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Farmers Receive Loans From FSA For Medical Care

Plans Worked Out In Co-operation With Medical Societies

Acting on the principle that a family in good health is a better risk than a family in poor health, the Farm Security Administration has put through plans looking toward complete medical coverage for all its borrowers.

"Quite aside from any humanitarian purposes, it has as a lending agency," said Dr. W. W. Alexander, administrator, "found that a family in good health is a better credit risk than a family in bad health."

Plans for medical care and hospitalization at nominal cost to low income farm families who have been without this service, were worked out by the Farm Security Administration through co-operation with physicians and established medical societies.

The first step is an agreement with the State Medical Societies outlining general principles acceptable to both. Next, medical societies in areas where need seems greatest are approached and the details of a local medical care plan for borrowers are worked out. In the past, families from this group have been a large part of the tremendous burden shouldered by doctors without pay.

In co-operation with medical societies, the Farm Security Administration already has brought 60,000 low income farm families in 18 states within the plan and they are now being given medical care at a cost they can afford. The administration found it necessary to help provide such care in the course of its efforts to rehabilitate more than 60,000 low income farm families, many of relief levels.

Annual cost to member families is between \$12 and \$30 a year, advanced in the loan by FSA. This provides for annual physical examination, needed home and office visits, and, in most cases, drugs and hospitalization. Physicians submit monthly bills for services rendered. In general, if total bills exceed the amount available for a given month, physicians are paid their pro-rata part of the month's allotment. Bills are paid in full when the allotment is adequate. If a balance remains, it is carried over to the next month or to the end of the period. Any surplus left at the end of a year may be returned to the family.

Since these families have not in comes of only \$20 to \$300 a year, what medical care they had was largely without any compensation to the doctors who helped them. Under this plan, the physician will be assured of payment up to the limit of the ability of the ordinary borrower to pay. One southern county with 300 FSA farm families paid 73 per cent of the total monthly doctors' bills presented from January to September.

County plans are in operation in 56 of the 75 counties in Arkansas, in 13 counties in Missouri, 12 in Mississippi, nine in Texas, five each in North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Ohio, four in Tennessee, three in Indiana and Oklahoma, two in Virginia and one in Iowa. Agreements have been reached with State Medical Societies in seven other states.

CANDIDATE WILL GO TO STATE BOARD

Robbinsville, Nov. 16.—Republican candidates in the east and west wards of Robbinsville precinct whose petition for a recount of votes cast in the general election was denied by the Graham county board, headed their case to the state elections board today.

The protesting candidates are Roy Garland, candidate for sheriff; T. M. Jenkins, candidate for representative; Dillard Orr, Jess Stone and J. Harve Crisp, candidates for county commissioners and A. J. Crisp, candidate for clerk of court.

The county board said that in its opinion a recount would not change the result of the entire vote and that the matters presented, in which irregularities were charged, were frivolous.

Their Real Names
Cary Grant—Archibald Alexander Leach.

Edgecombe Picks Farm Committees

County And Township Farm Program Administration Officials Announced

Members of the county committee of the Edgecombe Agricultural Conservation Association who will administer the 1939 farm program have been announced as follows: C. H. Gorham of Battleboro, chairman, H. G. Shelton of Speed, vice-chairman, and W. J. Eason of Tarboro. Alternates are R. L. Corbett of Macesfield and Leslie Calhoun of Rocky Mount.

Community committees for Edgecombe townships are:

Township number one—W. L. Page, C. J. Weeks and R. D. Coker.

Number two—P. E. Warren, G. C. Cobb and J. C. Walston.

Number three—John Mayo, T. J. Taylor and A. R. Savage.

Number four—A. M. Turner, M. P. Edwards and F. L. Davenport.

Number five—J. T. Lawrence, Jr., Walter Cherry and P. A. Weeks.

Number six—Henry A. Braswell, Cicero Denton and Harold A. Braswell.

