

SPUD DIVERSION TO PAY FARMERS

A. A. Plan for Boosting Price of Potatoes Outlaws Cull Offerings.

Washington. — A double-barreled program, intended to increase the price of the 1935 potato crop, was announced today by the AAA.

Included in the plan was a proposal for diverting surplus potatoes into live stock feed, flour, starch or alcohol, aided by a government subsidy. Another section projected a marketing agreement to cover Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Coincidentally, the Farm administration scheduled a series of public hearings throughout the Western States to discuss both the proposed marketing agreement and the effort to divert part of the present crop.

The diversion plan would work as follows: The AAA would make payments to growers for diverting potatoes, the payments to equal 25 cents for each 100 pounds of potatoes turned from the usual market channels.

At the outset, payments would be limited to 10 per cent. of this year's crop, but this proportion might be increased later.

Culls Get No Benefits
Payments would be made on potatoes which met or exceeded the specification for U. S. commercial or U. S. No. 2. Payments would not be made on culls or other low-grade potatoes.

The proposed marketing agreement would provide for control of interstate shipments from states involved. Should prices continue at low levels despite the regulation, the AAA said interstate shipments of the higher grades of potatoes could be regulated through proration. State certified seed potatoes would be exempt.

If the marketing agreement should be signed by 50 per cent. of the handlers in the area affected, and approved by two-thirds of the producers in that area, the AAA said Secretary Wallace might issue an order making the provisions of the agreement binding upon all handlers within the area. The agreement terminating June 30, 1936, would be administered locally by handler and producer committees.

J. B. Hutson, director of the potato division, said: "For most of the current marketing season, potatoes have been selling at half, or less than half their fair exchange value.

"It is doubtful whether any action we can take would raise the price of the 1935 crop of potatoes to parity. We would feel, however, that our efforts had been worthwhile if the price were maintained at three-fourths of parity or around that level.

"A substantial rise in the price to the grower of potatoes probably would cause the consumer to pay little more than he is paying at present.

"This program is a part of a general plan designed to stabilize the price of potatoes over a period of several seasons. If we succeed, the consumer will be benefitted instead of being injured."

The AAA said the parity price for potatoes at present is 89.6 cents a bushel. The average price received by growers last year was said to be 51.7 cents and the price this year prior to October 1 averaged about 15 cents below the corresponding period for last season.

Future Farmers Visit State Fair
Nine members of the Daniel Boone Chapter of the Future Farmers of America visited the State Fair at Raleigh this last week with their Advisor, R. G. Shipley. Three of the boys and Johnnie Perry accompanied by the advisor, went down the first of the week; the other boys went down the last of the week.

With a number of members interested in securing some purebred Poland-China pigs the chapter decided it advisable to buy a registered sow and raise pigs for its members. It finally bought one of the prize winning sows and brought it back home. The sow weighs about 450 pounds and will farrow her second litter in a few months.

The following boys made the trip: Eston Greene, Troy Greene, J. B. Miller, James Norris, Russell Norris, Kester Norris, Earl Tugman, George Weiborn, and Will Wellborn.

Commission Decides Against Roy Johnson
In a hearing before Chairman Harry McMullen in Asheville on the 12th the State Industrial Commission dismissed an action for compensation growing out of the death of W. Roy Johnson formerly of Boone, who was killed in an automobile collision a few months ago while in the employ of the State Highway Commission.

The report of the hearing stated: "Upon the finding that at the time of the fatal injury to the deceased he was not engaged in any business of the employer and that the death did not arise out of nor in the course of his employment, the claim for compensation is denied and the case dismissed. Each party will pay its own costs."

GO TO CONFERENCE
Dr. Ernest Widenhouse, local Methodist pastor, Dr. J. D. Rankin and Prof. J. M. Downum are attending the Methodist Western District Conference in Salisbury this week.

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Marble Structure to be Occupied by Highest Tribunal is Dedicated to Equal Justice Under Law.



WASHINGTON. — A view of the imposing twenty million dollar home of the United States Supreme Court, the Corinthian marble temple erected by the government to house the Justices. At its formal opening the week it was dedicated to the philosophy of equal justice under law.

REV. DOWNUM TO LEAVE MINISTRY

Well-Known Minister - Teacher Answers Last Conference Roll Call.

Rev. James Monroe Downum, of Boone and Lenoir, Methodist minister and Professor in the Appalachian College, will retire as the oldest member of the Conference in Salisbury this week, and take the superannuate relation after an active membership of fifty years.

