

FARMVILLE MAN WRITES ON FARM PROBLEMS NOW

Says Principle Need Of Farmer Of Today Is More Of The Three H's—Hay, Hog And Hominy; Less Cotton And Tobacco.

The Farmer of our Country was an agriculturist. His motto was "early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

The farmer of today has a motto which is "early to bed and early to rise, work like the devil and we have got to economize."

But man is hard to satisfy. We are so eager after that "filthy lucre" the mighty dollar, that we go ahead planting most all money crop after being warned by our good Governor and even the manufacturer we heed not.

Agriculture today should be an equal basis of all other enterprises. Being depressed by the money monopolies of the world, we as it stands now have no say in anything, dump our products on the markets regardless of price, take whatever it brings and go home with nothing to carry to our wives and children after a hard year's work.

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DR. HARRELL IS TRANSFERRED TO ROANOKE RAPIDS

Rev. H. L. Hendricks Comes To Farmville From Rockingham; Preparations Being Made To Welcome New Pastor.

Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the Methodist church here, and Mrs. Harrell, will leave soon for their new charge, Roanoke Rapids, as announced at the recent conference held in Henderson.

Dr. Harrell, an eminent scholar and consecrated leader, has served the church here for the past four years and has had a most successful pastorate. Members of the church and their many warm friends outside, expressed deep regret at their leaving and extended congratulations to the Roanoke Rapids congregation in having them to head the church there.

Rev. Hendricks joined the Northern Georgia conference in 1911, and since coming to this state in 1923, has served several important pastorates.

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Dady Betty Has Four Grandmothers



Betty Harshner of San Rafael, Cal., with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Harshner, her grandmother, Mrs. Mabel LeComar, her great-grandmother, Mrs. Martha Bowers and her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Susan Childers.

SNOW HILL MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

R. H. Taylor, Lawyer, Goes Into Sheriff's Office And Shoots Self With Gun.

Richard H. Taylor, thirty-five years old, a prominent lawyer of Snow Hill, shot himself with a shot gun in Sheriff Rasberry's office Saturday morning at seven-thirty.

Mr. Taylor arrived at the office about his home, walked down to the court house and entered the main office of the sheriff—the doors of which had been opened and the fires made, he went back into the smaller private office where the act was committed.

He had been a resident of Snow Hill for the past ten years, moving from Hookerton where his father, Fred M. Taylor has been in the mercantile business more than 30 years. He is descended from a long line of prominent Greene county ancestors.

He was in splendid health and enjoyed a lucrative practice. He left no word of explanation and relatives could ascribe no reason for his act. He was seen in a drug store and a filling station shortly after seven o'clock and appeared to be in excellent spirits.

Shortly before eight o'clock he went to the court house, locked himself in the private office of Sheriff Rasberry and fired a shot through his heart, using a single barreled shotgun. The janitor heard the shot. The door was broken open and Taylor's body discovered. It was carried to Kingston to be prepared for burial.

Surviving are his parents, his wife, formerly Miss Christine May, of Henderson, and two children of eight and five years.

He was buried in the Episcopal churchyard in Snow Hill Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

AIRSHIP R-100 IS ORPHANED CRAFT

Sister Of Ship That Met Disaster Disowned By Ministry And Builders.

London, Nov. 25.—Since the R-101 disaster there has been considerable difference of opinion as to who owns the R-100, her famous sister ship which flew to Canada and back recently.

"No," it was said at the Air Ministry, "the airship is certainly not ours; it is still the property of the constructors, the Airship Guarantee Company."

Mr. Lambor, secretary of the Airship Guarantee Company, held a different view. "It is definitely not our property. We built the ship and put it through its tests for the Air Ministry," he said, "and it is now the property of the government."

"The airship R-100," the Air Ministry rejoined, "has not yet been officially taken over by the Air Ministry."

"I don't care whose airship it is," was the somewhat emphatic response of the company; "R-100 does not belong to us."

Reference to official notes on the airship proved nothing. R-100 was referred to as "His Majesty's Airship R-100," but R-100 did not attain that dignity. It was merely "The Air Ministry Airship R-100."

