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## FARM CROP VALUE IN STATE CUT IN HALF IN 10 YEARS

Charles Sheffield, Assistant Agricultural Extension Director, Talks to Kiwanians

### CITES PAYROLL SHRINKAGE

Four and one-half billion dollars less wages are being paid throughout the country today than in 1929. If North Carolina is off in proportion to the rest of the country, its annual payroll in industry is off \$100,000,000.

These were some of the interesting figures given the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen at its weekly meeting in the Aberdeen Community House on Wednesday when Charles Sheffield, Assistant Agricultural Extension Director of N. C. State College talked to the members on the relationship of the farmer to business. He showed how the farmer was suffering along with the rest, stating that the total value of farm crops and live stock has shrunk from 19 billion dollars in 1919 to seven billion in 1929 in the country, and from 511 million to something like 250 million in North Carolina. Prices received for agricultural products have declined steadily, but the cost of making the crops is higher.

However, he said, despite the fact that each major depression has been greater than the previous one in history, we have always come out of them on top and he believed when we have succeeded in balancing prices anew we may expect good times again. Agriculture, like everything else, depends largely upon the recovery of the three major businesses, automobile, steel and iron, and building. "The farmer wants more than anything else to see the man on the street put back to work," he said. "When he is, the farmer will recover his market along with every other line of business."

Mr. Sheffield is a native of Sheffield township, this county, though he left here in his early youth. He was formerly county agent of Davidson county.

## Lambeth Seeks Aid To Finance Cotton Surplus

### Congressional Committee Appeals To Dawes' Reconstruction Corporation

Representative Walter Lambeth of the Congressional district along with Representatives Kerr of the 2nd district and Bulwinkle of the 9th district composing a committee of the North Carolina delegation in Congress, headed by Senator Bailey of North Carolina and Senator Smith of South Carolina, called upon General Dawes and Eugene Meyer, President and Chairman of the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, on Thursday of last week about a plan, hitherto discussed with the President, to hold off the market 5,000,000 bales of cotton in addition to the 7,000,000 bales that have been placed in storage with the aid of the Farm Board and the banks of the Southern states. This visit was made in the hope that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be able to arrange the necessary financing to carry over the surplus of 12,000,000 bales, from one to three years, provided the growers would agree to curtail production during the year 1932.

General Dawes and Chairman Meyer assured the committee that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would give every assistance consistent with the provisions of the law creating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and that definite plans would be worked out with the committee just as soon as the organization of the new corporation has been completed and the rules and regulations worked out.

Representative Lambeth stated that he was pleased with the cooperative spirit manifested by these high officials of the new \$2,000,000,000 corporation and that he was sure that General Dawes and Mr. Meyer would pursue a liberal and sympathetic policy in order to extend the maximum aid to relieve the distressful condition of the cotton growers of the South.

## Kiwanis Club Launches Move for Community Gardens to Aid Needy

Will Raise Funds for Projects Through Entertainment Staged by Local Societies

The Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen voted Wednesday to sponsor a movement for community gardens in the Sandhills, whereby the man who hasn't enough land on which to grow food for his table may be given the opportunity to sow and reap and help himself to "live at home."

To launch this movement, it was decided to stage a benefit entertainment later in the season, probably with performances at Southern Pines and at Pinehurst, the proceeds to be used to acquire garden plots and set in motion the community planting. Various organizations will be invited to put on one number on the program, and the audiences will be asked to vote on the best number for a prize to be awarded the organization staging it.

The following committee was named to have charge of staging the entertainment: Charles W. Piquet, chairman; J. Talbot Johnson, P. Frank Buchan, Richard Tufts and Arthur Newcomb.

The new Kiwanis members, Frank McCleure and Jack Taylor, both of Aberdeen were welcomed to the club at Wednesday's meeting.

Much amusement was created at the meeting when each member was called upon to give the first name of the member on his right, and name his occupation. Ralph Chandler scored a hit when he called out, "Leo O'Callaghan, robber."

