

## SAYS LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE

### Writer Blames Stupidity And Cowardice of Administration for Country's Plight

## WOULD NOT FACE ISSUE

By ROBERT THOMPSON  
In The News and Observer

The "stupidity," or "cowardice," of the national administrations and Congresses of the past 10 years has not only worked untold injustices on the farmers of America—and, indirectly, on the business men—but has so complicated what was once a simple problem that it will take a national upheaval to set matters right, said Carl Vrooman, nationally known agricultural economist and former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, who is in Raleigh, working on a book on the subject.

Moreover, Mr. Vrooman believes, the Federal Farm Board has been assigned an impossible task, made it more impossible by its own mistakes, and is doing little if anything that will help the situation.

## Surplus An Asset

"An agricultural surplus, provided it is properly handled, is a great national asset," said Mr. Vrooman. "It means an ample supply of necessities at reasonable prices. We have never had a surplus which, if properly handled, could not have been a great blessing to the nation and the world."

"From 1921 until two years ago there never was a time when intelligent legislation and administration could not have easily solved the problem within six months. But at no period was the government wholeheartedly desirous of doing so. It was easier to drift along, facing possible potential resentment and opposition of the farmers rather than the active and stupid, or cowardly, opposition which was certain to face any proposition to give the farmers a fair deal."

## No Easy Way Out

"But during the past two years the difficulties of giving farmers any relief have been multiplied many times by word agricultural conditions and by our own mistakes in legislation. There is no easy way out of this agricultural crisis now. To give the farmers a square deal would involve complete readjustment of our tariff schedules for there is no possibility of Europe buying our surplus so long as we shut out most of Europe's products by our inexcusable high tariff."

"The Federal Marketing Act imposed on Chairman Legge an impossible task. The administration blandly instructed him to give farmers relief through co-operative farm stabilizing associations which did not exist and which could not possibly be improvised quickly enough to meet the present emergency."

"Moreover, the effort to suddenly create these organizations, financed by government money at lower than the market rate of interest aroused the antagonism, first, of the middle men and then of organized business which for months has been acting on the theory that it must discredit the Federal Farm Board in order to save from what it calls unfair competition at the tax payers' expense."

## Unnecessary Row

"This row was entirely unnecessary. When the United States Grain Corporation was created during the war to stabilize values, Mr. Hoover and Julius Barnes very wisely asked the grain trade to help carry out this patriotic project. This it did loyally and efficiently. The same diplomatic policy would have resulted in the same satisfactory ends at this time. As it is, the farmers have lost and are losing billions as result of this unnecessary row between business and Farm Board."

"Even now it is not too late for an effort to get the two together. However, the problem has been greatly complicated and it will take more than the end of this row to do the farmers a great amount of good. It is impossible to go into all phases of the matter in a newspaper interview but certainly we can't sell our surplus to a world that is constantly antagonizing."

"Asked if he approved of the Federal Farm Board's plan of buying up grain, cotton and so forth, Mr. Vrooman said that it might be of some help at this juncture, the situation having been allowed to get to the mess it has—but he has no enthusiasm for the idea. Until wheat has been eaten and cotton ginned, they are dead weights on the market, no matter who owns them, he said."

"For instance," said Mr. Vrooman, (Continued on Page 4)

## Grocery Store Is Robbed Early On Tuesday Morning

Burroughs Grocery Co. at Warrenton was robbed early Tuesday morning. Entrance was made by removing a pane of glass from the rear door. The amount of groceries removed is not known. Capt. Burroughs said Tuesday that while they had not missed anything, it is difficult to tell in a grocery store whether a bag of meal or a few cans of food had been removed.

The robbery was discovered by Night Officer C. E. Lovell shortly after 2 o'clock when he found the back door of the store open. A pane of glass had been removed and carefully set to one side by the robber or robbers. Capt. Burroughs said he was in the store until after 11 o'clock on Monday night.

