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Loan For Cotton Appears Certain

Commodity Credit Corporation Program Still Lacks Wallace's Confirmation

Washington, Aug. 16.—A commodity credit corporation loan program for 1938 cotton appeared certain today, but lacked Secretary Wallace's confirmation.

The closing average price of cotton on ten designated spot markets fell yesterday below a level which Agricultural Adjustment Administration officials have said would make a loan mandatory.

The closing spot price was 3.20 cents a pound.

The level fixed in the 1938 farm act at which a loan program becomes mandatory is 8.25 cents a pound on the basis of the latest calculation.

The minimum rate at which the Agriculture Secretary may fix the loan is 52 per cent of parity, which is an estimated 8.25 cents a pound. The maximum is 75 per cent, or as high as 11.90 cents a pound on the present parity figure of 15.87 cents a pound.

AAA officials have indicated that if cotton loans are made they will be at or near the minimum. Such was the case of wheat loan, recently approved by Wallace and governed by the same formula as cotton.

Officials said they were prepared to go ahead with a cotton loan program and disclosed two possible differences between a 1938 program and the one in operation last year, when the rate was nine cents a pound.

They said one would be a requirement that all applications clear through AAA county committees to determine the eligibility of producers for loans, principally compliance with acreage allotments. The minimum on cotton of higher quality, other would be provision for pre-1938 cotton production estimate is 11,988,000 bales. This year's carry-over is 13,400,000 bales, including 7,000,000 bales of government holdings.

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Representatives of the Rocky Mount District of the Southern Dixie Life Insurance Company have returned from Wrightsville Beach where they attended the annual convention given by the company. The convention was held August 3, 4, and 5. The following, having made all qualifications of the home office, were entitled to the trip. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Braddy, Miss Louise Barnes, and W. M. Sutton of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Wilson, T. B. Glover, and Monroe Jenkins of Roanoke Rapids; W. R. Ivey, W. E. Jordan, J. E. Miles from Wilson, S. E. Wilson is District Superintendent.

W. L. King Buried In Pineview Cemetery

Rites Conducted For Local Resident Who Died Suddenly Friday Night

Funeral services for Walter L. King, 55 year old local resident who died here suddenly Friday night, were conducted Sunday afternoon.

Rev. C. W. Goldston, pastor of the Clark Street Methodist church, conducted the services from the home, 815 Sunset Avenue. Interment followed in Pineview cemetery.

Mr. King had lived here a number of years and been employed by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for 37 years. He was a native of Wilmington.

He is survived by three daughters, Hazel, Louise and Rosalie, who live here; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie K. Lewis and Mrs. P. G. Curtis, both of Asheville, and Mrs. J. H. Hinyard of Acome.

The pallbearers were P. B. Harper, R. E. Lee, C. A. Cochran, C. L. Sanders, C. M. Blankenship and Robert Dennis.

Some North Carolina peanut fields are now in good shape, but excessive rains in July almost drowned out many fields and caused grass and weeds to grow luxuriantly, says E. Y. Floyd of State College.

WINTER COVER CROPS BUILD UP FARM LAND

Cotton And Corn Stalks Contain Valuable Organic Matter To Your Chemical Fertilizers

(By Guy A. Cardwell)

It has been a mystery to me why soil improvement has not been stressed far more than this has been done in our day and time. No farmers meeting should be held without some reference being made to the importance of soil improvement with manures, both animal and plant manures.

Since mules and horses have been supplanted by motors in city, town and country until these animals have become as much of a rarity to the younger generation as elephants and lions were in the time of our childhood; and further since neither Henry Ford nor General Motors have designed an attachment for their cars to turn out humus and plant food that we had in abundance in the heyday of real mule and horse power, we have learned to depend largely upon chemical fertilizers for crop yields.

Chemical fertilizers are all right and I am for them—we cannot get along without them in our gardening and farming operations and get anywhere; but they would give much better results if we would help them by putting ample humus into the soil.

It has been stated a ton of air-dry cotton stalks with leaves attached contain about as much plant food as 500 pounds of a 7-2-6 (N-P-K) fertilizer. Much of the waste in using plant residues, such as cotton and corn stalks and grain straw, can be eliminated by first learning the value of these materials and then adopting farm practices designed to get the full benefit from this much-needed organic matter.

