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URGES FARMERS TO FINISH TASK THAT IS THEIRS

Review Rise of Agriculture From Troublous Time in 1921 to Present Time

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The New Deal for Agriculture was not an accident. On the contrary, it was the result of a long, persistent determined struggle by Organized Agriculture for equality with other groups.

The Fight Begins

The real fight began in the early twenties when the nation's agricultural income was reduced from 17 billions in 1919 to nine billions in 1921. This was a blow from which agriculture has never recovered. At no time during the next twelve years did farm purchasing power reach parity. Farmers were being slowly strangled by an economic disparity, but the process was so slow and steady that they did not realize what was taking place. During the World War, European Nations were anxious to buy all the surplus cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn and hogs. American farmers could produce. Consequently, farm prices soared. After the war our European customers had no money to pay for our farm produce. With foreign demand practically gone, our home markets soon bogged down in surpluses. The period 1921-29 were boom years for industry. Factory chimneys were smoking. But the farmer's dollar continued to shrink. The farmer was buying supplies in a tariff protected market and selling his commodities in an open market, just like buying at retail and selling at wholesale. Farm leaders warned the nation that industrial prosperity could not long continue with agriculture at a disadvantage.

Farmers Organize

In order for agriculture to match the advantage being enjoyed by industry through tariff protection, through consolidation and closer organization, farmers plainly saw that they would have to organize. A farmer organization, starting in 1924, led the fight for surplus control legislation in the form of the McNary-Haugen Bill. Although twice passed by Congress, the bill was vetoed each time.

Surpluses continued to pile high while buying power on the farm continued to dry up until the entire nation felt the effect. At last, in 1929, the ruin of agriculture brought ruin to the whole nation. This country has paid dearly for its neglect of agriculture.

Every farmer still recalls how agriculture touched bottom in 1932 when the total farm income for the year was only five billions as compared with 17 billions in 1919. Farmers were losing their farms. They couldn't even pay taxes raising 8-cent tobacco, 5-cent cotton, 1-cent peanuts and 2 1/2-cent hogs. Many were in destitution. Farmers were aroused to a fighting pitch all over the country.

Adjustment Programs Follow

Then came the A. A. A. with its crop control program, conceived by farmers, drawn up by farmers, and operated by farmers and the Extension service, with the help of the government. It was a determined attempt at a critical time to give the farmer control of his production and to give him a chance to get out from under the dead weight of surpluses which were crushing him; to give him the same kind of governmental assistance that industry had been enjoying through tariffs, subsidies, monopolies and so on. Organized agriculture played a major part in securing this legislation and in carrying on the program.

In three years times surpluses were reduced until they were no longer burdensome. Farm prices zoomed upward so rapidly that by 1935 farm income was 2 1/2 billions higher than it was in 1932. Martin County farmers received a fair portion of the increase in the national farm income. The farmers of this county received approximately one-

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Martin Leads in Support Of Democratic Ticket

Supporting the Democratic ticket by a ratio vote of 30 to 1, Martin County is recognized as the leader in upholding the party banner in this State. The record, while not supported by official reports, is reliably based on returns canvassed in Raleigh this week.

While the county was establishing a record as compared with democratic support reported in other counties of the State, Griffiths precinct is believed to have outdistanced all records with its 387 to 9 vote in the general election last week.

Local Tobacco Market Closes Current Season Next Tuesday

With its closing set for next Tuesday, the local tobacco market continues to hold fairly large sales during certain days of the week, but next Monday will probably see the last of any sizeable offerings this season. Up until this morning, the market had sold 4,649,948 pounds, the offerings consisting mostly of the ragged end of the crop with averages ranging slightly under 20 cents. It is estimated there are 80,000 pounds on the

market here today, prices averaging about the same as those received during most of the current week.

The Plaster's house is closing today, and while the market will suspend operations next Tuesday the complete buying personnel and the selling organizations of the other two houses will remain intact until the final sale is completed, the management announced this morning.

