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HUTSON TO HEAD FARM PROGRAM IN THIS SECTION

State Committee To Have Voice In Determining Matters of Policy

The new soil improvement program will be administered under a different set-up than that of the old AAA.

Instead of commodity divisions for the various basic crops, there are five regions into which the United States has been divided. Each region will handle all crops in its territory. North Carolina is in the East Central Region, which has been placed in charge of J. B. Hutson, former chief of the AAA tobacco section.

"We who have seen the successful way in which Mr. Hutson conducted the tobacco program under the old AAA are particularly gratified over his appointment as director of this region," commented Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

"He is thoroughly familiar with the situation in this State, he has our interest at heart, and he has demonstrated his ability to get things done."

The new program is like the old AAA in some respects, however, the dean pointed out. It will be administered by the State College agricultural extension service and its corps of county agents. At the same time, much of the program will be handled by community, county and state committees composed of farmers.

The state committee, to be made up of representative farmers from each section of the State, will have a voice in determining many matters of policy.

The county committees will be in charge of local administrative work including the checking of growers' compliance with the program. Community committees will aid the county committees.

Red Cross Donations Are Still Coming in

Donations to the Red Cross for the relief of flood sufferers continued to trickle in over the week-end, Harry A. Biggs, chairman of the Martin County chapter of the organization, reporting an additional \$13.25 raised since last Friday morning. Even with the added sum, Martin County's part in aiding the flood victims is considered far short of its possibilities. So far the donations amount to \$58.50, Mr. Biggs having reported \$45.25 last week. The following contributions were made since last Friday:

Mrs. M. J. Moye, 75 cents; Simon D. Griffin, \$1; Harrell Everett, \$1; W. J. Hodges, \$1; Mrs. W. J. Hodges, \$1; C. A. Harrison, \$1; and J. Marion Griffin, \$7.50.

Colored Woman Shot Here Sunday

Hattie Woolard, colored woman, was painfully but believed not seriously, shot by Willis Bryant, colored, at her home near here on the Washington road last Sunday afternoon. The shooting was the climax of a quarrel, it was said.

Bryant fired a load of shot from a gun into the woman's hip at close range, tearing away considerable flesh and inflicting a wound several inches long. She was treated by a local doctor and is expected to recover if complications do not develop.

Bryant, said to have been drinking at the time, was arrested and placed in the county jail by S. H. Grimes to await a hearing.

Local Firemen Called To Windsor Saturday Night

The local fire company was called out last Saturday evening, when fire wrecked the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hayes and threatened another in Windsor. Williamston's firemen carried the big truck to the Bertie capital, but the Windsor volunteers had the fire under control when they reached there, and the pumper was not used.

The fire is believed to have started from an overheated stove in the Hayes' bathroom. The extent of the damage could not be learned.

Ladies' Night At Kiwanis Club Thursday Evening

Ladies' night will be observed by the local Kiwanis Club Thursday evening of this week at 7 o'clock. President S. Harcum Grimes said today, and a large attendance is expected. Teachers in the local schools will be special guests of the Kiwanians.

Over 100 Applications Made For Seed-Feed Loans To Date

More than 100 applications have been received from Martin farmers for seed and feed loans, it was learned from the county office yesterday. The loans will average around \$100 each, it was stated.

Those farmers who applied for loans more than a week ago, and the applications were approved are now receiving their checks, a number of vouchers arriving here yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Wordsworth, field representative, believes that the number of loans this year will be hardly more than half the number advanced last year. Probably there aren't as many farmers dependent upon others for financing their crops as there were last year, but the main cause for the decrease in applications is the work the Resettlement Administration is doing. A goodly number of loans have been advanced by the Resettlement organization, it is understood. The Washington Production Credit Association is also making a number of loans, and the banks are said to be more active in financing the farmers this year than during the past few seasons.

Board of Elections Is Appointed for County

156 MEMBERS

The number of farmers joining the Farm Bureau Federation in this county continues to increase, Secretary M. L. Barnes stated today that about 40 had taken membership in the organization during the past two weeks. There are about 156 members in the county now, and the drive for at least 500 additional ones continues.

J. B. Patrick, one of the organizers of the federation in this State, spoke to the farmers attending a soil conservation program meeting in the courthouse last Saturday afternoon, and urged them to join.

