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Saturday 'Tobacco Sign-Up' Day

County Mass Meetings, Greenville 10 A. M., Farmville 2 P. M., Knott's Warehouse

Government Promises Better Tobacco Prices

Tobacco Holiday Expected To End During Next Week

Tobacco acreage reduction campaign will begin here Saturday at 2 o'clock at which time contracts will be signed by growers.

Knott's warehouse will be headquarters for the corps of workers which will include warehousemen and employees with John T. Thorne in charge.

A ready response is anticipated as a speedy concluding of this work will hasten the reopening of the markets.

Governor Issues Proclamation

Hoping to be able to put an end to the tobacco holiday proclaimed by him last week not later than the last of next week, Governor Ehringhaus yesterday issued a proclamation calling upon all tobacco growers to seek out those with acreage reduction contracts in order that the actual signing of the contracts might be completed not later than Thursday. "The sincerity and interest of our people is at stake," declared the Governor.

The Governor also called for the support of all good citizens in the campaign and made public the following telegram sent to him late Wednesday by President Roosevelt:

"Regret exceedingly that because of blated arrival I did not see you yesterday. I am in touch with the tobacco problem through the Secretary of Agriculture and wish to assure you, and through you the growers of flue cured tobacco of our deep sympathy with their situation.

"The Department of Agriculture, as you know, is moving promptly under the Agriculture Adjustment Act on program designed to correct conditions and we are confidently counting on your co-operation and that the growers in making it effective."

Governor Ehringhaus was informed yesterday that copies of the reduction contracts to be signed will be available today in all the large tobacco centres and expressed the hope that many farmers will sign them today and tomorrow in order that the formal campaign, which begins on Monday will be in the nature of a cleanup drive and will be over within two days.

The Governor conferred yesterday with Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who will have charge of the program and who has directed county agents to abandon activities for the duration of the drive.

There are this year 672,000 acres planted in tobacco in North Carolina and 100,000 growers. However, less than 40,000 of the growers are landowners and under the plan adopted all land will be reached

through the landowners. The proclamation issued yesterday by the Governor follows:

"Whereas, the United States government has launched its effort for an intelligent and proper control of production in the flue-cured tobacco areas and has started a whirlwind campaign to secure signatures of the growers to reduce their production for 1934 and 1935, as requested by the government, not to exceed 30 per cent; and

"Whereas, with all markets closed the necessity for immediate response in signing without delay is imperative in order to expedite the reopening of the markets; and

"Whereas, the United States government, through the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, has pledged its full power in an effort to obtain parity prices to the cooperating growers, not only for the crops for 1934 and 1935, but also for this year's crops; and

"Whereas, the sincerity and interest of our people, as well as the necessities of our tobacco growers, demand that we answer this challenge; and

"Whereas, the growers in various meetings throughout the State have enthusiastically endorsed this effort and the extension service, vocational group, and the warehousemen have all pledged themselves to assist in securing signatures; and

"Whereas, tentative contracts will be ready for signature at the time hereinafter mentioned; and

"Whereas, the citizenship generally in tobacco growing counties is vitally concerned in the speedy and complete acceptance of this program;

"Now, therefore, I, John C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of North Carolina, hereby call upon all tobacco growers, all warehousemen, all organizations, groups, services, merchants, and citizens generally interested to make use of the tobacco holiday already proclaimed, particular on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12, in assisting in the speediest sign-up possible by the growers to the tentative contracts submitted by the government, and particularly do I urge that the growers do not wait to be called upon to sign such contracts, but that they seek out the warehouse committeemen, extension, vocational and other agents who have these contracts ready for signature, and sign them at the earliest possible moment, so that by the close of Tuesday (Continued on page four)

Government Will Aid If Growers Will Cut Crop Next Two Years

"You Deliver and We'll Deliver," Government Spokesmen Tells Farmers at Gathering Held in Raleigh; "Sign-Up" Campaign to Begin on Saturday, Sept. 8th.

Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Delegates representing tobacco farmers of North Carolina today voted unanimously to pledge themselves to cooperate with the government to reduce the tobacco crops of 1934 and 1935 by any stipulated amount up to 30 per cent of this year's crop after being assured that the government is ready to aid them.

Plans were launched at a meeting this afternoon for a crop reduction campaign to begin in the State on Saturday, Sept. 8th, as the contract forms are expected to arrive from Washington by that time. The co-operation of Virginia and South Carolina was pledged in the campaign with L. M. Lawson, of Darlington, S. C., signing a copy of the tentative contract that was available at the meeting.

"I don't want to be in the limelight, he said, but I want to be the first person to sign one of those contracts.

About 600 representatives sent here by tobacco growers of the state's 57 counties producing flue cured tobacco and 600 to 700 other interested persons, pledged themselves to adopt any program the government may propose by a standing vote. J. B. Hutson, in charge of production for the Agricultural Administration in Washington, had just outlined the tentative reduction contract. He told the growers that "for our part we pledge ourselves to use every resource at our disposal to see that you get a parity price for this year's crop as well as the two following years if the farmers will pledge to reduce production in 1934 and 1935."

The representatives of the growers were asked to pledge themselves to abide by the government's final decision for flue cured growers and to work to pledge their neighbors also.

Visitors from Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia were in the crowd. Opponents of the government plan were asked to stand up, but nobody arose. "Stand up. Stand up, we want to see who you are," was shouted from the floor, but no one stood in opposition.

Hutson, speaking after Governor Ehringhaus had emphasized to the meeting that farmers must co-operate for crop reduction to raise prices, said: "The Agricultural Administration realizes that the flue-cured prices were too low last year and too low again this year, and the government is asking the farmers to pledge themselves for reduced production. For our part, we pledge to use every resource at our hands to get you parity prices this year, as well as the two years following. We don't know what steps will be necessary to take, but we know some of them. If you deliver, we will be able to deliver."

The government man read the tentative contract which pledges the flue-cured growers to reduce either by acreage or poundage, or both, up to 30 percent of this year's crop. He said the exact percentage of reduction could not be announced until the Agricultural Administration is assured the farmers will accept such a plan as is formulated. A study of domestic and foreign use of tobacco must also be completed. Some form of rental or benefit program will be used, he said, with the financing being done by the processing tax which has been levied for the flue-cured tobacco after October 1st.

The 100 delegates at the meeting

electd at county meetings of the tobacco growers last week and supposed to be empowered to speak for them voted unanimously to accept the government offer.

John R. Hutchison, of the Extension Department of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and D. M. Watkins, Extension Department, Clemson College, South Carolina, were present to represent their States.

Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the Extension Department of North Carolina State College, presided over the meeting.

TOBACCO MEN WILL HELP IN SIGN-UP DRIVE

Eastern Carolina Warehousemen Pledge Support to Government Plan.

Greenville, Sept. 7.—Tobacco warehousemen of Eastern North Carolina, meeting at the city hall today, pledged their support to the government crop reduction contract drive and tendered their services and that of all their hundreds of employees to assist in getting the farmers' signatures to the contracts. The meeting was presided over by E. V. Webb, president, of Kinston, and was attended by more than a hundred warehousemen from this section.

Following an address of welcome by Mayor R. C. Flanagan, in which he expressed complete confidence in our warehousemen and appreciation for their spirit of co-operation and their efforts with the government in behalf of the farmers.

The address of welcome was followed by a report of the warehousemen's committee at the recent Washington conference by B. B. Sugg, warehouseman of this city. Mr. Sugg went into the details of the conference and expressed gratification at the result of the labors of all those who had a part in the Washington gathering. He paid highest tribute to Governor Ehringhaus and others who took part and declared that they had rendered a great service to the people of the tobacco States.

The warehousemen were unanimous in tendering their aid in the sign-up campaign and urged that every grower sign just as soon as given an opportunity in order that the sales might be resumed at the earliest possible date.

