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Relief Association Shaped Into a Working Factor

"Work If You Eat" Is Slogan of New Relief Organization

With the note "Work Relief" sounded high and clear at the mass meeting of citizens called by Mayor R. E. Belcher Friday evening, and held in the municipal building, the old Relief Association, which functioned well last winter, was reshaped and formed into a purposeful organization with charity for the unemployed as a discarded principle, and "Work If You Eat" virtually established as its slogan.

John Lewis, wide awake and resourceful young attorney, was put at the head of the association, with Mrs. C. B. Mashburn as vice chairman; J. W. Joyner as secretary, and D. E. Ogelsby treasurer. The organization is to be supported by the various churches, clubs, societies and private subscriptions and donations from individuals, all working harmoniously and cooperatively, with a clearing house and supervisor, established in the municipal building, details of which are being worked out at present by committees.

The following committees were appointed: Clothing and food, R. A. Joyner, Bill Smith and Rev. J. Q. Beckwith; finance, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, J. I. Morgan, L. W. Godwin and Mrs. C. B. Mashburn; employment agency, Wiley Diddy, J. W. Joyner, John Lewis, Mayor Belcher, together with the support of the American Legion Post; distribution committee, W. A. McAdams, Dr. W. M. Willis, R. A. Joyner.

County Welfare Agent K. T. Futrelle, addressed the mass meeting, stating that Pitt county ranks with Johnston and Roberson in being the three most thickly populated counties in the state, and lying as it does in the tenant area, make its problems most acute at this time. He stressed the fact that each community must concern itself with its own problems, as outside help will not be available.

He expressed the belief that the county had enough food if properly conserved and if resources can be coordinated, and suggested that produce be swapped for clothing, etc. In considering the preparations made by ruralists this summer and fall, Mr. Futrelle stated that 43 cane mills were sold in Greenville and Washington this year, which insures a supply of cane syrup. It was brought out that fuel and clothing would probably be the greatest problems of this winter.

Mayor Belcher, R. L. Davis, Chief of Police Taylor, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn spoke also along this line. J. I. Morgan offered his idea of a community dairy to supply food for small children and commented favorably on a community wood yard supplied with waste timber from nearby woods with the consent of the owners. Dr. Willis made the appalling statement that he had seen more pellagra cases since January of this year than in the entire 17 years of his practice, and Mrs. Loyd Smith, of the Parent-Teacher Association, brought up several needy cases for consideration.

John W. Holmes sounded the only note of optimism, reading an article copied from Harper's Magazine of 74 years before, which made the present depression seem almost like a joke. Mr. Holmes stated that he believed conditions were some better at present than last year, and predicted that the need would not be as acute as anticipated.

But the association refused to be comforted and went about its business of preparing for the worst, emphasizing throughout, however, that its methods would not be simply "handing out" this year except as a result of honest labor, which will be a much more constructive measure than practiced heretofore, and will no doubt be cordially received by the deserving and meritorious element.

Sees Need For Readjustment

Maxwell Says Government Must Be Geared to Meet New Condition

Lumberton, Nov. 18.—Government to the seat of the National administration at Washington, D. C., all the way down the line needs readjustment to the conditions with which the country is confronted. A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue and democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, stated in an address here on Tuesday night. Mr. Maxwell was brought here by the Lumberton Kiwanis Club, was its guest at dinner and by its request addressed the voters.

The real problem that government must face is that which individuals have already faced, he explained. Certainly land and other property are

not going to be able to carry the burden of taxation that has become enormous, he asserted. "Also important," said the commissioner, "is the matter of cooperation. Why is it that one group is arrayed against the other, one section against another? North Carolina needs all of these groups, all of these classes if it is to go forward. The tax bill of the state has grown so great that through necessity itself the people must put their minds and hearts together and attempt to solve the problem without abandoning public service."

Expressing confidence in the future of the state, Mr. Maxwell recalled the days of years ago when cotton sold for 5 cents the pound and other conditions were such that present day people would be ashamed to compare their conditions with those; yet these people of other days had the courage to fight. The people of North Carolina are not going to be whipped by this little thing called depression but are going to fight their way out with courage, wisdom and patriotism, he predicted.

