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## President Opposed To Debuture Plan

### Ten Reasons Why He Believes This Form of Farm Relief Would Bring Disaster to Farmer

President Hoover is opposed to the export debuture farm relief plan which is now being debated in Congress. He says it would cost \$200,000,000 a year and that it would bring disaster to the American farmer. His argument against the plan was given in a letter to Chairman McNary, of the Senate agricultural committee, and he gave a detailed criticism of the plan in which he stated that its "theoretical benefits" would not be reflected to the farmer; that it would create profiteering, and that it contains elements "which would bring American agriculture to disaster." The president listed ten weaknesses of the plan as follows:

"1. The issue of debutures to export merchants and their redemption in payment of import duties amounts to a direct subsidy from the United States Treasury. If the plan proposed be generally applied, it would cost in excess of \$200,000,000 a year, as it would decrease the Treasury receipts by such an amount.

"2. The first result of the plan, if put into operation, would be a gigantic gift from the government and the public to the dealers and manufacturers and speculators in these commodities. For instance, in the principal export commodities the value of the present volume of stocks in possession of these traders would, if the plan were adopted, rise by from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000 according to different calculations, without a cent return to the farmer or consumer. Every speculator for a rise in our public markets would receive enormous profits. Conversely, if after this elevation of prices the plan were at any time for any reason withdrawn, the trader would suffer a like loss and a long line of bankruptcies must ensue.

"But in the meantime the trader, out of fear of withdrawal or reduction in the subsidy, would not engage in normal purchase and distribution. Either exorbitant margins would be required or alternatively the farmer would be compelled to himself hold the nation's stocks until there was a demand for actual consumption.

"3. If the increase price did reflect to the farmer, the plan would stimulate over-production and thereby increase world supply, which would in turn depreciate world prices and consequently decrease the price which the farmer would receive, and thereby defeat the plan. Stimulation of production has been the outstanding experience abroad where export subsidy has been applied. Over-production will defeat the plan and then, upon its withdrawal, agriculture would be plunged into a catastrophe of deflation from over-expanded production. The farmer's difficulties today are in some part due to this process after the war.

"4. The stimulation of production of certain commodities would disturb the whole basis of diversification in American agriculture, particularly in the cotton and wheat sections where great progress is now being made toward a more stable basis of agriculture.

"5. Although it is proposed that the plan should only be installed at the discretion of the Farm Board, yet the tendency of all boards is to use the whole of their authority and more certainly in this case in view of the pressure from those who would not understand its possibility of harm, and emphatically from the interested dealers in the commodity.

"6. It is not proposed to pay the debutures or subsidies to the farmers, but to the export merchants, and it seems certain that a large part of it would not be

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## Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

James Alvin Narron deciphered his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER boernjaices

## TIME OF SEED LOAN IS EXTENDED

Mr. R. C. Gillett, a member of the committee handling the Farmers' Seed and Loan Fund in Johnston county, requests the announcement that the time for securing loans has been extended from April 20 to April 30. Needy farmers in Johnston county who suffered severe crop losses from storm and flood in 1928, and who at present do not have seed, feed or fertilizer, or funds or credit with which to secure same, will have further opportunity to avail themselves of this relief fund. Application blanks may be secured from Mr. R. E. Smith, secretary of the committee, who has been located in the rear of the Farmers Bank & Trust company for the past twenty days.

## Johnston Co. Boy Beneficiary Will

### Late Captain Benjamin of Raleigh Leaves J. Herman Brown of Selma \$400 Year While Attending State College

RALEIGH, April 22.—Captain J. C. Benjamin, who died suddenly April 12, left an estate of \$82,000, according to the will probated today, and he gave many bequests.

The bulk of the modest fortune goes to his brother, C. E. Benjamin, of Montreal, Canada. Captain Benjamin had \$75,000 in personal property and \$8,000 in real estate. Of the belongings he gave \$1,000 to Captain Charles D. Farmer, head of the state highway patrol; W. A. Adams, also connected with the Benjamin business, \$1,000; to the Masonic orphanage, of Oxford, \$1,000; to Christ church, \$200; the Worta Bagley camp of Spanish American veterans, \$200, and \$200 to local American Legion post.

J. Herman Brown, Selma boy, gets \$400 a year while attending State college. The Benjamin wealth is less impressive than first opinions had it, but the man had no habit of hoarding. His was about the most generous hand that Raleigh had. The will carries a bequest of government bonds insurance policy which is made to the trustees of the student loan fund of the Kiwanis club with the understanding that the insurance be collected at once and turned over to the club.

