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## Farm Commission Bill Now Greatly Modified

### Measure Completely Redrafted Says Representative Cohoon and Now Embodies Best Thought of State Department of Agriculture and District Agent McCrary

Considerably modified from the form in which it was first drawn, Representative Cohoon's bill creating a Commission of Agriculture for Pasquotank County is now ready to be introduced into the House of Representatives. There is no mention of tick eradication in the bill as now drawn, and the 9 cent poll tax is eliminated.

Representative Cohoon, who was in the city Tuesday, explains that the measure has been delayed by the time taken to redraft it, with the collaboration of officials of the State Department of Agriculture, and also by his own illness with influenza, which kept him under the care of a physician for four days. Not until Saturday evening, just prior to his leaving Raleigh to spend the week-end here, were the finishing touches given to the measure, Mr. Cohoon says.

#### Poll Tax Eliminated

"In fact," Mr. Cohoon continues, "I did not discover until after a conversation with Chairman Burfoot, subsequent to my arrival here on this trip, that the provision for a nine cents poll tax could be eliminated without eliminating the property tax. So this change has been made in the bill since my arrival in Elizabeth City. The three cent property tax will provide funds to pay the farm and home demonstration agents and very little more, but with the funds that we obtain from State and Federal sources I hope there may be enough left to make a beginning toward some of the objects sought by the establishment of the commission.

"It should be noted, however, that this commission is directly under the management of the State Department of Agriculture, and must have the consent of that department before it can function in scarcely any of the powers delegated to it. Practically every power so delegated is delegated with the express provision that it is to be exercised in co-operation with the State Department of Agriculture and subject to the approval of that department."

Mr. Cohoon has worked hard to bring the bill into line with what he believes to be popular sentiment in this County and to eliminate certain features embodied in the original draft of the measure to which objections have reached him. These features, he says, are not practicable in the County at this time and if they are found desirable later they can be secured by incorporating them in the bill in subsequent sessions of the Legislature in the form of amendments. He is anxious that nobody condemn the bill in its present form on account of objection to some provision in the original draft of the measure, and he urges that nobody condemn it without careful reading of the entire text of the bill in the form in which it is to be presented in the House.

#### Cohoon's Magnum Opus

Mr. Cohoon is wrapped up, heart and soul, in the measure and in the hope of getting it through this session of the General Assembly. "This is my last work," he says, "for the farmers of Pasquotank County. If I can see this bill passed and this Commission of Agriculture functioning in Pasquotank County I shall be satisfied. But whether the measure goes through or is defeated, it will mark the end of my work for my County."

The opening sections of the bill are practically identical with those of the original measure. There is no change in the personnel of the Commission, or in the length of term of any member of it. There is, however, a change in the manner of filling vacancies on the Commission as they occur, whether by expiration of a term of office or otherwise. The bill as now drawn provides that the successors of the men named in the act shall be named by the Dean of Agriculture of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering after a meeting, duly advertised, of Pasquotank farmers at which these farmers are to have opportunity to recommend an appointee for any vacancy or vacancies that may exist in the Commission.

As to time, place and frequency of meeting, and as to the organization of the Commission and the pay of its members the bill as drawn is practically identical with the original draft of the measure.

Under the bill as now drawn the Commission retains the right to make such rules, regulations, and ordinances as it may deem necessary for the protection of agriculture within the County. However, these rules are to be laid down on lines approved by the State Department of Agriculture; and, indeed, throughout the measure the Pasquotank Commission of Agriculture, it is made clear, shall work under and at all times in co-operation with the State Department of Agriculture.

#### Sought Meet Objections

Throughout all its sections the general purpose and tenor of the bill remain the same as in the original draft of W. L. Cohoon, but the bill has been entirely redrafted, Mr. Cohoon says, by District Farm Agent O. F. McCrary and by representatives of the State Department of Agriculture

and by himself with a view not only to modifying it to meet local approval but also to bring it into closer relation with the State Department of Agriculture.

So, as in the original draft, the bill provides that the Commission shall take over the work of the Farm and Home Demonstration Agents in the County, but makes it clear that the Commission shall direct the work of these two agents, just as the Board of County Commissioners has done, in co-operation and with the financial aid of the State and Federal departments of agriculture.

