

## HUNDREDS OF FARMERS IN WELDON TODAY

### Famed Agricultural Authority Says To "Sink Selfishness"

Makes Special Appeal to Farmers Here Today

(This article was written especially for the News, for this issue, and is of interest to everyone.)

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A state of confusion prevails following the Supreme Court Agricultural Adjustment Administration ruling. This is only natural, as the stopping of suspension of this well organized government agency, which has intimately touched the lives of a large majority of farmers in this country, has left them without the prop upon which they have heavily leaned for the past three years. Since the sixth of January, I have been asked many times—what effect will the Supreme Court ruling have on farming generally? What will cotton, tobacco, and peanut farmers do about their 1936 acreage, etc., etc.

Ignoring the farmers need for some strong control, under existing world condition and conditions prevailing during recent years, I would say that those farmers who have cooperated with the AAA, either willingly or unwillingly, should have learned something of the value of cooperation; and I think a considerable number of them will "dig in" and continue acreage allotment policies under which they have worked. This is no time for a display of selfishness. Too much is involved. And yet, each individual has the right, under the Constitution, to decide what he is going to plant during the year 1936, and in what acreage. The bars are down.

While the AAA control is "shot," why cannot agricultural leaders in each county—in each community—continue to hold money-crop farmers in line by appealing to their common sense; impressing them with the fact that the success of the whole should be sought—for that is what really matters—not the success of a few individuals. This is not socialism, but common sense.

If acreage control, of certain crops, was needed during the past three years, and is still needed to prevent over-production and depression in prices, it seems to me that the farmers will, of their own volition, continue the job started under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

It is my conception that the AAA planned for a living, plus, for American farmers. If this is true farmers in the Southeast have a decided advantage over those in many other parts of the country, for here a man can not only have a reasonable acreage in southern money-crops, but conditions also permit him to make those crops and have that livestock which will provide subsistence for both man and beast.

### Good Record Made By Land Bank

From May 12, 1933, to August 31, 1935, interest maturities on Land Bank Commissioner loans in this district totaled \$1,558,000 and of this amount 92.2 per cent had been paid prior to September 1, according to figures given out by Governor Myers of the Farm Credit Association at Washington.

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia was one of the four leaders in the United States, according to these figures. Julian H. Scarborough, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia expressed gratification at the showing being made by this bank. He said it indicated that the borrowers of the third district were doing their best to meet their obligations to the institution and were appreciative of the service which it is rendering them.



Benny Leonard, defeated former lightweight champion, has at last taken the "KO" from cupid and above is a photo of his new bride, the former acquiescing, Stella.

### Roanoke Rapids Man Among Few Getting Big Pay

### COUNTY MAN MAKES OVER \$19,000.00 YEAR

One of Halifax county's citizens was fortunate enough to be numbered among 77 North Carolina officials who received over \$15,000 in 1934.

W. L. Manning of Roanoke Rapids received a salary of \$19,556 for the year 1934, according to reports published last week. He is president of Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Manning is the only Halifax county citizen to receive this large salary, which figured down to common understanding means he got about \$1629 a month or almost \$68 a day.

He is one of the best known mill executives in this section and is to be congratulated on commanding this high figure.

The report releasing these figures is filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives in Washington.

### Chicken Thieves Arrested Sunday

When Weldon housewives go to get their chickens to put in the pan they may find them now.

For the past several weeks this community has suffered from a marauding gang of chicken thieves. However, this particular gang will "steal no mo'."

Determined to rid the town of this menace, the Weldon police department worked night and day last week-end and Sunday night caught James Flipp with a sack of Dr. McGeachy's chickens.

James, after being questioned some time, named Roosevelt Long, Lonnie Person and Walter Gee as being the rest of the gang.

The price of chickens went up in Recorders Court Tuesday as the thieves soon found out. James Flipp has already had a year on the roads, sentence suspended. This was for the same offense. He will serve the year and also six more months.

The evidence against Walter Gee was insufficient and he was freed, Roosevelt Long got eight months on the roads.

In the case against Lonnie Person, judgment was withheld until next Tuesday when he will be tried for stealing some more chickens.

Among those whose hen houses had been visited were: Dr. McGeachy, P. G. Hamilton and J. T. D. Rawlings. Officer Singleton caught Flipp with some of the chickens.

