

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

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Since the adjournment of Congress, members are giving more real attention to studies of the farm problem than perhaps any other phase of pending legislation.

Such studies disclose some cheerful factors with reference to the general improvement of agriculture since 1932. Farm cash income has moved upward eighty-five per cent—farm prices are up seventy-five per cent—forced farm sales have been cut in half—farm wages have increased seventy-five per cent, and farm real estate values have gained sixteen per cent.

Thus there is reason for the statement that agricultural progress has been during the first four years of the administration of President Roosevelt and it strengthens the determination of all concerned to maintain those gains.

In agriculture, as in industry, greater strides in some sections have been offset by less favorable trends in others, but the general improvement has undoubtedly been felt throughout the country. In 1932, tobacco was selling on the average at ten and a half cents per pound, and on July 15, 1937, it was bringing nearer twenty seven cents per pound. In 1932, cotton was down to six and a half cents per pound and on July 15, 1937, was at 12.4 cents per pound. Corresponding improvement is noted in a wide variety of agricultural commodities.

Cash income available for farm family living, after deductions for wages, operating expenses, taxes and interest, increased even more rapidly during the four-year span from 1932 to 1936, than did cash income available to the agriculture population for living from 1932 production was \$1,473,000,000. From 1936 production it was \$4,475,000,000. This was 204 per cent above the 1932 depression low and within eight per cent of its 1929 level.

Of course, the gain in income during this period was somewhat offset by an increase in the price of things the farmers buy. But allowing for an increase of sixteen per cent in prices farmers pay for commodities and services used in living and production, the purchasing power of cash income from farm production was sixty per cent greater in 1936 than in 1932. Allowing for an increase of thirteen per cent in the price that farmers pay for things used in living, which did not advance quite as rapidly as the price of commodities used in production, the increase in purchasing power between 1932 and 1936 was even greater.

In other words, the disparity between the prices the farmers get for their commodities and the prices at which they buy has been greatly lessened, although not entirely at the goal that is sought.

The improvement in farm estate values is also significant and along with a reduction in forced sales, is certain to bring new hope to those who live on the farm. There are many other evidences of a widespread improvement since the dark days of 1932, when the farmer faced an al-

most hopeless situation. The condition of the farm population in this country has come to be an index to conditions generally. Agriculture prices are usually found to be a barometer of the purchasing power of the great cross-section of Americans. And the improvement today indicates strongly that gains have been made and is most encouraging to members of Congress who are primarily interested in suing the legislative machinery of the Government to preserve those gains and further improve the status of rural America.

CENTER HILL

Mrs. Ray Carter and baby, of Richmond, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and children, of Sunbury, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland and son, of Edenton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bunch have moved to Edenton. Their many friends regret to see them leave the community, but wish for them much happiness in their new home.

Melvin Bunch, of Norfolk, Va., is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry.

Miss Frances Ward, of Edenton, is visiting Misses Dorothy and Kitty Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim White and children attended the pageant at Roanoke Island last week.

Mrs. J. C. Byrum and children visited Mrs. R. O. Furry Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Oliver Jordan, from near Elizabeth City, spent Wednesday as the guest of Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son, of Edenton, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mrs. Cameron Boyce is spending the week in Rocky Hock with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce and Miss Myra Boyce spent Tuesday afternoon in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Jim Baker has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va., after a visit with relatives here.

George Ellis, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ida Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunch and son, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bunch.

Mrs. Jack Bennett and baby, of Elizabeth City, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boyce and Miss Myra Boyce visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker, at Sunbury, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jernigan visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Byrum, Sunday.

Miss Juanita Riddick, of Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., and friends visited Miss Myrtle Byrum Tuesday evening.

Miss Sara Mae Chappell, of Belvidere, is visiting Miss Syble White.

Fred Walston, of Tarboro, spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston and attended the pageant at Fort Raleigh Saturday night.

Mrs. J. S. Turner, Misses Kathleen Ward, Gertrude and Myrtle Byrum spent Friday in Hertford.

Mrs. Carey McClenny, of Green Hall, is visiting Mrs. Herman Lane, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jernigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son, Mrs. H. E. Lane, Mrs. W. H. Lane and Miss Lois Hope Lane visited relatives in Elizabeth City on Sunday afternoon.

Revival services are in progress at Center Hill Methodist Church this week. Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Presiding Elder of this District, will preach the closing sermon Sunday morning.

