Distressed Home Owners May Save Their Homes Through Home Owners Loan Corp.

Raleigh, N. C., May 28th, 1935. —Following up action today by the President in signing the amendment to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation Act, which will permit the Corporation to accept new loan applications, from John H. Fahey, Chairman of the Corporation Board issued a statement at Washington, which was transmitted to all Branch offices of the Corporation in which he emphasizes that new applications would be accepted from home owners who are clearly in distress and are threatened with loss of their home through foreclosure.

Action of the President in signing the bill followed closely on the adoption this week of the report of the Conference Committee of the House and Senate, which was adopted by the House May 20th and was then sent to the Senate where is was acted upon prior to being dispatched to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature. The amendment will allow applications to be accepted from home owners who are in distress, for a period of thirty days. The Corporation suspended acceptance of new applications last November when the funds then in hand appeared to be only sufficient to handle applications already on file, and the action of Congress in granting new funds, it is estimated will care for all those throughout the nation who are in danger of foreclosure and who are eligible under the rules of the Corporation and under the terms of the Law.

Mr. Fahey's statement, outlining the eligibility tests, and explaining to applicants regulations will govern acceptance of new applications as as follows:

The same tests of eligibility of HOLC applicants which have applied in the past will in general continue in full force under this new legislation. The Corporation intends to make every effort to assist home owners who are in genuine financial difficulty, but it will be forced to reject eevry application which is not clearly eligible.

"No home owner should apply for a loan until he has first made certain that his application will be eligible under the Corporation's restrictions. He should realize that the rejection of an ineligible applications, on grounds of deliberate default on existing debts, is likely to cause the home owner the loss of his property, because of the unwillingness of his present mortgagee to carry the loan following such default.

"Largely as a result of more than 2 1-2 billion dollars in bonds already disbursed to them by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, lending institutions are in a far stronger position today than they were a year ago. They are well able to recast and carry reasonably sound mortgage loans, instead of coercing, or even encouraging such borrowers to make applications to this Corporation. "The tests of eligibility are as follows:

"1. The applicant must have been in involuntary default on his home loan on June 13, 1935, and unable to carry or refund his present mortgage, unless it can be shown to the Corporation's satisfaction that a default occuring later than June 13, 1933, was the result of unemployment or other misfortune beyond the applicant's control. The Corporation was created to protect honest home owners who are in temporary difficulty, and not for the purpose of saving lenders from the results of their own past mistakes in making excessive loans, or in lending to persons not entitled to credit.

"2. The past record of the applicant for integrity is a vital factor. Any applicant will be rejected as ineligible if his genseal record is unsatisfactory, particularly if he has deliberately defaulted on his existing indebtedness and has a record of not paying his bills he is able to do so.

"3. To redeeom the home from forced sale or voluntary surrender, such sale or surrender must have taken place since January 1, 1930.

"4. The applicant must be in actual distress with his mortgage indebtedness and threatened with the loss of his home by foreclosure. Applicants who have no present or prospective income of any character, and clearly could not meet the indebtedness, are ineligible unless their notes are also signed by responsible parties.

"5. The property must be used by the owner as his home or held by him as his homestead and, as a rule, it must have been his home on June 13, 1935.

"6. The home must have a value not exceeding $20,000 as appraised by the Corporation. No loan may be made for an amount exceeding $14,000 or 80 per cent of the Corporation's appraisal of the property, whichever is the smaller.

"7. Ordinary farm property is not eligible unless the applicant draws his main livelihood from non-farm occupations.

"8. No applicant will be granted a loan if such refinancing is intended only to protect a bank loan or other business obligation.

"9. The Corporation will not refinance the home of an owner who can continue to carry his present loan."

Aged Poultryman Is Leading Enthusiast

J. L. Honk, 78 year old Burke County farmer, is keenly interested in the future expansion of his poultry flock.

Despite his years, Mr. Honk is more enthusiastic about poultry than many younger farmer, reported C. F. Parish, extension poultryman at State College, after a recent visit to the Honk farm.

The veteran farmer got interested in poultry in 1927. Seeking information, he visited leading poultrymen of Burke and adjoining counties and consulted the local farm agent, then he started his first year with a flock of 175 Rhode Island Red.

At the end of the year he decided that the quality of his birds must be improved, so he kept only his best for breeding purposes, and purchased a number of purebred males. He followed this procedure for several years.

