

WELDON HOST TO FARMERS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Supreme Court Kills AAA And Threatens Other Farm Measures

Says That Program Is Unconstitutional

Collections of All Processing Taxes Stopped By Treasury

FARMERS OF NATION SHOCKED BY RULING

Authorities Declare Some Way Out of Dilemma Must Be Found

Farmers in this county and section, as well as all over the nation, were informed Monday afternoon by radio, newspapers, telegrams and hear-see that the AAA had met the fate of NRA when the Supreme Court killed President Roosevelt's extraordinary New Deal farm relief program by an uncompromising 6-3 decision.

Immediately after the decision the treasury halted all processing tax collection, and stated that for the present, no checks will be issued for benefit or rental payments, or refunds, or for administrative purposes. All salary checks to the full-time and part-time employees of the AAA have been halted. The county agent has received instructions from Raleigh to cease all surrender of surplus cotton certificates under the Bankhead measure to the national pool, and all sales and transactions of these surplus cotton certificates have been stopped.

Authorities in Washington have said that President Roosevelt hopes to find means under the decision to pay farmers who have fulfilled existing contracts—up to their invalidation Monday.

Mr. Roosevelt had said that if processing taxes, through which farm payments were financed, were held invalid, he would ask new levies to raise the half-billion.

Other New Deal legislation that is threatened by the ruling of the high tribunal is the Bankhead cotton control measure, the Kerr-Smith tobacco law, the potato act and the sugar act.

Proposals for a constitutional amendment were heard immediately and it is thought that unless Congress and the New Deal find a way within the decision to pursue the same objectives, pressure would be organized behind a move to assert federal authority over farm surplus problems.

The overthrow of the AAA by the Supreme Court was a source of heated comment by authorities, as well as by growers in the State.

Legion Auxiliary District Meet Here

The meeting of the Fifth District of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in Weldon on Friday, January 10th, at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

We are to have with us Mrs. Thomas Gause, State President, Miss Aurelia Adams, State Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Newell, State Membership Chairman, and Mrs. Haywood Foxhall, district committee woman, as well as reports from different Units in our District, including Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson and Littleton. An interesting program has been arranged, and we feel that this meeting will be an inspiration to every member. Please come.

Luncheon will be served at 5:00 a plate. Please notify Mrs. Pierce if you plan to stay for lunch. Mrs. Chas. R. Daniel, Publicity Chairman.

Farmers To Learn New Methods

Monday night, January 13th, marks the beginning of a series of evening classes for adult farmers of the Aurelian Springs Community, according to E. K. Veach, teacher of agriculture. Every farmer in this locality is urged to attend these meetings as there will be an important subject discussed each Monday night.

Mr. Veach will have agriculture specialists at these meetings from time to time that have true knowledge of the practical side of farming as well as the technical side. No matter whether you are interested in crops, fertilizer, livestock, soil erosion, soil improvement, dairying or poultry you can get the information through this agriculture department that will help you make or save money in the year 1936.

In the first meeting on January 13th, P. H. Massey, director of soil conservation service from Franklin Hall will be present to discuss the problem of "soil erosion." This meeting should be very interesting to the farmers of this section as the protection of our soil is one of the greatest problems we have to deal with today.

The subject for the January 20 meeting will be announced at the first meeting, so let's use as our motto, "come and bring a farmer."

Special New Year Service M. E. Ch.

A very impressive New Year's service was held at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, January 5th. Detailed programs had been prepared by the pastor and distributed among the congregation so that all might take part in the responsive service.

Beautiful and appropriate hymns were sung by the choir, with a special number by Mrs. J. F. Robinson and Miss Katherine Pierce.

The candle light procession was exceptionally effective with Mr. W. L. Knight taking the Reader's part and the other parts taken as follows:

"Spirit of Truth", Sara West Davis; "Spirit of Joy", Jeanette Robinson; "Spirit of Good Will", Isabelle Garlick; "Spirit of Peace", Alice Moore; "Spirit of Faith", Katherine Hardison; "Spirit of Hope", Frances Johnson; "Spirit of Love", Nancy Suter.

A brief but inspiring New Year's message was brought by the pastor. A large congregation attended.

