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EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED FARM RELIEF MEASURE

General Objective of Bill Is To Increase Buying Power of Farmer

Washington, D. C.—The general objective of the Farm Relief Bill is to increase the purchasing power of farmers through restoring the balance between production and consumption and through adjusting markets as rapidly as is feasible, starting with present conditions.

The Bill gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad powers:

- (1) To provide for reduction in acreage or production of specified farm products and to compensate producers for such reduction through rental or benefit payments.
- (2) To enter into marketing agreements with producers, marketing agencies, and processes of farm products.
- (3) To license processors and distributing agencies engaged in interstate or foreign commerce in handling agricultural products and to regulate them so as to eliminate unfair practices and charges.
- (4) To use the Smith Cotton option contract plan on the 1933 crop of cotton.
- (5) To impose taxes on the processing of the basic agricultural commodities at an amount not in excess of that necessary to restore the pre-war price parity, subject to the limitation that the tax shall be reduced if the full amount is more than can be borne under existing conditions without excessive reduction in consumption.

It is intended under this broad grant of power that the Secretary will call in representatives of the producers and processors for each commodity and shall work out separately for each commodity the method of dealing with it which offers the best hope of effective control of production for the 1933 crops and of progressive action towards an elimination of surplus stocks or production and restoration of normal price parities.

Under the taxing power, provision is made for hearing to interested parties so that in each step of the application of the law the Secretary will discuss the proposed steps with those interested and will take into account their expert advice.

In controlling production of different commodities different systems will probably be used. Thus it is anticipated that in the case of hogs and corn the payment of rent for retirement of corn land from production will be contingent upon a corresponding reduction in the quantity of hogs marketed by the producer. In the case of cash crops the rental or benefit payment may be based primarily upon reduction in acreage of the particular crop in question, with supplementary provisions as to the alternative use of the land. Under the plan the Secretary is also at liberty to rent land in large tracts or in selected regions, or to allot the sums for land rentals by states and counties so that each producer will have an equal opportunity to rent a portion of his land and to receive rental payments.

Provisions are included for taxes on the existing warehouse stocks at the time the processor's tax goes into effect and refunds on the exportation of finished products upon which processing taxes have been collected and for the imposition of such taxes as are found necessary on commodities or products competing with the basic agricultural commodities or their products. Commodities used by unemployment relief agencies are exempt from taxation. Through these, and other special provisions it is hoped that the tax can be applied with the least possible necessity for adjustment in the various industries and without injustice to the various individuals and concerns involved, so that in every way the addition of the tax will work out in the same way as an increase in the price of the product itself.

In practically all cases the percentage of the retail price which now goes to the farmer is so small that the addition of the tax will have only a very slight effect on the retail price. It is anticipated that that part of the tax which is added to the retail price will not be burdensome to consumers. At the same time by increasing the funds available in rural communities and thus increasing the assets behind the rural banking structure and increasing the purchasing power of farmers for industrial products it is expected that there will result an increase in city industrial activity. As this develops the increased activity will eventually provide city workers increased incomes far greater than the relatively small increase in their cost of living.

The basic products to which the Act applies are: wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, rice, hogs, and milk and its

Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic To Be Held Here This Week

Plans for holding a tonsil and adenoid clinic here were made last night when representatives of the Woman's and Kiwanis Clubs met and discussed the undertaking. The clinic will be held in the Woman's Club hall Thursday and Friday of this week.

According to information released this morning, there are more than 100 children asking for operations. The disappointing feature of the clinic is that hardly half of the applicants can be handled. About 30 of the children

will be operated upon Thursday and about 20 or 25 will be operated upon the following day. The number of charity applicants that will be operated on Thursday is about 30. More than 50 others will be unable to receive the treatment, as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation limits its assistance to 5 per cent of the enrollment in school.

Beds and cots will be placed in the club hall tomorrow, and local nurses and doctors will assist Dr. C. J. Sawyer, who will do the operating.

