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CROP ACREAGE TO BE REPORTED TO TAX LISTERS

Few town people appreciate that every farm owner in North Carolina has been paying heavy taxes on land investments that were unprofitable since 1920. Thousands of these non-speculative farming enterprises represented generations of strict economies and savings.

Farming has been unprofitable for real reasons. The production was too much, leaving a surplus at the end of the season. There was no effective farm production and marketing organizations. Farmers kept no cost and farm records to really show them where the leaks were. They have been too eager to put their meager savings into unscrupulous hands. They have given little heed to the wise advice and suggestions of agricultural officials.

This spring all land owners are expected to report to their tax listers the acres of each crop that they expect to harvest this year.

This is confidential information, used for studying and developing farm programs that are essential to our agricultural welfare. Progressive County Agents and Agricultural Teachers depend on these county crop reports for their crop program studies and guidance. Non-cooperating farmers should realize that they are the ones who are the real cause of farm distress and organization failures. Each farmer should see to it that his crop acreages are reliably reported to the tax listers.

This confidential information is strictly non-taxable and non-speculative.

CAMEO THEATRE ANNOUNCES TWO FINE PROGRAMS

At the Cameo Theatre today and Saturday, will be shown a program of talking picture fare that should please everyone and is the type of entertainment especially suited for the entire family. The feature picture is "Emergency Call," a thrilling drama built around the lives and loves in the midst of political graft in a big city. Bill Boyd, Wynne Gibson and William Gargan are the featured players. On this program will also be shown an all color musical comedy, Rhapsody in Brew, and a Mickey Mouse cartoon, "Building a Building."

For next Monday and Tuesday, another of the outstanding screen achievements of the season will be presented. It is "Her Sweetheart," formerly titled Christopher Bean, and the two most beloved characters of the screen world, Marie Dressler and Lionel Barrymore are the stars. You will seldom have the chance of seeing a finer picture than this one and you are urged to see it, by all means.

FLAGMAN BATTEN SERIOUSLY HURT

T. M. Batten, A. C. L. Flagman was seriously injured Wednesday when he fell from a train in Weldon. He was brought to the Coast Line Hospital here. His condition was described as serious.

MRS. FANNIE BATCHELOR

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Batchelor, 78, well known resident of this city, were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home. Interment followed in the family plot near Nashville.

Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. W. C. Foster, pastor of the First Christian church, were in charge of the funeral services.

Mrs. Batchelor was born in Nashville, but had lived in Rocky Mount for the past 22 years.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Evans, and Mrs. Tom Cooper, both of Nashville; and Mrs. J. F. Floyd, of Petersburg, Va.

Other survivors include the following: one son, E. C. Batchelor of Rocky Mount; six daughters, Mrs. J. E. Davenport and Mrs. L. A. Parker, both of this city; Mrs. J. K. Jones of Norfolk; Mrs. J. L. Collins of Jonesboro; Mrs. T. B. Morris of Halifax; and Mrs. L. M. Davenport, of Creswell.

Thirty grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive.

May 5th Is Final Date For Filing

No Notices Will Be Accepted After May 5 for County or Legislative Jobs

Attention was called to the fact that May 5 is the final date for filing candidacy notices for legislative, county and township offices and that no one will be allowed to file after that date.

The deadline for filing for district, state and congressional offices was reached Saturday, April 14. No new candidates may file now for any of the offices coming in this group.

I. D. Thorpe, member of the Nash county board of elections, said county registrars, judges and registration places will be selected and made public soon, probably this week. M. N. Batchelor of Nashville and Mr. Thorpe are the Democratic members of the board and L. C. Coper of Nashville is the Republican member.

Notices of candidacy for any office for which May 5 is the final filing date, will be accepted by any one of the three members of the election board in Nash, Mr. Thorpe said.

Registration books in Nash will be opened at nine o'clock, May 5, and will be open on successive Saturdays until sunset through Saturday, May 19.

Training School Boy Is Burned To Death

James C. Wright of Asheville Dies in Flames at Rocky Mount Institution

James Calvin Wright, 15, of Asheville, was burned to death here early today when the brooder house of the Eastern Carolina Training School was destroyed by fire. Funeral services were held this afternoon with Rev. Norman Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating, and interment followed in the Pineview cemetery.

