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Herbert Leary Supporting Townsend Recovery Plan To Speed Prosperity's Return

Provides For Annuity Not To Exceed \$200 Per Month

MUST SPEND

Former Solicitor Planning to Organize Townsend Clubs

Herbert Leary, whose term as solicitor for the First Judicial District expired on January 1, after careful and thorough investigation and study of the Townsend Recovery Plan, known as the General Welfare Act of 1937, and the California Plan, and other pension plans, has declared he favored the Townsend Plan above all others and would aggressively advocate the passage of the General Welfare Act of 1937, introduced in Congress February 2, 1937. He further declared the Townsend Plan is a program of national scope to provide security for the aged, jobs for the unemployed and home markets for the products of American industry.

The plan, he said, will accomplish these objectives by providing security to those persons over the age of sixty years by supplying them with liberal monthly annuities, not exceeding \$200 a month; and the retirement from gainful occupation of these millions of older workers will make their jobs available for the unemployed; and the spending by this retired class, together with the new earnings made available to the unemployed, will create buying power ample to absorb the products of American industry.

Every person, whether man or woman, sixty years of age or over, who has been a citizen of the United States for at least five years, will be eligible to receive an annuity not to exceed \$200 monthly for life, conditioned on the annuitant not engaging in any gainful pursuit and further conditioned on the spending by each annuitant of the monthly annuity during the calendar month for which it is received, or within five days thereafter.

The annuities will be financed by means of a two per cent tax on all transactions by firms and individuals using the markets to sell their goods and services; this tax to be collected each month by any method designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and each annuitant will receive his pro-rata share of the proceeds of the two per cent transactions tax, not exceeding the maximum of \$200 a month, for life, the balance remaining in the fund to be used toward liquidation of the National debt and when that is cleared, any balance left will go into the General Fund.

Since the Townsend Plan is a program of national scope, it must be enacted into law by the Congress of the United States. For this reason, Townsend Clubs have been organized in Congressional Districts throughout the country and new members are daily joining the Townsend ranks. When a majority of the voters in any Congressional District in the United States demand the enactment of the Townsend Plan, their legislative representatives will have no alternative except to support the measure in Congress, and according to Mr. Leary, the Townsend Plan has the support of 156 members of the National House of Representatives and at least 12 U. S. Senators, and supporters are increasing fast, as 92 Representatives and five Senators were added during the recent election.

Mr. Leary is very much enthused over the Townsend Plan as an effective method of bringing back prosperity and will, no doubt, organize a number of Townsend Plan clubs in this section.

Harvey Thomas Leaves Town Due To Ill Health

Friends will be interested to know that Harvey Thomas, who has been corresponding for a group of large daily papers for the past three years, left Edenton Sunday. Mr. Thomas, who for the past several months has been in failing health, accompanied by John G. Thomas, to Wilson, where he was taken to Duke University for an examination following which he had planned to enter an institution at Pinehurst, where he expected to remain at least six months. Mr. Thomas gradually becoming more ill, he reluctantly left the institution and expressed the hope that he would be able to return.

Fisheries Chairman



JOHN F. WHITE

Aside from being appointed on 11 other committees, Representative John F. White, of Chowan County, was on Monday appointed chairman of the committee on Commercial Fisheries for this session of the General Assembly.

Dr. Wm. D. Perry Speaker At P. T. A. Meeting Jan. 27th

Local Group Fortunate In Securing Outstanding Lecturer

ALL INVITED

Hoped to Fill School Auditorium With Men And Women

Members of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association are quite elated over the fact that Dr. William D. Perry of the University of North Carolina, will speak at a meeting scheduled to be held in the school auditorium on Friday, January 27, at 8 p. m. Dr. Perry will speak upon the subject, "Growing Up Emotionally," and officers of the Association informed The Herald that the meeting is not for members only, but that it is hoped the auditorium will be filled with both men and women of the community.

Dr. Perry is formerly from Elizabeth City and has taught journalism at the R. J. Reynolds High School at Winston-Salem, going from there to Columbia, where he received his Ph.D. degree. He is now student advisor of the freshman class at the University of North Carolina. He has earned quite a reputation for his outstanding addresses on education and problems of children in school, and in that he is greatly in demand, the local Association feels very fortunate, indeed, to have him speak in Edenton.

Junior Auxiliary Has Interesting Meeting

Nine members of the Junior Auxiliary were present at a meeting held Monday afternoon with Annie Ruth and Josie White. A special feature of an interesting program was the reading of letters from war veterans at Oteen expressing appreciation for Christmas gifts sent. Meeting with the youngsters were Mrs. O. H. Brown and Mrs. W. E. Baker. The next meeting will be held the second Tuesday in February with Martha Conger.

First Shad

William B. Shepard, so far as this newspaper can learn, is the first fisherman in these parts to catch a shad this year. Included in a catch on Friday was a nice 6 1/2-pound roe shad, which graced the Shepard supper table the same night. The early appearance of at least this one shad will no doubt revive hopes among fishermen hereabout that shad will return to the local fishing grounds and maybe enable them to make a profit for a change.