Mr. Maxwell outlined proposals to solve the tax problem, stating his position on each. The first is an effort to shift the tax. The state has gone substantially as far as it can in that direction. Another is to find other sources, one of the chief of which is the sales tax. The sales tax, he said, is just another way of putting tax on the people that need relief. Another sound reason why it should not be adopted, as he sees it, is because it adds a restriction chiefly on tobacco and tobacco products, the necessary effect of which will be to reduce the quantity consumed and sold.

M. S. Rudisill of Crouse, Lincoln County, produced 48 bales of cotton on 35 acres of land this season.

Herman Allen Burned to Death In Truck Collision

Greenville Man Meets Horrible Death Near Bethel

Greenville, Nov. 17.—Fog, lying low over highways of Carolina, early today claimed the first victim of this immediate territory.

Herman Allen, 35, was burned to death when the truck which he was driving collided with a highway truck in the Greenville-Bethel highway, about a half mile from Bethel, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

Allen, driving a truck belonging to Ricks Transfer Company of this city, was on his way to Norfolk with thirteen hogheads of tobacco when the accident occurred.

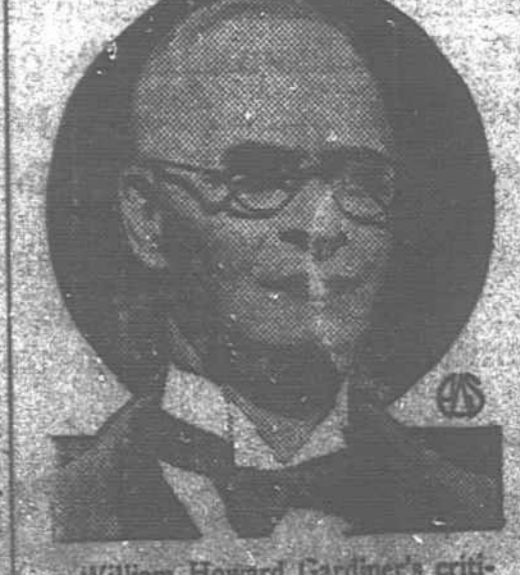
The two trucks were rounding the bend on this side the highway bridge and collided in the dense fog which completely concealed the truck traveling in the opposite direction. The machine driven by Allen immediately burst into flames, and the driver pinned between cab and truck was helpless to free himself as the flames roared through the cab.

Two men by the name of Bishop and Keel, occupants of the highway truck, rushed to the aid of the burning man, but all their efforts proved futile. Several times they rushed up on the blazing cab with pick axes in an attempt to reach Allen, but each time they were driven back by the flames which licked out angrily for several feet from the wreckage.

Allen, it was said, realizing the peril that faced him, cried out to the men to save him, but succumbed to the scorching flames within a few minutes after the crash. He was burned beyond identification.

Keel suffered a badly bruised shoulder, but his companion escaped without injury. They were exonerated of blame following an investigation by the coroner, who declared the fog shrouded highway responsible for the tragedy. Both truck and tobacco were completely destroyed.

Aroused President's Ire



William Howard Taft's criticism of Mr. Hoover's naval re-arrangement program have led to a public airing of his charges.

Reveals Origin of National Thanksgiving



Mrs. Ruth E. Finley, former newspaper woman, disclosed a fact that had lain dormant for many years in her new book, "The Lady of God's" by telling how Sarah Josepha Hale, America's first woman editor, got President Lincoln to issue the first Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in 1863.

Balanced Farming Program to Raise First A Living Then Something To Sell

Meeting in Wilson Well Attended by Interested Citizens

Wilson, Nov. 14.—The sub-committee appointed at the last meeting of the committee of 28 composed of farmers, merchants, bankers, warehousemen, fertilizer manufacturers and editors of Eastern North Carolina for the purpose of endeavoring to improve the economic condition of this section through a balanced plan of farming, and publicity through the newspapers, met in Wilson last evening at the residence of J. D. Gold, chairman of the sub-committee, and secretary to the full committee, and after discussing a number of matters pertaining to the interests of the farmers of Eastern North Carolina decided to request the newspapers to cooperate with their farm demonstration agents and home agents in their several counties, for the purpose of giving publicity to a balanced plan of farming that would mean the raising of everything required on the farm for the sustenance of man and beast that would include an all year round garden, poultry, hogs, cows, an orchard, also diversified money crops, with a rotation over a period of years so managed that it shall be free of encumbrances when marketed.

