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Plan to Remove Minimum Of Ten Million Acres of Cotton From Production

Commissioners of Agriculture of Cotton Growing States Hold Conference in Washington Following which Acreage Reduction Plan is Submitted

Washington, June 14.—Commissioners of Agriculture of cotton growing states after a conference here today submitted a plan to remove a minimum of ten million acres from production and opposing the levying of a processing tax.

They proposed that acreage be leased at the rate of at least six dollars an acre plus an option to purchase government owned cotton at five cents a pound on the basis of one third of a bale to each acre retired from production or a rental of ten dollars an acre where the government does not wish to obtain an option.

They took the position that it would be most desirable to lease 12,500,000 acres now planted to cotton but indicated in a memorandum forwarded to the White House that they would be satisfied with ten million acres which is provided in the tentative plans.

Soon after G. C. Adams, Georgia commissioner of agriculture in a statement predicted the plan "most likely to be carried out will provide:

"Giving the cotton growers the privilege of leasing to the government 30 per cent of their acreage at \$10 per acre if they do not take options on an equal number of bales which this abandoned land would produce counting three acres to the bale; or six dollars per acre and allowing these growers an option on cotton now held by the government at six cents per hundred to be held by it for sale on their order, they to have any advance in price but no loss in case of a decline."

Bobbitt and Bell Form Warehouse Partnership Here

The Farmville tobacco market is to be greatly augmented this year by having Branch Bobbitt of Warrenton as one of its warehousemen, the partnership of L. R. Bell and Mr. Bobbitt being formed some months ago.

Reasons for the above statement are built on Mr. Bobbitt's strong personality, genial manner and thorough knowledge of tobacco, together with the fact that he comes to this market highly recommended as a capable and an efficient executive. He has been in the warehouse business for the past 14 years, being with the Export Co., for many years, managing a branch office in China, and has for the past two years run a warehouse in Warrenton. Mr. and Mrs. Bobbitt arrived in Farmville a few weeks ago and are receiving a cordial welcome on every side.

The senior partner, L. R. Bell, needs no introduction to the people of this section, having lived here all of his life and being one of the best known tobacco men in the State, his wide experience covering not only many years in the warehouse business but three times as many as a large tobacco grower, thus being fitted by a thorough acquaintance with the growing and selling of the weed. He numbers his friends by the hundreds and Farmville folks feel that this partnership will be a great asset to the local market.

Revival Services Meeting Success

Preaching the "old time religion" as seen through the eyes of a Bible scholar and speaking with conviction and with the fervor and spirit, as one staunch Presbyterian has expressed it, like the prophets of old, Dr. E. E. Gillespie is drawing large congregations every night to the series of meetings being held at the Presbyterian church, of which Rev. H. H. Wilson is the pastor. The meeting is scheduled to close on Sunday, June 25. Dr. Gillespie is one of the outstanding preachers of his denomination, and the local church is to be congratulated on securing his services, and the community is urged to take advantage of the opportunity of hearing him often during the coming week.

Gov. Places Troops Over Ga. Treasury

Atlanta, June 14.—Militarymen guarded Georgia's treasury tonight to prevent the highway board from getting money to pay its debts until it meets demands of Governor Eugene Talmadge.

The executive's demands are that five highway engineers be fired. The board refused to fire them, so the governor tied up all highway funds and no employe of that department has been paid since last April.

The secret of the guard—soldiers serving as civilian sentries to protect more than \$2,000,000 in highway funds—was revealed today after Governor Talmadge arrived in New York to make a speech under auspices of Sons of the Revolution. The posting of the sentries at the treasury was a mystery until a high authority said the governor had ordered withdrawal of the funds from banks and their deposit in the State treasury.

He and his advisors considered it possible that the board might seek the funds by federal injunction, so Georgia's military was instructed to keep the money in the treasury until the governor said otherwise.

The fight between Talmadge and the board started brewing during his campaign and reached the breaking point when the governor declined to approve the department's budget unless names of five engineers were stricken from the pay rolls. The board said it wouldn't fire the men. Then Talmadge refused to sign any highway warrants. That was last April, and since then the board hasn't drawn a penny for expenses, although its money has been piling up.

The board struck back by informing the State prison commission that more than 500 convicts used on State highway projects would be turned back to the State's care. The prison commission said it had no place to put them. The governor told the commission to make a place.

"Georgia'll take care of her convicts," said Talmadge.