New Soil Program Is Nearing Completion

RED CROSS DRIVE

Getting underway last Wednesday, the Red Cross membership drive had made little progress up to noon today, Chairman H. A. Biggs explaining that unfavorable weather had handicapped the canvassers in their work, but that the campaign would be active from now until Thanksgiving.

Three rooms in the local school were to report their quotas raised, and other schools in the county are expected to make a better showing than they did last year, Mr. Biggs said.

BROOKLYN BOY ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF GAS

Borrows Father's Car And Was Traveling South When Stopped Here

Stanley Martin, 18-year-old boy of 264 East 24th Street, Brooklyn, was arrested early yesterday morning in front of the local police station for stealing gasoline from the car of Garland Woolard in front of the Woolard home on Hassell Street the evening before. The youth is being detained in the county jail, while the sheriff's office investigates the unusual story told by Martin. Action in the case in connection with the gasoline theft, will be delayed until ownership of the car can be definitely determined, it was said.

Determined to go to Florida, Martin said he left his father's home on Tuesday against the advice of his parent. However, he claimed his father allowed him the use of the car, a 1932 Ford roadster, and advanced him a small amount of money with the understanding that no call was to be made on him for additional money if the youngster got into trouble, a condition the father freely predicted. And as the officers went about their investigation, the young boy still pleaded with them not to notify his father.

Reaching Cape Charles, Martin picked up Jacob Downs, a young man traveling by the thumb route from Philadelphia to Florida. The car driver sold a spare tire from the car for money to pay ferry charges, and was carried over the Norfolk ferry at a reduced fare, the travelers reaching Portsmouth broke.

Arriving here about 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Downs started looking for a place to sleep, Martin explaining that he had a coat and blanket and would sleep in the car. The two were to meet early the following morning and continue their journey. About 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, Martin was transferring gasoline from the Woolard car to the tank on his car. Le-man Barnhill, a neighbor of the Woolards, happened along and Martin ran, leaving the car. The young man wandered around all night and was arrested by the sheriff about daybreak yesterday morning after the gas thief had returned to the Woolard neighborhood looking for his car.

His transportation taken right out from under him, Downs continued on his way on foot for Florida sunshine.

Exchanging information with the police of Brooklyn, the sheriff's office learned that the young man's name was Stanley Harnitz, that he had stolen the car from his father, leaving Brooklyn at midnight Tuesday. The boy's father, Elias Harnitz, notified officers that he was leaving New York early today to come to the wandering youth.

Applications To Be Received for Benefit Checks Next Week

More Than 1,500 Farmers Expected To Apply for Conservation Money

Rushing the preparation of blanks to completion, the county agent's office will start receiving applications from Martin farmers the middle or latter part of next week for soil conservation payments, Mr. T. B. Slade announced today. The soil conservation program in this county covers about 1,500 individual farms, and the agent's office is making plans to handle the applications in as short a time as is possible, Mr. Slade pointing out that a rapid response would make for earlier payments. No time when the payments could be expected after all applications are in was mentioned.

Applications will be received in the districts at Jamesville, Robertsonville, Hamilton, and Oak City, and at the county agent's office at Griffins, Williams, Williamston, Cross Roads, and Poplar Point, the agricultural authorities stating that the farmers would be notified directly when and where to apply for the soil conservation payments.

Payments to farmers in other sections of the county under the soil conservation program have already passed the \$1,000,000 mark. The first million dollars going to farmers for shifting land from major crops to soil-building growth is only a small start in the flow of \$470,000,000 payments under this year's program.

A total of 6,000,000 farm owners and operators are expected to receive checks for the 1936 payments are concluded.

New Deal leaders, an authoritative source said, have already decided on one change they will ask Congress to make in the present farm act. The existing law contemplates that by 1938 the states will have set up "48 little AAAs" to take over administration of the program. But New Dealers hope to have this provision scrapped, and the plan kept intact under Federal agencies, it was said by informed leaders.