Under the bill as now drawn the Commission is given the power to "buy, sell, store, or otherwise deal in and handle agricultural products of every description." This, Mr. Cohoon points out, is nothing more than County Farm Agent Falls has been doing for some time in his buying and selling of farm supplies and farm products by pools. The bill also provides that the Commission shall promote and encourage co-operative buying and selling among farmers in the County and to further its aims in this respect it is given the authority to employ graders, salesmen or buyers; provided that it shall not spend in any one year an amount greater than the revenue derived from the three cents property tax which the bill provides is to be levied to provide funds for the Commission to carry on its work. When it is remembered that the County Home Agent and the County Farm Agent are to be paid their County salary out of these funds it will be seen that the Commission's power to buy and sell will be a very restricted power.

#### Foster County Brand

Under the bill as drawn the Commission is given the power, as under the original draft of the measure, to establish standards of open and closed receptacles for farm products and to promote the marketing of such products meeting requirements as to receptacles, grade and pack under a County brand; but there is nothing in the act making it compulsory on any farmer to comply with the regulations established and no provision as to how the farmer who chooses not to comply with the regulations set forth shall mark or market his products, though of course he would not be permitted to use the County brand.

The bill as drawn retains the provision that the Commission may purchase purebred livestock for the use of the farmers in the County, a vital part of Mr. Cohoon's scheme being to rid the County of scrub stock by providing for the practically free use of purebred sires in breeding. But the activities of the Commission in this direction would be limited by the fact that it could in no year spend more than its income. It is to be noted also that while the commission may purchase such livestock it is not mandatory upon it to do so; and stock would be purchased only as there were funds in hand to justify such purchases.

The employment of a livestock expert to develop dairying with the idea of establishing cooling stations, creameries and creamery routes in the County as soon as practicable, is looked forward to in the act; but while the Commission is given authority to employ this expert it is specifically directed to do so. With the funds in hand, whether such an expert could be employed or not would probably depend largely on the extent to which the County would receive State and Federal aid in paying this expert's salary.

The Commission is authorized to borrow up to \$5,000 in any one year in carrying on its work; but this it is required to pay back out of the revenues for the same year. In other words, the power to borrow is given merely to provide funds until taxes for the year are collected.

This leaves a number of the provisions of the bill unmentioned; but those unmentioned are practically the same as in the original measure except that in many instances the word "may" is used in place of the word "shall" in delegating powers to the Commission.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding the text of the bill is here given in full:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE FOR PASQUOTANK COUNTY.  
The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
Section 1. That there shall be established in and for the County of Pasquotank, a commission of agriculture, to be known as the Pasquotank Commission of Agriculture, and commission to be composed of five citizens of Pasquotank County, and all of said members to be appointed by the present General Assembly, one for a term of two years, two for a term of four years, and two for a term of six years. The said commission of agriculture shall be, and the same is hereby created a body corporate and politic, with a common seal and with the power to sue and be sued.

Sec. 2. That the terms of office of the members of the Pasquotank Commission of Agriculture shall begin on the first Monday in March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three. The first one hundred and twenty days of the term of any member named in this act shall hold office for a term of two years, the second two hundred and sixty days shall hold office for a term of four years, and the third two hundred and sixty days shall hold office for a term of six years, and their successors shall hereafter be selected by the Dean of Agriculture of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Experimentation, and in a manner hereafter provided, and their respective terms of office shall last for a term of six years, and beginning on the first Monday in March following their appointment.  
Sec. 3. That upon the failure of any member of the Pasquotank Commission of Agriculture, now and hereafter named, to qualify, or in the event of the death, resignation, or expiration of term of any member of said Commission of Agriculture said vacancy shall be filled by the Dean of Agriculture of the State College of Agriculture and Experimentation, and beginning on the first Monday in March following their appointment.  
Sec. 4. That upon the failure of any member of the Pasquotank Commission of Agriculture, now and hereafter named, to qualify, or in the event of the death, resignation, or expiration of term of any member of said Commission of Agriculture said vacancy shall be filled by the Dean of Agriculture of the State College of Agriculture and Experimentation, and beginning on the first Monday in March following their appointment.  
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## PLAY MONDAY NIGHT THOROUGH SUCCESS

"Mr. and Mrs. Polly Tidd," the rollicking play given under the auspices of the Young Woman's Club Monday evening at the Alkrama was enjoyed by a full house and pronounced a thorough success.

The play was directed by Miss Nelle Edwards Hargrove of the Wayne P. Sewell Production Company of Atlanta, Ga.

