

Insuring Farm Families Against Depressions is Objective of the Resettlement Administration

Marshall Thompson, Native of Aberdeen, Outlines Program Under Way in State

Marshall Thompson, who was born in Aberdeen and is now in Raleigh with the Information Division of the Resettlement Administration in this state, was in Southern Pines this week and told The Pilot something of the objectives and progress of resettlement work in North Carolina. With this section having one of the "ace" projects in the south the general program is of particular interest here.

The creation of the Resettlement Administration afforded an opportunity to initiate a program of permanent value for rural people and for the general public and, incidentally, to provide emergency work for unemployed through the development of settlement projects, said Mr. Thompson. The ultimate objective of Resettlement is to utilize the land of the nation for the purposes to which it is best adapted and to readjust the population to the land resources of the nation. A more immediate objective is the removal of distressed families from the relief rolls.

The formation of the Resettlement Administration has served to bring under one authority several emergency organizations which have been working on the same problems. These include the Submarginal Land Division of the Federal Relief Administration, the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of Interior, the Farm Debt Adjustment Program of the Farm Credit Administration, and the Rural Rehabilitation Activities of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

Two major phases constitute the program which Resettlement is undertaking at present in North Carolina: (1) Rehabilitation-in place, and (2) Resettlement.

Rehabilitation
Experience in providing relief for farm families caught in the net of the recent economic depression led to the conclusion that in the majority of cases it is more practical, more economical and more conducive to good citizenship, to help these farm families to help themselves by attacking, or eliminating some of the causes that make them such easy prey of crises. In every community are to be found farm families who, because of unfortunate circumstances—such as severe family illness, poor management, inadequate land resources, lack of training, lack of equipment, exorbitant interest rates and resulting debt and foreclosure—are not financially solvent but are nevertheless industrious and deserve a chance to try again.

Resettlement Administration, in close cooperation with the Farm Extension Service, provides practical guidance and extends loans to deserving families in this class to enable them to purchase subsistence, seed, fertilizer, tools, work animals and other things needed on the farm. Sometimes a better farm must be provided; in most cases the family is assisted where it is. In either case, those who receive these loans and practical guidance are called rehabilitation clients.

These families are also aided to self-dependency through Resettlement's debt adjustment service. In many cases experienced adjusters are able to secure compromises and reductions in debts which brightens the way for the debtor, makes a workable farm program possible and builds up his morals so that he can make a new start.

Another aid is the opportunity afforded the farm families to work together in acquiring farm equipment and community services they cannot afford individually, as loans for cooperative and community services are provided by the Resettlement Administration.

There are now approximately 7,000 farm families under care of the Rehabilitation program in this state. Funds are now available to provide for 8,000 additional families of which nearly 4,000 will be standard rehabilitation cases with farm and home

plans provided, and approximately 4,000 will be emergency cases. These are being taken over from the relief rolls at the rate of 100 per day. It is expected that the full quota for North Carolina of 15,000 families will be reached by May 1, 1936.

Within the limits of present appropriations, the Resettlement phase demonstrated the better use of land generally and the use of better land for agricultural purposes, also the possibilities of high living standards in rural areas, as well as greater security.

Large areas of land ill-adapted to crop production are being purchased and developed for more suitable purposes, such as forestry, grazing, recreation, and wild life conservation. These purchase areas are referred to as Land Use Areas or Projects.

Families from these Land Use Areas and a limited number of other deserving families with farm background in need of help are assisted in acquiring farms in more favorable locations. Large tracts of good land are purchased, sub-divided, and developed into small farmsteads. Comfortable homes are constructed, on land that is sufficiently fertile to make the project a sound investment and to support a comfortable standard of living. These are called Rural Resettlement communities.

On account of the element of time and appropriations, all of the farmers cultivating lands unsuited to agriculture cannot be shifted to better lands under the present program. These first efforts in the Resettlement phase necessarily will be pointing the way for individual owners and for the nation as to what can be done to provide higher standards and greater security.

Projects in N. C.
Work has begun on three projects in North Carolina, the leading one being the so-called Sandhills Project in Hoke, Richmond, Scotland, Montgomery and Moore counties, with 60,000 acres and close to one million dollars involved. The number to be employed is 1,250. This is the project of reforestation, fisheries and recreational park development near Hoffman. The other two projects are in Bladen and Wake counties.

Plans have also been prepared and submitted to the Administrator for nine agricultural Resettlement Community projects for the state involving 59,330 acres of land and the construction of 1,180 farmsteads. Preliminary approval has been given on five of the projects, the total cost of which is \$1,222,303. Comprising a total of 31,843 acres, these projects will care for 640 families, and the development will provide employment for 2,950 men at a cost of \$1,520,542.

There is also a farm tenant project under which the Resettlement Administration is now purchasing 100 individual farms for 100 selected farm tenants in this state. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the possibility and desirability of home ownership as compared with tenantry.

"Copies of a booklet 'Resettlement in Region IV,' which gives a more complete description of the program, may be obtained by writing to the Division of Information, Resettlement Administration, Raleigh," Mr. Thompson said.

HIGHLAND PINES ADDS BRIDGE TO ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of Waterbury, Conn., an associate of Eli Culbertson, noted bridge expert, arrived at the Highland Pines Inn this week and plans to spend the winter. Starting next Wednesday, she will give bridge lessons each Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the inn, a lecture accompanied by informal play Monday evenings at 8:30 and there will be bridge parties to which one and all are invited each Tuesday evening at 8:30. The inn also plans Keeno parties on Friday evenings during the winter.

The ballroom at the Highland Pines is being turned into a game room, with numerous attractive features and a variety of indoor pastimes.