## Dr. R. P. Gibson Dies of Heart Attack

Prominent Resident of Pinebluff and Former Pastor at Croton Falls, N. Y., Passes Suddenly

Early Friday morning, Dr. R. P. Gibson of Pinebluff and Croton Falls, N. Y., died at his winter home in Pinebluff. He had been in his usual health and had gone to the postoffice Thursday night after the mail and apparently felt as well as usual. He was taken with a heart attack about two o'clock from which he apparently recovered but a recurrence of the attack at four o'clock proved fatal. Robert Proudfoot Gibson was 87 years old. He was born in Erin, N. Y., in 1844, his parents leaving there when he was a baby. His father was the Rev. John Dunlap Gibson. Dr. Gibson was a graduate of Yale, class of 1866, and of Princeton Theological Seminary, class of 1869. He was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church at Greenville, Tenn., where he had gone for his health. He served as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Croton Falls, N. Y., for 31 years, retiring from the active ministry a few years ago on account of his advanced age, and since that time has spent much of his time here.

His first wife was Agnes C. Dale; his second was Katherine C. Wiestling of Middletown, Pa., and his third, who survives him, Gussie Abrams. Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. P. Locke of White Plains, N. Y., and Mrs. T. E. Fugate of Scarsdale, N. Y., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, one of whom is "Skippy," the son of Percy Crosby, and the original of the cartoon character by that name. The funeral services were conducted in the Pinebluff Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, and were in charge of Dr. C. L. Jackson, who was assisted by the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. C. R. Newell, pastor of Pinebluff M. E. church.

Mrs. Gibson left for the north on Sunday night with the body and interment was made in the family cemetery at Croton Falls, N. Y.

### PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Aberdeen-Pinebluff Parent Teachers Association will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon, February 17th, at the Grammer School in Aberdeen at 3:00 o'clock. A full attendance of all members is requested.

## Nine Fatalities

That Was Moore County's Record from Automobile Accidents During 1931

Moore county had nine fatalities from automobile accidents during the year 1931, records in the office of Director L. S. Harris, of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, show. During the year automobiles were responsible for 762 deaths in the state, 15 less than in 1930, but 5,075 persons were injured, establishing a new high record.

Guilford led with 41 deaths, Mecklenburg and Wake tying for second place with 38 each. Durham had 31, Forsyth 26 and Wayne 22, the records show.

## U. S. ANNOUNCES TERMS OF LOANS FOR FARM CROPS

No Loans in Excess of \$400, nor Over Dollar an Acre For Seed

INTEREST RATE 4 1-2 P. C.

The government has just announced terms under which it will make loans to farmers for crop production from the funds appropriated by Congress for farm aid, under the Reconstruction Act. No loans will be made in excess of \$400 nor in excess of \$1 per acre for seed.

Loans for feed for work stock will not exceed \$15 per acre per animal required to cultivate the acreage cropped by the borrower. Loans for fuel and oil for tractors will not exceed \$2 per acre.

Loans will not be made to applicants who did not farm in 1931 nor in excess of acreage planted in the spring of 1931 and will not be made for the purchase or repair of machinery or purchase or feeding of livestock other than work stock used in production.

Applications shall be made on printed forms furnished by the government to be distributed in each county through the same committees handling drought loans last year and under practically the same conditions. These blanks have not yet been printed but will be forwarded in the next few days. Promissory notes at 5 1-2 per cent will be secured by mortgages on the growing crop and when the loan is to tenants must be accompanied by waiver from the landlord.

Congressman Walter Lambeth of this district will be glad to forward blanks or give further information to anyone interested.

## Boy of Five Divides Allowance With Poor

George Howard, Jr., Sends A Check To Unemployment Relief

George Howard, Jr., though only five, believes in the old slogan, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." George gets an allowance from his parents, but of late he's been hearing about hard times and unemployed, and so he sat down the other day and wrote a letter to Frank Buchan, chairman of the Unemployment Relief Committee in Southern Pines enclosing a check from his savings. That check is going to keep a family fed for some time.

Others who forwarded checks this week to help keep the unemployment projects, including the splendid work at Mount Hope Cemetery, going include Miss Pierson, Mrs. Wenger and E. W. Reineke. Additional money will be raised on Sunday when the colored folks sing their spirituals and southern melodies at the Southern Pines Country Club.

Shields Cameron is planning an entertainment to help pay off the mortgage on the Southern Pines Civic Club building.