The Young Woman's Club wishes to thank all who helped in any way to make the play a success. When all expenses are paid there will be over a hundred dollars in the treasury of the club, and this fund will be used to increase the strength and usefulness of the organization, which has from the first proved itself an asset to the community.

## ONLY TWO MINERS WERE FOUND ALIVE

Dawson, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Only two of the 122 miners who were in mine number one when the terrific explosion occurred Thursday survived the complete exploration. The known death list today stood at 106 with 12 still lying in tunnels in which they were working when the explosion snuffed out their lives.

## FIRE AT SYRACUSE

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—One person was killed and several are missing, while 20 were injured in the \$1,500,000 fire that destroyed the Baskable Building and Belvedere Hotel here last night.

## Colored Welfare Board Makes Report For Year

Following is the report of the Elizabeth City Colored Social and Charities Board for 1922:

"One year ago in January the Colored Social and Charities Board was organized with the assistance of the superintendent of public welfare and the County Board of Welfare. For our first year's work we have to following report to make:

"Eight public meetings held. Twenty executive meetings held. Food sent to 52 families. Fuel sent to 20 families. Twenty dollars paid towards the operation of a patient in the Community Hospital. Ten dollars worth of medicine paid for. Doctors sent to three people. Twenty pairs of shoes given to needy school children. Nineteen new garments and a large quantity of used but in good condition distributed where needed. An invalid without means given the sum of seventy-five cents a week to help her along until she was able to go to her relatives in another town. Bedding, consisting of sheets, pillow slips, comforts and two mattresses, were provided to make the sick room of five persons more comfortable. Two weeks rent four dollars paid for a woman whose husband was ill in the hospital from an operation for appendicitis. Fifteen baskets of provisions were carried to as many families on Thanksgiving eve. These baskets were made possible by the teachers and students of Shannon street graded school. A number of small boys kept off the road through the efforts of the County welfare officer and our probation officer combined. Owing to the existence of this board, the colored people of Elizabeth City were able to send to the New Bern fire sufferers one hundred and sixty dollars in cash and several boxes of clothing. One case in which we are interested is that of a young man who lost a limb in an accident some years ago. Last year this time he was roaming the streets not knowing what to do with himself. Today he is a student at the S. T. College, Greensboro, and making a splendid record. He writes now that they have furnished him with an artificial limb and that he is growing more used to it every day. It was through the efforts of the County welfare officer that this boy is getting his training furnished by the State and the Colored Welfare Board is helping bear his expenses while he is in school. So far this board has sent him the following:

"One suit clothes, underwear, handkerchiefs, shirts and stamps. His wash bill has also been met by this board.

"During the adenoid-tonsil clinic held here in the spring we furnished, made and served to the colored children who were operated on, ice cream.

"Ten families who were on the charity list last year have been taught to take care of themselves and are now getting on very well. We have been able to help Mrs. Lewis by finding nurses for her when she needs them for the sick.

"Treasurer reports the following:

"Amount collected . . . . .	\$175.48
"Paid out . . . . .	135.36
"Total on hand . . . . .	\$ 40.12"

## TAX COLLECTORS KILLED

Vladivostok, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Seven tax collectors were killed by peasants here yesterday who resented the heavy taxes.

## HAVE YOU A HEART?

Last fall a fire occurred at New Bern and the people of our city showed that they had a heart by their response to an appeal for help. In that we did a noble thing.

But another disaster occurred the latter part of 1922. The city of Smyrna was destroyed by the "unspeakable Turk." No one will ever know how many died in that disaster. The lowest estimate is 75,000.

Eight hundred thousand homeless Christians were set adrift to wander among the hills of their devastated country. Shall we let them die also?

One of the men who saw that awful massacre is Dr. Yonan. He will speak to us at the First Methodist church next Sunday night.

—Near East Relief Committee.

## King George Talks On Ruhr Situation

London, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Ruhr question was stressed by King George today in his address from the throne at the opening session of the fourth parliament of his reign. He declared although the British are unable to concur or participate in Ruhr operations the country was acting in such a way as not to add to the difficulties of the Allies.

## BONDS AT PREMIUM

Washington, N. C., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Three hundred thousand dollars school improvement bonds, voted by the city last fall, have been sold to an Ohio concern at a premium of \$3,180. The bonds will bear an interest of 5 per cent.

