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**Reopening of Markets
Our First Consideration**

Quite naturally, the matter of
most immediate concern in this sec-
tion right now is the plight of the to-
bacco farmers. The enforced holiday
on sales is a serious blow to them,
but even the closing of the warehouses
can hardly work greater hardship
than the prices that were being paid
before the closing.

All this came in the face of the
best prospects tobacco farmers in this
county had ever had. The crop was
of better quality and the yield the
largest ever. However, 10, 12 and
even 14 or 15 cent prices will not
bring them out of "red," and for the
most part farmers are agreed that the
holiday was to be preferred to contin-
ued "giving away" of the leaf.

The state and federal governments
are cooperating in efforts to bring
about a fair market for the remain-
der of the crop. Pressure is being
brought on British companies to re-

sume their purchases, halting of
which brought about the cessation of
sales. Congress, in the special ses-
sion beginning next week, will un-
doubtedly be asked to take immedi-
ate and appropriate action. So there
remains some hope for tobacco grow-
ers, after all, although there have
been no concrete suggestions yet
made for remedying the situation.

Farmers themselves will again vote
on the imposition of quotas for the
next year's crop within a couple of
weeks. Last year, control of produc-
tion was rejected, and this doubtless
is having its effect on the market, as
approximately a billion pounds of the
leaf were produced this year. If re-
strictions are voted on the size of the
crop next season, it is said farmers
will be given assurance that not more
than 20 per cent reduction of this
year's quotas will be made. How-
ever, insufficient information is avail-
able at this time to form an intelli-
gent opinion as to the merits or de-
merits of the plan to be presented.

There is widespread opinion, shared
here, that repeal or modification of
the so-called neutrality law so as to
allow "cash and carry" shipments of
arms and munitions to England and
France, might have a favorable effect
in securing return of British buyers
to the tobacco markets. Congress will
give this first attention when it re-
assembles next week, and certainly
we hope every effort will be made to
insure an early resumption of sales,
provided a fair price will be paid for
the tobacco remaining in the hands of
the farmers.

Check the Values

Before a people should relegate its
taxing systems, local, state and na-
tional, they should check the value
received from such a system. Possi-
bly it would be better for taxpayers
to stop grumbling so much until they

**Rambling
R...About**

By THE RAMBLER

Flareback on Farming—

The first flareback anent the rela-
tive standings of our leading farmers
last week came Saturday night. Al
Latham said he didn't mind being
ranked fourth, although he had sold
his tobacco for more money than any
of the "Big Three" ahead of him, but
he did resent being put in the same
farming category with Stuart Davis.
Further reports from this zone of
hostilities depend on prompt delivery
of a rush shipment of gas masks and
cotton for stuffing in the ears of our
special war correspondent. The only
trouble about the whole business is
that the boys have become so wrap-
ped up in the arguments about
who is the best farmer that at least
two of them require road maps and
a guide to find their farms.

Getting Nowhere—

These arguments about farmers
and farming usually produce about
as much real information as is
contained in the following little dia-
logue:
"Where have you been?"
"With Dick."
"Where has Dick been?"
"With me."
"Well, then, where have you both
been?"
"Together."

Few and Far Between—

Good farmers are scarce. About as
scarce as good editors. And the Albia,
Iowa, Union Republican saves us the
trouble of explaining just how scarce
these latter are. Says the Union
Republican:
"A good editor is one who has never
made a mistake; who has never of-
fended anyone; who is always right;
who can ride two horses at the same
time he is straddling a fence with
both ears to the ground; who always
says the right thing at the right time;
who always picks the right horse as
well as the right politician to win;
who never has to apologize; who has
no enemies and who has worlds of
prestige with all classes, creeds, and
races. There has never been a good
editor."

Note on Chiselers—

Having disposed of that, we now
turn our attention briefly to chiselers.
Over the counter at which seekers of
something-for-nothing must present
their ingenuities, a California pub-
lisher hung a neatly printed placard
reading:
"A Father's Advice to His Son
"My son, Never Speak Ill of
Chiselers
"For God in His Infinite Wisdom
Made Them
"He made them the same as He
made Rats,
"Snakes, Lice, and other Despicable
Objects
"Some Day He May Tell Us Why—
"But until then—I don't know."

End of Summer—

According to the ever-reliable
World Almanac, the autumnal equinox,
marking the official beginning of fall,
determined for themselves if they
are getting value received for every
dollar paid in taxes.
Ninety-nine out of a hundred will
tell you that taxes are high and should
be lowered, but hardly one out of a
hundred will even consider the value
he receives directly or indirectly from
the general tax system.

In this country we have joined to-
gether in shifting to the governmental
agencies the burden of handling those
activities that were once handled by
the individual. But in shifting the
burden, we have denied the agencies
the necessary tax support to handle
those duties. Before we can expect
tax reductions of any consequence,
we must accept the responsibility
that someone must assume in caring
for the needy, the helpless, the poor,
the unemployed. And, in addition to
that, we must not expect so much
from the public agencies.

It may sound a bit strange to some,
but there are many good reasons to
believe that we have come nearer re-
ceiving more for our tax dollars that
we have for those spent by us as indi-
viduals.

In recent years, and even now, we
point out the huge governmental ex-
penditures, expenditures that may
bankrupt the nation. But somehow or
other, one feels that all the billions
that have been spent were not spent in
vain.

There has been waste, greed and
possible corruption accompanying ex-
penditures, but before we would
stop them in their entirety we should
investigate in an effort to eliminate
any waste, greed and corruption. We
should check, not with mal intent
but in fairness to ourselves, the work
of the public employee and see if he
is giving value received for the dol-
lars we pay him in salary.

But we don't have time for that;
we just sit back and complain because
every dollar we can get by fair or
foul means is not left in our own
hands to squander.

takes place at exactly 5:50 p. m.,
Saturday of next week, September 23.
Already the days are much shorter,
although the latter part of last week
they certainly were not much cooler.
There are still a few unfinished items
of summer business to be attended to
yet, notably the World Series, and
then we can turn our attention to
football and basketball, empty coal
bins, radiator alcohol, overcoats and
heavy underwear—or don't you
wear 'em?

Speaking of football, see by the
papers that Wake Forest is expected
to have a great team this year, un-
less Poland issues another call for
reservists. Always wondered where
they got some of them good Baptist
names up at Wake Forest, such as
Galovich, Polanski, Trunzo, and Kap-

riva. Might not be a bad idea for
Duke, State, Carolina and Davidson
coaches to check up on their boys
too, and be sure their passports are
in working order.

At Random—

Not that it makes any difference,
but in the tax list last week, we not-
iced the John L. Roper Lumber Com-
pany has 600 acres of land in Skin-
nersville Township designated as the
"Frog Misery" tract. . . . Headline ob-
servation: "British Airplanes Drop
15,000,000 Propaganda Leaflets on
German Territory" . . . Personally,
we still believe 15,000,000 bombs would
have been, oh, so much more effective
. . . Another: "Roosevelt To Call Con-
gress" . . . What? . . . Anyway, he

couldn't call it anything it hasn't
already been called . . . And just this
one more, please: "Bob Reynolds Be-
lieved to be in France" . . . but no-
body'd believe it if we were at war,
now would they?

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