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Markets Expected To Re-Open Soon

Everybody Anxiously Awaiting Governor Ehringhaus' Word To Go; Sign-Up Considered Success

It Is Hoped Sales Will Be Resumed Monday or Tuesday

Leaf Cut Campaign Closes In Farmville Township With 100 P. C. In Sight

Only Two Small Farmers In Pitt County Refused to Sign-up; Over 99 per Cent Already Secured

Final contracts, with the exception of one involving six acres owned by a man resident, and which is expected daily by the local committee, were in hand Wednesday and according to John T. Thorne, head of the campaign in this township, the sign-up was 100 per cent. Local warehouse men and other business men numbering 15 put aside their duties and worked diligently to make the campaign here a success.

The tobacco reduction drive was on the verge of completion Thursday evening throughout the county and E. F. Arnold, director of the Pitt County Farm Department, stated he expected the last contracts would be received at his office by nightfall.

The 12 o'clock report issued from the farm office brought the total acreage signed to 47,565.83 with 2,860 farmers having added their signatures to the contracts.

Mr. Arnold said a few contracts were out today and that they were expected to reach his office at any minute writing "finish" to a campaign which has surpassed anything of the kind in the annals of the county.

The two growers who had been holding out in Carolina and Beaver Dam townships continued to remain adamant today, but the persuasive power of contract forces and friends of the reduction movement were constantly being brought to bear in hope they would yield and make the response one hundred per cent. They were the only ones contacted by field men who positively declined to sign the government contracts.

Gives His Impression of Tobacco Reduction Plan

(By Charles P. Stewart)

Washington, Sept. 14.—It is hard to arrive at any conclusion, after listening to a group of farmers discussing their troubles, other than that agriculture is insisting upon being paid to be sensible.

For the past couple of weeks I have been following the proceedings and results of a gathering of the North Carolina and Virginia tobacco growers, conferring in Washington, as to means of placing their industry back upon a paying basis.

It seems clear that they have been producing more tobacco than there is a demand for. Consequently tobacco prices are low. They are so low that the growers get less for their crops than it costs to raise them.

As a bystander, I would say that a tobacco grower, who is growing tobacco at a loss, would be well advised to stop growing tobacco. If he cannot grow something else at a profit, at least he can cultivate something to eat, and live.

Must Be Uniform

The trouble is, if Growers A, B, C, D and E do adopt this plan, Growers F, G, H, I and J, who do not adopt it, will benefit. With A, B, C, D and E no longer producing, F, G, H, I and J's crops will pay handsomely.

It is natural for A, B, C, D and E not to care to sacrifice themselves to F, G, H, I and J. The solution would appear to be for the whole lot of them, from A to J, to cut down all around.

This however, will not do; each must be indemnified for his reduction. They cannot indemnify themselves. Indemnification must be provided for by a tax on other folk—the processors, nominally; in reality, the consumer.

Not only tobacco, but wheat, cotton and wine producers, also are being asked for in the same fashion.

President of Cuba May Assume the Role of Dictator

Worked Today On A Manifesto In Which He Is Expected to Demand Dictatorial Powers For Combating Disorder

Havana, Sept. 14.—President Grau San Martin worked today on a manifesto in which his confidants expected him to demand dictatorial powers for combating disorders.

Opposed by veteran political leaders, beset by labor troubles and unable to pacify 500 officers who insist his predecessor be reinstated the executive was said in place circles to be ready to state reasons for iron hand policies.

Police reserves meanwhile were held in readiness here. They were armed with rifles, but no reason for the action was announced.

At the same time rumors were circulated that the army faces disension in its ranks. Two soldiers died violent deaths in the last twenty-four hours, one a suicide and the other the victim of unidentified machine gunners.

Several unidentified persons attacked the Ninth police station and wounded a student there.

Strikes continued in several province towns with unrest prevalent. Those who believe the president will establish a dictatorship pointed out his cabinet contains nobody who participated in mediatory efforts and backed by students has embarked on a nationalistic course.

3 Other States Join Repeal Rank

Maryland, Minnesota And Colorado Latest To Vote For Repeal of 18th Amendment

Twenty-nine States Wednesday marched in the repeal path, and only seven more need follow to end national prohibition. Maryland, Minnesota and Colorado were the latest recruits. All voted Wednesday to abolish the Eighteenth Amendment and left the score in 1933: for repeal, 26; against, 0.

