

FARM RELIEF FIRST PROBLEM OF PRESIDENT

Presented to Him on the
First Day of the Second
Year in His Own Right
as Chief Executive

MAKE OR BREAK

Political Prophets See Con-
siderable Significance in
This Problem and the
Next Election

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, March 6. — It is significant that the very first thing submitted to President Coolidge on the day he began his second year in his own right as Chief Executive was the farm relief program—something that political prophets now are predicting will either break or make the administration in the next several months in the Western States.

Up to now the administration has been able to plead that it was concentrated on the tax reduction bill and that no more could be made which would introduce factionalism in Congress before that measure was out of the way. Now, however, the committee of twenty-two representing most of the farm organizations and the associations from Western States have definitely come to the White House with a program which they will not permit to be sidetracked.

As for the President, he gave the committee no comment for the good reason that he expects the program they submitted in principle to be worked out in detail before he commits the administration to it in any way. The conference held in Des Moines which authorized the committee to come to Washington, went on record in favor of the principles of the Dickinson bill, but since then there has been no agreement on all sides as to what legislation is needed to carry out those principles.

Secretary Jardine, of the agricultural department, is the man on whom the President relies for an opinion as to what legislation should have administration support. The report is many pending in Congress. Some of those innocently in their desire to protect the farmer place burdens on other farmers which would bring down loud protests if enacted. The administration is really waiting to see if the farm groups can agree.

Fundamentally, the secretary of agriculture stands ready to recommend to the president the approval of those measures which attempt to bring about orderly marketing. In other words, what of the committee which visited the White House had to say can be approved in general. The difficulty comes in working out the exact details.

As for a federal farm board to coordinate the activities of cooperative organizations, the administration favors this. It also approves of the idea of stabilizing the export price through orderly marketing but the government itself doesn't want to do the stabilizing. The farm cooperatives also will have to arrange for a system of collecting the tax they expect to impose on farmers generally.

The government is loath to take into its hands the duty of imposing the tax especially if at the same time it declines to have anything to do with fixing the price. Memories of what happened to the officials who fixed the price of wheat during the war still linger in the agricultural department. It is so much a question of judgment that a political administration hesitates to assume responsibility. If the price should be fixed too low and inflation develops that by waiting a little longer, the government agency might have bargained for a higher price there would be, it is felt, a certain reaction against the party and power. Political ammunition was accumulated the last time the government was in the price-fixing business and there is no disposition to repeat the experience.

But some cooperation between the government and those private agencies which attempt to regulate the export price may yet be worked out. The administration is willing but until a satisfactory plan is presented which meets all points of view, the president will not indicate his position. He will do as he can in the case of McNary-Haugan bill, simply wait till both houses of Congress get out. The conflicting views point out price fixing are fully represented in the Senate and House and if a bill does pass it will probably be accepted by the administration because it will be a compromise measure which makes a start at least toward handling the problem of surplus in farm products.

WISHING WELL TO BE
PRESENTED NEXT WEEK
Poplar Branch, March 6.—The wishing well will be presented by the Poplar Branch High School Glee Club on Tuesday night, March 16, under the direction of Miss Geraldine Tubbs, director of music for the public schools of Currituck County.

WELL KNOWN HERE



W. C. Dawson, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will be greeted by many old friends Sunday afternoon at the opening of the County-wide Sunday School Convention at Blackwell Memorial Church.

DAWSON TO HEAD ELKS CLUB HERE

Installation Ceremonies to
be Held First Friday
Night in April

W. C. Dawson was elevated to the post of exalted ruler of Elizabeth City Lodge 856, Elks, Friday night at the annual election of officers, succeeding J. T. McCabe. Mr. McCabe was chosen representative to the grand lodge of the order.

Other officers elected were: W. H. Zoeller, leading knight; Robert M. Jennings, loyal knight; L. L. Winder, Jr., lecturer knight; Robert A. Byrum, filler; Ray S. Toxey, treasurer; and C. B. Wood, secretary. Brad Sanders was named alternate to the grand lodge, and T. P. Nash was re-elected trustee for a three-year term. The other trustees are Dr. J. Fearling and Brad Sanders. The new officers will be installed the first Friday night in April.

