

Bertie County Reader Calls Briggs' Hand

Says Farmers In Bertie Know Difference Between Poverty and Prosperity Under Government Control of Crops and Prices

B. Adams, of Merry Hill, who resents Pastor W. T. C. Briggs' incriminating inferences relative to the personnel and operation of the AAA, this week sent the following letter to The Herald:

"In your last issue I notice that your Parson correspondent takes another fling at the old AAA and the efforts of the watermelon growers to organize and cooperate under the new Farm bill for better and improved methods of selling.

"As to whether the watermelon growers of Chowan sign up or do not cooperate is a matter for each one to decide, but since your paper has a good circulation in Bertie, and the AAA, either old or new, is held in high esteem over here, we just do not like to see unwarranted and unjustified statements made about its personnel and the good it has done.

"With a few exceptions the workings of the AAA gave fine satisfaction. The curtailment program was responsible for raising the price of cotton from 5 to 12 cents, peanuts from 1 to 3 and 4 cents, tobacco from 9 to 25 cents, and of hogs from 4 to 12 cents. It has meant the rescue and economic salvation of the farmers and I am sure Mr. Briggs' memory is not so faulty as to forget the disaster and ruin of low prices three years ago.

"Who wants to waste time and labor producing more crops than can be sold at a living price? Industrial concerns do not produce more goods than they can sell. Neither should the farmer. But the preacher would like to see us go back to the old method of 'every one for himself and the devil take the hindmost.' He would forsake the leadership of Moses and go back to the flesh pots and garlic of Egypt like the complaining Israelites.

"Our preacher friend says 'I have seen too much of the underhand work done by the AAA dictators to put much confidence in any of them.' To say that we were under a dictator or that underhand methods was the rule in administering the law is as far from the truth as the East is from the West. And he cannot prove any more than he can prove

who Cain's wife was. It was the most democratic and liberally administered law passed in a century. Even the farmers were given the privilege to say if they wanted it continued, and voted 10 to 1 to continue its operation.

"In view of this it is either prejudice or lack of information to say we were under a 'Dictator.' The Supreme Court did not so designate it. It remained for the Liberty League, under the tutelage of Al Smith to cry out intolerance and dictatorship. That is probably where Mr. Briggs is getting his ideas. In fact he is duplicating Mr. Smith's charges in fine style. You must have heard or read the governors Belschazzar feast speech in Washington not long since. I would not be found in such company, and I am not a preacher. In 1928 the preacher lambasted the Democratic candidate from every corner and angle. Now they are closer together than the Siamese Twins used to be. I was against his policies then and I am against them now.

"Speaking of dictators, Mussolini, Stalin and Hitler are fair samples of that kind of an animal. A man of that type would not be tolerated in this country long enough for a preacher to say 'Amen.' The parson seems to be well versed in book learning and some ism, schism, some science and philosophy, but we farmers know the difference between poverty and prosperity and that 12 cents is better than 5 cents for cotton and 3 and 4 cents better than one for peanuts, and so on down the line."

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Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Long and their daughter, Miss Eloise, of Elizabeth City, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brabble Sunday.

W. E. Baker, of Edenton, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Sam Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davenport and son, Ray Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jackson Sunday after-

LET'S GO "COLLEGIATE"



Joe Penner, Jack Oakie and Frances Langford give each other a music lesson in Paramount's "Collegiate," coming Monday and Tuesday to the Taylor Theatre, Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brabble visited Mrs. Brabble's father, Dock Davenport, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barrington visited Mrs. Barrington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Beasley, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Lassiter and children, Lessie and William Edward, and Mrs. Louise Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Colon Jackson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Melvin Colson, from New Hope, spent Sunday with her father, Will Skinner, and Mrs. Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davenport entertained a few friends Thursday evening at a sugar pulling. About 15 guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webb spent Thursday in Suffolk, Va.

Colon Jackson spent Wednesday in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Bradford Chappell is improving after being ill for the past two weeks.

Yates Jordan, of Edenton, visited William Jordan Sunday morning.

Y. W. A. HAVE ALL DAY MISSION STUDY CLASS

The W. Y. A. of Warwick Baptist Church held an all day Mission Study Class Thursday, March 26, at the home of Mrs. D. H. Berryman, their counsellor. The book, "Who Is My Neighbor?" was taught by Mrs. Earl White.

COLERAIN CLUB MEETS

The Senior Woman's Club of Colerain held its meeting on Wednesday

afternoon, with an excellent attendance despite the inclement weather. An interesting program was rendered.

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