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Congress To Meet In Extraordinary Session on Monday

Present Outlook Not Very Encouraging to Farm Legislation

The United States Congress meets in special session next Monday to consider farm legislation, wages and hours, reorganization of the government, creation of seven "little T. V. A.'s", to administer the nation's power projects and the restoration of the anti-trust laws to their original virility. The Congress has a big assignment, and the President has a big task to see that Congress handles that assignment.

The lawmakers go into their huddle with a dagger in their hands to knife the President's plans for agriculture. While our House members realize conditions and will support agriculture, some of this State's own flesh and blood have already taken their stand against the farmers. Tobacco may smoke out the opposition and get into the control plan, but the picture there is not as rosy as some think. The recently drafted House Agriculture bill provides compulsory production for corn also and processing taxes on cotton, wheat and rice. It is expected that corn prices will be pegged at 50 cents a bushel, and it is likely that any legislation covering tobacco will be inadequate.

There's dissent in the administration ranks, some claiming compulsory legislation is absolutely necessary, others stating that they will kill control unless it is voluntary on the part of the farmer. The President's program faces hard sledding, the Old Guard is staging a comeback between elections and without the blessings or support of the masses.

The depression is over, and the wise guys are going to launch out with a program all their own. The House can be expected to tone down the wage and hours bill, and try to eliminate the corporation surplus or surtax.

Deserted by those who were so glad to have him take the lead during the dark days of 1933, the President is expected to yield, to some extent, to the whims of business. Crying to be left alone, business says that it will guarantee prosperity if the government does this or that. If business wants to play fair, it will receive aid, no doubt, but the President will hold the whip and will apply it through the modification of the Housing Administration Act and inflationary plans. Private industry will be called upon to put the vast credit resources piled waist deep in the banks of the country to work or governmental machinery will be set up to care for that item.

Rev. Barclay Speaks In Robersonville

Observing after an extensive fashion "Peace Week," the people of Robersonville have advanced a splendid program in that connection this week, the address of Rev. John Barclay, Wilson minister, on Wednesday night featuring the program. The entire community has been made peace conscious, and much has been accomplished toward advancing the cause of peace.

Addressing one of his largest audiences at a peace meeting, Rev. Barclay ably discussed the situation surrounding two wars and unrest among nations of the world.

The world is so closely knitted economically that one incident affects the world, and gives rise to the question, "Can America Stay Out of War?" One group, led by the Foreign Policy Organization, maintains that if there is war and we are in the world then we will be in war. The solution offered by this group is to keep war out of the world, participate in cooperative settlements. A second group, the neutrality or isolationist group, explains that America can stay out of war by telling her citizens to come home, that what happens over there is none of our business. They would invoke the neutrality act and retire to home shores while humanity perishes.

According to the speaker there is a decided movement toward peace, that recent polls show that young men have pledged against participation in any war, that others will fight only in self defense while a smaller number will enter the service without question when war is declared regardless of circumstances.

Farmers Start Deliveries To Peanut Stabilization Houses

New life was added to peanut marketing this week when stabilization warehouses started receiving the crop at a number of points in the belt. Weather conditions interrupted the marketing activities today, but heavy deliveries are expected to the government warehouses just as soon as the weather permits.

Arrangements are being rushed for opening at least one bonded warehouse and possibly a second one in Williamston next Monday. Last minute obstacles prevented the opening of a house here today, but reliable information received here today from officials of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative stated that a house would be

opened in Williamston possibly next Monday.

During the meantime, the open market is weak at 3 to 3 1/8. It is the general belief that market prices will show added strength just as soon as the bonded warehouse starts functioning on a sizeable scale and that prices will advance possibly to 3 1/2 cents.

Thrashing operations in the fields have been interrupted by rains, and the rush to market is expected to slacken its pace. However, reports from those centers where government warehouses have been opened state that thousands of bags were delivered in just a day or two and that unusually heavy deliveries are expected just as soon as the weather clears.

CRIME VACATION

Crime, for the most part, went on a vacation in this county this week. Fewer arrests have been made by county officers this week than in any other like period in several months. Reports from Jailer Roy Peel state that there are only three people in jail at the present time, the number of inmates there being the smallest at any time this year.

Quietness surrounded the justice courts and comparatively few cases were called in the county court this week.