Vacation School Begins

A Vacation School, of which Miss Ruth Skinner is dean, got off to an auspicious start this week in the Methodist and Christian churches, with manual training classes for boys, sewing classes for girls and public school music for both boys and girls.

Mrs. Florence Thorne and Mrs. G. M. Shirley have charge of the beginners; Curtis Flanagan has the manual training classes; intermediate classes are taught by Misses Dorothy and Sarah Smith; Mrs. Mac Carraway teaches the Juniors; sewing Misses Elizabeth Lang and Louise Smith; Music, Misses Vivian Case, Serene Turnage and Elizabeth Lang; recreation, Misses Elizabeth Fields and Eva Mae Turnage.

The school, which is being well attended, opens at 9:15 and closes at 1:30 each morning. Commencement exercises will close the term of two weeks.

Tobacco Association To Meet On June 29

Rocky Mount, June 13.—Meeting of the United States American Tobacco association is scheduled to be held in the Cavalier hotel at Virginia Beach June 29, 30 and July 1, Bruce Y. Lea, local tobaccoist, said this morning.

The principal business of the meeting will consist of the setting of dates for the opening of the warehouses of the various tobacco belts and for the election of officers.

The meeting is of special local importance since the East Carolina Warehousemen's Association of which warehousemen of this city are members have asked this association that the eastern North Carolina warehouses be allowed to open two weeks after the border belt. The warehousemen's association considered the opening necessary at that time due to an early tobacco crop.

After you've lost money there's nothing so irritating as to hear of somebody else's misadventure.

Farmville Makes History in Ball Game Wednesday

Rotarians and American Legions Quickly Learn They Had Forgotten More than They Ever Knew About Baseball

(By the Sports Editor)

Few, if any, local events ever staged here, have called forth the hilarity and genuine enjoyment of both participants and spectators, as did the baseball game between the Rotarians and members of the American Legion, played on the local diamond Wednesday afternoon.

The runs WERE COUNTED with the aid of an adding machine, but the errors were innumerable, and such wonderful and marvelous errors—McAdams, left fielder for the Rotes made a glorious sprint of fifty feet to catch a long fly and after finding a position directly underneath the sphere, stepped back two feet in an unheard of effort to entice the ball to follow him; Herman Rouse, catcher for the Legion, and an old timer in the baseball field, at one of the most critical points of the game, with four men on bases, counting the batter, threw off his mask and down his glove, in order to have a more comfortable chat with the pitcher, and wasn't at home when the player on third walked in and did a tap dance on the home plate. Herman returned to his post just in time to witness the last tap and see the score keeper mark up another run for the Rotarians. Was he surprised? Herman couldn't help weeping over the dirty trick played upon him while his back was turned.

Leslie Smith, Rotary president and one of the club's star pitchers, among whom we give most honorable mention to Dr. Willis and Mayor Lewis, (and we might state right here that all of the Rotarians can play equally as well in one position as another on the baseball diamond), anyhow Smith, while pitching, stopped a little bunt in a beautiful manner, but straightway forgot that it was base ball he was engaged in and started a private game of roly-holey, thereby allowing the batter to make two or three bases, we forget which.

Oh Gee! but Spell got a hit! The ball was found ten minutes later behind the light plant, the hit would have done credit to the Babe Ruth himself. How many runs did Spell make on his long hit? He barely made first base. His breath was atired in short pants when the first aid squad reached him. The next three men struck out and Spell still insists that Allah heeded his call for help that time.

Zeb Whitehurst, the Legion's acrobat, played second base and took the cup for fumbling, stopping several hits but never being able to pick up a single ball, somebody else having to lift it up for him every time.

Cecil Morris proved to be the swiftest runner the Legion had, making, somebody said, one base every inning, while others claim he made at least 20 runs; that doesn't sound logical, but we print it just to show that it is all in the point of view.

John Hill Paylor has evidently been the understudy of the world's most famous pitcher, (we forget his name for the moment), but his wind up is superb and we dare anybody to try to imitate it.

One of the most tragic plays made by the Rotes during the entire game, was that by Alex Rouse, short stop, who interfering with a hit, managed to secure the pill, and with three men on bases calmly held it, thereby holding all the runners stark still, struck motionless with wondering where he would decide to throw it, and making an out by the batter having no place to go.