## Ad Valorem Tax Furnished 54.6 Cents

RALEIGH, Dec. 21.—By furnishing 54.6 cents of every \$1.00 raised for current expense purpose, county ad valorem taxes lead in the support of public elementary and secondary education, it is learned from the current issue of State School Facts, monthly publication of the State Department of Public Instruction.

A total of \$15,021,890.11, that paper points out, was obtained from this source during 1928-29 this amount being \$187,997.07 less than was raised in 1926-27. The sum of \$27,509,674 was realized from all sources.

Local district taxes furnished the next largest percentage of the school fund, 22.1 cents of each dollar raised. Approximately \$6,000,000 of the annual school receipts for 1928-29 was obtained from this source. From poll taxes, dog taxes, fines, forfeitures and penalties, the sum of \$1,319,980.66 was received for operating the schools and from miscellaneous sources and the preceding year's balance on hand nearly \$1,400,000 was added to the school receipts.

The remaining part of the school dollar, 13.4 cents, came from State funds. The money realized from this source during 1928-29 amounted to \$3,688,299.78. This total included the \$3,250,000 equalizing fund appropriation of that year appropriations for teacher training in high schools for vocational education including Federal appropriations, and donations from the General Education Board, the Jeanes Foundation, the Rosenwald Fund, and the Slater Fund.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Parrott Buried On Saturday

Mrs. Elizabeth Parrott, 27, died at the home of her uncle, Mr. George Wagoner, at Embro on Friday morning at 6 o'clock. Tuberculosis was the cause of death.

Burial services were conducted at the grave in the Prospect church at Embro on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. S. E. Wright. Mrs. Parrott is survived by one brother, Willie Wagoner, and by one sister, Miss Kate Wagoner.

## CARD CLUB MEETS

Mrs. R. J. Jones cordially entertained her card club and also Messdames W. N. Boyd, L. B. Beddoe and Miss Mariam Boyd on Thursday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McGuire. High score was made by Mrs. Edmund White. The Misses Bobby Jones and Sara Howard Ward assisted Mrs. Jones in serving delicious plum pudding, coffee, sandwiches and nuts.

## ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. W. D. Rodgers attractively entertained members of her club and Mrs. John Mitchell at three tables of contract bridge on Thursday afternoon. Christmas decorations were used. Chocolate plum pudding with coffee and these sandwiches were served. Mrs. William Boyce was awarded top score prize of the afternoon and Mrs. John Mitchell was awarded a consolation.

## LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

## SHIP'S ROLL BANK ROLL FOR BELL

A British scientist saw Alexander Graham Bell's telephone—took one to England. A huge wave rolled ship—bent spring in phone—resulting in failure of demonstration—avoided publication before application for patent—saved the English patent rights for Bell, which otherwise would have become public property according to English law



ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL patented his telephone Feb. 14, 1876

## Jury Finds Young Men Not Guilty On Whiskey Charge

A Warren county jury said that Wade Schuster and Willie Walker, young white men, were not guilty when they faced Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's Court on Monday on charges of being drunk and disorderly and operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey.

The case was docketed for trial last Monday but was continued for one week when the defendants asked for trial by jury. J. H. Kerr Jr. aided Solicitor Cromwell Daniel in the prosecution. Julius Banzet was defense attorney.

## Says State Can Grow Own Poultry Supplies

There is no valid reason why North Carolina markets should buy a large part of their poultry and egg supplies from outside of the State. Present importations are large and therefore the opportunity exists for poultry growers to develop local markets in a profitable way.

"Local growers may capture these markets if they take the same pains as their competitors to produce a quality product and do a little judicious advertising," says N. W. Williams, poultryman at State college. "It is most important, however, to produce a quality product. In marketing eggs, careful grading is of utmost importance yet few of our local poultrymen pay any attention to this. Therefore, they place on the market, eggs of a wide range in size, shape, shell-color, and shell texture. Then too these mixed eggs go in any kind of container that may be handy. When these local eggs are placed side by side with those produced by the large out-of-State concerns, the locally grown product looks bad."

