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It isn't true because THE COURIER says it, but THE COURIER says it because it is true.

Sleep and death, two twins of winged race  
Of matchless swiftness, but of silent pace.  
—Pope

Come, gentle sleep! attend thy votary's prayer  
And, though Death's image, to my coach repair,  
How sweet, though lifeless, yet with life to lie,  
And, without dying, oh how sweet to die.  
—John Wolcott

### ERA CLOSES SHOP

ON Friday, so it was announced, the ERA closed shop, and receivers of federal relief money will exchange work for it. If there is to be further use of the dole it must come from the county or town. At the close of the day there were sixty on the relief roll of the WPA here. Possibly some of these may be transferred to the WPA, but at any rate the number of needy is not excessive and if the worst comes to the worst the town, County, and private individuals will see that there is no suffering in this good County. That the ERA in this County served a good purpose will not be denied, though it is generally admitted that many impositions were practised and Miss Merritt was deceived by the tales of woe which was put up, just as was every other director of County ERA offices. We wish it distinctly understood that we are not criticising Miss Merritt, for she has worked faithfully and conscientiously at the job, but we do say that many deliberately lied to her, deceived her, and received aid.

While the intentions of the President in establishing the ERA were wise and humane, still, in setting it up it turned out to be possibly the greatest mistake he has made, and it fell far short of the batting average he hoped to make. Take our own County, if we are not mistaken in our figures, there were on the relief rolls here at one time 25 per cent of the entire population, one out of every four persons in the County. Now, you know, and we all know, that at no time was there any such need for relief, this, mind you, without any kind of calamity, no wind or sand storm, no epidemic of any kind, and yet, one-fourth of our citizenship asking help from the government. It was a reflection on our good County, and we were surprised that so many of our citizens could so far forget their pride as to fall for such an act.

However, the NRA is no more, and coming just at this time, with the snows of winter just around the corner, it will be necessary for someone to see that none of the needy cases want for the necessities of the season; wood and coal, with clothing and food is going to be needed by some of these, and we believe the neighbors, assisted by the County and town authorities will see that all necessary needs are supplied.

### WHY NOT GIVE SOMETHING USEFUL?

AS usual many thousands of dollars will be spent for useless Christmas presents, and much of this money can ill afford to be spent. We sincerely trust there will not be an empty stocking in this County on Christmas morning, but why can't we be sane and sensible and give gifts which will be of service, and still be just as acceptable. Take for instance the matter of towels; we know of nothing which will give the housewife more real joy than one of those beautiful Christmas towel sets put out by the Somerset Mills, for they are indeed things of beauty. You might search far and wide but a more beautiful Christmas present for mother could not be found.

Not only would you be doing a real kindness to your friend, but you would be helping a home enterprise which is worthy. We do not know

how many merchants here are handling this line, but we do know there is absolutely no reason why a single towel should be sold over the counters in Roxboro and Person County which was not manufactured by this firm. This may be a good advertisement—we hope it is, but it is written without their knowledge or consent, but after seeing this line we just could not refrain from calling your attention to it.

### TWO LUCKY DRAWS

FOR several years the town could not boast a chamber of commerce, and for several months the town was without a city manager. When it was decided to organize a chamber of commerce the matter of a secretary was the first prime factor, and when the question was threshed out and Mr. H. A. Sawyer, a citizen of Durham was elected, we are convinced no mistake was made, for he has been on the job almost day and night, and has proven his worth. Likewise when the town elected a city manager, Mr. James C. Harris of Fuquay Springs, they evidently secured the best man. While he came to us from a small town, still, his experience there doubtless has been of much help to him, for he has shown that he not only knows his business, but he is also intensely interested in any and everything pertaining to the welfare of the town and County. True, he is backed up by a Town Board, which has not been surpassed in many years, and together they have accomplished great things, and in the coming years these things will show up on your tax receipt.

Roxboro was lucky when they secured the services of these two splendid young men, and we only wish we had more like them.

WELL, you remember that old saying, "It is just one thing after another," and it still holds good. Just as soon as the baseball season ends, football takes the front pages, and then following this we are to have another session of Congress, which will meet early in January. We sincerely trust it may be a short session—which it probably will be as all of the congressmen have to face election, with quite a number of the members of the senate, and they will want to get home to look after their fences. Business generally is very much improved, and if congress will only meet and get out of the way we may expect business to continue to improve.

BUSINESS should be good in this town and County during the coming months, especially with the contractors and builders supply folks. Already contracts have been let for school buildings amounting to \$170,000, the post-office building will care for something like \$75,000, several miles of roads are under construction, and numerous residences are going up, with prospects for several additional in the near future. Yes, we came near forgetting the underpass at Brooksdale, which will more than likely be constructed early in the new year. Certainly few able bodied men will have cause to ask relief from anyone.

