

Secretary Reports On Farm Bureau Activities At Annual Convention

The objective of the Farm Bureau as set up in the By-Laws and Constitution is to "effectively organize, advance, and improve in every way possible the agricultural interest of the commonwealth of North Carolina, economically, educationally and socially".

Because of the unbalanced economic conditions at home and abroad, depriving the farm farmer of its fair share of the national income, the State Farm Bureau devoted its energies to establishing farm equality through the enactment of laws, protecting the farmer's interest and appropriating funds for an equitable farm program.

1. We supported amendments to the tobacco section of the farm act, permitting referenda any time after July 1st, removing penalties from those who stayed within their acreage allotments, fixing penalties at a flat rate of ten cents rather than a percentage basis and provisions for giving growers under 3200 pounds a twenty-cent advantage, provided no grower under 3200 pounds got an allotment in excess of 3200 pounds.
2. We are supporting wage and hours exemptions for agriculture.
3. We supported export subsidies for cotton and many other laws affecting agriculture.

As to appropriations we asked for \$250,000,000 for parity payments, \$225,000,000 was appropriated. We asked for \$150,000,000 for the purchase of surplus commodities in all crops, and to enlarge foreign markets to be added to the \$90,000,000 already provided under Section 32, \$113,000,000 was appropriated. We asked that the \$900,000,000 for soil conservation program be continued which was granted.

This means that cotton growers will get around two cents per pound in parity payments and that subsidy payment of \$5.00 per acre or more may be made on extension to remove the surpluses. It means that \$6,000,000 is available for the continuance of our peanut program. It means that ample funds are available to purchase surplus fresh vegetables and stabilize prices of same. It means that there will be ample funds to put on a nation-wide program in the cities to clothe and feed those unable to make purchases from surplus farm commodities.

We reported many other activities in the interest of agriculture, such as the \$50,000,000

farm security appropriation; \$40,000,000 rural electrification appropriation; \$75,000 for tobacco grading work and many other appropriations effecting the farm family income.

We have maintained the legal right for crop control, parity payments and commodity loans and have secured the funds with which to put on the best farm program agriculture has ever had. The members of the Farm Bureau have not been secured without a fight, in fact it has been a dramatic one. The onslaughts on our farm bill was terrific. The uncompromising opposition by bested interests against our appropriations was and is most severe.

J. E. Winslow, President of the Farm Bureau has been in the forefront on every issue that has involved rural North Carolina. Farmers of North Carolina have the membership paying farmers of the nation to thank for the millions of dollars appropriated to raise their standard of living. Members of the Farm Bureau have played a significant part. Their organized efforts have been blessed by achievements of which they can be truly proud.

The Farm Bureau's approach to state problems has been based on fundamental issues. We asked the 1939 Legislature to define the functions of agricultural agencies serving the farmers of the state in order that there might be no duplication of efforts and that the farmers might receive the greatest amount of service for the money expended. The Legislature was unable to agree upon a policy embodying these principles however they did see fit for the first time to appropriate to State College out of the general funds money with which to carry on research work which is the basis of agricultural education in the state as follows:

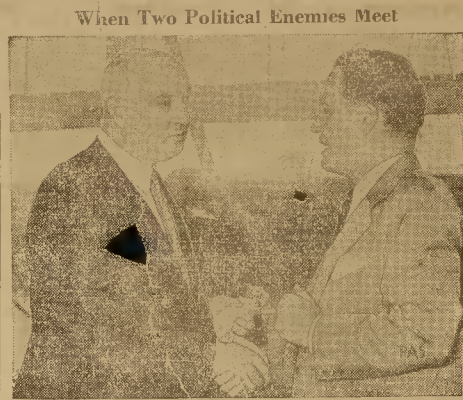
Peanut research, \$25,000; truck, \$20,000; peaches, \$20,000; apples, \$5,000; poultry, \$20,000; beef cattle and sheep, \$20,000; dairying, \$45,000, which included the purchase of a test farm to be operated by the State College Experiment Station.

The Farm Bureau and the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative were successful in eliminating a proposed per machine tax on peanut vending machines from the revenue bill. This tax would not only have stopped the sale of peanuts in the vending machines in North Carolina but also

would have encouraged other states to put on a similar tax thereby handicapping the removal of surplus peanuts. One company alone is operating 200,000 machines in the United States, selling more than 800,000 pounds of surplus peanuts per day.

We amended the scrap tobacco law which we secured in the 1937 Legislature in such a way as to enable the growers to successfully control the sale of scrap tobacco. The N. C. Farm Bureau put on a vigorous campaign to get farmers to vote quotas for 1939. We not only urged farmers to vote for quotas but warned them that disastrous results would follow if they did not. The size of the present crop and the price being received is ample justification for the position we took and the campaign we put on. The farmers' tobacco planting acre in 1939 will cost the five-cured tobacco growers a sum in excess of \$100,000,000, causing many of our farmers to face bankruptcy.