## MISS MIRIAM EDGERTON IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

KENLY, April 22.—Miss Miriam Edgerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Edgerton of this city was seriously hurt in an automobile wreck in Wilson Friday night, when an automobile driven by an unknown person crashed into the car in which she was riding, throwing her through the windshield. Miss Edgerton was carried to the Memorial hospital and it was found that she suffered bad cuts on the arm face and side. It was necessary to take forty-two stitches. It was a miracle that she escaped with her life.

## FOUNTAIN SEEN AS CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Lieut. Governor Fountain was here today and yesterday and left the impression that he is a candidate for governor to succeed O. Max Gardner four years from now. He shook hands with many, not neglecting the D. A. R. delegates and members of the North Carolina society. He seems to be a good mixer.

Others talked of for governor after Mr. Gardner goes out are: J. C. B. Ehringhouse, Elizabeth City; Gen. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, and State Attorney General Dennis C. Brummitt.

## W. T. HOLLAND WINS PRIZE AT MEETING

Mr. W. T. Holland attended the district meeting of the Goodyear tire dealers held at the Carolina Hotel in Raleigh last week. At the banquet held in the evening, Mr. Holland was presented a very beautiful desk set with his name engraved on it as a prize for selling the most tires in this district during the month of February. There were 115 dealers present at the meeting.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

Selma, April 19.—Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Terrell announce the birth of a son, James Peele, on Monday, April 15.

## State And Nation News Paragraphs

### Troops Called Away From Gastonia Strike; Figures Show Increase in Number of Deaths Caused by Motor Vehicles

The last of the state troops were withdrawn Saturday from the Loray Mill in Gastonia where a strike has been in progress for the past three weeks. The troops had been on guard since April 3. They were called out after demoralizations in front of the mill property got beyond the control of civil authorities. Officers stated Sunday that no further trouble was expected.

Statistics gathered by the Travelers Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., show that approximately 27,500 persons were killed by motor cars last year. This was an increase of seven per cent over the figures for 1927, according to reports from all except three states. Eighteen of the states reported an increase in excess of seven per cent. New York and Illinois reported the largest number of fatalities, New York having 2,580 and Illinois, 2,068. California ranked third with 1,925 deaths.

More than 200 homes were flooded and rail traffic was paralyzed Sunday when the Mississippi River levee crumbled under pressure of flood waters near Canton, Mo. An hour after the break occurred the water had spread over two square miles. The homes flooded were located in the bottom land section near Canton, a village of about 2,000 inhabitants. Hundreds of men piled sandbags all night Sunday night in an effort to prevent breaks in the Indian Graves region. No loss of life was reported.

Seventeen persons, eleven of them negroes, were killed instantly and others injured when a torpedo went through sections of the middle west Sunday. The path of the storm was about one hundred yards wide and it traiked through several states. Those killed were located at Tillar, Ark., Dahomey, Miss., and Louisiana. Ky. Large property damage resulted from the wind and hail all along the route of the storm.

Six persons were killed at San Diego, Cal., Sunday when an Army plane crashed into a passenger plane in the air as he endeavored to give the occupants of the passenger plane a "thrill." The Army plane was flying above the commercial ship when the pilot decided to do a power dive and drop down immediately in front of the ship below, but miscalculating the distance he struck the passenger plane, slicing off a wing and part of the propeller. The Army flier attempted to jump to safety, but his parachute caught on the wing of his own ship. All in the passenger ship were killed.

## AN APOLOGY

The editor of a small town newspaper explains the loss of the letter "z" from his composing room as follows:

Last night, thome thneaking-bounded thole into our comphing room and pilfered the cabinet of all the ethheth! Therefore, we would like to take advantage of thif opportunity to apologize to our readeth for the generally inthipid appearance of your althitar paper. We would altho like to thlate that if at any time in the yearth to come we thould thee thith dirty thnake-in-the-grathth about the prethetheth, it will be our complete and thorough thaththfathion to thooth him full of hotheth.

Thank You.—Anon.

## Wrong Tackle.

The station-master rushed out of his room after hearing a crash on the platform. He discerned a disheveled young man sprawled out perfectly flat among a confusion of overturned milk cans and the scattered contents of his traveling bag.

"Was he trying to catch the train?" the station-master asked of a small boy who stood admiring the scene.

"He did catch it," said the boy, "but it got away again."—Drexler.