Solicitor Will Try To Have Clay Trial Held in Edenton

Action Indicates Fair Trial Not Expected If Held In Beaufort County

Edenton—Solicitor Herbert Leary said this week that he will make a motion to have the case of George R. Clay, Washington, N. C., osteopath, charged with practicing medicine and surgery without a license, transferred to Chowan County for the second trial. A mistrial resulted week before last when Clay was tried in Beaufort County Superior Court at Washington.

Leary plans to make formal application for a change of venue to Judge Vernon Cowper, who presided at the first trial and severely criticized the jury when it failed to agree, saying that it should have returned a verdict of guilty if it believed the defendant's own statements.

Before making the motion, Leary said he would confer with local authorities as to the ability of Chowan County to meet the expense of the trial here. He stated that the State Board of Medical Examiners will support his plea to have the trial shifted to Chowan.

Officers Destroy Two More Stills

Raiding along the Martin-Beaufort boundary last Friday morning, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck wrecked two liquor plants and destroyed several hundred gallons of beer and about 6 gallons of liquor. Both plants were cold, and no one was seen near them when the raid was made.

That afternoon, Deputy Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, went into the Bear Gras section and found Charles Ayers and J. R. Cherry loading 27 gallons of liquor in Ayers car, presumably for shipment to Kinston. Ayers is said to have stole a jump on the deputy, cleared a fence and tore through briars and tall timber to safety. Roy Peel caught his man. The car and liquor were brought here, but the owner has not yet entered a claim for either the machine or the spirits. Wynne was recognized to appear in court.

Two Boys Charged With Stealing Gas from Trucks

Walter Freeman and Jesse Walton, young colored boys, were arrested last week for the alleged theft of gasoline from trucks belonging to the John A. Manning Peanut Company in the Planters Warehouse. The boys are also charged with damaging an adding machine in the office. They are booked for trial in the county court today.

FEW OBSERVING REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE FIRE

Closer Adherence To Laws Necessary To Lessen Fire Hazards

Fire records covering a period of several years, clearly show the need here of a closer adherence to the laws passed and designed to lessen fire risks. A big majority of the fires in this town and county have been the result of faulty construction, but reliable reports indicate that while there has been some improvement many dangerous building practices continue where no specifications are available and in those cases where no inspections are made.

One of the violations of the laws created to provide greater protection from fire is the faulty construction of chimney and flue, Chapter 2757 of the 1928 North Carolina fire regulations read, in part: "In all buildings hereafter erected the stone or brick work of all flues and chimney shafts shall be at least eight inches in thickness, with the exception of smoke flues which are lined with fire-clay lining or cast iron."

The regulations also require that chimney and flues extend at least five feet above flat roofs and at least two feet above the ridge of any pitched roof. No woodwork or timber shall be placed under any fire place or under the brickwork of any chimney. All floor beams, joists and headers shall be kept at least two inches clear of any wall enclosing a fire flue or chimney breast.

Another constant danger and one that is more prevalent than many imagine is that caused by stovepipes passing through windows, weatherboarding, ceilings and partitions without proper protection to the woodwork. The law says the pipes should be at least six inches from the woodwork and then they are to have metal collars or clay rings.

Little regard is given the required inspection service here by builders and others, it is understood. The law requires that permits be obtained, and that all buildings be inspected before electric current is turned on, and it is determined that the chimneys and flues are properly constructed.

Last year, the Williamston fire company was called out 36 times to home and buildings where, in most of the cases, fires started because these regulations were ignored. No serious damage resulted during the period, to be sure, but there was a fire menace of possible large loss proportions. And it is understood that some property owners have attempted to replace chimneys in direct violation of the regulations. Others have complained because the use of wooden shingles was prohibited.

Numbers of flues are now in service here where the bricks are placed on their edge, placing the woodwork within two inches of fire. Probably not many property owners realize it but they are paying a premium on their fire insurance because of this faulty construction, and such existing conditions make demands on the fire company, a volunteer organization, more numerous.

There are many other fire risks existing here which the property owners could easily eliminate and greatly lessen the possibility of fire and its dangers.

Senior Play at Local School Friday Night

Seniors of the local high school will present their annual play in the high school auditorium here Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. Following is the cast of characters: Miss Sarah Pepperdine, Evelyn Lilley.

Jasmine Jackson, Aunt Sarah's darky cook, Jean Watts. Cicero Murglethorpe, dean of Elwood College, Ben Manning.