Rotary Club Enjoy Talk Of Visitor

The feature of the Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday evening was a well chosen and timely address by the Rev. Mr. Ennis, Pastor of the Baptist Church. Taking as his theme, "The Debt of the Creditor," and using the "Parable of the Unmerciful Servant" as his authority, he pointed out forcefully that Christian creditors could only expect payment on the part of their debtors according to their ability to pay. Stating the application of the Golden Rule in business he said in effect that one should exact payment from his debtors in proportion as he would desire, under similar circumstances, his creditors to exact from him. Coming, as his talk did, in the fall of the year it was both pointed and appropriate.

Sam Bundy announced that he

Warehousemen Pass Resolutions At Meeting

A group of 150 warehousemen representing all Eastern North Carolina markets met here Friday, night, Sept. 2, and unanimously pledged their full cooperation in the marketing holiday which began the following Monday.

Warehousemen, in their Farmville meeting, adopted the following resolution:

(Whereas, the Governor of North Carolina has issued a proclamation requesting all tobacco sales warehouses in North Carolina to suspend sales pending a conference of Governor Ehringhaus and a committee of gentlemen representing the farmers with Government officials in Washington, D. C., with a view toward improving prices now being paid for tobacco.

"Be it resolved, that the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association join wholeheartedly in their support and co-operation with the Governor's proclamation and freely comply therewith. It is understood that all warehouses in the border markets and South Carolina markets will likewise comply therewith, as it would be exceedingly detrimental if some markets remained open while others are closed.

"Be it further resolved that every possible effort will be made to assure an early reopening of markets, in view of the fact that much tobacco is graded and liable to damage if not marketed at an early date. Further, thousands of people now employed in warehouses and factories, will be thrown out of employment until markets are reopened."

The warehousemen appointed the following committee to accompany Governor Ehringhaus and the delegation of farmers to Washington: W. Z. Morton and B. B. Suggs, Greenville; W. E. Fenner, Rocky Mount; J. Y. Monk, Farmville; and J. C. Eagles, Wilson; E. V. Webb, of Kinston, president of the Association accompanied the committee.

Sign-Up To Be General Saturday

Sign-up in the government tobacco crop reduction campaign will get under way Saturday morning at ten o'clock when every land owner in the state is urged to go to the nearest point for a mass meeting at which time individual contracts will be offered the farmers. The government has definitely promised to raise prices of this year's flue cured tobacco crop if the growers will sign up to reduce their acreage for 1934 and 1935 and all warehouses in North and South Carolina are closed and will remain

closed until the contracts have been signed and the sooner the farmers sign the sooner the markets will be re-opened.

You get the contracts signed and the government will use every resource at its hands to get you a parity price for tobacco, J. B. Huston, chief of the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration told growers meeting in Raleigh yesterday and now the next move is up to the growers.

Warehousemen have tendered their entire corps of employees to aid in the detail work of the sign-up and it is expected that the campaign will be carried to a successful completion in very short order. A great number of interested citizens are expected to have a part in helping put the campaign over in every township.

The township meeting Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock will be as follows:

Farmville, John T. Thorne, chairman; Falkland, J. C. Parker; Beaver Dam, Mark H. Smith; Grifton, W. M. Taylor; Swift Creek, Hugh Stokes Store, Fred Taylor; Grimesland, R. L. Little, Black Jack, Marvin Smith; Winterville, John R. Corroll; Ayden, J. D. Cannon, Pactolus, J. P. Davenport, Stokes, A. L. Wpolar; Bethel, F. C. Martin; Belvoir, T. E. Parker.

It was at first thought that the sign-up would not begin until Monday because contracts could not be received before that time but today J. C. Lanier, assistant to the director of the tobacco section, advised they would be ready by Saturday morning.

PRESENTATION OF PLAY-GROUND PAGEANT TONIGHT

On account of other events scheduled for Friday afternoon, Sept. 8th, the closing exercises of the Welfare Playground, under the direction of Miss Vivian Case, will be held in the evening of that day, (today) at 7:30 o'clock in Perkins Hall.