County Woman Dies Tuesday Evening In Williams Township

Victim of Failing Health for Some Time; Suffered Paralysis Stroke

Mrs. Jane Griffin Hopkins, widow of Will Hopkins, died at her home in Williams Township last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. She had been a victim of failing health for some time, her condition becoming critical following a stroke of paralysis suffered several weeks ago. Mrs. Hopkins was the daughter of the late Frank Griffin and wife. She was born in Williams Township 61 years ago and lived in that community all her life. When a young woman she was married to Will Hopkins who died eight or ten years ago. She was a member of the Baptist church. A devoted mother, she reared a large family and held the respect and high esteem of all who knew her. Mrs. Hopkins was thoughtful of others, and always held the welfare of her family above that of her own. She was a good neighbor, and one who was interested in the welfare of everyone.

Nine children survive. Their names are: Herbert, of Hamilton; Mrs. O. S. Green, Mrs. Edgar Davis, Joe, Delmer and Clarence, and Miss Eloise Hopkins, all of Williamston, and Harry Hopkins, of Norfolk, and Miss Minnie Hopkins, of Akron, Ohio. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Harmon Williams, of Roanoke Rapids.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the late home by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the new family plot beside her husband on the home farm.

Production Nets Lions Club Total Of \$104.87

The home talent play and baby popularity contest here this week netted the sponsors \$104.87. The Lions club shared equally the profits with the parent-teacher association, co-sponsors. Mr. D. V. Clayton stated that \$154 was raised in the baby popularity contest, \$71 from the ticket sale and \$38 from advertising, making a total of \$265.

The play was largely attended and little Janice Manning won the baby popularity contest.

Mission Study Class To Be Held Monday

The churches of Williamston will join together in a mission study class, beginning Monday, November 15. The text is "What Is This Moslem World?" by Charles R. Watson. The plan is to meet every Monday at 4 p. m. going from church to church the minister of that church teaching a chapter each time.

The first study class will be held this Monday at the Episcopal church. Each missionary society is responsible for getting its members to attend.

To Check Number Of Unemployed In Nation Next Week

Several Thousand Census Cards To Be Distributed Next Tuesday

Every postal patron over a certain age is scheduled to receive an unemployment report card next Tuesday, and the government, in an effort to gain some idea on the number of unemployed, is urging everyone who is unemployed and able to work, those who are partly employed and want more work, and those on WPA or other emergency relief projects to answer the questions on the card and return it at once. Several thousand of the questionnaires are to be delivered to patrons of the Williamston postoffice, and Postmaster Fowden is anxious that all cooperate in making the census measure up to the expectations of the President who directed the survey in an effort to better tackle the unemployment problem.

Children are not asked to answer the questions, and those patrons who have full-time jobs will find it unnecessary to answer the questions or return the cards.

Current reports maintain that there is a demand here for workers in nearly all the trades. If this is true then there will be very few cards returned locally.

Postmaster Fowden points out that workers at part-time or irregular jobs who are able to do more work and who want more work should answer the questions and return the card even though they have some employment. Housewives and unpaid family workers engaged in domestic duties, and unpaid family workers helping in a family business, or on the family farm should not fill out one of the cards unless they are looking for other work for pay. Full-time students at high school or college ordinarily will not fill out the cards even though they are seeking incidental employment. However, if they are receiving NYA aid, or are looking for full-time work and expect to quit school when they find work, they should fill out and return the questionnaires.

The census, directed by the President, is voluntary, but the cooperation of everyone is asked that it may be successful. The important thing to do is to properly fill in the questions and return the cards not later than Saturday of next week.

Young Child Dies In Poplar Point Section

Little Bell Scott, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Scott died at the home of her parents in Poplar Point Wednesday evening, at 11:30 o'clock, a victim of pneumonia. The child had been sick less than a week.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the home by Rev. J. H. Smith, local Baptist minister. Interment was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

The child is survived besides her parents by three brothers and one sister.

County Veterans Enjoy Celebration In Windsor

No public celebration featured the Armistice Day observance in this county yesterday, but many Martin veterans joined their comrades from Bertie, Hertford and Northampton at Windsor yesterday for a lively day. An interesting program was arranged by the entertaining post.

Maritime Exhibition

An unusual maritime exhibition is being held at the A. C. L. station this afternoon and evening. The special car, reaching here at 1:30 today will be held open until 10 this evening.

Great Need For Public Library In Williamston

Library Extension Worker Speaks to Woman's Club Here

Appearing before the regular meeting of the Woman's Club here Wednesday afternoon, Miss Marjorie T. Beal, of the State Library Extension Service, stressed the need for a public library everywhere and especially in Williamston. The speaker considered the opportunity ripe in starting a public library here, and she considered the prospects bright for making the undertaking a success.