Peter Pepperdine, always in hot water, Clayton Moore.

Bill Bradshaw, Peter's pal, Thad Harrison.

Thorndyke Murglethorpe (Muggsy), a college grind, Howard Cone. Mrs. Georgianna Clarkson, a social climber, Carrie Williams.

Nadine Clarkson, Peter's sweetheart, Ella Wynne Critcher. Peggy Clarkson, Bill's sweetheart, Ruby Harrison.

Malvin Potts, Muggsy's goddess, Marie Griffin. John Boliver, the banker, Milton James. Dupont Darby, the poet of Elwood College, J. L. Mobley.

Four Defendants Tried by Mayor

Charges of disorderly conduct featured the docket in Mayor J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday, when four defendants faced the trial justice.

Clinton Davis, colored, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost. Levi Crank and George Langley, white men of Wilson, were given 30-day suspended sentences upon payment of the cost.

Lonnie Modlin was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost. All four of them were arrested Sunday by town officers.

New Soil Conservation Plan Is Explained To County Farmers By J. S. Altman Last Saturday

Roanoke Is Expected To Rise Another Foot During Week

Another rise in the Roanoke between now and Saturday was predicted yesterday by the weather station. The extent of the rise can not be determined until the water now falling after reaching a 14-foot crest last Wednesday goes on a stand late today or tomorrow. It was stated, however, that there are prospects for a rise of about one foot. Reports from Weldon yesterday said the stream was at bank

full stage, and the rise there would check the fall at this point about tomorrow morning, the rise following later in the week.

Today the stream was still over its banks by 6 inches or more and stood at 10.5 on the gauge. It is possible that the new rise will reach 11.5 or 12 feet by the latter part of the week.

So far this season the stream has flooded its banks four times and has been up more than it has been down.

Believed 90 Per Cent Growers Will Take Part in New Plan

New Plan Will Prove More Beneficial Than AAA, Leaders Believe

Nearly 300 Martin County farmers, meeting in the county courthouse last Saturday afternoon, heard the new farm conservation program explained to them, the speaker, J. S. Altman, stating that he believed the plan would lead to a better satisfied farming people than was the case under the old AAA. It was quite apparent that the program was found unusually interesting to the farmers present, and it is believed the program will be participated in by 90 per cent of the farmers, in part at least.

Mr. Altman was very specific in pointing out that the plan was voluntary, and that it was designed principally as a soil conservation and a soil-building program with benefits provided for those who participate in the movement. There are five main objectives to the program, Mr. Altman explained. The first has to do with what the program says; that is, soil conservation or soil-building with a domestic allotment plan. It also creates a farm plan, prevents waste of natural soil resources, protects rivers and harbors and reestablishes gains made under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

While all the details of the plan have not been determined at this time, Mr. Altman urged the farmers to be ready to participate in the program, that he believed every farmer would find in the plan great benefits. The first thing to do is to file application to participate, decrease soil-depleting crops, such as tobacco, cotton and peanuts and increase soil conservation or soil-building crops, such as stock peas, grains and legumes. The program, he declared, will benefit the land, make possible a balanced farming and adjusted operations and the right to live at home.

The effect the program will have on crop prices was not mentioned, but next fall prices will be largely affected by the extent to which the farmers participate in the movement. Judging from fairly reliable reports, an increase in tobacco acreage is expected, while that planted to cotton will probably be reduced and the peanut acreage little changed.

Application blanks are not yet available, but they are expected within a short time. In the meantime, the county agents are making plans to explain and carry on the work throughout the county.

Community committees and others met with Mr. Altman that morning and discussed the program and they or the county agents will be glad to explain the movement to farmers.

The biggest payments under the new farm program will be for diverting land from soil-depleting crops into the production of soil-conserving or improving crops.

For taking land out of cotton the rate of payment will be around \$12 an acre, while the rate for tobacco will be around \$40 an acre, depending upon the average productivity of the land.

The rate of payment for wheat, corn, and other soil depleters will be determined in the near future, and will probably vary with each farm according to its fertility, said Mr. Altman.

The maximum diversions on which payments will be made are 35 per cent of the cotton base, 30 per cent of the tobacco base, 20 per cent of the peanut base, and 15 per cent of the base acreages of other soil depleters.

A smaller payment will also be made for growing soil-building crops or carrying out certain soil-improvement practices such as terracing for erosion control or planting forest trees, it was explained.

