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FOOD HANDED OUT ON RELIEF

WHAT THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND PUBLIC WELFARE IS DOING TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

The commodity distribution of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare handled almost 15 million pounds more food in the fiscal nine months ended March 31, 1939 than in the same time of the preceding year and with an increased cost to the state of only 20 percent, Arthur E. Langston, State Director of commodity distribution said this week.

An estimated retail value of \$1,303,245.40 was placed on the 22,970,242 pounds of commodities distributed throughout the State in the three quarters of this fiscal year, in comparison with an estimate of \$350,577.06 on the 8,167,650 pounds distributed in nine months of fiscal 1938.

This represents an increase of 14,802,592 pounds or 181 percent in amount of produce handled or an estimated \$952,668.34 or 272 percent increase in the estimated value of products distributed, Langston said.

While the cost to the State in distributing these commodities to North Carolina's relief clients for nine months of fiscal 1939 was \$28,079.71, it had jumped to only \$33,900.70 for the corresponding period of fiscal 1938, an increase of only 20 percent in the cost of distribution, he pointed out.

The 22 million pounds distributed so far this year would make up 765 freight cars loaded at an average weight of 30,000 pounds each. Since 100 cars would make a longer than average train, Langston pointed out that the amount of food distributed in this State up to the first of April would take more than seven and a half trains to bring it into North Carolina all in one shipment.

Quantities of food distributed during the nine-months period in round figures of thousands of pounds was as follows: Apples, 1,500; dried beans, 940; beets, 203; butter, 1,200; cabbage, 1,150; whole wheat cereal, 363; cheese, 87; graham flour, 640; white flour, 9,525; grapefruit juice, 341; corn meal, 1,207; dry milk, 624; evaporated milk, 604; oranges, 230; dried peaches, 176; canned peas, 387; Irish potatoes, 2,178; prunes, 872; raisins, 734; rice, 40; making a total of 22,970,000 pounds.

Loftis Apartments Completed and Occupied

The H. P. Loftis apartments here have been completed, and are now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Kirby and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Christian and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Donaldson, and Miss Ella Downing.

Regional Conference of Democratic Women May 23-24 at Winston-Salem

Aiben W. Barkley, senate majority leader, heads the roster of speakers for the two-day regional conference of Democratic women scheduled for May 23 and 24 in Winston-Salem. Held under the auspices of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee, the conference will draw delegates from eleven south-central and south atlantic states—Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

Senator Barkley, who will be heard at the banquet climaxing the first day's activities, is a forceful orator. He was elected majority leader, often called the third most powerful position in the government, upon the death of Senator Joe Robinson in June, 1937. Senator Barkley has made a lifetime career of politics as another man might make a career of architecture, medicine, or manufacture. A vigorous proponent of the New Deal, he is a close personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Among top-flight women speakers who will be heard at the conference are Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, former Assistant Administrator of WPA and now woman member of the Social Security Board; Miss Anne Laughlin, State Director of the NYA in Kansas; and Mrs. Florence Kerr, noted lecturer on social and economic problems affecting women.

Three North Carolina women will also be in the conference limelight—Mrs. Charles W. Tillet, Jr., who directed the national speakers' bureau for the Women's Division in the 1936 campaign; Dean Harriet Elliott of the Woman's College at Greensboro; and Mrs. T. Palmer Jermain, Assistant Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh. All three will address the sessions.

In addition, Mrs. May Thompson Evans, who resigned the dual directorship of the North Carolina State Employment Service and National Reemployment Service two years ago to become the Assistant Director of the Women's Division, will return to her home state to participate in the conference.

Mrs. Thomas F. McAllister, Director of the Women's Division, has announced that this two-day meeting, called an institute of government, will be the last of such meetings scheduled by the Women's Division before the next Democratic National Convention. Consequently, these sessions will look toward 1940.

