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GIVE OUTLINE OF LENDING AGENCY GENERAL POLICY

Aims of Production Credit Association Briefly Reviewed

By J. E. HULL
Secretary - Treasurer of Washington Production Credit Association

For years farmers have been in need of a permanent and dependable source of short-term production credit that could be available at a low rate of interest. Several systems have been tried and found wanting, either in that they proved fatal to the lending agency or that they failed to serve all the farmers who needed and were worthy of this kind of credit. Along with our present "new deal" came the establishment of the Farm Credit Administration in June, 1933. One of its chief duties was to furnish production credit for short terms to all kinds of agricultural producers, on a safe and permanent basis. The district production credit corporations were established to handle this type of farm finance. The corporations further divided their territories into smaller territories, from one to seven counties, and set up what has become known as Production Credit Associations. The local association is composed of five counties, namely Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, with its central office at Washington, N. C.

Through this local association is handled all the applications for short-term credit in all agricultural and livestock industries. This past year the local association loaned \$126,727 to all types of agricultural and livestock producers, with the exception of purely commercial poultry and range cattle feeder loans. This amount was about one-fifth of the amount that is normally expected to be loaned in the future. The usefulness and permanence of the association will depend, however, upon the extension of credit on a sound basis. For that reason the requirements for this year have been very exacting.

It is true that the local association is a real part of the Farm Credit Administration. Many have the mistaken idea, however, that the money that the farmer receives in the way of a loan comes from the United States Treasury. The money loaned is obtained by rediscounting farmers' and stockmen's notes with the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which depend for loanable funds primarily upon the sale of their debentures to the investing public. If the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks are to continue to make funds available to farmers and stockmen at low rates of interest, it is essential that the security behind such debentures be sound and that the loans be of a self-liquidating character, in order that the debentures may be sold on favorable terms.

That is the main reason farmers are required to give a crop lien and chattel mortgage on all the crops which they grow and all the chattel property which they own. By this security being pledged the associations were able to grant loans after May 15 at 5 per cent, in place of the 6 per cent which they started with at the beginning of the season.

The other main reason for security being required is that the associations, as pointed out earlier, are to be of a permanent nature. To be permanent a financial institution must be successful in a loaning institution must be backed with adequate security of all its notes, in case anticipated incomes fail to materialize.

Ladies' Aid Society of Creswell Holds Meet

Creswell.—The ladies' aid society met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Haire Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. Scripture lesson and prayer were by Rev. M. L. Jernigan, pastor of the church. Dues collected amounted to \$1.90. Seven members were present. It was found that there were 69 birthday pennies on hand.

Delegates were appointed to the various auxiliary conventions. The October meeting will be at the home of Miss Martha Phelps. Fruit cocktail was served. Mrs. D. H. Furlough is corresponding secretary of this organization.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Corn and hog contract signers should keep a record of all hog sales and the name and address of the buyer. This information will be called for before all the payments are made.

Tobacco sales cards may be purchased at 5 cents per pound at the County Office by contract signers. These will be ordered from Raleigh. Give us the number of pounds needed, and we will secure cards for same.

Do not permit tobacco to be sold on your sales card unless properly endorsed at the county office to the seller.

Cotton exemption certificates will probably be here by the first of next week. Notices will be sent out on arrival. Growers who sell seed cotton must get certificates stamped at the county office before they can be torn out of the book. Otherwise detached coupons will not be accepted.

Twelve cents will be loaned by the Government on cotton this year. It will be handled the same as the 10-cent loan in 1933. A twelve-cent loan will help the cotton price. Plans are under way for storing cotton in Plymouth. The bank here will be glad to handle the paper for us.

No tobacco farmer in this county will tell you that the tobacco acreage reduction campaign has not been of inestimable value. So with cotton, corn, and hogs, and later peanuts. Now a few are considering ways to get around this agreement so as to plant a greater acreage next year. Some say, "My wife's farm was not included in that contract," or "What is to prevent my boy from renting that adjoining 10 acres for tobacco?" Failure to comply with a reduction contract cancels the contract, calls for a return of all payments to the Government and allows no exemption.

Let's not kill the goose that lays the golden egg, nor break faith with our neighbor—and our Government.

METHODISTS TO BEGIN REVIVAL SEPTEMBER 26

Pastor Says Meeting Will Be Made Homecoming Occasion

"A series of revival meetings will begin at the Methodist church in Plymouth next Wednesday night, September 26, and a very cordial invitation is extended to the people of Plymouth to attend these services," announced Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor, today.