## COUNTY HAS PAID \$13,283 OF STATE AD VALOREM LEVY

Estimated Balance Due Under 15-Cent Property Tax is \$27,497

ON \$27,187,127 VALUE

Moore county had paid into the State Treasury \$13,283.50 of the estimated \$40,781, coming from this county from the 15-cent levy on the \$100 valuation, based on an assessed valuation for the county of \$271,187,127, up to last Saturday, State Treasurer John Stedman said.

Up to Saturday \$1,975,880.66 of the estimated \$4,461,691 to come from the 100 counties to supplement the State school fund had been received, Treasurer Stedman said, leading him to believe that half the fund will be received within the next few days. Collections are believed to be slow in the counties, but many of them have collected more than half of the 1931 taxes. Counties are required under the law to forward to the State Treasury the amount of the 15 cent levy collected twice a month, the 1st and 15th.

Avery county, with an assessed valuation of slightly more than \$5,500,000, is the only one of the 100 counties that has made no return on the 15-cent ad valorem tax, while numbers of others had sent in only small parts of the taxes believed to have been collected, Treasurer Stedman said.

Every effort is being made to get the counties to forward the collections promptly so the State can meet its six months school term costs, largely in teachers' salaries, Mr. Stedman said.

## Negroes To Sing Songs of the South Sunday

Old Melodies and Spirituals Will Entertain Public at S. P. Country Club

On Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock a group of twenty or more colored singers will entertain an audience at the Southern Pines Country Club with negro melodies and spiritual songs of the old school of music. This entertainment has grown out of the songfulness of the hands employed in Frank Buchan's class of unemployed in the neighborhood of Southern Pines. The singers at their work day after day have been interesting spectators who have stopped to listen to the natural melodies and harmonies of the colored men, and with much pleasure. For some time Frank has contemplated getting together a lot of these singers, but a certain shyness has held them back. However, a considerable group has finally consented to appear for a number of songs, and the date is set for Sunday afternoon.

The negro music is original and distinctive. It is peculiar to the race in its tempo, its harmonies and in its movements. Harmony and melody are instinctive in these folks, as spontaneous as their native wit and humor, but in all their music they have a spirituality that gives its a character and an interest. The Sunday program will be purely that of the negro, with no frills from imitation of the white man's music. It will be genuine, and as pleasing as it is novel, for no violation of musical rules enter into the negro's production. His syncopation does not embrace the offensiveness of jazz, and his harmonies are quaint but never harsh. All are invited. Admission free, with an offering that will be applied to the fund for the unemployed.

### U. S. TAX EXPERTS COMING HERE LAST OF FEBRUARY

Representatives of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department will be at the following places on the dates given to assist taxpayers in filing Federal Income Tax Returns. Inquire at Post Office. If you have received blanks by mail bring same with you: Aberdeen, Feb. 26; Morehead City, Feb. 18; Fayetteville, Mar. 1-2; Southern Pines, Feb. 25; Laurinburg, Feb. 16 and Lumberton, Feb. 17-18.

### C. of C. President



DR. GEORGE G. HERR

## HARRY G. WARING VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK MONDAY

Prominent Resident of Pinehurst One of Pioneers of Peach Industry

CAME HERE 17 YEARS AGO

Harry Godfrey Waring, for some 17 years a prominent resident of Pinehurst, died suddenly at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon at the Moore County Hospital. Mr. Waring had suffered an attack of heart trouble a few days before, but was expected to recover and his death came as a distinct shock to a wide circle of friends throughout this section.

Mr. Waring was a man of sterling qualities, beloved of those who knew him and respected by all. He was engaged in the brokerage business in New York for many years before coming to Pinehurst to engage in the then booming peach business. After several years as an orchardist he went into the peach supply business, furnishing those engaged in the industry in the Sandhills with the essentials for raising and marketing their crops. Later he played a prominent part in a number of business enterprises in Pinehurst, and at the time of his death was manager of the insurance department of L. L. Biddle, II, real estate and insurance in the Village Court Building. His attractive home on Linden Road is one of the show places of the Sandhills.

Besides his widow, Mr. Waring is survived by one daughter, Miss Helen Waring, one of the leading golfers of the country.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Cheatham officiating. Burial was at Old Bethesda Cemetery in Aberdeen.

