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LOCAL PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSN. MAKES FINE RECORD

Reports submitted by officers and directors of the Rocky Mount Production Credit Association at the annual stockholders meeting in Rocky Mount on Tuesday, January 25 indicated that this farmers' cooperative credit organization had another successful year in 1937. The reports showed an increased volume of business done and, notwithstanding the recession in farm prices, a good collection record.

Complete and detailed reports were given to the stockholders at the meeting, which was well attended by farmers from Nash, Wilson, and Edgecombe counties, which are served by the association. The financial statement of the association was displayed on a big chart and other interesting data showing costs of operation, etc., were likewise displayed on charts.

Reports were made to the meeting by S. H. Crocker, president; J. G. Vick, secretary-treasurer; and M. F. Morgan and W. F. Woodruff, members of the board of directors.

S. H. Crocker was elected to serve on the board of directors. Other members of the board, whose terms did not expire this year, are M. F. Morgan, W. F. Woodruff, S. E. Jenkins and C. B. Walton.

The reports revealed that the association made 786 loans for a total of \$416,081 in 1937.

Ernest Graham, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, addressed the stockholders at the conclusion of the business session. Mr. Graham stressed the fact that the production credit association is a permanent, dependable source of credit for responsible farmers organized on a cooperative basis. He said these associations have systematized farm financing, are farmer controlled and operated, and money only to farmers, meet all of the farmers' short-term credit needs and are operated by farmers in the interest of farmers. While the association is a local organization, having local control, it has the advantage of being connected with a nation-wide system.

Others who spoke at the meeting were Frank P. Sprull and Wiley W. Mearns.

Officials Set On Resettlement Store

Despite efforts made by both by Congressman John H. Kerr and several others who are interested, it appears that the Resettlement Administration is determined to place a cooperative store in the Roanoke Farms area to serve the government tenants.

Objection to the proposed store as government competition with retail establishments which are paying taxes has been voiced in several quarters, but apparently scant heed is being paid to the objections by the Resettlement officials at Washington.

Congressman John H. Kerr wrote The Commonwealth this week that his efforts to eliminate the store have been unsuccessful and Senator Reynolds also wrote The Commonwealth that he did not know what could be done about the matter.

Efforts will be continued by interested parties, however, and it was intimated to The Commonwealth this week that if necessary an engagement will be sought with President Roosevelt and strong objection registered to the establishment of the store.

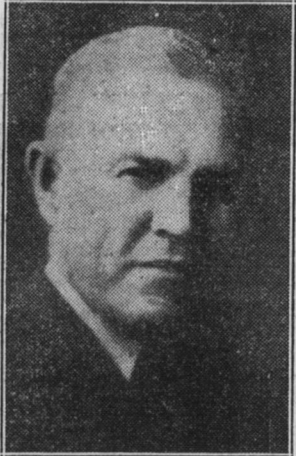
A report on this gathering received as The Commonwealth went to press late yesterday indicated federal officials had not changed their plans at all.

Another Limit?

A future shortage of golf wood clubs in the United States may result from a new disease killing persimmon trees, it was intimated here yesterday by George H. Hepting of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Practically all woods are made of persimmon, Hepting said, and a new disease discovered in Tennessee is killing persimmon trees as fast as the chestnut blight wiped out the chestnut trees.

Hepting, of the Asheville station, was addressing the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen.

Candidate



To be a candidate for Judge of Nash County Recorder's Court, in the race two years ago Griesom was defeated by a majority of 388 votes. A change of 195 votes out of approximately eight thousand cast would have given him the nomination.

A B C'S ARE RESCUED FROM SCRAP HEAP

Child Guidance Authority Says Youngsters Should Learn Well His ABC's

(By Lydia Gray Shaw)

Boston—Those well-worn ABC's once thrown into the trash basket along with Mother Goose and the multiplication table, have been put back into circulation.

Starting news in this day of progressive education, but it comes from Dr. Donald D. Durrell, professor of education at Boston University and director of the Educational Clinic there.

Dr. Durrell takes exception to the progressive thesis that reading should be taught by training the child to learn words from their appearance on the page.

All In The Curlicue

"You wouldn't believe it," he says "but the most common error in children's reading is the confusion of the word 'girl' with the word 'dog.' Children see the curlicue of the letter 'g' and get the words mixed up. Stupid, but how are they to tell the words apart when they can't spell—have never even heard of the letter 'g'?"

Least progressives start tearing at his throat, however, Dr. Durrell is willing to compromise. He will concede the value of phonetics if they'll let him teach the alphabet along with it.

Dr. Durrell then returned on methods of determining a child's intelligent quotient. A bright youngster—analytical, thorough, quick—can't retain his proper I. Q. if he's a slow reader, says the alphabet advocate, because the tests have to be read to be comprehended.

Proof Of The Pudding

He has devised a method of testing a child's ability to understand the spoken as well as the written word. The child minus the alphabet gets along beautifully with the hearing comprehension section, but falls down on the eye tests. That proved to Dr. Durrell the alphabet isn't dead yet.

