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EXPRESS A HOPE TO GET PRE-WAR COTTON PRICES

Delegations Being Selected To Go To Washington To Present Matter

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—That North Carolina cotton farmers have confidence in the administration's program for raising farm commodity price levels is evidenced by the amount of cotton that is being stored throughout the State under the government's 10-cent loan plan, according to U. Benton Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association.

"There is quite an optimistic feeling among cotton growers that, if the government can work out a satisfactory program for bringing about pre-war parity prices for tobacco, a way will be found eventually to bring about pre-war parity prices for cotton," Mr. Blalock said.

The cooperative leader termed "significant" the fact that while North Carolina will harvest this year a crop only about two-thirds of normal, several of the 46 State and Federal licensed warehouses used by the cotton association have already been filled to capacity.

"Wherever we can find empty buildings suitable for the storing of cotton, these are being licensed under the State warehouse system and pressed into service for temporary storage spaces," Mr. Blalock said, adding:

"We of course still have ample storage space at our larger concentration points. But under the government's plan it is better to provide storage space as easily accessible to the farmers as possible as the 10-cent loans can only be made as the warehouse receipts are issued."

Explaining the procedure for obtaining the 10-cent loans, Mr. Blalock said:

"Under the plan the farmer delivers his cotton direct to the warehouse where the receipts are issued and the loan documents filled out and drafts given to him which will be cashed immediately by any bank.

"Each farmer's cotton will be classed out according to grades and staples and his account credited in this manner.

"If the market advances and he desired to sell, the price on his cotton can be fixed immediately and a settlement rendered, giving him full advantage of any rise in prices and the differences due for better grades and staples.

"In this case the cost of carrying the cotton will of course be deducted from this advance in price.

"If, however, the cotton is never sold for a higher price than 10 cents, the farmer is never called upon to make up any loss. All losses, if any, will be absorbed by the Commodity Credit Corporation."

Mr. Blalock also reminded farmers who are still holding their cotton, either in warehouses or on farms, that there will be no "let up in the efforts to obtain a pre-war parity price for cotton."

Delegations are already being selected from each of the cotton states to go to Washington to present to administration officials the need of and plans to bring about a pre-war parity price which would now be about 15 cents a pound, Mr. Blalock said.

Representatives of various groups interested in higher prices for farm commodities met here last week, at the call of Mr. Blalock, and endorsed the Cotton Cooperative Parity Price Plan."

In addition to asking for a pre-war parity price, the committee will ask that premiums be allowed by the loan plan on all cotton better than middling 7-8 and that consideration be given to "place value" on cotton. The "place value" would give North Carolina growers an increase in their loans of about 60 points or \$3 a bale.

Delinquent Taxpayers Of City Published Friday

The Town of Williamston's delinquent tax list will appear Friday of this week in accordance with the dictates of the law, and the sale will be made the second Monday in December.

Many property owners are making last-minute settlements, saving unnecessary cost. A comparison of collections with those of last year was not available today, but it is believed that the records will show some improvement over those for the past year.

Legionnaires Have Big Day Saturday

ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS

Crowd Not As Large As Expected, But All Had Enjoyable Time

The signing of the Armistice fifteen years ago was celebrated here last Saturday when Legionnaires and other World War veterans from five counties met to take part in a program arranged by members of the John Walton Hassell Post of the Legion.

While the attendance was far below expectations, the program was greatly enjoyed by the visitors and others. Following the registration at the courthouse, the service men, led by Raleigh's snappy high school band, marched through the principal streets to the high school auditorium where appropriate exercises were held.

The visitors were extended a very cordial welcome by Mayor John L. Hassell in his own masterly way, with leaders of the various posts in the district responding.

Probably the most impressive feature of the program was the presentation of a flag for the family of Comrade John W. Hassell to the post by Rev. E. F. Moseley and its acceptance by Elbert S. Peel on behalf of the county organization. The flag was the one that had draped the body of Mr. Hassell on its long journey from France to its final resting place in the local cemetery.

"We meet today to commemorate the signing of the Armistice, to honor the nation's heroes and to pay tribute to the memory of those who lost their lives on the battlefields," the Hon. Harold D. Cooley said in opening his address, the main event on the day's program.

