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## Halifax Growers Protest Prices

Tobacco Farmers Wire Kerr Urging Conference With Hutson Seeking Relief

Scotland Neck, Aug. 26.—About 50 Halifax County tobacco farmers meeting here tonight recorded a protest against prices paid for tobacco on the eastern markets and authorized a telegram urging Congressman John H. Kerr to confer with J. B. Hutson, director of the tobacco division of the AAA, asking for some relief.

Charles J. Shields presided at the meeting. Some of those speaking to urge efforts be made for better prices were Turner Whitehead, J. Barron and D. E. Henderson.

The charge was made at the meeting that the average price at the several markets patronized by the farmers in attendance was not more than 17 cents.

The text of the telegram sent Congressman Kerr follows:

"The tobacco markets opened today one-third off from prices at the opening last year and from opening prices on the border markets this year. We, therefore, urge that you take this matter up with Hutson, chief of the tobacco division, and obtain some relief for the tobacco farmers. On account of increased production costs, present prices will barely meet expenses."

## Miss Faulk Was Buried Sunday

Local Young Woman Dies At Home Rites Here at 10 A. M. From Home

Hallene Pittman Faulk, 21 native of Salemburg who had lived here for 12 years, died of tuberculosis at her home, No. 919 Arlington street, late Friday after a three-year struggle against the disease.

Miss Faulk, a member of the class of 1932 at West Edgecombe high school, a member of the Clark Street Methodist church, as well as the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, was called a bright student in her school days.

She was interred at her native town Sunday afternoon. Final services were conducted at ten o'clock Sunday morning with Rev. C. W. Goldstein, her pastor, in charge, and rites followed at Salemburg with Mr. Goldstein and Rev. W. J. Jones, Baptist minister there, officiating. The service was held from the Baptist church at 3:30 and interment followed in the cemetery.

Six of her West Edgecombe school classmates served as pallbearers. Her close relatives included her father, C. C. Faulk, of this city; three brothers, G. A. Cooper, Whitakers; A. T. and E. M. Cooper, Salemburg; and a sister, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, of Raleigh. Several nieces and nephews survive also.

Her mother died several years ago.

## BLADENBORO LAD WINS ESSAY PRIZE

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 29.—Robert Layton Pait, 20, graduate from Bladenboro High School, won the State championship and first prize of a one-year college tuition scholarship in the eighth annual essay contest of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association here recently.

Second prize of \$25 went to Milton Lord, of Cary High School, third of \$15 to Grace Newborn, of Snow Hill High School, and fourth of \$10 to Loy Crowder, of Polkville High School in Cleveland County. The prizes were presented by Col. J. W. Harselton, administrative dean of N. C. State College, who commended the contestants highly on the quality of their essays. "The essays we have heard recited here today would do credit to college graduates," he told more than 400 farmers and farm leaders who had assembled in the classroom of the Cotton Association for the program.

The contestants had previously won out in school, county and district contests in which several thousand students in rural high schools in the State participated. All of the students spoke on "What a Unified Program of Cooperative Marketing and Cooperative Purchasing Can Mean to the Farmers of North Carolina."

## ACC STUDENT PAYS HIS WAY BY SELLING CREAM

Wilson, August 27.—Kenneth Murray, graduate of Atlantic Christian College here, paid his way through that institution by selling ice cream on the warehouse floor during the tobacco market each summer he went to the school. Now he has graduated, and this summer he is working his way through the tobacco market the same way. He aims to become a tobacco economist and he's making money this summer selling ice cream on the market so that he may start out on his own next year. He is from Wilson Mills.

## DEFENSE

The government will spend for national defense a sum equal to \$6.35 for each person in the country. The Navy gets \$458,694,379 and the Army \$347,762,450.

## Dr. B. U. Brooks Dies In Durham

Durham.—Dr. B. U. Brooks, 54, who died of a sudden heart attack Saturday at Watts hospital, was buried in Forest Hill cemetery at Nashville at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon following funeral services held at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church here, conducted by Dr. David H. Scanlon, pastor of the church. Dr. Scanlon also conducted the committal service in Nashville.