Exhaustive tests have shown boys—they're more analytical, have more patience. They also have shown this, he says.

Two children of the same age, background and previous education, starting the same reader under the same teacher, will stumble over different words. There's no accounting for it, the educator feels, so the only thing to do is to adapt method accordingly. The alphabet, says Dr. Durrell, leads the way.

Swine influenza is causing considerable trouble to farmers in Bertie County, at first it was thought the animals were infected with cholera but inspection by a federal veterinarian showed the trouble to be "Swine Flu."

The best things in life are the things we miss—at least it seems so from reports our friends bring us.

AUTO DEATHS SHOW GAIN FOR 1937

1,123 People—25 More Than Previous High Of 1935 Lose Their Lives—Many Accidents

Automobiles killed 1,123 persons in accidents in North Carolina in 1937, setting a new yearly record for highway fatalities, the motor vehicle division reported Monday.

Last year's toll was 25 more than in 1935, when the previous high was established, and nearly 100 more than in 1936, when 1,026 persons lost their lives in highway mishaps.

The division said there was one fatality for every 341,168 gallons of gas consumed in 1937, compared with one highway death for every 331,404 in 1936 and one for every 284,433 gallons in 1935.

Every 522nd car was responsible for one death in 1937; every 536th for one in 1936; and every 468th for one in 1935, the division reported.

The report for 1937 showed 7,413 accidents, resulting in 7,980 injuries.

CITY SELLS NEW BONDS

Dissention in the Nazi Ranks?



No, gentle readers, Der Fuehrer is not daring the gentleman left in his column to start something. The seemingly threatening left in the swastika decorated sleeve belongs to Herr Frits Todt, general inspector of the German auto-roads, and is nothing but a forceful gesture which he employed while introducing some of the oldest workers on these roads to Chancellor Hitler.

Rocky Mount Values "Mother-Wit"

The Rocky Mount Herald has permitted citizens to write in its forum column on subjects they may think of public interest all along.

In last weeks issue there was a letter addressed to the Herald, signed by a citizen, suggesting that there was in contemplation by the city manager and the governing authority a very important change in the personnel of the Chief of Police office. That the present Chief was to be supplanted and an employee from another department of government was to take his place, and that the city was planning to send him away, at such cost to prepare him for the duty of the office to take G-training. There was further suggestion that the public was not being informed of these contemplated changes so vital to them.

While these suggestions are the thoughts of the writer yet it invites discussion. Other than what appeared in this letter of the Rocky Mount citizen we have no information and, of course, know nothing as to the facts, however, may we say that the law enforcement department is a very important part of the city government and it is always important that citizens have respect and confidence in this department. Some time back there was contemplated a change in the Chief of Police office and many of our citizens opposed the change and as above stated we know nothing of the fact. However, we might suggest to the governing authorities that it is an important matter and the people are entitled to be informed. There are some people that believe that the police department should be maintained as a military organization with military discipline officers saluting and bowing to each other.

We do not believe that Rocky Mount desires such a police department. For if the officers have to spend their time bowing to the associate officer, observing military procedure they will have no time to protect the public in the enforcement of the law. We have no knowledge of the matter but merely make this as a suggestion that it is an important matter and should be dealt with in a way commensurate with its importance. We don't know much about G-Men and G-Training. Rocky Mount wants Mother Wit in its Chief of Police.

THE CHILD CANNOT PROTECT HIMSELF

The campaign for the eradication of syphilis is now in progress with 12,299 cases reported last year. We note that Rocky Mount only reported two cases, Nash County 139, and Edgecombe County is not listed in the press report. We hope that this great work is advancing faster than this report would indicate. Our information is that this campaign is needed as much in Rocky Mount, Edgecombe County and Nash County as anywhere else. This is especially true of the congested areas. We believe Rocky Mount should give special emphasis to this great work. All people coming in contact with children as nurses should be examined at once, and if found infected should receive treatment.

DR. DURRELL DISCUSSES TEACHING A B C

Some time back our paper in its editorial column took issue with the State Educational Department in its methods of undertaking to instruct or to teach a child to read before the child has been taught its letters.

Having observed the difficulties of young children in this mongrel and confusing method we felt that somebody should have something to say to bring it to the attention of the public mind, and we have been informed that many teachers who actually teach the children are of the same opinion that we are, but are unwilling to take issue with their superiors in office, and for that reason are having to teach a system which they think is wrong.

In the press yesterday we have a very enlightening statement from Dr. Donald D. Durrell, professor of education at Boston University and director of the Educational Clinic there. Dr. Durrell takes exception to the progressive thesis that reading should be taught by training the child to learn words from their appearance on the page.

"You wouldn't believe it," he says "but the most common error in children's reading is the confusion of the word 'girl' with the word 'dog.' Children see the curlicue of the letter 'g' and get the words mixed up. Stupid, but how are they to tell the words apart when they can't spell—have never even heard of the letter 'g'?"