It is not alone that eggs must be packed in attractive containers and be well graded, they must also be consistently good, says the poultryman. They ought never to be over 48 hours old and preferably infertile. One bad egg slipped into a container by accident might ruin the trade of a valuable customer. Then, too, fresh eggs are used largely in the diet of babies and invalids. Those purchasing for such purposes rightfully expect consistency in products.

The same fundamental reasoning applies to marketing broilers locally, says Mr. Williams. The grower must study the demands of his market and endeavor to meet them. The season of best prices should also be studied. Milk-fed broilers, finished in good shape, when everyone else is not selling them, will return a good profit to any local poultryman.

## PLAYLET AT PARISH HOUSE

The Sunday school of Emmanuel Episcopal church will present an entertainment, "The Old, Old Story," at the Parish House on Tuesday night December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## Drive For Funds Louisburg College Proving Success

LOUISBURG, Dec. 21.—Efforts on the part of the Trustees of Louisburg College to raise approximately \$12,000.00 among the members of the North Carolina Conference and friends of the institution between this date and January 10, 1931, for the purpose of supplementing the income of the College to meet its operating expenses for the spring term are meeting with encouraging responses on all sides. There is a spirit of co-operation on the part of the students, faculty, alumnae and friends of the College throughout the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Alumnae Association, under the leadership of its president, Mrs. M. S. Clifton, of Louisburg, is endeavoring to enlist the aid and efforts of every former member in behalf of her Alma Mater. The faculty of the College has made a voluntary offering to donate from twenty-five to thirty-three per cent of their salaries in order to aid in carrying on the College through the spring term.

The North Carolina Conference has definitely committed itself to the plan of the Trustees of the College through action taken by its ministers and laymen in meetings held in each of the nine districts of the Conference during the last ten days. It has been pointed out that to raise the proposed amount will call for only a small contribution from each pastoral charge. There seems to be an almost universal belief that this amount can be raised by faithful cooperation of the friends of the College throughout the Conference and without undue strain upon any one. The proposed plan for the raising of this fund includes the following:

First, that the cause of Louisburg College shall be presented in all of the Churches of the North Carolina Conference on December 21, or December 28, and voluntary offerings be taken at that time for the College.

Second, that each Methodist pastor designate such other church workers as he may see fit to assist him in soliciting private contributions. It is suggested that the pastors may find former students of Louisburg College to be especially helpful in this work.

Third, that all funds collected in each pastoral charge shall be forwarded to the presiding elders of the respective districts not later than January 5, 1931, and that in turn the presiding elders will forward all funds received to Rev. F. S. Love, at Raleigh, N. C. who has been designated as treasurer of this fund, not later than January 10, 1931.

Dr. and Mrs. Joel Whitaker and daughter, Miss Courtney Whitaker, and son, Mr. Quincey Meyers Whitaker, and Mrs. Quincy Aiden Meyers of Indianapolis are guests in the home of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington.

## HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS RULING TOWN

### Students Return Home From Schools; Many Visitors In The County

## MANY TO GIVE TOKENS

With the spirit of business somewhat buoyed by tardy shoppers making purchases hither and yon, boys and girls returning from schools and colleges bringing with them the light-hearted air of youth, and patches of snow lingering about as if waiting to be joined by more of the white fleece, Warrenton began the first of this week to show that the spirit of the season was awakening.

Although the lack of shekels has been a common complaint and indications are that presents will not be as extravagantly passed out as in by-gone years, the last few shopping days have brought many to town, and as these visitors leave with packages under their arms, it is evident that it takes more than hard times to smother out the custom of exchanging tokens at this time of the year.

Christmas cards began rolling in several days ago and as the day draws nearer, the mails become richer and richer with expressions of best wishes. Few firecrackers have burst into the air but the old gobbler has been heard to yelp from many back yards of the town.

Boys and girls from the various colleges and schools cast their books aside last week and since Friday afternoon have been rolling into town. As they mingle in the stores and hurry along the streets greeting friends and exchanging pleasantries the town takes on more zipp. And older friends from far and near are finding their way home to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives and are also giving vent to the Christmas atmosphere.