Dr. Brooks was a member of the National Board of Pediatric Examiners, chairman of the Lincoln hospital board of directors and a member of North Carolina Pediatric Society, American Medical Society and the Durham-Orange Medical Society. He was also a member of the Durham Kiwanis Club and the local post of the American Legion. During the World War he was in charge of a field hospital in France.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Annie Dozier, of Miami, Fla.; his stepmother, Mrs. Lena Taylor Brooks, of Whitakers; two brothers-in-law, David Sills of Baltimore, and Robert Sills of Winston-Salem; a half sister, Mrs. Jack Downing, of Williamsport; and a nephew, Dr. Bruce Brooks of Baltimore. Also surviving are two nieces and a nephew, all of Oklahoma City, Okla. Dr. Brooks' wife, Mrs. Annie Sills Brooks died last year. Both Dr. Brooks and Mrs. Brooks had been interested in and had done much work for the colored race.

Active pallbearers were J. B. Mason, Walter Bass, Dr. W. B. Stanford, K. B. Patterson, Marshall Spears, and L. C. Mann.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Durham-Orange Medical Society together with the following: Albert M. Webb, John W. Carr, Jr., John W. Christian, Holland Holton, and C. N. Harris.

Flower bearers were deacons and elders of the First Presbyterian church.

## Local People Back From Camp

A group of Rocky Mount people returned last night from Camp Eliada, near Asheville, where they attended the thirty-second annual meeting conducted by the Rev. L. B. Compton. In the number were Miss Katharine Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Arie and their son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Barrett, Mrs. C. A. G. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lee and children, Harvey Mae, Jr., and Horstner; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Lofton and daughter, Miss Virginia Lofton; J. Lofton, Master Cotton, G. W. Matthews, Mrs. W. DuBois, R. F. Spears, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Riverette. Other local people who had attended part of the sessions returned to the city several days ago.

The annual meetings held at Camp Eliada bring together a large group of religious workers from many denominations, this year representatives of twenty states and the Dominion of Canada being in attendance.

## CANST THOU BEAT IT

From Portland (Mich.) Observer Consider the editor! A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in town. The physician getteth ten plunks. The editor writteth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurion. And the proud father giveth him a Cremona.

Behold, the young one growth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth in the paper a swell piece. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor gets a note of thanks from the sweet girl graduate—maybe.

And the daughter goeth on a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postal card that costeth a sixth of a jiney—maybe.

Behold she returneth, and the youth of the town fall down and worship. She picketh one, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our promising men and getteth away with it. And they sent unto the editor a bid to the wedding, and behold the bids are fashioned in a far city.

Flowers and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth his bit. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry. And he forgetteth to read proof on the dead, and the darned thing cometh out, "Gone to Her Last Roasting Place."

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancellleth their subs, and they swing the hammer even unto the third and fourth generations.

## MALADY ATTACKS HORSES

Boise, Idaho.—Something like 500 horses in five counties have died from an epidemic brain disease with in the past few weeks.

## Liquor Receipts Show Increase

Tarboro, Aug. 27.—The sale of liquor in the local liquor store reached the highwater mark Saturday when \$1,108 were the receipts for the day's sale. There have been increases in the Saturday sales each week since the store was opened here.

## Business Man Views New Deal

News & Observer

From the noise made by some old Order business man, a listener at their criticism of the Roosevelt administration might almost come to the conclusion that all business is critical of the President. Such is far from the case. Today more and more business men are speaking out in approval of the policies which self-appointed spokesmen for business have sharply criticized. In a recent statement written for The Richmond Times-Dispatch, J. Pickney Harrison, wealthy vice-president of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company of Richmond, spoke the views of many of these thoughtful business leaders. He wrote:

Many of my big and little business friends, who fought to the finish NRA, hardly now realize that about certain features and principles of this apparently dead and forgotten bird it would not be wrong nor fanciful to quote from an old Vedic Poem—"Never the spirit shall die—dead though the House of it seems." Abolition of child labor, appropriate voluntary or compulsory regulation of hours and minimum wages—these things will live. And finally those recruits to the valiant right wing of critics from the agricultural fraternity can scarcely fail to realize that AAA alone is today directly responsible for relative prosperity instead of abject poverty and distress throughout vast areas of the farming communities.

Mr. Roosevelt has fought and continues to fight for the progressive elimination of unemployment, for the saving of thousands of homes from forced sales, for the preservation of maximum hours and minimum wages—for old-age pensions and unemployment insurance, regulation of utility and power companies and other ideas of social justice.