That since only quality production counts, whether in tobacco, cotton, corn, peanuts and stock, that our farmers secure the best seed, and properly cultivate and fertilize and grade their produce so the best possible price may be obtained.

That since only the cigarette stocks of tobacco are bringing a remunerative price, it is necessary to reduce acreage to secure quality, and to reduce the surplus, and to plant the varieties that are demanded by the manufacturers. That all tobacco should be graded to standard types in order to get the highest average price, and that the farmer should diversify his crops as to have something to sell all the year round, to bring him in some money, and help to meet the current expenses and reduce his overhead.

These are some of the recommendations that will be submitted by the sub-committee to the full committee when it meets to prepare its program of work for the coming year, and the editors are requested to devote both display and editorial space, and meet with the farmers in the various townships of their counties, and urge them to get out of the rut of all cash crops and think primarily of first making their living, and that if they did all other things would come to them.

The members of the committee on publicity and balanced farming program present were: Dr. S. H. Crocker, of Wilson; J. E. Winslow, of Greenville; Tolbert Patrick, editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus; W. L. Adams, farm demonstrator for Wilson county, and J. D. Gold, Ex-Gov. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton; Mr. Leland Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, Dr. C. R. Young, of Angier, and President Horne were unable to be present, but sent letters emphasizing the necessity for our farmers to cut their acreage in money crops and raise quality product and to follow first a live at home program, as the only salvation for the agricultural interests of Eastern North Carolina.

The secretary laid before the committee a number of matters of general importance among these a statement from Hon. John H. Kee, Congressman from this district, Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, Governor McLean, who served on the war finance board during the World War; Hon. Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, chairman of the Southeastern Economic Council, regarding the plan of Senator Bailey, of Ohio, who favors a government owned corporation with two billion dollars of capital to take care of the present mortgage loans on farms until conditions improve and the farmers are able to meet their

obligations. These gentlemen favored the bill, which requires an act of Congress to make available. The committee also before it the recent report of the committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce which has been studying the effect that the price of silver has on the commodities of the world. The committee requests the newspaper men of the East to secure interviews from successful farmers of their various counties and publish them, that their example may be worth something to their brethren of the same vocation. Dr. S. H. Crocker, a successful farmer of this county, who has for several years followed a balanced farming program, furnished the following letter which we take pleasure in publishing. We invite our farmers to furnish us with their experiences regarding anything they think of value. Every citizen owes it to his people to assist in restoring the economic condition of Eastern North Carolina, and if we can, through this depression, get the attention of our farmers, and enable them to lay the foundation for a better and more successful method of farming for next year, the work accomplished will be of more value than anything else that can be done, and the newspaper men of the state are eager to give of their time and space to help bring this about.

Church Decrees Fewer Districts

N. C. Conference Votes to Reduce Number from Nine to Seven

Greenville, Nov. 18.—One of the first steps to be taken by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which convened here this morning in Jarvis Memorial Church was the reduction of the number of districts from nine to seven. This is a matter that had been under consideration for some time and when the vote was taken a large majority voted in favor of the reduction. If the present plans are carried out, there will be no Washington or Fayetteville district, these being merged with the seven remaining districts.

At 8:30 o'clock Bishop Mouzon called the conference to order and assisted by the nine presiding elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a congregation that completely filled the spacious auditorium of the church.

At the close of the communion service the secretary of the last conference, Rev. T. McM. Grant was asked by the bishop to call the roll. One hundred and eighty-four ministers and forty-eight laymen answered to their names. Mr. Grant was elected secretary to succeed himself and W. H. Brown and E. H. Hillman were elected assistants. Rev. Rufus Bradley was made statistical secretary with A. J. Hobbs, Jr., and R. M. Price as assistants.

R. G. Fitzgerald, chairman of the local board of stewards and superintendent of education of Pitt county, was introduced to the conference and extended the greetings of the town and church to the city of Greenville.