Old Aunt Patsy showed her willingness to cooperate with the festive season on Monday when she started for the second time within a week picking her goose. Snowflakes settled to earth for several hours and all indications were that the county would be wrapped in a Christmas blanket, but as night came on and the flakes hung in the clouds, boys and girls realized that they would have to wait a little longer for their sleighing and snowballing.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. E. E. Gillam and daughter, Miss Nancy, left Monday afternoon for Morganton where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Venable Lawson and daughter, Miss Betsy Garland, spent the week end in South Boston.

Mrs. J. T. Adams of Sanford is spending some time in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Branch Bobbitt of Greenville arrived Sunday to spend a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones.

Friends of Mr. Whit Watson of Axtelle have been glad to see him around the streets of Warrenton for the past several days.

Mr. Edward Alston of Henderson was a recent visitor in town.

Messrs. Tyler Young and Fred Royster were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Walker Burwell of Duke University is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Friends of Mrs. J. J. Wood regret that she is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Wood of Gastonia spent several days here last week.

Mr. Nick Alston of New York is spending the holidays at Warrenton.

Mrs. Mattie Scutherland and Miss Sue Scutherland of Henderson were in town Saturday.

Mr. Jim Burroughs of Afton was in town Monday.

Miss Mattie Wiggins Dameron of Peace Institute, Raleigh, arrived Friday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron.

Mr. William F. Rivers of India is visiting in the home of Mrs. Katherine Arrington. Mr. Rivers is the son of General and Mrs. William Rivers of New York and has spent the past three years in India as representative of the Standard Oil Co.

Mr. John Burwell is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burwell.

Miss Sue White Massenburgh of N. C. W., Greensboro, is spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Massenburgh.

## List Takers Awaiting Tax Assessor On Monday

Meeting in the court house at Warrenton on Monday morning, tax assessors and list takers discussed with Tax Supervisor S. E. Allen plans for valuing the property of Warren county.

## Organic Matter Aid To Peanut Crop

The revaluation will begin on January 1. According to plans worked out at the meeting, list takers and assessors will be furnished copies of abstracts of property in the county. They will divide the townships and make a survey of this property, separating, cultivated and uncultivated lands, buildings and other property. After the property has thus been classified the list takers and supervisors will meet with Supervisor Allen at the courthouse and value the property.

No commercial fertilizer treatment has yet been found which will give consistent good results with peanuts, yet the crop nearly always responds well to the organic matter supplied by turning under legumes.

"We had another demonstration of this during the past season with some work done by W. T. Tadlock of Windsor in cooperation with County Agent, B. E. Grant," says Eros C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "Last spring Mr. Tadlock turned under a crop of rye and oats and then planted peanuts on the land. He harvested 17 bushels an acre. This was a poor crop and was no doubt affected by the extreme dry weather prevailing in that section last summer. However, in the same field, Mr. Tadlock turned under a good crop of crimson clover, and in spite of the drought, he made 40 bushels of peanuts an acre on this land."

On still another section of the field where a crop of vetch was turned under, Mr. Tadlock harvested at the rate of 42 bushels of peanuts an acre, says Mr. Blair. This was an increase of 23 bushels for the crimson clover and 25 bushels for the vetch. The legumes doubled the yield of peanuts in both cases over where the small grain crop was turned.

Mr. Blair says that a large number of demonstrations made during the past few years, give similar results. Both winter and summer legumes have been known to give increases comparable to these and it shows that legumes are consistent in helping to produce better yields of peanuts. This is not true of any given kind of fertilizer treatment, says the agronomist.

## Pruning Pays In Apple Orchard

Pruning as a part of the management program in an apple orchard does not always increase the number of bushels to the tree, but it does make a difference in the quantity which will grade out as first class apples.

