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## Farmers Plead Living Price For Their Crops

### Mass Meetings Urge that Government Come to Relief of Tobacco Growers

Washington, Aug. 10.—The advisory committee representing flue cured tobacco growers in North Carolina and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia is to meet with Farm Adjustment Administration officials Monday to determine a program directed at raising flue cured prices during the present harvest.

G. C. Adams, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, conferred today on the tobacco situation in the state with J. E. Hutson, acting chief of the Farm Administration's tobacco division. Adams plans to remain in Washington to participate in the conference on Monday.

Mass meetings were held in various parts of Eastern North Carolina with a few in Central Carolina yesterday calling on the government to take a hand to help farmers get a living price for their tobacco. Action was taken on reports from the Georgia markets and based on the theory that although compared with prices of recent years those on the border markets yesterday might show some improvement, they were nevertheless not such to guarantee the grower any decent return for his labor and investment.

In most meetings heard from the government was asked to create a branch of the department of agriculture which would look after especially the needs of the growers of bright tobacco, taking steps to reduce acreage, and so lessen the future production that an automatic increase in price would result.

The meetings so far as heard from were well attended and the tobacco growers were unanimous in the feeling that the government ought to come to the relief of the tobacco farmer.

## Fiscal News Coming Soon

### State's Deficit Believed To Approximate Fourteen Millions

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Almost at any time now, North Carolinians will be apprised by Frank L. Dunlap, assistant director of the State budget, of "the state of the State" is a fiscal way.

The detailed statement on the condition of the State's finances, as on June 30, last, the end of the last biennium, is expected to show the State shouldering a deficit approximating 14 millions of dollars.

Furthermore, it is expected the statement will show the deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, to be between seven and seven and one-half millions of dollars.

Although empowered and authorized by the 1932 General Assembly to fund the State's deficit, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who is now on vacation somewhere in Western North Carolina, has not yet made any public move to this end.

It is believed he is waiting until he can get a favorable interest rate on bonds. The State right now is having to pay five per cent on short-term notes in the great money markets of Wall Street, but the interest charges on bonds will not be as great.

The State, it is understood, paid five per cents in its last flotation of bonds in New York, but with North Carolina bonds selling at around 4.85 now it is hardly believed a lower rate than five per cent could be obtained and it is not at all certain that the State could even float the bonds at the present time.

At any rate when and if the State does find its deficit, the bonded indebtedness of the State will be between 100 and 200 millions of dollars.

W. Kerr Scott of Raw River was elected president of the North Carolina Farmers Convention for 1934 and Mrs. Gordon Reid of Union Mills, Hesseford County, was elected president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

### Seeks Full Destruction of Cotton

### Arnold Urges Farmers To Cut Down and Then Plow Up Staple in Control Campaign

Greenville, Aug. 10.—It is absolutely necessary for growers to totally destroy the cotton they agreed to take out of cultivation in connection with the government reduction campaign, E. F. Arnold, director of the movement in this county said today.

The expression came after reports had reached the farm office that some farmers were plowing up their cotton without totally destroying it. Mr. Arnold advised growers to cut it down and then plow up to insure complete destruction of the staple they agreed to take out of production.

Although the harvesting of the tobacco crop has required the undivided attention of the majority of growers, the farm director said about sixty per cent of the signers of the government cotton contract had plowed up the staple, and that the remainder were expected to do so in the near future, or as soon as they can get their tobacco crop in the house.

Under the federal control plan, Pitt county growers agreed to take approximately 5,000 acres of cotton out of production, or the equivalent of 3,000 bales. The county was one of several of the state to receive honorable mention for the fine cooperation shown the movement.

It is the object of the campaign to take over three million bales out of cultivation thereby relieving the congestion of the world market and stabilizing the price situation. Prices jumped considerably at the beginning of the campaign and growers were expected to realize much benefit from co-operating with the government.