If the seven States now needed to supply the three-quarters needed for repeal are among the voting before November 8, the repeal amendment will have been ratified formally December 6—date of the 36th convention. Fast mounting figures put repeal majority five to one. The margin was similar in Colorado and Minnesota, the home of Andrew Volstead, who sponsored the prohibition enforcement act. Late counts listed others in the two to one class.

Prohibitionist promised undiminished efforts to block the trend which on Monday caught Maine, the first bone-dry State.

Tuesday Idaho and New Mexico vote on repeal. Two weeks later—October 3—Virginia votes and a week later—October 10—Florida.

Dixie Blackbirds To Tilt Tickle Boxes Of Funlovers Friday Nite

The Dixie Blackbirds Minstrels to be presented in Perkins Hall on Friday evening, September 22, at 8:00 under the auspices of the Junior Woman's Club, of which Miss Lucy Johnston is president, is declared to be the most unique minstrel arrangement of the day; the snappy jokes, catchy songs and clever costumes giving show goes the maximum in hearty, wholesome laughter.

And there's plenty of entertainment for the entire family; for the kiddies the "Little Minstrel," a special feature, will be especially enjoyable. The cast for this includes: Mr. Boss—Chas. E. Rountree. End Men—Jimmie Darden, Fred Jones, Peet Eason, Robert Teale.

Little Pickaninies—Betsy Lou Barber, Evon Smith, Alice Harper Parker, Mary Frances Green, Mavis Leggett. (Continued on page two)

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HOLD MEETING

Series of Meetings To Begin on Sunday Evening, September 17th; Public Cordially Invited To Attend

A series of meetings will begin in the Christian church on Sunday evening, September 17, with Rev. J. Randall Farr of Raleigh assisting the pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn as the preacher.

Services will be continued during the week at 8:00. Rev. Farr is coming to the local church highly recommended as an evangelistic speaker and will no doubt be well received here and heard with great interest.

FEDERAL-STATE GRADING REPRESENTATIVE TO GIVE SORTING DEMONSTRATIONS

H. W. Talon, of the Tobacco Section, United States Department of Agriculture, and who is making his headquarters in Farmville at present, announces that meetings are now being arranged for him throughout the Eastern Belt by county agents and agricultural teachers, for sorting demonstrations and discussion of Federal-State grading service.

When the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association was organized in 1929, some 250 farmers joined the organization. At present there are 500 members who produce 100,000 bushels of certified seed last season.

Gov. Predicts Fair Price For Tobacco

Willard Test Farm, Pender County, Sept. 14.—Governor Ehringhaus addressing 5,000 farmers and their wives and children at the Willard Test Farm field day rally here today, predicted the growers will receive "a fair price" for their tobacco when the Eastern Carolina markets are reopened.

The Governor gave no indication of when he would lift the ban upon auction sales, but said he had promised agricultural authorities in Washington he would not reopen the markets until they gave the word.

Pointing out the crop reduction signatures were necessary to effect the tobacco plan, he asserted he was proud of the North Carolina farmers' stand over before because of the whole-hearted manner in which they rallied behind the tobacco plan.

Turning to a discussion of taxation in this State, he told members of his audience to look carefully at their receipts this year and note the reduction made in taxes.

He explained the reductions in school and road taxes and reduced assessments made possible through the sales tax and asked his hearers to pay the sales tax cheerfully, asserting it was not put on until other reductions were made.

The Governor said North Carolina had reduced taxes more than any other government in the nation.

Farmville High School To Open Monday A. M.

The registration of high school pupils has been completed, schedules have been rearranged to best fit the needs of the 1933-34 session, and Farmville High School is ready to open on Monday morning, September 18, at 8:30 o'clock, with the Sept. R. E. Boyd anticipating the best year of its history.

The teachers, numbering twenty-one, are expected to arrive during the week end, and most of them will be familiar to pupils, only a few changes being made since the previous session, these include: Miss Eugenia Gay of Cary, a teacher of the third grade; Miss Elizabeth Relfe Hobbs, Belhaven, fifth; and Mr. Francis M. Pratt, Winston-Salem, teacher of History and English.