I have traveled much these past few years and have crossed this country four times in the past eight months. Without hesitation I say that we have made already vast progress toward the goal which lies midway between pure Communism and absolute capitalism. I honestly believe that if politically tomorrow Roosevelt and his entire administration were swept out of office this is a better and greater country by reason of his policies and experiments. That the bitterest critic of him and his policies, today, consciously or unconsciously, has been made more cognizant of social justice than would have seemed possible only three years ago.

With Mr. Pickney more and more business men are realizing that security for business in America depends upon such advance as the New Deal has provided between the extremes of radicalism on the one hand and reaction on the other. And certainly business men everywhere looking at their own ledgers can see the meaning of the Roosevelt recovery campaign in the strictest terms of business itself.

## STATE VITAL STATISTICS

Both births and deaths declined in North Carolina during July as compared with July, 1934, the vital statistics report issued at Raleigh, Tuesday, by the state board of health, reveals. Deaths last month totaled 2,431, for a rate of 8.7 per 1,000 population, while in July, 1934, there were 2,912 for a rate of 10.7.

Births declined from 6,421 in July last year to 6,215 last month, reducing the rate from 23.6 to 22.3. Infant deaths also showed a comparative decrease, falling from 534 to 448, while maternal deaths increased two from 39 in July last year.

There were 25 suicides last month and 23 homicides, as compared with 27 and 36, respectively, in July, 1934. Diarrhea and enteritis took the lives of 144 children under two years of age to lead in causes last month. Next came tuberculosis with 133 victims. A total of 127 persons died of cancer and 109 of pneumonia.

Other leading causes of death were whooping cough, 35; syphilis, 30; appendicitis, 32; diabetes 25 and pellagra 30.

## DEAD MAN'S TRICK EMBARRASSES WIDOW

Chicago.—Police were about to arrest Mrs. Helen Cramer on a charge of shooting her husband when they were unable to find a gun near his body. Just before leaving one officer noticed a small piece of pipe lying across a gas stove. One end was plugged and the other pointed to the dead man. In the open end was found a discharged cartridge. Heat from the burner exploded the cartridge and almost staged a perfect mystery that would have embarrassed the widow.

## Not an Ill Wind for These Children



Any wind that blows down a school house is all right, according to the children shown in this picture playing in the ruins of a portable school at Bairdford, near Pittsburgh, Pa. A sudden gale blew the building a hundred feet from its site and effectually flattened it.

## Should Provide Pensions

We have had various inquiries from many of our elderly citizens wanting to know when the Old Age Pension Law is going into effect. Congress in this last session, passed an Old Age Pension Law agreeing to pay \$15.00 per month to each person over sixty-five years old, who comes within the law, provided the various states give an equal amount. North Carolina has not provided funds to meet the Federal Grant yet, but we feel that our state should meet this grant, and that it ought to be one of the first pieces of legislation considered the next time the Legislature meets.

Our information is that there are about 12,000 men and women over sixty-five years of age without support that would be denied the benefit of the federal law until North Carolina makes arrangements to do its part. It is estimated that the state will have to raise between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 in order to give these old people \$30.00 per month.

## THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

Superintendent of Public Instruction Edwin recently stated through the press that most of the repeaters in the public school system were in the first grade. Now why is this? We do not feel that this is due to the teachers because experience teaches us that the first grade teachers are those who have had the most training.

If you will have a confidential talk with the primary and grammar grade teachers, practically all of them will state that this new system of teaching children to read before they learn their letters or to spell one syllable words is responsible for these failures in the first grade. They are undertaking to teach the mto read words of as many as five syllables without the child knowing a letter. Now is this not getting the cart before the horse? It is like building the roof of a house before laying the foundation.

This strain on the child and the teacher as well in teaching him to read before he is taught his A B C's is some what like the Chinese who have to burden their children with remembering about 15,000 characters instead of the simple beginning of remembering 26 letters.

This system is supposed to be put out by Columbia University and from them sent throughout this whole nation, the primary and grammar grade teachers all know that the system is wrong and many have expressed it, but they are afraid to take an open stand against it because they are afraid it would not meet with the approval of the higher educational authorities.