"The profits from an apple orchard always depend on the number of baskets, boxes or barrels which contain apples of uniform size, well colored and free from blemishes," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College. "Thick, bushy trees afford protection to insects and diseases and shield them from contact with spray materials. The highest percentage of cull apples is nearly always harvested from that part of the tree which has not been thinned or is left unpruned. Apple trees of this kind should be open-top so that it will be easy to cover the fruit and leaves in all parts of the tree."

As to cost of pruning, Mr. Niswonger says two orchards in the Brushy Mountains, one containing 3,500 trees and the other 600 trees, spent \$57.75 and \$8.75, respectively, a year during the past two years. The trees in the first orchard were from 8 to 20 years of age and the latter from 6 to 14 years old. These costs cover the labor in hauling the brush from the orchard as well as the actual work of pruning.

The main object in pruning a bearing apple tree is to maintain a well balanced top and the even distribution of fruit spurs. In the young tree the purpose is to develop a well balanced top that will fruit uniformly, says Mr. Niswonger.

Messrs. Tom Holt and William Dameron of Augusta Military Academy, Staunton, Va., arrived Friday to spend the holidays here with their parents.

## FORM RELIEF ORGANIZATION

### Member of State Committee To Meet With Citizens At Court House Monday

## WORK TO BE DIVIDED

A county-wide organization to aid in relief of unemployment and to render aid for the destitute will be formed in the county on next Monday as a part of the State organization recently formed at Raleigh under the direction of Governor Gardner and the Welfare Department of the State.

E. W. Bashart of Raleigh, member of the State committee, was in the county Monday conferring with Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer, and with other citizens interested in this work. It was decided at this time to hold an organization meeting at the court house at 10 o'clock on Monday. All citizens interested are asked to be present.

Plans of the organization as outlined by Mr. Bashart call for the parment with churches, civic organizations, the Red Cross, vocational teachers and the county superintendent of schools. From this group will be selected committees on food, fuel and housing.

In addition a health committee will be formed with the County Health Officer in charge. He will be assisted by a member of the State Medical Association. Lack of food and housing is expected to increase the number of cases of pellagra and undernourishment, and the health committee is expected to do all in its power to hold this increase to a minimum. The committee will also do all in its power to see that gardens are planted and will offer aid and suggestions for this work.

Unemployment is an unhappy feature of the depression in the county. The organization will attempt to find work for as many of these citizens as is possible. The work will be divided into two classes, temporary and permanent employment.

A finance committee will be composed of the welfare worker, banker or time merchant, manufacturer the Mayor or president of a civic body and possibly others.

All the committees will be under the direct control of an executive committee to be selected from the personnel of the various divisions of the organization.

## Plan To Hold Series Of Farm Meetings

A program of farm meetings for the purpose of carrying facts about the agricultural outlook and the need of food and feedstuffs production in North Carolina next season has been arranged by the agricultural extension service of State college to cover every county in North Carolina during January and February.

Five teams of extension specialists will go to work during the week beginning January 5 and starting in the coastal counties will work gradually westward towards the Tennessee line. Five meetings a day will be held. In these meetings, the speakers will present facts about the present production of food and feed supplies, will show how far the county is from being self-supporting, and will outline the program embodied in the adopted slogan, "Farm to Make a Living in 1931."

Dean I. O. Schaub says the campaign will be in charge of the district agents in their respective groups of counties. The local home and farm agents will arrange the meetings and give them local notice. Leading key farmers, bankers and business men of all kinds will be invited.

There will be no guess work in the facts to be given, says Mr. Schaub. Already the economists are working out the need of a family or a livestock unit for feed and food for one year. The home demonstration people are also at work on facts about more complete diets which may be prepared from foodstuffs produced at home.

Mr. Schaub says it is not enough next year to reduce the acreage to cotton and tobacco. The crops that may be raised in place of these two must receive attention. The need of local markets must be studied and above all else, if there is a lack of home-grown supplies, this must be remedied.

## MRS. BULKELEY DIES

Friends of Mrs. W. K. Williams will regret to learn of the death of her mother, Mrs. Bulkeley, at Grand Rapids, Mich., last Thursday.