

**Peck Explains Relief.
The Corn-Hog Program.
Cotton and Tobacco.
Milk Agreements Next.**

Washington—The Administration is beginning to get a bit peevish with the real farmers, perhaps, as with farm "leaders" who are opposing the Government's efforts to do something real for agriculture and are fermenting "farmers strikes" and other uprisings against the Federal program.

The feeling in Administration circles is that the relief of farm conditions, through the raising of farm prices and the distribution of huge cash sums to farmers as payment for crop reduction, is the biggest thing that has been undertaken since last March. There is keen recognition of the fact that until the farmer is made prosperous again, the rest of the country will still feel the depression. And it makes some of the earnest men, who have been trying to do everything possible to make agricultural conditions better, feel something sore to be accused of working for every interest except that of the farmer.

More praise has reached Washington for the work of George N. Peck, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, than for that of any other executive here, including General Johnson. There is a rooted belief that he, with the backing of Secretary Wallace, is doing a good job. Mr. Peck thinks so himself, and took the trouble the other day to go into the whole farm relief program and tell what has actually been done. He thinks that most of the opposition, where it does not arise from self-seeking motives on the part of so-called "leaders" is due to the fact that the public does not quite understand the whole program.

In the matter of wheat, for instance, more than 550,000 growers have signed up for a reduction of their wheat acreage for 1934 and 1935, for which they will receive 28 cents a bushel for the estimated amount of wheat they contribute to the domestic market, over and above the price they actually receive for the wheat. Mr. Peck made the point here that this is real money, derived from the 30-cent processing tax levied on the millers, and that distribution of this money has already begun. There will be about \$100,000,000 in all, of which \$70,000,000 will go out within a very few weeks, nearly \$25,000,000 into Kansas, almost \$15,000,000 into North Dakota, and so on through the wheat growing states.

"The farmers who are beneficiaries of this plan are not resorting to violence to get justice," Mr. Peck said.

The corn-hog program is to work in the same way. Before New Year's every corn grower and hog feeder will have had his chance to sign up for similar cash benefits. Those who come in will be able to get immediate cash loans on their stored corn, as well as bonus payments for reduction of production next year and thereafter.

The emergency purchase of 200,000 sows and 6,200,000 pigs last summer at a price well above the market has already started new money flowing in the corn-hog farmers' pockets, said Mr. Peck, and the bonus plan now about to be offered will distribute more than \$350,000,000 before February, 1935, to the same class of farmers.

As soon as the wheat-growers' checks begin to get into circulation—some of them have already been made out—Mr. Peck anticipates there will be a rush of corn-hog men to get in on the new deal, and that there will spread a feeling of confidence that what Washington is doing is not merely talk.

The cotton program has already shown important results in the South. This year's crop has been reduced from an estimated 17,000,000 bales to about 13,000,000. This has kept the price of cotton from collapsing, and in the meantime the bonus money earned by cotton growers cooperating in the program has been distributed to the extent of \$110,000,000 actually handed out by Uncle Sam. More—(Please turn to page two)

129,260 To Get Federal Jobs Bus-Railroad Battle Brewing

Carolinas To Benefit From Expenditures

Health and Anti-Malaria Program Will Give Employment to Many.

WORK TO START SOON

Trained Engineers to Get Survey Jobs; Cemeteries to Be Gone Over.

Immediate employment of 129,260 men on hundreds of federal projects throughout the country was ordered by Harry L. Hopkins, civil works administrator.

Included is a group of 15,000 engineers who will be assigned to the coast and geodetic survey of the commerce department. Twelve thousand, five hundred clerks to do clerical and research work for the United States re-employment service also are included.

These two groups constitute the largest number of skilled workers yet affected by the civil works plan, which became effective a week ago.

Others to be employed include: Indian affairs projects on 113 reservations in 23 states, 4,000; southern tick eradication campaign, 12,000; District of Columbia park development, 700; rural sanitation and malaria control under the public service, 600,766; work on army post tents and stations and at national cemeteries, 25,000.

These are the first of the half-million men Hopkins has announced he will employ on federal projects. Last week he allotted 1,500,000 jobs to the states and territories, the men to be taken from work relief and destitution relief rolls.

Malaria control work, to cost \$4,500,000, Hopkins said would put 29,779 men to work at 12,000 stations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. State public health departments will assist, but all workers, including engineers and district supervisors, will be drawn from the ranks of the unemployed.

MOVES GUN, KILLS HIS BABY, ASLEEP ON LAP

St. Louis—Removing a revolver from his clothing to make his sleeping 3-year-old son more comfortable, Ralph Armstrong, bartender, accidentally shot and killed the child here.

The boy was sleeping in his father's lap, beside his mother, in a dimly lighted dance hall. The father said he removed the weapon from the waist band of his trousers because it made the child uncomfortable. In pulling it out, the weapon was discharged, killing the boy and wounding Armstrong in the thigh.

CHARLOTTE MAN NAMED MARSHAL

Charlotte—Charles R. Price, house detective for Hotel Charlotte, has been nominated by United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds for the post of United States marshal for Western North Carolina.