The position seems to be that the Airship Guarantee Company constructed the ship for the Air Ministry, and undertook to put it through certain trials, including home flights, and a trip to Canada.

These trials have been made, and the manufacturers imagine the ship to belong to the Air Ministry.

GRAHAM URGES TAX RELIEF FOR N. C. FARMERS

Suggests Cooperative Planting As Well As Marketing To Farmers; Legislators And Governor Get Biennial Report.

A sympathetic attitude toward the farmer and relief from his tax burden are urged by William A. Graham, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture, in the biennial report of the Department of Agriculture.

As for the farmers themselves, Commissioner Graham proposed that they organize "not only in co-operative selling but co-operative planting" and turn more to diversification as "the most formidable safeguard against agricultural poverty."

Commissioner Graham's report was mailed to members of the next General Assembly and submitted to Governor Gardner as required by law.

It reviewed the work of the 14 divisions of the department during the present biennium and offered suggestions for the biennium beginning July 1, 1931.

Commissioner Graham said agriculture perhaps has suffered more acutely from economic depression than any other industry of business.

"There has arisen," he said, "a decreased demand for farm products and many cannot afford to buy at any price. At the same time, expenses incident to farming have not decreased; taxes must still be paid, if farm land is to be retained by the owners, and where there are mortgages, these must be met, else foreclosure will result. This combination of circumstances has worked a great hardship on our agricultural population, which was not responsible for bringing the depression about must suffer its consequences to a distressing degree."

Frank Parker, statistician for the State Federal crop reporting service pointed out in his report that the purchasing power of farmers' products is only 70 per cent of what it was before the World War, as contrasted with the 149 per cent purchasing power of manufactured products. For this reason the farmer has been harder hit than almost any other class in the present depression, he stated, predicting better diversification and safer farming practices as a result of the low prices for staple crops during the past year and of Governor Gardner's "Live-at-Home" campaign.

The commissioner said he had no complete remedy to offer but wanted to stress two points.

"In the first place," he said, "there must be a sympathetic attitude toward the farmer, and he must be accorded his rightful rating as a business man whose calling is fundamental; and, in the next place, the farmer must recognize the value of thorough organization which shall find expression not only in co-operative selling but co-operative planting."

He warned against over-production and said diversification would help solve this problem.

Turning to tax relief, Commissioner Graham said he would not "lay down any definite legislative program but I do venture the hope that in their efforts to help the farmer, our assemblymen will take due cognizance of the fact that land is now bearing a disproportionate tax burden and be governed accordingly."

"I would not cripple industry," he continued, "because I know that it affords a market for the farmer's raw materials; at the same time, the farmer should be given full recognition and, if possible, his taxes should be materially reduced."

A 2 1/2-pound potato, branded by nature with a 3-inch letter "K," the initials of its owner, was recently uncovered by Thomas Knight while digging on his farm near Tiffin, Ohio.

Authentic figures revealed that the United States, with 1,950,000 men, had the second largest Allied army on the western front when the World War armistice was signed. France stood first with 2,650,000 men, and England third with 1,718,500, including 75,000 Portuguese.

FARMVILLE NEGRO KILLED BY TRAIN

Body Severed At Waist Line When Run Over By Car Load Of Crushed Rock.

The body of Charley Jones, negro employee of the A. C. Monk Tobacco Company, was found on the side track near the Norfolk-Southern and East Carolina junction in Farmville, about nine o'clock Sunday morning by a passer-by.

The body was completely severed at the waist line, the upper portion lying face up underneath a car, and the limbs lying on the outside of the tracks. Jones, who had lived in Farmville for a few months only, is said to have been a native of Edgecombe county, his home being near Battleboro. He was about 25 years of age.

Coroner Ed. S. Williams held an inquest at noon, at which time the East Carolina train crew were questioned, but a decision was not reached as to which road is responsible, both lines having shifted freight trains over the track between 7:30 and 9:30 Saturday night. The jury will be recalled and a verdict rendered the last of the week, according to the Coroner.

It is the supposition here that the negro crossed the main track behind the part of the train cut off from the engine and either fell or was knocked down by cars attached to the locomotive as he attempted to pass over the siding.

