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Potato Growers From Three States to Meet in Washington, N. C. Monday, December 3rd

Growers of early Irish potatoes from Maryland, Virginia and the two Carolinas will gather in Washington, N. C. Monday to consider proposed AAA marketing agreement amendments. A similar meeting of Georgia and Florida growers will be held at Tallahassee, Fla., Friday, Dec. 7th.

Taylor Grandy Will Provide For Good Work

The late Chas. Taylor Grandy, of this city, meditated much in his later years upon the lopsidedness of an educational system that laid much emphasis upon how to make a living. He did something about it.

In his will prepared in Washington this week he makes provision for the establishment of a chair of Philosophy of Living.

Taylor Grandy left real estate valued at \$34,750 and personal property valued at \$2,455. The bulk of this estate he left to his only sister, Miss Lillie Grandy of this city.

Upon her death one third of the residue of his estate is to go to the University of North Carolina to establish the Taylor Grandy Chair on the Philosophy of Living.

The county of Camden will be given one third of the estate to improve its school system, the remaining third will be paid into a fund to be created by Miss Grandy for the "shut-outs" in Elizabeth City. The will of Taylor Grandy is a post mortem revelation of the heart and mind of a deceased citizen who was a scholar, a gentleman and a humanitarian who felt for all mankind.

Urges Farmers To Vote For the Bankhead Act

Well satisfied with the high prices they have received for their 1934 cotton crop, the cotton farmers of North Carolina are expected to voice tremendous approval of the Bankhead Cotton Control Act in a referendum tentatively set for December 12, in which they will be called upon to ballot upon the question of continuing the act for another crop year.

The question on which the growers will vote is: "Are you in favor of continuing the Bankhead Act for the crop year from June 1, 1935, to May 31, 1936?"

Bankhead's plan probably will be supported by qualified voters, these farmers' groups who have the right to vote on the matter, or those who are entitled to vote on any other matter of public interest, in the referendum. The Act will not be continued unless two-thirds of the voters vote in favor of it.

The Bankhead Act, enacted by Congress April 21, 1934, provided for a 50 per cent of the average cotton production marketed in excess of 500,000 pounds.

It was the same as that provided in the adjustment program, which was supplementary to the Bankhead Act, and was scheduled to close for the day and the post office to observe Sunday hours, the churches to hold their usual Thanksgiving services. Football fans were anticipating a good game on Cardinal Field and a dance was billed at the Virginia Dare Hotel. The Carolina Theatre is putting on a good stage show.

Thanksgiving Brings Turkeys to More Tables

Elizabeth City meat and poultry dealers were thankful at the close of business Wednesday night for the best Thanksgiving trade they have had in two or three years.

"Our sales of dressed turkeys probably exceeded last year's Thanksgiving sales by 30 per cent," said Love Bros. And their experience was the experience of dealers generally both in and out of the market. Dealers also reported heavy sales of geese.

Turkeys live sold at 25c a lb, which meant approximately 32c to 35c dressed and drawn. Geese dressed sold at 29c a lb.

Elizabeth City was preparing for a quiet but generally pleasurable Thanksgiving as this newspaper went to press Wednesday night. Banks and business houses were scheduled to close for the day and the post office to observe Sunday hours, the churches to hold their usual Thanksgiving services. Football fans were anticipating a good game on Cardinal Field and a dance was billed at the Virginia Dare Hotel. The Carolina Theatre is putting on a good stage show.

The opening events on the rodeo program will be the steer-riding and broncho-riding, with unbroken and unruly steers and bronchos being used.

Following the steer and broncho riding will come bareback riding, boys calf riding, Mexican stunt flopping, in which a cowboy mounted on a running broncho throws a steer by twisting its tail, trick and fancy riding, horse catching and stunt roping, spinning a 75 foot rope on the ground and from horse back, changing horses at a dead run, horse catching from a running broncho, the Chase For the Bridge, a stunt seen in western thrillers at the theatre, in which a cowboy takes a girl off a running horse, the Pony Express relay race, changing saddles, comedy cowboy race, steer bulldozing from an automobile or horse back, Roman riding, with a foot on each of two running horses, trick and fancy riding by cowboys, a blind folded cowboy jumping his horse over an automobile, wild cow milking, boys calf roping, local boys' trick riding, local boys' trick roping, and many other stunts which are being added to the program.

Southern Loan and Insurance Co. In New Location

The Southern Loan & Insurance Co. announces its removal to the banking rooms of the Atlantic Discount Corp. in the Carolina Bank Building this week. Removal of the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank to the same location will be announced in a few days. At last these three closely affiliated financial institutions will find themselves domiciled in the same quarters. Otherwise they will function as the separate and distinct institutions that they are, without any change of personnel.