### Famous Choir At Raleigh Soon

The famous Westminster Choir under the direction of Dr. John Finley Williamson, will be heard at Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, Feb. 19. The North Carolina Music Festival Association is sponsoring the appearance of this celebrated group of singers. This concert will be one of the high spots of musical entertainment during this current season. Singing entirely unaccompanied, no instrument of pitch except the human voice, they portray nearly every tone color possible to the human voice.

Programs presented by the Westminster Chorus range through a wide assortment of musical moods, dramatic, sentimental, sombre, and bright even to merry. Spirituals, classics, and modernistic popular arrangements are all included on their programs.

There are forty-one singers in this symphonic chorus, and they are every one real singers. This group are tuned up before each concert just as you would tune an orchestra. The members of this unique organization are not only singers but each individual in this choir directed by Dr. Williamson are, in fact, complete musicians, each having attained professional rating as a player of either the piano or organ. Perfect diction, sonority of tone, flexibility of rhythm, vitality—these are four of the major requirements of good choral singing according to Dr. Williamson and he demands this and gets it from the Westminster Choir. His idealism in accepting nothing less than the best at all times from his singers has made it the important organization it is today, an internationally famous group which has won superlative praise from critics both here and in Europe. Every choir director, choir member, and singers of any calibre, who love singing, should especially hear this concert and receive the inspiration and pleasure afforded.

Dr. Williamson is donating the concert to the N. C. M. F. A. All the money will be used in the work of the association in carrying music to the masses of North Carolina. A wonderful program to hear, a great cause served.

### Jurors Drawn For Jan. Term Court

The following jurors were drawn for the next term of Superior Court which starts in Halifax January 27th:

First week: R. F. Edmond, Scotland Neck; James Wommack, Coconara; J. E. Buck, Roanoke Rapids; G. W. Robertson, Butterwood; L. S. Cannon, Roanoke Rapids; G. G. Alston, Butterwood; J. C. Brown, Roanoke Rapids; D. L. Traynham, Roanoke Rapids; J. A. Pittard, Faucetts; A. R. Matthews, Roanoke Rapids; R. A. Musgrove, Weldon; R. I. Starke, Roanoke Rapids; G. A. Northington, Roanoke Rapids; A. L. Garner, Weldon; J. C. Riddick, Scotland Neck; R. L. Applewhite, Halifax; J. K. Dickens, Roanoke Rapids; T. L. Vick, Enfield; Wade L. Mizelle, Jr., Palmyra; Ennis Bryan, Scotland Neck; P. A. Lewis, Scotland Neck; E. P. Collins, Brinkleyville; James Johnson, Weldon; G. E. Ratcliff, Roanoke Rapids; Dallas Collins, Roanoke Rapids; J. R. Wollett, Brinkleyville; E. F. Coppedge, Halifax; M. J. Hux, Halifax; B. C. Parr, Faucetts; Winston Perry, Halifax; J. O. Carter, Weldon; Lee Hall, Palmyra; N. P. Whitehead, Roseneath; J. W. Liles, Littleton; Cleophas Bray, Roanoke Rapids; Percy B. Partin, Scotland Neck; J. W. Boseman, Roanoke Rapids; Eddie Howell, Roseneath; H. C. Crawley, Brinkleyville; Julian A. Pittman, Scotland Neck; Jesse DeBrule, Roseneath; R. L. Bunch, Scotland Neck; Jay Newsome, Scotland Neck; L. G. Barnhill, Scotland Neck.

Second Week: Julian Bell, Roanoke Rapids; John M. Fisher, Roanoke Rapids; W. M. Morecock, Faucetts; W. A. Butts, Roanoke Rapids; E. H. Ricks, Roanoke Rapids; Ashley Jones, Scotland Neck; Cary Powell, Roanoke Rapids; William C. Whitley, Halifax; T. W. Myrick, Littleton; W. R. Caudle, Halifax; C. R. King, Roanoke Rapids; R. L. Jenkins, Littleton; Murray Fleming, Scotland Neck; Ellis Farber, Scotland Neck; Rufus Everett, Faucetts; J. Alston Whitehurst, Palmyra; L. B. (Continued on Page 5)

### Selecting Newsmen to Witness Hauptmann Execution



TRENTON, N. J. — Declaring that the execution of Bruno Hauptmann was not "to be made a show," Mark O. Kimberling, Warden of the New Jersey State Prison, turned down more than 400 news representative requests to witness the electrocution. Limiting them to eighteen, some of which were included among the twelve "official" witnesses as required by law. Photo shows Warden Kimberling addressing the newsmen.