## DR. POTEAT TO BE SPEAKER AT MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 13 (Special)—At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Education Association at the Gayese Hotel in this city, Feb. 20 to 22, North Carolina will be represented on the program by Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and also president of the Association, and by Dr. C. E. Brewer, president of Meredith College at Raleigh, N. C. Dr. Poteat will deliver his usual address Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, while Dr. Brewer will speak on the topic: "Student Government." In a general discussion of various student activities. The meeting will be attended by the leading Baptist educators throughout the South and will give itself to a discussion of various problems confronting Baptist schools in the promotion of Christianity and culture.

The Southern Methodist Education Association will be in session in the city at the same time and when the two bodies have completed their respective programs, they will hold a joint meeting for the consideration of matters of common interest.

## EIGHT JURORS SELECTED IN THE POLLARD CASE

Richmond, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Eight tentative jurors were selected up to noon today in the case of Thomas Pollard charged with the murder of his former stenographer, Mrs. Thelma Richardson, and indications were that the second panel of veniremen would be exhausted before the jury is chosen.

## VIOLENT ADVANCES IN THE SUGAR MARKET

New York, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Violent advances took place in the sugar market today, futures jumping a hundred points.

## LOVE GETS \$50

In the case of J. C. Love vs. O. F. Gilbert in Superior Court this week a verdict for the plaintiff awarded him damage to the amount of \$50.

The verdict was a surprise to the defendant and to a considerable number who had followed the case closely and a motion on the part of the defendant to set the verdict aside is expected Wednesday.

The case of Dr. T. S. McMullan vs. Darius White et al was non-suited on motion of the plaintiff.

The case of Jodie Bell vs. W. H. Holland having been settled out of court was stricken from the docket.

## BILL ON PLAYGROUNDS PASSES THIRD READING

Raleigh, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—A legislative investigation of the State Geological Survey was proposed in a resolution introduced in the House by Representative Dillard of Cherokee County today.

The bill empowering municipalities to establish and maintain playgrounds passed the third reading in the Senate.

The resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to allow the enactment of a garnishment law was referred to the House committee on constitutional amendments.

## Town Fined Hundred Million Of Marks

Duesseldorf, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The town of Gelsenkirchen has been fined a hundred million marks to be paid tomorrow in consequence of the incident yesterday between German police and French gendarmes. The burgomaster, chief of police and policemen believed to be guilty of involvement in the affair have been arrested.

Paris, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—A German policeman was killed and two French gendarmes were wounded in yesterday's affair at Gelsenkirchen, says the French official version.

## GAS FROM STOVE KILLS THE FAMILY

Bienfait, Saskatchewan, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Gas escaping from a kitchen stove caused the deaths of Mrs. Annie Erickson, her six years old son, and daughter aged three, here yesterday. The husband found the bodies on his return from work.

## FULMER MEASURE IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Washington, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Fulmer bill proposing to make the use of official Government cotton standards mandatory in both interstate and foreign commerce was ordered favorably reported by the House agricultural committee today.

## NORRIS AMENDMENT NOW GOES TO HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Norris amendment to the Federal constitution eliminating the present session of old Congress after the election of the new Congress and changing the date of inauguration of the President from March fourth to the third Monday in January was today approved by the Senate by a vote of 63 to 6 and now goes to the House.

## BROWN SUBSTITUTE PASSES THE HOUSE

Raleigh, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The House today passed the Senate Brown substitute bill for the Governor's proposed ship line, with one amendment which would provide for printing copies of the special inquiring commission's report and mailing them to members of the General Assembly. Representative Martin of Washington offered the amendment. The bill went back to the Senate for conference.

The Long bill to limit the resale of real estate sold under a mortgage or deed of trust was finally passed by the Senate after an amendment to permit two resales and was sent to the House.

The Senate deferred the final vote on the bill to raise the age of consent to sixteen until it can consider this together with another bill making marriages of persons under sixteen except in certain cases illegal.

Sharp debate on the House resolution for investigation of the State tuberculosis sanitarium started when Senator Armfield of Cabarrus was seated in the House and proposed to withhold appropriations for the sanitarium unless it is investigated. On motion of Mr. Long the Senate deferred action until it learns what the House proposes to do with the Senate resolution changing the management of the sanitarium.