## Dried at the Source.

District Visitor: "What are the morals of this village like?" Resident: "Excellent! So good, in fact, that several of our sewing parties have failed for want of scandal." London Passing Show.

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is common knowledge that all movements which encourage the improvement and beautification of the home grounds of our citizens also result in cleaner streets and alleys, the removal of rubbish and garbage from back yards and vacant lots, eradicating breeding places of disease and improving general sanitation, and

WHEREAS, planting and beautification of home grounds encourage us to live and work more in the open air, providing a healthier environment for our children, making our back yards their playgrounds instead of our streets and alleys, where danger from automobiles and trucks is always present, and

WHEREAS, more beautiful home grounds increase real estate values, create a more beautiful city and enhance municipal pride and civic loyalty,

THEREFORE, I, J. D. Underwood, Mayor of Smithfield, hereby urge all of our citizens to interest themselves in and support the Yard and Garden Contest sponsored by the Womans Club.

Done, this 22 day of April 1929.

J. D. UNDERWOOD, Mayor of Smithfield, N. C.

## Superior Court Convenes Here

### Hon. Garland E. Midyette Is the Presiding Judge; More Than 100 Civil Cases On the Docket For Trial

Superior court opened here at ten o'clock yesterday, April 22. This is a civil term of two weeks and Hon. Garland E. Midyette, of Jacksonville, is presiding. More than one hundred cases have been placed on the trial calendar and the court will have a busy session if all these cases are to be tried during the two weeks. The calendar was called and by noon the court had begun the trial of the actions.

Out of the county attorneys present at the opening of the term yesterday, were: Charles Guy, James Best, J. C. Clifford, and F. E. Young of Dunn, and Franklin Dupree of Angier.

## TOBACCO ON RIDGE MAKES BEST LEAF

RALEIGH, April 22.—Growing tobacco on a ridge sufficiently high to insure good drainage has meant \$60 an acre in extra profits to the grower adopting the method.

"We advocate the ridge method of cultivating tobacco," says I. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College. "Our demonstrations in past years show this method to be superior to level or flat cultivation, as is practiced with corn. The ridge method has returned about \$60 an acre profit in a number of tests conducted with us by leading tobacco growers of eastern and piedmont Carolina. We have a little circular published here at the college which describes just what we mean by ridge cultivation. Each step is explained by drawings and photographs and the method is easily followed."

Ten farmers of Onslow county tried out the ridge method compared with flat cultivation on 40 acres of land last year. The average increase in yield given by the ridge method was 170 pounds of leaf per acre. This tobacco sold for 40 cents a pound and gave a net increase of \$68 per acre over the flat method.

Demonstrations in Lenoir county show the value of this method. In this county, the growers are using good seed of the Cash variety or some other quality variety and about 90 per cent of the soils have had an application of magnesium limestone in the last three years. A large number of growers are also mixing their fertilizers according to extension recommendations. In Wayne county also the ridge method is popular and profitable.

Mr. Floyd conducted over 500 demonstrations of one kind or another in the tobacco counties of North Carolina last year. He also held 127 tobacco schools where 5,168 farmers were present.

## Lost Alibi.

It was midnight. In the smoking room of a club a young man sat huddled in a chair. A friend entered.

"Hallo, Smith!" he asked, very cheerfully. "Not going home yet?"

"No," muttered the despairing one. "—I daren't."

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Matter? At eight o'clock I telephoned to my wife and gave her a perfectly good excuse for not coming straight home, and—his voice sank to a whisper—"I've forgotten what I said."—Tid-Bits.

## Accident Puts Two In Hospital

### Cars Crash At Point Where Highways 22 and 10 Join Near Overhead Bridge At Selma; Herman Peedin Is Hurt

An automobile wreck which occurred Saturday afternoon about six-thirty o'clock near the overhead bridge at Selma, put two persons in the Johnston County Hospital and badly damaged two cars. Herman Peedin, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peedin of Selma, and Mr. T. A. Gordon, of Raleigh, are the two injured persons. The boy suffered a badly broken nose, and a cut on one elbow. He was thought to be in quite a serious condition for a time, but unless complications set in, it is now the opinion that he will recover. Mr. Gordon sustained some bruises and cuts, but he was able to leave the hospital yesterday.