PEANUTS TAKEN OUT FARM RELIEF BILL LAST WEEK

Tobacco Scores A Victory In the Proposed Farm Relief Legislation

Relief for the country's farmers is commanding much attention in Washington now, but it is all an experiment and just what the result will be cannot be forecast just at this time. Last week farmers in this section were much pleased to learn that peanuts were included in the list of basic crops to receive aid. That was on Thursday, and then on Saturday peanuts were removed from the list. Tobacco scored a victory, however, and as that is one of the principal crops in this section, much interest is being given that particular crop.

As the bill is understood here the basic price for tobacco would be the average paid from 1919 to July, 1928. The average price received by tobacco farmers throughout the country during that period was \$21.88 per 100 pounds. If the bill takes into consideration the various tobacco belts and establishes prices accordingly, then the basic price for this belt would be around 24 cents a pound. The bill is now before the Senate, having passed the House a few days ago.

Of course, the bill is an experiment, but it is an experiment in the interest of the growers of the products. If the provisions of the bill meet the approval of the Congress, then the average price of tobacco between the years 1919 and July, 1928, will be the basis of the increased price and should enhance the income of the grower of tobacco.

Those who take advantage of the provisions of the bill must cooperate. They must reduce their acreage. If this is done, then the warehouse sale is supplemented by the treasury. If the grower does not reduce his acreage, then the public sale is not supplemented by the treasury.

COUNTY BOARD MEETS MONDAY

Completes Routine Duties by Noon In Uneventful Regular Session

Other than discussing the tax-listing situation, the county commissioners had a quiet and uneventful session here yesterday. Routine business was completed by noon, but it was late afternoon before the commissioners decided to await developments before proceeding with business in connection with tax-listing.

Mr. J. Sam Gittings was reappointed county accountant for a period of two years.

T. W. Wells was allowed \$2 monthly as outside poor relief.

Allowances made to Mrs. Andrew Flanagan and to Will Perry for a child were ordered discontinued.

Local Juniors Will Visit Tarboro Thursday Night

The local council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will not hold a regular meeting here Thursday night, it was announced this morning. Members of the council here are planning to visit Tarboro that evening as guests of the council there. Local members desiring to visit the Edgecombe council are asked to meet at the Central filling station Thursday evening at 6:15 o'clock.

Molasses Is Good Dairy Feed, But Care Needed

Molasses of any kind is an excellent dairy feed, but care should be exercised in the amount fed and manner of usage. The best way to feed is to dilute the molasses with one part of water to three parts of molasses and spray this mixture over the roughage. Undiluted molasses may also be poured over the grain feed, but the former method gives best results. Not more than one quart a day should be fed each animal.

PRESIDENT USES POWER TO MAKE NUMBER SAVINGS

In One Month a Saving of More Than 500 Million Has Been Effected

In the most sweeping economy move in the history of the American government, President Roosevelt decreed last week an annual saving of \$400,000,000 in veterans' expenditures. Effective July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year, the order was made possible by the drastic law authorizing the President to pare deeply into payments to veterans, their widows and dependents—and to cut Federal salaries. The salary slash occurred earlier in the week.

In issuing the diminished schedules of allowances, the President, in a statement, said: "I do not want any veteran to feel that he and his comrades are being singled out to make sacrifices."

"On the contrary," he added, "I want them to know that the regulations issued are but an integral part of our economy program embracing every department and agency of the government to which every employee is making his or her contribution.

"I ask them to appreciate that not only does their welfare, but also the welfare of every American citizen depend upon the maintenance of the credit of their government, and that they also bear in mind that every citizen in every walk of life is being called upon, directly or otherwise, to share in this."

One of the largest items of savings under the new regulations will be through the complete revision of the non-service connected benefits, most of which virtually are eliminated.

Some \$100,000,000 will be saved through the limiting of this classification of pensions to those permanently and totally disabled. They will receive \$20 a month compared with \$40 at present, and those receiving allowances for less than total disability will be removed from the rolls.

In the scant month that President Roosevelt has had control of the government, he has now instituted economies estimated to total \$572,000,000 a year, and at least another estimated \$100,000,000 is in early prospect.

This is the record: Reduction in veterans' benefits, \$400,000,000. Cut in veterans' administration expenses, \$50,000,000. Reduction of all Federal salaries 15 per cent, \$120,000,000. Consolidation of farm credit agencies, \$2,000,000.