Continuing, the speaker said: "Reflection carries us back more than 15 years ago when promising young men gave up their vocations to take up arms and to die and even rot upon foreign battlefields to protect loved ones back home."

Mr. Cooley described the trip across the seas, and the dangerous journey to the battle fronts. He told of the turning tide in the struggle and recalled the cry for the Armistice signing. He mentioned the return home and reception given those who escaped the horrors of war. He recalled the mourning for those who had sacrificed their lives, and he stressed the duty of the Legion in carrying on that the cries of the maimed and the blind might be heeded.

A stirring tribute was paid to the war mothers, Mr. Cooley saying, "We meet because a great memory and a great hope—a memory to an ideal and a hope as expressed by the late President Wilson to lead to a path of peace. "What means this Armistice Day if it fails to recall the hope of peace" the speaker asked. "We must realize that war has not settled our problems and that public opinion is the only guarantee to peace, that we must strive for peace that rests upon liberty and justice."

In bringing his address to a close, Mr. Cooley mentioned the war on depression as led by President Roosevelt, expressing a hope for its success.

Following the exercises in the school auditorium, the veterans and their friends were given a barbecue dinner in the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse. The program for the day was brought to a close with the football game between the Ahoskie and local high school teams.

4-H Clubs Of Everetts Hold Regular Meeting

The 4-H Club of Everetts held the regular meeting Monday at 10:30. At this time officers were elected for the next year. The following officers in the senior club are: President, Mattie Lou Keel; vice president, Reta Gurganus; secretary, Margaret Edwards; treasurer Ernestine Forbes; news reporter, Mildred Hardison. Because of the large number of girls, two groups were formed, officers for the second group being: President, Grace Clark; vice president, Ruby Cherry; secretary, Delia Frances Leggett.

The girls were requested to put on a Christmas program and bring material to make Christmas gifts. The meeting was brought to a close with some club songs.

WM. H. COLTRAIN DIED YESTERDAY

Hold Funeral Services This Afternoon at Home in Griffins Township

William H. Coltrain, one of Griffins Township's oldest citizens, died at his home there yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. While he had been in feeble health for some time, he was very active up until about two weeks ago, when he suffered injuries in a fall. Since that time he had been confined to his bed, the end coming gradually.

The son of the late William E. and Annie E. Corey Coltrain, Mr. Coltrain was born in Griffins Township 78 years ago. He spent his entire life there, engaging in farming for a livelihood. In early life he was married to Miss Marcella Bailey, who with five children survives. The children are Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Lizzie Coltrain and Messrs. John and Will Coltrain, all of this county, and Ed Coltrain, of La Grange.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment will follow in the Hardison Mill cemetery.

SELECT GROWERS TO URGE BOOST IN COTTON PRICE

Cotton Men To Go To Washington To Push Increase Plan

Growers are getting ready throughout the cotton belt to go to Washington and push their plan for carrying the price of cotton up to whatever point is necessary to make a bale buy as much as it did before the war, according to news which N. C. Williamson, president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, said was pouring into cooperative headquarters. Reports showed, Mr. Williamson said, that not only is the plan being accorded unprecedented support by the growers themselves, but that most southern senators and congressmen, and a solid list of Southern commissioners of agriculture, have publicly announced support of the plan, and have been joined by agricultural writers, bankers, civic organizations, gin associations and many influential newspapers.

Meetings have already been held in some sections to select growers who will go to Washington in person, Mr. Williamson said, summarizing the sentiment expressed at these meetings as being unanimous that "the price of cotton and the prosperity of the South depend upon success of the acreage control movement, and that success will be assured by the 15-cent plan and other features of the 'parity price' movement." In addition, Mr. Williamson said, "the plan will bring many millions of dollars to growers on the crop now being marketed, millions of dollars which otherwise growers themselves will not get, even if cotton advances in price, because of the crop having left the growers' hands."

The government stands to lose less on the 15-cent plan than on the 10-cent plan now in effect. The 15-cent advance, if assured for next summer, will assure effectiveness of the acreage reduction program, a thing which the 10-cent advance is not doing, due to the fact that the dealer price for cotton is so near the 10-cent figure that many farmers are selling at a slight discount and thereby escaping any obligation to cut acreage next year.