P. T. A. Asks Aid For Children

With the Federal Aid for undernourished children in the high school Cafeteria entirely cut off, the outlook for the ensuing year is everything but encouraging, for only \$200 is provided by the Associated Charities supplemented by a small amount from the Red Cross and P. T. A. Treasury. No one knows whether or not there will be more when this is used.

In order to supplement this small amount in a way that everyone can help, the P. T. A. has asked the public to give a pound-anything. Anything that can be used in preparing the meals for these unfortunate children will be acceptable. There will be someone in the high school building on Monday, January 19th, to receive these gifts.

Let everyone bring something whether large or small to be used for one of our most worthy and needed causes.

CLINIC AT RAPIDS
The regular clinic for cripples will be held in Roanoke Rapids next Wednesday, January 15th, in the Rosemary Baptist Church at one o'clock.

Cancels 7,000 Debts



KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Charles G. Armstrong (above), merchant, made a Christmas present of \$5,000 to 7,000 charge customers. He "wiped the slate clean" on all accounts. "You don't owe me a cent," he said.

COUNTY BOARD APPROVES BIG AMOUNT BIDS

The County Board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse in Halifax Monday, devoting the major portion of their time to routine business, accepting bids for plumbing and heating jobs and paving bills.

A peddler's license was issued to P. C. Johnson, a World War veteran. Bids for about \$70,000 worth of plumbing and heating and repairing in schools, contracts were received and approved. These included: Little Building Company, Charlotte, N. C., for building and repair work, \$54,000; Harris Hardware Co., Washington, N. C., for plumbing and heating material, \$4,129; Rowe-Coward, Inc., Durham, N. C., plumbing and heating jobs, \$4,896; C. L. Russ, Greenville, N. C., heating job, \$6,765. These bids had been previously received by the Board of Education in connection with PWA jobs in county and had to be approved by the board.

On proper motion, second and carried, the following resolutions were passed:

"That we the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County do hereby recommend that the State Highway Commission of North Carolina look over and maintain following public road: Beginning at Littleton-Halifax highway near Hawkins Chapel connecting with Aurelian Springs-Weldon highway near Anderson's Cross Roads—total mileage of this road is approximately 3 miles.

Another resolution passed was: Resolved by the Commissioners of Halifax County:

That the State Highway Commission of North Carolina be and it is hereby requested to tar the road leading from Moonlight Filling Station on Route 125 to the Town of Enfield and the road from Enfield to a point where the Enfield road connects with the road leading from Littleton to Rocky Mount at a point near Ringwood.

World-Famous Japanese To Speak In This State

Toyochiko Kagawa, world-famous Japanese writer, evangelist, and friend of the poor, who is now on a seven months' tour of the United States and Canada, will be in North Carolina January 12-15, at Asheville and Durham, and at Richmond, Virginia, on the 16th and 17th. The hours at which he will speak have been announced as follows:

Durham, Tuesday, January 14, at 11:30, 2:30 and 7:30; Wednesday, January 15, 11:30 and 2:30.

Richmond, Thursday, January 16, at 5:45 p. m. and 8:15 p. m.; Friday, January 17, at 1 o'clock, a luncheon for ministers.

Arrangements to see and hear the distinguished Japanese visitor can be made through Professor J. M. Ormond, of Duke University, for Durham and Dr. C. S. Greene, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, for Richmond.

A number of people in the Weldon community have expressed the purpose to hear Dr. Kagawa at Durham or Richmond.

Production Credit Association To Hold Annual Meet Wednesday

Seven or eight hundred farmers are expected to be in Weldon to attend the Annual Stockholders Meeting of the Weldon Production Credit Association to be held on Wednesday, January 15th. The meeting starts at 11 o'clock a. m. and will be held in the Weldon high school auditorium.

The Merchants Association and Civic organizations of Weldon are planning to royally entertain these farmers. An oyster roast will be enjoyed after the meeting at the Coco-Cola plant. Many other entertainment features have been planned for the farmers on this day.

At the Annual meeting of the stockholders (every farmer who secures a loan through an association becomes a stockholder of the association from which he secures his loan) a complete report of

the years operations of the association will be presented. There are no secrets in these associations. The stockholders are given full and complete information and every penny received and disbursed during the year is accounted for.