The retiring officers are: J. T. McCabe, exalted ruler; W. C. Dawson, leading knight; W. H. Zoeller, loyal knight; C. D. Gallop, lecturer knight; and Robert M. Jennings, filler. Messrs. Toxey and Wood, treasurer and secretary, respectively, were re-elected to their same offices.

A luncheon will be served in connection with the installation ceremonies early in April, it was announced today.

Mr. Dawson, the new exalted ruler, is manager of the Elizabeth City Coca Cola Bottling Works, and is otherwise prominent in the business and social life of the city.

FORD PLAY GIVEN BY NORFOLK GROUP

About 70 Ford dealers, salesmen and others associated with the company's branches in North-eastern Carolina were entertained Friday night at a play, "Selling a Ford Car," given by a cast from the Norfolk branch, headed by W. C. Miller, assistant manager. The play was in six acts, and was presented in the new car assembly room of the Auto & Gas Engine Works, Ford branch here.

Besides Mr. Miller, members of the cast were J. M. Austin, L. E. Broadus, E. D. Bottom, H. J. Quinn and B. W. Spain as property men. The play was received with enthusiasm.

Those present included Ford representatives from Hertford, Edenton, Sunbury, Gatesville, Jarvisburg and other points in this territory. A number of ladies were present as guests of honor. The play was put on with the assistance of C. W. Gaither, manager of the Auto & Gas Engine Works.

CHARTER FOR NEW OIL CORPORATION

Dover, Del., Mar. 6.—A charter was filed with the State Department today for the Tidewater Associated Oil Company, a new corporation, formed out of Tidewater and associated oil companies.

ADMIRAL WAINWRIGHT IS CRITICALLY ILL

Washington, Mar. 6.—Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, retired Navy veteran, is critically ill at the Naval hospital here and is not expected to recover. He was executive officer of the Battleship Maine when it was blown up in Havana harbor.

CONFER THIS MONTH ABOUT DISARMAMENT

Washington, Mar. 6.—The course to be followed by this country in the preliminary disarmament conference called by the League of Nations will be outlined here this month at a conference between Secretary Kellogg, Ambassador Houghton, and Minister Gibson from Geneva.

England Discovers Elizabeth City By Dare Event

Merric England, kingdom famed for its best beef and its learning about Elizabeth City these days, in connection with the celebration to be held on Roanoke Island next August 18 in commemoration of the birth of Virginia Dare. Sir Esme Howard is to be chief speaker of the occasion, and this accounts partly for the interest the United Kingdom is taking in the event.

Articles with reference to the celebration appear in the Western Morning News, published in Plymouth and Exeter, in the issue of February 17, and in the Cornish Echo, published in Falmouth, under date of February 12. Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce here, is a native of Falmouth, and he has copies of these two papers in his office.

Mr. Job declares also that an article with reference to the Virginia Dare event has appeared in the London Times, perhaps the best known newspaper in the world. In all the stories, the name of Elizabeth City appears more or less conspicuously, giving this city probably its first international publicity on a large scale.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES HEARD HERE

Conviction in one and dismissal in the other, were Trial Justice Sawyer's verdicts in two cases in recorder's court Saturday morning, involving alleged failure on the part of M. G. Stanley and W. M. Raper, both residents of the Weaverville community, to comply with the State compulsory school law. This requires that all children between the age of 7 and 14 attend regularly or bring satisfactory excuses for non-attendance.

A similar case against C. W. Lane, of the Bayside section, was dropped when Sheriff Carmine reported that Mr. Lane had died.

Mr. Stanley was charged with having failed to send his son, William, aged 9, to school. He testified that the boy had been sick off and on since the beginning of the term, and stated emphatically that he had not kept out of school to work or for any other reason under a suspended judgment, conditional upon payment of the costs.