Although Carl Powell was so badly injured in an automobile accident near Santa Ana, Cal., that he was unable to walk, he crawled a distance of 2 miles on his hands and knees to a construction camp, in an effort to obtain aid for his wife and a dying friend, both of whom were also injured. Powell expended 11 hours in his 2-mile crawl.

POTATO SOFT ROT CAN BE CONTROL'D

Proper Heating Of Curing House Is A Simple And Effective Method.

Proper heating of the curing house is a simple and effective method of preventing the spread of the soft rot fungus and also does away with the dangerous practice of sorting out after the potatoes have been stored.

"When soft rot is observed as indicated by the presence of sour flies, the heat in the curing house should immediately be increased to 90 degrees F.," says Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist at the Agricultural Experiment Station. "This temperature should be maintained until all flies have disappeared and the diseased potatoes have mummified. The house should be well ventilated during the heating period as this dries out the surface of the sweats adjacent to the infected potatoes and checks the spread of the fungus. After the diseased potatoes are thoroughly dried out they can be left among the healthy sweets for the rest of the storage period."

Mr. Poole states that after the potatoes are once stored and the curing process begun, they should not be moved for any purpose except for immediate sale. When this is done the potatoes are bruised and, owing to the process of curing, the healing is very slow and the infection will be exposed to a greater infection than when first stored and for this reason alone the sweets should never be handled after curing starts, he says.

The early cool fall season together with an abundance of moisture in some areas has greatly favored the parasite and in many cases the infection has been carried into the curing house on potatoes that were affected but did not show any sign of decay, says Dr. Poole. This infection cannot be helped but the spread of the fungus can be checked by proper heating and ventilation, and the exercise of proper precaution in handling, he says.

The world's finest opera house is in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

WESTERNERS PUT SPECIAL SESSION UP TO PRESIDENT

Hoover and His House Leaders Must Decide Fate Of "Progressive" Measures; Senate Filibuster Club Is In Readiness.

The crucial problem of the winter Congress is up to President Hoover and Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth. It is whether they will permit final votes by the House and enactment of the four so-called "Progressive" measures, providing for government operation of Muscle Shoals, carrying out the Wagner unemployment program, anti-injunction legislation and the "Lame Duck" amendment.

The Westerners, Republicans and some Democrats as well, have had their say. Their edict is that all of these, excepting anti-injunction legislation, have passed the Senate. The bills to restrict injunctions are aimed to carry out pledges of both parties and have been given hearings in the Senate.

The threat of the Westerners, not yet uttered formally, is to block appropriations by protracted talking in the Senate and force an extra session. President Hoover has announced (Continued on page two)

UNCLE SAM LOST HUNDRED MILLION

Supreme Court Decision In Community Tax Case Had \$100,000,000 Stake.

Washington, Nov. 24.—A controversy rooted in ancient Spanish law was settled by the Supreme Court today with a consequent loss to the government of more than \$100,000,000.

The highest tribunal ruled that income from community property in Arizona, Louisiana, Texas and Washington may be reported for Federal taxation by the husband and wife separately.

It was a sweeping defeat for the government which had contended such income must be reported in a single return by the husband alone.

It had pointed out that with the tax rate increasing in proportion to the extent of income its revenue would be much greater under the single return.

If it had won, government attorneys said the Treasury would be more than \$100,000,000 richer through the collection of back taxes, filed in previous years by husband and wife separately.

The court rules in an opinion by Justice Roberts, his first since his appointment to the bench, that in community property States whose laws give the wife a vested interest in the income from this source, she is entitled to make out her own income tax return.

It makes no difference, Roberts said, that the husband had management of the property. The government had no sound basis, he said, for its contention that where the property was under the husband's control he must file one return for the total income.

He referred to a former decision in which the community tax law of California was construed to permit the government to impose a tax on the total income reported only by the husband.

Such a conclusion was necessary in that case, Justice Roberts explained, because in California the wife's interest in community property is merely expectant and not vested.

The community property laws, prevalent over much of the Southwest, were derived from old Spanish statutes once in force there.