Number seven—F. E. Price, W. K. Benson and H. N. Davenport.

Number eight—Sam R. Moore, J. C. Dunn and E. E. Harrell.

Number nine—Joe H. Corbett, J. F. Eason, Jr., and C. S. Winstead.

Number 10—J. H. Little, Fred Phillips and A. A. Atkinson.

Number 11—S. J. Proctor, M. A. Killebrew and W. H. Shirley.

Number 12—R. C. Brown, G. E. Goff and P. D. Proctor.

Number 13—Mayo Cherry, T. W. Norville and George Proctor.

Number 14—S. D. Parker, H. R. Hinton and G. K. Taylor.

C. B. Deanes Is Chosen By Baptists

L. I. Morgan, of Raleigh, and C. B. Deane of Rockingham yesterday were re-elected as statistical secretary and recording secretary respectively of the Baptist State Convention, in session at the Tabernacle church. "See how easy it is to do it when you don't have to bother with absentee ballots," observed Convention President R. N. Simms after Deane's election. Simms referred to Deane's recent political contest in which W. O. Burgin of Lexington won the Democratic nomination for congressman from the 8th District. Burgin won by arbitration and agreement after a lengthy dispute over absentee ballots.

Truck and Auto Wrecked In City

Four Persons Injured As Vehicles Collide And Turn Over Early Today

Four persons were injured but none seriously when a produce truck and a car with six occupants collided and turned over at an intersection here about 1:15 o'clock this morning.

The truck, loaded with beans, was driven by George Coleman of Belgrade, Fla., and had one other occupant.

Rufus Walston of Elm City route one, driver of the car, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and was released under bond. The four persons injured, all occupants of the car, were taken to a local hospital for treatment but were not detained as patients.

The car and truck collided at the Sunset Avenue and Church Street intersection, one block from the heart of the downtown business district. Both vehicles turned over.

Police Officers H. C. Sellers and T. R. Vaughan investigated the accident and charged Walston with reckless driving.

Practical Nurses Organize Registry

The undergraduate and practical nurses of Rocky Mount and vicinity have organized, a register.

These ladies have all had hospital training and years of experience. The register is now open and the registrar will serve you in the very best way possible day or night.

The register will be in charge of Miss Maggie Alford, Phone 403.

Easy To Hold Election Without Absentee Ballot

C. B. Deane, declared at one time to be the nominee of the Democratic party for Congress in the Eighth District but later superceded by a candidate nominated for the party by three gentlemen who did not live in the district, was elected to an important office of the Baptist State Convention as recording secretary. The election was held in such a Democratic and open manner no question was raised about the fairness of the election and in such harmony that the President of the State Convention, R. N. Simms, was caused to exclaim "see how easy it is to do when you don't have to bother with absentee ballots." This question of absentee ballots has become one of the major troubles in our Democracy and unless something is done about it, it appears that we will have Democracy only in name if at all. The election laws are in the hands of the Democratic party and it is up to the Democratic party to give clean elections. In the western part of the State there has been claim after claim of dishonesty this fall. Appeals have been made to the county boards and from the county boards to the state boards of elections. The condition is such that the Baptist State Church Convention has gone on record this year asking for the repeal of the absentee ballot law, and yet those in control of the party still seem to be holding back.

TOBACCO SEASON VERY SHORT

The tobacco selling season for Rocky Mount has about closed—the shortest season that this community has ever witnessed. The tobacco crop is the crop that brings in a good deal of money but it is a very expensive crop. The tobacco season in years gone by used to run up as late as February and even to the first of March which was a benefit to the trade of Rocky Mount. The stemmers were given longer employment. The sales this year opened on the 26th of August, and for practical purposes lasted about two months. The stemmers are idle as the tobacco is practically all gone and we are afraid much of the money. The short season for selling may be advantageous to the tobacco companies, but certainly it is not advantageous to the trade. Rocky Mount has enough warehouse space to sell the crop in one month which would be detrimental to the business interest of Rocky Mount. The longer the season the better for Rocky Mount. The money from chickens, eggs, hogs, and truck while much smaller than tobacco means much in the trade to Rocky Mount by reason of the all year round selling. Many of us who receive our money in bulk do not have the capacity to hold and spent it, systematically and orderly. We spend it as we receive it and sometimes before