Mr. Raper stated that his son, Cecil, had reached the age of 14 on January 15, last, and had not been kept out of school before that date. His testimony was corroborated by the boy's teacher, the Rev. A. H. Outlaw, County Welfare Officer, then produced records indicating that the boy would not go to school until June 9. Judge Sawyer, however, took the word of the boy's father, as to his age, and dropped the action.

Lyman Armstrong, charged with being drunk, was fined \$5 and costs.

LEM TURNER, JR., DEAD

Leon Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Turner, Sr., of Old Trap, Camden County, died at Craig, Colorado, on February 24, after a long illness. A brother, Charlie Turner, who is in business at Craig, was with him at the time. Burial was in Craig.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Lem Pugh, of Old Trap, Mrs. Oscar Knight, of Great Bridge, Virginia, and Mrs. Jason Riggs, of Sandy Hook; and three brothers, Willie Turner, of Camden, Harry Turner, of Old Trap, and Charlie Turner, of Colorado.

FALL OF BRIAND IS CAUSE OF ANXIETY

Geneva, Mar. 6.—The fall of Premier Briand on the eve of negotiations for the reconstruction of the League of Nations, however, caused immense sensation and anxiety here as he is permanent French delegate to the League under appointment from the president of France.

A Paris dispatch today said that M. Briand would only attend the preliminary discussion, returning to Paris Monday.

CLUB GIRLS HOSTESSES TO COUNTY'S TEACHERS

Pasquotank County club girls under the supervision of Miss Marie Albertson, Home Demonstration Agent, gave a dainty luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce quarters Saturday at noon for the County teachers, after the latter had closed their monthly meeting here. The girls served salads, several kinds of sandwiches, and other good things to eat.

POPULAR BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL PICKS DEBATERS

Milford Baum and Bennett Forbes, Maude Newbern and Ray Kinsey constitute the teams which will uphold the affirmative and negative respectively of the query in regard to a statewide property tax to give all the rural schools in the state an eight month term when Poplar Branch High School question with the two other schools in this triangle this year. Alternates chosen: Earl Pike and James Newbern.

Aged Vagabond Flings Venom At Sheriff and Police Chief When Ordered to Quit County

Having discovered that Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County folk are not particularly kind about having him around any longer, Thomas McGee, aged vagabond who drifted into this city several months ago, apparently from the neighbor state to the north, is ready to go back to Old Virginia, he says. His detention in the matter perhaps was influenced by a decree of Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer in recorder's court Saturday morning, which is in effect that unless McGee leaves by 10 o'clock Monday morning, he must spend 30 days in jail.

McGee, a small, bent old man who walks with difficulty by the assistance of a cane, was held into court several months ago, on a charge of cruelty to animals. Judgment in the case was suspended upon the condition that he leave the County at once. He had been camping in the edge of Knobbs Creek swamp, just outside the city, with scanty food and no shelter at all.

The unwelcome visitor didn't travel far under the impetus of that first court judgment. Hitching his horse to his rambunctious wagon, and leading a pair of skinny mules, he made his way through Elizabeth City and as far as the Fair Grounds on the Weaverville Highway. He camped again in the stables there.

Persistent reports to Sheriff Carmine and members of the police force to the effect that McGee was not properly feeding his horse and mules resulted late Friday in his arrest. He spent the night in jail, probably the most comfortable place he has occupied since his arrival here—and was brought into court Saturday morning, again on a charge of cruelty to animals.

As Trial Justice Sawyer imposed his judgment, McGee made many attempts to interrupt him, and was all need with difficulty. Mr. Sawyer declared he had the greatest respect for gray hairs, but that the situation demanded that something be done about the starving team. He directed that papers for McGee's arrest be issued Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and he served upon him if he was still in this vicinity at that time.

Dog Tax Offenders Give Many Excuses

Failure on the part of a number of colored residents of Newland township to pay dog taxes provided the occasion for a visit on their part to recorder's court here Saturday morning. All were dealt with leniently, Trial Justice Sawyer estimating that there wasn't a dog in the lot worth the license and court costs which constitute the minimum penalty, under the law.