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Thieves Steal Gasoline From Local Fire Truck

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COUNTY CHURCH CALLS MEETING FOR DECEMBER 8

To Investigate "Order, Discipline, Practice And Doctrine"

The Smithwicks Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Christ, in a conference last Saturday, called a special meeting to be held there beginning Friday, December 8, at 1:30 p. m., when "our order, discipline, practice and doctrine" will be investigated.

Resolutions passed by the conference last Saturday read, as follows: "First, That we, the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Smithwicks Creek, Martin County, North Carolina, do hereby call a special meeting to meet with this church, beginning Friday, December 8th, at 1:30 p. m., and investigate our order, discipline, practice and doctrine that we believe by examining our records, and any and all witnesses they may see fit to hear, and see for themselves if we are an orderly orthodox Old School Primitive Baptist Church in order, doctrine, faith and practices, and worthy of their fellowship. If at this meeting our brethren find that we have made mistakes, in practice, discipline or order, we want our brethren everywhere to know that, as far as lies in our power we stand ready to correct any error we might have made."

"Second: All orderly Old School Primitive Baptists who are interested in, and desire the welfare of the Church, are invited to come to this meeting. We especially invite and request the Ministers of North Carolina and Virginia, and adjoining States to meet with us at the time and place above stated."

"There have been many false reports circulated among the Primitive Baptists regarding the acts of Smithwicks Creek Church in receiving Elder H. F. Hutchens by letter into the fellowship of this church and in excluding some of her former members," it was stated.

Elder Hutchens said yesterday that the charges made against him when he presented his church letter for membership in the Smithwicks Creek congregation last March were advanced on account of the doctrine. According to the elder, this paper erred when it stated recently that Mr. Hutchens was objected to because he was charged as being a "trouble maker."

PEANUTS APPEAR TO MOVE SLOWLY

Farmers Reported Holding Crop For Anticipated 3-Cent Price

Peanuts are moving slowly in this county, according to reports received here yesterday. Farmers, it is understood, are awaiting a 3-cent market for their bunch peanuts and a slightly higher price for their best stock.

Various companies were inactive yesterday, and while the underlying cause could not be learned, it is believed and hoped that slightly higher prices will follow. But one guess is as good as another, with the majority of farmers guessing that an advance in present prices will come sooner or later.

The buying companies will find it necessary to agree that the crop throughout the country and in foreign fields is short this season, and if ever supply and demand had anything to do with prices, it should make itself felt this season. Upon that theory a great majority of the farmers are holding on to their crops.

Just a Case of Figuring For Your Spare Time

If all the bridges which the government has helped states to build the last twenty years were measured up stream on the Mississippi River they would extend from New Orleans to beyond St. Louis; and if the new public roads, for the same period, could be laid out in an imaginary manner the completed projects would reach more than four times around the world.

The bridges—between 500 and 600 miles—included in these estimates each have more than twenty feet in span. The road projects are mostly hard-surfaced highways, with total mileage running high above 100,000 miles. Most of the roads have been surfaced with high-type pavements. The swing in road construction is for concrete, particularly since methods of construction have been worked out which make it possible to build high-class roads of that material at low costs.

Benefit Payments To Be Made Tobacco Farmers in Two Ways

NEW TOBACCO PLAN IS READY FOR GROWERS

Effort Made By AAA To Remove Burdensome Leaf Surplus

A rental payment of \$17.50, payable in advance, for each acre of tobacco removed from production for the 1934 season is the liberal offer being made to growers of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. An additional payment of 12 1/2 per cent of the value of the crop sold will be made later after the crop is marketed, announces E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College.

This, in brief, sums up the plan which the tobacco section of the AAA is offering flue-cured growers for next season in an effort to remove the burdensome surplus of leaf now in the channels of trade and to restore in some measure the prosperity of the southern tobacco farmer, Floyd says.

In accepting this plan, J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section, has advised Floyd that operating growers cannot put the restricted acreage to crops which may be sold in competition with other agricultural products on which adjustment plans are now being developed. At least one-half of such acreage must be left idle or planted to soil-improving or erosion-preventing crops. The remaining half may be handled in this same way or planted to feed and food crops or such other crops as may be designated by the AAA.