### What Others Are Saying

#### PRACTICAL SCHOOL COURSES

FROM farming states is reported an "unprecedented" demand for courses to help fit students for successful careers in farming and a similar demand for courses to fit girls for a career as home makers.

Vocational courses in home economics and agriculture are gradually becoming the rule in progressive high schools. Moreover, the trend of public education is developing to the practical side of life with advanced educators insisting that the essential aim of education is to fit boys and girls for the problems of life, including the ability to earn a living, and the art of cooperating properly with the other members of their social group.

The Courier does not intend to criticise the educational authorities of Person County but, we are thoroughly in accord with the modern movement in education and, while such changes must necessarily move slowly, we hope that the schools of this county will be kept in step.—H. S.

#### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

There is more to the "Shop Early" slogan than a desire to help the clerks in the various stores of Roxboro. Practically every merchant here has some special Christmas goods, already on sale. Those who do their shopping now will have the advantage that belongs to greater stocks, from which to select what you want.

Just before Christmas the stocks will be "shot to pieces." The buyer, usually in a last minute rush, will have to take what is left, and be content. You can serve yourself better by going ahead with your shopping at once.—H. S.

SO far as we are able to judge, the war in Africa is largely a matter of reporting victories, with the Italians a jump or two ahead at this writing.—Ex.

## Court Will Hear Debate Over AAA Authority Today

Hoosac Mills Case Involving Validity Of Processing Taxes Up For Debate

### FATE ON NEW DEAL'S FARM PLAN AT STAKE

Supreme Court May Hand Down Ruling On Hauptmann's Petition Today; Argument Over Amended AAA Act Comes Next Week; Battle Over TVA Follows

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Roosevelt administration's farmland program goes on trial for its life tomorrow in the Supreme Court—with the outcome projecting vast political and economic consequences.

Lawyers for the government and the Hoosac Mills Corporation of Massachusetts finished preparations tonight for oral arguments of the constitutionality of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Their briefs, already filed with the nine justices who unanimously struck down NRA, have raised not only the question of validity of processing taxes—life-blood of the AAA—but also of Congress' latitude in legislating for the nation's "general welfare."

"Welfare Power" The "welfare" power, never defined by the high tribunal, has recently become the constitutional peg on which many Dew Deal laws are being defended. Its scope has been debated since the days of Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, whose widely-conflicting views have been cited.

Before listening to the lawyers—and questioning them—the black-robed justices, convening at noon after a two weeks' recess, will deliver opinions, and may announce whether they will pass on Bruno Richard Hauptmann's appeal from conviction in the murder of the Lindbergh baby.

Two of the 44 cases in which final opinions may be forthcoming involve the extension of federal power over state affairs and the "welfare" clause.

One dispute affects the right of Congress to declare removal of agricultural products from a federally-licensed warehouse to be an offense against the United States. It originated in the arrest of Fred Hastings on a charge of stealing a bale of cotton from a Clarksdale, Miss., warehouse.

Home Owners' Case The other involves the validity of a section of the 1933 Home Owners' Loan Act authorizing federal incorporation of building and loan associations over objection of the state which issued their original charters. Three Milwaukee associations are directly affected.

Appearing in formal morning dress, Stanley Reed, the Solicitor General, will then begin his attempt to convince the justices that the circuit court of appeals at Boston was wrong in holding the entire farm act invalid in the Hoosac mills case.

George Wharton Pepper, former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania, will lead the assault on the legislation, contending among other things that it is an invalid delegation of power and does not directly affect interstate commerce. Those were the reasons the court gave for overturning NRA.

Another farm-relief act—the Bankhead law for control of cotton production—will be argued as soon as the pros and cons of AAA are debated. That probably will be late Tuesday.

Arguments will be heard December 16 on the petition of Louisiana rice millers for a permanent injunction against collection of processing taxes under AAA as amended. A temporary injunction was granted by the Supreme Court pending the hearing.

TVA Act Soon. Three days later, the Tennessee Valley Act will be attacked and defended. The remaining New Deal case before the justices, involving the right of the government to condemn land for a slum-clearing project, will be argued early next year.

While expressing confidence that the farm act will be upheld, administration leaders say they are ready for any eventualities flowing from the court's final ruling expected in January.

President Roosevelt has hailed the principles of AAA as a permanent program and Secretary Wallace has asserted acceptable substitutes will be ready if any or all of the props under AAA are knocked out.

A general sales tax and higher income taxes have been mentioned by Wallace as possible alternatives to the processing taxes to raise money for paying farmers to curtail acreage planted to basic agricultural commodities.