Telephone Company Pays Employees Here a Bonus

A bonus, equalling one month's salary, was paid its employees by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company here today. The salary schedule of the company will not be altered, it is believed. However, beginning probably the first of next year, hours of operators will be reduced from 56 to 40 each week, it was unofficially reported today. The change in hour schedules will probably add at least two operators to the force at the local office.

Chevrolet Stolen in Norfolk Recovered Here This Week

A Chevrolet coach, stolen from the U-Drive-It system in Norfolk last week and abandoned near here, was returned yesterday to the owners by the State Highway Patrol. Two young white men abandoned the machine, officers believing they were on their way to Lumberton to aid confederates escape jail there when some mechanical trouble developed.

Armistice Day Celebration At Ahsokie Wednesday

With business going forward with out interruption, Armistice Day was very quiet here Wednesday. No celebration was planned here, but 35 or 40 legionnaires from this county participated in an observance program at Ahsokie, reports stating that the district event was largely attended.

MRS. HELEN S. RHODES DIES AT HOME HERE

Funeral Service at Home of Son, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, This Afternoon

Mrs. Helen Slade Rhodes, member of one of Eastern North Carolina's first families, and a direct descendant of Williamston's founder, Colonel Williams, died at the home of her son, Dr. James S. Rhodes, here shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. She would have been 90 years old next April. Mrs. Rhodes despite her advanced age, was fairly active until a few months ago, when she was forced to her bed.

The daughter of the late William and Penelope Slade, Mrs. Rhodes was born on the old Slade Plantation, near Williamston, on April 3, 1847. On November 30, 1869, she married Frank A. Rhodes, who died in the early eighties. When a young girl she attended college in Greensboro during the Civil War, and when the school was burned there she entered Salem Academy in Winston-Salem. A member of a family that was a pioneer in religious worship and advancement in this section, Mrs. Rhodes added to the record. She was a member of the local Methodist church for 70 years, and for nearly 40 years she taught a class in the Sunday school, taking a great interest in the activities of young people. Her home was always open to children, and it was the recognized community center for many years.

Following the death of her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Maulsby, in Montgomery, in 1909, Mrs. Rhodes went to the Alabama city as mother to the three children. She remained there until about two years ago, when she returned to her old home here.

Three sons, Dr. J. S. Rhodes of Williamston, and Messrs. Will Rhodes, of Hamilton, and Frank Rhodes, of Montgomery, Ala., survive. She also leaves one sister, Miss Fannie Penelope Slade, of Hamilton; and nine grandchildren, Mrs. Janet Waller, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, Frank, Jr., Ethel, William, and Spears Rhodes, of Montgomery, Ala. and Jim Rhodes, Jr., of Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. K. Grant, of the local Methodist church, and Rev. E. F. Moseley, Episcopal minister. Interment will follow in the family plot on the old home plantation, near here on the Hamilton road.

County Prisoner Goes on Rampage

Sentenced to the Industrial Colony, Kinston, for two years by Judge H. O. Peel in the Martin County Recorder's Court last June on a disorderly conduct and assault charge, Lucy Whitehurst was reported to have gone on a rampage in the institution this week. Authentic reports could not be had, but, according to information received here the prisoner tore out of a temporary cell and wrecked property to the extent of several hundred dollars.

She was removed to a jail in Wilson, Martin officers receiving notice to go and get the woman. Tuesday afternoon the sheriff's office stated it did not want the woman back. Just what will be done with the prisoner could not be learned today.

Rev. J. H. Smith To Hold Meeting At Jamesville

Beginning next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Jas. H. Smith, local Baptist minister, will conduct a series of revival services in the Jamesville Baptist Church, it was announced today by Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor there. Regular services will be held in the church there Sunday at the usual hours, 11 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. The public is invited.

NEW JUDGE

Judge A. D. Folger, of Dobson, Surry County, recently appointed to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Judge Clayton Moore a few days ago, will preside over the special term of Martin County Superior Court convening November 23, it was learned this week. Judge Folger, now holding his first term of court over in Beaufort County, will have before him civil cases only. The term, scheduled to run for two weeks, taking out two days for Thanksgiving, does not handle criminal cases.