### TOWER SITE TO BE MARKED

The observation tower, recently erected here by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, and which was removed Thursday, will be officially recorded as Monk station, having been situated on the property of A. C. Monk, the Bobbitt and Bell's warehouse lot, and the site will bear a marker with bronze tablet.

## Rotary Club

The Farmville Rotary Club held its weekly meeting last Tuesday evening. After an excellent meal supper the program, which centered around "The Aims and Objects of Rotary," was presented with R. E. Boyd as program leader.

S. B. Underwood addressed the club on the above subject and defined as the primary aim of Rotary the promotion of service in all walks of life and in all parts of the world. This service is to be accomplished by every Rotarian adhering to the six basic objects of Rotary International in his relations with his fellow Rotarians and others throughout the world with whom he comes in contact.

After the above definition and presentation of fact all those present were asked to pause a moment and take stock in an effort to determine whether or not they were living and conducting their business organizations in accord with these objects.

The Objects of Rotary Are:

To Encourage And Foster:

- 1 The ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise.
- 2 High ethical standards in business and professions.
- 3 The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life.
- 4 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- 5 The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- 6 The advancement of understanding, good-will, and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

With these thoughts in mind the Club adjourned to meet again August 15, 1933.

## Plan Payments Are Now Promised Tobacco Farmers

### In Return for Acreage Reduction Provided Mass Sentiment Can Be Obtained for Plan, According to Telegram Received by The Enterprise

Below is an agreement which we are suggesting the farmers sign and send to The Enterprise and to be forwarded to the secretary of agriculture in Washington in an attempt to secure payments for tobacco growers in return for acreage reduction:

"The Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.: I understand the government wants tobacco farmers to receive money enough to buy as much as they could, with the average of tobacco prices from 1919 to 1929 (parity price).

"In consideration of payment to me of money to be raised from a processing tax in tobacco factories—so that my buying power as a tobacco grower may be increased—I am willing to agree to cut my tobacco acreage for the next three years (the same as cigar tobacco growers).

"I have \_\_\_\_\_ acres in tobacco this year.

Signed: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Route No. \_\_\_\_\_

In other words the government cannot control production of tobacco and raise prices if the farmer does not assist by holding down his acreage. That is why the government is paying the farmer to reduce his cotton acreage, in order to eliminate the surplus.

## FARMVILLE'S BUDGET NOW COMPLETED

Farmville's budget has been completed by the City Fathers, according to Mayor Lewis and the official seal will be placed upon it on August 21st.

In view of the reduced valuation by 33 1/3% the 15% increase in the tax rate, to wit: from 1.25 to 1.40 is considered very good. This will give a total tax reduction of about 20% from last year tax assessment.

The Commissioners had hoped to levy only a 1.25 tax rate, but found it impossible in view of the fact that it was necessary to increase the appropriations for labor by about \$3,500.00 in case municipalities are called upon to conform to the provisions of the National Recovery Administration.

It was deemed unwise to reduce light and water rates at this time, inasmuch as the rate in Farmville is lower than the average and in view of the further fact that the levy on real estate would have to be increased to take care of such reduction.

### PRESTON MURPHY FARM TO BE MARKED AS OBSERVATION STATION

The Preston Murphy farm, 8 miles from Farmville was among nearby sites of the observation towers, recently erected in this section by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, and the marker with bronze tablet, which will

## Expect Big Attendance At Leaf Meet; Greenville

### Gov. Tobacco Control Movement To Be Considered Saturday

Greenville, Aug. 10.—Plans continue to be made for the meeting of tobacco growers in the county house here Saturday at 9:30 a. m., it was announced today by E. F. Arnold, director of the Farm Department, under whose auspices the gathering will be held.

Mr. Arnold said indications pointed to large attendance of growers from all sections of the county and that it was likely sentiment regarding the position of Pitt county growers on the government acreage control movement for next year would materialize.