White Is Chairman Of Committee In General Assembly

Chowan's Representative Heads Committee On Fisheries

ON 11 OTHERS

Will Be Glad to Learn of Wishes of People "Back Home"

Popularity and ability of John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, was reflected in the appointment of committees Monday night by Speaker of the House D. L. Ward. Aside from being named a member of 11 other committees, Mr. White was also appointed chairman of the committee on commercial fisheries, which industry, due to its importance among his constituents, claims his especial interest.

Mr. White, home over the week-end, expressed the hope that if any of his constituents are interested in any particular legislation he will be glad to hear from them or will arrange for a conference on any matter pertaining to the welfare of the county. As yet, he said, he has had no requests of any kind and that he is representing the county and for that reason will appreciate knowing the wishes of the "folks back home."

The committees on which Mr. White was appointed are Committee on Finance, Committee on Roads, Committee on Unemployment Compensation, Committee on Public Utilities, Committee on Conservation and Development, Committee on Oysters, Committee on Deaf and Dumb, Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Committee on Propositions and Grievances, Committee on Military Affairs and Committee on Federal Buildings.

Bachmans Improving In Tarboro Hospital

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bachman, of Columbia, will be glad to learn that they are both improving from injuries received in a recent automobile accident. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman are still confined to the Edgecombe General Hospital in Tarboro.

Bank Of Edenton's Christmas Club Far Ahead Of Last Year

700 Members Expected In Club For Present Year

That Christmas Savings Clubs in the Bank of Edenton are becoming more popular each year is reflected in the fact that this year will eclipse last year's number of depositors in this group of savers by about 200. Last year there was approximately 500 Christmas Club members, whereas that number was reached several days ago making it necessary for the bank to purchase 200 more of the pass books.

With the time limited to about two more weeks, bank officials feel certain that all of the 700 books will be put into use and that that number of people will receive a check for their deposits just prior to the 1939 holidays.

BARBARA SUTTON INJURED

Edenton relatives were distressed Monday to learn that Barbara Sutton, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sutton, had been seriously injured a few days before when struck by an automobile. The little girl is in a Washington, N. C., hospital. The Suttons lived in Edenton several years ago, and Barbara, with her sister, Theda, visits her aunt, Mrs. John Harrell, each summer.

GEORGE DAIL IMPROVING

Friends will be glad to learn that Corporal George Dail of the State Highway Patrol, is gradually improving after an operation on his leg. He is now able to leave his home after being confined for several days.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. J. R. Byrum, the master, requests a full attendance of members.

Chowan County Now Being Combed For Memberships In Farm Bureau After Meeting Held In Court House Last Friday

68 Residents Of North Edenton Direct Petition To Peanut Mill

Complaint Registered at Town Council Meeting Tuesday Night

PROPERTY MARRED

Request Screen In Stack to Prevent Scattering Peanut Hulls

Signed by 68 residents of North Edenton, a petition was presented to Town Council at the meeting held Tuesday night. The petition was directed at the Albemarle Peanut Company and requests that concern to equip its smoke stacks with a screen to prevent scattering of burned and unburned particles of peanut hulls which are used for fuel.

The petition set forth the following: "Whereas, the homes, residents and property of those citizens of Edenton are marred which are located in North Edenton by the continued use of peanut hulls for fuel by the Albemarle Peanut Company, whenever the wind is from a north or northeast direction, and;

"Whereas, the burned and unburned particles of peanut hulls are scattered at the vagaries of the wind over the said premises thereby making them unsightly and uncomfortable; and;

"Whereas, several and repeated complaints made to the said Albemarle Peanut Company have failed to result in the elimination of such discomfort and nuisance;

"Therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of Edenton and residents of North Edenton do hereby respectfully petition your honorable board that the said Albemarle Peanut Company be required to equip their smoke-stack (s) with screen or other device adequate to eliminate the discomfort and nuisance hereinbefore mentioned."

Mayor McMullan appointed Albert Byrum and J. Edwin Bufflep to make an investigation and see what can be done about the matter.

Carl Voyles, Duke Coach, Speaker At Football Banquet

Rotarians and Lions to Jointly Entertain Football Squad

Though a definite date has not been set, Carl Voyles, assistant athletic director under Coach Wallace Wade and end coach of the Duke Blue Devils, has accepted an invitation to speak at a banquet held jointly by the Edenton Rotary and Lions Clubs in honor of Coach David Holton and his Edenton High School football squad. The banquet will be held the latter part of this month and Mr. Voyles' acceptance of the invitation to speak has greatly increased interest in the affair.

Mr. Voyles attended the Rose Bowl game and it is expected that he will either show pictures or comment on the game. He has been at Duke ever since Wallace Wade has been coach and on February 15 will assume the duties of athletic director at William and Mary College.

The two civic clubs have agreed to entertain the football boys jointly and to work with Coach Holton in planning the affair the Rotarians have appointed George Capehart and William Jones, while the Lions named J. Clarence Leary, G. M. Byrum and W. S. Privott.

Gates Man Hurt In Rocky Hock Woods

William Riddick, a white resident of Gates County, narrowly escaped fatal injuries Monday while logging in the Rocky Hock section of this county. Riddick was struck back of the head when a log slipped as it was being loaded, causing possible fracture of the skull.