Another Hearing on Disputed Boundary Set for Wednesday

A special committee and county representatives will again tackle the Beaufort-Martin boundary line dispute next Wednesday in an effort to effect a settlement, action in the matter having been postponed for one reason or another for more than a year. Messrs. H. G. Horton, representing this county, W. B. Rodman, representing Beaufort, and Attorney Tobe Connor, of Wilson, and a disinterested party on the committee, are to hear evidence to be offered by Martin representatives and then visit the actual scene of the controversy.

It is likely that a greater part of next Wednesday will be used in hearing documentary evidence to be offered by Attorney E. S. Peel, who is representing Martin in the controversy. Beaufort offered oral testimony and introduced several maps in defending its claim to a sizeable strip of land along the border in Griffins and Jamesville Townships. When the oral testimony is completed, the committee, county representatives and surveyors are scheduled to take to the "dismal" and locate boundary line markers, if they can. The visit into the woods will hardly be made before Thursday, the 19th.

Welfare Workers Will Meet Here Next Week

Social Security Plan Will Be Discussed at District Convention

Program Carries Names of Prominent State And Federal Speakers

Plans are nearing completion for the annual conference of northeastern district welfare workers and others interested in welfare activities here next Friday. Miss Mary Taylor superintendent of Martin County Welfare and president of the district conference, said today. Centering around the theme, "Next Steps Toward Social Security in North Carolina," the conference is expected to attract considerable interest among welfare leaders and extend to the general public in a large way.

Several hundred are expected here for the two sessions, the first beginning at 9:30 in the Baptist church that morning. Lunch will be served in the high school gymnasium according to present plans, and interesting discussions by welfare heads will follow an address by Miss Lavinia Eagle, of the Educational Division, Society Security Board, Washington City. Miss Eagle's address will deal with the social security act which is now being set up throughout the nation.

Other features on the unusually interesting program will be an address by Mrs. W. T. Bost, state commissioner of public welfare. Mrs. Bost will have for her address topic, "The State's Responsibility in Social Legislation." Dr. Howard Odum, a pioneer in sociology and one of the great leaders in that work in the nation, will not be able to attend the conference; it was learned this week. However, a prominent speaker will take Dr. Odum's place on the program and explain "Next Steps Toward Social Security in North Carolina."

The interest of social workers throughout the state is centered on this and five other annual district welfare conferences which are sponsored by the cooperative effort of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the State Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare. Increasing emphasis has been placed on the conferences as an effective means of informing the public of the social problems in the state and in enlisting the support and cooperation of organizations and agencies interested in ways and means of solving these problems.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the conferences and many county people plan to hear the speakers.

Three Stills Are Seized in County

Raiding in Martin County Wednesday, local and federal officers wrecked three illegal liquor plants and destroyed several thousand gallons of beer and about 20 gallons of liquor. Two of the plants were cold and the operators at the other one heard signals and escaped.

At the first plant the raiders wrecked a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle and destroyed 24 barrels of beer and 20 gallons of liquor.

An 80-gallon still was wrecked and 800 gallons of beer were poured out at the second plant, the operators escaping with a part of the equipment just before the officers reached the scene.

The third plant, consisting of a small steam still and 350 gallons of beer, was destroyed.

Federal Officers Lancaster, Bennett, and Mallard, and Deputy Roebuck made the raids.

TOWN TAX SALE

Williamston's town delinquent tax sale went begging for buyers this week when a lone piece of property was sold to one individual. The town bought in the remainder of the more than 100 accounts.

Sale certificates will be drawn shortly, and the sales recorded in the county register of deed's office. Within the next two years suits will be brought against all the property where taxes, penalty, costs and interest are not paid, and deeds will pass to the town.

ONLY TEN CASES TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Docket Is Unusually Light; Solicitor Coburn Able To Resume Duties

Ten cases were handled in the county court Tuesday by Judge H. O. Peel, the docket being unusually light since the court had handled no cases in two weeks. Solicitor W. H. Coburn, absent from his duties during the past several weeks on account of illness, was present and prosecuted the docket.

