

WASHINGTON FARM REPORTER

Washington, D. C., March 31.—With near food riots in New York, three major farm bills bumping their way through Congress and the appointment of Chester Davis as Food Administrator, Washington's whirl of conflicting pressure broiled and sizzled last week.

task without the necessary authority to carry it out. Unless Davis has an off-the-record understanding with the White House which can be made to stick, opinion is that he will encounter the same difficulties of insufficient or conflicting authority which trapped Wickard and have bogged down so many phases of the war program.

- 1. Full control over all agricultural prices.
2. Full control over all agricultural production and distribution.
3. Full control over all agricultural machinery.
4. Full control over all agricultural manpower.

Insist More Power Needed
As the Executive Order reads, Davis seems to be little better off than was Wickard in so far as these demands for authority with which to do the job are concerned.

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,000 SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WILKES, NORTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of County Commissioners of Wilkes County as follows:
Section 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Wilkes has ascertained and determined, and does hereby declare, that the notes hereinafter described have been issued by and in the name of the County Board of Education of said county, and are now outstanding, and that notes were issued on or about their respective dates, and that said County Board of Education received in payment therefor not less than the face amount of said notes, and that all sums received in payment for said notes have been applied to the payment of the cost of erecting school buildings necessary for the maintenance of the public schools of said county as an administrative agency of the State of North Carolina for the six months term required by the Constitution of North Carolina, and that all said notes are valid and binding obligations of said county, and that said notes are as follows:

- \$11,000 5 1/2 per cent Road Bonds dated April 12, 1919, and payable April 12, 1943.
\$3,000 5 1/2 per cent Road and Bridge Bonds dated May 1, 1922, and payable May 1, 1943.
\$3,000 5 1/2 per cent Road and Bridge Bonds dated May 1, 1923, and payable May 1, 1943.

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$17,000 ROAD AND BRIDGE REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WILKES, NORTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of County Commissioners of Wilkes County as follows:
Section 1. That bonds of said county for the maximum aggregate amount of \$17,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the County Finance Act as amended, for the purpose of refunding valid existing indebtedness of said county incurred for road and bridge purposes, the same being necessary expenses, and evidenced by the following outstanding bonds:

- \$11,000 5 1/2 per cent Road Bonds dated April 12, 1919, and payable April 12, 1943.
\$3,000 5 1/2 per cent Road and Bridge Bonds dated May 1, 1922, and payable May 1, 1943.
\$3,000 5 1/2 per cent Road and Bridge Bonds dated May 1, 1923, and payable May 1, 1943.

Tables Turned
First it was the Chinese who was held prisoner by the Jap. Now he has been freed, and the Jap is held prisoner. Here the Chinese lights a cigarette for his erstwhile captor.

German and Italian Prisoners Not Too Unhappy



The brighter side for enemy soldiers is to be taken as war prisoners, as is apparent in this picture. Shown on the left are smiling Italian prisoners who realize that the war and all its horrors are over for them. They are on their way to a prison camp for the duration. On the right, German prisoners from a U-boat don't seem to be too unhappy over their plight. Perhaps they are thinking of food, shelter and comparative safety.

ministrator. Newsmen saw in this a tip-off that the Administration will not oppose the 26 million dollar appropriation, at the moment being juggled around in a Senate sub-committee, which puts the job of farm labor recruitment in Extension's lap and practically eliminates FSA from the farm manpower picture. Everyone in Washington knows this is a mildly warm potato, as three of the major farm groups are in partial opposition, one violently opposed, and one for it hook, line and sinker.

Farm Groups Slip
While the major farm organizations no doubt believe they are on sound ground in supporting the Pace, Bankhead and Steagall Bills, shrewd political observers say they have shown bad judgment in pushing them at this time.

At press time, the Pace Bill (in-clude-cost-of-all-farm-labor-in-basis-parity-formula) had just been recommended to the Senate Agricultural Committee for reconsideration after two days of debate on the Senate floor. The motion to recommit was made by Sen. Scott Lucas (Dem. Ill.) known as a close friend of Earl Smith, Farm Bureau potentate. There was no opposition to the Lucas motion, which passed by a voice vote. It is understood that farm Senators and organization leaders, at the last moment catching on to the

Union Grove News Of General Interest

The Sunday school at Mt. Pisgah is enjoying a very good attendance since the weather has cleared up.

Mrs. Hobart McCarter had as dinner guests Sunday her father, Mr. N. W. Coleman, Mr. Houston Coleman, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Fosse Johnson and Son, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lunstford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Nicholson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coleman. Visitors in the afternoon were Mrs. Bertha McCarter and son, Kenneth, Mr. S. S. Prevette and Mr. Isreal Gregory.

Uncle W. H. (Billie) McCarter has had an attack of flu, and is in feeble health.

The farmers of this community are anxious to see spring come. There has been some garden work done. Some farmers are about through sowing lespedeza.

Rev. J. M. Wright spent the week-end at home, and visited his brother, Mr. Walter Wright, who is very sick. Mr. Wright returned to Burlington Sunday afternoon, where he is at work.

Misses Sarah Dean and Genevieve McCarter, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coleman visited Mrs. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Nichols, of North Wilkesboro route three, Sunday afternoon.

possible play at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, pulled the Pace Bill back to cool off.

Another factor which softened the bill's road back to committee was a desire to see what effect the appointment of the new Food Administrator would have on our farm price policies. Davis has multitudes of friends in Washington, and the sentiment is to "give him a chance to cure the trouble before taking further legislative action".