Floyd announces also that growers who cooperate in this movement must sign contracts to reduce their acreage 30 per cent under the average for that planted in 1931, 1932 and 1933. If tobacco was grown on a farm only two years during this period, the base acreage for reduction will be 85 per cent of the average for any two years of the three and if the crop was grown one year of the three, the base acreage for reduction will be 70 per cent of such acreage for the year the crop was grown.

This plan of reduction was made so that each grower would reduce in a proportionate amount, he says. He also calls attention to the fact that the small growers will get special recognition by receiving larger proportionate payments for his crop when the second payment is made following the harvest next year. In no case, however, will these payments be made on a price above an average of 21 cents a pound.

It is expected that all forms, contracts and regulations governing the tobacco plan will be ready shortly and will be distributed in time for growers to make their plans for the coming crop year.

Bear Grass Annual Entertainment Friday

The Bear Grass school faculty will stage its annual entertainment Friday evening of this week, the attraction centering around a musical program with dialogues, dances, skits, humor and song.

The ceremonies will be handled under the direction of the talented pianist, Miss Jessie Fay Green, assisted by Messes Hilda Modlin, Carrie Lee Roberson and Sneed Leeson. The featured numbers on the program include a novelty act by Miss Mary Ross Squires and a wrestling match by male members of the faculty.

Woodmen Will Meet In Wilson Tomorrow

A meeting of the Eastern District Association of the Modern Woodmen of America will be held in Wilson tomorrow. Many members of the association are planning to attend the meeting from this county, it is understood. Prominent leaders in the organization will take part in the program, it was announced.

Woman's Club To Serve Turkey Supper At Hall

The Woman's Club will serve a turkey supper in the club hall here tomorrow evening, beginning at 6 o'clock. Suppers will be served at 5 cents a plate, proceeds going to finance local projects. The public is invited.

SUCCESSFUL DAY

The Williamston tobacco market had one of the most successful sales of the year yesterday, when it sold approximately 99,000 pounds of the leaf for an average well over 21 cents a pound. No signs of turned tags were seen, and with only one or two exceptions, farmers were more than well pleased with their sales.

There was a good break of tobacco, but there was also much of the inferior type which held the average for the day down to about 22 cents.

Comparatively light sales were reported today with prices ranging about the same as they were yesterday.

COMMISSIONERS SELECT A JURY

Judge M. V. Barnhill Scheduled To Preside Over Superior Court

The Martin County commissioners, in regular session last Monday, selected a jury for the trial of both criminal and civil cases during the one-week term of Martin County Superior Court convening the second Monday in December. Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, is scheduled to preside over the term.

Names of citizens chosen to serve as jurors are as follows: Jamesville Township: L. D. Ange, W. W. Walters, Hubert Gardner. Williams Township: Percy Cherry, Griffins: Claudius Hardison, W. H. Hardison, N. L. Tice, C. W. Gurkin. Bear Grass: James S. Griffin, S. A. Harris, H. S. Hawkins, Calvin Ayers.

Williamston Township: John S. Cook, C. H. Godwin, Jr., J. E. Harrison, Jr.

Cross Roads Township: Judas R. Roberson, Judas A. Roberson, L. A. Clark.

Robersonville Township: C. G. Warren, S. B. Everett, Jasper Johnson, J. A. Edmondson, Lester Whitfield, C. Linwood Johnson, J. A. Ross, W. C. House, Roy Everett, W. T. Bunting.

Hamilton Township: J. A. Haislip, J. Dallas Keel.

Goose Nest: Township: E. E. Glover, J. B. Whitfield, L. L. Keel, W. E. Early, T. J. Roberson, J. R. Rawls.

CHORAL CLUB IS BEING PLANNED

All Interested Persons Are Asked To Attend Meeting Wednesday

Plans are now under way to organize a Choral Club in this community and all those interested in taking part are asked to see Mrs. Wheeler Martin or attend the next meeting which will be held in the Woman's Club at 7:30 Wednesday, November 15th.