The additional \$100,000,000 is considered a minimum estimate of savings to be achieved by reorganization and consolidation of other Federal agencies under the power already granted the President by Congress. Other economies may be achieved later by still further reduction of departmental functions.

JACK DOWNING'S CAR IS WRECKED

Enfield Man Wrecks Ford While "Trying It Out" Sunday Afternoon

The new Ford V-8 belonging to Mr. Jack Downing, of this place, was reduced to a wreck last Sunday afternoon when a filling station operator at Enfield ran it into a large power-line pole near that town. Mrs. Downing, visiting in Enfield, left the car at the filling station to be washed. After the washing job was completed, the filling station man, never having driven one of the latest Ford productions, thought he would try the car out. Running around 65 or 75 miles an hour, the driver let the car swerve and it struck the 10-inch pole and tore down several high-powered wires. Enfield was without lights and power for about two hours as a result of the wreck.

The driver, unhurt in the crash, was arrested and placed in jail there, it was reported here.

SERIES SERVICES BEGIN IN BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

People of Community Are Invited To Attend the Services Next Week

Beginning next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the Baptist church starts a pre-Easter series of religious services which will culminate with the church service on Easter Sunday morning, and to which the people are invited to come in family groups.

Availing itself of the Easter season this church proposed a one-week meeting, with the pastor in charge, offering opportunity to the people of the church and community to avail themselves of the privilege of religious services all through Holy Week. No special features or attractions are announced, just simple, quiet, plain religious services during which time the pastor contemplates carrying his hearers through the major events in the life of the Christ which were enacted during the few days preceding Easter, and crowned with His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

There will be the customary two preaching services next Sunday, and all the evening services including Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the services will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock. And as is customary at this church, none of the services will be lengthy. There will be no church service on Easter Sunday evening.

The purposes of these services are these: To present to the people again the claim upon their lives of the Son of God and to give an opportunity for church membership. The doors of the church will be opened at the Friday evening service. And if there are those to be baptized, that service would be held on Easter Sunday morning.

And in every community there are always newcomers who should, in the nature of the case, bring their letters and affiliate with the church where they live. And opportunity will be given this group to arrange for their church letters. In addition the people who are in any way church-minded will agree that there is no better way in which to spend the days around Easter than in religious services.

To these services the people of this congregation and the people of the community at large are invited. The hour as announced is such that it need not seriously interfere with any business or social activities. There will be no examinations at the school that week. As much as is ever the case, this will be an easy time, and a natural time, for the people of the community to assemble for religious services.

The emphasis, during these services, is to be placed upon family groups. It is hoped that whole families will come into these services, parents and children together. No more inspiring sight could be seen in the religious life of Williamston than for its people, in families, to frequent the House of Worship at Easter time. It could not be of productive of good to the community at large.

Those in charge invite the people of the entire community and of other communities when to come would not in any way interfere with their own religious services.

WILL CURTAIL RELIEF WORK

All Projects for Families on Farms Will Be Suspended After April 8

Relief work, recognized as one of the major problems facing authorities throughout the country during the past several months, will be curtailed to some extent in this state the latter part of this week, according to instructions received here today from the Governor's office of Relief in Raleigh.

As the instructions are understood here, relief work will not be stopped completely. The needy refusing to help themselves when the opportunity presents itself will be denied aid after April 8.

Instructions received by county welfare authorities and signed by Supervisor Roy M. Brown are offered in part, as follows:

"You are directed to notify every farm family on relief that so far as they are concerned all work projects will be suspended after the 8th of April. This should apply also to village dwellers who can possibly make arrangements for land to cultivate.

"It will be necessary, of course, to give direct aid to some families pending their making arrangements for land to cultivate. They should understand, however, that the new arrangement for aid while they are bending their energies toward planting and cultivating a farm and garden food crop sufficient to care for them for a year depends upon their finding a way thus to aid themselves."

Revaluation of County Land May Not Be Made This Year

LEGAL BEER FOR STATE ON MAY 1 SEEMS ASSURED

Bill Passes House On The Second Reading By a Vote of 72 to 25

On and after May 1, next, it will be legal to sell, buy, and drink beer in North Carolina, the 32 per cent beverage being practically assured following the passage of the Francis beer bill in the house of representatives last night and this morning. The bill was passed by a vote of 72 to 25 on second reading last night.