## Boy Ties Telephone Pole to S. A. L. Tracks

Wanted To See a Wreck But Railroad Detectives Got Him Instead

What might have proven a serious wreck on the Seaboard Air Line Railway last Sunday was averted by the timely discovery of a 16-foot telephone pole lying across the tracks about a quarter of a mile from the station at Cameron. The pole was securely wired to the track.

Following the discovery, three railroad detectives were rushed here from Hamlet Sunday night. They were not long in locating the perpetrator of the deed. Young Will Hooper, 14-year old son of Arthur Hooper, colored, confessed when questioned that he was guilty of the act. An excitement-loving youth, he had planned a wreck for amusement.

In Recorder's Court at Carthage Monday Judge Humber gave the youth a severe lecture and ordered him to be returned home and put under the strict watch of his parents. The gravity of his offence had not been appreciated by the lad.

Miss Polly Butner is spending the week in Winston-Salem visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Miller.

## DR. HERR HEADS SOUTHERN PINES COMMERCE BODY

Chamber Directors Elect Officers for 1932 at Meeting of New Board

BARNUM VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. George G. Herr was unanimously elected president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the new Board of Directors Tuesday noon at Jack's Grill. Paul T. Barnum was elected vice-president and D. D. Shields Cameron re-elected secretary and treasurer, both unanimously.

In accepting the office Dr. Herr paid a fine tribute to his predecessors, P. Frank Buchan, Dr. L. B. McBrayer and S. B. Richardson, the three presidents, stating that if he accomplished 50 per cent of what they had during their terms of office he would consider that he had done well. Besides his election as president, Dr. Herr was given a vote of appreciation by the directors for the splendid program put on by him at the annual banquet two weeks ago.

In nominating Shields Cameron for another term as secretary and treasurer, the retiring president, Mr. Richardson, voiced the sentiment of all the directors when he told of the untiring effort and efficiency of Mr. Cameron during the past year. In seconding the nomination, Dr. McBrayer moved that the secretary's salary be doubled. As no salary is paid the secretary the motion was passed without affecting the budget.

A representative of the U. S. Highway No. 1 Association told the directors Tuesday of efforts of the organization to direct traffic this way.

The list of directors follows: W. L. Baker, Paul T. Barnum, P. Frank Buchan, Struthers Burt, D. D. S. Cameron, R. L. Chandler, A. I. Creamer, George D. Elliott, R. L. Hart, Dr. G. G. Herr, S. V. Hooker, Nelson C. Hyde, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, J. A. MacPherson, A. Montesanti, George C. Moore, Dr. W. C. Mudgett, M. G. Nichols, Frank Pottle, J. N. owell, S. B. Richardson, Rev. J. Fred Stimson, C. T. Waldie, Hiram Westbrook and J. M. Windham.

### ANNOUNCE FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS

Each Wednesday during Lent at four in the afternoon the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, will lead a discussion on "The Gospel of Christian Internationalism." Each meeting will begin with an informal lecture by Mr. Brown and will continue with a general discussion by the group. The meeting will be limited to fifty minutes.

There is no question of more vital importance today than this of international relations. Every person in the world is directly concerned and should do all within his power to form definite and enlightened convictions on the subject and to make those convictions articulate. It is hoped that many people of the Sandhills will take part in these meetings.

### DR. CULP AT PLATFORM HOUR SUNDAY NIGHT

Dr. W. T. Sherman Culp will be the speaker for the Platform Hour of the Church of Wide Fellowship next Sunday evening, February 14 at 7:30. Dr. Culp is called "A Man with a Mission." His lectures are not heard and promptly forgotten.

A vocal prelude will proceed Dr. Culp's lecture. This will consist of a few solos sung by Miss Sue Lyell Bardin of Charbonn. Miss Bardin is a graduate of Flora McDonald College, has spent several years in voice training, and has done considerable singing in recitals, church choirs, contests, etc., and is a young woman of pleasing personality. Miss Bardin will be accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Charles M. Grey.

A total of 97.1 per cent of the 3,530 passenger trains operated by the Seaboard Air Line Railway during the month of January arrived at their destinations on time, H. E. Pleasants, Division Passenger Agent, announced