Some cotton growers consider cotton stalks worthless and spend time and energy burning and making them off the land. Cotton plants contain a high percentage of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, or the very elements often bought to grow the stalks. Dry cotton stalks with the leaves and burs analyze about 2 per cent nitrogen, one-half of 1 per cent phosphoric acid and 1.2 per cent potash, while cottonseed, which are considered good fertilizer carry about 3 per cent nitrogen and 1 per cent each of the other two elements.

The pounds of nitrogen per 100 pounds of material determine largely the rapidity of its decay and benefit to plants when plowed under. The high amount of nitrogen in cotton stalks cause them to rot rapidly when plowed under and to give up much plant food to the growing crop. Much of the plant food in stalks is water soluble and for this reason fall turning of green plants may result in considerable loss from leaching unless fall crops are planted to take up this available fertilizer.

Corn stalks have a lower percentage of the plant food elements, but the larger acreage tonnage offsets this difference, so that in pounds per acre corn compares favorably with cotton in value of vegetable matter left on the land. An average acre of corn will produce about one ton of stover, but where the leaves are pulled for fodder about 200 to 400 pounds less material is left on the land.

Since corn stalks carry only about one-half as much nitrogen pound for pound as cotton stalks, they are considered rather poor fertilizer and often when plowed under on soil in organic matter and nitrogen the following crop will show effects of nitrogen starvation with yellow leaves and poor growth. This is explained by the fact that vegetable matter containing less than 1 per cent of nitrogen takes nitrogen from the soil for its decay and leaves very little for use of the growing crop.

For this reason, corn stalks can be made of immediate benefit to the following crop only when strengthened with nitrogen. Where the corn is cut and the whole plant fed, the uneaten part should be mixed with the manure so as to increase its nitrogen content and hasten decay. Where the entire plant is removed from the land there is danger of rapid depletion of soil fertility, as the stalks and leaves alone carry away about 18 pounds of nitrogen, 3 pounds of phosphoric acid and 26 pounds of potash per ton.

They Conquered the Colorado River



The six adventuring members of the Nevills expedition, with their food supply almost exhausted, are shown standing in their home-made boats as they arrived at the tiny hamlet of Lee's Ferry, Ariz., victors over 300 turbulent miles of the Colorado river. Left to right: Eugene Atkinson, University of Michigan geologist; Miss Alzada Clover, University of Michigan biologist; Den Harris of Soda Springs, Idaho, a Geological survey employee; Norman D. Nevills of Mexican Hat, Utah, the leader; Miss Lois Jetter, also of the University of Michigan and assistant to Miss Clover, and W. C. Gibson, artist-photographer of San Francisco.

Heavy Tax Sales Costs

Rocky Mount adopted the policy many years ago of having property listed by lots and in many instances the city proceeded to make its own diversion of lots for tax purposes. This may be a better way for the city to keep up with its property and to see that all property is on the tax books but it is very hard on the taxpayer when he has been unable to pay his taxes and his property has to be sold and each little parcel, whether it has been divided or not, many of them imaginary divisions, regardless of the small value, is taxed with the enormous bill of cost. We have the court cost, we have the attorney fees, we have the increase interest, in fact, we know of instances where the taxes are not more than one or two dollars yet the cost assessed in many instances amounts to ten or fifteen times more than the taxes. We are not complaining about the sales but certainly the governing authorities of our city and counties could order these units consolidated so as not to kill the value of property by these bills of cost. The Legislature should look into this matter. Rocky Mount having listed its property this way makes both counties, Nash and Edgecombe, follow the same policy. As far as Rocky Mount is concerned it is an unfortunate burden on the taxpayers of Rocky Mount. Some way ought to be adopted for the consolidation of these suits especially where the property all lies on one body.