A. W. Bobbitt will never grow any more or believe there is a Santa-Claus again, for he got the surprise of his life while playing around on first at one point in the game. Bobbitt trotted serenely down to first on four balls, the pitcher throwing the ball to Dave Oglesby, first baseman, as is customary. But Dave retained the ball, though he should have returned it of course, which is likewise customary, and while Bobbitt was proudly throwing out his chest, it was the first and only time he reached first, and stepping out to watch the ball play, Dave touched him with the ball.

Nation Will Levy Tax on 2 Big Crops

Cotton and Wheat to Be Taxed in Effort to Advance Prices of Staples

Washington, June 15.—The administration intends to raise \$250,000,000 by processing taxes on wheat and cotton on which it will levy at their maximum in a bold program aimed to better long range farm prices by cutting down production.

The government plans provide that most of the sum will be used to reward farmers who agree to reduce their output in concert with the Federal drive to halt the piling up of surpluses, long a price depressing problem for the growers of the two chief cash crops of the United States.

President Roosevelt has approved a program under the power of the new farm act which Secretary Wallace will make public tomorrow.

A comprehensive acreage curtailment program will be launched for cotton to take out as much as 10,000,000 acres of the crop now growing.

No effort will be made to cut production where the crop is now nearing harvest.

Winter killed and bad weather have cut production of wheat to approximate needs for the first time, although it is expected the carry over of 360,000,000 bushels on July 1, will mark the beginning of the new marketing year.

Claude Brown To Be Here This Season Monk's Warehouse

He and Mr. G. H. Webb Will Be Associated with J. Y. Monk in the Running of Sales

Farmville extends a cordial welcome to Mr. Claude Brown, for a number of years sales manager with Greenman's warehouse in Greenville, who comes to the Farmville market this season. He will be associated with J. Y. Monk in the operation of Monk's Warehouse and will act in the capacity as assistant sales manager.

Mr. Brown has had more than 20 years experience in the warehouse business and the Farmville market is to be congratulated in having him as an addition to its sales force.

In addition to Mr. Brown, Mr. Monk will also be assisted by Mr. G. H. Webb, of Pinetops, who is no stranger with us, as he has been connected with the Farmville market for the past three or four years.

Horrible! Horrible!

It was quite a common occurrence for players, attempting to steal bases to be run down and touched with the ball by the baseman he had just deserted, in just retaliation for his having felt him before their conversation was ended.

If Mayer-Goldwyn, or any of the other movie companies, had known about this game they would have spent millions to have perpetuated it with the camera. We can only hope they never hear of this lost opportunity for filming the best comedy ever, they would never get over it.

We hope the Rotes and Legionnaires will play several more games this season and if they can manage to get rid of their charley horses and sore muscles before winter, perhaps they will, for this one beat any big League game the writer has ever seen, viewed from any old angle of runs, hits or errors.

The score?—The score, you say? Oh, the old farmer, who thought the big League game he witnessed in New York with the score 1 and 0, plain ordinary, would have enjoyed this one and gotten his money's worth—the score was 25 and 15 favoring the Legion.

In a pasture test being conducted by E. E. Dell of Pollockville, cattle on the fertilized pasture gained 1,320 pounds in 28 days while those on the unfertilized pasture gained 814 pounds in 28 days. There is no difference in the pasture, except part was fertilized last March 4 with 400 pounds of an 8-4-4 mixture per acre.

Roosevelt Will Review Debt of Great Britain

Roosevelt Signs Act to Aid Small Home Owners

Appeal To Creditors Of Small Home Owners to Abstain From Foreclosures

Washington, June 13.—Voicing an appeal to creditors of small home owners to abstain from foreclosures, President Roosevelt today signed the bill making \$2,000,000,000 available for refinancing mortgages.

"It will, of course," he said in a formal statement, "take a little while to set up the machinery necessary to carry the principles of the act into effect.

"In the meantime, I appeal to mortgage creditors and all others who have claims against home owners, and ask them until full opportunity has been given to make effective the refinancing provisions of the home mortgage act, that they abstain from bringing foreclosure proceedings and that they abstain from seeking to dispose of the home owners who are in debt to them."

The legislation, originally proposed by the President, allows owners of homes up to \$20,000 in value to exchange their mortgages for government indebtedness at an interest rate of 5 per cent.

The indebted home owners also may borrow money to pay back taxes and if they are unable to exchange their mortgages for government paper, they may borrow 40 per cent in cash on the value of their homes, at a rate of 6 per cent.

