



CREDIT GROUP IS TO MAKE LOANS ON COTTON CROP

Production Credit Association Enters Field of Commodity Loans

The Washington Production Credit association, serving the counties of Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington, is now in a position to make commodity loans to growers who desire to market their cotton in an orderly manner, according to an announcement by J. E. Hull, secretary of the association.

The loans will be made on the basis of 12 cents per pound for cotton classed low middling or better in grade and seven-eighths inch or better in staple and 11 cents per pound for such cotton classed low middling or better in grade and below seven-eighths inch in staple. The interest rate will be 4 percent per annum and interest is charged only for the time the money is used.

As security for each loan the borrower must furnish a warehouse receipt from an approved warehouse. The grower may sell his cotton at any time and in such way as he sees fit. The notes are made to mature July 31, 1935, but the cotton may be sold at any time prior to that date.

Each borrower will be required to purchase Class B stock in the production credit association from which he secures his loan equal to 5 percent of the amount borrowed, the rule in this respect being the same as in an ordinary production credit loan. A production credit borrower who has repaid his production loan may, of course, use the Class B stock which he already owns in the making of the cotton loan insofar as it will go toward making up the 5 percent of the total amount borrowed on his cotton.

The offices of the Washington Production Credit Association are located in the First National Bank building, Washington, N. C., and farmers of the counties served by the association may apply there for loans.

FARMERS HAVE 3 WAYS TO DISPOSE OF EXCESS HOGS

Excess Corn May Be Used As Feed for Farm Work Stock

Farmers who have hogs in excess over their allotments will have three ways of disposing of them, which must be done immediately, says County Agent T. B. Brandon.

The farmers may kill their smallest hogs, leaving only their allotted number; they may let all grow until they weigh 50 pounds and turn them over to the county relief administrator for distribution to poor families; or they may pay the penalty of \$10 each for every one above the allotment.

Hogs are being checked and the corn measured in many counties, and farmers will be notified whether they have excess corn or hogs.

All excess corn will be cut down and shocked and fed to the work stock on the farm.

Tobacco Farmers To Test Validity of Control Act

Winston-Salem, Oct. 8.—Non-signing Forsyth and Davidson County tobacco farmers are organized to test the constitutionality of the Kerr-Smith tobacco control act, leaders of the movement announced here today.

A meeting has been called for Tuesday night at Wallburg and the dissenting planters will make plans for raising a "defense" fund to defray court costs. An organization now forming will be made permanent at this meeting.

The attack will be based upon the grounds that the law violates the guarantee of uniform taxation, that is included in the constitution by direct statement and by implication.

County Tax Delinquents To Be Advertised Friday

Tax collections in this county are nearly 50 percent better than they were last year, judging from the delinquent list to be advertised on Friday of this week preparatory to sale the first Monday in next month. Last year there were 1,183 delinquent county tax accounts, representing an unpaid sum of about \$38,500. The list this year will carry hardly more than 600 names and an amount estimated at about 50 percent of the delinquent \$38,500 last year.

The town delinquent list will appear on Friday of next week, late reports from the treasurer's office indicating that the delinquent list and the unpaid amount will be considerably smaller than they were a year ago.

Local Averaged 36 Cents On Entire Sale Yesterday

Pasing the five million-pound mark yesterday, the local tobacco market has exceeded its total sales of last season by more than 200,000 pounds with prices just about twice as high as the season average last year. Supervisor of Sales R. W. McFarland announced this morning. The gain is more significant when one considers the marked decrease in the size of the crop this season.

With sales holding up unusually well, and with continued satisfaction expressed on every hand by the market's large number of customers, it is assured that the six million-pound mark will be reached and passed before the season is brought to a close on the lively market here.

Including yesterday's sale, the market has sold 5,012,560 pounds for \$1,383,637.71, a resulting average of \$27.60. The average includes every pound sold, and is regarded as very, very favorable considering the large amount of damaged tobacco and the inferior grades offered for sale during the time.

Prices for most grades continue firm with a slight advance in the daily average over those of last week. The market sold 106,382 pounds yesterday for \$37,832.08 or an average of nearly 36 cents.

Reports clearly indicate that Williamston is at the top with prices, considering grade for grade.

COTTON CARDS MAY BE HELD OVER FOR YEAR

Cotton Growers Not Likely To Be Able To Sell All Surplus Certificates

Southern cotton growers will hardly be able to sell all of their surplus tax-exemption certificates this year, says Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The surplus certificates will cover 1,639,474 bales, he said, while the overproducers will need only enough certificates to cover 431,223 bales.