He was rushed to the Powell Clinic here and later removed to his home in Gates County.

County Physician



DR. J. A. POWELL
Selected from three applicants. Dr. Powell was on Monday appointed by the Board of Health as County Physician for a two-year term.

Board Of Health Names Dr. Powell County Physician

Selection Made From Three Applicants For Position

STATISTICS

Negroes Lead In Both Birth and Death Rate During Year

At a meeting of the Board of Health held on Monday Dr. J. A. Powell was elected county physician for a period of two years, succeeding Dr. L. P. Williams, who has been holding the position. Dr. Powell was selected from three applicants, Dr. Williams seeking re-appointment and Dr. John W. Warren presenting an application.

The Board of Health is composed of D. M. Warren as chairman of the County Commissioners; W. J. Taylor, of the Board of Education; Mayor J. H. McMullan, Dr. W. S. Griffin, Dr. Martin Wisely and Dr. Roland Vaughan.

Among interesting vital statistics brought out at the meeting revealed the fact that during the past year the white birth rate was 148 as compared with 151 among the colored race. The colored death rate, however, far exceeded that of the white, 76 Negroes having died during the year as against 49 white people.

Measles appeared to be predominant among contagious diseases, 212 cases being reported among white people and 101 cases among Negroes. There were eight cases of whooping cough reported by white people, and only one reported among Negroes. Twelve cases of diphtheria was also reported by white people and only one case among Negroes.

Any Complaint?

John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, home over the week-end, informed The Herald that the Board of Conservation and Development would meet Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in Raleigh for the purpose of hearing any complaints by hunters or fishermen relative to present laws or any changes which might be desired. Mr. White is especially interested in this phase of North Carolina development and urges any of his constituents to be present or inform him of their desires.

R. C. Holland Forcibly Presents Need For Cooperation

INTEREST SHOWN

H. T. Hobbs and E. G. Blanchard Lead Two Groups

Whether Chowan County farmers rally to the cause or else fade out of the picture so far as cooperation with the Farm Bureau is concerned depends upon a drive now in progress and scheduled to terminate on Friday. The campaign is the result of a meeting held in the Court House last Friday when farmers present were told of the need for cooperation if they expected to make any material progress.

Speaking during the meeting were County Agent N. K. Rowell, R. C. Holland, and J. T. Cooper, of Gatesville.

Mr. Rowell, in calling the meeting to order and stating its purpose, called on Mr. Holland to introduce Mr. Cooper, but before doing that Mr. Holland, seated on a table and in a persuasive but gentle tone of voice, had a heart-to-heart talk with those present.

"Peanut mills, cotton mills, doctors, lawyers, merchants and labor are organized for their own interests," began Mr. Holland, "and unless farmers organize to see that they get their just part, they will be left out so far as their share of the national income is concerned."

He told his hearers that only by organization could farmers hope to present their claims, and that it could not be accomplished by cringing, fawning and complaining about their plight on the street corners or at a quarterly conference of a church. "Things are not accomplished that way," he said.

Mr. Holland, who has spent considerable time as well as money in the interest of farmers, told those present of the splendid cooperation shown by farmers of other counties at various meetings and that frequently he has been embarrassed when Chowan's representatives were asked to stand or to signify the amount of money the county would provide in the interest of some particular movement for their benefit. Frankly, he informed them, that unless he secured the cooperation and aid of Chowan's farmers he intended to discontinue his efforts. He did say, however, that he did not believe Chowan County's farmers would be willing to remain unconcerned and allow sister counties to bear all of the expense involved in campaigns and efforts to bring about better prices for their crops. "It's about time farmers get together and quit competing with each other," he said, emphasizing the importance of becoming identified with an organization with a membership large enough so that the powers that be can be compelled to listen and consider requests made by their representatives.

He said he has joined various farm organizations, but for actual good accomplished he placed none on a par with the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Cooper then spoke and related some of his experiences in his work with the Farm Bureau. He was formerly farm agent in Gates County and especially commented on the strength of the Bureau in Gates County. After thoroughly explaining the advantage of membership in the organization he entered into the task of forming a local organization. "There are about 1,000 farmers in Chowan," he said, "and I see no reason why you should not have 400 or 500 members instead of only 10 as at present."

Considerable interest was aroused and immediately the county was divided with H. T. Hobbs and E. G. Blanchard selected to captain two teams which will make practically a house-to-house canvass for members. Mr. Hobbs and his assistants will work in Edenton and Yeopim Townships, while Mr. Blanchard and his cohorts will comb those farmers living in Middle and Upper Townships.

Mr. Holland agreed with the assistance of one or two others, to canvass in Edenton to secure associate members.

Those assisting Mr. Hobbs are: J. H. Morgan, H. C. Goodwin, J. A. Webb, Jr., W. J. Goodwin, T. J. Hoskins, L. E. Francis, W. B. Hassell, C. H. Barber, J. L. Hassell and W. D. Moran. Mr. Blanchard's assistants are: J. L. Savage, L. W. Belch, (Continued on Page Five)