### Cost Of Securing Loans Reduced By Recent Legislation

#### Laws Are Passed To Simplify Loan Procedure

Columbia, S. C.—The Farm Credit Administration of Columbia, with the cooperation of agricultural leaders and state legislators, has secured the passage of legislation which will to a great extent, simplify loan procedure, expedite loans and reduce the costs of loans to farmer-borrowers, particularly loans made upon the security of crops, livestock and chattels for crop production purposes.

The legislatures of North Carolina and Florida in 1935 passed laws providing for the recordation of a blank or master form of mortgage or other security paper and for reference to the provisions contained therein in a short form of security instrument. The general terms and conditions of all Production Credit Association loans, for example, are the same. In each county a blank form of mortgage containing these terms and conditions is recorded and these terms and conditions are referred to in a short form filed for each borrower. This enables the mortgage of the borrower to be shorter than it ordinarily would be, expedites the recordation of the mortgage and reduces the cost to the farmer-borrower.

Laws have been enacted in South Carolina and Florida providing for the recordation of papers by filing or affixing the papers, or copies thereof, in registration offices instead of requiring the papers to be transcribed upon the records.

Thus it is seen that material reductions in the costs of recording to borrowers have been effected in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

In South Carolina and Florida the period of examining records has been shortened and the costs thereof to borrowers reduced, through legislation which shortens the notice afforded third parties by the record of mortgages on certain types of property.

Legislation provided for the recordation of assignments, subordination and other papers in South Carolina, and conditional sales contracts and other similar papers affecting certain types of personal property in Florida has increased the effective use of such property as security for loans.

Plat statutes were enacted by the legislatures of North Carolina and South Carolina whereby descriptions of lands may be materially shortened by reference to a record plat. There acts will result in expediting and simplifying the preparation and recordation of mortgages on lands, and will further reduce the costs of recordation to borrowers.

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#### HERE WEDNESDAY



MR. ERNEST GRAHAM  
Mr. Graham, president of the Production Credit Corporation in Columbia, S. C., is here for annual stockholders meeting of Weldon Production Credit Association. The corporation in Columbia is supervisor of all the Production Credit Associations in the Third District.

#### AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach next Sunday morning and night. We are hoping that God's House will be filled with worshiping people at all of the services next Lord's day. One of the pastor's new resolutions is to try to preach the gospel in greater spiritual power this year than ever before. The members and the friends of the Church can help him carry out this new year resolution by being faithful in their attendance upon the worship in our church at both the morning and the evening hours.

Dr. W. H. Hubbard said: "In the market square of the little town of Wantage there is a beautiful marble statue of King Alfred with this inscription:

"Alfred the Great, the West Saxon King, born at Wantage, A. D. 849. Alfred found learning dead, and he revived it; the laws powerless, and he gave them force; the church debased, and he raised it; the land ravaged by a fearful enemy, from which he delivered it. Alfred's name shall live as long as mankind respects the past."

It has not had been for the faithfulness of Queen Judith to Alfred in his boyhood there might not have been anything in his life that succeeding generation would like to commemorate with a public monument. In moulding his life she influenced the history of England for the better for a thousand years." —By the Pastor.

### Weldon Production Credit Association Had A Good Year During 1935

#### PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

1. Call meeting to order.—Mr. W. A. Thorne, President of Association.
2. Ascertain from Secretary-Treasurer if a quorum of stockholders is present.
3. Reading of copy of notice of meeting, together with affidavit of mailing of same. By I. J. Judkins, Secretary-Treasurer.
4. Election of Clerk of meeting.
5. Reading of report of last annual stockholders' meeting. By Secretary-Treasurer.
6. Report to stockholders for Board of Directors and Loan Committee on activities of Association since last annual meeting. By President of Association.
7. Report to stockholders on financial condition of the Association. By Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Remarks. By Mr. John B. Mann, Field Representative of Production Credit Corporation.
9. Talk by outstanding member of Association, not on Board of Directors, telling her experience with, and what she thinks of this Association. By Mrs. E. H. Leggett.
10. Talk by outstanding member of Board of Directors, explaining cooperative nature of this Association and responsibilities of members of Board of Directors. By Mr. J. M. Person.
11. Talking regarding production credit in the district as a whole and latest information relative to the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia. By Mr. Graham.
12. Ascertain by actual count, number of stockholders and number of visitors present.
13. Chair explains why necessary to elect two directors.
14. Special string music.
15. Report of Nominating Committee.
16. Further nominations from floor.
17. Distribution and casting of ballots.
18. Introduction of County Agents and Vocational Teachers.
19. Report of Tellers.
20. Introduction of the directors elected.
21. Reading of Minutes of this meeting. By Secretary-Treasurer.
22. Motion for adjournment.

