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SEED LOANS ARE APPLIED FOR AT RATE OF 40 DAILY

Supply of Blanks Used Up; Additional Ones Are Supplied Office

Applications for crop production or seed and feed loans were being filed here at the rate of more than 40 a day until the supply of blanks was exhausted yesterday, according to information coming from the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon. It is believed that nearly 1,000 applications will have been filed before the latter part of next month by farmers in this county. Requests for the government loans will be considered until the 30th of next month. Additional blanks have been called for, and the work will again be under way shortly.

Homer Peel, a native of this county, has an important position with the government in handling the applications at Washington, and it is understood that applications will be considered immediately. However, there are thousands of such applications reaching Washington almost daily and naturally there will be some delay in handling the work. It is said that those applications properly prepared will be handled rapidly by the authorities. Just how long it will require for a loan to be completed and for the applicant to get the cash is not known, but probably two weeks or more will be required to complete the transaction.

Early applications filed here last week indicate there will be a marked reduction in the peanut crop this year. Nearly every farmer applying for a loan states that he is contemplating a reduction in his peanut acreage, and it now looks as if the size of the crop will be less by half this year as compared with that for the past season. Turning strong from peanuts, farmers are centering on increased tobacco and cotton acreages. Food and feed crop acreages will remain about the same, judging from the applications so far received in this county.

Information has just been received by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce from Congressmen Warren and Kerr that the seed loan department at Washington has agreed to figure the 30 per cent reduction on tobacco acreage not on what they actually planted last year, but on what was intended to be planted if the blue mold had not destroyed their plants. In other words, a normal acreage is what they are supposed to figure on, according to an official statement made to Congressmen Kerr and Warren. In no instance will be the acreage be lower than enough for one barn, the ruling says.

According to the first regulations agreed to, each farmer would have to cut 30 per cent of what he had last year, and in many instances the blue mold cut the acreage so much last year that another 30 per cent would have placed him in position where he would not have had enough for a barn to the mole.

DRAW JURY FOR FEDERAL COURT

Tonsils of Thirty Children During a Two-day Clinic There

Twelve Martin County citizens have been chosen to serve as jurors at the next term of Federal court convening in Washington the 3rd of next month.

The names of the twelve are as follows:

- L. J. Hardison, Williamston, R. F. D. 4.
- H. A. Gray, Robersonville.
- C. L. Green, Robersonville.
- Joshua L. Coltrain, Williamston, R. F. D. 4.
- G. H. Cox, Robersonville.
- J. L. Rodgers, Williamston. Mr. Rodgers is now living in Lumberton, his name having been entered subject to jury service before he left.
- David Grimes, Robersonville.
- Van G. Taylor, Everetts.
- J. P. House, Robersonville.
- W. H. Gurkin, Williamston.
- J. S. Ayers, Everetts.
- J. Henry Roberson, Robersonville.

The names of 60 men were drawn from seven counties, Martin, Bertie, Beaufort, Pitt, Washington, Tyrrell, and Hyde.

Negro Charged with the Cruel Beating of Wife

Wife beating apparently is a habit with one Will Brayboy, colored. Recently he returned from the roads after serving a sentence for beating his wife. Charging that she did not offer him a cordial welcome upon his return to her, Brayboy whipped her again. She was beaten so badly that a doctor was called to dress her injuries.

In default of a \$100 bond, Brayboy was placed in jail to await trial in the recorder's court today.

Applications Are Approved For Opening County Banks

A return to normal banking activities in the nation was started this week when units of the Federal system in key cities opened for business, followed by banks in clearing house centers today. Gradually the re-opening process is expanding throughout the nation and by the end of this week activities in the financial world will be advancing under normal conditions, it is believed.

Authentic reports received here this afternoon stated that the applications of the several banks in this county had been approved, and would re-open just as soon as certain formalities are handled by the Governor. Commissioner of State Banks Hood said today

that no announcement in connection with increased banking activities for tomorrow would be made until late tonight or early tomorrow. It is understood however that the banks in Martin will be among the first to reopen throughout the State.

Announcement of increased activities tomorrow is being delayed on account of the illness of Governor Ehringhaus who has to issue licenses for banks to re-open. Reports from Raleigh today indicated that he was unable to attend to the duties. He is said to have had a fever of 103 while addressing the General Assembly last night and that his secretary had to assist him from the legislative hall.

DRAW JURY LIST FOR APRIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Thirty-Six Citizens Chosen For Service During Two-Weeks Term

Thirty-six citizens were selected this week to serve as jurors at the April term of Martin County Superior Court, convening the third Monday of next month. Eighteen were chosen to serve during the first week and 18 for the second week of the term, arranged for the trial of civil cases only.

While it could not be definitely learned this week who would preside over the court, it is understood that Judge Clayton Moore will probably occupy the bench.