John Grandy, charged with not having paid taxes on two dogs, testified that one died and the other was killed, both deaths having occurred within three weeks after he had listed them. "I'd go you 50-50 on that," Judge Sawyer commented, requiring that he pay the license on one dog, together with the court costs.

Tom Frost, charged with similar negligence with regard to two dogs, testified he had gotten together the money for the taxes, but had had to use it for food for his family. He paid taxes and costs also.

James Williams, who had two dogs, declared both died last summer. He was let off with taxes on one, together with the court costs.

C. D. Gallop, also a colored resident of Newland, and not even casually interested in the shoe business, owned one dog only. He said he just hadn't been able to get together the money for the tax. The court let him off with the usual penalty.

Bailey Williams and Holly Griffin, charged with the same offense, failed to appear and the warrants for them were returned to Sheriff Carmine for service.

Thomas Nixon of Hertford, Route Three, was in the city on business Friday.

Court Game Lures Stars



Dazzy Vance, premier hurler of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Bernie Neis, former teammate, are now with the Boston Braves, are here pictured ready for the opening game in a basketball game at Clearwater, Fla. Both have been playing on a professional court team in the south. They think it a great conditioner for baseball work.

TWO UPSETS IN CAGER TOURNEY

Leaksville Defeats Greensboro and Unionville
Raleigh

Raleigh, March 6.—At the close of the second day of the State High School Basketball Tournament in State College gymnasium several teams came out unexpectedly in likely contenders for the final honors.

Leaksville handed Greensboro a surprise, edging out the big city team by a 19 to 17 score in a good game where the passing and floor work of the winners was of high order. This victory gave Leaksville the right to play Unionville in the semi-finals of class A today.

Leaksville Friday the visitors had disposed of Princeton 24 to 6. Wilmington, bringing a small but fastidious into action last night defeated New Bern 23 to 19, by virtue of fast passing and accurate shooting. The half time minutes had piled up points in the second frame, The Harr brothers led the attack with 13 points between them.

Charlotte displayed the best basketball of the evening in downing Greensville 25 to 14 and coming up as a possible final contender. Charlotte is matched with Wilmington this morning for the right to play in the final rounds.

The elimination of Greensboro by Leaksville and Raleigh by Unionville, 17 to 19, were upsets of the evening.

Results of the late afternoon and evening games are as follows: Leaksville 25, Greensville 14; Leaksville 19, Unionville 17; Leaksville 25, Greensville 14; Sanford 13, Lincolnton 12; Friendship 14, Stony Creek 17; Middleburg 17, Stem 16; Wilmington 23, New Bern 19; Unionville 17, Raleigh 19; Unionville 17, Raleigh 19; Farmville 12, West Durham 7; Red Springs 17, Jasper 11; Leaksville 16, Greensboro 13; Lillington 25, Newell 20; Red Oaks 23, Maysville 15; Grantham 14, South River 15; Friendship 39, Middleburg 10; Woodland 21, Stonewall 12; Roanoke Rapids 15, Haw River 9; Lumberton 22, Oxford 12; Sanhill 21, Huntersville 18; Union Grove 19, Laurelsville 8.

Fourteen preliminary games in classes A and B were played here yesterday morning. Results of these games follow: Mint Hill 8, Lenoir 13; Rocky River 7, Jarratt 20; consolidated 23, Chapel Hill, Free Will Baptist Seminary 19; Lincolnton 27, Moham 9; Lumberton 29, Smithfield 8; Charlotte 39, Washington 14; Baden 3, South River 21; Aulcan Springs 9, Red Springs 21; Rich Square 19, Huntersville 13; Henderson 9, Weldon 9; Newell 20, Sunnyside 12; Plymouth 11, Oxford 12; Grantham 18, Cornetown 15; Cedar Rock 12, Stonewall 22.