Mr. Downum has been a member of the faculty of the Appalachian College for twenty-five years, where he has taught Latin and astronomy and where he is now the registrar. His retirement from the ministry follows an active career in the conference. He was graduated from Trinity College, immediately following which he joined the conference and for twenty-five years held various appointments at Elkin, Statesville, Kings Mountain and Salisbury. He is spending the week in Salisbury, where he answers the conference roll call for the fiftieth time.

Mr. Downum has been widely recognized as a poet, and his verses have been printed in leading newspapers and magazines. A volume of these works enjoyed a most favorable reception a few years ago.

The Lenoir News-Topic tells of a special service held in Mr. Downum's honor last Sunday at the Methodist Church in that city. Rev. C. E. Rozelle, the pastor, spoke appreciatively of his work as a minister and teacher, and eulogized him for the services rendered in behalf of young men and women in their quest for education.

MORETZ OPENS LENOIR OFFICE

Boone Man Named Supervisor of Resettlement in Caldwell and Burke.

Mr. D. Grady Moretz has been named supervisor of the Resettlement Administration in Caldwell and Burke county and established his offices in Lenoir last week. Mr. Moretz will look after the work being done and proposed for the Rehabilitation clients in the two counties, the work being practically identical with that he was doing in Watauga county until recently.

Mr. Tracy Council succeeded Mr. Moretz in the Watauga and Avery District some weeks ago, following a general reorganization of the Resettlement Corporation's activities.

BEATS HIS NEIGHBOR
Mr. George Hays of Route 2, in town Wednesday, desires to state that he has it all over his friend and neighbor, Charles Dougherty, who has reported a bumper yield of potatoes. Mr. Hays says that from a planting of four bushels and three pecks of the Mills Endurance variety he dug 108 bushels of spuds, the bumper yield having come from a garden spot of no more than one-third acre.

To know when to stop is as essential as to know when to begin.

WATAUGA POTATO OUTPUT DOUBLED

Census Report Indicates Last Year's Yield of 440,000 Bushels.

The 1934 Irish potato acreage and production were more than twice that of five years ago in Watauga county North Carolina, according to a preliminary tabulation of returns for the 1935 Census of Agriculture released October 22, 1935 by Director William L. Austin, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

In Watauga county in 1934 the Irish potato crop totaled 4,291 acres and 440,000 bushels as compared with 1,875 acres and 213,583 bushels harvested in 1929. Production of sweet potatoes increased over this period from 556 to 2,926 bushels. Acreage of corn for grain increased from 8,895 to 9,772 acres and production, from 207,604 to 223,124 bushels. During the past five years small grain crops which were threshed showed increases, wheat from 469 acres and 4,844 bushels to 1,096 acres and 11,211 bushels, oats threshed from 567 acres and 9,591 bushels to 668 acres and 13,156 bushels, and rye from 1,309 acres and 10,488 bushels to 2,082 acres and 17,978 bushels. Acreage of hay decreased over this period from 9,483 to 6,846 acres.

Watauga county ranked second among the counties of the state in sheep raising in 1935, reporting 7,712 next to Ashe county with 12,599. Other livestock on farms in Watauga county were 11,099 cattle, 3,192 hogs, 1,487 horses, and 259 mules.

In 1935 farms numbered 2,614, having an average value per farm of \$2,130 and an average size of 63.7 acres as compared with 2,375 farms in 1930 with an average value of \$3,386 and an average size of 68.7 acres.

MOVIE HOUSE TO HAVE HEAT UNIT

Pastime Theatre Erecting New Building for Air-Conditioning Plant.

Work is now going forward on the erection of brick annex at the rear of the Pastime Theatre for the housing of the most modern type of heating, or air conditioning plant. The structure, of brick and concrete is 15x40 feet, and will provide only the necessary space for the furnace, fuel, etc.

Mr. John B. Steele of Boone, has taken the contract for the installation of the heating unit, the latest product of one of the subsidiaries of the American Radiator Company. Mr. Steele says the new plant is rather to be styled an air-conditioner, since it operates on a vastly improved scale from the old hot air type of furnaces. The air in the local theatre will be constantly circulated and kept at an even temperature by thermostatic control, and the management expects the new equipment to result in considerably increased business during the extremely cold weather.

Contracts are let with a view to the plant being in operation within a period of two weeks.

Fifty-five pure bred Guernsey cattle were entered by 35 farmers in the recent Burke county Guernsey cattle show.

ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE OBSERVED

Governor Designates 1936 As Centennial Year and Calls Upon Teachers.