The names of the citizens chosen to serve during the first week are as follows:

- Bear Grass Township: W. S. Revels, J. C. Rawls, E. G. Taylor.
- Williamston Township: W. E. Dunn, Luther Peel, Joe G. Corey, W. L. Taylor, Herman Bowen, and J. A. Roberson.

Cross Roads Township: Gaston James.

Robersonville Township: Ernest Ward, W. Heber Everett, and L. R. Ausbon.

Hamilton Township: Robert A. Edmondson.

Goose Nest Township: M. H. Savage, Ernest Bunting, A. P. Hyman, J. T. Matthews.

Second Week

Griffins Township: Perlie B. Lilley, Bear Grass: L. J. Peel.

Williamston Township: W. D. Mishoe, George Harris, N. C. Green, James E. Griffin, N. K. Harrison.

Cross Roads Township: W. F. Crawford.

Robersonville Township: C. L. Vick, T. L. Roebuck, J. C. Martin, Roy G. Coburn, W. J. Ward.

Poplar Point Township: Charlie M. Mills.

Hamilton Township: P. C. Edmondson, Leroy Beach, L. B. Brown.

Goose Nest Township: Wiley Craft.

TONSIL CLINIC AT OAK CITY

Bear Grass Community Is Making Plans for One There This Week

Twenty-eight school children in the Oak City community had their tonsils removed last Friday and Saturday at a clinic arranged by welfare workers and leaders in that section.

Dr. C. J. Sawyer did the operating. Reports received here yesterday stated that the children were getting a long very well.

Other clinics are being arranged in the county, and it is believed that more than 100 children will have been given the treatment before the schools close for the term. The clinics, paid for by welfare money received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, are only available to those children who are not financially able to meet the costs.

Harry Manning Fatally Hurt in Auto Accident

Harry Manning, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Manning, was run down and fatally injured by an automobile near the Sandy Cross school a few miles from Elm City last Friday night. The young man was returning to school and started across the highway when he was struck by the car, driven by a traveling salesman.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon, interment following in the family burial ground on the home place in Nash County.

The young man had a number of relatives in this county. Messrs. Perlie Manning and Darrel Price attended the funeral from here.

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY THIS YEAR IS FAVORED

Bill Calling for Revaluation Has Passed the Second Reading in House

A bill calling for the revaluation of property in the State is being considered by the General Assembly, and was passed by a big majority in the house last week, it is understood. The bill will probably come up for its final reading in that body tonight.

Property list-takers are scheduled to meet and discuss the listing work next Monday and start the task on the first Monday in April, or as soon thereafter as is possible. Property will be listed as of April 1.

The legislature last week passed a bill abolishing the sheriff's tax sales ordinarily advertised in May and sold the first Monday in June. Just how the new law is intended to operate is not known here. It is understood, however, that the taxes will remain a charge on the property and 6 per cent interest will be charged on the unpaid taxes on and after June 1. This applies to 1932 taxes unpaid on that date. On January 1 next judgments against all tax delinquents on that date will be docketed. The cost of the proceeding is limited to \$6. The delinquent will have 28 months—presumably from the time the judgment is docketed—in which to pay taxes, the \$6 cost and interest. That relieves the delinquent of the publicity.

Whether the penalties for delayed payments, much protested, and the discounts for advance payments will be continued will be determined by action on the revenue machinery bill, yet to be taken.

JANUARY RELIEF WORK REVIEW

Nearly 500 Men Employed On Projects in Martin During the Period

Four hundred and ninety-one men were employed on relief projects in this county during the month of January, it was learned from a recent report issued by the Governor's office of relief. These workers were paid \$3,956.

A total of 95,686 men were employed in North Carolina and paid from relief funds during the period. More than \$750,000 was paid out in wages, or approximately 65 percent of the \$1,250,000 which was spent for all relief purposes in the state during the month.

These figures indicate that about two-thirds of the heads of destitute families in the state were working for the aid which they received. The others were given direct relief either because no one in the family was physically able to work or because there was no work available for them to do.

The jobs performed by these workers vary considerably, the reports show. Always they constituted work of one type or another which was for the public good, such as highway repairing and beautification, school house building and repairing, street repairs and construction, etc.

In many instances the work performed by relief labor was the type of public improvement which could never have been realized except for the present emergency. Such projects were decided upon only after thorough consideration by local public officials and always were launched only when it had been determined that the work done would be of genuine public benefit.

WELFARE BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Discuss Plans for Handling of Free Garden Seed in This County

A meeting of the county welfare board was held in the office of Superintendent J. C. Manning here yesterday afternoon, when plans for the distribution of free garden seed and other relief problems were discussed. J. Raleigh Manning, case worker and assistant administrator of relief, was made direct administrator and virtually all the welfare and relief work will be handled by him or thru his office.