WEEKSVILLE PICKS TEAMS FOR DEBATE

Weeksville, March 6.—Linabel Lister and Erna Everett constitute the Weeksville affirmative while Annie Marie Jackson and Robert Stanton will uphold the negative for Weeksville High in the State-wide triangular High in this year on the query: Resolved, That North Carolina should levy a State tax on property to support an eight months' school term.

The foregoing four were chosen from seven who participated in the preliminaries for the debate at the Weeksville High auditorium Wednesday night. Gaynelle Raper was placed as alternate in the preliminaries.

It is not yet known what two schools will join Weeksville to make up the triangle that will endeavor to send a winning team to participate in the finals for the Ayeock cup at Chapel Hill on April 18.

VETERAN BALTIMORE NEWSPAPER MAN DIES

Washington, Mar. 6.—Francis Aubrey Richardson, for many years Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, died here today at the age of 89. He aligned himself with the Southern cause at the outbreak of the War Between the States.

COLD WAVE STRIKES NEW ENGLAND TODAY

Boston, Mar. 6.—Northern New Hampshire and Vermont today took the brunt of the cold wave which entered New England from the West. The lowest reading was from Whitefield, New Hampshire, where the mercury was reported 29 degrees below.

HE WAS SAME PERSON —SAYS THE COMMITTEE

Richmond, March 6.—A special committee of the Virginia Senate appointed to determine whether Star Senator Alfred C. Smith of Norfolk was the same person convicted of felonies in South Carolina and at Fort Monroe under the names of C. M. Reynolds and Charles A. Smith, Jr., reported today that he is the same person convicted in each case.

SPEAKS SUNDAY



Rev. Walter Getty, of Richmond, Virginia, director young people's division, Department of Religious Education, Southern Presbyterian Church, speaks at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church Sunday afternoon on "The Challenge of a Big Task."

"Human Fly" Defers Risking His Life Until Today

Disappointment was the portion of that band of hardy grown-ups and children who braved a biting March wind yesterday afternoon in the hope of seeing George Polley, the "human fly," climb the corner of the Kramer Building at Main and McMorris streets. Polley arrived on time, coming in a big Studebaker car, and announced the shivering crowd that he would climb the building today at 4 o'clock instead. There were a number of special seats on the bank topping the skyscraper which surrounds the building.

The mercury was hovering around the freezing point at 5 o'clock, the hour scheduled for the climb. Polley stated very positively that the cold had nothing to do with the postponement. "I'd be plenty warm when I got to the top," he commented. There were some in the crowd, however, who remembered the awfully ended careers of other "human flyers" on days like yesterday; sudden falls from high above ground, which those who claimed to know blamed on numb fingers. And they didn't blame Polley for not "doing his stuff," as advertised.

Polley has been here before, and was recognized readily by many who remembered his exploits in climbing the Carolina Bank Building, then the Hinton Building, and the Y. M. C. A.

With the weather man promising a rise in temperature today, coupled with the usual prospect of large Saturday crowds, it is easy to understand why the "human fly" changed dates.

Seemingly oblivious to the peculiarly searching quality of the breeze which played upon him, Polley was attired in decidedly summery fashion, with white duck trousers and high topped canvas tennis shoes. Addressing the crowd from the slight eminence gained by climbing onto the spare fire of the Studebaker, it was noted that he lost no time in thrusting his spare hand into a trouser pocket. By "spare hand" is meant the one which he did not use in the gestures which accompanied his brief flight into oratory.

As further evidence that, despite his attitude of indifference to the weather, he wasn't entirely comfortable, there were a few in the crowd who noted that within five minutes after he began his address, his knees were knocking together merrily, tending to prove that August garb and March weather do not altogether match, even for the hardier specimens of humanity.