Try 4 for Murder at Carthage Next Week

Heavy Calendar Ready for Judge Don Phillips at Criminal Term

The Criminal Court Calendar for Moore county for the term beginning Monday, January 20th, with Judge F. Donald Phillips, presiding, is as follows:

Monday, January 20.—The following will appear and show compliance with former orders of the court; Bennie Peele, larceny; Oba Godwin, murder; J. D. McLean, embezzlement; Ed Gaddy and Robert Comer, larceny from person; Thomas I. Hayes, trespass and larceny; Quincy Hussey, non-support; George Hansford, violating prohibition law.

Trial Docket, Monday, January 20th.

Ted Rosser, drunk and disorderly; J. A. Phillips, embezzlement; Carrie Hussey, assault with a deadly weapon; Dewey Brower, assault with deadly weapon; Carlton Smith, assault with deadly weapon; Felix Ador, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; Mary Bell Smith, assault with deadly weapon; Joe Lassiter, violating prohibition law; Dewitt Caviness, larceny; Clarence Nelson, Bishop McLean, and John Willis, receiving stolen property; Henry Garner and Bill Garner, larceny.

Fr Bills, Warrant Docket—

Monday, January 20th.—Ed Briggs and Mamie Briggs, murder; Hurley McBryde, breaking and entering; R. F. Darnell, bigamy; Will Kelly, assault with deadly weapon; Sandy Black, John E. Blue, H. E. Blue and Bascom Farmer, assault with deadly weapon and reckless driving; Amos Broadway, assault with deadly weapon; James Brower, robbery from person; B. F. Monroe, breaking and entering; John Washington, assault with intent to commit rape; John H. Ingram, assault and robbery from person; Edd Marley, breaking and entering; Herndon Person and James Worthy, receiving stolen property; Billmore Johnson, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; Ricks Rogers, larceny; Ollie Bean, murder; Caldwell Cameron, seduction, bastardy, attempt to commit an abortion and failure to support his illegitimate child.

Tuesday, January 21st.—Cases carried over from Monday: May Bell Robinson, assault; Billmore Johnson, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; Jim Medlin, breaking and entering; Ben Phillips, murder.

Wednesday, January 22nd.—Judge King, assault with deadly weapon; Ed McRae, bastardy; Neill Tucker, violating prohibition law; George Jackson, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious and permanent injury; William Diggs and Nannie Diggs, violating prohibition law and vagrancy; R. F. Darnell, bigamy. W. H. Brown and W. C. Lassiter, trespassing and cutting growing timber unlawfully.

Thursday, January 23rd.—Walter Kelly, assault with deadly weapon; Roosevelt Brady, auto intoxic; B. F.

Local Airport Busy Place These Days

Activities at the Knollwood Flying Field Are at Highest Peak in Over Five Years

With seven airplanes filling all available hangar space and flying activity at a six-year peak, Knollwood Airport is enjoying its busiest season since 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Clemson keep their three personal planes at the field, a Waco Cabin Cruiser, a Fairchild cabin and a Taylor "Cub"; Ralph Sweet has his Fairchild there; Ben Stegall is storing his Travel Air Special racer in which he won many of the events at the Miami Air Races in January in one of the hangars during his visit at the Chalfonte Club, and Gordon Brown and Harold Bachman, Southern Pines, have one plane each at the airport.

Mr. Bachman, operator of the field, reports that passenger flying is on the increase. Many visitors and local people make sightseeing trips with him in his Waco biplane every weekend, and several students are taking courses of instruction preparatory to seeking flying licenses of their own.

It is expected that with the general business improvement throughout the country and the enlargement of the airport now progressing with the help of WPA and county funds, and the construction of the projected additional hangar on the property, the present high level of aeronautical activity in the Sandhills will be maintained indefinitely.

LEASE PAVENSTEDT HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Smith of Millbrook, New York, have leased the Pavenstedt house, also known as the Herring house, on Morganton Road for the months of March and April. Mrs. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Edwin S. Scofield of Pinehurst, will spend February in California visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne. Mr. Smith plans to spend February at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst.

Monroe, breaking and entering; Son Murchison, assault with deadly weapon; John Washington, assault with intent to commit rape; Kirk Scott, assault with deadly weapon; Winnie Cook and Daisy Tyner, violating prohibition law and bawdy house; Robert Frye, violating barber law; Fred Crutchfield, public drunkenness.

Friday, January 24th.—Lictar Taylor, violating prohibition law; Luther Dowdy, reckless driving; W. R. Lovejoy, auto intoxic; Henry Lockhart, receiving stolen property; Worth Hancock and J. C. Crumpler, larceny of car; Edward Shaw, reckless driving; Vernon Smith and Theodore Quick, alias Ted Quick, violating prohibition law; Torrence McGill, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Aberdeen closed its tobacco season with total sales of 3,160,998 pounds.

VASS-LAKEVIEW, PINEHURST SPLIT DOUBLE-HEADER

Vass-Lakeview and Pinehurst High School basketball teams divided a double header at Pinehurst Tuesday night. Solomon with six points led the Pinehurst boys to a 24-11 victory. Clayton with eight points was high scorer for Vass-Lakeview.

Vass-Lakeview girls won by a score of 31-14. Miss Thomas led the scoring for the victors with twelve points, while Miss Richardson was runner-up with 11 points. Misses Medford and McKenzie with six points each led the scoring for Pinehurst.

Farm tenancy in Moore county increased 15.9 percent from 1930 to 1935, the U. S. Census for Agriculture shows. There are now 784 tenant farmers in the county.

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I nominate _____ of _____ as General Chairman of the Birthday Ball.
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