"I am taking this as a means of impressing upon the Methodist people of Plymouth that we are going to make this meeting a home coming occasion. I mean by this homecoming that the church wants and expects every Methodist in Plymouth to attend the meeting—come to your church home."

"The meeting will be conducted by the congregation with Zeb Vance Norman leading the singing and the pastor leading in other parts of the service. We most cordially invite and request your presence and cooperation in this meeting," concluded Mr. Grant.

Orthopedic Clinic To Be Held in Tarboro

The Tarboro Rotary Club will hold its orthopedic clinic in the Presbyterian Sunday schools, Tarboro, on Monday, September 24, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. The clinic will again be conducted by Dr. A. R. Shands, of Duke University, and he will be assisted by members of the Tarboro Rotary Club and the Rotary Anns. This clinic was organized in June of this year, and meets on Monday before the last Tuesday in each month. For the three months it has been in operation it has average more than 50 patients per clinic.

The club is anxious for all indigent cripples in the counties of Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Bertie, Northampton, Hertford, Halifax, and Edgecombe counties, without regard to color, creed, or age, to avail themselves of this opportunity, and requests all physicians, welfare departments, civic clubs, and others who may know of cases needing orthopedic attention to see that they are notified and provided with the transportation facilities to attend the clinic on September 24.

Yadkin County Cow Sets New Production Records

A pure bred Guernsey cow, Hartzell's Gertrude's Verrose, owned by M. F. Shore, of Yadkin County, has just made a new State record by producing 945.6 pounds of butterfat and 16,078.5 pounds of milk in one year and becomes the new State Guernsey champion in class "A".

COUNTY BUYS IN PROPERTY SOLD AT TAX AUCTION

Few Property Owners Have Redeemed Tax Liens Held by County

Only a very few have been successful in redeeming their property which was sold at the Washington County courthouse door in Plymouth on the first Monday in September, for 1933 delinquent taxes, it was learned today from J. C. Swain, accountant.

Practically all of the property was purchased by the county at the sale. Two small lots were bid in by Ronald Gaylord, an attorney for a couple of colored clients. The exact amount of these was not learned, but they were very small.

Unless redemption is made of the real estate the county or other purchaser will have the right of foreclosure of sale by a civil action after the expiration of one year from September 3, 1934.

On the first Monday property was sold for \$63,354.80, due by 1,151 taxpayers. Some, of course, had one or more tracts of land in their possession. Plymouth Township led all the others in unpaid taxes at the time of the sale, but this might not be so at the present.

Sheriff J. K. Reid and Mr. Swain are of the opinion that taxes from now on will be paid more regularly and more promptly. Tobacco is selling at an average of over 25 cents a pound, while cotton has climbed to 12 cents and peanuts are expected to be 3 or 4 cents a pound by marketing time.

In fact, just before and after the tax sale money from tobacco growers began to come into the county from taxpayers. Next will be cotton in October and November. Peanuts will be on the market about this time also.

No comparative figures were available, but it was agreed that the amount received for taxes this year at this time exceeds that of the same month in 1933.

Suits are being instituted for the foreclosure and final sale of property under tax liens held for the year of 1930 and 1931, and under the law these suits will be advertised in October for sale on the first Monday in November. Mr. Swain urges all who are delinquent on these taxes to pay them so they will not lose their homes.

RECORDER HAD NUMBER CASES

Minor Offenses Make Up Docket in County Court Last Tuesday

Below are the proceedings of recorder's court for Tuesday with J. W. Darden presiding:

Joe Will Norman, 38, colored, charged with destroying dishes and glasses belonging to Bessie Norman and with assaulting her while drunk on September 15. Not guilty verdict.

Ladie Rascoe, 47, colored, cursing and acting the part of a nuisance in Plymouth on September 16. Three months sentence on road suspended upon good behavior with the officers having the privilege of making the sentence effective if she violates the good behavior requirement.

Elwin Camp, 23, colored, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and assaulting Theodore Downing with a razor on September 16; given two months on the roads.

A. R. Patrick, Robert Burnett, Geo. Simpson, William Webb, charged with taking three saws, six axes, two cant hooks and two pumps from Thomas Cooper, value being less than \$20. Misdemeanor and case continued until September 25. Henry Green is arraigned also on a similar charge in a separate warrant connected with this case.

Jeff Swain, 19, colored, charged with attempting to rob and also with assaulting Anne Miller in August, 1934. Dismissed for lack of evidence.

Theodore Downing, colored, given two months for assaulting and threatening the life of Elwin Camp and for possession of liquor. The affair was said to have happened on September 16.