PARENT-TEACHER MEET HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Parent-Teacher Association met Friday afternoon with a hundred and eighty members and guests in attendance. A play was presented in a splendid manner by pupils of the 5th and 7th grades, depicting the first Thanksgiving held by the Pilgrims.

Another interesting feature of the program was a lecture on "India, The Land of Mystery," by Albert Osborne, a native of that country, at present engaged in V. M. C. A. work at Hamlet.

Among the business matters of importance was the reduction in yearly dues and the appointment of committees for a membership drive. The monthly room roll call prize was won by the 5th grade, Miss Edna Robinson, teacher.

The United States Army is the first military organization in the world to use talking pictures in the training of armed forces.

LOYAL DOG TURNS STICK-UP INTO A MASSACRE; CHICGO

Roadhouse Near Chicago Is Scene Of Ruthless Shooting; Two Women Killed And Another Believed To Be Dying.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—A loyal dog caused a veritable massacre when bandits attempted to rob merry-makers at Henry Goetz's roadhouse near Chicago early today.

Two women were killed, another was believed to be dying, and three men wounded, two critically.

After the bandits arrived, Goetz's great dane leaped for the throat of one. The robber started firing into the crowd and his seven companions followed with volleys of shot gun and revolver slugs into the screaming patrons.

The lights were blown out. A railroad police lieutenant fired back with a revolver, aiming blindly at the flash of the other guns.

Wounded and dying fell moaning to the floor while the survivors milled about, trampling and slugging, unable to tell gunmen from patrons.

The bandits escaped in the dark, with loot of less than \$300. The roadhouse consisted of two rooms. A bar was in the front; tables and a piano and dance floor in the rear. The bandits burst suddenly in to the front room about 2 a. m. The leader and two others flourished shot guns, the rest carried revolvers.

"It's a stick-up," shouted the bandit leader to Goetz and Joseph McAvoy, who were behind the bar. "Get in the back room."

There, Lawrence Abeling was playing a sentimental song on the piano. Miss Lee was singing. The lights were dim. The patrons sat in booths around the wall. Other entertainers waited nearby to go on with their acts.

"Everybody up," ordered the bandit chief. "Face the walls."

Two of the invaders started to take the patrons and employes to the front room, one by one, to rob them. The leader jostled Goetz.

The big dog, which had been standing by patiently, leaped for the gunman. The latter, in intense pain and sudden fright, pulled the trigger of his gun.

The lights went out. The other bandits started shooting. Lieutenant Hancus emerged from a washroom and fired back across the room, while the patrons fell and huddled on the floor.

They heard the bandit leader shout: "Let's get out of here."

A moment later two automobiles outside roared away. Lieutenant Hancus ignored the slugs in his back, right arm and chest. He leaped into his automobile and chased the bandit cars. The robbers fired several shots at him and he finally had to stop to seek medical treatment so weak was he from loss of blood.

When the lights were snapped on at the roadhouse a shambles revealed itself. The wounded and dying were sprawled on the floor. The furnishings were wrecked. Most of the patrons were hysterical.

Only the dog which started the whole affray was calm, muzzling 'leg of his master.

Police canvassed all hospital doctors' offices in the belief that one of the bandits must have been treated for the dog bite.

Another probably sought medical attention from wounds believed to have been inflicted by Lieutenant Hancus' revolver.

MRS. A. C. MONK HOSTESS TO GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. A. C. Monk was hostess this week to the Garden Club at an unusually interesting meeting, which had as its topic of study, "Christmas Trees." The roll call responses were in line with this subject; a selection read by Miss Bettie Joyner was entitled, "Buy Your Christmas Trees From the Land Owner," and Mrs. A. S. Venable talked on "The Decoders of Altadena."

The care of house plants, as directed by Mr. Randall, horticulturist of State College, in his radio talks, was reviewed by several members, who "tune in" for this feature. The "More Beautiful America" contest was brought up and a committee was appointed to supervise the beautification of Farmville, a recent entrant. The planting and lighting of living Christmas trees were discussed and this group was reminded of Book and Shrub Day, when collections will be sent to the Farm Colony near Kingston.