The object of the meeting is to discuss the government program and to determine what action growers desire to take regarding the price situa-

## Gold and Oil in the Carolina Mountains

### Miner and Oil Man From California Answer In Affirmative

Asheville, Aug. 9.—Gold deposits that are extremely interesting and traces of oil that may lead to future development have been found during the past two weeks in Jackson and Macon counties by B. E. Mason, California miner, and A. C. Cagle, California oil man, who have been visiting Mr. Cagle's brother, O. V. Cagle, at Sylva.

Mr. Mason came back to North Carolina, his former home, after an absence of 48 years. He has been living in San Joaquin Valley, near Fresno, California.

"I haven't seen anything yet that I could recognize," he said. "Even the most important mountains have changed because of changes in the growth of timber so that I cannot recognize them."

Mr. Cagle, who makes his home in Hollywood, left North Carolina in 1911 and this is his first trip back. Both men made the journey this time because they were interested in reports of mineral deposits in this section.

Mr. Mason is interested in gold mining and has just patented a process by which the metal can be extracted from low-grade ore in a shorter time than it has been possible to perform this process before. He hopes to be able to put up a plant in western North Carolina if samples which he collected during his visit here come up to tests.

"I found some interesting gold on Mack's mountain, near Dillboro," Mr. Mason said. "If it proves to be what it looks like, you'll find me back in this section within a month."

Mr. Cagle, an experienced oil man, found oil shale at Dilletta and near Savannah on Rice's Creek. He is convinced that future developments will see these sections producing oil.

## Sky Chips

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—Blazing chips of the same sort of stuff which some astronomers believe bit the planet Saturn to make its giant new white spot, will fly across the sky tomorrow (Thursday) night.

These chips are the annual showers of Perseid meteors. Their greatest profusion is due Friday between midnight and dawn Saturday. But after midnight Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, where skies are clear, astronomers say they should be visible at the rates of 10 or 15 an hour. Friday night's hourly count may double this. They appear in the northeast sky.

The Perseids are so small that not one has been recorded as ever striking the earth. Astronomers reckon their sizes as ranging from that of wheat grains to peas or marbles.

mark the spot will bear the name of Carr Station.

This name was selected by Mrs. Murphy as most fitting, doing honor to her forefathers, by whom this land has been held in possession for seven generations. The farm is in the old Willow Green community.

## Small Breaks Reported On All Border Markets

### To See President On Tobacco Prices

### Georgia Officials Will Try to Arrange Meeting With Roosevelt At Hyde Park

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9.—Commissioner G. C. Adams of the Georgia department of agriculture, has gone to Washington to confer with Federal officials on bright leaf tobacco prices and will seek a meeting with President Roosevelt at his Hyde Park, N. Y., home to ask that an average of 20 cents a pound be fixed.

The Commissioner left yesterday following up a telegram which Governor Talmadge sent the President in an appeal for aid for the tobacco farmers.

Talmadge branded methods used by buyers "an absolute fraud."

A delegation of Georgia growers appeared before the Governor yesterday charging they were being "robbed" of their tobacco.

The Governor, in his wire to the President, said the Georgia tobacco crop was of the best quality in years and was bringing but about 15 cents a pound gross while tobacco products "are selling today at the same price as when this same quality of tobacco was bringing from 50 to 70 cents a pound."

## Pitt County Tobacco Farmers to Meet Sat.

After conferring with a number of farmers as to the advisability of tobacco growers meeting to discuss for the 1933 crop and to consider co-operating with the Federal Government on some plan of acreage control for next crop it has been decided to call a meeting at the Court House for this purpose Saturday, August 12, 2:30 P. M., according to information coming from the Farm Department.

This meeting will be held under the auspices of the Pitt County Board of Agriculture.

Every farmer in the county is being urged to attend by members of this organization.

Prices of every thing the farmer buys is going up rapidly and if the farmer does not get a good price for his crop this year he will be in worse condition than he was a year ago.

The tobacco grower with a large crop and a much better quality has a great deal more at stake this year than last. The Federal Government is ready and anxious to cooperate with the farmers if they are ready and willing to give concerted action on crop control. If cotton acreage control is carried out and nothing done to control the acreage of tobacco, prices of tobacco will remain below cost of production.