The program, in which seventy children will take part and which comes as a brilliant climax to the past few weeks of happy hours providing recreation and fun for them, is as follows:

- Exercise Song.....Entire Group
- Pageant-"King Cole Comes To Town".....Entire Group
- Dramatization-"Cinderella-Older Girls Square Dance".....Older Girls
- Everybody is invited to attend these exercises.

County Tax Rate For This Year Fixed at 83c

Debt Service Requirements Take Up More Than Half of All Tax Money.

Greenville, Sept. 6.—County Commissioners in session Monday adopted a county tax rate for this year of 83 cents on the \$100 valuation, against a rate of 82 1/2 cents last year despite a 23 1-3 per cent reduction in real estate values for this year. In the face of the cut in valuations there had been some previous indication that it may be necessary to raise the tax rates, but after careful budgeting the commissioners found it possible to cut the rate rather than increase it.

Here are the figures for the year's budget, together with the sources from which the money is to be derived.

General fund	\$74,750
County Home and Poor	19,255
Health Department	5,400
School maintenance	24,925
Debt service	211,300
Total budget	\$335,630

Based upon a valuation of approx-

imately \$27,000,000 this year against \$38,000,000 last year, the rate for the various departments is as follows: General fund, 14 cents.....\$7,800 County home & poor, 5 cents..... 13,500 Health department, 2 cents..... 5,400 School maintenance, 5 cents..... 13,500 Debt service, 57 cents..... 153,900

Additional funds to complete the budget expenditures are to be derived from State aid, commissions and fees, poll taxes, court costs and fines and unpaid back taxes.

The 33 1-3 per cent cut in real estate values brought this year's total valuations down considerably below the present estimated total valuations of \$27,000,000, but efforts on behalf of the tax authorities resulted in the placing on the books of real estate not heretofore listed as well as such personal property which brought the values back up to the present figures.

The action of the Board in adopting the rate was unanimous. Friends here will regret to learn that Mr. Leo Carden and family have been transferred to South Boston, Va., and left Thursday to make their home in that city.

Farmville High School To Open September 18

A Few Changes Made In Faculty Since Last Year; Supt. Boyd Getting Schedule Ready For Opening Day.

The Farmville High School will open its doors for the fall term on Monday, September 18, at 8:30 o'clock, according to Superintendent R. E. Boyd, with the lunch, recess period and other general rules of the schedule of the past year to be observed.

The faculty, which has undergone few changes since the last term is as follows:

First grades, Miss Annie Perkins and Mrs. Florence Thorne; second grades, Miss Vivian Case and Mrs. [Name] would have to forsake his job as pianist and accompanist to resume his schoolteaching job. It was with the greatest displeasure that the Club listened to the announcement because Sam will be much missed. It was moved and passed that standing invitation be extended him to visit the Club whenever he could arrange to do so.

W. B. Carraway; third grades, Miss Eugenia Gray of Cary, and Miss Margaret Lewis; fourth grades, Miss Chrytelle Lucas and Miss Sallie Norwood; fifth grades, Miss Edna Robinson and Miss Elizabeth Eelfe Hobbs, Belhaven; sixth grades, Miss Mamie Proctor and Miss Janie Davis; seventh grades, Miss Susie Copeland and Mrs. L. P. Thomas high school, Mrs. J. B. Joyner, English; Miss Kathleen Boatright, Latin and French, Miss Russell Ward, Mathematics, Mr. Francis M. Pratt, Winston-Salem; History and English, Mr. R. H. Cason, Science and History, Supt. R. E. Boyd, Home Economics, Miss Alice Coggins.

The registration of high school pupils will be held on Monday, Sept. 11, from 9:00 to 12:00, for the purpose of arranging the pupil's schedules and the distribution of book lists.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moore of the Falkland section announce the birth of a son on Wednesday, September 6th.