Representative Smith, of this county, and Senator Bailey, of this district, voted for the bill, Senator MacLean voting against it.

No machinery was set up for handling the sale of or for taxing the brew, but it is understood that a system of stamps would be advocated.

The beer bill passed the house as it came from the senate last week without amendment. The opposition, confessing from the outside the futility of attempting to defeat the bill, centered their attack on an amendment to submit the question to a special election in June. The amendment was defeated, 38 to 65.

Two other amendments offered in the house were voted down overwhelmingly, and a third was withdrawn.

The most telling assault of opponents on the measure was made by Representative J. C. Martin, of Buncombe.

Mr. Martin, managing the opposition on the floor, declared that the bill carried no regulatory machinery, and that it would permit beer to be sold by anybody, anywhere, to anybody, anywhere in the state at any time.

Although proponents of the measure estimated that the beer tax will bring in annual revenue of \$1,500,000 annually, and this feature was stressed in the lengthy senate debate, there was hardly an allusion to the revenue angle in the house.

TOWN BOARD IN MEET LAST NIGHT

Will Hold Special Meeting Later To Set Date for Town Convention

Business of little importance featured the regular meeting of the town commissioners here last night. After discussing police problems and appointing a tax-lister, the board adjourned without considering other than routine business.

Officer Ramie, whose term of employment with the town expired March 31, appeared before the board asking that he be retained at a reduced salary. The watchman explained that most of the merchants had agreed to contribute so much weekly for his special services and he appealed to the board to make up the difference of about \$5 weekly. The plan was approved and will be given a trial.

Mr. James E. Griffin was named list-taker, the board offering him \$30 to list all town properties.

No convention for the nomination of town officers and commissioners was called, but a date will be determined at a special meeting within the next few days, it was learned.

Miss Hunter To Conduct Millinery School in County

Miss Willie Hunter, clothing specialist from Raleigh, will be in the county Thursday of next week, April 13, to conduct a millinery school. All home demonstration clubs should be represented and bring out all old straw hats possible to be remodeled for 1933. Save the purse by saving last year's and year before last hats. The meeting will be called for all day, so come and bring your lunch to the home agent's office and transform those hats into new models.—Miss Lora E. Sleeper.

Griffins School Honor Roll for the Fifth School Month

Eight names appear on the Griffins school honor roll for the fifth month, as follows: First grade: Nannie Margaret Roberson. Second grade: Not any. Third grade: Bruce Peele, Virginia Corey, Eloise Hodges. Fourth grade: Henry Griffin, Howell Peel, Clifton Ward. Fifth grade: Evan Griffin. Sixth grade: Not any.

Blue Mold in Plant Beds at Bear Grass

The first serious attack on tobacco plants by mold or other diseases in this county was reported by a number of farmers in all districts over the week-end. Plants are dying overnight, many of the reports stated.

In Bear Grass Township several farmers are plowing up their beds making ready to replant, it was learned here today. Complete destruction has been reported in only a few cases so far, but early indications point to a more serious damage this year from the mold than was experienced last year.

Moth flakes have been used to decided advantage in the control of insects, but no effective control measure has been advanced so far for blue mold. The Bordeaux mixture used as a control measure last year has been discarded this season. Farmers are using a small quantity of nitrate of soda mixed with water in an effort to check the blue mold. About two pounds of soda are used in a barrel of water for every 100 yards of bed, applications being made about every three to five days.

COUNTY FARMER DIES IN HOSPITAL

C. Biggs Roberson Buried In Bear Grass Township Saturday Afternoon

C. Biggs Roberson, Bear Grass Township farmer, died suddenly in a Washington hospital last Friday morning from what was believed to have been a stroke of apoplexy. He had gone to the hospital the day before for treatment, but no operation was performed upon him. One of the hospital doctors, was in the room when Mr. Roberson complained with his eyes, stating that he was going blind. He grew suddenly worse and died within a short while after the first attack.

Mr. Roberson, 73 years old, was born in Bear Grass Township, and lived there all his life, engaging farming. He was unusually active for his advanced age.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin. Interment followed in the family burial ground at the old home place.