After pointing out the need of public libraries, Miss Beal offered valuable information and suggestions for establishing a library here for use by the general public. She referred to a number of libraries in the State and how they were launched under humble circumstances. The maintenance and operation of public libraries in small communities were reviewed, the facts and figures offered by the speaker clearly indicating that Williamston can open and successfully operate a public library for this community.

The State Library Extension Service, Miss Beal explained, offers the new library every day possible, including the use of several hundred volumes. The Bookmobile service was also explained, the speaker, realizing the great need for library facilities in Williamston and Martin county, quietly urging that the deplorable condition be improved.

Miss Beal stated that no permanent home was necessary in opening a public library, that the collection of books could be started today and that a permanent library could be had later. During the meantime, books would be available to the public. Showing a marked interest in the possibility of starting a public library here, Miss Beal pledged her services in any way possible.

Miss Beal was introduced by Rev. Jno. Goff, and the results of her visit here are eagerly awaited.

The club business meeting was brief, Mrs. R. H. Goodmon presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. E. F. Moseley, who is confined to her home with a cold. Reports were heard, and the club voted to donate a gavel to the 4-H club having the largest attendance upon the district meeting.

Call Nine Cases In County Court Early This Week

Little Attention Is Given At Monday Session By The Public

Handling nine cases, Judge H. O. Peel and Prosecutor Robt. L. Coburn had a comparatively quiet day in the county recorder's court last Monday. The cases were of little consequence and the proceedings attracted little attention from the general public.

Cases handled: Charged with abandonment and non-support, Isaac Keel was directed to pay to the court \$5 a month for his wife during the next six months.

Viola Forrest, tried last Monday for alleged violation of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Act, appealed to the mercy of the court, and Judge Peel gave her case further consideration. The woman was released upon payment of the cost and after serving one week of a 60-day jail sentence. It was the woman's first offense.

The case charging Edward Coffield with violating the Alcoholic Beverages Control act, was not pressed.

Charged with drunken driving, Ralph Carson was fined \$50, taxed with the case cost and had his operator's license revoked for a period of one year.

In the case charging Jesse Manning with trespass and assault with a deadly weapon, the defendant was directed to pay the costs of the case and pay \$7.50 to the court for Joe Andrews.

A nol pros was taken in the case charging L. J. Manning, Napoleon Manning and Charlie Nelson with trespass.

The case charging Ben Cross with bastardy was continued until second Monday in March, 1938, or until child is born.

The case charging Johnnie Holliday with drunken driving was not pressed.

Doctor E. W. Furgurson Accepts Position This Week as Full-Time Health Officer For Martin County

Young County Boy Disappears From Home In Parmele

No Word Has Been Heard From Rocky Mount Man Also Missing

A search in several states has failed so far to reveal the whereabouts of Irving Dixon, 15-year-old lad who disappeared from his home near Parmele a few days ago. Special representatives were sent in search of the runaway youth by his grief-stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dixon, well-known county family. During the meantime a search continues in this and Bertie Counties for J. H. Melton, 29-year-old Rocky Mount man who disappeared from Williamston late last Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Slipping his Sunday clothes out of the house, young Dixon early on Tuesday night of last week borrowed his brother Jay's bicycle supposedly to visit a near-by neighbor. He changed his clothes, leaving his old ones near the home, and peddled to Greenville where he left the wheel at the home of a relative. A note attached to the frame of the bicycle directed that the wheel be returned to the owner. The boy was last heard from at a filling station in Greenville where he refused a ride with a trucker going north. The youngster was more interested in the south and its warm climate.

Two young men are traveling south in search of the boy and appeals have been issued over police radio systems.

The Rocky Mount man who left a Dub's sandwich truck parked on the main street here last Thursday night a week ago was reported seen in Bertie County early this week. Local and other officers from Bertie and members of the State Highway Patrol have conducted a search night and day, but they have not been able to locate him.

Three lads disappeared from a boys' school, near Greensboro, this week, reports over the highway patrol radio system stating that they were believed to be traveling toward California.

ANOTHER WEEK

Williamston's Tobacco Market will close for the season next Friday, November 19, it was officially announced today following a meeting of the tobacco board of trade yesterday.

Although the season's end is near, the market is still handling some good sales, and prices today were considered stronger than at any time during the past few days. "You can expect us to sell the last pile with as much interest and untiring effort as we did the first, and the season will not be over until the last pile is sold next Friday," a warehouseman said today.

Mrs. W. A. Peel Dies In Hamilton Early Yesterday

Death Followed Long Period of Decling Health; 72 Years Old

Mrs. Elizabeth Winberry Peel, member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families, died at her home in Hamilton yesterday morning at 6:55 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Pneumonia, with which she had been ill hardly a week, was assigned as the immediate cause of her death. She was 72 years old.

