-operate, Co-operation, Co-operative, Co-ordinate, Co-ordination.

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Were unanimous.
Do we wish to develop North Carolina? Then let us adopt this report and provide a coordinate system of land and water transportation connecting with the world's shipping at our own seaboard with the spirit that built the Erie Canal. We have equally cogent reasons with equal or greater promise of success as New York has enjoyed because we have a much more valuable hinterland to support our development. North Carolina lies in the best part of that vast coastal and Piedmont area, stretching from Maryland to Florida and thence to Texas. There is no in the entire world an area that has been so wonderfully blessed in fertility of soil, variety and healthfulness of climate, in variety, value and volume of products and in potentialities of agricultural and industrial growth. No section that is self-contained and independent of the outside for support, health and

happiness. And yet this section is not more than ten per cent developed. North Carolina has but two and a half million and should have a minimum of ten million of prosperous and contented citizens. To do this we must provide transportation facilities cheap enough for them to compete with others in the markets of the world. We are now bringing people into the State attracted by our own advertising and are also advertising us. We owe it to these incoming people who wish to become North Carolinians as well as to posterity to provide suitable and the best transportation facilities that our physical advantages will permit. We must do it ourselves if we expect the Lord to help us. As we see it the carrying out of this improvement program will help our neighbors at the same time. We can help our grain and other producers of the Middle west by providing additional transportation facilities for their export grain and other products and we can help our New York and other northern neighbors with congested ports by relieving this congestion and thereby reducing the cost to the producer and retaining the business in our own country. We have the vision, let us execute it.

Was Barnum Right?
P. T. Barnum is reputed to have said, that "The American people like to be humbugged." I do not agree with Barnum. I believe that every normal minded person wants a Square Deal in every transaction or full value for every dollar expended, and nothing more!

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HOOD SYSTEM INDUSTRIAL BANK,
at Elizabeth City, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 30, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$76,759.61
Furniture and Fixtures	1,007.64
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies	2,221.72
Total	\$79,988.97
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund paid in	6,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,335.17
Unearned Interest	3,359.77
Bills Payable	19,400.00
Investment Certificates, Installment Payments, Hypothecated	13,360.93
Investment Certificates, Installment Payments, Unhypothecated	6,198.16
Reserve for Interest on Investment Certificates	36.10
Reserve for Taxes	130.00
Reserve for losses	128.84
Total	\$79,988.97

State of North Carolina—County of Pasquotank, 1924.
I, G. W. BELL, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. W. BELL, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
W. P. DUFF,
ROBERT E. TAYLOR,
C. B. MORRISSETTE,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of July, 1924.
(SEAL) C. H. TWIDDY,
Notary Public.
My commission expires March 11, 1926.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Savings Bank & Trust Co.

at Elizabeth City in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 30, 1924.

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$1,254,071.04
Demand Loans	1,000.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	206.55
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	65,000.00
North Carolina State Bonds	28,000.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	2,500.00
Banking Houses, \$75,000; Furniture and Fixtures, \$17,806.68	92,806.68
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	155,885.76
Cash Items held over 24 hours, including County Orders	32,721.82
Checks for clearing	11,995.52
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,193.59
Total	\$1,616,386.96

Resources	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund	160,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	8,000.00
Unearned Discount	3,750.00
Dividends Unpaid	7,060.00
Deposits Due Bank, Bankers, and Trust Companies	33,374.83
Deposits subject to check, Individual	487,989.05
Deposits Due State of N. C. or any Official thereof	60,613.21
Demand Certificates of Deposit	13,347.99
Cashier's Checks outstanding	7,098.99
Savings Deposits	761,104.01
Trust Deposits (net)	1,048.88
Reserve for Depreciation and Taxes	3,000.00
Total	\$1,616,386.96

State of North Carolina—County of Pasquotank:
I, H. G. KRAMER, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. KRAMER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
J. T. McCabe,
W. W. Sawyer,
W. B. Foreman,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of July, 1924.
(SEAL) M. R. GRIFFIN,
Notary Public.

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