Wall Street bankers debauched this country by issuing propaganda that all banks must be liquid at all times. The smaller banks were victims of this propaganda and system for every bank knew that it was impossible to have a liquid bank and render the services to their depositors if the bank had to be liquid at all times. Yet Wall Street had issued this propaganda and the smaller banks were afraid to openly express criticism and there is a vast difference between the bank being solvent and the bank being liquid.

We are hoping that the educational authorities of our state will finally see the error of the way since Superintendent Erwin has given out the information and if they will call a meeting of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade teachers and ask them to give their answer, they will tell you that teaching a child to read before he is taught his letters is probably the root of it. Children are dreadfully handicapped in spelling today because of the failure of the teacher in teaching the syllables in spelling.

## 126 YEAR OLD PERSIAN

A man of 126 years living at Guilan, a Caspian district of Iran, Persia, has a son over 100 years old, a daughter of 95, six generations living, 300 descendants and has been married three times.

He is Mesheda Gurban Ali, an agriculturist who was born in the Iranian year of 1188 (1808). Though a little deaf, Gurban Ali is in excellent health and has never been ill. His third wife is living, and in all he has six sons and 12 daughters.

His recipe for health is: Eat well, be gay, be kind and walk a lot. When young he used to eat the equivalent of 14 pounds of bread and walk 28 miles each day. His chief food now is milk. Occupied all his life in rice fields, he once carried 650 pounds of rice seven miles from one village to another for a wage.

Barah's lead rises in Lucas poll on Republican nomination. Italy bars all peace talk and Europe is apprehensive.

## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

### Judge States Elders To Blame

Fathers And Mothers Responsible For Sins of Youth, Declares Judge

Nashville, Aug. 27.—The August term of criminal court convened here Monday with Judge E. H. Cramer presiding. There are three murder cases on the docket, and a number of other cases. About 30 persons are in jail awaiting trial.

Judge Cramer in his charge to the grand jury said that much had been said about the recklessness of the young people, but that the fathers and mothers of the State were the ones responsible for the delinquency of the young people that the commonwealth was based on the church and the home. In paying his respects to Nash's A. B. C. stores the judge stated that he bought no whiskey and drank none, and that he would unflinchingly sentence any man convicted in his court on whiskey charges.

Judge Cramer laid stress on the useless killing of persons by careless driving, stating that there were few accidental killings, that they were the result of careless handling of cars.

In charging the grand jury relative to visiting the County Home Judge Cramer stated that in caring for the old and infirm Nash county was merely obeying the Bible instruction of "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

### Editor Peele Gets Juicy Plum

(From Raleigh News & Observer)

Juiciest plum in the gubernatorial patronage basket is the secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Railroad Company, of which a three-quarters stock interest is the most valuable asset in the State's portfolio.

Because the State owns the controlling interest in the railroad which it sponsored and nursed thru the long, lean period of railroad development, most people think of it as a State railroad. As a matter of fact, the State does absolutely control the road, although technically it is as much a private corporation as the Southern Railway, which leases its right-of-way and equipment and pays \$280,000 a year for them.

When Governor Ehringhaus moved to Raleigh from Elizabeth City, he did not forget his homefolks, and when it came to dispensing the \$1,500 secretarial plum, he handed it to Editor Herbert Peele, of the Elizabeth City Advance. Because Chief Clerk R. O. Self of the Utilities Commission can be hired to attend to the secretarial duties in his spare time, and because otherwise the duties of the office requires little more than attending the annual meeting, signing of papers, and transferring stock, the secretaryship has not interfered with Editor Peele's editing.

And that record is increasing the duties of Secretary-Treasurer Peele. He is being called upon more and more to officiate at stock transfers. This week 103 shares of \$100 par value stock changed hands. The price was around \$160. The activity in the stock is taking on proportions of a small boom.

### WILKESBORO ELECTION TANGLE AIRD

Judge Phillips, presiding over Wilkes superior court, Thursday, took a whirl at the tangled election affairs of the town of Wilkesboro when he ordered the old board of commissioners to turn over the books and moneys of the town to citizens who alleged they were legally elected when 57 votes were cast while the polls remained open 50 minutes on election day, May 7.

This order signed by Judge Phillips was in a mandamus action filed in the face of a final judgment signed by Judge Daniels that the ticket used was an illegal one, and in the face of a case that is now in Superior court in which Judge Clement allowed the alleged illegal 57 ballots to be counted.