### OFFICIAL REPORT OF SALES AT LUMBERTON

Lumberton, Aug. 10.—Official report of sales Lumberton tobacco market today, 275,346 pounds for an average of \$18.87. Ninety per cent of sales ground primings. Prices ranged from \$6 to \$35.

## Two New Bulletins Available To Farmers

Two new bulletins, "A Study of North Carolina Dairies" and "Sanitation as a Method of Controlling Stomach Worms in Lambs" are ready for distribution by the Agricultural Experiment Station of North Carolina State College.

Prof. R. H. Rogers, associate agricultural economist of the college and author of bulletin 228, "A Study of North Carolina Dairies," points out that it is possible to conduct a dairy profitably in this State. Economical feeding and the use of labor are discussed at length.

Total cost and comparative tables are also given in the bulletin. "Sanitation as a Method of Controlling Stomach Worms in Lambs," bulletin 287, is written by Prof. Earl H. Hostetler and John E. Foster, of the State College animal husbandry division. The work was conducted on the State Experiment Station farms.

E. C. Jones, emergency Negro agent in Winston-Salem, reports the planting of 3160 gardens by Negroes of the city. The gardens have been well cultivated and the surplus vegetables will be canned.

### Lumberton Market Described As Most Satisfactory In Years; Most Farmers Pleased

An average price of between \$13 and \$14 a hundred for the opening was indicated as farmers of the South Carolina and Border Belts began selling their tobacco on the auction markets yesterday.

Opening breaks were generally reported moderately heavy. The poorer grades sold at increases of 25 to 100 per cent over last year, but there was little improvement in the bids for the better grades. Last year's opening average was about \$9.75 to \$10 a hundred.

Few tickets were turned—the gesture made by the farmer in refusing the bid on his tobacco—and growers were better satisfied than last year. Some markets reported a general feeling of satisfaction and optimism among the growers.

Most of the offerings yesterday were first pulling, or ground primings, but a few of better grade were offered and some sold as high as \$26 a hundred. Very little sold for less than \$6 a hundred.

R. W. McFarland, sales supervisor at Lumberton, described the opening there as "the most satisfactory I have seen in years."

Approximately 75,000 pounds were on the floors of the warehouses at Dillon, S. C., and although most of it was first pullings, warehouse men described it as the ripest, finest types of first pullings ever seen there. The price range there an early sales was from \$5 to \$25 a hundred. Only two tags were turned.

Pamlico, S. C., had an opening break of about the same as Dillon's with primings and lugs constituting the major portion of the offerings although there was a fair sprinkling of seconds. An average of \$10 to \$13 a hundred was indicated there, one lot sold for \$40 and farmers apparently were satisfied with few tickets turned.

On an opening break of 100,000 pounds, prices were running from \$5 to \$25 at Fairbluff, N. C., with some baskets \$15 a hundred.

The six warehouses at Lumberton had a quarter of a million pounds on their floors and an average struck for one row across the warehouse was \$13.48 a hundred. Prices there for the lower grades were almost double last year's.

Upward of 100,000 pounds were on the warehouse floors at Darlington. As elsewhere, the cheaper grades were going at higher prices and farmers seemed satisfied.

Over 500,000 pounds, much more than was expected, was on the floors at Lake City, one of the largest markets in South Carolina. An average struck there for the first 25,000 pounds sold was \$12.75. Few sales

### Plan Bromine Plant in N. C.

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Wilmington, Mich., Aug. 10.—Plans to build a new plant to occupy ten acres on the Cape Fear peninsula near Wilmington, N. C., to be devoted exclusively to the manufacture of bromine from ocean water were announced today by the Dow Chemical Company which will own the plant with Ethyl Gasoline corporation.

The new firm will be known as the Ethyl-Dow Chemical Company and it was understood the plant will cost in excess of \$1,000,000.

Litter on the forest floor blunts the teeth of erosion, helps to build up the fertility of the land, and is an argument against allowing fires to escape into the woodland.