Bishop Mouzon, in responding to Mr. Fitzgerald, stated that "there is nothing more beautiful than the grace of hospitality, and that none display it more than the people of Eastern North Carolina." In speaking directly to the ministers and lay members of the conference, the bishop said: "You are the ministers and representatives of Jesus Christ. See to it that no word of yours and no deed of yours be other than that of men of God."

Rev. M. T. Plyler, business manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, read the report of the Methodist board of publication, which has oversight of the church organ.

Bishop Mouzon called for the reports of the nine presiding elders, and their names were called one by one, their characters passed and the conference heard their reports. All of these indicate that much hard and earnest work had been done throughout the conference and that, regardless of the depression in material things, as more money has been contributed to the various causes than heretofore. The pastors salaries appear to have been paid better this year than last and much church building and debt paying has been achieved. Great revivals have been held throughout the conference and it seems that the reports will show the largest increase in members of any recent year.

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Rev. E. H. McWhorter, of Enfield, preached a strong sermon on the subject of "Solitude and Victory," and Dr. H. M. North, the conference preacher, delivered a very serious and helpful message to a packed house on the "High Calling of God," tonight.

The special order of the day for tomorrow at 10:30 is an address by Dr. W. G. Cram, representing the Board of Christian Education, of Nashville, Tenn.

A summary of today's program of the conference follows: 9:00 a. m.—Conference will convene and a devotional address will be delivered by Bishop Mouzon. 10:30 a. m.—Address by Dr. W. G. Cram, representing the General Boards. 3:00 p. m.—Sermon: "The Victory of Faith," Rev. A. J. Russell. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon: "What Men Have Seen in the Cross of Christ," Dr. Harry M. North. Music: Louisville College Glee Club.

"A GARDEN CINDERELLA" TO BE SPECTACULAR EVENT

One of the most beautiful and elaborate plays to be given here by local talent is promised the audience of Friday evening, November 20th, by the Parent-Teacher Association, which is presenting an operetta, "A Garden Cinderella," with a hundred little folks of the primary grades taking part. Miss Annie Perkins and Miss Vivian Case are directors. The entertainment will be given in Perkins Hall at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening and admission will be 15c and 25c. Proceeds realized will be used in the purchase of books and playground equipment.

Rutherford county has 18 storage houses for sweet potatoes with a capacity of 50,000 bushels.

No Crumbs for Scribes as Smith and Roosevelt Eat

D. A. R. Staging "See You Later"

Local Talent Play to Be Staged at School Auditorium Monday Night

On Monday, November 23, 1931, the theatre-goers of Farmville will be treated to an elaborate production entitled "See You Later," in the high school auditorium.

"See You Later" is a full cast musical comedy with a full cast of eighty local players. The play is directed by Jimmie LaVerre, stage and radio artist of Hollywood, California, sent here representing the Triangle Producing Co., of Greensboro, producers of "See You Later." Mr. LaVerre will play the male lead in the performance here, giving local people a chance to see a big time player at movie prices.

As an added attraction "The Kiddies' Cabaret," a scene made up entirely of kiddies from 4 to 8 years, impersonating such stars as Winnie Lightner, Joe Brown, Al Jolson, Rudy Valle, Helen Kane, the Duncan Sisters, in fact, all the stars of today, played by the stars of tomorrow. This scene will use forty kiddies.

Another big attraction will be a full dancing class of eight four-year-old girls, in elaborate costume, something new for Farmville.

All in all, "See You Later" will be without a doubt one of the best amateur musical comedies ever staged here and should pack the house.

Tickets on sale by members of D. A. R. and high school girls. And, by the way, the chorus of "See You Later" are a show in themselves, fancy steps, chorus girl costumes and songs that you will remember.

Don't fail to see this high light of entertainment.

Begin Drive On Dry Law

Organizations for and Against Prohibition get Ready for Next Congress Fight

Washington, Nov. 17.—Anticipating renewed hostilities this session, citizens organizations for and against prohibition are piling up ammunition for their champions in congress.

Anti-prohibition attacks are foreseen in three directions: modification moves, constitutional convention proposals and efforts to defeat enforcement appropriations.

