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## BETTER PRICES FOR TOBACCO EXPECTED MONDAY!

### Agricultural Authorities and Tobacco Companies To Finish Ironing Out Agreement This Week!

### Warren Says Administration Is Doing Everything Possible; A Big Problem

#### Tyson and Mays Weld Themselves in Reunion Organization and Elect Dr. J. Y. Joyner As President

Hon. A. J. Maxwell Addresses Reunion Pointing Out Underlying Causes of Present Economic Situation and Offering Remedies.

Summing up the address of Hon. A. J. Maxwell, State Commissioner of Revenue, the principal speaker of the Tyson-May Reunion program of Saturday, Dr. J. Y. Joyner of La Grange, a long time friend and associate, pronounced it one of the most, if not the most, comprehensive review of present economic conditions, and supplemented as it was with remedies, offering the most practical cure for dispelling depression in North Carolina and in the United States, that he had heard, thus bespeaking the sentiment and reaction of the large assemblage, which greeted the speaker with utmost cordiality; displayed a spirit of whole hearted endorsement throughout, and voted to adopt him as a son at the close of his speech.

#### Farmville Extends Cordial Welcome To Primitive Baptists

Primitive Baptists, numbering several hundred, are here today in attendance on the Centennial Primitive Baptist Association, convening in Damascus church for a three day session. Many of the most consecrated and prominent preachers of this faith will be heard during the Association, though the program for the meeting cannot be secured just at this time. A basket dinner will be spread each day in the Horton-grove and a spirit of genuine Christian fellowship is expected to permeate the very atmosphere of the town throughout the session.

Admiral Byrd now on a two year trip to South Polar regions. Well, he won't be bothered much by job hunters, once he gets there.

#### County Home Is Beautified

#### Commissioners Shown Improvements Made at Home for Poor; Enjoy Spread of Barbecue

Greenville, Oct. 3.—County Commissioners meeting in monthly session at the courthouse here yesterday were treated to a delightful barbecue dinner at the County Home at noon and then were afforded an opportunity of looking over the number of improvements made at the institution during the last several months. Under the R. F. C. beautification program the institution and surrounding grounds have been converted into a thing of beauty.

Among the principal improvements is the erection of new quarters for the negroes and the installation of heating facilities. The sewerage system has been modernized to such extent that it has won high praise from members of the medical profession who declared the increased sanitation should be conducive to improved health of the inmates. The ground has been leveled in the front of the main building, and a circular driveway completed. The driveway is to be planted in trees, and other areas are to be lined with shrubs to carry to completion the beautification project.

Other smaller buildings have been erected or improved to keep pace with the general scheme of beautifying the premises. Although the commissioners had been informed of the work being done at the institution this was the first time they had had the opportunity to inspect it, and they were high in their praise of what had been done.

#### MORRILL DONNARD WINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOFFORD

Morrill Donald, of Cedar Spring, has been announced by Dr. H. N. Snyder, president, as winner of the Wofford College scholarship from the fourth congressional district. A scholarship is given by competitive examination to one youth each year in each congressional district in the state. The examinations were held this year on July 26, and the result of the examination in this district was announced by Dr. Snyder. Young Donald, age 16, is the grand son of the late Dr. Sam and Sarah Elizabeth Morrill of Farmville. The scholarship is valued at about one hundred dollars. —Palmetto

#### Farmville Piles Up Big Lead In Its Sales Record

Plan to Seek Federal Loan For Schools

County Education Board To Take Question Up With Commissions In Near Future.

Greenville, Oct. 3.—Plans for seeking a government loan for improvement of Pitt County schools were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the school board here yesterday but no definite action was taken.

The board decided to take the matter up for discussion with the County Commissioners and a joint meeting will be held with that body sometime in the near future to consider the question. Several of the school buildings are badly in need of repair and additions at this time, and as the upkeep of the structures is up to the various counties, it was thought by some that it would be wise to take advantage of the government public loan.

Through these loans the government is attempting to open up new fields of employment, while at the same time providing needed improvements in various parts of the nation. It is one of the steps taken by the administration to effect economic recovery.

The board also heard a delegation from the Greenville school district regarding transportation facilities but no definite action was taken. The district is without bus service as provided in other areas, and transportation is said to be more necessary this year because of enlargement of the district. Neither the county nor city school boards has any jurisdiction in the matter, so it will be carried to the State School Commission at Raleigh for final action.

#### Peek Makes Accusation

Says 'Cotton Tax' Being Used by Many Retailers To Mark Up Prices on Stocks on Hand.

Washington, Oct. 6.—George N. Peek, farm administrator, said today the cotton processing tax of 4.2 cents a pound is being erroneously employed by retailers as an excuse for "large mark-ups in prices of retail cotton goods." He announced that a nation-wide inquiry is being made into retail sales practices in connection with complaints that consumers are being told the processing tax alone is responsible for price booms. Peek said they are attributable only in small part to the levy. As the first step in fixing responsibility for what he described as "unfair tactics," he called a conference for October 11th of local store executives to discuss the practice of mark-up forces in attributing large mark-ups to the processing tax alone.