"Campaigns are won between elections," said Mrs. McAllister. "To assure the continuation of enlightened government, there must be public opinion based on fact, not abstractions; on truth, not propaganda; on public interest, not on privilege. We must

STOKES FIGURES ARE LOWER

COST OF CHECKING COMPLIANCE IN THIS COUNTY—ONLY TWELVE COUNTIES IN STATE LOWER THAN STOKES—REPORT BY J. F. BROWN, COUNTY AGENT.

A report on 68 North Carolina counties just received from the State AAA Office in Raleigh indicates that Stokes county ranks very favorably with other counties on the cost of checking compliance on farms under the 1938 farm program, according to an announcement made by J. F. Brown, County Agent.

The report covers those counties using aerial photographs entirely for checking compliance. The remaining 32 counties were not included as they used tapes altogether, or part photographs and part tapes, which is not as inexpensive.

The report showed that the total cost of compliance work in Stokes was 5c per acre of cropland checked, while the average for the State was 6 1-2 cents. The cost per square mile in Stokes was \$9.97 while the State average was \$12.68. Total cost per farm was \$1.95 as compared to \$2.53 for the State. These figures include both field and office work.

An interesting point in the report was the fact that only twelve counties showed a lower cost per acre of cropland checked than Stokes, even though the land here is steeper, more rugged, and the fields are smaller and more scattered, which tends to make this work more expensive than in counties with more level land and larger fields.

Kid Party

Wednesday night Josephine Pepper entertained at a party honoring Becky Crews and Joan Voss, of Walnut Cove, who are visiting here this week.

Bingo and other games were played. A contest of guessing the names of movie stars from pictures—Virginia Joyce won the girl's prize, and Stedman King won the boy's prize.

Refreshments were served to the following guests: Becky Crews and Joan Voss, honor guests; Virginia Joyce, Pauline Booth, Jean Wall, Nellie Louise Taylor, Stedman King, Jim Booth, Carlyle Petree, Donald Stephens. Paris and Josephine Pepper.

Mrs. N. A. Martin left last week for Selma where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Wood.

double our efforts now to get facts to the people."

The Winston-Salem meeting is a series of four regional conferences. Others have been held in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 5 and 6 and in Columbus, Ohio, May 11 and 12. A fourth conference is scheduled for New York City, June 15 and 16,

REHABILITATION HELPS FARMERS

STOKES AND ROCKINGHAM SHARE IN THE BIG INCREASE IN NET WORTH—MUCH TO BE DONE YET.

Results of a nation-wide survey received from Washington by County FSA Supervisor J. E. Cheves, Reidsville, N. C., show that farmers farming under the rehabilitation program of the Farm Security Administration are gaining in net worth, repaying their debts and making a better living.

The survey which included progress figures from the 305 FSA borrowers in Rockingham and Stokes counties, as well as from other counties throughout the nation showed that 232,000 typical farm families are worth \$61,000,000 more now than they were worth when they came on the FSA program. The average per family gain in net worth—over and above all debts—was \$265.00.

Farmers have already paid back \$77,000,000 out of a total loaned of \$261,000,000 although much of the money loaned will not be due for four or five years.

The survey further showed FSA farmers are now growing three times as much food for home use as they produced before they came on the program. Fruits and vegetables canned increased 331 per cent.; milk 370 per cent.; eggs 275 per cent.; and meat 344 per cent. A substantial increase was noted in farming equipment, and the average borrower now has two horses where he formerly had only one. There was also a considerable increase, per family, in food and feed crops.

A total of \$4,500,000 in back taxes was paid to counties and other political subdivisions as a result of the friendly adjustment of debts for 100,000 farmers.

The first of the year Mr. Cheves and other county supervisors furnished data for the Washington office taken from county records and farm plans. The figures are average for the country.

Commenting on the progress made, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace said the survey shows that FSA farmers are "gaining strength to pull themselves higher up the economic ladder, instead of slipping further down." He said the figures prove conclusively the economic as well as the social wisdom of the FSA program.

"But there is still much to be done," County Supervisor Cheves pointed out. "On the average FSA farmers have made progress, but most of them have not yet reached the top. Many still are near the bottom of the ladder."