Cooley Buick Is Recovered

Congressman's Car Stolen In Nashville; Thief Is Unknown

Nashville, Nov. 14.—Congressman Harold D. Cooley's Buick sedan, stolen at his home in Nashville Thursday night, has been recovered near Fayetteville, Nash county officers reported during the week-end.

The car was found, apparently abandoned, Friday night, according to the report.

The automobile was stolen in front of the congressman's home, where it had left it for a few minutes. This night policeman saw someone drive the car away, but supposed it was the owner.

Textile Pioneer Taken By Death

John W. Arrington Dies At Greenville, S. C., Following Long Illness

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 14.—John W. Arrington, 72, president of Union Bleachery and Greenville civic leader for many years, died at his residence here early today following a lengthy period of declining health. Arrington was born at Warrenton, N. C., on February 28, 1866, a son of Samuel Peter Arrington and Hannah Bolton White Arrington.

His family moved to Richmond, Va., and before he was 21 he was president of the Old Dominion cotton mills, one of the first of the southern textile plants.

In 1895 he went to Reidsville, N. C., and built the Edna Mills, serving as its treasurer till 34 years ago, when he came to Greenville.

He took over the struggling Union Bleaching and Finishing Company and its forward march has been unbroken since.

Arrington served as president of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and as director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He was the first president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club and of the community Chest and has served as a director of several banks, Piedmont and Northern Railway, American Cotton Manufacturers Association, South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers Association and the Great American Life Insurance Company.

New Count Fails To Change Races

Three Democratic Candidates In Cherokee Enter Appeal To State Board

Murphy, Nov. 15.—The Cherokee County board of elections, which yesterday rejected charges of irregularities made by three defeated Democratic candidates in the election on November 8, today completed its official count of ballots. The work of tabulating the returns began last night.

The official returns show that the offices of representative in the General Assembly, sheriff, clerk of Superior Court, surveyor, and one county commissioner went to Republicans; others were won by Democrats.

Fred O. Bates, chairman of the county board of elections, said today that the three Democratic candidates who filed the charges of irregularities had entered an appeal to the State Board of Elections. The three are J. N. Mody, who was a candidate for representative; L. L. Mason, who was seeking the office of sheriff, and Winslow McIver, who was a candidate for the office of clerk of Superior Court.

ELDERLY RESIDENT SUCCUMBS TODAY

Funeral Services For Mrs. J. B. Walker Were Conducted Here Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. J. B. Walker, elderly local resident who died here of infirmities of old age after a long illness, was conducted at 10 o'clock Thursday morning from the home of her daughter, Mrs. K. T. Knight, at 310 Nash Street.

Interment is to be made at noon Thursday in the Maplewood cemetery at Durham.

Mrs. Walker was a resident of Durham before coming to Rocky Mount in 1932. Before marriage she was Miss Ada Tillery, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tillery of Granville county. She was educated at Greensboro College.

Surviving are one son J. B. Walker of Durham two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Scott Walker, of Washington, N. C., and Mrs. K. T. Knight of Rocky Mount; two grandchildren, Mrs. C. S. Carter of New Haven, Conn., and Kenneth T. Knight, Jr., of Raleigh, and a great-grandson, Jere Carter of New Haven.

"King of the Golden Weed Seed"

Nash County Books Another First. Oak Level Man Is Believed To Be Champion Tobacco Seed Raiser of the World.

A Nineteen-Year Partnership With Nature Finds 71-Year Old Farmer Willing to Spend Rest of Life In His Seed Business.