Although all the farm organizations have given normal support to the Pace measure, the Milk Federation was carrying the ball on this one with the other groups trailing. Indications are that after hearings before the Senate Committee the Brown (Dem. Ga.) compromise bill, which calls for the inclusion of the cost of all farm labor in calculating parity, will be put through. This would be in line with forecasts contained in this column for a number of weeks past.

Draft Ordered Stopped

When the Governor of Colorado issued a flat order to stop the drafting of essential farm labor in his State, regardless of what edicts may emanate from Washington, it became clear that the Bankhead blanket farm deferment bill has grass root support. There is little doubt of its passage by the House within a few days. The Senate whipped it through by an overwhelming majority last week. Another attempt may be made to amend the measure so that, instead of freezing farm labor on the job, it would contain a modified version of the unit deferment mechanism created by Selective Service last winter to implement the Tyding's Amendment to the Selective Service Act.

Much bally-hoo has been fluttering into print about the increase in living costs that would result from final enactment into law of these various bills. Hard-headed farm economists say that most of this is "scare talk". They refer especially to a House speech by Representative Dirksen (Dem. Ill.) and Price Czar Prentiss M. Brown's letter of last Wednesday. Both these gentlemen asserted our food bill would shoot up 2 to 4 billion dollars if the Pace Bill should be passed and then enacted over an almost certain Presidential veto. The men on the farm

side say this just isn't so; that one-tenth of the amount named, or 3 to 4 hundred million dollars is correct; that such an amount is needed to meet counting costs and to obtain vital production. They document their assertions with careful figures.

New Committee Chosen

"A unique action was the label applied to the old 18 man Labor-Management Committee's tendering its resignation to Manpower Boss McNutt and its recommendation that a new committee be set up that would directly represent agriculture, industry and labor. It also suggested that the new members be chosen by each group and not partly appointed by the Administration as was the case in the old committee. Farmers have been fighting for this approach for more than a year.

As a result, agriculture, industry and labor now have equal representation on a nine-man body. James Patton, Albert Goss and Edward A. O'Neal are the admittedly outstanding leaders holding down the farmers' side of the table. Incidentally, McNutt points out that every recommendation made to him by the old committee was followed. Assuming that this continues to be the practice, much of the solution of the pressing manpower problem of the nation will rest upon the decisions made by these nine men.

Up in New York City, police details were needed to guard meat trucks as they pulled away only half loaded from practically empty packing plants. Nearly two thousand butchers, unable to buy meat for their shops, gathered at one wholesaler's. Only quick work on the part of the cops sidetracked a riot. Repercussions of this flashed through departmental Washington and on the Hill, where enraged legislators were demanding red meat for their constituents in place of economists' explanations.

Keep Operating Record of Trucks

Commercial vehicle owners are reminded today that failure to keep operating records may jeopardize their chances of obtaining gasoline under provisions of their Certificates of War Necessity.

William D. Lewis, district manager of the ODT's division of motor transportation here, said that fleet operators must submit quarterly reports indicating mileage driven in necessary operations, while single-unit operators must keep their records on the backs of their certificates.

"The first fleet reports," he declared, "must be submitted to ODT soon after March 31. Single-unit operators must have their records on their certificates when applying to their ration boards for second-quarter gasoline allowances." Stressing the need for accuracy, the district manager said, "From time to time, an operator may have cause to apply for extra mileage allowances. Emergency conditions may arise where further use of his equipment would be advantageous to the war effort. In these cases, his operating records are checked closely. If these show that he is making the most effective use of his equipment, gasoline and tires, his request will receive favorable consideration. "Owners of one or two vehicles have 'single-unit' certificates, while those who have three or more, hold 'fleet'.

Retonga the Medicine He Had Long Hoped For

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Happy and grateful for relief from suffering given by Retonga, Mr. C. C. Fuquay, for twenty-five years an employee of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., residing at 708 Markham St., Durham, N. C., declares:

"I had suffered so long from gassy bloating and distress after meals, tired, achy, rundown feeling I didn't think I'd ever find any relief. I had practically no appetite and sometimes gas pressure seemed like it would nearly cut off my breath. I had to take strong laxatives and often felt sore and achy in every muscle. "Retonga proved just the medicine I had long hoped for. I am happily relieved of distress from



MR. C. C. FUQUAY

indigestion, bloating, achy, sluggish, rundown feeling. I sleep soundly, have regained 3 pounds and owe Retonga credit for my increased appetite, strength, and energy! It is the best medicine I ever saw! Retonga is a purely herbal stomachic medicine combined with Vitamin B-1. Thousands praise it. Retonga may be obtained in North Wilkesboro at Horton's Drug Store.—Adv.

Buy War Saving Bonds and Stamps

Advertisement for Coble Dairy Products. Features a large image of a Sealright milk bottle. Text includes: 'LET THIS SENTRY GUARD YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH', 'COBLE Dairy Products', 'Phone 233', 'Wilkesboro, N. C.' The ad describes the benefits of the Sealright hood for protecting milk from germs and tampering.

Advertisement for Payne Clothing Co. Features an image of a man in a military-style uniform and a pair of shoes. Text includes: 'ENLISTED FOR SERVICE', 'City Club SHOES for MEN', 'Keep Operating Record of Trucks', 'PAYNE CLOTHING CO. North Wilkesboro, N. C.' The ad promotes City Club shoes and encourages truck owners to keep records for gasoline rationing.