The accident happened at the point where highways number 22 and 10 join, just this side of the overhead bridge. Herman Peedin was riding with Mr. Thomas Jordan, who was taking the boy from Smithfield to his home near Selma. They were in a Nash sedan. Mr. Gordon was rounding the curve, coming from Goldsboro, when a car, a Pontiac coupe, hit Mr. Jordan's car. Both automobiles were badly damaged. Mr. Gordon is an insurance adjuster with headquarters at Raleigh.

## BLEASE HAS NEW LAWS TO DRY UP NATION

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Senator Cole Blease of South Carolina not only votes for the Anti-Saloon league's legislative proposals, on the theory that his constituency wants him to, but he has conjured up three of his own, which he introduced in the senate today.

One calls for an amendment to the constitution to take diplomatic immunity away from embassy and legation supplies of liquor. Another, in the shape of a concurrent resolution, secures diplomatic drinking as a "scandal," and as a "bad example to the younger people of this country."

## Raps Diplomats.

It takes a side slap at diplomats and their convivial guests for alleged "reckless driving of automobiles while drunk," and finally it resolves that all foreign nations be told to send only teetotalers as envoys to the United States, demands that all American officials refuse to drink the diplomats' liquor, and instructs the president to send a copy of the resolution to all foreign governments with a demand for withdrawal of envoys.

It also instructs the president to order American diplomats and other foreign service officials "not to serve intoxicating liquors in American embassies or consulates," and it directs the senate secretary to send the members of the diplomatic corps here a copy of the resolution with an accompanying request that they comply with the laws of this country or else leave it.

## NEWSPAPERS RENDER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Few people perhaps stop to consider the worth of a newspaper to the community it serves. Every copy of the local newspaper that goes out to its subscribers is an advertisement of the home town and community. And it should be remembered that the more business houses that are represented in the advertising columns of a newspaper, the better advertisement for the home town. Discussing the worth of a newspaper, the Fayetteville Observer says:

"A newspaper is the most unique institution in the history of the world. It is the only business enterprise, conducted upon business lines and in a perfectly legitimate manner that actually serves the progressive life of the state more than all other institutions of the country put together and without thought of cost to the public or the state. It is still more peculiar in that regardless of the profit it makes for its owners it returns more profit to the community in which it exists than the owners. In other words, there is no newspaper in North Carolina today that is not making far more profit for the community and the state than it does for itself. And this profit to the community is the result of a service in news and editorial space freely given in the interest of public progress. Destroy the newspapers of the nation and you have lost the greatest influence for progress in the field of industrial, civic and moral life that exists today."—Sampson Independent.

## MRS. EULA PRINCE DIES AT HOME NEAR SELMA

The funeral of Mrs. Eula Prince, who died at her home near Selma Saturday, was held at Oakland cemetery in this city Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. D. H. Tuttle conducted the funeral service.

The deceased had been ill for about four months. She leaves a husband, C. C. Prince, and two children, a son, William, and a daughter, Arietta. Mrs. Prince was a member of the Methodist church at Brevard. Before her marriage she attended a school at Brevard institute.

## VISIT ORPHANAGE

Thursday afternoon, a number of ladies, members of the missionary society of the Methodist church, went to the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh to carry some quilts as a donation. The ladies recently had an all day quilting to complete the gift.

## More Than \$20,000 Worth Of Poultry

### A New Champion



Jane Fautz, 18 year old Chicago high school girl, is the new holder of the 100 yards breast stroke and 100 yard tides for women swimmers.

## More Arithmetic Problems Sent In

### Two Get Correct Answer to A. H. Atkinsons Problem; New Ones Prove Interesting

Since the Herald published Mr. W. H. Flowers' last arithmetic problem there have been more new problems sent in than answers to the ones already propounded. Those sending problems have in most instances failed to include the solution to their problems, and therefore we are not undertaking to give the answers to these. Of the problems the solutions which were filed with us, only one has been answered correctly. Two have given the correct answer to the problem of Mr. A. H. Atkinson, of Zebulon. The problem reads: "A man is in a well 21 feet deep. He climbs three feet per day but falls back two feet every night. How long will it take him to come out of the well?" The correct answer is 19 days. Those working this "sum" correctly include Raymond Price, Zebulon, route 1, who went to a one-teacher school and never finished the seventh grade, and Braxton Wilder, Selma, route 1, a sophomore in Corinth-Holmes high school.

Those sending in new problems are as follows:

Mr. L. E. Honeycutt, of Angier, (incidentally Mr. Honeycutt solved correctly the last problem of Mr. Flowers but it came in too late to be included in the list previously published. Mr. Honeycutt is almost 62 years old and went to school until he was 21).