Each institution will have its own quarters, the large banking room heretofore occupied solely by the Atlantic Discount Corp. having been remodelled to accommodate the three organizations. It is pointed out that the removal gives these institutions highly desirable fireproof vault facilities that they have not previously enjoyed.

WRIGHT BROS. TO BE HONORED AVIATION DAY

Belated honor came last week end to the courageous Wright Brothers, Wilbur and Orville, when Federal and private aviation officials joined together to designate as National Aviation Day the anniversary of the first successful airplane flight made by the Wrights at Kill Devil Hill on Dec. 17, 1903.

The aviation officials who took this step to honor the inventors of the first successful heavier-than-air machine are now engaged in arranging a nation-wide observance of the 31st anniversary of the famous flight which was made on a bleak December day in 1903. An effort is being made to have every available plane in the country go aloft on December 17 at 10:30 A. M., the same hour that the Wrights coaxed their crude ship into the air.

Army, Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, Coast Guard, commercial and private planes have been asked to participate.

Arrangements are being made with airport managers, army and navy fields and air stations, and owners and operators of aircraft to place their ships on display after the flights.

Addresses have been planned in many communities on the progress in flying in the last 31 years and the outlook for the future.

Among those on the committee in charge of arrangements for the celebration are the secretaries of War, Navy and Commerce as honorary members; Eugene L. Vidal, director of air commerce; Elliott Roosevelt, assistant to the president of the National Aeronautical Association, and Clark Howell, chairman of the Federal Aviation Commission.

Altho no ceremonies have yet been planned to take place at the Wright Memorial, on the site of the first flight, it is considered likely that several planes from government fields in Virginia may fly over Kill Devil Hill on that day.

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Building and Loan Opens 59th Series Dec. 1st

The 59th series of The Albemarle Building & Loan Association will open Saturday, Dec. 1st. The series will be open for subscriptions any time after the opening date.

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Greensboro Daily News Offers Judge I. M. Meekins as G. O. P. Vice-Presidential Timber

For Vice President of the United States, Isaac M. Meekins of Elizabeth City! What might easily culminate in a vice presidential boom for Elizabeth City's eminent citizen and distinguished jurist is an editorial published in The Greensboro Daily News, issue of Sunday, Nov. 25th. Read:

NEEDED AT HOME If and when this country must needs have another Republican President—and we wish it understood that we are not trying to mark anybody's ballot for him—we can think of no accompaniment that would please us better than Judge Isaac M. Meekins as vice ditto. But until the nap is thoroughly gone from the New Deal and there is plainly evident a disposition to turn to the party of Hamilton and Mellon for political light and administration we trust that Judge Ike is going to go about his business of tempering justice with mercy and showing divers and sundry vicious partisans in both camps what a good sport is like.

North Carolina would be much the poorer without Judge Meekins on the bench, where he presides with a grace—and for aught we have ever learned to the contrary with precision—that it is a great source of comfort to those who like a jurist who can hold his justice. There may have been abler men on the District federal bench hereabouts; there has been none who has more understanding of human frailty or more clearly has refused to make use of his position to further some doubtful social theory.

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OUTLAW SAYS North Carolina Counties Must HE DOESN'T FURNISH Relief for Their WANT THIS JOB Unemployables After Jan. 1st

"I hardly think I would accept the position if I were fortunate enough to be offered it and thought myself capable of filling it," said County Welfare Agent A. H. Outlaw this week in discussing the probability of his appointment as Emergency Relief Administrator for District 21, embracing the counties of Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan and Gates.

Effective next Friday, under an order made public by State Administrator Mrs. Thomas O'Berry this week, the 104 local relief units in North Carolina are to be consolidated into 33 districts, each supervised by a District Administrator. Elizabeth City will be the center for this district and it is being talked that, because of the fact that he is County Administrator for this county and has had considerable experience in welfare work, Mr. Outlaw may be selected as the district administrator. But Mr. Outlaw has something to say about this.

"I am not at all certain," says he, "that Mrs. O'Berry will offer me the position, nor am I sure that I am capable of filling it. At any event, I could not possibly fulfill all the duties of district administrator, and at the same time give the proper amount of time and attention to my duties as County Welfare Agent. I could not handle both jobs. If it were put up to me to choose between the two positions, I think I would be inclined to stick to my present job, that of County Welfare Agent, which I have held for a number of years."

In all probability, this consolidation will mean the abolition of the jobs of the county administrators of Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Gates, but the administrators probably will be retained as case workers or in some other capacity. Branch offices will be maintained in each of the counties, but these branch offices will all be headed by the district administrator and will have no administrative or clerical force. Each county will have several case workers, tho.