Mrs. Peel was the daughter of the late W. A. and Martha Martin Winberry. Her mother was one of the founders of the Hamilton Baptist church, and Mrs. Peel was a member there for many years. In young womanhood she was married to W. A. Peel who died fifteen years ago. Mrs. Peel was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was a devoted wife and a loving and thoughtful mother, and enjoyed a large friendship in her community. She was born in the Hamilton community and lived there all her life, taking an active interest in religious activities as long as her health permitted. She was the last member of a family that figured in the early history of this county.

Two sons, Messrs. P. P. Peel, well-known merchant of Williamston, and H. M. Peel, of Hamilton, survive.

Funeral services are being conducted at the late home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Shoe, her pastor, of Robersonville. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Contract Let For New Machinery Firm Building

A contract for the construction of a building for the North Carolina Equipment Company here was let this week to J. W. Caffey and Son, builders, of Raleigh. The construction price was not disclosed.

Construction work is to get underway at once, reports stating that building material has already been ordered. Workmen are clearing the lot on Washington Street where the equipment company will locate its new branch home. Building plans are not known here just at this time but the structure will be about 60 feet wide and 130 feet long, it is understood.

Fire Damages Home In Hamilton Wednesday

Fire starting from a stove in the living room did considerable damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Matthews in Hamilton last Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock. Several pieces of furniture were burned and the fire was eating its way through the floor and walls of the room when Mr. Matthews returned home and discovered it. Mrs. Matthews was at home but had retired, it was reported.

An alarm was sounded and neighbors hastened there in time to confine the fire to the one room. Damage was estimated to run well into the several hundreds of dollars.

Few Are Present For Meeting Wednesday

Only a few farmers were present here Wednesday when representatives of the State Department of Agriculture explained the State seed law and its application to farmers and seed dealers.

Will Be Impossible Inaugurate Service Before February 1

County Board of Health Makes Appointment Wednesday

Dr. E. W. Furgurson, young Louisburg man, was appointed to the position of full-time health officer for Martin county by the county board of health in called meeting here Wednesday afternoon. The action of the board was unanimous and acceptance was made immediately following the appointment. "We are very much impressed with Dr. Furgurson, and we feel he will make us a good man," J. E. Pope, chairman of the board, said in announcing the appointment and acceptance soon after the meeting.

A student now in the United States School of Public Health at Chapel Hill, Dr. Furgurson will not be available before about the middle of January, present plans calling for the inauguration of the service on or about the first of next February.

Preliminary arrangements were made this week for setting up the full-time department, the health officer to name his personnel and the county health authorities to locate offices. It is planned to place the department in Williamston's City Hall. Dr. Furgurson will appoint, subject to the approval of the County Health Board, two white nurses, a sanitary inspector and a secretary. He stated this week that he will be glad to consider any applications forwarded to him at Chapel Hill in care of the School of Public Health there.

Dr. Furgurson, third man appointed to the position since it was created by county authorities early this year, is quite a young man, 26 years old, but he has had extensive training at Wake Forest, Duke and Syracuse. He was an interne at Syracuse and Duke and is now receiving training in public health work in the United States School of Public Health at Chapel Hill. During his period of preparation for medicine, he maintained a splendid record and comes to the new position here highly recommended.

The young man is greatly interested in public health work, and was much encouraged by the cooperation pledged to the undertaking by members of the county board of health.

Explains New Soil Conservation Plan

Thirty or more county and community farm leaders were given detailed instructions in handling the new 1938 soil conservation program by Representative M. L. Barnes at a five-county meeting held in the agricultural building here yesterday.

There are not so many changes in the new soil program, but these changes will be explained to farmers in the several communities of this county at meetings to be held some time during early December. Dates for these meetings will be announced later.

Goals will be assigned farmers, requirements will be stated and the amount of benefit payments will be given each farmer in the county with the understanding that he may cooperate in the program or just ignore it in part, or in its entirety.

P.-T. A. To Meet Next Wednesday Afternoon

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet next Wednesday in the Grammar School building at 3:30 p. m. The president of the association said today she hoped all who have not joined would do so as quickly as possible before the membership contest closes next week. Fathers as well as mothers are eligible for membership.

Holiness Church Plans Meet Here Next Week

Rev. Jerome Hodges, of Goldsboro, will start a series of services in the Pentecostal Holiness church here beginning next Monday, it was announced today. He will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Crocker.