Hagenback-Wallace Circus To Show in Goldsboro Sept. 22

Possibly The Largest And Best Circus To Visit This Section of the State This Season

People of this section will have the rare opportunity of witnessing one of the largest and best performances of its kind coming to this section of the State this season when the Hagenback-Wallace Circus comes to Goldsboro next Friday, Sept. 22. They will give two performances—afternoon and night—presenting among its many features of entertainment, the famous Clyde Beatty, the world's greatest wild animal trainer, who appears in person in the most breathtaking wild animal exhibition of all times.

Among other entertainers appearing with the Hagenback-Wallace circus are Rody Rudyoff, famous horse trainer, and Princess Mulkan, the giraffe-neck woman from the Karen Hills, 300 miles north of Bangkok. Her neck has stretched a length of 14 inches and the combined weight of the 21 rings, which she wears, approximate 50 pounds. Bombay, another artist with this circus, will thrill you with his bounding rope act.

Hagenback-Wallace has the largest manager's crew exhibited to the American people, and carries a herd of 25 elephants.

Government Backs Leaf Producers

Lanier Repeats Promise of Administration to Raise Tobacco Prices

Greenville, Sept. 13.—The promise of the federal government to support tobacco growers in their effort to procure better prices for their product this year and the next two years in exchange for reduction of acreage during 1934-35 was reiterated over long-distance telephone from Washington City today by J. C. Lanier, former Greenville attorney, now contract expert in the tobacco division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Talking to D. J. Whichard, Jr., publisher of the Daily Reflector, Lanier declared the government was intensely interested in the campaign now under way to curtail production the next two years and had confidence the farmers were going to respond in a wholehearted manner.

He expressed appreciation of the quick action taken by tobacco growers in the tobacco-raising states and commended his home county of Pitt for blazing the way in a drive that has the backing of the federal government and consequently has all the power of the tremendous government facilities behind it.

He reiterated the promise made by the government at the outset of the campaign that it would use its powerful resources for better prices with resumption of sales if the growers would sign-up to reduce their acreage the next two years, and in so doing showed the world that the government as usual is not playing but has reached out its powerful hand to bring relief to thousands of growers who would suffer inexpressible hardships from low prices received from the product at the time the governors of the tobacco-growing states declared a warehouse holiday because of low prices.

Mr. Lanier is one of the leaders in the tobacco division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and is figuring prominently in the campaign to bring higher prices to the tobacco growers.

In addresses at various points, he expressed his personal opinion this year's crop would bring a good price and stated the government stood ready to do its part in return for cooperation of growers in the reduction of acreage the next two years.

Local Rotarians To Have Honorary Member Each Month

Dave Oglesby, Jr., and Eli Joyner, Jr., visited the Club on Tuesday evening as the first two Junior Rotarians selected by the Club. It is the purpose of the organization to choose one outstanding young man in the community each month as a Junior Rotarian for that period and during that time he shall be invited to attend as though he were a regular member. These two were selected for September because both are planning to attend College at an early date. John Thorne welcomed the boys on behalf of the Club and both responded by stating their appreciation of the privilege extended them and welcomed the interest shown in the young men of the town.

Plans for "Ladies Night" are rapidly taking shape. The various committees have been appointed and a tentative date set, but the exact time will not be announced until all plans are in readiness.

An Inter-City Meeting, embracing all of the Clubs in eastern North Carolina, will be held in Rocky Mount on Monday, September 18. Dr. Edward Williams, of Brussels, Belgium, a former President of Rotary International, will be the principal speaker. A good time, good food, good music, good stunts, one speech, and good fellowship is promised to all Rotarians and Rotary-Anns who attend.

Governor Awaiting Word From Federal Gov't To Call Off Sales Holiday

South Carolina Farmers Seeking 15 Cent Cotton

South Carolina and Other Cotton States To Make A Direct Appeal

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 13.—"Fifteen cent cotton" was the cry which went to Washington from South Carolina farmers today.

Taking the lead in a new drive to get better prices for the staple the state through Gov. Blackwood had called upon other cotton growing states to make a direct appeal to President Roosevelt next Monday "to save the Southern cotton farmers."