Creswell Citizens Suffer Minor Injuries in Wreck

Creswell.—Minor injuries were suffered by the occupants of an automobile driven by O. D. Hatfield, local merchant, just as the vehicle had crossed the Virginia line en route to New York City.

The accident occurred last week when the car swerved from its path while rounding a curve. Mrs. Hatfield suffered a fractured arm, a dislocated shoulder, and minor cuts.

Others in the car beside Mr. Hatfield, who received minor cuts and bruises were their two daughters, Mrs. Hal Reynolds and Miss Louise Hatfield; one son, Billy; and Mrs. Sam Woodley.

Can't Find Doctor—So Undertaker Binds Injury

It would seem that W. E. (Jack) Weede thinks the second choice to a physician is an undertaker.

Last week Mr. Weede with Rev. R. R. Grant and others, was fishing in the bay at Swan Quarter. While reeling in a denizen of the deep the rod slipped from the hand of Mr. Grant and hit Weede on the forehead over an eye. The blow stunned the victim.

Mr. Grant became uneasy and rushed Mr. Weede to Swan Quarter, where they found the doctor was absent, and so a nearby undertaker bandaged the wound. He is in good condition now.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP TO MEET SEPTEMBER 23

Meeting Will Be Held At the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

The Plymouth Township Sunday School Association will hold its convention at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on the Long Acre Road at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon on the fourth Sunday, September 23, it was announced today by Mrs. W. H. Harrison, secretary.

The principal address of the afternoon is scheduled to be made by W. L. Whitley, local attorney and well-known church speaker. Included in the program also is a speech by W. F. Winslow, superintendent of the Grace Episcopal Sunday School.

It is hoped that Mayor Gilbert Davis can be present and lead the devotional service. J. Richard Carr, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, will sing some special numbers. Rev. Richard Lucas is expected to pronounce the benediction.

In addition to the special music by Mr. Carr there will be a duet by two small girls and selections by a male quartet of the Union Chapel Church. There will be five minute talks from representatives of the following Sunday schools: Union Chapel, Christian Hope, Mt. Olive F. W. B. Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Episcopal.

Business matters that are to be taken up include the meeting dates for next fiscal year, the election of officers, checking reports of the Sunday schools and kindred activities.

The officials of the convention and others urge everyone possible to attend. Routine activities will be dispensed in such haste that it is thought the convention will last less than two hours.

Mrs. Harrison especially urges the adults and children to attend that go to Sunday school any where and the officers of the various Sunday schools will find interesting information.

15-Year-Old Chapel Hill Boy Taken To Hospital

Frank Garrett, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Garrett, of the Chapel Hill community near Plymouth was taken to the Tayloe Hospital in Washington Monday for treatment of a very serious ailment.

While at play the lad bruised his right shoulder at the top. The injury became serious enough so that it flooded his system with infection. His condition became so grave that he was moved to a hospital. His blood supply has been low, thus causing him to be much weaker.

Monday at the hospital, out of a dozen offering their blood for him only that of his mother and Miss Rachel Allen would match. He is still in a serious condition, but he is thought to be improving slowly.

Recommend Fertilizers For Winter Hay Crops

For growing winter hay crops in this section of the State, 400 pounds of an 4-8-4 fertilizer is recommended. These fertilizers may be supplemented with a top dressing of from 50 to 100 pounds of quick acting nitrogenous fertilizer such as nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia applied about the first of March. A good coat of stable manure may be applied during the fall and winter instead of the commercial fertilizer and will give good results.

Catawba Farmers Secured Four Cuttings of Alfalfa

Catawba County farmers cut less peds hay this season from the tallest growth ever recorded in the county. They also secured four cuttings from their alfalfa fields.

Profitable To Inoculate Austrian Winter Peas

Austrian winter peas make better growth where the seed are inoculated and the soil is given an application of ground limestone.

ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS OVER 500 DAILY

Congested Conditions Prevail; Organization of Clubs Under Way

With an enrollment of 523 white pupils in the Plymouth schools and an average attendance of near 500 pupils for the first two weeks, the schools are somewhat congested. However, seats have been added to accommodate students.

The fourth grade has an enrollment of 62 pupils with just one teacher. The best instruction could not be expected in such a situation, and the only remedy would be the granting by the state of an additional teacher.

At the high school the organization of clubs is well under way, with a band of 12 members, under the direction of Mr. McDonald already practicing, and a glee club, headed by Miss Lucille Parker and Mrs. Laura Johnson, ready to begin work. Plans are being made for Boy Scouts and a dramatic club, which will be the next organized, according to the principal.