RELIEF MONEY FOR POOL

Rocky Mount was one of the first cities in North Carolina to build a modern swimming pool and it has been a great enjoyment to the young people of Rocky Mount and many of our grown people have enjoyed it as much as the children. This pool was built many years back and while it is still serving a most useful purpose and will continue to do so our city has grown much since the building of this pool. At the time this pool was built our population was some where between 13 and 15 thousand now we are a city between 25 and 30 thousand. The pool was plenty large at that time but on account of the general use of it, it is being too much crowded and the newer pools we are told have a more sanitary arrangement for eliminating impurities in the water and it looks to us like the city might secure some of this public money from the Government to build a larger and more modern pool which would cost the city but as most of the cost of the construction of a pool of this kind would be very largely in labor which the Government is very much interested in giving employment to those who are out of work. It is probable the city is already giving consideration to this project. We believe in economy and we would not be in favor of bonding the city for very much for this purpose. But this relief is being allocated for propositions much less worthy.

ROCKY MOUNT TOBACCO MARKET OPENS AUG. 25th

The Rocky Mount tobacco market opens for the sale of leaf tobacco on August 25th, 1938. Rocky Mount is fully prepared to take care of the large amount of tobacco that is expected on this tobacco market this season. Rocky Mount has enough floor space to insure to those who sell in Rocky Mount that they will not be bothered with block sales. Rocky Mount is one of the oldest tobacco markets in the Eastern part of the state and has been known as a tobacco town and has had constant and steady growth, dependable in all seasons and in all years.

Says Milk Is Best Drinks For Summer

Milk shakes make the best hot weather drinks, for they are nourishing as well as refreshing, said Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State College.

They offer the food value of the milk, and contribute more calories in the chocolate, caramel, fruit pulp or syrup, and other ingredients that may be mixed in.

Vanilla and almond extracts make good flavorers. Nutmeg and cinnamon may be sprinkled on top of the drink. A patch of mint growing in the backyard will supply an attractive garnish.

For a banana shake, crush very ripe bananas to a pulp, then shake this pulp with milk until it is blend-

ed smoothly. Other soft fruits may be used in a like manner. A "float" can be made easily by placing a scoop of ice cream in the milk shake.

Always add a dash of salt to milk shakes and other summer drinks. Salt not only improves the flavor, but also is needed to replace the large quantities of salt lost in perspiration during hot weather.

As a matter of fact Miss Current added, it is wise to use plenty of salt in seasoning food too when the mercury rises toward 90 or 100 degrees.

A bowl for mixing, an egg beater or a regular shaker are the only equipment necessary for mixing milk shakes. Have the ingredients cold. Mix the drink quickly and serve at once. Vary the flavor combinations for variety and to suit the family taste.

Four Student Fliers Get Pilot Licenses Body Found Of Drowned Negro

Two Others Make Solo Flight At Municipal Airport

Four student aviators received their private pilot's licenses at the municipal airport during the past week-end, it was learned from B. E. Lee, manager of the airport.

The licenses were granted to J. T. Ayers of Williamston, J. T. Bradshaw and Gerald S. Grant of Goldsboro, and J. W. Dickens of Nashville. The licenses were issued by J. G. Nall, Bureau of Air Commerce inspector who was making his monthly visit to the airport here.

Nall has also licensed Foy E. Pulley, airport employe, as an airplane mechanic, Lee stated, Pulley already holds a private pilot's license.

Two student pilots made their solo flights recently at the airport, Lee announced. They were Carl S. Thompson of Roanoke Rapids and Robert M. Waller of Kinston. Waller has bought an Arrow sport plane powered by the Ford V-8 engine, and Thompson is planning to buy a plane in the near future, Lee stated.

V. W. Critcher Is Claimed By Death

Funeral Services Were Conducted From Home at 11 O'clock Thursday

Funeral services for Vassar Wingate Critcher, 56, well known farmer who died here Tuesday night, were conducted at 11 o'clock Thursday morning from the home, 503 Sycamore street. His death followed a sudden heart attack suffered Sunday.

Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. G. W. Perry, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church of Durham and former pastor of the First Methodist church here conducted the rites. Burial followed in Pineview cemetery.

Mr. Critcher is survived by his wife, a daughter, Anne, and a stepson, Gordon Burns. Among other relatives are also a sister, Mrs. J. L. Cozart of Durham; two half-brothers, A. R. Critcher of Rocky Mount and R. B. Critcher of Wendell; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Lex Veazey of Durham and Mrs. E. E. Mayo of Rocky Mount.