Traveling Around America



Photo Grace Lina

FLOWERS THAT WERE AN INDIAN MAID

THE fragrant flowers bordering this canal, according to an ancient legend, were once a beautiful Indian maid. They are the floating gardens of Xochimilco, near Mexico City, on the route of the rail-water circle tours between New York, the Central Americas and Mexico. The story goes that there was once an Indian girl of humble rank named Iquicaxochitl who was so beautiful and virtuous that famous warriors, kings and men of great wealth came from far and near to seek her hand. The girl, however, spurned all these men of rank, for she loved a boy of the village with whom she had grown up. And she believed that he loved her. Hoping to hasten his declaration of love by a display of industry, Iquicaxochitl arose every morning before sunrise to sweep clean the flower-covered lanes which led to her cottage. In the meantime her rejected suitors visited the Goddess of Trickery, crowding her temple day and night, moaning over their unrequited love for Iquicaxochitl. Finally the goddess, tired of trying to console them, and jealous because it was their love for a mere mortal which brought them to her—visited the girl and pronounced this sentence upon her: "Because of thy foolish pride thou shalt live until the end of the world chaste and pure. No mortal shall ever wed thee. And the paths which thou has swept so industriously shall be but canals of water with flower gardens floating upon them. In these watery lanes men shall search for thee and find only flowers and perfume. Thou shalt be called 'Xochimilco.'" And the next day at sunrise it was found that Iquicaxochitl and her family and their cottage had disappeared—and in their place was a cluster of floating islands covered with fragrant flowers.

ROCKY HOCK DEMONSTRATION CLUB HAS SPLENDID MEETING

The Rocky Hock Home Demonstration Club met and held its August meeting with Misses Gladys and Elsie Bunch.

The meeting was called to order by the president, and after singing and repeating the Lord's Prayer, the business session was held.

The president appointed a committee on ways and means to raise more funds for the Club. Those appointed were Miss Jessie Byrum, chairman; Miss Lizzie White and Mrs. Elbert Peele.

Achievement Day was discussed and the following committee was appointed for same: Mrs. Kermit Perry, chairman; Mrs. Edgar Pearce

and Mrs. Haywood Bunch. County and State canning contest rules for 1937 were given each member, and the members were urged to enter both the Ball and Kerr jar contests.

Delegates to the State Short Course gave a very interesting report of the trip. Rocky Hock Club sent more delegates to this course band beat her when she took snuff.

than any other club in the county.

Mrs. Edgar Pearce gave a very good talk on "When, Where and How to Plant Roses."

Miss Colwell, home agent, gave the demonstration on "Selecting, Framing and Hanging Pictures."

The recreational period led by Miss Edith Bunch proved to be very humorous.

The hostesses served ice cream and cake, which was enjoyed by all.

The Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Edgar Pearce and Miss Edith Bunch for the September meeting.

Call For Livestock Made By Morrison

Fill North Carolina with pure bred cattle, swine and poultry and check the shipments of meats, poultry and eggs into the State. North Carolinians are raising nothing but cash crops and then spending all the money they make for food which comes from other places, and for commercial fertilizer to put under cotton and tobacco.

Thus did Cameron Morrison, former Governor and Senator, and now private farmer and cattle breeder, sum up the great need for North Carolina agriculture in an address before the annual summer meeting of the Jersey Cattle Club held last week at State College.

Mr. Morrison urged the cattlemen present to band together to advertise their good animals so that the State might establish a reputation for its herds. Partial to Jerseys, the speaker said they would turn feed into more dollars than any other dairy breed. He said it were possible for the State to become a second Isle of Jersey.

"Farmers still form the great stabilizing influence in this country, and if ever it needs to be saved from demoralization and ruin, it will be the stable, God-fearing courageous people of the farms and villages who will save it," Governor Morrison declared.

He stated that another great need of North Carolina at present is a closely knit organization of farmers. They should organize for their own well-being, he said, and then they could secure anything that they wanted.

Mr. Morrison declared that farm animals are needed in any well balanced program and that the production of cash crops alone will never make a happy and prosperous countryside.

Mrs. Eleanor Robinson, of Chicago, obtained a divorce because her husband beat her when she took snuff.

J. H. Holmes Co. Adds Floor Space To Store

Remodeling in J. H. Holmes Company's store was completed last week as a result of which considerably more space has been added in the shoe and men's department. Shelves along the wall have been made narrower thus permitting show cases to be moved back and allowing more floor space. Underpinning at the front of the store has also been strengthened as well as other repairs made.

The change will provide added convenience for customers and enable the clerks to more efficiently serve the public.

Minimum Sentence For Drunken Driver

S. G. Brickhouse of Columbia was found guilty on three counts in Recorder's Court Friday morning including operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, driving with insufficient brakes and operating a car without a driver's license. On the first charge he was given the minimum sentence of 60 days on the roads or a fine of \$50 and costs. Court costs were imposed on the latter two counts as well as revocation of a driver's license for 12 months.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Griffin announce the birth of a son, Charles, Jr., on Saturday.

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