The seventh grade is beginning its work on a circus, which will be presented soon in the gymnasium. All animals are going to be constructed by the boys and girls of that room.

The lower grades, too, are planning operettas to raise money for the purchase of basal texts which the teachers hope to place in all primary grades this year.

If the school patrons back these projects sufficiently, it will possibly mean quite a saving for the parents, who would otherwise be called upon to buy these books outright. The state department is very urgent in its demand that state-adopted books be used, which, due to the depression, has not been done in the local schools.

RAILROAD PAYS \$50 DAMAGES TO BALL PLAYERS

Near Accident Believed To Have Caused Locals To Lose Place In League

Blame for Plymouth's failure to annex the second-half title in the Albatross League may be placed on the shoulders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and they be asked to pay for their obstructions in solid cash.

Manager P. W. Brown of the club feels that now the railroad company has admitted that it was careless in guarding a crossing in Williamston on July 19, when Preston Chappel and Umpire Frazier were injured in leaping from a car apparently headed into the train, as the company has paid damages to the young men.

Chappell, shortstop and second base-man, injured a foot and Frazier suffered minor injuries. A representative from the railroad company was in Plymouth this week and handed to the boys \$50 each and the fees for the plaintiffs' attorneys.

The near serious accident occurred at a blind crossing in Williamston while the players were en route to Edenton. They dropped the afternoon contest on that day after nine straight victories. Manager Brown thinks that the accident to Chappell robbed him of a very valuable player for about two weeks when his need was greatest.

In view of the fact that the club concluded the season with a \$600 deficit some the fans feel that some money to apply on this could be secured from the railroad company and help wipe out these debts.

Roper Mission Society Holds Meeting Monday

Roper.—Mesdames J. E. Singleton and B. B. Spencer entertained the Roper Circuit Missionary Society on Monday at the home of the former. "Deaconesses in Rural Communities" was the topic for the month. Comments on the topic were made by Mrs. C. L. Walker.

Mesdames A. R. Hooker and F. D. Wilson read of some active experiences of deaconesses in mining communities. Mrs. Jack McAllister read a paper on "Christian Stewardship." Also plans were made for a Halloween party.

Missionary study and cottage prayer meeting will be held Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 2 o'clock at the homes of Mesdames Jack McAllister and F. D. Wilson, respectively.

Macon County Farmers Make Inspection Tours

Eighty automobiles filled with farmers and other business men made a tour of Macon County farms last week to study the improved practices being promoted by the farm agent.

TOWN TAX RATE

The 1934 tax rate for the town of Plymouth will be \$1.80 on the \$100, as was the rate last year. This rate is divided into two divisions, that of general expense, used in keeping up the town, which is 90 cents, and debt service, also 90 cents.

An audit is being made of the books at the present. As soon as this is completed, Clerk M. W. Spruill will release to the press full statistics of the budget and other financial facts.

REEMPLOYMENT OFFICE CLOSED LAST SATURDAY

Manager Ausbon Reviews Work Done By Office In This District

Effective Saturday, September 15th, the local office of the National Reemployment Service was closed due to the need of further drastic reduction of personnel in the service throughout the State. On April 12th the first reduction took effect which made Plymouth the district headquarters for Washington, Martin, Bertie and Tyrrell Counties. This last reduction will make Edenton district headquarters for twelve counties of which Washington will be a part, and Mr. Floyd I. White, of Edenton, will be district manager. The service will be rendered all unemployed from this county through Mr. White, who will be glad to cooperate with them in any manner possible.

This office was opened November 27th, 1933, with Mr. Luther R. Ausbon as manager, Mr. Fred Blount as interviewer, and Mrs. Mamie V. Blount as clerk and stenographer. During its existence there have been 1,356 unemployed registered at the office consisting of 607 white men, 116 white women, 596 colored men and 37 colored women. Of this number jobs were found for 752 men and 56 women.

It is regretted by the State Director the necessity of closing the local office, but pressure from the National Director has made it necessary.

Darden Family In Reunion At Home of Mrs. Darden

There were 48 relatives present at the annual reunion held at the old home place on the Long Acre Road, near here, Sunday when the Darden clan gathered there with their mother, Mrs. Mary V. Darden.

All were present except three grand children who were unable to attend. There was no special program, but the old folks gathered on the lawn and porch to talk over old times while the children romped and played. Dinner was served to the guests in picnic style.

Children of Mrs. Darden are well known figures in Washington County and include the following, all of this county: M. G. Darden, P. H. Darden, Mrs. Hildah Gurganus, A. T. Darden, Mrs. C. P. Williams, J. W. Darden, Mrs. J. F. Allen and S. F. Darden.