This means that growers with surplus certificates which are not sold this year will be allowed to hold them over until next year and use them in the selling of their cotton tax free.

In other words, said the dean, if a grower holds over one certificate and then gets a Bankhead allotment of three bales next year, he can raise four bales, selling three of them under next year's certificates and the fourth under the certificate he held over.

Growers with surplus certificates may sell or barter them at the rate of four cents a pound to a neighbor who has excess cotton. If they have no such neighbor, they may turn them over to the county agent, who will place the certificates in the national pool, where as many of them as possible will be sold. The unsold certificates will be returned to the growers, who can hold them over until next year.

Schaub advised against the growers selling surplus certificates at less than four cents, since this is the price established by the secretary of agriculture. The certificates will be worth four cents next year, he added, or perhaps more.

LOCALS DEFEAT SCOTLAND NECK

Williamston Has Little Difficulty Trouncing Over-Confident Visitors

Williamston's high school football boys annexed their second victory of the season here last Friday afternoon when they took Scotland Neck's strong eleven by surprise and recorded a 27 to 0 win. The visitors, probably overconfident following their 6 to 0 victory over Rocky Mount a week before, appeared almost helpless in their efforts to check the locals' advance or make a real threat in their offensive attack. The Halifax lads were just about whipped down when Coach Peters sent in several toughs, hardly removed from the cradle, to do battle with the visitors and add to the drubbing.

While the locals made good gains through and around the opponents' line, they scored with well-timed passes, Bowen taking one from Cook to complete a 40-yard throw and feature the game. Roberson and Strawberry gave promise of developing into valuable players, and the team in its entirety showed up exceptionally well throughout the game.

Next Friday the locals are scheduled to meet Tarboro at Tarboro, the record of two victories and no defeats so far adding interest to the game and indicating that a large number of fans will accompany the boys to the Edgecombe capital that day.

Macedonia Homecoming Attended by 1,500 People

Observing last Sunday as homecoming day, the Macedonia Christian church entertained approximately 1,500 guests from far and near. The friendship and hospitality experienced were greatly enjoyed by the large number. Two sermons were preached, one by the pastor, D. W. Davis, and another by D. W. Arnold.

A great feast, prepared by the good citizens of that community, was greatly enjoyed, and there was much to spare when the meal was finished.

PRICES FOUR BIG FARM CROPS ARE UP 101 PER CENT

Wheat, Corn, Hogs, Cotton Much Higher Than Two Years Ago

Chicago.—Market value of wheat, corn, hogs and cotton, the four basic farm commodities defined by the agricultural adjustment act, was shown recently to be 101 percent higher than the average of late September, 1932.

Whereas late in April this year the Chicago market prices of these commodities averaged 37 percent higher than April, 1932, they now average 101 percent above the corresponding date two years ago. Early in June this year these prices averaged only 71.5 higher than the corresponding date in 1932.

Compared with a year ago the basic farm products now average 35 percent higher, corn and hogs showing the greatest percentage of increase. Figures involved do not include the \$3.45 hundred processing which after government collection is an indirect benefit to hog producers.

Chicago cotton prices, based on quotations for October deliveries, were about 27 percent higher than a year ago and 73 percent higher than two years ago.

FAIR NEXT WEEK IN ROCKY MOUNT

World of Mirth Shows On Midway; Many Other Features

Rocky Mount, Oct. 8.—All preparations have been completed for the Rocky Mount fair, to be held October 15 to 20th, the event to be officially opened at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The World of Mirth shows with twenty rides and twenty-five clean shows will occupy the midway. The World of Mirth shows will come direct from Raleigh after playing the North Carolina State fair, and it is said to be the largest traveling company in the country.

Great improvements have been made on the Rocky Mount grounds. The buildings have been freshly painted and everything appears to be in readiness for the opening next week. The agricultural exhibits are under the supervision of Mrs. Effie Gordon, home demonstration agent for Nash County. Great interest has already been shown in the poultry show.

The fair is being managed by Mr. E. J. Gordon, but it is under the general direction of Norman Y. Chambliss, manager of the state fair.

The grandstand attractions will be the greatest ever seen in this section. Cervone's band will be on hand for the occasion. The shows, traveling in thirty steel cars, will reach Rocky Mount Sunday afternoon.

Prospects look bright for the greatest fair ever held in Rocky Mount in view of general improved conditions and manifestation of interest in agricultural exhibits, and the fact that practically all of the attractions at the State fair will be presented at the Rocky Mount fair.