The cases handled were: Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Redden Tyre was found not guilty.

Defendants in a case charging them with obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty, J. B. Whitfield, T. E. Johnson, LeRoy Pitt, Hackney High and Garland Baker were adjudged not guilty. The case was non-suited as to Pitt.

Harry S. Peel, charged with being drunk and disorderly, assault and resisting arrest, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging James Johnson with assault.

Henry Thomas, charged with larceny and receiving, was found not guilty.

The action against H. Aubrey and Blythe Pierce in the case charging them with disorderly conduct was dismissed.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging William Gray, colored, with assault.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Pat Wynn was found guilty of simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost.

The case charging W. E. Early with assault was not prosessed.

Lewis Cuthrell, Hyde County man, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for drunken automobile driving. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Sixteen Added To Jamesville Church

Last Sunday was a great day with the Methodists at Jamesville. The Sunday school was larger than usual. The congregations, both morning and night, were unusually good. The Communion service was the largest ever known in that church. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, received the largest class ever received into the membership of that church. There were 10 received on profession of faith and 6 by certificate.

WILL DISTRIBUTE SOCIAL SECURITY FORMS MONDAY

Employers Are Urged To Cooperate with Post Office Here

The huge task of setting up millions of accounts for the National Security Board gets underway all over the country next Monday, when the Post Office Department, cooperating with the Security Board, delivers forms for receiving employers' applications for identification numbers. Postmaster L. T. Fowden has ordered half thousand of the forms, known as SS-4, and their distribution will be effected by the offices, through boxes, city and rural carriers to every individual, firm, trust or estate, partnership, association, corporation, joint-stock company and insurance company within the delivery of the local office who has one or more persons less than 65 years of age actually in its employ on next Monday.

Employers of the following classes of workers will not be required to fill out and return the forms, it is understood: (1) Self-employment; (2) employees of railroads subject to carriers' taxing act; (3) domestic service in private homes; (4) agricultural labor; (5) casual labor not in the course of the employer's trade or business; (6) service performed as an officer or member of the crew of a vessel; (7) service performed in the employ of the U. S. government or of an instrumentality of the United States; (8) service performed in the employ of a state, political subdivision thereof, or an instrumentality of one or more states or political subdivisions; (9) service performed in the employ of a corporation, community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

The forms for identification numbers are to be returned to the local post offices not later than Saturday of next week. As soon as the employer offers his individual list of employees, the Post Office Department then plans to send out forms on which employees will make applications for account numbers, the security board being anxious to get the proper forms to every employee coming within the scope of the old-age benefit provisions of the social security act.

None of the application forms has been received by the local office, but Postmaster Fowden is expecting the necessary papers in time to start the distribution next Monday. All employers of labor not included in the nine exemption classes are urged to fill in the forms properly and return them as soon as possible to the post office.

The social security act, covering around 2,000 pages in its original form, is quite complicated, no doubt, and its provisions are not generally known in detail, but roughly speaking the act plans to tax the employee 1 per cent of his salary and the employer the same amount to start off with, that those may be taken care of when they reach the age of 65 years. The system is far removed from the plan advanced by Dr. Townsend and which attracted the attention of the aged, crippled and blind in this county several years ago. Despite the little similarity to the Townsend plan and the complications of the system, old age security is in the making, and the task of setting up the millions of accounts will reach employers of labor and employees themselves within the next few days.

Postmaster Fowden and other employees in the local office will appreciate the cooperation and aid of all who are required to prepare the necessary forms in setting up the machinery for the security system.

Little Change Noted In Peanut Market Recently

Little change has been noted in the peanut market during the past few days with prices holding around 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 cents. Extra quality jumbos, in one or two instances, did command a price as high as four cents on Wednesday, but sales that high are rare. Weather conditions have delayed picking operations this week and offerings have been comparatively small. No definite results have been announced following conferences of farm leaders with agricultural authorities in Washington this week, but regardless of any policy of the government, indications are that the farmers, as a whole, are waiting for a 4-cent market.