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More Cotton Revenue Under Bankhead Law

County's Income Over Three Times More Than 1932

The fact that the gross income from cotton in Perquimans County this year is more than three times the amount of the gross income from cotton in 1932, is one of the strong arguments in support of the cotton control act.

L. W. Anderson, of the State Department of Agriculture, who addressed a meeting of farmers on Tuesday at the court house in Hertford for the purpose of explaining the Bankhead Act, gave some interesting figures in connection with cotton figures in Perquimans. In 1932 cotton farmers in Perquimans received \$89,639 for their cotton crop. In 1934 the cotton crop will bring \$317,486.

Mr. Coggin outlined to his hearers the situation of the cotton farmer which brought about the necessity for some steps to be made to protect the farmer by crop reduction, and quoted from statistical records figures in support of his statement as to the situation existing two years ago and the present situation.

There was planted in Perquimans in 1932, 4,766 acres. In 1934 about 6,000 acres were planted. In 1932, 3,280 bales of cotton were produced and in 1934 over 4,000 bales.

The value of the lint cotton grown in 1932 was \$77,133, as compared with \$227,707 in 1934. The seed in 1932 brought \$12,506 and in 1934 the seed brought \$67,680.

In addition to this income from cotton for Perquimans this year, there was paid to the farmers in rental payments \$22,099. In this amount, of course, only those farmers who signed contracts shared. There were 395 cotton contracts signed in Perquimans.

"Out of a Barrel" Musical Tea Sketch

"Out of a Barrel" was the title of the playlet given at the musical tea held at the Methodist Church on Monday evening. The little sketch, which was directed by Mrs. B. G. Keane, and in which the following ladies took part: Mesdames H. C. Stokes, C. T. Skinner, J. C. Felton, E. W. Lendley and Durwood Reed, and Miss Elizabeth Knowles, held a real object lesson and was most attractively rendered.

Preceding this, there were several delightful numbers, including piano solos by Misses Martha Elizabeth Jordan and Blanche Louise Cannon. Jerry Newbold was at his best in his tenor solo. Mrs. William Tucker's solo, "The House by the Side of the Road," was a real treat, as were the vocal solo, "Help Somebody Today" by Miss Blanche Louise Cannon and the duet by Miss Cannon and Miss Hannah Margaret Stephens, "Was That Somebody You?" Mrs. R. M. Riddick was the accompanist. Mrs. Rosser Brinn, Mrs. W. E. White and Miss Mary Wood Koonce entertained with readings.

BOOK CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. T. S. White and Mrs. J. E. White were joint hostesses to the Book Club at its regular meeting held on Friday afternoon at the home of the former.

The program, which was in charge of Mrs. Charles Wheelbee, and was a part of the series of period furniture study, included a reading, "Victorianism as John Henry Belfer Expressed It," by Mrs. C. R. Holmes, the reading of extracts from "Colonial Homes and Their Furnishings" by Mrs. Charles Wheelbee, and the current topics by Mrs. W. E. White.

A delicious salad course with hot tea was served by the hostesses after the program.

Those present included besides the two hostesses Mesdames H. C. Stokes, Charles Wheelbee, R. T. White, C. R. Holmes, H. A. Whitley, Trim Wilson, E. N. Hollowell, E. W. Lordley and W. E. White.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS TO ARRANGE FOR SUPPER

Miss Mae Wood Winslow, presiding, presided at the meeting of the Perquimans Woman's Club held on Tuesday afternoon at the Community House, when the chief business was the arranging for the Heinz Supper, which is to be served by the club women on Thursday night at the Community House.

LOCAL FARM AGENT EXPLAINS COUNTY'S COTTON SITUATION

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County farm agent, who presided at the meeting of cotton farmers held at the court house on Tuesday afternoon when T. D. Coggin, of the State Agricultural Department, addressed the farmers in reference to the cotton control act, and who made a few preliminary remarks before Mr. Coggin was introduced, made some interesting statements relative to the cotton situation in general and particularly in Perquimans County.

He referred to the short time at the disposal of those who took charge of the cotton control situation, which he said was probably the biggest thing that had happened to the South since the Civil War.

The fact that the cotton control plan was not perfect was called to the attention of his hearers, but it was pointed out that, in spite of the brief time at the disposal of those who worked out the plans, it had brought great benefit to the cotton farmers as a whole, although it was freely admitted that in some instances it had not worked to the advantage of all. Mr. Anderson said that the plans needed working over, smoothing out, making over to some extent, although the main plan was right.