Official of Fertilizer Firm Is Here On Hunting Trip

Coming here from Norfolk last week, Victor Champion, of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, enjoyed several days hunting on the Roanoke. Although he has been acquainted with the Roanoke for many years, Mr. Champion had a new experience last week when he saw one of his companions and a prominent citizen of the town get sick from riding in a canoe on the stream. The Norfolk visitor withheld the name and maintained all the while that it was seasickness. Mr. Champion also refused to give the name of a friend who forgot to put the stopper in a ginger ale bottle before putting the container in his pocket neck down.

23 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Steady Gain in Number of Licenses Issued Is Continuing

Marriage licenses were issued to 23 couples, 12 white and 11 colored, in this county last month, the number equalling last February issuance exactly and trailing the January number by 11. Recovery in the prospective marital field had advanced slowly until last month, an increase in marriages running close to 100 percent over the August issuance. However, the gain in number of marriages in the county has been upward, the number of licenses issued in the first nine months of this year almost exceeding those for all of last year. There were 39 more licenses issued in the county in the first nine months of this year than there were in a like period last year.

Licenses were issued to the following couples last month:

White
Garland Wynne and Creasie Hoell, both of Bear Grass.
Willie G. Wynn and Estelle Wynn, both of Bear Grass.
W. W. Walker and Elizabeth Bowden, both of Baltimore.
Charles Rupert Johnson, of Durham, and Julia Ward, of Williamston.
Jacob Elwood, Leon Thomas, of Tarboro, and Hilda Hassell Ross, of Robersonville.
Robert White, of Northampton County, and Mrs. Christine Lawrence of Martin County.
Troy R. Edwards, of Hopewell, Va., and Nellie Rosa Wynn, of Robersonville.
Vester Coltrain, of Griffins, and Maud Beacham, of Jamesville.
Major Bryant and Cottie Weaver, both of Robersonville.
George Byrum and Maggie Byrum, both of Bertie County.
Elmo Bullock and Dora Lee Evans, both of Robersonville.
Milton Evans, of Robersonville, and Roxie Worthington, of Pitt County.

Colored
Charlie Eborn and Lottie Brown, both of Goose Nest.
Joe Smallwood and Mahala Williams, both of Goose Nest.
H. D. Rogers and Bessie Rogers, both of Williamston.
John Moore, of Nash County, and Esther Davis, of Martin County.
James Everett and Eva Bell Jones, both of Williamston.
Henry Stowe and Hattie Fagan, both of Martin County.
Don Sherrod, of Halifax County, and Marion Burnette, of Martin County.

John Alfred Wooden and Beulah Ewell, of Poplar Point.
Clifton Bell and Thelma Wilson, both of Robersonville.
Jafus Mabry and Mary Gaynor, both of Robersonville.
Will Spruill, of Bear Grass, and Naomi Bonds, of Poplar Point.

KEEP RECORDS OF PEANUT CROP

Picking Operations Likely To Get Under Way Next Week

Martin County farmers and others planning to participate in a control program for the peanut crop will find it to their marked advantage to keep accurate records of their acreage and poundage this year, Mr. T. B. Slade, of the county agent's office, said this week.

Reports from licensed picker operators will be accepted, there being some doubt as to whether reports from non-licensed pickers will be readily accepted in their entirety.

Additional applications for permits to operate pickers this season have been received by J. Sam Getzinger, register of deeds for the county, during the past few days, and it is believed that virtually all picker operators will comply with the provisions in the permits.

Picking operations will likely be started in some sections of the county the latter part of next week or the early part of the week following. No charge is made for the permit, and the records are very easily kept, it is understood.

Two Autos Damaged in Crash Near Here Sunday

No one was hurt but considerable damage was done to Oscar Ayers' new Ford and Ed Taylor's Chevrolet when the machines crashed at the old Greenville road intersection with Highway 90 near here late Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ayers was returning to his home in the Bear Grass section, and Mr. Taylor, of Bertie County, was traveling toward Williamston when the accident happened. The running gear was damaged and a window broken on the Ford. The Chevrolet radiator was smashed and the chassis bent.

Suffolk Peanut Miller Sees Better Price for Producers

MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE ATTEND RELIGIOUS MEET

169th Annual Session of Kehukee Association at Spring Green Sunday

The 169th annual session of the Kehukee Association of the Primitive Baptist church was held at Spring Green, near Hamilton, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, with a crowd conservatively estimated to number 5,000 in attendance upon the Sunday services. Held annually without a single break for more than a century and a quarter, the association is made up of churches in Edgecombe and Halifax on the west and most of the territory lying to the east down to the Atlantic Ocean.

