

### LANDLORDS NOT TO BLAME FOR TENANT PLIGHT

#### Share Tenants Economic Situation Is Farm from Being Satisfactory

The attempt to fix the blame on the landlords for share croppers and share tenants having to receive federal aid and state aid is rather far-fetched in the opinion of Dr. G. W. Forrester, head of the department of Agricultural Economics at State College.

Dr. Forrester has studied the situation in rather full detail and while he admits that the share tenant's economic situation is far from satisfactory and probably always has been, still his income fluctuated with the changes in income from agriculture.

"When agriculture was in a fairly prosperous condition, the share cropper and share tenant participated with the landlords in these prosperous conditions," Dr. Forrester said. "Perhaps tenants did not share to the full extent that they should have, but they participated. In 1928, we studied 230 share tenants in eastern Carolina and that year, the cropper's share of the cash receipts was \$1,030. After deducting his share of the farm expenses including the high interest rates for capital advanced, his net return averaged \$766. The value of the labor of his family was estimated to be worth \$271 which left him a wage of \$495."

Dr. Forrester points out also that the tenant secured some \$170 worth of food, fuel and the like from the owner's farm. In that year, cotton and tobacco sold for an average of about 18 cents a pound.

Then came the slump and the income of both landlords and tenants shrunk due to the rapidly lowering prices of all farm products. The large part of the difficulty was the failure of industry to pay adequate prices for farm products. This was seen in the case of tobacco. While the price of tobacco was declining 71 percent, the net income of the three big tobacco manufacturing companies advanced from over 49 million dollars to about 106 million dollars, Forrester said.

### PENSIONS FOR AGED TALKED

#### Expect Subject To Be Live Issue At Next Session Of Legislature

Washington, June 3.—Old age pensions, a subject never seriously considered by a North Carolina legislature, will probably be a live topic in the General Assembly of 1935.

The reason lies in pending Federal legislation, which while doomed to failure in this session of Congress, has every prospect of favorable action at the next session.

### SALES TAX TO BE LEADING ISSUE IN NEXT ASSEMBLY

#### Proponents and "Antis" Are Claiming Majorities in 1935 Legislature

Hardly before the primary returns were tabulated this morning proponents and opponents of the sales tax were claiming majorities in the house of representatives. Reports state that there will be many new members in the house this coming term, but their stand on the sales tax remains to be determined in many cases.

The sales tax was a vital issue in political campaigns for membership in the 1935 General Assembly in many sections of the state, and many of the contests were settled with that as the chief factor of selection. The exact complexion of the next General Assembly as regards the sales tax is not yet definitely known, but Willard Dowell, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and a leading foe of the levy, has predicted that the anti-sales tax group would predominate in the law-making body next term.

The sales tax issue was not heard in this county, the Democratic candidate, H. G. Horton, for the House, being nominated without opposition, and three of the candidates for the Senate centering their campaigns in other districts, where they are said to have more or less successfully evaded the issue. The only senatorial candidate to take a definite stand against the sales tax was defeated.

While he isn't at all wedded to the sales tax, Hugh G. Horton, Democratic nominee for the House of Representatives from this county, said if such a levy was necessary to maintain the credit of the state and keep the schools open he would not hesitate to vote for a sales tax. If there was any possible way to raise revenue other than by a sales tax, he would vote against it, Mr. Horton said, when questioned on the matter yesterday.

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### INCREASE SEEN IN LEAF STOCK NOW ON HAND

#### Flue-Cured Stocks Larger 104,645,000 Pounds Report Shows

Stocks of leaf tobacco in the United States owned by dealers and manufacturers amounted to 2,441,454,000 pounds on April 1, 1934, compared with 2,277,904,000 pounds on April 1, 1933. This is an increase in the total stocks of 163,550,000 pounds over the stocks of a year ago April 1. From January 1, 1934, to April 1, 1934, total stocks increased 259,112,000 pounds. The increase during the same period of 1933, namely January 1, 1933, to April 1, 1933, amounted to only 133,171,000 pounds.

Stocks of flue-cured tobacco on hand April 1, 1934, were 784,925,000 pounds, compared with 680,280,000 pounds on April 1, 1933, an increase of 104,645,000 pounds over the holdings of a year ago. During the first quarter of 1934 flue-cured stocks decreased 73,199,000 pounds, compared with a decrease of 89,217,000 pounds during the first quarter of 1933. Stocks of Type 11 on April 1, 1934, were reported at 339,028,000 pounds; type 12 as 266,234,000 pounds; type 13 as 128,670,000 pounds; and type 14 as 50,993,000 pounds.

### WANT CONGRESS TO QUIT JUNE 9

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Although some delay may be encountered that will deter adjournment to around June 15, Senators and Representatives alike are anxious to leave the legislative scene and return home for primary election campaigns.

They felt somewhat encouraged today over the outlook since differences between the two branches on the highly controversial stock market regulation and air mail bills have been composed in conference and the House is prepared to act on the new silver monetary measure.

The Senate expects to pass the much-debated reciprocal tariff measure late in the week in time to turn to the silver bill, but if the administration insists upon enactment of proposals, including the Wagner labor bill, delays may be encountered.

### CHEVROLET BUSINESS UP

#### 43,311 Units Are Delivered During First Twenty Days of May

Detroit.—Chevrolet dealers delivered 43,311 units during the first 20 days of May, according to William E. Holler, general sales manager of Chevrolet Motor Company.

Retail deliveries during the year to May 20 totaled 324,344 against 223,857 units for the same period of 1933, 145 per cent of the same time last year.