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GOVERNOR HOEY SPEAKS TO ROCKY MOUNT PEOPLE

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent)

F. D. R. FEELS SECURE

The idea is abroad in some quarters that the President feels that his Administration is on much firmer ground since the retirement of two Conservative Supreme Court Justices and their replacement with men of the same political philosophy. While the President, in his battle against what he considers economic privilege, has been able to win elections by enormous majorities, his program has been successfully resisted in the Courts because his opponents feel that the five Conservative justices would stop the New Deal even when the ballot box failed.

LEGAL POWER SHIFTS

The recent elevation of Stanley Reed to the High Tribunal ends the domination of the Conservative group and is a shift in the balance of governmental power which is far-reaching. Consequently, business men now realize that they must make terms with the President or else seek to thwart him by arraying Congress against him. This may be accomplished temporarily but, in the long run, there can be little hope that the people of the country will turn conservative in their attitude toward high finance and big business.

NEW DEAL WINS CASES

The President's trouble in the Court began with his early legislative measures but since last February, when Mr. Roosevelt opened his attack on the Supreme Court Conservatives, the opposition has lost one legal battle after another. Since the beginning of the Court struggle, there has been consistent Court approval of New Deal laws—in fact, legal victories of the Administration have been exactly one hundred per cent. When the Court declared the Wagner Labor Relations Act constitutional, approved the Social Security Act and refused to upset the Security and Exchange Act and the power phase of the TVA and PWA, it was apparent that business had been completely defeated. Consequently, industrial and financial leaders have the alternative of adjusting themselves and their operations to the present situation or of seeking to defeat the Roosevelt program at the polls. This latter course promises little or nothing in view of the trend shown in recent congressional elections.

SEEKS CO-OPERATION

The President last week continued his series of conferences with leading business men of the nation. As nearly as we can get it, the Chief Executive is sincerely anxious for business men to cooperate with the Government but he does not intend to abandon reforms which, he feels, have been endorsed by the voters of the country in overwhelming fashion. In other words, the extent of the cooperation depends almost entirely upon the willingness of the business men to accept basic reforms and to contribute to the settlement of evils in business practice.

HOLDING COMPANIES

This explains the President's statement advocating the abolition of all holding companies, whether in the public utility or other fields, and whether they are top or intermediate concerns. It applies particularly to holding companies which control banks and operating utilities. The President asserted that holding companies with \$600,000,000 of assets can control \$13,000,000,000 of utility

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Declares Soak-The Rich Taxes Won't Work To Relieve Average Man

Rocky Mount, Jan. 25.—Governor Hoey said tonight that new soak-the-rich taxes probably would yield little income, and warned that the average citizen must expect to foot the bill for any increased governmental service.

"The intelligent citizen knows that neither the State nor national government can raise any money except by taxation, and whether direct or indirect, it must be paid by the general public," the Governor said in a speech at a banquet of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce.

Many persons, the Chief Executive said, complain about the trend toward centralization of government and, at the same time, demand larger grants of money from the central government.

"The taxes cannot all be raised by levying tribute on rich people or large corporations," the Governor asserted.

"We are taxing wealth in both State and nation rather heavily, and to increase the taxes more would probably not produce any greatly increased amount of revenue—for we can easily reach the saturation point," he said.

The public, Hoey continued, should decide whether the Federal government should curtail its spending so that the budget may be balanced under existing taxes, "or whether other forms of taxes should be levied to continue the spending and try to balance the budget at some future date."

"The President very properly has asked what reductions the public will recommend," Hoey said. "I think it is up to the public to accept the opportunity and in good faith offer suggestions for decreasing the national expenses, and specify the governmental services that should be dispensed with."

"Of even greater importance than balancing the budget, in my opinion, is the full restoration of confidence, and I wish to commend warmly the recent efforts of President Roosevelt to unite business and government in a definite forward movement to end the recession and increase employment with the full assurance that business is geared for a continuous and sustained advance, with the sympathetic cooperation of government."

12,299 CASES OF SYPHILIS REPORTED

The Division of Epidemiology reported that Charlotte topped other North Carolina cities during 1937 in reporting syphilis cases, listing 1,286 of the 12,299 reported from the entire state. Larger cities led in cases reported, the board said, as they are population centers and most of them have clinics.

The Health Board emphasized the necessity of reporting syphilis cases last year more than ever before, the total number doubling the 6,086 listed in 1936, the 5,189 in 1935, and the 5,201 in 1934.

Winston-Salem listed 1,100 cases, Asheville 674, Greensboro 634, Raleigh 537 and Durham 530.

Some reports were: Beaufort 135, Cabarrus 124, Columbus 217, Craven 56 and New Bern 219, Cumberland 469, Franklin 130, Granville 109, Harnett 332, Moore 282, Nash 139, and Rocky Mount 2, New Hanover 40 and Wilmington 369, Pitt 359, Richmond 231, Robeson 256, Rutherford 104, Surry 160, Vance 211, Wayne 60 and Goldsboro 362.

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