In 1928 the eggs from hi flock brought premium prices when sold to a commercial hatchery in the county. From 1928 to 1934 he kept in his flock an average of 159 birds which produced every year an average of 151.4 eggs each

During this period he spent amt. of $2.35 a year in feeding each bird. The average return above feed costs each year amounted to $1.05 per bird

He started the 1934-35 year with 277 high grade birds. During the first six months of the year his birds averaged 8° eggs each. He realized a total return of $378.7° above feed costs during that time, or $145 a bird.

Last spring he built a duplex brooder house and a brick brooder saying that this is safest and most sensible way of brooing chicks. This spring he started 642 baby chicks and during the first six weeks he lost only 24.

Brief News Items

The farmer who grows lespedeza is entering the college of soil improvement and when he gets to alfalfa, he is a member of the senior class, says one observing agricultural worker.

Farmers of Burke County recently made application to register 25 pure bred Guernsey cattle to continue the remarkable progress in developing this breed of dairy cattle in that county.

A litter of ten Spotted Poland China pigs weighing 3,515 pounds was sold for $230 and netted T. J. Wilson of Transylvania County the sum of 100 above feed costs.

Strawberry "patches" on Rowan farms have brought in a good income to the owners this spring in addition to supplying farm tables with the tasty dish.

Through Capital Keyholes

AMBITION — Along about this time of the year preceding State-wide primaries, candidates for the big posts begin to visit Washington to ascertain how they stand with the boys from the home-State who have proved their vote-getting ability. So far, not a single one has returned discouraged. The lads who go to Congress must be good at politics and must be better to stay there. They know better than to give office-seekers the impression that his Congressman is not his friend. It's the old army game of science and skill but it still works.

SCRAPPING — North Carolina power industries are going after the Rayburn bill, now in the United States Senate, out in the open. Some of the companies are running advertisements in the State newspapers giving the public their side of the case. Privately some power officials express the opinion that there is so much of the undesirable in the measure to put unprecedented control of local business in the hands of the Federal Power Commission that the public can be trusted to decide against the Rayburn bill. Be that as it may, Tar Heel members of Congress have reported that their mail has been filled with protests against the power control bill.

IN THE MAKING—It now appears that Wrightsville Beach near Wilmington, may be given a new lease on life by the building of a bridge to the island and constructing a road on the sound side beyondthe center of public attraction. New Hanover county commissioners have asked the State Highway and Public Works Commission to spend the money to be allocated for general road purposes in their county on the Wrightsville Beach project. Since resort business means so much to this county by the sea, it is not improbable that the commission may grant the request. In that event you will be able to drive your car right up to dear old Wrightsville, something no living being has ever done before.

NEUTRAL?—As things are now snapping up it appears the Ehringhaus administration will be neutral in the coming gubernatorial primary. In 1932 charges were hurled that the Gardner forces favored Ehringhaus over his opponent R. T. Fountain. This time Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, brother-in-law of former Governor Gardner, are considered the chief contenders for the red leather chair and the Mansion on Blount Street in Raleigh, but so far there has been no indication that the present Governor desires to play favorities. In fact, different key men in the Ehringhaus organization are favoring first one and then the other of the two big-shot candidates.

NO SHOCK-ABSORBER—Native living along former county dirt roads have gone along uncomplainingly paying their gasoline tax of six cents on the gallon. They were content under the promise that as soon as the primary State road system was completed the roads along which "real folks" live would be put in passable all-weather shape. But what are they going to say when they wake up and realize that the state system is finished and the money that was supposed to be spent in improving by-ways has been diverted to various and sundry purposes? Some of the politicians now advocating using your gasoline tax money far away from your roads may be embarrassed in answering that very question, not so long in the future.

DETERMINDED — Thad Eure, prinsipal clerk of several sessions of the House of Representatives, now says there is no doubt that he will oppose Stacey W. Wade for Secretary of State in the Democratic primary next spring. Mr. Eure adds that he is confident of success but Secretary Wade believes he will have something to do with the matter. Eure is back touring the State as escheats officer of the University of North Carolina and reports that he finds his campaign progressing even better than he anticipated.