STATE FAIR GREATEST SUCCESS IN ITS HISTORY

Slight Damage in Forest Fires; Warlick May Run Against Reynolds; Cancer Causes More Deaths; Other State News.

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Raleigh, Oct. 21.—The 100th anniversary of adoption of a resolution calling for a plan for common schools in the state by the N. C. General Assembly will be observed and celebrated throughout the state during the next school year. The celebration was suggested in a resolution adopted by the N. C. Education Association and introduced by Supt. B. L. Smith, of Shelby, at the 1934 meeting, and a resolution calling for it was adopted by the 1935 General Assembly.

Saturday Governor Ehringhaus issued a proclamation designating next school year as Centennial Year and calling upon educators and people generally to observe it properly and dedicate themselves to steadfast and intelligent activity toward promotion of sounder and more intelligent educational enterprise and the enlargement of educational opportunity for the children of the state.

Mr. Smith, father of the idea, was named chairman of the Steering committee, other members being Dr. E. W. Knight, Miss Frances Whitney, Miss Juanita McDougald and昆顿 Holton. Dr. Frederick H. Koch was named chairman of the Pageantry Production committee, other chairmen being Music, Dr. Wade R. Brown, Greensboro; Dance of Rhythms, Miss Mary Channing Coleman, Greensboro; Contests and Awards, R. M. Gruman, Chapel Hill; Publications, Dr. A. M. Proctor, Durham; Publicity, Means, Mrs. W. B. Aycock, Raleigh; Jule B. Warren, Raleigh; Ways and Negro Education, N. C. Newbold, Raleigh; Exhibits, W. F. Credle, Raleigh.

STATE FAIR SUCCESSFUL
The State Fair last week was the greatest success in modern times, certainly since it started on the present location in 1928. Not a drop of rain fell in the week and crowds each day broke records of corresponding days last year. The state will receive considerably more than the \$4,000 guarantee on about one-third profits. Livestock exhibits were probably most striking, in contrast to the dearth of fine cattle displayed a few years ago. The races were good, as were the free acts, fireworks and midway offerings. Probably never in the history of the state before have so many people attended a fair.

LITTLE FOREST FIRE LOSS
Only \$651 was involved in damage done by forest fires in the state in September in counties organized to fight fires. The 15 fires burned over only 288 acres, the lowest in many months, the Department of Conservation and Development reports. Careless smokers are charged with setting seven of the 15 fires.

SHYSTER LAWYERS AIRED
Shyster lawyers were given much attention at the annual meeting of the N. C. State Bar in Raleigh last Friday, and ways of eliminating crooked lawyers, and especially those lining up with organized crime, were discussed especially by Judge Henry A. Grady, Clinton, who outshone some

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ROMAN CHIEF

Italian Chief of Staff Press Invasion of Ethiopia



ROME. — Above is Field Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, who has just arrived in East Africa to press the Italian drive into Ethiopia.

PARKWAY BIDS TO BE OPENED TODAY

Waynick Says Doughton Due Credit for Progress on Scenic Highway.

The Federal Bureau of Public Roads has advertised for bids on the second and third North Carolina sections of the Shenandoah to Great Smokies parkway and will open them in Roanoke, Va., on Thursday. The two together are expected to cost the government around \$500,000.

Work on the first project, which runs from the Virginia line 12 miles south, begun September 19. Nello Teer, Durham contractor, secured this contract for \$383,000.

The second project will extend from the southern end of the first to Air Belkows Gap in Alleghany county, a distance of 7.75 miles. The third will go 10.85 further southward to Route 18 in Alleghany county. These are the two to be let Thursday.

"The progress on the undertaking is directly traceable to the success of the efforts of Congressman Doughton and others to have restored the parkway allocation, which had been diverted to relief work before the passage of the four billion dollar bill," said Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission yesterday.

"Secretary Ickes has directed that \$4,500,000 of the \$6,000,000 appropriation be spent in North Carolina in the furtherance of this work and these two projects are the first substantial fruits of that order."

RECORDERS COURT

Vaughn Wilson, arraigned in Recorders Court Tuesday on a charge of public drunkenness, was assessed the cost.

Ernest and Fred Brown, trespass, not pros with leave. Luther and Fred Brown, tried last week for simple assault, were fined \$12.50 and the costs.

Health Department Announces Diphtheria Status Not Alarming

On account of the persistent reports of an epidemic of diphtheria in the different sections of the county, the local Health Department issued the following statement Tuesday:

During the past few weeks there have been several cases of diphtheria in various sections of Watauga county, though not all so reported have proven to be so upon laboratory examination. However, it is well for all of us to consider what can be done to prevent this disease from making inroads on the children of our community.