Edwin C. Dinwiddie, executive secretary of the national prohibition board of strategy, announced today his forces were ready.

"We are in possession of the field, but we've got to keep the lines and see that the machinery is oiled," he said.

In the same building with the prohibitionists, the National Press building, the association against the eighteenth amendment is gathering figures to promote repeal. It has adopted submission to constitutional conventions as the stepping stone to the goal, and expects to work for it in this session of Congress as well as in both Democratic and Republican Conventions.

Modificationists likewise are prepared to plead their cause the prerogative of keeping Congress informed directly of the organized sentiment they represent. With the leadership of the American Federation seeking beer, and with the American Legion demanding a referendum, this group will have its listeners in the Capitol.

Dinwiddie has issued a preliminary call for the yearly national conference of organizations supporting the 18th amendment, about 33 of them in all. This gathering early next month will outline a legislative program.

New Speaker of House

John N. Garner, Texas Democrat, will be the new Speaker of the House of Representatives as a result of victories by his party in the by-elections.

Governor and Ex-Governor of New York Lunch Together

New York, Nov. 18.—While reporters waited outside on the sidewalks of New York, two famous political cronies had lunch together today, and, smiling and inscrutable, went their separate ways.

Said the guest, former Governor Alfred E. Smith: "We talked state finances. Let's see—that makes four words doesn't it? Well, that's all."

Said the host, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt: "You newspapermen will have to get out when Al arrives. There just isn't room in one house for you and Al and me. Al's voice is fairly penetrating, you know, and so is mine."

And said James A. Fairly, Democratic state chairman: "Aw, they're just getting together to talk about the weather."

They conducted their discussion across a big mahogany table in the dining room of Governor Roosevelt's town house, at 49 east 65th street.

Through the reception room adjoining and through the library and living room on the floor above moved crowds of strangers, attending an exhibit and sale of handmade furniture manufactured at the Hyde Park factory, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is part owner.

But heavy sliding doors shut off the dining room from the rest of the house, and the governor and former governor were alone. The luncheon lasted about two hours and a half.

So far as is publicly known, this was the first meeting between Smith and Roosevelt since their disagreement over the state reforestation amendment, passed at the recent election. Smith was against it, Roosevelt for it. It was also, so far as is publicly known, their first meeting since the recent visits here of Mayor Cermak, of Chicago, and Governor Ritchie of Maryland.

The political writers were willing to accept the former governor's statement that they talked state finances. They only wanted to know what else they talked about, if anything. They did not find out.

After the luncheon, Governor Roosevelt sent out the following message: "I'm busy on my Thanksgiving proclamation, and, if you boys don't leave me alone there won't be any turkey."

Former Governor Smith drove up in a limousine promptly at noon, wearing his brown derby at what some of the veterans among the newspapermen described as an "aggressive angle."

"Nothing to say," he said gruffly as he went in, and then added with a grin: "I'm here to eat. And I'm ready to eat, too."

As he came out, he was buttoning his waistcoat.

"Good lunch," was his comment. "I can't get my waistcoat buttoned."

True Bills in Bank Case

State Corporation Commission Members Indicted by Jury

Asheville, Nov. 18.—True bills of indictment against John Mitchell, former chief State bank examiner, and the three members of the State Corporation Commission, which formerly supervised State banks, were ready to be delivered to Judge Cameron McRae in Buncombe Superior Court today.

J. Arthur Penland, foreman of the grand jury, announced last night the true bills had been found, charging misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance in office because the Central Bank and Trust Company and the Biltmore-Oteen Bank, an affiliated, were allowed to remain open after their alleged insolvency.

In Raleigh, George P. Pell, of the Corporation Commission, said the banks had been handled according to the policy of not closing banks for technical cash reserve shortages or frozen assets when it appeared they might be saved by remaining open, and said Judge McRae would be presented a plea in abatement shortage, and a request of removal of the trial to Wake County.

W. T. Lee is chairman of the commission and Stanley Winbourne is the other member.

The indictments were returned following a lengthy inquiry by the grand jury into allegations of court laxity which included charges that the State officials had been guilty of offenses for which the solicitor and the grand jury here had refused to draw indictments.