#### More Loans Made: 100 Per Cent Collections Anticipated

Today (Wednesday, January 15th) at 11 o'clock a. m. the Weldon Production Credit Association will hold its annual stockholders meeting in the High School Auditorium.

The Weldon association was organized in January 1934, and enjoyed a very successful year, setting up a reserve of approximately \$1,800.00.

When the year 1935 came in, this association had been organized long enough for everyone connected to be familiar with its workings. The farmers had begun to learn what production credit was and what it meant to them.

They saw in the association something that they had never seen in a credit organization before. There was an opportunity to become a part owner of what they could call their bank.

The Production Credit Corporation was organized to set up these Associations, to capitalize them and then to supervise their operations. Although the Corporation in Columbia owns about 92 percent of the capital stock it is hoped that eventually the farmers will own the Association entirely.

So well is the plan of the association liked that in the first of the year 1935 there were 760 applications for loans for crop production. Of the 760 applications, 579 loans were passed on and approved. These 579 loans totaled \$232,954.00. At this writing all of this amount has been collected but \$19,000.00 and the association is amply secured and L. J. Judkins the Secretary has reported that he expects to effect 100 per cent collections by the first of February.

Some people have the mistaken idea that this association is only open for business during the early spring, but this is not true. It is open at all times for the people who borrow. The association is the farmer's friend. It is hoped that he will feel free to come in and discuss his problems at any time of the year he wishes. The Secretary is always willing and ready to answer any and all questions regarding loans. If it is possible for the association to make you a loan for financing your farming operations it will certainly do so.

### P. C. A.'s Report Payments Good

Columbia, S. C.—Production Credit Associations in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia report splendid collections to date and indications are that the record made last year will be duplicated this year. The collection season in Florida does not coincide with that of the other three states of the district.

The Marion, Bennettsville and Dillon associations in South Carolina and the Dublin association in Georgia have already reported all loans made for production purposes repaid in full and quite a number of other associations are nearly 100 per cent. The Marion association which was the first in the United States last year to report production loans repaid 100 per cent was again first this year.

Ernest Graham, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, says he is gratified at the good record being made by the various associations. He says the members are evidencing their appreciation of the service which the associations are offering and are keeping faith with each other by their loyal support of the associations.

Turkeys sold by Chatham County farmers during the holiday season brought in more than \$14,000 in cash to the growers.

### Serves 32 Years With Coast Line

Friday, the 13th may mean hard luck to some people, but to H. L. Grant it signifies an anniversary.

On Friday, the 13th, 32 years ago, Mr. Grant started to work for the Atlantic Coast Line and he has served this organization continuously since. He has missed being on the payroll only 9 days during this time.

Today, Mr. Grant holds one of the best jobs the railroad offers and his many friends will assure you he is one of the finest men, as well as official on any railroad.

We wish you 32 more years of happy service, Mr. Grant.

#### JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Florence Ann Clark and Mary Ferbee Mitchell were hostesses at a joint birthday party Saturday afternoon.

Upon arrival the guests were taken to the theatre after which they returned to Mrs. Mitchell's home where ice cream and cake were served.

Those present included: Misses Katherine Stephenson, of Garysburg; Charlotte Ann Webb, Jean Tilghman, Frances Musgrove, Georgia Willis Tilghman, Ballard Mobern, Frances Jennings, Ernestine Turner and Lucille Oakes.

### Free Show For Farmers Here

On the entertainment program for the farmers today (Wednesday) will be a free admittance to the Rialto, Weldon's new theatre.

After the big oyster roast at Weldon Coca-Cola Bottling plant, the doors of the Rialto will be open, and on the screen will be shown for the first time here the interesting picture "Back to the Soil." This picture is a real farming picture, with a fine story that will appeal to farmers.

In addition to the special picture the regular picture will be shown, it is Warner Oland in "Charlie Chan's Secret," a thrilling detective story.

This free program was made possible by the American Nitrate of Soda Company in co-operation with the theatre management.

The shows will start about 2:30 p. m., and run continuously until 6 o'clock.

From the Kobe lespedeza planted on 14 acres of wheat last spring G. E. Bell of Yadkin County harvested 28 two-horse wagon loads of hay with each load producing 24 bales and Mr. Bell sold for \$1 a bale. The wheat was extra.