"In signing the 'Home Owners Loan Act of 1934,'" said the President, "I feel that we have taken another important step toward the ending of deflation which was rapidly depriving many millions of farm and home owners from the title and equity to their property.

"Co-operation between the officials of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, the mortgagees and the mortgagees during many foreclosures unnecessary and will do substantial justice to all parties concerned."

Members of the home loan bank board, who will administer the refinancing, intend to establish offices throughout the country within a month to get the job under way.

Eighty per cent of the value of the homes will be allowed for each transaction, but it may not exceed \$14,000.

Provision is made for a three-year moratorium on interest payments, repayments will be on a 15-year basis.

Gives Warning On Diphtheria

Health Department Reports Five Cases of Disease Since June 1st

Greenville, June 13.—Dr. R. S. McGeachy, director of the Pitt County Department of Health, today urged mothers to have their children vaccinated against diphtheria.

The statement came after five cases of the disease had been reported to the health department since June 1, as against nine from January to June 1.

Dr. McGeachy also urged people who did not take typhoid fever treatment last year to get busy and do so this year.

Typhoid clinics are being held in various parts of the county at this time and health workers are in the office two days a week to give inoculations.

Pitt county last year outshone all other counties of the State from the standpoint of the number of persons receiving treatment for typhoid.

All communities desiring clinics this year have been requested to inform the health office of the desire and workers will arrange for vaccinations immediately, the health director stated.

President Reveals Reply To Tender of \$10,000,000 Payment By British

Washington, June 14.—A review of Great Britain's debt to the United States was promised today by President Roosevelt in announcing a ten million dollar payment had been tendered by that country in "acknowledgment" of the installment due tomorrow.

In a formal note tendering the partial payment of the \$75,950,000 due, the British government asserted the sum was to be considered "acknowledgment of the debt pending final settlement."

The American reply set forth Mr. Roosevelt's lack of authority to alter the existing agreement, and in a supplementary statement, Mr. Roosevelt said that he would not consider non-payment of the balance due as default.

"In the spirit of cooperation, I have, as Executive, noted: the representations of the British government with respect to the payment of the June 15 instalment, inasmuch as the payment made is accompanied by a clear acknowledgement of the debt itself," the President's statement said.

"In view of these representations and of the payment, I have no personal hesitation in saying that I do not characterize the resultant situation as a default.

"Beyond this, the law and the Constitution do not permit me to go. The American public understands clearly that the settlement under which these debts are now being paid was made under the authority of Congress and that Congress alone has the right to alter the amount and method of payment of this debt.

"Further than this the Congress in December 1931 in approving the moratorium in June of that year, specifically set forth that the debt should not be cancelled or reduced."

Mr. Roosevelt, at ease in his cushioned swivel chair and puffing occasionally at a cigarette, read to correspondents the British note, the American reply and his own supplementary statement.

In neither the American note, which went to London today, nor in Mr. Roosevelt's statement were found the words 'receive' or 'accept.'

Mr. Roosevelt said: "The British government has today announced a payment to the United States of \$10,000,000 with a note indicating that this payment is to be considered 'as an acknowledgement of the debt pending a final settlement.' It has in its accompanying note pointed out circumstances that have induced it to take this action."

There were immediate reverberations on Capitol Hill. Senator Robinson, of Indiana, a Republican anti-cancellationist, assailed the partial payment. Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, replied to him.

While these developments were engrossing the capital, Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain outlined the procedure to the House of Commons and said the sum would be paid in silver, procured in India, and received by the United States at 50 cents an ounce. Acceptance of debt payments in silver to a maximum of \$200,000,000 was authorized by the special session of Congress in enacting the inflation legislation.

Officials pointed out that the British payment was well above the 10 per cent figure that information from London had indicated was proposed.

In addition to the British offer, President Roosevelt was considering a proposal from Italy that she, too, make only a partial payment, indicated today as limited to the amount of interest due, a sum considerably less than 10 per cent of the total \$13,745,000 installment.

Medical Services 25 Cents Per Week

Roanoke Rapids, June 13.—Dr. T. W. M. Long, local physician and State Senator from this district, has announced a unique method of giving his professional services.

For 25 cents a week Dr. Long will give a family both medical attention and surgical services if needed.

Even if you don't get anywhere it's a satisfaction to know you did your best.