At the last meeting held Wednesday night the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Director, Mrs. Wheeler Martin; treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Wagner; secretary and reporter, Asa H. Crawford; accompanist, Mrs. W. H. Biggs.

The present membership includes Mrs. J. H. Saunders and Mrs. Titus Critcher, altos; Mrs. E. H. Wagner, Mrs. Milton Moyer, Mrs. H. L. Swain, Mrs. James Manning, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, sopranos; Mr. H. Frank Pittman, Mr. John D. Lilley, Frank Pittman, Asa H. Crawford, basses; Rev. Moseley, Bruce Wynne, tenors.

Forest Fires Raging In Hassell-Parme Section

Forest fires are burning over large areas between Hassell and Parme. Mr. J. W. Eubanks said yesterday. Residents of Hassell found it difficult to find their way around there yesterday afternoon, the smoke was so dense, Mr. Eubanks added.

Fanned by strong winds, the fires are said to have done thousands of dollars damage to timber. No damage to other property had been reported yesterday as a result of the fires.

Fires in other sections, especially in Bear Grass Township, are said to have threatened property, but rains falling last night checked them.

GOVERNMENT IS TO AUGMENT ALL TOBACCO PRICES

Two Million Dollars To Be Used in Equalizing the Price of N. C. Tobacco

Washington—The Farm Administration announced that approximately \$4,500,000 in "price equalizing payments" will be made to flue-cured tobacco growers in Georgia, South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina, who sold all or any part of their crop prior to and including October 7.

To qualify for this payment, growers will be required to participate in the flue-cured tobacco adjustment program which will be launched within the next ten days.

Applications for the price equalizing payment are being prepared and will be distributed simultaneously with the production adjustment contracts.

These payments will be 20 per cent of the actual receipts of the tobacco sold from July 28 to September 1, inclusive, and 10 per cent of the actual receipts of that sold from September 25 to October 7, inclusive.

J. B. Hutson, chief of the administration's tobacco section, estimated that of the approximately \$4,500,000 slightly around \$1,300,000 would be paid to Georgia farmers, \$1,250,000 to South Carolina growers and approximately \$200,000 to North Carolina farmers.

These payments are being made to equalize the price averages paid flue-cured growers before and after the market agreement for this type lead became effective September 25. Before the agreement was signed the averages paid on Georgia and South Carolina border markets were approximately 12 to 13 cents a pound.

The agreement is designed to give farmers a parity price of approximately 17 cents a pound and the average has been maintained in this neighborhood since the agreement became effective.

In explaining the reason for the ten per cent payment to those growers who sold their tobacco during the first two weeks after the Carolina markets ended a three weeks marketing holiday, Hutson said:

"Prices have advanced each week since the market reopened, but a large part of the advance had taken place by the end of October. Current prices are fully 10 per cent higher than those that prevailed during the period from September 25 to October 7."

The tobacco warehouses in North and South Carolina were closed September 1 because of low prices. They reopened September 25. During that period 95 per cent of the flue-cured growers signed agreements to reduce production in 1934 and 1935 as much as 30 per cent of their base production.

At the same time, negotiations for a marketing agreement were launched resulting in the signing of the agreement on October 12. Buyers agreed to purchase not less than their usual requirements of about 250,000,000 pounds during the remainder of the marketing season at a minimum average price of 17 cents a pound.

"Much of the flue-cured crop had been marketed before we were able to do the things that resulted in an improved price," Hutson said.

He estimated domestic buyers had purchased about 75,000,000 pounds prior to the marketing holiday. This included the entire Georgia crop and a portion of the crop in the Carolinas.

Current prices, under the marketing agreement, range between 40 and 50 per cent higher than those which prevailed for similar grades just

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Williamston Eleven Trips Ahoskie 19 To 2 Saturday

Williamston's football eleven added another victory to its list last Saturday when Ahoskie's strong team was defeated 19 to 2. The locals have so far maintained a clean slate, recording six victories and registering no defeats. Coach Peters' team, although small, continues to baffle its opponents with their unique plays and teamwork.

Next Friday the locals go to Apex to meet the Apex high school. Games with Edenton and Rocky Mount are being considered, it is understood.