NIBBLING—M. R. Dunagan, Raleigh newspaper correspondent, is reported to be nibbling at the idea of entering the lists with Eure and Wade for the post of Secretary of State. Dunagan is one of the veteran capitol newsmen and as a State correspondent has become known over the State. He has "covered" several sessions of the General Assembly and can call by first names most of the boys who do things in North Carolina politics. With all that in his favor, however, the ear-to-the-ground boys shake their heads and opine they believe Mr. Dunagan will change his mind about entering politics and stick to his scribbling.

GRAB BAG —Several State department heads are being deluged with applications for jobs created by acts of the last General Assembly. Over in the revenue department places on the augmented State Highway Patrol are being mightly sought after as are positions in the new department of Highway Safety. With the great number of applicants administrative heads have a wide choice of personnel but they are almost certain to disappoint or offend many politicians.

WINE AND SONG — Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell has ruled that under the domestic wine bill passed by the late Legislature wine of natural alcoholic content may be manufactured and sold in this State but that no wines may be imported containing more alcohol than legal under the former law. That bothers many wine manufacturers located in other States but buying their grapes in North Carolina. However, the boys and girls who drink naturally fermented wine of about 14 per cent alcohol will not know much difference about four or five glasses—domestic or imported, it is all calculated to produce song.

BIG JOB—LITTLE PAY—Don't make the mistake of continuing with the idea that a superintendent of a prison camp is a pot-bellied fellow who would like to have the privilege of flogging all his prisoners every day just for the fun of the thing. P. D. McLean, newly-appointed assistant to the State parole commissioner, Edwin M. Gill, reports that he finds camp heads surprisingly intelligent men, with real interest in prisoners and lots of work to do. Superintendents must know how to farm, must be able to can surpluses, know something of keeping accounts, know how to handle bad men and able to work a corps of guards. For these services which continue almost 24 hours daily, they receive the princely sum of from $65 to $100 per month.

DOESN'T MIND IT— Governor Ehringhaus isn't worrying so much about all the talk over applying the three per cent general sales tax to meals served in eating establishments. He remembers that his predecessor was "cussed" for running the State "in the red" and believes the public will come to apreciate that a balanced budget is more to be desired than the applause accompanying demegogic political speeches. He thinks good schools, good hospitals for the insane and deformed and decent pay for school teachers will overcome the present opposition to expansion of the sales tax.

Warsaw Defeats Faison 4-3 Sunday

Faison, June 6—Warsaw came back to town Sunday, after two unsuccessful invasions two preceding Sundays ,to take the locals in tow by the score 4-3. The game was witnessed by a large crowd, and at times it was anybodys contest. However Pridgen, Warsaw righthander, received better support from his mates than Armstrong, who did the twirling for the locals.

Pridgen, didn't allow Faison a hit until the fourth when catcher Walton slashed out a Texas Leager for three bases. Hatcher, running for Walton, with two men out was automatically out when he attempted to come home and was hit by a batted ball. Armstrong allowed only one hit for five innings. Carroll, third up, and two out in the first, lined out a triple. He didn't score either as the following mate swung three, missed three, for the final out in that inning.

Faison scored first in the fifth when Walton and Armstrong came through with hits and then McColman came through with a tremendous slash in deep left to push in two markers while his hit went for a triple. Another run was added in the seventh for their final score. Warsaw scored three runs in the seventh to knot the count when Carroll rode a high into deep center which apparently Warren misjudged and cleared the sacks for the only homer of the game to score two runners ahead of him. Their winning run came late in the game.

Armstrong, although loosing his first game of the year whiffed 17, walked 1 and allowed only six hits. Pridgen gave nine hits walked four and had six strikeouts to his credit.

Building In Kenansville? Several People Are

Mr. W. M. Brinson has just completed a new home on South Main street which will be occupied by Mr. P. D. May and family. Mr. May is now assistant agent for Duplin County.

Rev. Tom. Lee is remodeling the house on Limestone Road and will have a modern home there and this will be occupied by the new County Superintendent of schools, Mr. O. P. Johnson and family.

Clifton Brinson is making plans to begin at once the erection of a house on Limestone Road where he and his recent bride will make their home in Kenansville.

The new brick veneer Sunday School unit at the local Methodist church is under way, and noticable progress was made during the week.

Top-dress the corn when about knee-high and the cotton immediately after the first chopping. An application of quick-acting nitrogen is recommended.

"If you want wild flowers in the woods, keep the fires out." R. W. Graeber.