Polley estimated the crowd comprised about 75 grown folks and 200 children—not an imposing aggregation for a man to risk his life before. He promised faithfully to climb the building this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

CONGREGATION GLAD TO GET BACK HOME

"Christ Church was used last Tuesday for worship for the first time since July," says the rector, Rev. G. F. Hill. "It certainly was good to be back there again. The attendance at the Lenten services jumped about 300 per cent. Quite a few had not seen the church since it was so near completion and were most agreeably surprised at the greatly enlarged appearance of the building, and the beauty of the whole place. It is good to be back home. Services will be held in the church Sunday at the regular hours. The public is cordially invited to worship with us."

TOMMY MILTON WILL RETIRE FROM TRUCK

Miami, Mar. 6.—Tommy Milton of Beverly Hills, California, famous automobile racing driver, today announced his retirement from the track.

COSMETICS IN NEED CENSORS SAY MEDICOS

Lipsticks Worst, For as
One Fellow Says, Every
Time He Kisses Girl He
Gets Painter's Colic

REALLY SERIOUS

With No Restrictions What-
ever Manufacturer May
Use Any and All Sorts of
Harmful Ingredients

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, March 6.—A national crusade to bring cosmetics within the purview of the Federal pure food and drug act is being strongly urged by certain members of the medical profession who have taken time to study the question.

Some of the products which women use so freely today to "make themselves beautiful" are pure enough, and more or less harmless, but there is absolutely no restriction placed upon the manufacturers as to the use of deleterious minerals, dyes and actual poisons. When it is considered that some of the cosmetics are liberally used on the lips of women, young and old, the opportunity for endangering the health of these well-lipsticked ladies is only too apparent.

Perhaps the men are becoming aroused over the lipstick more than any other article of lady's somewhat complex modern toilette because men have greater contact with the lip cosmetics and there may be more truth than fiction in the claim of one young man that every time he kisses a girl nowadays he was attacked with painter's colic.

The medical profession and the medical journals are taking the situation seriously. They do not condemn all the preparations on the market. Far from it. They know it would be of no avail. The women of the world have become hopelessly addicted to the use of cosmetics and are so pleased with the results that they would not think of giving them up, no matter what the hazard involved in their continued and elaborate use.

The doctors contend that the good preparations have nothing to fear from proper medical supervision, while the bad preparations should either be driven from the market or in any event conspicuously labeled as to their deleterious contents.

Dr. S. Dana Hubbard of New York is one of the leaders in the pure cosmetic crusade. Dr. Hubbard insists that the privileges enjoyed by these proprietary preparations are many times actually unjustified.

"Sufficient emphasis has not been placed on the composition of cosmetics and the dermatoses which many of them provoke," he says. "Many so-called eczemas of women and young girls, if carefully investigated, will be found to be cases of dermatitis venenata, or artificially created inflammation of the skin. The anilin dye used in bizarre facial deocalomants is known to be a positive and dangerous dermatological agent."

The doctors are particularly vicious against hair dyes and claim that virtually all of them make use of the jaw-breaking chemical known as Paraphenylenediamine, which is poison.

"Carbolic acid says Dr. Hubbard, is often used to remove wrinkles. Ammoniated mercury and bichloride of mercury are often used in cosmetic preparations and no more virulent poisons exist. Legislation is needed to prohibit the use of anilin dye in cosmetic preparations, paraphenylenediamine in hair dyes and mercury in freckle and wrinkle removers. Lead is a known poison, yet it is often added to give body and holding properties to face powder. Bismuth is found in many so-called liquid powders. Here we also find anilin used when it is desired to make a bizarre tint."

The lipstick already has already claimed in death some of its victims. We find these highly colored affairs are lined with anilin. In general it may be said to assert that all dyes of chemical nature do some damage to the hair and skin.

It may seem out of place to discuss here the esthetic side of this problem, but we are reliably informed that in this country there are annually used some 20,000,000 packages of rouge, which in the main is harmless but the element of danger in the balance of these preparations, especially those using anilin in composition.

Cosmetics containing chemicals of any character should be included in amendments to our pure food and drug law. The fact is undeniable that there are many dangerous drugs contained in a great many of the modern beauty preparations which are being frequently sold as quite harmless and safe preparations.