Then there is the election of officers. Each stockholder has one vote and a board of directors will be elected to manage the affairs of the association for the coming year. The Weldon association is comprised of farmers of both Halifax and Northampton counties.

Ernest Graham, President, and other officials of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia will be present at the meeting to discuss the progress made by the Associations as a whole and to counsel with and advise the stockholders.

AAA Payments Are Resumed In County

Brief Session Of Recorder's Court

Only six cases were on docket at the regular meeting of Recorder's Court Tuesday, January 7.

Louis Drake, charged with driving while drunk, plead not guilty. He was found guilty and fined \$50.00 and costs. License to drive revoked for a period of 12 months.

Sam Wade, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, plead not guilty but was found guilty. Prayer for judgment continued on condition the defendant pays the costs and the sum of \$15.00 into the Clerk's office for the use of W. N. Babbitt, and on condition he remains of good behavior for one year.

Edward Harding, charged with larceny, plead not guilty, but was found guilty. Prayer for judgment continued on condition defendant pays the costs, and a fine of \$10.00 and the sum of 98c for the use of Rose's 5 and 10 cent Store.

O'Bryant Fulghum, charged with driving while drunk, plead guilty. He was fined \$50.00 and costs. License to drive revoked for 12 months.

George C. Williams, charged with reckless driving, plead not guilty. He was found guilty of reckless operation of a motor vehicle. Prayer for judgment continued on condition defendant does not operate a motor vehicle for a period of 4 months.

Mary Hawkins and Melvin Rogers, charged with assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty of an affray in which deadly weapons were used. Each of the defendants was sentenced to 3 months in jail. Melvin Rogers to be assigned to do work under the direction of S. H. & P. W. C. Execution of the foregoing sentences suspended on condition each defendant pays 1-2 cents, \$7.50 for the purpose of paying Doctor's bill for medical services rendered defendant Hawkins, and on further condition each defendant remains of good behavior.

NURSES, PATIENTS THANK FRIENDS

We wish to thank all of you in Weldon and Halifax who so generously contributed to our Christmas Tree Fund. It was the means of us having one of the happiest and most cheerful possible.

Nurses and Patients of the Sanatorium.

Jackson Day Dinner Is Success; Many Attend

Approximately 175 Democrats of the 2nd Congressional District from Halifax, Northampton, and Bertie Counties, attended the Jackson Day Dinner which was held in the Halifax Community House, at eight o'clock, Wednesday night, January 8th. The dinner was arranged as a part of the nationwide celebration by Young Democratic clubs and proceeds, which were around \$200 will be turned over to the National Democratic organization.

The chief speaker of the evening, Senator Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount, was introduced by Julian Allsbrook, who made a short speech before introducing the speaker. A few well chosen remarks were also spoken by heads of the various delegations;

Many Parity Checks to Be Distributed In This County

Following the announcement at noon Monday that by a 6-3 decision the Supreme Court of the United States had declared the Agricultural Adjustment Act of the Roosevelt administration unconstitutional and an invasion of the rights of the states by the federal government, there had been much concern locally, as to whether or not the terms of existing contracts with farmers made by the AAA would be carried out. Also what action, if any, would be taken to discharge the obligations encumbered during the past year by the AAA in its crop limitations program.

On Tuesday, following the Court's decision of the preceding day, the word went out from Washington that all AAA employees in all states were to be dismissed, and that the distributing of parity and rental checks was to be stopped until further notice. Following this official mandate, banks in many sections stopped the cashing of AAA checks of all description, and County Agents began to make preparations to wind up their business under the AAA, bringing it up to the date of the decision. Later in the day Tuesday, another wire was received, advising the County Agents to proceed with their distribution of checks, with only a limited office force, and to incur no other expenses for the operations of their work with the now defunct AAA.

County Agent W. O. Davis says that it is his opinion the administration will find some way to carry out its agricultural program which has been of such great benefit to farmers.

Champion's Bride-To-Be



CHICAGO — A new photo of Miss Dorothy Hurd, herself an ardent golfer, who is soon to become the bride of Wm. Lawson Little, amateur golf king of England and the United States.