Briefly, in summing up the situation, Mr. Anderson pointed out the difference in the gross income from cotton in 1932 and that of 1934, in Perquimans, the 1934 crop bringing more than three times as much as the crop of 1932. Mr. Anderson said that a referendum would be held in December, when all cotton farmers would have an opportunity to vote on the question of whether or not to continue the Bankhead Act.

"Have conditions improved for you and for Perquimans County?" he asked. "Have conditions improved for the county as a whole?" he continued. "We all know," he said, "that business is better than it was last year. All of us, if we will admit it, know that conditions are better with us than they were last year. If you feel that the operation of the Bankhead Act has benefited you, that it has benefited Perquimans County, you should vote for its continuance. If you feel that it has not benefited you or the county you should vote against it." Mr. Anderson concluded.

WILLING WORKERS HOLD THEIR REGULAR MEETING

The Willing Workers Missionary Society of Piney Woods met Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Marjorie and Jewell White. After the business was transacted the following program was given:

Song of Thanks, Marjorie White; When to be Thankful, Orene Chappell; Solo—The Gobbler, Evelyn White; Reading: How the Indians Say "Thank You," Dorothy White; Song: Faith of Our Father.

A thanksgiving contest was then enjoyed by all. Home-made candies and nuts were served by the hostesses.

REV. AND MRS. A. A. BUTLER FOUNDED BY CONGREGATION

Rev. A. A. Butler and Mrs. Butler received a most delightful surprise recently when members of the congregation of Whiteville Grove Baptist Church of which Mr. Butler is pastor, called at the home in a body and gave their pastor and his wife an old-fashioned pounding. Gifts of canned fruits and vegetables, and all kinds of supplies for the pantry were included in the pounding.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY EVENING

Officers were elected for the ensuing year at the meeting of the Della Shamburger Missionary Society held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Morris on Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Morris and Miss Bertha Chappell as joint hostesses.

Miss Elizabeth Knowles was elected president; Mrs. Claude Withrow, vice president; Miss Bertha Chappell, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Howard Pitt, corresponding secretary; Miss Edna Fields, treasurer; Miss Mary Sumner, local treasurer; Mrs. Durwood Reed, superintendent of social service; Mrs. Oscar Felton, local chairman.

After the business session the hostesses served a sweet course.

TWO COUNTERFEITERS PASS WORTHLESS BILLS

George Jackson Reports Queer Looking, Ten-Spot to Sheriff

When counterfeiters, in plying their trade, happen to stop at the service station of George W. Jackson on the Hertford-Elizabeth City highway, right there is where they strike a snag. He just will not take a ten-dollar bill that doesn't look exactly right when the would-be purchaser of some small article wants a lot of change.

Mr. Jackson is the man who was instrumental in stopping a couple of counterfeiters who were recently sentenced to terms in Federal prison, when they visited his station some months ago.

On last Friday a DeSoto sedan containing two men, later identified as Jimmie Gray, of Norfolk, and Lawrence Ives, of 547 West 149th street, New York City, drove up to Mr. Jackson's station and tendered a ten spot in payment of a package of cigarettes. Mr. Jackson couldn't find the change and got in touch with Sheriff J. E. Winslow, who immediately went on the trail of the two men.

They worked a pretty clever ruse. They were traveling north, but they always passed a service station and then doubled back, pretending to be headed south, and always asked the way to Raleigh, even consulting road maps in some instances. The sheriff learned that they had passed a ten dollar bill at each of three service stations in the county, one at A. White's at Winfall, one at C. H. Sawyer's at Woodville, and one at George Gregory's at Woodville. Between Winfall and Moyock, where the sheriff caught up with them, they passed 13 of the bills.

One of the men was under the wheel of the car which was parked in front of a service station at Moyock when the sheriff and his men drove up. While the sheriff went inside to get one man the man at the wheel made off, whereupon the sheriff gave chase and a few hundred yards distant the driver abandoned the car and ran into the woods. Thirty-three counterfeit ten dollar bills were found on the seat of the car.

While both men got away for the time being, it was ascertained that around 4:30 o'clock the following morning they caught a ride into Norfolk, having been picked up about 15 miles from the spot where one of them ran into the woods.

A secret service agent is hot on the trail of the men.

The car was found to be the property of a brother of Lawrence Ives, J. L. Ives, who lives at 822 Windsor Avenue, in Norfolk, Va.

Jack Layden Wounded While Hunting Birds

A sprinkling of bird shot in the scalp and shoulder of Jack Layden was the only result of a near casualty which occurred in Perquimans on Tuesday, the opening day of the season for shooting birds.