The average Tar Heel farmer estimates two tablespoonfuls of tobacco seed will sow two hundred yards of spring planted. From this, on an average year, he gets plants to set five acres of tobacco—provided, in the last few years, he has been lucky enough to have that much allotment or nery enough to ignore the flood of figures with which the county agent deluges his mail box.

An acre of tobacco requires approximately five thousand plants. With these figures as a gauge, picture if you can, nearly a ton of tiny brown tobacco seed: stacks of fertilizer sacks bulging with Proctor's Silver Dollar, Bonanza or Virginia Bright Leaf, rows of bins where you can plunge elbow-deep into Coker's Gold Dollar, Jamaica Wrapper, Adecock or Cash, millions multiplied by millions of infinitesimal seed, enough to cover every acre of cleared land in North Carolina with tobacco. It is this that wins for Mr. William Henry Proctor of Oak Level community the title "King of the Golden Weed Seed" and books another first for Nash county.

Mr. Proctor believes he grows more tobacco seed for sale than any other man in the world. His claim has not been disputed. He names David R. Coker, founder of the Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company in Hartsville, South Carolina, as the next largest tobacco seedsmen in the United States. These two men of sister states with such common interest have never met. So much for quantity; as to quality, Proctor is also positive "no man in the United States sells better seed" than the W. H. Proctor Seed Company sells. And there, in this simple fact, and the gold-edged confidence with which it was spoken are the reasons why Proctor's business has known no depression but has increased yearly since its beginning nineteen years ago until his 1938 seed harvest amounted to over eight hundred pounds.

The beginning of this industry is one of those things that just happen unexpectedly. One day in 1919 Mr. W. H. Proctor was merely another good Nash farmer who sold a few vegetable seed on the side line. The next day he attended a meeting of Oak Level farmers called by Nash County Farm Agent Parker for the purpose of testing fertilizers. With Parker was H. A. McGee, State Tobacco Specialist, who suggested it might be profitable to some farmer of this community to raise tobacco seed for market.

McGee gave Proctor a sack of certified seed for a start. A year later McGee left for Canada, but the business he was responsible for starting prospered, perhaps beyond his wildest dreams. But, Proctor warns, don't take this success story as a path of roses skipping from a free sack of seed, to a healthy income now. "It takes a heap of work, particular work," he says, "and five or six years after I started, it was so hard, I wished I never had."

However, Mr. Proctor admits he is glad he stuck it out now and plans to stay in this business of selling tobacco and some corn seed the rest of his life. He is now 71 years old, was born just four miles from his present home and has spent the past thirty-eight years on his Oak Level one hundred acre farm with fifty acres cleared.

The "particular work" Proctor mentioned is found all the way through his seed saving system that goes like this. After the usual plowing and setting processes which are a little more complicated than the regular farmer finds them because of keeping the various kinds separate, the interesting work begins. Each promising looking stalk in the field is marked with a tag showing kind and identification number. "We leaves are then pruned from each stalk and marked with corresponding tags. These leaves are cured and any stalk not turning out a first class cure is untaged and forgotten. Stalks standing up under this first elimination test are put through exactly the same process again with leaves of another stage of growth. Again only the perfect specimens retain their merit tags.

Specialists in this industry have assured Mr. Proctor that this is the best known way to improve seed yearly. And so well has the method worked that it has not only held the named varieties of seed to their highest levels but has developed an entirely new strain that the originator considered fine enough to honor with his own name. Proctor's Silver Dollar is characterized by a larger and heavier leaf, advantages sought especially by farmers who have which this true came into being.

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(Photo Courtesy Nash County News)

Pictured is W. H. Proctor of Oak Level and his pet terrier "Poily" who obligingly posed for this exclusive NEWS photograph on a sack of his master's special Silver Dollar tobacco seed.