J. E. Winslow, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau, submitted the amendment which has recently been passed enabling farmers to hold a referenda at any time after July 1st, which if taken advantage of by the growers will partially retrieve the impending loss to tobacco growers of this and other states.



NEW YORK CITY. . . We do not know what they said privately, but no doubt each liked his party's chances in the 1940 Presidential election. Postmaster General James A. Farley (left), national chairman of the Democratic Party, and John D. Hamilton, national chairman of the Republican Party, are obviously in good humor as they are pictured aboard the S.S. Manhattan prior to sailing for Europe.

Peanut Stock Is Becoming Scarce

Shellers Believe Crop Will Be Nearer Exhausted Than In Years

Farmers stock peanuts in Virginia and North Carolina are becoming very scarce, both in the hands of the farmers and warehousemen and in the hands of shellers and cleaners. A. B. Harless, Federal-State Market News Representative of the State Department of Agriculture, said yesterday. Remaining lots are primarily of ordinary quality and peanuts that will meet the demands of the trade for making Jumbo hand-picks are scattered and few in number. For occasional lots of best Jumbo, 4-7/8 to 4-9/16 cents is being paid and even these will not turn out an appreciable proportion of Jumbo hand-picks. It is the prevailing opinion of shellers and cleaners that the crop will be more nearly exhausted than has been the case in years. At least so far as fair quality peanuts are concerned, he added.

Much interest is being displayed in the first peanut crop production estimates. 1,229,930,000 is estimated for the total use with 285,200,000 pounds for North Carolina. A large attendance is expected at the meeting in Wash-

ington on August 15, called by the Department of Agriculture to discuss proposals for diverting a portion of the 1939 peanut crop. Farmers, shellers, cleaners, warehousemen, manufacturers and cooperative associations have all been invited and any one interested in the problems of diverting peanuts this fall is welcome, he also stated.

The growing crop continues in excellent condition and given favorable weather for the remainder of the season, the harvest should be a little earlier than usual. Digging of peanuts in the Southeast has been delayed by rainy weather but digging is under way now in South Georgia and should be general during the next week if further rains do not fall. New crop Spanish are being offered during the last 10 days of August, but in practically all cases are accompanied by a "Weather Clause."

The possible use of fireproofed cotton as an insulating material in the construction of homes, office buildings, and other structures has been suggested in Texas, where such a process has been developed.

Where his land was treated with lime, Dennis Elgdon, Webster, Jackson County, has received a 50 per cent better growth of lespedeza than on his unlimed land.

Country Life Notes

By the Bertie County Traveller
A. T. Willoughby

Norma Lee White, 8 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil White, near Askeville, has nine grandparents, all living near him. He has two grandfathers and two grandmothers, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel White and Mr. and Mrs. Norman White; two great-grandfathers and one great-grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phelps and J. J. White; one great-great-grandfather, and one great-great-grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Cowan.

Wandering down the streets of Ahooskie last Saturday night my eye was caught by a big watermelon in the show window of the M. & P. Grocery store. I was told it weighed 103 pounds and was grown by W. T. Holloman near Hickory Chapel Church on R. F. D. No. 4, Ahooskie.

I drove slowly last Tuesday morning across the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Ahooskie via the overhead pass. It is a wonderful piece of work and a progressive step that will in the near future be an asset to the town. The State highway has already been routed over this bridge. I regard it as a great boost for public safety. Several accidents have already occurred at grade crossings in Ahooskie. Money spent to save life and make highway travelling more safe is a good investment.

Through the courtesy of Obie White at Askeville I am in possession of an old Windsor Ledger dated August 30, 1893, addressed to the late W. D. White, a prominent citizen of that section. Sol Cherry was register of deeds, and T. C. Bond was sheriff. George Washington Murray of South Carolina at that time was the only Negro in Congress. A valuable diamond in the rough had just been found in Halifax County and sent to New York. Allen Gilliam and Elizabeth Byrum had just died. Alexander Winston, a young lawyer, was admitted to the bar

by Judge Moore, who complimented him on the good examination he had just passed. Rev. T. Speight was a business caller at the Ledger office. J. H. Eubridge of Eden House had a long letter deploring the condition of the country. The steamer "Lucy" and a sloop were in a collision at the Norfolk & Carolina Railroad Schedule. Andrew J. Conner at Leroy Bailey was killed. Johnnie Bowen, near Powellsville, was caught under an over-turned cart and his arm so badly hurt it seemed almost sure it would have to be amputated. Water in the Cashie River was high and a storm had just done lots of damage around Windsor. G. M. Surpell, general manager, was advertising the Norfolk & Carolina Railroad. Andrew J. Conner at Leroy Bailey was killed. Johnnie Bowen, near Powellsville, was

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