Legion Auxiliary To Be Organized October 5th

Below are some notes on the American Legion and auxiliary as submitted by J. B. McNair, publicity officer: All ladies eligible for the auxiliary are urged to meet in the hall on the first Friday, October 5, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of organizing. Wives, mothers, and sweethearts of legionnaires are urged to be present.

A dance will be held every Friday night for the benefit of the legion. A small charge will be made. This is to be used in defraying expenses for some needed heating equipment.

Keys will be made and loaned* to each member for the deposit of a small sum to be refunded in case a member leaves or ceases to be affiliated with the organization.

J. C. Swain, county accountant, resigned as adjutant on account of pressing duties, and W. V. Hays, farm agent, was elected in his place.

Dr. W. T. Gibson, of Roper, was named chaplain to succeed J. F. Leary who resigned.

Quality Is Factor In Culling Poultry Flock

In saving layers this coming season a great deal will depend upon the quality of the birds when going out of lay, but the late moulters in good weight and whose production has been up to standard will be profitable. These hens will have a decreased production of approximately 25 percent but, with egg prices going up, a good hen should pay a profit. If there is not sufficient housing space, hopper space and waterers none of the hens should be saved as they would cause over-crowding and lessen production of all birds.

LESS THAN 40 PER CENT OF COUNTY TOBACCO SOLD

700,000 Pounds Produced in County This Year; To Be Worth \$200,000

Less than 40 per cent of the tobacco grown in Washington County this year has been sold, according to an estimate made by W. V. Hays, farm agent, today.

Close to 700 acres of the golden weed was grown in this county this year and it is expected that the yield would be close to 700,000 pounds to be sold. Less than 300,000 pounds of the weed has been sold to date. At an average of 25 cents a pound this means that close to \$75,000 has been paid to growers.

Much of this money went to pay crop production loans and to pay landlords for rental and other such necessities and that now the remainder, or most of it, will be used to purchase the supplies and needs of the growers who have worked the season through and are now reaping the reward for their labor.

It has been figured that close to \$200,000 would be paid to the tobacco growers this year for the weed in this county. Mr. Hays seems to think that the most of the growers here this year will average close to 30 cents when they get to putting their best grades on the market.

So far the average has been, according to Mr. Hays' opinion, close to 25 cents. This is for lugs and tips. In the next few weeks the markets will be getting the best grades from here, and the price average as a rule (not the best nor the worst) from Washington County will amount to around 30 cents at current levels.

Figures taken from reliable statistics show that Montgomery County last year had about the same poundage as Washington this year. They secured from last year's low average about \$75,000, while in 1934 the price is more than doubled, and this supports the claim that \$200,000 worth of tobacco is grown in this county.

Last year in the depression money order houses sold merchandise in this county amounting to more than \$80,000, while the local merchants were barely able to eke out expenses. Some predict this amount will be doubled this year unless business is pushed by the local merchants.

The above amount does not in any way mention the amount spent personally by the residents of this county in other towns or states.

CIRCUS TO SHOW HERE ON MONDAY

Almond and Conley Circus To Exhibit for One Day Only

Although the big Almond and Conley circus, which will exhibit in Plymouth for one day only, Monday, September 24, carries a profusion of aerialists, acrobats, trained horses, ponies, dogs, wild animals and monkeys, the clown department has not been overlooked and the promise that there will be plenty of fun for old and young alike.

Under the direction of "Bronnie" Silkerlake, producing clown, the fun department of the Almond and Conley circus is in capable hands and the many new funny features in "Clown alley" have attracted unusual attention this season.

The big free street parade at noon will be the mecca of sightseers from far and wide. The colorful procession will rival the paraded processions of the kings of old and will be participated in by people from many lands and climes.

Two performances will be given, at 2 and 8 p. m., the doors opening one hour earlier to give opportunity to inspect the menagerie and big circus side shows. Admission charges have been reduced especially for this engagement.

The big show will arrive in the early hours of dawn, on board its special motorized train of 50 huge motor trucks and the work of unloading and erecting the huge tents will begin.

Don G. Davis Plans To Open Jewelry Shop Here

Don G. Davis, of Richmond, was in Plymouth this week arranging for the opening of a jewelry shop here somewhere around the first of October.

Mr. Davis was here from 1918 to 1926 operating a jewelry store. He comes back here from Richmond, where he has been employed in the jewelry store of Bam's, Incorporated, for the last five years. He will be located in the building on Water street formerly occupied by Shep's Beauty Parlor.

Mrs. B. H. Hardy, of Newport News, is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. R. Gaylord.