"The Farm Security Administration," he explained, is not only helping its borrowers to do better farming but it is also helping them to improve the soil

Stokes H. D. Members To Attend Mocksville District Meeting

Stokes County Home Demonstration members will meet with women from Davie, Forsyth, Davidson, Yadkin and Surry counties at Mocksville on May 24 at 10:30 for the Annual District Federation Meeting.

Mrs. Bess N. Rosa, Field Worker in Home Making and Parent Education of Woman's College will be the principal speaker. The program will also include greetings from N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, special music and Progress Reports from each county.

Included among those actively taking part on the program will be Mrs. G. E. Stone, President of County Council, who will present Stokes County's report and Mrs. S. R. Gibson who will serve on the Resolution Committee.

ELLEN JENKINS,
Home Agent.

Marriage of Miss Virginia Rebecca Mabe and Mr. Pete Donaldson

April 8, 1939, at Danville, Va., occurred the marriage of Miss Virginia Rebecca Mabe and Mr. John Persian Donaldson.

The affair was announced to the friends of both parties here this week.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mabe of Meadows, N. C., is one of Stokes county's fairest and most accomplished young ladies. She was educated in the high school of Walnut Cove and has attended the summer school for teachers at Boone. She has recently taught in the Lawsonville high school.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donaldson of Bonifay, Fla. He has been living in this county for three and a half years. At present he holds a position with Danbury Motor Company.

The young couple are now at home to their friends in the Loftis apartment at Danbury.

and build up their farms. And when it comes to building up a farm, that often is a slow process."

The survey shows that 22 per cent. still lacked adequate beds; 16 per cent. had inadequate stoves; 34 per cent. lacked adequate medical attention; 22 per cent. did not have protected water supplies; 28 per cent. lived in unscreened houses; and 58 per cent. of the families still were without sanitary toilets.

"In some cases conditions are such that a long time will be required to show marked improvement, but by and large FSA families show a willingness to try the average progress they are making is very encouraging," Mr. Cheves said.

J. C. CHEVES,
FSA County Supervisor.

HILARY CROMER DIED TUESDAY

HE HAD LINGERED LONG AT HIS HOME NEAR KING—DINK MIDDLETON MOVES INTO HIS NEW HOME—FARMERS PLANTING TOBACCO.

King, May 18. "On the Lakes to Florida Highway." Hilary Cromer, aged 66, died at his home three miles south-east of King Tuesday after a lingering illness from a heart ailment. The deceased is survived by several children, the widow having preceded him to the Great Beyond by several years.

The funeral service was conducted at Antioch Church Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Drewery Glen Hooker of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robe Hooker.

Thomas Wolff, of the Neatman section, was here Saturday on business.

The nude rider, who was later captured in Mount Airy, made his appearance here last week. Two King girl pedestrians on East Main street were severely frightened.

Dink Middleton has moved into his new home which was recently completed.

The King Nats defeated Cappella in a fast game here Saturday. Frank Sisk pitch, and Bill Boles catch, got in some very clever work during the game. Final score, 15 to 12.

Farmers in this section are beginning to plant tobacco. Plants are said to be plentiful this year.

The stock had easy sailing last week, only two calls. They were: To Mr. and Mrs. Harding, a son; and to Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKinney, a son.

Three patients underwent tonsil removal operations in the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic Friday. They were: Mrs. Nonnie McBride of Pfafftown, Miss Margaret Harger and Miss Margaret Hazelwood of Lawsonville.

Dr. Floyd Strupe of Tobaccoville was a professional visitor here Saturday.

John McGee, who resides on North Depot street is having his home repainted.

Preston Ferguson, of the Haw Pond section, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

The new service station and cafe being built by Thomas E. Smith at the intersection of Main and School streets, is nearing completion. Mr. Smith expects to open for business within the next few days.

Theodore Newsum is confined to his home from the effects of an infected hand.

J. E. Stone is having a sidewalk put down in front of his home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Tuttle of Rural Hall visited relatives here

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