Every child should be vaccinated against diphtheria as soon after it is six months old as practical. If this practice were universally carried out the disease would soon be eradicated. During the early months of life the baby is protected by substances received from the mother, but these soon pass off.

As children grow older and mingle with school and other groups, they gradually build up a resistance against this and other diseases by contact with light and unrecognized cases; that is, if they do not develop

it in a severe form. The Schick Test, which consists of the placing of a small drop of diluted toxin between the layers of the skin, is for the purpose of showing which children have not developed this immunity and thus pointing out those who are in need of vaccination. For those below school age it is not customary to use this test as such a large percentage of them need vaccination that it is not worth while.

When a case of diphtheria, or suspected diphtheria, is reported to the Health Department, one of the members of the staff visits the home to get any information that may help to throw light on the source of the infection and to advise as to measures to be taken in the household to prevent the spread of the disease. This service in no way is intended to take the place of the family physician but is to relieve him of details for which he scarce has time.

Quarantine is established in order to keep others from visiting and probably contracting the disease themselves or carrying it to their homes (Continued on Page 8)

CASH IS RECEIVED FOR EMPLOYMENT STATE'S JOBLESS

More Than Six Million Dollars Come Into State Over Week End.

COAN IS DESCRIBED AS ELATED OVER RECEIPTS

Directors to Select Projects for Their Districts Which Will Give Most Employment. All Employables to Share in Work.

Federal money enough to give employment to the state's 53,000 eligible jobless men and women through the month of March has been received by the State Works Progress Administration, it was announced Tuesday.

Over the week-end, actual cash allotments totalling \$6,364,225 for an undetermined number of projects were received by the State WPA. Added to \$2,777,823 previously granted, the recent allotments gave a total of \$9,142,048 in federal funds received.

This amount, pointed out Assistant Administrator T. L. McGowan, is \$492,048 in excess of the tentative quota of \$8,650,000 in WPA funds announced for North Carolina only two weeks ago.

More Expected
"We expect to get more money," declared Mr. McGowan. State Administrator George W. Coan Jr., was absent from his office, remaining in Winston-Salem for a speaking engagement.

"Mr. Coan is elated," said Mr. McGowan. "He thinks his trip to Washington was very worthwhile." Worried and perplexed by the smallness of the tentative WPA quota announced for North Carolina, Mr. Coan went to Washington a week ago and received assurance from federal officers that the state's allotment would be increased. Senator J. W. Bailey received similar assurance.

"We think with the funds now available that we will be able to have half our quota (33,000 persons, as based on the May relief load), at work within the next two weeks," declared Mr. McGowan yesterday.

Ending Direct Relief
Receipts of a major allotment of WPA funds forecast the early suspension of direct relief, ordered for November by Federal authorities. However, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator, was in Morehead City yesterday inspecting cooperative (Continued on Page 8)

HOMEcoming DAY AT APPALACHIAN

All Former Students Asked to Gather on Campus for November 2 Program

Saturday, November 2nd, has been designated as Homecoming Day at Appalachian College, and Howard Collins Acting Secretary for the Alumni Association, is very anxious that there be a full gathering of students of the institution from its formation in 1903. A permanent Alumni Association will be set up at this time, officers elected, and all who have been enrolled at Appalachian are asked to take part in the proceedings.

The program provides for the alumni address at 10:30 by I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage; at 11:30 the alumni meeting will feature the election of officers and other business; at 2 o'clock the football squads of East Tennessee and Appalachian will clash on Athletic Field, and at 8 o'clock the visitors will be entertained with a stage play by the Playcrafters.

Lowland Children On Trip To Mountains

Prof. W. L. Winkler arrived in town Thursday from Nashville, and was accompanied by twenty-six of his students, who spent a few days with him and Mrs. Winkler at their country place near Boone.

The youngsters who had never seen a mountain enjoyed the trip to the fullest. Mr. Winkler, who has taught for several years at Nashville, makes it a practice to bring the members of one class on a mountain outing each autumn time. They returned Sunday.

JAMES ALFRED MORETZ

James Alfred Moretz, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moretz of Deep Gap, died at the Wilkes Hospital on the 14th from diphtheria. Funeral services were conducted from the home on the afternoon of the 17th, by Rev. H. A. Kistler, assisted by Reverends Canipe and Yount and interment was in the home neighborhood.

Surviving besides the bereaved parents, is one sister and two brothers: Wilma, Austin and Scott.