Mr. Layden, who lives at Belvidere, and T. C. Babb, of Hertford, were out hunting, and while the two men were separated Mr. Babb shot in the direction of a ditch on which grew a thick hedge of reeds. When Mr. Layden cried out that he had been shot Mr. Babb hurried to him and found him on the ground, bleeding. The wounded man was hurried to the office of Dr. C. A. Davenport, in Hertford, where it was found his wounds were not serious.

MISS ELIZABETH MORRIS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Elizabeth Morris, who is taking a course in nursing at the Stuart Circle Hospital, in Richmond, Va., underwent an operation for appendicitis on Monday. Miss Morris' mother, Mrs. C. P. Morris, was called to Richmond last Thursday because of her daughter's condition, and returned home on Saturday. The family was advised by wire on Monday that an operation had been performed. The patient is recuperating satisfactorily.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED AT FRIENDS' MEETING

Rev. Louis McFarland, Superintendent of the Friends North Carolina Yearly Meeting, of Greensboro, is expected to be present and preach at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on Saturday and Sunday of this week at the Friends of River Church, in this County. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance at the services. Mrs. Elizabeth White is pastor of this church.

RADIO BROADCASTING STATION IN HERTFORD

Louis Winslow Springs Surprise On Hertford Radio Listeners

And now, thanks to Louis I. Winslow, Hertford has a broadcasting service, the first program having been broadcast on last Saturday night.

Residents of Hertford who were not aware that Hertford was going on the air got a real thrill from hearing the announcement and the program which followed, and were loud in their praises of the youthful builder and operator of the station.

Louis I. Winslow is only twenty-two years of age. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Winslow, of Belvidere. He has for some months been employed as radio mechanic at the Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., and is recognized locally as a real radio expert, being most successful in his work of repairing receiving sets.

He has been working on radios for the past six years. He has had no instructor, but with an aptitude born of his liking of electrical machinery in general and radios in particular, he has worked hard to develop his talent.

In a corner of the large store room over the store of the Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., he has his studio, where he works on receiving sets. During odd chances he has equipped his broadcasting station. Asked what it had cost in dollars and cents, he answered that the parts he had bought would cost something like eight or nine dollars. He expects to equip a more pretentious studio later on.

Mr. Winslow has applied to the Federal Radio Commission for license to broadcast, and as soon as he is granted broadcasting privileges he will put on a broadcast which may be heard over an area of a hundred miles. For the present, until he gets his license, he can only broadcast over an area of about ten miles.

HIT OR MISS

A party of bear hunters stopped in Hertford for a few days recently and put up at the Hotel Hertford. Five members of the party came in an airplane. Others came in an automobile.

Hunting in the Dismal Swamp, they caught a bear. After the catch was dressed they asked Mr. Williford, the host, what to do with a quarter which they wanted to save. "I will put it on cold storage for you," promptly and obligingly answered Mr. Williford, and took the meat up to the ice plant for the purpose.

On the morning that the men were leaving in the plane went fishing. The others were leaving early, before Mr. and Mrs. Williford were up. One of the party, who didn't want to disturb any one, went to the hotel refrigerator to get the bear, where the Willifords had a fifteen-pound roast of beef. The beef was mistaken for the bear and carried away.

When the fishing party returned they were told what had happened. The hunters insisted on paying the Willifords for the roast, but they turned the joke on their friends by telephoning to Mt. Airy, where they knew the party was headed, and having them arrested for stealing the roast. The warrant was later withdrawn but not until they had been given a scare.

Just the printed menu of that Heinz supper which is going to be served by the Woman's Club on Thursday night of next week, makes you hungry. It seems to be more good food for the price than usual. And the Woman's Club gets the entire proceeds. The Heinz people are giving all the food, as an advertisement, and they will give just as much as will be needed to serve all those who come. The Woman's Club members are anxious to have a big crowd because they need the money. Looks like a pretty good thing for everybody.

"Woman, without her, man is a brute." Goodness! just suppose the printer leaves out those commas.

Jack Anderson: "Weese, my feet get so cold at night."

Louise: "Well, Jack, suppose I make you some foot-warmers of outin'?"

Jack: "Outin' what?"

Educators Meet With School Master Club

THANKS, MAYOR

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Hertford, we extend to you, the Editor of The Perquimans Weekly, our congratulations. We feel indebted to you for your endeavor to give this County an up-to-date newspaper, and we are confident it will be a worth-while contribution to our town and community.

E. L. REED,
Mayor.

City Fathers Put Ban On Sale Of Fireworks

A quiet Christmas should result from the ordinance recently passed by the City Fathers in connection with fireworks—that insofar as the noise from fireworks is concerned.