Wright, with Billy Keel Robertson, 15, of Greenville, had been assigned to sleep in the brooder house because of their excellent records and because of a poultry training course they were receiving, to see that young chickens there receive proper warmth during the night. The assignment was an honor and carried special privileges.

Roberson said that he was awakened about midnight when he heard Wright - "messing around," and found a fire in the small structure. He escaped and then he called for Wright to come out of the building and Wright is said to have replied: "I can't come out." The boy said he called the second time and that Wright made a similar reply.

Wright came to the school from Brunswick County with a long record for delinquency, but he had developed into a trusted boy, a leader in his school classes and a speaker in prayer meeting services at the school, Superintendent Sam E. Leonard said.

The boy could have saved his life by leaving the building through two doors or could have knocked down a flimsy screen wire across the structure. Mr. Leonard took the view that the boy described as highly excitable, had regarded himself as responsible for the fire and when he failed to extinguish it, was overcome by fright and was overcome before he could get out. His charred body was found within a few feet of an open door and the floor underneath it had not been burned.

Lucile—I saw Myrtle last night and we had the nicest little confidential chat.

George—I thought so; she wouldn't speak to me today.

Does The Owl Speak The Truth

Does the Owl, placed by the Chamber of Commerce, several years ago, on top of the Gas Plant with the official sanction of the Board of Aldermen to speak for the people of Rocky Mount, speak the truth with reference to what Rocky Mount is doing for its children in the way of providing sufficient playground which is so vital and necessary for the development of the youth of our city, when it proclaims "day and night" that Rocky Mount "leads the way every day." If he or she, not knowing the owl's gender, is not telling the truth, then should the owl not be made to tell the truth since it speaks for our people?

Rocky Mount is a city of more than 22,000 people divided by the railroad, one-half of the people on the West side and the other half on the East side. The west side has a small park known as the Braswell Park, which should be enlarged. The eastern side has a small park known as the Kite lot with about one acre of ground space and yet with all the vacant land in Rocky Mount, we are informed that the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting voted to place the new stand pipe in this Kite park, which will take up, we are informed, not less than one hundred sq. ft. of this little ewe park and instead of extending play ground for the children they are taking even the little bit that they have.

Rocky Mount does lead the way in many things. We have lead the way in municipal ownership of public utilities, led by such men as Mr. Thos. H. Battle, Mr. J. C. Braswell, Mr. P. C. Vestal, Mr. L. F. Tillery and many others. We are building an airport at a cost of \$100,000, more or less. We have built a lake at the cost of many, many thousands of dollars and we have built a country club which represents an outlay of around \$100,000. We are paying to the Rocky Mount Mills \$1,000.00 a year rent for a piece of ground for park purposes which lies out of town beyond the River, if our information be correct. Play ground to be used must be convenient and readily accessible. Now, would it not be better for the children of Rocky Mount, which are our chief concern, if the Board of Aldermen would take this \$1,000.00 per year paid for rent on a park that is not accessible, and put a little more with it, since vacant lots are so cheap at this time, and purchase several vacant lots located about in various sections of the city so they could be used for playgrounds. It is not necessary that they buy expensive playground equipment. Often times this equipment is more dangerous than beneficial.

At the last meeting of the School Board a motion was made that the Board of Aldermen be requested not to place the new stand pipe in the Kite Park. The motion was voted down, we are informed, not however, by the lack of interest of the Board, but it being the opinion that this would probably not be necessary if the matter was called to the attention of the Board of Aldermen, which we feel sure, has been done by this time by some member of the School Board or by some interested citizen.

HAROLD D. COOLEY FOR CONGRESS

The Campaign for Congress in the Fourth Judicial District to select a Candidate to succeed the late E. W. Pou, is now in active progress.

Hon. Harold D. Cooley, local son of Nash, is a candidate for this high position. The first and leading requirement of a candidate to any high office should be, is he honest? Mr. Cooley meets this requirement to the highest degree. The second requirement, does he have ability? Mr. Cooley is generally recognized in this District as well as over the State, as being a lawyer of outstanding ability and capacity and commands the respect of all who know him. He has the honesty, ability and he also has the personality and bearing to fill this position, and if elected he will reflect credit upon the District and the State at large. Nash County will give him its full support which his character and qualifications so well merit.

TOBACCO PAYMENTS START ON ACCEPTED CONTRACTS

With the revision of tobacco acreage reduction contracts completed in more than half the tobacco counties, announcement was made that North Carolina growers are to get around \$10,000,000 for participating in the tobacco adjustment program.