In nominating Price, Senator Reynolds announced that he had withdrawn his nomination of McKee Cooper, of Asheville, at his own request. Cooper asked that his name be withdrawn to preserve "harmony in our ranks and promote the welfare of the Democratic party." A fight had been staged against Cooper's appointment on the grounds that two offices as important as those of district attorney and marshal should not be filled from a single city. Marcus Irwin, of Asheville, is slated for district attorney.

NEWS BRIEFS

IS KILLED FOR QUARTER

An argument over "two bits," or price of a theater ticket, cost J. R. Jones his life at Roanoke Rapids. Will Gurganus stabbed Jones when the latter refused to lend Gurganus the quarter.

\$600,000 FIRE IN JACKSON

Forest fires in Jackson county are estimated to have ravaged 16,000 acres of timberland last week at a loss of \$600,000. Fires were reported in other western counties.

ROOSEVELT IN SOUTH

President Roosevelt has arrived in Warm Springs Ga., to spend a two weeks vacation in his resort home there.

McLAMB ESCAPES CHAIR

Luther McLamb, convicted axe slayer of George R. Hudson, was saved from execution in the electric chair when the governor commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. McLamb was sentenced from Johnston county.

2 DIE IN FIRE AT DANVILLE

Mrs. Emma Crane, 47, and her daughter, Annie May, 23, were fatally burned at their home, cleaning gasoline igniting and throwing flames over both. The flames ruined the home.

TOLL OF AUTO TRAGEDIES

John H. Allen, Johnston county farmer, was killed by a hit and run driver Saturday night on highway 22 near Four Oaks. The dead body was found on the highway. Three died Sunday from automobile accidents. Robert Stone, 17, Leaksville, died in the overturning of his automobile near Stoneville after it had sideswiped another machine. At Lincolnton, Homer Boyd, 19 was fatally hurt in the overturning of his machine after he had swerved it to escape hitting another John E. Surratt, 48, High Point, died Sunday morning of injuries taken the night before when a machine he was driving left the roadway and ran into a bank.

SAYRE IN STATE POST

Francis B. Sayre, son-in-law of Woodrow Wilson, has been named an assistant secretary of state. He has been teaching at Harvard university.

WELLS BACK TO CUBA

Sumner Wells has been sent back to Cuba by the president to continue his efforts to stabilize conditions in that country, without recourse to American intervention.

DRY MAJORITY 173,294

The official canvass of the November 7 vote has been made at Raleigh by the state board of elections. It showed repeal opponents holding a 173,294 majority against the convention and a net majority of 184,572 for dry delegates. The dry carried 87 counties.

TWO HOMICIDES REPORTED

Zack Cook is held in jail at Morganton for murder after admitting he slew Tom Helms with a shot in the abdomen when the two met west of Valdese. He claims Helms was breaking up his home. Luke Bean, 18, was killed instantly at Granite Falls with a knife slash across the throat inflicted by George Lloyd, 15. Lloyd admitted the deed but said Bean was threatening him with a knife.

\$185,000 STATESVILLE BLAZE

An underwear plant and 900 bales of cotton were destroyed in a Sunday fire at Statesville entailing a loss of \$185,000. The loss throws nearly 300 persons out of work. The blaze started from some unknown source in the cotton warehouse.



In Massachusetts, home of Thanksgiving Day, Miss Ruth Fisher of Lasee College, near Sudbury, selects a 35 pound bird which manifested much interest in the grindstone operation of sharpening an ax.

Racing Issue Is Defeated

By the narrow margin of 125 votes Rowan county decided against the bill introduced by Walter F. McCannless to legalize horse racing and the operation of pari-mutuel betting machines.

Five rural precincts, Franklin, Sumner, Boston Cross Roads, Barnhardt's Mill, and Scotch Irish favored the bill, but the vote in these precincts was unusually light.

The city of Salisbury was greatly in favor of the bill, voting 1,628 to 810 in favor of horse racing.

W. F. McCannless, who introduced the bill and paid the expenses of the election, accepted defeat in good sportsmanship and declared that he did not want to bring any sport to the county if the majority of the population did not approve of it.

KIDNAPERS CONFESS MURDER

Thomas Thurmond and Jack Holmes have admitted to San Jose, Calif., police that they killed Brooke Hart, 22, son of a wealthy merchant within a few hours after he had been kidnaped and then demanded \$40,000 from the father for the return of his son "alive."

COLLEGE MERGER GIVEN APPROVAL

Merger of Davenport and Greensboro colleges into Greensboro-Davenport college, to be located at Greensboro, has been approved by the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Charlotte.

The report of the educational committee recommending the merger was adopted. It suggested that a new board of trustees consider the advisability of using the Davenport property, in Lenoir, as a girls' academy to prepare students to enter Greensboro-Davenport.

Do You Know The Answer?