Increased efficiency, in addition to reduced expenses, is expected from the consolidation, said Mrs. O'Berry yesterday. The number of case workers will be increased and greater emphasis placed on their work of investigating the true needs of each relief client and applicant for relief.

Enough case workers will be added to staffs of each district to provide one worker for each 100 families on relief. In some instances, case workers at present carry loads as heavy as 200 families. There are approximately 630 case workers on the NCERA pay roll. In addition to an increase in the number of workers, there have been two case work instructors added to the staff.

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This is the Ultimatum from State Headquarters of The FERA and It's Sad News For Those in Distress Who Are Too Old or Sick to Work

Conditions of hunger and distress that were not equalled even at the height of the depression may be expected in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County this winter as a result of the announcement from State FERA headquarters Monday that the counties of North Carolina will have to assume their just responsibility for unemployables on January 1.

The question as to what relief cases are the responsibility of the Federal government and what ones are rightly the wards of the local government will be determined generally as follows: Those persons who have become relief clients as a result of the effects of the depression and are willing and able to work are the responsibility of the Federal government. Those unemployables who are on relief for other causes will be regarded as the obligation of the counties.

According to A. H. Outlaw, County Welfare Agent and Relief Administrator, this order will throw around 215 family heads and non-family persons upon the county welfare office for assistance. And the County's relief fund is woefully slim. In plain words, Pasquotank County will be faced with the task of providing food, clothing and other necessities of life for 215 or more families and/or non-family individuals throughout the winter and spring, and Pasquotank County has virtually no money in its treasury for relief purposes. Which means simply that the winter of 1935 is likely to be by far the worst yet experienced in this city and county.

Asked how he intends to cope with this distressing situation, Mr. Outlaw confessed himself to be right much at sea regarding this perplexing problem.

"We'll just have to struggle along," said he, "in much the same manner as we did before the Federal relief funds were poured into our coffers. We'll have to rake and scrape, getting assistance from this, that and the other source. We'll have to count on the churches, the fraternal organizations, the Associated Charities, the Red Cross and kind-hearted individuals to help us out. Maybe, thru a combined effort, we can get thru the winter, but indications are that we are going to see more distress this winter than we have seen heretofore in Pasquotank County."

This order regarding the unemployables is but another step in the gradual curtailment of North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration funds which has been sought continuously since the expiration of the CWA program last spring. The reason for the curtailment is obvious. The Federal government has been caring for thousands of persons who are rightly the wards and responsibilities of their local government units. During the first three quarters of 1934, the Federal government poured \$10,900,000 into North Carolina for relief, while local governments contributed only \$134,720.

Nor is this step the end of the curtailment. The FERA is not going to withhold its Big Stick on North Carolina until after the General Assembly has met. If the solons fail to vote a substantial relief appropriation, the Federal government is going to curtail its assistance to an even greater extent.

Walkathon Continues In Guilford Superior Court Wednesday, Judge John M. Oglesby declined to issue an order restraining Ray C. Alvis and associates from further operation of the walkathon, or walking marathon, which has been under way since November 19 on State Route 10, midway between Greensboro and High Point. Judge Oglesby based his decision on his belief that if the walkathon is the nuisance the plaintiff's alleges, there is adequate remedy in the criminal courts.

Some time, in the future, everybody will have work again and there will be howls that will reach heaven from those who prefer relief.

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I Am Going To Sell This Bank Says Coppedge

The highest bid of \$29,000 for the Savings Bank & Trust Co. building made by W. J. Woodley at the recent sale Monday of this week, didn't appeal to R. C. Coppedge, the bank's liquidating agent. And so Mr. Coppedge bid the building and furnishings in for the bank at \$23,500.

J. W. Crew, of Pleasant Hill, N. C., who raised the previous bid of \$25,000 made by the I. O. R. M., would not offer a bid higher than his five per cent raise. Mr. Woodley jumped Crew's bid to \$29,000 and it stuck at that figure until Mr. Coppedge, grimly one day this week, bid for the bank.

"I am going to sell this bank building at private sale," said Mr. Coppedge, "grimly one day this week. When I make up my mind to do a thing I usually do it." He did not indicate where he expects to find a purchaser.

After clearing out the gangsters the government might decide to let automobile drivers.

Provided there is not a consequent reduction in the relief grants for the State, the estimated saving of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per month in administrative costs should decrease, the percentage of administrative costs for North Carolina, which is already below the national average. North Carolina's average should be one of the lowest in the nation, said Mrs. O'Berry.