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in a mill designed by Mr. Proctor and sacked in close-woven guano

bags to await a trip to the nearby village of Red Oak. At Red Oak they are run through a seed cleaner that blows out chaff and faulty seed under supervision of K. H. McIntyre dean of vocational schools of N. C. About one-third of the original weight is lost in cleaning. The seeds are then stored in big wooden bins to await orders. In the meantime, Mrs. Proctor and her daughter, Miss Minnie Proctor, who was recently made Supervisor of Nash County Lunch Room Projects, have spent a number of fall evenings converting their yearly purchase of two-hundred yards of heavy domestic into sacks designed to hold from one-half pound to ten pounds of seed. Small orders are mailed in envelopes with special leak-proof clasps.

Mr. Proctor estimates a yield of five hundred pounds of seed from ten acres of big tobacco. His best customers are county agents and warehousemen with the largest number of orders bearing South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama and Florida postmarks. The order books show the most popular varieties are in order named: Proctor's Silver Dollar, Coker's Gold Dollar, Bonanza, Virginia Bright Leaf, Jamaica Wrapper, Adecock and Cash. Keeping these seven varieties separate is a careful job. It gets more complicated when you learn that tobacco seed are good for five years and that some customers believe old seed better than new and demand one-year, two-year, three-year or older seed in their chosen variety.

Since our country began to control acreage, foreign countries have begun to order seed from Proctor. An order of forty pounds went to Brazil last June and a recent shipment of one hundred pounds sailed for South American points. Most interesting was an order and inquiries about barn building, curing methods, etc. in Spanish coming from Mexico relayed through a Washington congressman with translation.

From Thanksgiving until the last of February Proctor will be busy filling such orders. The peak of the season falls in December and January. To expedite 1939 mailing, Proctor has just purchased a new pair of scales indicating weight with postage to all zones although a mighty accurate guess to start with is one quart weighs one pound.

This angle of farming has its elements of chance, its need for faith and is just as dependent upon the caprices of weather as any other partnership between man and nature. In 1924, Proctor recalls that a protracted rainy spell forced him to cut his seed heads in the rain and dry them on seafoils over his barn flues. This year, his crop suffered slight damage from hail. But despite such accidents, Proctor vehemently declares every seed sold by his company is raised by him under his own specific regulations and that "Any other man couldn't give me his seed."

In a special statement to the News reporter, Nash County's "King of the Golden Weed Seed", in the simple, gracious manner that is a mark of older gentlemen said, "My success in the seed business has been by long and tedious work, patience and strict honesty to my customers making sure that I furnish them the best seed that can be had."

old, and only six deaths between the ages of 1 to 20.

The deaths included two homicides, one by pistol and one by knife wounds, and three accident fatalities, one in an automobile accident, one in a railroad accident and one from clothes catching fire.

Life In The U. S. A.

Grasshoppers invading New Mexico are being opposed by the National Guard. This raises the grasshoppers' march to the dignity of an incident.—Toronto Star.

OCTOBER DEATH RATE IS HIGHEST IN LAST 20 YEARS

Rocky Mount recorded during October the greatest number of deaths in any one month since the influenza epidemic of 1918, officials of the city health department expressed their opinion on the basis of vital statistics for last month.

There were 64 deaths in the city during October, about twice as many as in the previous month and more than in any other month with the memory of health officials except October, 1918, when 75 deaths were recorded here.

Births, which during September about doubled the number of deaths, barely exceeded deaths last month with a total of 65.

Thirty-nine of the births and 39 deaths were among residents of the city, while 26 deaths and 26 births were among non-residents in local hospitals. Three of the births among residents were illegitimate.

Heart disease was the chief cause of deaths last month with 15 fatalities, and the majority of deaths were among elderly persons. Sixteen deaths were among persons between 40 and 60 years of age and 14 deaths were among those over 60. Fifteen more deaths occurred in the age period between 20 and 40. There were 12 deaths of babies under one year

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