Approximately 60,000 growers of flue-cured tobacco have signed contracts to reduce their crops by 184,000 acres and 130,000,000 pounds this year. During the past three years they had averaged a production of 430,221,000 pounds of weed on 613,333 acres.

The rental payments at the rate of \$17.50 for each acre retired from cultivation will bring the growers a total of \$3,220,000. Benefit payments on this year's crop will net some \$5,000,000, and equalization payments on part of the 1933 crop will aggregate \$2,000,000 or more.

The rental payments, the first to be made, will within a short time reach those growers whose contracts have been revised and accepted at Washington. Payments on other contracts will be made later when they have been adjusted and accepted.

E. Y. Floyd of State College, announces that the revisions have flue-cured tobacco counties in North Carolina. However, not all the contracts that have been revised have been approved in Washington, he added.

It is the object of the government to distribute the various payments through the year so that they will arrive in time to help

Certain Of Funds For Teachers Pay

Dr. Allen Says He Is Sure State Will Receive Grant of \$500,000

Washington, April 17.—Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, tonight expressed confidence that the State of North Carolina will receive a Federal grant of approximately \$500,000 to aid in payment of its school teachers for this session.

"I am more confident than I have been at any time and expect a grant to be made within the next few days," said Dr. Allen tonight.

The State made an application for \$1,500,000 about two months ago. The lesser amount, which it now appears will be granted, is approximately the same as the deficit in this year's budget for teachers' salaries.

Dr. Allen had been assured of support from the State delegation in Congress but did not find it necessary to call on them for assistance.

In addition to pressing the claim of his own State, Dr. Allen conferred here today with superintendents from seven other States in regards to several other pending projects.

Together with Superintendent John Callahan, of Wisconsin, Dr. Allen called on Harold Inckes, Public Works Administrator, in regard to a proposal that 10 per cent of the next public works corporation be set apart for school buildings. The group of superintendents is also asking that \$100,000,000 be appropriated for school aid next year and that the RFC make loans to school districts now in default.

SELF EXPLANATORY LETTER

Hon. Samuel E. Winslow, Chairman, U. S. Board of Mediation, 1800 E. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Winslow: This is to advise on March 7th, 1934, we wrote Mr. G. B. Elliott, President of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad requesting conference for the purpose of establishing recognition and the right to represent these classes in the future.

The Company failed to answer this communication within a reasonable time and we again wrote them on March 29th urging compliance with the law, et cetera.

In view of the fact they have not answered our second communication we feel it is useless to waste any further time or effort on the case and we are, therefore, invoking the services of your Honorable Board to assist in adjusting this dispute and attach hereto formal application in triplicate.

We ask that your Board take jurisdiction of this dispute by advising the Management and the undersigned of this fact and request that the status quo of this dispute be preserved until your board has handled it in accordance with the Railway Labor Act.

We ask that a mediator be assigned as promptly as possible, and that this office be advised who is being assigned, when he will reach Wilmington, N. C., and at what hotel he will stop, so that we may communicate this information to our representatives and have them on hand.

Yours very truly, (Signed) B. M. JEWELL, President A. R. W. TURNER, Chairman, A. F. of L., Shop Crafts, Rocky Mount, N. C.

DELEGATES ATTEND RALEIGH MEET

Mr. E. C. Smith, Mr. D. E. Bullock, and Mr. G. T. Matthews, of Queen City Lodge, No. 602, A. F. & L.; and Mr. G. C. Holloman, Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 230, A. F. & L., were delegates of the local Masonic order to the district meet in Raleigh yesterday. The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and the Civic Clubs entertained the delegates with dinner in the Sir Walter Hotel.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Bailey and Reynolds Against Borah Bill

Two Senators United in Opposing Limiting of Lay Practice to Congressmen

Washington, April 17.—Senators Bailey and Reynolds today found common ground on which to stand, both voting against consideration of the Borah bill which would limit the law practice of members of Congress.

The measure was taken up when the Vice President broke a tie vote but was laid aside at the end of the "morning hour" with Senator Huey P. Long blocking a vote by using all of the time.

Senator Bailey prepared but did not have an opportunity to offer an amendment striking out the section of the bill prohibiting members of Congress from taking cases involving "interstate commerce."

The other sections prohibited practice before the government or in matters in which the government has an interest.