The welfare board authorized the appointment of district supervisors to investigate the planting of seed and the cultivation of gardens by the needy. No appointments have been made public as arrangements for the supervision are not yet complete.

Mrs. Vernon Ward, of Robersonville, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, of Williamston, Mr. R. O. Martin, Superintendent J. C. Manning, and District Supervisor Miss Ward, members of the board, were present for the meeting.

Governor Recommends Sales Tax in Message To Assembly

CLINIC HELD AT OAK CITY LAST WEEK SUCCESS

Twelve Martin Men Called To Serve in Washington Court Next Month

The tonsil clinic held in Oak City Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, at the Oak City school, was a huge success. Dr. Sawyer and his three nurses, Misses Barker, Modlin, and Williams, assisted by Dr. Pittman, did a very great and beneficial piece of work.

The clinic was well planned and well organized from the beginning. There were committees to meet every need and to supply every want. Those parents were unable to secure the necessary articles for the operation were furnished them through the kindness and consideration of these committees.

Regular classes were held in the school building Friday, except for the fact that they were shortened, as school was dismissed at 12:30. Dr. Sawyer spoke very favorably of the students as to the way they conducted themselves while the operations were taking place. Quietness was observed everywhere and all students showed due consideration for the patients.

There were 30 patients to undergo the operation, including those on the free list and those who were paying. Twenty cases were handled Friday, and the remaining 10 Saturday morning. All patients stayed overnight at the building, leaving early the next morning. All patients have been reported as improving rapidly, and it is hoped that they will all be able to return to school by the middle of this week.

Thanks are extended to Dr. Sawyer, the nurses, Dr. Pittman, parents, school pupils, teachers and other outside friends who helped to make this clinic a success. Special thanks are due Mrs. Wiggins, matron of the teacherage, for her kindness and consideration during the clinic.

The well-planned and organized work of the clinic is due to Principal H. M. Ainsley and his teachers. The securing of cots and bed linen was a big problem, but was handled efficiently. Boys acting as scouts served in cases of emergencies.—As reported.

Windsor Fire Cause for Alarm Sounding Here

The town's fire siren was sounded Sunday night at 10 o'clock when a call was received from Windsor. According to information coming from the local department, a negro home was burning in the Bertie capital and some one, apparently excited, called the fire company here for help. Hiel Harrison got in touch with Windsor authorities and learned that no help was needed.

Local volunteers turned out in large numbers and were all ready to go when it was learned that a visit was not necessary.

Many Juniors Expected Here for Meet Tonight

B. C. Siske, representative of the Rand McNally Company and a prominent figure in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will attend a meeting of that organization here this evening, it was learned this morning.

Many members from a number of councils in this section are planning to be here for the supper and initiation exercises this evening and night, J. H. Harrell, local secretary, said today.

Skewarkey Masons To Hold Meeting Tonight

The regular communication of Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., will be held in the lodge rooms here tonight. All members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

Clean Brooder Every Day To Protect Baby Chicks

To protect chicks that are being raised in a brooder, the area under the canopy should be thoroughly cleaned every day and the litter replaced with clean material. Beginning the first of the second week, the entire house should be cleaned and this operation repeated every five days. If the ground has been used within the past two years as a poultry run the brooder house should be moved to clean soil.

DEPRESSION CURE

Depression cure of "Farmer Jim" Ferguson, husband of "Ma," the Texas Governor:

"Put your trust in God, your Ford in the garage, and your wife to work."

And as for things in general, "Pa" told a farmers' convention at Dallas:

"Take the oil business. They've got a trust. Take the lawyers. They've got a trust. You farmers have to organize a trust—bind yourselves together with hoops of steel because we are ruined if we don't do it. I want you to get this. If the farmers do not organize like everybody else, then this country is going to hell in a handbag."

"We sit idly by and pass resolutions and feebly protest against the inefficiency of marketing facilities and the result of it is we are in a business that is the greatest failure of all vocations of man. It ought to be the most profitable and the most honorable."

RESUME OF WORK BY HOME AGENT IN PAST MONTH

Council Meeting Is Largely Attended; Report of Canning Given

Following is the report of Miss Lore E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, for the month of February, as submitted to the board of county commissioners at their meeting Monday, March 9:

"The home agent traveled 696 miles during the month, conducted 14 meetings with the girls and 8 with the women. There were 427 in attendance at the meetings. The home agent spent 18 days in the field and 6 days in the office; 12 different homes were visited; 11 letters were written, and 2 copies of circular letters were prepared with 1,669 copies circulated.

One council meeting was held for the women, and this was the largest meeting of its kind since the council was organized. There were 26 in attendance, representing 7 clubs. Plans were made for the county program to be put on at the district meeting in Plymouth. At this meeting 5 clubs reported having canned well over 800 quarts of meat with the steam pressure cooker, a saving of \$200 if the jars were valued at 25 cents per quart. This is not the total figure, and no doubt there is double that amount of meat which has been canned using the pressure cooker, but has not been reported.