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1. Name the U. S. vessel that sank the Confederate cruiser Alabama.
2. What unit of measurement contains 5,880 billion miles?
3. What does the word velocity mean?
4. Where is Lake Biakal?
5. Near what city was the Battle of Bunker Hill fought?
6. What measurement is a knot?
7. Who was John Keats?
8. Who wrote "Adam Bede"?
9. In which city is the Place Vendome?
10. What is the equator?

GOOD MORNING

DOWN PAYMENT

A Chinese in New York entered the office of a lawyer and asked the fee required to get him off a charge of murder.

"Five thousand dollars," he was told. Counting out the money carefully, the Chinese said:

"Velle good. Now I go kill man."

"The doctor said my wife needs the sea air."

"So you've sent her to the seashore, eh?"

"No, I've tied a herring to the electric fan"—Berliner Illustrierte, Berlin.

"But," protested the new arrival, as St. Peter handed him a golden trumpet, "I can't play this instrument; I never practiced while on earth."

"Of course you didn't," chuckled the saint. "That's why you are here."

LOOSE SHUTTER, MAYBE

Elderly Aunt (to her nephew, a poor preacher): "James, why did you enter the ministry?"

"Because I was called," he answered.

"James," said the old lady anxiously, as she looked up from wiping her spectacles, "are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

Suzanne—"That butter and egg man from Texas offered me his hand and fortune when he took me out riding last night, but I refused him."

Elizabeth—"Oh, why?"

Suzanne—"One was too large and the other was too small."

Wife—"I can't decide whether to go to a palmist or to a mind-reader."

Husband—"Go to a palmist. It's obvious that you have a palm."

Joe—"What were you doing at the jail today, John?"

John—"I wanted to see the man who broke in my house last night."

Joe—"Why did you want to see that burglar?"

John—"I wanted to ask him how he got in the house without waking my wife."

"I have decided," remarked Senator Sorghum, "to train my memory."

"What system will you use?"

"I don't know. I'm looking for one that will enable me when I am interviewed to remember what to forget."

OVERHEAD ON NOAH'S ARK

Noah: "And why so sad dear?"

Mrs. Noah: "Who wouldn't be glum, traveling with this beastly crowd?"

SURE WAS ANGRY

Local lady suing for divorce tells court her husband spanked her, pulled her ears and hair, slammed the door on her arm, and locked her in the closet. She says that she doesn't know why he did those things.

We do. He was mad at her.

ALL SQUARE

A Scottish farmer sold some eggs to the local laird. He discovered that he had included one egg too many in the consignment, and went at once to the laird, who said, laughingly that it wasn't really worth all this fuss.

"You may be right," said the laird, "but, anyway, have a drink and call it square. What will you take?"

"Egg and milk", snapped the farmer.

Motor Lines Protest Rate Reductions

Bus Lines Considering 1-3 Cents A Mile As Minimum Rate to Meet R. R. Competition.

FILE PROTEST WITH F. D. R.

Some Railroads Announced Rate of 1 1/2c Per Mile; Bus Lines Plan to Cut to 1-3c.

A fierce fight between motor bus lines and railroads for passenger business in the southeast was indicated as bus lines announced plans to put in effect a minimum rate of 1-3 cents a mile, to meet the 1-2 cent rate recently announced by some railroads.

Representatives of bus companies at a conference said they also would file with President Roosevelt a protest at the "destructive move" of the railroads.

C. B. De Berry of Charleston, W. Va., chairman of the Southeastern Bus Traffic association, said, "The railroads are trying to cut our throats."

De Berry and C. G. Schultz of Jacksonville Fla., operator of several bus lines, said after the conference, "It's unfair for a transportation agency which is really subsidized by the government to force down our revenues, when the railroads were exempted from the NRA code, and shortly after bus lines signed the code."

Both emphasized that there was no intention of "bucking the terms of the code."

"We want to be good boys and go along with the code, but we can't stand a 30 per cent increase in costs by reason of a code accepted at the behest of the government, and stand on top of that a 50 per cent loss in revenue forced on us by an agency which is really subsidized by the government through loans to the railroads," said Schultz.

MURDERS GAIN SUICIDES DROP

Deaths in North Carolina from homicides and automobile accidents showed startling increases last month over totals in October 1932 but suicides this October were only half as numerous as in the month a year ago.

The North Carolina Bureau of Vital Statistics reported 74 deaths in automobile accidents in October, compared with 51 in the same month a year ago; 38 homicides as compared with 31; but only 13 suicides as against 25 in October 1932.

There were 166 violent deaths reported last month, railroad accidents claiming a toll of 11, air accidents killing one person, fires killing 16, accidental gunshot wounds claiming eight and drowning taking a toll of five.

During October 2,399 deaths were reported in the state, a rate of 8.9 while births nearly trebled deaths with a total of 6,232 and a rate of 23.1.

Cancer claimed more lives than any other disease, 143 persons dying from this cause in October. Pulmonary tuberculosis claimed 136 lives, pneumonia 100, diphtheria 79.

The diphtheria death toll was 17 greater than that of October 1932 and the prevalence of the disease over the state is running far ahead of last year at this time. Health board officials have issued several warnings that care should be taken to prevent further spread.