THIS COUNTY GOT MILLIONS AAA PROGRAM

Records Show Farmers of County Got Over Four Millions Under Plan

A glance at the records shows that Halifax county farmers have received an enormous sum of money from the AAA program since it started operating in this county, over and above what they would have gotten under the old plan of "Plant-what-you-please and sell-for-what-you-can-get."

The 1934 and 1935 crops of tobacco brought four times as much each year to Halifax farmers as the entire crop brought in 1932. The 1934 crop in Halifax brought well over a million and a quarter dollars. The 1935 crop brought almost as much.

In 1932, before the AAA program got going, Halifax county farmers got only \$236,105 for their whole crop. In 1933, they received over \$1,187,385 for their cotton crop, and about the same figure the next two years, or more than twice as much as under the old plan.

The total increased income for the peanut growers since the AAA program started in Halifax, is \$1,000,000.

Halifax county farmers have seen the total value of their crops increased over four million dollars under the workings of the AAA. The total rental and benefit payments have amounted to nearly a half million dollars.

The following is an exact copy of the N. C. Census records for the three money crops in the county:

1931—Cotton, 32,490 bales at 6.3c per pound, \$977,204.00. Peanuts, 483,000 bags at 2.1c per pound, \$862,162.00. Tobacco, 4,602,636 pounds at 9c per pound, \$415,198.00. Total value of money crops was \$2,184,564.00.

1932—Cotton, 23,924 bales at 6.2c per pound, \$708,126.00. Peanuts, 373,275 bags at 1.2c per pound, \$380,741.00. Tobacco, 2,071,095 pounds at 11.4c per pound, \$236,105.00. Total value of money crops was \$1,324,972.00.

1933—Cotton, 25,641 bales at 9.7c per pound, \$1,187,385.00. Peanuts 316,800 bags at 2.54c per pound, \$673,209.00. Tobacco, 4,641,200 pounds at 15c per pound, \$696,180.00. AAA benefit payments for cotton plowed up, \$151,574.00. Total value crops plus benefits, \$2,708,339.00.

1934—Cotton, 39,952 bales at 12.5c per pound, \$1,549,356.00. Peanuts, 436,400 bags at 3c per pound, \$1,112,832.00. Tobacco, 4,301,283 pounds at 28c per pound, \$1,204,359.00. AAA benefit payments, cotton and tobacco, \$522,273.00. Total value plus benefits, \$4,386,825.00.

Estimated 1935 AAA benefit payments—Cotton, \$273,406.00; Peanuts, \$134,256.00; Tobacco, \$17,675.00; Total, \$425,337.00.

PATROLMEN GIVES DRIVERS EXAMS.

Anybody who does not have a drivers license yet and has not made application will be required to take an examination.

Patrolmen Long and Arnold give these examinations at Halifax on each Tuesday and Friday. Northampton county drivers can take the exam on Thursday afternoon in Jackson.

Baby Found In Filling Station In Suffolk; Its Mother Arrested Here

At The Baptist Church Sunday

The pastor's subject for the morning will be: "THE BROKEN SNARE." His subject for the evening hour will be: "LESSONS FROM THE QUEEN OF SHEBA'S VISIT TO SOLOMON."

"Part of the rich heritage that God has planned for you in the New Year is suffering. He will permit in the life of each child of His a portion—just the right portion—of difficulty and trial and temptation. What we see in these trials and temptations will largely determine the riches that will be ours in this year. A Christian layman recently wrote to a friend: "How fine it would be to go out in the opening year so yielded that every fresh circumstance or trial or temptation would prove to have the sweet face of Christ concealed in it, or bursting like a flood of glory through some rift in the cloud and filling with radiance our uplifted faces; so that each new obedience should be but the parting of the curtain, ushering us into new wonders and experiences of His inexhaustible riches and fullness. Old things would then be constantly passing away, all things constantly becoming new." What glories of abounding grace,—that the worst that Satan can do against the child of God in this New Year only furnishes fresh opportunity for God to pour out the treasures of His unspeakable Gift!"—Sunday School Times.

By the Pastor

FREEDOM LEAP FUTILE

A negro prisoner in the county jail took a long chance with his life Tuesday and while not losing his life lost freedom.