Senator McNary, the Republican leader, has announced that he will offer on the opening day of Congress a bill providing for the optional application of either the equalization fee, export debenture or domestic allotment plan.

Although the Hoosac case has to do directly with the validity of processing taxes, the entire act is at stake. The decision of the court of appeals was sweeping.

"It is clear, we think," it said, "that Congress at the outset has attempted to invade a field over which it has no control, since its obvious purpose,

## High Point Man Addresses Meeting Friday Afternoon

Soil Conservative Meeting Held Friday Afternoon; Meat-Cutting And Meat-Curing Demonstration Held; New Tobacco Contracts; Instructions For Buying Allotment Cards

BY H. K. SANDERS

### MEAT-CUTTING AND MEAT-CURING DEMONSTRATION

About 45 people were present for the meat-cutting and meat-curing demonstration which was held on December 4th under the supervision of Mr. R. E. Nance of State College, Raleigh. The men and women present seemed to be very much interested in the work as it was explained by those in charge of the meeting. If anyone is interested in securing further information along this line, they may either write or call at the office of the County Agent.

### SOIL CONSERVATION MEETING

Mr. Pollock, Assistant Technician from the High Point office addressed the meeting of the Soil Conservation Association on Friday afternoon, Dec. 6th. State Administrator, E. T. Erickson, found it impossible to be here himself, and Mr. Pollock came to make the principal address of the meeting. The meeting adjourned to the farm of Mr. W. A. Whitfield, near Somerset Mills, to see the work that has been done there. Those who were present seemed to be very much impressed with the work that has been done on Mr. Whitfield's farm by the CCC boys from the Oxford camp. Several new members joined the Soil Conservation Association Friday afternoon. The terracing unit is at work every day when the weather permits.

### NEW TOBACCO CONTRACTS FOR 1936-1939

The Raleigh and Washington offices are requesting that the new tobacco contracts for 1936-1939 be forwarded

viz: to control or regulate the production of agricultural products in the several states by the method adopted in this act, is beyond the power of Congress."

That is the ruling the government appealed. The case originated in the refusal of receivers of the Hoosac mills to pay \$81,694 in processing and floor stock taxes on cotton. The federal district court for Massachusetts upheld the tax.

to them not later than January 1st, 1936. The County Agent's office is mailing cards today to all those who have not signed their contracts, except in a few instances in which we have been requested to withhold these notices in cases of the division of an estate, which has not been completed, or the sale of a farm for division among the heirs, or some similar circumstance. If you wish to have a tobacco contract on your farm for 1936-1939, and if you have not already signed such a contract, then you should attend to this matter within the next few days, if possible.

### TO THOSE WHO NEED TO BUY ALLOTMENT CARDS:

We are required to have Cashier's checks or Money Orders to send to the Treasurer of the United States in the purchase of each card that is bought from the Department of Agriculture. The Postoffice closes at one o'clock each Saturday and the bank at 2:00 P. M.

THOSE WHO WISH TO BUY ALLOTMENT CARDS FOR THE SALE OF TOBACCO MUST APPLY BEFORE TWO O'CLOCK ON SATURDAYS. Please keep this in mind.

## ADS-WANT-ADS

MONEY TO LOAN — CLIENT HAS \$50,000.00 to loan on 3 to 10 years time on improved residential and business property in Roxboro. Inquiry invited. Write A. W. PEACE, Oxford, N. C. 4M-Tpd

ON DEC. 14TH, 1935 AT 11 O'CLOCK at my home place I will sell at public auction household and kitchen furniture, one mule, two hogs, Z. V. Burnette. 12-2-2ts

FOR SALE — 10 PIECE WALNUT dining room suite, in good condition and priced low. Apply to Mrs. Arch Jones, Academy Street, Roxboro. 1f

FOR SALE — STALK SELECTED Yellow Mammoth and Bonanza tobacco seed 50c ounce. Recleaned and grown by W. J. Rimmer, Hurdie Mills, N. C. near Roxboro N. C. 8ts pd 12-5

WILL UNLOAD CAR OF APPLES Tuesday, December 10th, and if you get yours this week you will save 50 per cent. Don't forget this week. HOBGOOD'S FRUIT STORE, Opposite Wade Grocery Co. 1tp

HOG KILLING TIME IS HERE — Don't fail to can your sausage, the only safe way to keep it. I have the cans, 3 doz. \$1.00. Apples 40, 50 and 75 cents per bushel. HOBGOOD FRUIT STORE, Opposite Wade Grocery Co. 1tp

# PALACE

Roxboro, North Carolina

## Wednesday Only Dec. 11th

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