## LAY ASIDE SHIPPING FOR DEBT LEGISLATION

Washington, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—An agreement was reached today by the Senate Republican leaders to lay aside the administration shipping bill tomorrow for consideration of the British debt settlement legislation.

## NEW CATAWBA CHAIRMAN

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—S. Augustus Isenhour, chairman of the Hickory township democratic executive committee, has been elected chairman of the county democratic executive committee, succeeding Charles W. Bagby, who recently resigned.

## NEGRO BURIED ALIVE

Asheville, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Pomp Jenkins, negro, was buried alive under the dirt of a wall that fell yesterday.

## FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

John Ferebee, colored, known as "Haltin' Ferebee," was sentenced to six months on the County roads in police court Tuesday morning for cruelty to animals. Judgment was suspended on condition that the accused is not again found guilty of neglecting his horse.

## INVESTIGATE RIOT

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Investigation of the Rosewood riot of last month was begun Monday.

## INVESTIGATION ORDERED

Washington, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Senate yesterday ordered an investigation of the Veterans Bureau.

## Will Meet Tonight At Community Bldg.

### Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Building & Loan Association To Be Held

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Albemarle Building & Loan Association will be held tonight at the Community Building at seven-thirty.

Among the business matters to come up will be the election of a board of directors. All shareholders in the Building & Loan Association are urged to be present at the meeting.

The Sixteenth Series which opens on March third and which is to be backed by the Chamber of Commerce promises to be by far the most successful of any semi-annual series yet conducted.

The Albemarle Building & Loan Association has not kept pace with other home building enterprises of its nature in the State. It has not received the whole-hearted support that is being given like organizations in cities of the same size as Elizabeth City.

The taking out of block shares by business firms on a large scale is one of the things that will be stressed during this series. Already several Elizabeth City firms have taken out twenty-five and fifty shares each in the name of the firm. These shares are taken out by business houses and listed on the books as assets because it is an acknowledged fact that money thus set aside will stimulate business in every line.

But the greatest possible asset to the Building & Loan Association is whole-hearted co-operation from the city at large. Parents will be urged to have their children take out shares in the Building & Loan Association. The average child can lay aside a small amount weekly, increasing the number of shares as he grows older and thus have solved the problem of home building and at the same time learned the lesson of thrift which is the secret behind the success of every business king in America.

## SISTER KIDNAPPED MAKES HER ESCAPE

Frederick, Md., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Sister Cecilia, teacher at Notre Dame Academy, was kidnapped yesterday, escaped and returned to the academy in a serious condition from flight.

Frederick, Md., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Policemen here and at Baltimore are searching for the mysterious man and woman who are believed to have kidnapped Sister Cecilia from Notre Dame Academy here and to have taken her to Baltimore where she escaped from a house after being held captive several hours and returned to the institution in a dazed condition. According to the sister's story she was struck over the head with a blunt instrument and drugged and Father William Kane, overseer of the convent, said the room from which the nun was taken showed signs of a fierce struggle.

## JOHN BROTHERS DEAD

John Brothers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brothers, of Simons Creek, died Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Great Bridge, Virginia, where he had been attending school.

He contracted pneumonia several weeks ago, but was thought to be improving. His father and mother were with him, but his sister, Mrs. J. B. Venters, had returned to her home here.

## PLANNING TRAINING SCHOOL

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Major Geo. C. Lawranson, cavalry, of Headquarters of the Fourth Corps Area, has just completed a conference with officials at Fort Bragg in regard to plans for the Citizens Military Training Camp to be conducted here from August 1 to August 31 this year. About 1,100 men from North Carolina and adjoining states are expected to attend the camp at Fort Bragg, it was stated. National Guardsmen here last year also are expected to return.

## INVESTIGATE SANATORIUM

Asheville, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The resolution for investigation of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium passed the House unanimously yesterday.

## ESCAPED CONVICT CAPTURED

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—John M. Driggers, escaped convict, was captured yesterday.

## PASSES BONUS BILL

Indianapolis, Feb. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Indiana House has passed a bonus measure for ten dollars per month of service for men and women of the Spanish-American and World Wars.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 13.—Cotton futures closed today at the following bid: March 27.96, May 28.26, July 27.71, October 25.25, December 25.00.

Spot cotton closed quiet at 28.05. New York, Feb. 13.—Cotton futures opened steady today at the following levels: March 27.95, May 28.30, July 27.73, October 25.25, December 25.05.