Mrs. C. H. Ange at the last club meeting held in her community volunteered to have a demonstration garden and to assist Mr. Morrow, horticulture specialist, in learning the value of vegetables raised at home to the farm family. This will be done for some year. For several years, Mr. Ange has been a successful home gardener, planting no tobacco or cotton, but depending on poultry, peanuts, and the home garden for cash crops.

The curb market took in \$76.97 during the month, \$36.23 of this being taken in on cakes. There were 44 sellers selling through the market during the month, which is a gain of 2 sellers over last year.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR LEGAL BEER

Passage of Legislation To Legalize Beer Expected By This Week-end

Washington, March 13.—Final congressional action to legalize and tax beer before the week-end was predicted tonight by Democratic senate and house chiefs following President Roosevelt's sudden request to Congress for immediate modification of the Volstead law.

Machinery for complying was set into motion by house leaders within a few hours after the President's 72-word message was read in both chambers. The chief executive said:

"I recommend to the Congress the passage of legislation for the immediate modification of the Volstead act, in order to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages of such alcoholic content as is permissible under the constitution; and to provide through such manufacture and sale, by substantial taxes, a proper and much-needed revenue for the government.

"I deem action at this time to be of the highest importance."

WOULD ABOLISH ALL TAXES FOR EXTENDED TERM

Governor Does Not Take Sides with Either of the Proposed Sales Taxes

Raleigh, Mar. 14.—A definite plan to balance the State's budget by some form of sales tax and to provide an appropriation of approximately \$15,500,000 for a standard uniform school term of "a full eight months or as near it as the funds available will permit" with abolition of all extended term school taxes except for debt purposes, was laid before a joint session of the General Assembly last night in a dramatic message delivered in person by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

Except for an increase of approximately \$1,500,000 a year in the appropriation for public schools, Governor Ehringhaus advocated the sums recommended by the appropriations committee aggregating over \$25,000,000 a year for the general fund and over \$16,000,000 a year for the highway fund as the minimums needed to carry on necessary State functions and preserve the credit of the State.

Speaking in an intense atmosphere with every foot of available space occupied, Governor Ehringhaus at times showed considerable emotion as he unfolded a definite plan for budget balancing, voiced his faith in the schools and other institutions and demanded that the State's credit be preserved at all costs.

The Governor took no sides on the two sales tax plans presented by the sub-committee of the joint finance committee, stating that "method is your prerogative," but on every other phase that the controversy over proper budget balancing has waged for the 69 days the General Assembly has been in session, the executive took an unequivocal position.

Friends of the eight months term have maintained that \$17,000,000 is the smallest sum on which the schools can hope for adequate maintenance, the appropriations committee recommended \$14,500,000 including \$600,000 for extended term aid and Judge T. C. Bowie and others are contending for \$10,000,000.

Governor Ehringhaus fixed his own figure, pausing to declare that the \$10,000,000 plan was a "starvation wage" and that stopping all support at six months would mean a "crucifixion of child opportunity in North Carolina."

Pointing out that the appropriations have been reduced by the committee, which in most instances followed the Budget Commission by 28 percent from the last appropriations and 60 percent from the peak, the Governor took his stand both against those who want further cuts and those who would increase present recommendations.

There has also been considerable difference of opinion among advocates of the eight month term, as to whether local communities particularly those now supporting a nine months school, should be left free to continue local supplements to State support. Governor Ehringhaus declared against this plan, urging that the full amount now levied by districts amounting to 37 cents in the Raleigh district and even more in some districts and average 20 cents for the entire State including districts with no tax, be saved to the taxpayers.

This saving would be in addition to the 15 cents State-wide levy now made.

Two Women Charged with Assault Upon Another One

Millie Smallwood and Martha Mills were given a preliminary hearing here yesterday before Justice J. L. Hassell for the alleged assault upon one Isabelle Brown, negro. Using a large knife, the Mills woman is said to have badly cut the Brown woman. Millie Smallwood used an ice pick, but the attack was beaten off. The case is scheduled for trial in the county court today, when differences resulting over the alleged attention one wife paid another wife's husband will be aired again.

Attend Britt Funeral

Mrs. D. G. Matthews, Mrs. C. D. Perkins, Miss Annie Jones, Thurston Phipps, of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Price, Mrs. Cliff Ruffin, Mrs. Bogey, Mrs. Lucy McCabe and Mr. H. Haynes, of Tarboro; and Mrs. W. H. Newell and daughter, Miss Vivian Newell, of Scotland Neck, were among those from out of town attending the funeral of Mr. J. H. Britt here last Friday afternoon.