While these large gatherings consider much business of the church, time is always allotted for a number of sermons. Three preachers occupied the pulpit Saturday, and Sunday there were six sermons. Monday, Elders J. T. Rowe, of Baltimore, and E. L. Cobb, of Wilson, preached. Other ministers taking part in the three-day program, were: Elders J. D. Flye, of Rocky Mount; L. Roper, of Lucama; A. B. Ayers, of Williamston; J. W. Hines, of Wilson; S. B. Denny, of Wilson; A. L. Harrison, of Virginia; G. W. Boswell, of Wilson, and Joshua Mewborne, of Greene County.

One of the features to these meetings is the selection of old-time hymns which stir the souls of men. Such songs as those written by Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley more than 200 years ago and which few composers have been able to better, were sung during the three-day event.

Sunday at the noon recess, a picnic dinner was served the multitude by the friendly people of the Spring Green section, everyone enjoying the fellowship and the delicious foods of many varieties.

The next session of the association will be held with the Bear Grass church in this county on the first Sunday in October, 1935.

LINT WARRANTS AVAILABLE SOON

Owners Must Show Terms of Contract Have Been Complied With

The several hundred cotton tax exemption certificates will probably be ready for distribution to the farmers in this county within the next few days, according to information coming from the office of the county agent this week. Before the exemption warrants are delivered, the owners must show that the terms of the contracts have been complied with. Mr. T. B. Slade pointed out. Most of the growers have met their contract requirements, Mr. Slade said, leaving a very few who have not complied with the terms in this county. Those few are expected to meet the terms of the contracts shortly.

Cotton farmers will be notified direct when the warrants are ready for distribution.

No definite quota has been announced for this county, but it is believed that Martin farmers will be able to market approximately 3,500 bales of cotton free of tax from the current crop.

Teacher's Salary Checks Expected This Week

Many of the nearly 200 teachers in the Martin County school system will receive their first salary checks of the current term the latter part of this week, according to information coming from the office of superintendent of schools today.

The white schools are completing their first month of the term tomorrow, and vouchers are being drawn for distribution about Friday or Saturday, it was stated.

Arrest Man for Bigamy Near Jamesville Sunday

Charged with bigamy, E. L. Sawyer, white man, was arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck early last Sunday morning near Jamesville for Washington County authorities. Separated from his first wife during the past three years or more, Sawyer is said to have offered proof that he had been granted a divorce by the Martin courts, and then married Miss Addie Hinson, a widow, about two months ago. Late developments indicate that the proof claiming a divorce had been granted was unfounded. Sawyer was married the last time in Washington County and he will be turned over to the authorities there for trial, it is understood.

PARENT-TEACHERS

A large attendance upon the parent-teacher meeting in the high school tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock is urged by the association president and the principal of the school. An interesting program has been planned, the officials stated. A band concert will be offered promptly at 3 o'clock by the high school boys, followed by a short business program and later by a social period.

While the patrons of the school and others are always welcomed to visit the schools at any and all times, the principal and teachers are especially urging visits on Thursday of this week.

PLAN AND PRICES OF PEANUTS ARE GIVEN IN DETAIL

Farm Administration Announces Contract Terms and Benefits

Washington.—Farm administration officials predicted recently that as a result of the recently announced peanut adjustment program, market prices for the 1934 crop would be above \$59 a ton for Spanish peanuts, \$56 for Virginians and \$50 for runners.

Producers who sign and carry out agreements to adjust their 1935 peanut acreage will receive in addition \$8 a ton on their 1934 harvest. The benefit payment will not be made on peanuts "hogged down" or left in the ground.

Growers in signing contracts will agree to plant in 1935 a peanut acreage of not more than 90 percent of the 1933 planted acreage, or 90 percent of the 1934 planted acreage, or the average acreage planted in 1933 and 1934.

Under the program, it is planned to encourage use of peanuts as stock feed and in manufacture of peanut oil in order to adjust the supply for cleaning and shelling.

Contract signers will be eligible to receive payments for diverting up to 20 percent of their 1934 crop to oil or feed, but diversion is not required. The diversion payments, payable directly to growers and in addition to benefit payments for acreage reduction, will be \$20 a ton for Virginians, \$15 for Spanish and \$10 for runners.

To obtain diversion payments, growers will be required to submit satisfactory evidence that they have made the diversion to oil or feed. Satisfactory evidence of diversion to oil will be an agreement, signed by the oil crusher to whom the peanuts are sold, to use the peanuts for oil. The Farm Administration will supply agreement forms.

Payments for diversion to feed will be made only on peanuts baled without separation from the vines and used or sold under regulations to be announced by the administration.