"If a farmer has \$100 to buy stock with and he has to buy 100 head and pays 50 cents each for sheep, \$10 each for cows, and \$3 each for hogs, how many of each will he have to buy to make 100 head?"

Martha Rose Sanders, daughter of Mrs. Della K. Sanders of Miami, Fla., who is eleven years of age and is in the seventh grade, has worked several of the problems. She sends in the following which she made up herself:

"A Mr. Brown worked 15 weeks at \$15 a week. He used 20 per cent of his salary for rent, 15 per cent for food, 25 per cent for clothes, and 10 per cent for recreation. The rest he put in the bank. What per cent of his money did he put in the bank?"

Homer Lee, of Four Oaks, route 2, sends the following:

"Suppose that the earth is a perfect sphere 8000 miles in diameter and that a closely fitting hard or tire could be placed entirely around it at the equator. If this tire were cut and an extra piece one foot long inserted, that is if the tire were enlarged one foot, how much space would there be between the tire and the surface of the earth, if the space were distributed evenly around the earth?"

## SUPT. MARROW ATTENDS CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH

Mr. H. B. Marrow left yesterday for Raleigh where he will spend this week attending the five-day session of county superintendents of Public Instruction and chairmen of county boards of Education. About 200 educators are expected to be present. This gathering of school officials was called by the state superintendent under mandate of the Hancock act.

## Florida Realtor (at a revue): "Lord! What a development!"

"De way young fokes travels now sho' is all-arrin'. But law honey date use ter happen afore 'penderecetes got into sasslaw'."

## Farmers of Johnston County Receive \$21-074.49 For Poultry Shipped In Carload Lots This Season

SELMA, April 22.—The next poultry car for this season will be loaded at the Southern Railway freight station at Selma next Saturday, April 27. The prices that will be paid are still very attractive, and it is hoped that the farmers will take advantage of this. The goal of \$20,000 which was hoped would be paid to the farmers this season for poultry was reached in last Saturday's loading of poultry. Since January of this year 88,495 pounds of live poultry have been shipped from here to the northern markets which netted the farmers \$21,074.99. J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, the local Kiwanis club and Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, home demonstration agent, all have done good work towards establishing such a poultry market in Johnston county.

The following cash prices will be paid at the car door next Saturday, April 27, for poultry:

Colored hens and chicks, 27c per pound; Leghorn hens and chicks, 25c per pound; colored broilers, 40c per pound; Leghorn broilers, 35c per pound; bantam backs and under 1 1/2 years, 30c per pound; roosters, 14c per pound; geese, 13c per pound; ducks, 18c per pound; young turkey hens, 30c per pound; young toms, 25c per pound; old toms, 20c per pound; guineas, 35c each.

## FATHER J. M. KORNEGAY PASSES AT KENANSVILLE

R. D. Kornegay of Kenansville died Friday night, April 12, at his home from a heart attack. He had been in declining health for several months but was actively engaged in his various business enterprises up to the time of his death. He was 77 years old. He is survived by his widow and eight children: P. S. Kornegay and R. C. Kornegay of Kenansville, Zebulon, and H. T. Kornegay of Mount Olive, J. M. Kornegay of Smithfield, Mrs. E. H. Gooding of Kinston, Mrs. Gordon Chason of Bainbridge, Ga., and Mrs. P. P. Pollock of Trenton. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. N. H. Street of New Bern and Mrs. Furman Boatwright of Richmond, Va., and four brothers, Col. W. H. Kornegay of Virginia, Okla., Herman Kornegay of Portland, Oregon, Arthur Kornegay of La Grange, and Randall Kornegay of Richmond, Va.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon, April 14. Rev. Lloyd Vernoy officiating.

## THAD YOUNG ATTENDS FUNERAL ROCKY MOUNT

Mr. Thad Young returned to Oak Ridge Saturday afternoon after spending Friday night and Saturday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Young. He was one of the escort from Oak Ridge institute at the funeral of an Oak Ridge student which took place in Rocky Mount Friday afternoon.

## Kornegay-Woodard Announcement

Kenly, April 22.—The following announcement has been received here: "Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Woodard announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Leroy Kelly Kornegay on Saturday the thirteenth of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, Goldsboro, North Carolina. At home after April 22, Goldsboro, North Carolina."

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Me—

"De way young fokes travels now sho' is all-arrin'. But law honey date use ter happen afore 'penderecetes got into sasslaw'."