He was born at Oxford in 1882, son of R. O. Critcher and Lucy Fowler Critcher, but had lived here for most of his life. He attended the old University school here and was later associated with the Export Leaf Tobacco Company until three years ago. He left the tobacco industry for reasons of health and became engaged in farming, which he continued until the time of his death.

Active pallbearers were L. W. Mangum, Ben Bunn, Ira Gunn, R. L. Arrington, Charlie Arrington and Leon Upstein.

The honorary pallbearers included R. A. Broome, T. C. Young, W. B. Lea, Dana Rucker, F. M. Arrington, B. H. Thomas, Walter Bulluck, G. F. Tucker, W. E. Fenner, H. A. Easley, Dick Duke, M. F. Jones, W. E. Spruill, J. E. Dillard, Maurice Daughtridge, J. S. Gorham, H. H. Weeks, Dr. M. L. Stone, B. T. Dawson, Ed Lee Daughtridge, Ed Bell and Lee Bunting.

GRASS IN PEANUTS

Many peanut fields in Virginia and North Carolina have been reported as abandoned after heavy rains brought on an extreme grassy condition, says E. Y. Floyd, of State College.

Seventeen Ashe County sheep growers sold 125 lambs last week for \$832.65 net to the growers. The average net price for all grades in the pool was 8 1/4 cents a pound home weight.

Tarboro, Aug. 16.—They found the body of Norfleet Kearney, Jr., 14-year old colored boy, who drowned in Fishing Creek, yesterday as he tried unsuccessfully to swim across to join his white boy companions.

"The body was recovered two hours after the colored boy's hand faded into the water, and his three white boy companions swam fast to the spot he disappeared from, but too late.

Kearney had followed Ernest Cobb Abrams, 16, Elisha Abrams, 23 and Ben Franklin Abrams, 12 white boy brothers, to the "old swimming hole" at Fishing Creek, near the Strayband Farm, in number 4 township, Sunday morning, just before noon, to "cool off."

He saw the three white boys "peel to the skin" and dive in, swimming across the narrow creek. He peeled off and dived in but after a few strokes sank. The white boys jumped in to swim to his help but he had disappeared, and despite much diving, were unable to locate him.

Later he was found by searching parties, over two hours after he sank from sight.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Bardin investigated the drowning, and Coroner Dr. J. G. Raby, said "Accidental drowning."

STANHOPE

Misses Annie Lee and Loree Morgan were at Myrtle Beach, S. C., last week.

Miss Patsy Morgan, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan, of Florence, S. C., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lila Morgan.

The Revival at Stanhope Baptist church begins next Sunday and continues through the week.

Miss Carrie Dillard spent Monday with Mrs. E. P. Harper.

Misses Gladys and Leta Brantley are vacationing at Virginia Beach.

Miss Catherine Vick and Raymond Lancaster were married Saturday afternoon in a quiet ceremony.

Mrs. A. Y. Batchelor of Spring Hope spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. W. M. Dickinson.

Mrs. Lanie High is visiting in the home of H. L. Dillard.

Mabel Roberson spent last week with her brother in Wilson.

Eloise Hathaway was the guest of Annie Gay Dickinson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson of Wilson were guests of Mrs. Z. H. Brantley.

One of our sweetest and most useful community girls came near being the victim of a prank at Strickland's Pond Saturday P. M. at intervals not so far apart some reckless young gallant strives to immerse other bathers against their will and discretion. On account of these nit witty joy seekers, these frivolous fool-hardy folks, it is hardly safe for a reticent young lady or a middle size girl to enter a pool without the constant care and protection of a bravo. What is fun for them will be turned to sorrow, shame and shakles someday we are afraid. These boys and men are cowardly bullies seeking opportunity to submit the helpless to discomfort, uneasiness, danger. They need a hot iron brand like the horses from Texas so we will always know them. Had this retiring well behaved little lady lost her life as she came near doing, not only her relatives but all Stanhope and round about would have organized and seen that the silly imposter got his due and be condemned as a murderer. The community's wrath was high and this isn't the first offense by such simpleton's no not by a long shot. Mary Helen Dickinson was unwillingly and in the midst of protests submerged; we rejoice that fate willed her a longer life than it seemed for a while was her portion: "First Aid" restored her.

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