While contracting growers will not be paid for diverting more than 20 percent of their crop, they may divert a large proportion.

Production benefit payments will be made, it was announced, after checking of 1935 acreage and the establishing of proof by the producer that he has complied with his agreement. Diversion payments will be made at the same time.

A second form of the plan for adjusting 1934 supply is now in operation and is available to all growers.

Under it, payments will be made to peanut oil manufacturers, who in turn will pass them on to growers in increased prices for peanuts purchased.

The manufacturers will receive payments of \$16 a ton for Virginians, \$12 for Spanish and \$8 for runners. These payments will be made to the oil mill on all 1934 farmers' stock purchased after October 1 and crushed for oil, except those peanuts for which diversion payments are to be made direct to growers.

"That is," Farm Administration officials explained, "if the oil mill purchases from the contracting grower under a written agreement to use peanuts for oil, the diversion payment goes to the grower and not to the crusher; whereas, on farmers' stock peanuts purchased from any person without such an agreement payments will go to the oil mill. This will mean that the oil mill will pay a higher price for peanuts purchased under such agreement."

"In the first case, the grower will get part of his return in payments direct from Agricultural Adjustment Administration, while in the second case, the full return will be received directly from the miller."

COOPERATION OF GROWERS IS SEEN AS ALL REQUIRED

Number Factor Contribute To Outlook for Higher Prices This Year

(The following story is from the Suffolk News-Herald of last Saturday and will be of interest to all growers of peanuts in this section.)

Nature and the AAA, each a powerful agent for production control, are operating in close harmony in the peanut industry this year. The result of their work, if properly coordinated with other governing factors, may prove the means for lifting the price for the new crop to new high levels, according to a prominent miller of peanuts here.

Out of the Circus at Last

According to this miller, who did not care to have his name mentioned, the lowly peanut which had some rough sledding down around the cent-a-pound bottom, is due for a rise to fresher heights and profitable prices.

"Here's one for Ripley," he said. "Strange as it may seem, the world's largest peanut market is in the unusual position of being without peanuts. I mean farmer's stock, of course."

A clean-up of the previous year's carry-over and of the last crop a month or more before the new crop is available for milling is not only an unusual situation but should be classed as a rare condition, this miller believes.

With the cleaning and shelling plants idle and certain to remain idle until the new crop is ready—which will be later than is ordinarily the case on account of continued wet weather—there is basis for believing that the new crop will open at an exceedingly favorable price. Whether the price holds favorable will depend largely the miller believes, on the cooperation and good business judgment exercised by the growers.

Chance for Farmers To Cash In

"Idle machinery is a costly luxury," he said, "and there is no doubt that the demand for new crop nuts will exceed the supply during the early movement, and growers would seem to have an opportunity this fall to 'cash in' on the situation."

"This belief is based on a number of factors which seem to justify such a conclusion. First: shortage of stock of old crop nuts. This is significant on account of the lack of supply; but equally important is the trade's certain knowledge that no carry-over exists. This condition is not confined to the Virginia-North Carolina area, but applies with almost equal force to all growing sections."

1934 Yield Lower

"Second: The yield of new crop peanuts in the Southwest has been estimated at only 50 per cent of earlier forecasts and well-informed growers in other areas also report disappointing yields."

"Third: The program adopted by the AAA will result in a diversion of a portion of the crop to oil and provides that up to 20 per cent could be disposed of in this manner. Benefit payments will be made to growers from the proceeds of a processing tax on all peanuts milled. Peanuts used for oil are taken out of the usual channels of trade."

"Fourth: Growers of peanuts in many instances, also producers of other crops, which have benefited by regulation of production and sales, are now in position to demand a price for their peanuts or hold them off the market. There will be no occasion this fall for distress selling in the peanut belt. This alone should eliminate one of the principal reasons for low prices."

With the proper cooperation on the part of the growers, this miller believes it should be possible for the program of the government to result in a decided improvement throughout the entire peanut belt. There is every cause to believe the necessary cooperation will be forthcoming. It is up to the farmer, he says, and it is his guess that the peanut farmer will be "on the job" for better prices.

Respected Colored Woman Dies At Home Near Here

Margaret Brown, highly respected colored woman, died at her home on the Leggett farm, near here, Sunday from an attack of malaria and a complication of other ailments. She was 65 years old, and leaves husband, George Brown, with whom she had lived a peaceful life for 50 years and one day. She was a licensed nurse and had done a faithful service to many poor people during the past number of years. She was a member of the Black Swamp church for 33 years, and funeral services will be held there tomorrow.