Judge Phillips denied the old board the right to give bond for the books and records pending the outcome of their case in the Supreme court, appeal having been entered against his order, but allowed those who allege they were legally elected to give bond in the sum of \$1,500.

By agreement of counsel, the old board, clerk, and tax collector, will be given the privilege to have an audit made up to the time they are turned over, it is said.

### GIFTS

One result of the new tax recommendation to the President has been to hasten gifts. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for example, recently distributed twenty-five million dollars, consisting of 2,100,000 shares of stock, but the report to the Securities Commission does not list the recipients.

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

### BORAH SHOWS STRENGTH HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT EAST FEARS INFLATION WEST TO DECIDE ELECTION

MENARY WANTS FARM AID SILVER ISSUE PUZZLING REAL CRISIS IN EUROPE U. S. IS TO BE OUTSIDE NEUTRALITY DISCUSSION TEXTILE GROUP REPORTS

The strength shown by Senator Borah in the poll conducted by Robert H. Lucas, director of the Republican national committee in the Hoover administration, has the supporters of Mr. Hoover and many Eastern Republicans worried. The Idahoan has always possessed strength with the voters but because of his strong individualism has not been in much favor with the managing heads of his party. He has freely criticized Republican Presidents and usually stands guard on his own reservation.

It is known that Senator Borah is closely watching the recent development for the purpose of assessing the situation with a view toward determining whether to seek the Republican nomination. He wants to be sure that there is a strong call from the voters. He has lambasted the New Deal but, on the other hand, he has voted for the bonus, the Wagner labor disputes bill, the public utilities death sentence, for the AAA amendments and to restore pensions to veterans of the Spanish-American war. He opposed the World Court, extension of the NRA, the central bank proposed by the Rev. Coughlin and the LaFollette plan to increase income taxation on the little fellow.

Recently, the story goes, an admirer in the East approached the Idahoan, to persuade him to lay low on his demand for a managed currency. However, few who have the slightest idea of his determined views would have bothered to talk it over. He is of the opinion that farmers need no subsidy and that their real problems could be solved by a managed currency to put purchasing power in the hands of the masses. Mr. Borah is distinctly liberal and well able to recapture for the Republicans some of the independent vote that it lost in 1932.

With most political experts convinced that the battleground of the next election will be in the West Republican strategists want to know whether they can reform the out of joint alliance between the industrial East and the agricultural West and Mid-West under any candidate. If Mr. Borah represents the real sentiment of his widely-flung constituency the gap to be bridged is deep but the party platform must undertake to do it. Observers report that there was a shift toward Borah in the East some weeks ago when he came out for currency inflation, the bonus and the Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing program—all of which mean more money—the conservatives were once more frightened at this "enemy" of what they call "sound money."

With the Democrats frankly looking toward the West and South for the votes to win next fall it became evident that Republican plans must be centered around a East-West coalition. Senator McNary, co-author of the McNary-Haugen plan for farm relief, frankly admits that the issue will be settled in the West, concedes that the South will be Democratic and declares that "the bag of wheat and the hogs must be got toward the Republican party to win." He believes that this can be done only by offering a farm program that will satisfy the farmers as more to their advantage than the AAA. He hopes to force discussion of a new agricultural program among farmers and to secure such wide approval that the Republican convention will adopt it as a plank.

Undoubtedly the party that can make the strongest appeal to the farmers of the West will have the best chance to win, insofar as the present line-up predict the result. Politicians do not forget that the Republicans from ten States, meeting in the Grass Roots convention in Springfield, Ill., hopped on every seek to win the nomination without restraint except the farm policy. The processing taxes may be unpopular in the East, where the benefits are small and where the manufacturers are kicking about them, but farmers, West and South, are generally behind the AAA and the processing taxes and ready to do battle for them.

As Congress came to the end of its long session the silver issue, instead of subsidizing is more prominent that ever in the political puzzle and also affects the domestic economic situation, the foreign trade and exchange stabilization questions. The writer frankly would like to know more about it but even the most learned do not always agree in discussing it. Along this line it is interesting to note that the Senate has authorized an investigation of the effect of the silver-purchase program on imports and exports, on recipients.

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