After a mass meeting of growers, agricultural leaders and representatives of three other states here yesterday Gov. Blackwood telegraphed other cotton governors to call mass meetings Saturday to consider resolutions similar to those adopted here. They also were requested to name delegations to join one from South Carolina in an appeal to the President Monday. Notifying Secretary of Agriculture Wallace of the meeting of the delegation, Gov. Blackwood asked the secretary to arrange an audience with the President for the delegation.

REV. C. T. THRIFT TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. C. T. Thrift of Durham, a former pastor of the local Methodist church, will speak in the school auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the subject: "Superheated Steam." The public is invited.

Blalock Advises Against Farmers Selling Cotton

Purchasing Power of Cotton Is No Greater Now Than It Was A Year Ago; Farm Credit Administration Announced That Seed and Crop Loan Borrowers Do Not Have To Sell Their Cotton To Pay Off Loan By October 31, But Instead May Store It In Approved Warehouses.

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—"The purchasing power of cotton today is no greater than it was a year ago, and the situation is an alarming one to me."

So said U. Benton Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, before leaving early this week for Washington in the interest of cotton producers.

"The 'plow over campaign,'" he said, "went over in great shape and cut our prospective 16,500,000 bale crop to an estimated one of 12,400,000 bales. This move unquestionably is largely responsible for the rise or approximately 50 per cent in cotton prices as compared with last year."

"But we are still far away from the pre-war parity of prices promised us by the administration under the Agricultural Adjustment Act for the reason that the things which the farmer has to buy in many instances have increased in value one hundred per cent or more."

"It seems that under the readjustment of prices under the National Recovery Act, agriculture has not only been unable to keep step with other industries but has been forced to lag still further behind in the prices for all farm commodities."

What to Do? Answering his own questions, "And

Some Farmers, However, Are Bringing In Tobacco With the Hope Sales Will Be Resumed In Few Days

No word has been received from Governor Ehringhaus regarding reopening of the eastern markets, but it was indicated at Raleigh the holiday would be lifted either next Monday or Tuesday. The governor however, is awaiting word from the federal government before declaring the holiday at an end and everybody was looking toward Washington for some definite statement.

Governor Ehringhaus, keenly alive to the situation in every tobacco growing community, is doing everything in his power, and is in constant touch with the government authorities in Washington. They will notify him when they are ready and the Governor will instantly give the word to us.

The question of re-opening and the prices we will receive after re-opening is now in the hands of the Federal Agricultural Administration. With reduction of acreage assured for 1934-35, and with the Federal Government stepping in for the first time since tobacco growing began in this country, we confidently expect prices to strengthen as the sales are resumed.

RECEIVE ROAD SENTENCES UPON CONVICTION OF HAVING WHISKEY FOR SALE

Tom McKinney and son, James, received road sentences in the City Court Monday morning, after being convicted of having whiskey in their possession for the purpose of sale. Tom was given 2 years and his son 6 months by Mayor Lewis. Both defendants appealed and were freed upon bond of \$500 for the father and \$200 for the son.

Blalock Advises Against Farmers Selling Cotton

Blalock said: "The administration's plan for the control of production of cotton in 1934 and 1935 should be announced as speedily as possible, and whatever is necessary in the way of a campaign for making the plan effective should be launched at once with the producers so that the cotton consuming world would know now what to expect from next year's crop."

"Second, if the Administration still holds trump cards in the way of inflationary measures, they should be played now and not after the cotton has passed out of the producers' hands. Higher prices in January, March, or May will be of no avail if the producer has no cotton to sell."

"Third, every effort possible should be put forth by every agency available to prevent a too-rapid movement into the markets of the 12,000,000 bales and more crop of this season. And most assuredly every effort should be made to prevent surplus cotton held by government agencies being dumped on the market for the next several months in competition with our 1933 crop."

NRA And Textiles. Pointing out that under NRA activities many lines of business are staging a comeback, Mr. Blalock said "it is not unreasonable to expect that the textile industry will again enjoy a season of prosperity, giving us greatly increased consumption of raw cotton."

"It strikes me," he said, "that any person which will help to bring about the higher price levels due cotton producers should have the active support of all business interests in the South, and especially of the bankers, supply merchants, and all credit agencies, governmental (Continued on page four)