No fireworks shall be sold or offered for sale in the corporate limits of Hertford under a penalty of one dollar for each sale made, and it shall be unlawful for any person to explode any pop crackers, spit-devils, or fireworks of any description upon the streets or sidewalks of the city; no cannon-crackers shall be exploded anywhere in the city.

Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined one dollar.

Sunday School Class Honors Mrs. Dixon

Mrs. L. M. Dixon, who will leave shortly to make her home at Cole-rain, where her husband has accepted the pastorate of a church, was honored by the members of her Sunday School class on Monday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower.

The party was held at the home of Mrs. Irvin White, on Church street. Many pretty and useful gifts were presented the honoree. A dainty salad course was served.

Those present, besides the honoree, included Mesdames T. W. Perry, Tom Perry, Sidney Broughton, T. E. Madre, E. W. Mayes, Jesse Campen, C. W. Reed, Robert White, Milton Dail, H. T. Bond, G. I. Buck and A. F. Jordan and Miss Ruth Sutton.

PERQUIMANS FARMERS IN HERTFORD ON TUESDAY

Among the Perquimans farmers in Hertford on Tuesday were Fred Evans, George Caddy, H. L. Williams, C. E. Sutton, W. J. Halsey, G. L. Turner, Joe P. Perry, J. L. Lane, J. M. Nurney, J. F. White, Ambrose Proctor, W. E. Dail, W. T. Harrell, J. B. Dail, W. E. Matthews, E. D. Matthews, A. J. Parrish, J. C. White, C. C. White, J. B. Webb, S. P. Matthews, J. C. Baker, E. D. Howell, T. W. Nixon, G. W. Butler, J. T. Brinn, J. W. Overton, Chas. Umphlett, A. M. Riddick, G. W. Riddick, B. W. Thach, Noah Felton, G. W. Benton and J. H. Newbold.

SONNY STILLMAN VERY SICK

Sonny, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stillman, has been very sick for the past few days. The little fellow was taken to the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, Va., early Tuesday morning, and last reports indicated that he was still quite sick.

If any one desires to subscribe and the canvassers have not seen them, a convenient blank will be found on this page, which can be used for the purpose. All subscriptions will be gratefully received.

Person County tobacco growers sold 3,878,652 pounds of tobacco this season for an average of 31 cents a pound.

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Jule B. Warren Principal Speaker at Interesting Meeting

Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Educational Association, was the chief speaker at the meeting of the School Masters Club, which was held at the Perquimans High School on Friday night of last week.

Mr. Warren's subject was "Education of Tomorrow."

Ralph Holmes, principal of the Central High School in Pasquotank County, acted as chairman.

The program, which was in charge of F. T. Johnson, superintendent of education of Perquimans County, consisted of a delightful number by the Perquimans High School Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Kate M. Blanchard.

Seldom have so many outstanding persons in the field of education been present at a meeting held in Hertford as attended this School Masters Club meeting. They included, in addition to Mr. Warren, Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction; Guy Phillips, superintendent of the Greensboro city schools and president of the N. C. E. A.; Cameron Beck, director of the New York Stock Exchange Institute; Miss Juanita McDougald, supervisor from the State Department; John W. Norman of Plymouth, president of the Northeastern Educational Association, and L. W. Anderson, principal of the Plymouth schools and a former member of this club.

Covers were laid for 35 at the three-course dinner served by the Hertford Parent-Teacher Association and the guests included school workers throughout the entire district.

The next meeting of the club will be held at Moyock on December 10.

No Definite Date Set For Bankhead Vote

While the date has not been announced when the referendum will be held to decide whether or not the Bankhead Act shall continue, a preliminary announcement defines those eligible to vote as follows:

Any person who signed a 1934-1935 cotton acreage reduction contract, any person who is or was eligible for tax exemption certificates in 1934, any person who presents proof that he owns and has a present right to produce cotton on a cotton farm, or any person who signs and files a written witnessed statement that he has made arrangements to produce cotton on a cotton farm in 1935, that is, has entered into a lease or share cropping agreement to grow cotton on a farm in 1935, are deemed eligible to vote on the continuation of the Bankhead Act for the crop year 1935-1936.

A cotton farm is any farm on which cotton has been produced continuously one or more years since 1927.

Rev. B. P. Robinson Attending Conference

Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hertford M. E. Church, left Wednesday for Washington, N. C., where the Annual North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church is in session this week.

Mr. Robinson has been pastor at Hertford for the past three years and has been very popular not only with the congregation of his church but in the entire community. Wishes are expressed on every hand that Mr. Robinson will be returned to Hertford for the fourth year, but under the system of the Methodist Church there is always an element of uncertainty about a minister's return, especially for the fourth year.