Rigid Regulation In Use of N. R. A. Labels

Washington.—Additional industries are petitioning the National Recovery Administration for approval of decisions by code authorities for the use of NRA labels on manufactured products, following vote of memberships. Methods employed vary, but invariably the distribution of labels is made exclusively by the self-governing bodies or code authorities under very rigid rules. As approved, labels are supplied in the umbrella manufacturing industry at three tenths of 1 cent to be used on cotton umbrellas, and 1-2 cent on all others, in accordance with the code terms as adopted by the industry's planning and fair practice industry. An example of the use of labels to defray the expenses of industrial self government as well as to indicate code compliance is afforded by approval of a recommendation of the code authority of the millinery industry. No member shall use any other labels, and certificates of continued compliance are required by the code authority in issuing them. The order specifies accounting methods in making collections and disbursements of label funds; it fixes a charge of \$6.50 per thousand and the Administrator may change the price and further revise the regulations as may be necessary.

The general idea is to protect the consumers of the nation from exploitation on the part of manufacturers and retailers, operating under codes, who mark up exorbitant profits under the guise of adjustments necessitated by code regulations as to wages and hours of labor.

The broad outlines of a plan to permit entrance of the Federal Government into the long-term mortgage field to permit home building and modernization, have received approval of President Roosevelt, according to Frank C. Walker, Executive Director of the National Emergency Council. A system of long-term mortgage insurance at low interest rates, with amortization of loans over a long period and the effort to reach the field of second mortgages are the objectives in mind.

BOTTLING COMPANY STAGES OPEN HOUSE

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company have recently enlarged their plant on South Church Street and installed new and more modern machinery and on Wednesday afternoon of this week they open their doors to the public from one to five o'clock.

Mr. M. I. Fleming, the manager, and one of the principal owners was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Fleming and the many employees of the plant. Fresh bottled drinks were served to all callers. This plant is modern and up to date in every particular and housed in a handsome structure. Guests were shown through the entire plant and were shown how the drinks were made from the start until the finished product was turned out. It was estimated that around five thousand called.

BRITISH SURPLUS IS \$150,000,000

London.—The British Government completed its financial year with a surplus of more than \$150,000,000. The result was accomplished by stringent economies and a burden of heavy taxation. The income tax operated at basic rates of twenty-five per cent.

READY TO ENFORCE NRA. PLAN CONSUMER COUNCILS. TO AID HOME BUILDING. SILVER QUESTION ALIVE. MAY REMONETIZE METAL. PLANS LONGER VACATION. WIRT HEARING SILLY. NO U. S. COMMITMENT. BUSINESS GAINS.

Encouraged by a fine of \$1,000 recently imposed on a New Jersey violator of a NRA code, General Johnson has ordered all field agencies and authorities to take active steps to bring violators of the codes into Federal courts. For the first time evidence of wilful violations will be submitted direct to district attorneys instead of to NRA headquarters.

The Administration acknowledges much criticism to the effect that the government was not giving "proper backing" to the NRA by court proceedings. There is, it is said, little justification now for argument that employers do not understand their code obligations. State directors will continue to adjust complaints but will refer flagrant cases, where there is no effort made toward real compliance, to district attorneys for prosecution.

Something like two hundred local Consumer Councils, consisting of seven voluntary members, will be set up under the National Emergency Council, in order to scrutinize increases in prices beyond that occasioned by increased cost under the codes. The set-up is something of an experiment and will probably be expanded, if successful. Another function of the consumers division will be a survey of prices, coupled with a study of governmental statistics in order to determine, as far as possible, what constitutes a "fair profit."

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The legislation contemplated would apply to homes only and not to business ventures or apartment houses. It is felt that the result of this legislation will be greater liquidity for certain savings banks and mortgage companies and stimulate the construction and capital goods trades where much unemployment is concentrated.

Before leaving for his vacation, President Roosevelt was advised of the strong sentiment in the Senate to adopt some plan to make silver a monetary commodity. It is believed that there is a majority of the Senate ready to take such action in the face of indications that the Administration is not favorable to such legislation. It is known that Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was advised of the situation, if he desired, such silver legislation as would be least objectionable. His hostility to any move to disturb the present monetary policies of the Government is plain.

The plan proposed by the silver producing and agricultural states, provides for the nationalization of silver bullion by purchasing it. (Please turn to page four)