There are two things a grower must do to earn this soil-building payment.

First, he must put in soil-conserving crops, or devote to soil-conserving practices an amount of land equal to at least 20 per cent of his base acreage of depleting crops.

Under the program, certain crops and practices have been classified as soil conserving, while certain others are known as soil building.

Diversion of Peanuts To Oil Mills Planned

Weakness of Market Cause of Action by Federal Government

Growers To Receive About Three Cents a Pound Net Under Diversion Plan

The weakness of the peanut market attracted the attention of the government a few days ago, and arrangements are being completed to divert the goobers into oil under virtually the same plans followed before the Agricultural Adjustment Act was invalidated last January. According to unofficial reports heard here, the diversion method will be effective beginning Wednesday of Thursday.

Farmers will be paid about 2-4 cents a pound for peanuts delivered to the oil mills, the government planning to supplement that amount by about 1 cent. In other words, the farmer should be able to deliver his peanuts to the oil mills and receive 3 cents a pound net for his offerings. The local market is about 2-3-4 now, and buyers are not at all anxious for peanuts, it is understood.

While all but about 20 per cent of the crop has been sold in this county, hardly more than 50 per cent of the crop has been sold by farmers in those counties north of here and in parts of Virginia.

Mrs. Lessie Scott Died Last Sunday

Mrs. Lessie Scott, 33 years old, died at her home in Poplar Point Township Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, following an illness of several years' duration. Funeral services were conducted at the late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Purvis and interment was in the Scott cemetery, near Hassell. Mrs. Scott was the daughter of Charles Whitfield, of near Hassell. In early womanhood she was married to W. B. Scott, who survives with three children. Their names are William Daniel, Cindy and Floyd Scott.

Barnhill Brothers Will Reopen Store Friday

The store of Barnhill Brothers, closed during the past several weeks while repairs were made to the building following the fire of February 10, will be reopened Friday morning of this week at 10 a. m. Manager Garland Barnhill said today. The store has been painted and new goods have been ordered out for the reopening this week.

The Culpepper Hardware Company, victim of the same fire, plans to reopen within the next 10 or 15 days, it is understood.

Many Cases on Docket in Recorder's Court Today

Thirty-one cases are on the county recorder's court docket for consideration by Solicitor W. H. Coburn and Judge H. O. Peel today. The nature of the cases is varied, Clerk Wynne stating that at least five or six different violations are charged in the warrants.

The cases have been accumulating for three weeks, the county tribunal having suspended operations since the 10th of this month.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Sizeable tax collections are being reported these days by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck for the county. The office collected nearly \$1,000 last Saturday, and the payments were being made fairly regularly yesterday and today.

The penalty automatically increases from 2 to 3 per cent after April 1st, and many property owners are effecting settlements to save the added cost. Most of the payments were made by small property owners, Sheriff Roebuck said.

Fishing Season on Inland Waters To Be Closed 40 Days

Legal To Take Herring In Nets from River and Creeks In County

The season for inland water fishing closes April 1, and after that date it is unlawful to take any kind of game fish until after May 10. The law holds that not even fishing with hook and line will be permitted. Of course, the law does not interfere with seine or herring fishing on the Roanoke or other streams in this section.

Herrings may be caught in the creeks and inland streams of Martin County from January 1st to May 1st with skim nets, gill nets of not less mesh than 1-2 inches.

Wire traps may be set in Roanoke River any time for herring. Game fish taken in these, however, must be thrown back.

White perch caught in any stream if less than six inches, must also be thrown back. All those over 6 inches may be kept.

All game fish caught in the regular herring or shad manner must positively be thrown back, the law says. They may be caught only in regular season, with hook and line or rod and reel.

Baseball Meeting Held Friday Night

Plans for organized baseball here this summer are still going forward, Leslie T. Fowden stating today a meeting of the club directors and officials was held last Friday evening, when financial arrangements were successfully handled. The drive for funds will get underway this week, it was said.

Reports from Manager Walker state that the playing line-up is fast taking form, and that the Martins will be ready to start flying the first day the league opens. No definite announcements of any player contracts have been released just yet, but it is understood applications are pouring in from colleges in a number of states asking assignments on the team. It was said that some of the applications were received from ball players at Princeton and Yale.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet With Mrs. Rawls Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Kelly Rawls, Robersonville.