Lawrence Jackson, who is awaiting trial on charges of store-breaking, was brought into the courtroom while Recorder's Court was in session. Asking a deputy to let him go into an anteroom on the excuse of talking to his lawyer, Lawrence raised a window and jumped, as this was the second story he luckily was not hurt.

Several saw the negro run and gave chase. Among these was Leonidas Hux, clerk of court, who is "some runner" (or so claims the negro), after running for about a half mile Hux caught the man.

Lawrence is back in jail wondering where folks get the idea that a scared negro can outrun anybody, even a Clerk of Court.

Community Club Holds Jan. Meet

The Community Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the American Legion Hut.

The ladies of the Baptist Missionary society served a delicious supper after which the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: President, T. J. McKim; Vice - President, Edgar Bounds; and Secretary, D. H. Moody.

Local Junior Order Installs Its Officers

The J. O. U. A. M. No. 203 held a meeting Monday night, January 6th, for the purpose of the election of officers for the ensuing year. These were: W. R. Anderson, Counselor; H. M. Neville, vice-counselor; W. B. House, Recording Secretary; W. M. Glasgow, Financial Secretary; J. T. D. Rawlings, Treasurer; R. S. Fountain, Chaplin; C. E. Moss, Warden; C. E. Meigs, Conductor; W. J. Boseman, Inside Sentinel; R. M. Mason, Outside Sentinel; Charles W. DuRant, Assistant Recording Secretary; and C. B. Thomas, Trustee.

Hazel Clary Lumis Faces Serious Charge of Deserting Child

A young Roanoke Rapids mother, Hazel Clary Lumis, is in a Suffolk, Va., jail awaiting trial for abandoning her month old baby in a service station there early Tuesday morning. The woman was arrested by Weldon police Wednesday morning in the South Weldon home of one of her sisters.

The child was born about a month ago while its mother was visiting another sister in Norfolk. After the child was born, according to the woman's story, her people made her leave and she caught a ride with a truck owned by a transportation company of Roanoke Rapids. When it passed through Suffolk, she asked the driver, J. W. Davenport, to stop at a filling station which was closed. When he did the woman carried the baby, which she had kept hidden under her coat, into the rest room and left it.

The following account published in many daily papers tells a graphic story of the finding of the baby:

Baby Is Found In Gas Station

Suffolk, Jan. 7.—William Howell, proprietor of the Standard Oil Service Station, located on Pinney and East Washington street, found a tiny baby girl, around six weeks or two months old, lying on the concrete floor of the ladies' rest room of the station when he opened for business today.

Mr. Howell heard the baby crying when he unlocked the station and went in the rest room following the cries. The rest room door is not locked during the night.

He notified the police and Patrolman Tom Spiers came and took the baby, nearly dead with cold and exposure, to his home, where Mrs. Spiers looked after it until the arrival of Dr. Edward Joyner, city physician.

The baby was taken by Dr. Joyner to Virginia Hospital, where it will remain until some disposition can be made.

The child is pretty and was dressed in a blue silk cap and a little hand-made dress and a soiled cotton blanket.

Dr. Joyner stated that he believed the baby had been left by some transient and that it had been doped. It refused nourishment at the hospital and appeared drowsy. The police are checking up in an effort to locate the parents who abandoned the child.

One of the readers of the above story remembered seeing the truck stop at the station and when it came back through Suffolk Tuesday night it was stopped by police and the driver after being quizzed disclosed the information leading to the woman's arrest.

While awaiting the arrival of Suffolk police Wednesday the woman told her story. She is also the mother of a two and a half year old boy. The child is staying with an uncle here. Her husband left her over a year ago, she said. The driver, Davenport, did not know that she had the baby with her, the woman claimed.

Car Hits Wagon

An automobile owned by Garland S. Sydnor, vice-president and chief engineer of Sydnor Pump & Well Co., of Richmond, hit a wagon near Pleasant Hill Tuesday night about 6 o'clock.

The wagon, being driven by Nelson Adams and owned by J. P. Moore of Tripplet, Va., was completely demolished, while the negro escaped with minor injuries.

Mr. Sydnor and his negro chauffeur, Charlie Carter, suffered painful cuts and bruises about the head and body. The car was considerably damaged. One of the mules pulling the wagon was instantly killed while the other so badly injured it had to be killed.