Mrs. Roberson, with two sons, Le-man and Thad Roberson, both of whom died about two years ago, Bear Grass Township, survives. A

Thinking His Money Out of Date, Man Visits Bank

Believing that his old large-sized bills were about to go out of date, an old colored man of this place turned up at the local bank recently with about \$400 in the old-style bills. He wanted "some of that new money in place of them."

The \$400 is the largest amount in old bills that has been uncovered in this community in some time, but every now and then a bill of \$10 or \$20 denomination makes its appearance at the bank or in the office of the tax collector. It is believed that very little money is hoarded in this immediate community, and what little there was held out of circulation is fast coming in since the law carrying a penalty of \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison was passed by the Federal government.

Teachers Have Not Been Paid for Sixth Month

School teachers continue without their pay due them for services rendered during the sixth school month. Information received last week stated that checks would be issued the latter part of this week or the early part of this, but so far no checks have been received. The superintendent's office this morning stated that no further instructions had been received from the State suggesting an additional delay in the issuance of checks. However, no arrangements had been made complete by the State as far as it could be learned here in the handling of the payroll.

HORIZONTAL CUT IS ADVOCATED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioners Will Meet Again Next Monday To Discuss Tax Listing

The Martin County commissioners in regular session here yesterday were in a quandary as to the handling of tax listing this year. Informed by the State Department of Revenue that they would be required to provide for a complete revaluation of property, the commissioners learned from other sources that the revaluation was not mandatory in this county, that in only two counties, Alamance and Craven, was a complete revaluation required.

Representative J. C. Smith yesterday morning told Chairman T. C. Griffin that he did not know Martin was included in the list of counties where a revaluation was made mandatory. Information received from the Department of Revenue yesterday afternoon indicated that this county with several others, Alamance, Buncombe, Rockingham, Craven, Lenoir, Macon, and Vance, was included in the list of counties where a revaluation was mandatory. Unable to learn whether or not the county was in the list for revaluation, the commissioners adjourned without taking definite action. A second meeting of the month is scheduled for next Monday, when, it is hoped, the matter will be settled.

In all but a few counties, the commissioners are empowered to order a revaluation of all properties or effect a horizontal decrease or increase, as they deem best. The Martin County commissioners are not opposing a revaluation, but they are of the opinion that a horizontal reduction, the amount to be determined later, would prove more beneficial just at this time than a revaluation of all properties would prove to be. At least a horizontal reduction could be effected at no extra cost, while a revaluation would call for an expenditure of about \$1,000, it was estimated.

If a revaluation of all properties is ordered in the county then the county supervisor of taxation shall appoint on or before next Tuesday three discreet freeholders in each of the 10 townships to assist the list-takers in listing and valuing property. The list-takers and assessors are to meet the third Monday in this month and consider methods of listing, and then they are to start listing real and personal property on the first Monday in May.

Following is the machinery act, in part, as adopted by the General Assembly:

"(1) The board of county commissioners of each county shall, on the first Monday in April, 1933, meet and determine whether or not the real estate of the respective counties shall be revalued by horizontal increases or reductions, or by the appointment of assessors and appraisers as hereinafter set out, and in the event it is decided to revalue other than by horizontal reduction, or increase, then the board of county commissioners may, and every fourth year thereafter, appoint a county supervisor of taxation who shall be a freeholder in the county, an experienced and practical business man with the knowledge of the valuation of real and personal property in the county, and who shall be a bona fide resident in the county for at least 12 months. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the board of county commissioners shall designate, not to exceed four dollars per day for such time as he may be actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of his duties in his office, and necessary traveling expenses for each day's service and shall serve for such time as the board of county commissioners in their discretion shall designate: Provided, in the event of the office becoming vacant the board of commissioners shall appoint another person to act and perform the duties of the county assessor for the remainder of the term. And the following counties shall cause their land to be revalued by the appointment of assessors and appraisers as herein set out: Alamance, Buncombe, Rockingham, Craven, Martin, Lenoir, Macon, and Vance Counties.

Cotton Growers In Bertie Working for One Variety

Cotton growers in one community of Bertie County have pooled their orders for 400 bushels of certified planting seed and will attempt to have only one variety of cotton planted in the community.