Retail deliveries of commercial cars and trucks continued to gain. Dealers delivered 7,943 commercial units during this 20-day period against 5,470 for the same period a year ago.

"Because of the tremendous public demand for the new 1934 model knee-action cars, production has not yet been able to keep pace with sales requirements," said Mr. Holler. "The May 20 report shows that Chevrolet dealers have on hand 30,000 unfilled orders for knee-action models. This, together with the sales activities of the dealers, assures a very satisfactory last 10-day period in May.

"Unquestionably, fully enclosed knee action, shock-proof steering, cable controlled brakes, 80-horsepower engine, and Fisher body have definitely met with public acceptance and have established an outlook for increased activity during the summer months."

### Farmers Like Corn-Hog Contract Provisions

Gates, Hertford, and Hyde County farmers have been enthusiastic about the corn-hog contracts, since the payments made on the hogs by which they reduce production are more than the anticipated profit on the hogs they are to raise.

000 pounds. The details report by groups of grades shows about the same relative proportion of tobacco in the various groups.

## Home and Club News

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

Mrs. H. D. Peele led the curb market in sales for last Saturday by selling \$8.55 worth of produce. The curb market sales for the month of May amounted to \$108.74. Practically all of this went back to the town merchants for groceries, etc.

Mrs. Joe Browning had huckleberries on the market last Saturday, the first to be sold this season. Rather early, isn't it?

The Creswell club has a movement on foot to buy silver to serve farmers' dinners, etc. This will not be used for club suppers only, but will be considered community silver. The club gave a silver tea on May 18 to start a fund for this. Over three dollars were made. Look out for something later from them.

Mrs. Jim F. Davis, from the Lake Farm Club, is the first woman in the county to buy a steam pressure for canning this season. Isn't this fine?

The women of the Lake Farm Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy Davenport. The meeting was opened and presided over by the president. Since the secretary could not be present, her daughter acted as secretary.

The demonstration for the afternoon, which was given by Miss Patterson, the home agent, dealt with "Grooming."

After the demonstration, games were played and club songs sung. During the social hour coconut candy was served by the hostesses.

A large crowd was in attendance, and two new members added.

Mrs. Sherrod Clifton received the prize, a dozen quart jars, for the best work done in the kitchen campaign. Mrs. Pennie Vanhorn won the garden prize for May, a dish pan. Mrs. Latham Smith received the prize for the best work done in housekeeping. There were others who did splendid work and gave these women some work to get ahead of them.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the county council of home demonstration clubs, had an article in The Progressive Farmer this month. See page 20.

### HIGH SPEED TIRE BY FIRESTONE

According to Williamston Motor Co., local Firestone dealers, the new Firestone high speed tire for 1934 is the last word in tire construction—it is the greatest tire Firestone ever built.

"In no product today is there wider performance difference than in the various makes of tires at high speeds," it was said. "No other product is more vital for safety of motorists. The 500-mile race of past years at the Indianapolis Speedway was recognized as a race of tires. To keep the tread on the body of the tire was the greatest problem due to the terrific strain and the heat generated by internal friction at high speeds. Gum-dipping was the answer of Firestone engineers.

"In the recent series of stock car and road races in California, Firestone tires have always been on the winning cars. They are the same kind of tires the motorist purchases from his local dealer. All the great racing drivers are familiar with occasions when a driver using another make of tires had to slow up or stop at the pits for a tire change on account of tread separation. The thicker the tread the more heat it holds in the tire—unless the body construction guards against internal friction heat.

"Gum-dipping the high stretch cords gives the adhesion which welds the tire into one strong unit. This made it possible for Firestone to develop the first successful balloon tire in 1923, and has made possible other developments which have brought leadership based on performance. With the amazing advancement of tire safety and mileage, Firestone has always sought efficient production so that the motorist would pay no premium."

Of Interest to Colored People

A revival is expected to start in the St. Mary's Colored Christian church at Cherry on or about the first week in August. Special music will be a feature. Preaching will be done by the pastor, Rev. Noah Boston, of Martin County. He preaches at this large church every first Sunday. A. T. Baum is the head deacon.

Funeral services were held at the church Sunday for Charity Collins, 60, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., last week. Interment took place in the St. Mary's Christian church cemetery. Rev. Noah Boston officiated.



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### Notice to Voters of Washington County

I want to thank you very much for the support that you gave me in the Democratic primary June 2. Also I will greatly appreciate your further support in the second primary to be held June 30.

## E. G. ARPS

### To the Democratic Voters of Washington County

I am a candidate for Representative in the General Assembly in a Primary Election to be held June 30, 1934. In the First Primary I received the second highest number of votes, Harry Stell having received the highest number, his margin over me being only a little over ten per cent of the votes cast. I feel that those who voted for J. C. Gatlin should now have an opportunity to choose between me and Mr. Stell. I also feel that there are issues which have not been made clear to the people, and which should have a great bearing on the result in this contest. I shall soon make a further statement making these issues clear.

I am told that Mr. Stell contends that an agreement was entered into not to call a Second Primary, and that the high man in the first Primary should be the nominee. I emphatically deny that any agreement was ever entered into. It was discussed separately by the candidates, but Mr. Stell, Mr. Gatlin, and I were never all present together during the whole campaign, and certainly never made such an agreement.

Fellow Democrats, great issues are at stake. I solicit your support, and ask all of you to reserve your vote without pledging to Mr. Stell until I can see you, and until I can have opportunity to publicly declare on the issues at stake.

## Edward L. Owens

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