#### Rotary Club To Have Aims and Teachers As Guests Tuesday Night

The Rotary Club of Farmville announces with pleasure that the annual "Ladies' Night" with the teachers as special guests, will be held on next Tuesday evening at 7:15 o'clock in the Rotary rooms at the High School. A highly interesting and entertaining program has been arranged by Irvin Morgan, Jr., chairman of the program committee. "Ladies' Night" is always the high light of the year and all Rotarians are looking forward to the gala event.

Farmville Warehousemen Have Sold Thru Thursday, Oct. 5, Total of 6,159,800 Pounds for \$714,548.25; Sales Are Lighter This Week.

Marked improvement in prices, paid for tobacco on the Farmville market this week, tended to lessen to a certain extent, the dissatisfaction of growers, which has been felt throughout the belt since the opening sale on August 29.

Reports, gathered from a number of individual growers on Monday, showed prices ranging several cents a pound higher than last week, when the market reopened after a three weeks holiday, proclaimed by Governor Ehringhaus, of this State, and Governor Blackwood of South Carolina, for the purpose of reducing 1934 and 1935 average, which was achieved in a whirlwind campaign.

Outspoken disappointment and dissatisfaction reigned in the present selling belts last week, when prices showed but little improvement over those prevailing prior to the holiday, and many are now attributing the price increase to improved offerings. Those of last week were apparently inferior grades, which had deteriorated during the holiday, and the quality of the weed is improving, though sorry tobacco continues to come in in great quantities.

Monday and Wednesday were the heaviest sales of this week, sales of Monday clearing the market of the stock, which had existed since the reopening on Sept. 25. A total of 562,100 pounds on that day, brought growers \$72,054.87, an average of \$13.06, per hundred weight. The average Tuesday, was 38,419 pounds touching the high mark for the week, 477,800 pounds being sold for \$62,559.91, average 13.09. A drop in average was noted on Wednesday, due according to reports, to black tips appearing in abundance. A renewed strength was observed on Thursday, when for the first time, supervisor of sales, W. J. Dundy, was able to obtain official figures of the sale on the same day, since the reopening, for publication, a total of 850,544 pounds bringing an average of 12.73.

Official figures for the second week of the season are as follows: 2,797,966 pounds sold for \$324,630.21 for an average of \$11.60. Figures for this third week, with the exception of today's sale: 1,919,652 pounds, \$243,581.55 amount paid to farmers, \$12.11 average. This market has sold for the season, through Thursday, October 5th, 6,159,800 pounds for \$714,548.25, at an average of \$11.60.

Those who realize the significance of the pending situation and its possible outcome, are enthusiastic supporters of Governor Ehringhaus' appeal to growers to market the weed more slowly, and the farmers themselves, now that the bulk of the graded weed has been disposed of, are hopeful of getting nearer the 17 cents parity offered by domestic buyers at the conference with government representatives two weeks ago, are beginning to see the wisdom of this action, and sales are expected to be lighter throughout the belt for the next several days, unless higher prices, which are looked for beginning Monday, fail to materialize.

#### Legion Asks For Stronger U. S. Defense

#### World War Veterans Also Oppose Cancellation of War Debts.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Strengthening of the country's defense was recommended for adoption by the American Legion today. The recommendation was made yesterday in a committee report and suggested not only that the army be brought up to its full strength of 14,000 officers and 150,000 men but that the navy be built up to the limit provided for by the London naval agreement.

Definite action this afternoon on other questions of national affairs and the election of a national commander were all that remained for the nation's defenders in the world war to accomplish before adjourning to meet next year in Miami. As the time for election of a successor to Commander Louis Johnson drew near, all seven of the candidates seeking his place declared they were still in the race and were hopeful of success.

In outlining its national defense policy the Legion committee made the following suggestions: The immediate building of shops and increasing the naval personnel to 91,400 men with a proportionate number of officers. That no economy be allowed to interfere with the department of commerce in its commercial activities. That equipment of the national guards and reserve officers organization be modernized.

#### Debts Again Under Fire

#### British Representatives in Washington Seek Relief From Payments Due Uncle Sam.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Financial spokesmen of two governments gathered to talk around conference tables today on the \$9,658,000,000 owed the United States by Great Britain.

Representatives of the London government sought to present the British desire to end payment on the war loans which under the 1932 funding agreement still have sixty-one years to run.

They were Sir Frederick Lethbridge and T. K. Bewley. Under-Secretary Dean Ascheton of the treasury and Frederick Lively, assistant economic advisor to the State Department, received the visitors in accordance with President Roosevelt's promise last spring that all asking reductions would be heard. But Ascheton and Lively opened the communications with a full knowledge of the information expressed of the three-year-old congress which had the final say on any debt changes and flatly opposed consideration of a reduction. Stabilization of the dollar were forced for consideration before the meeting was over.

We are not mercenary, but unless something like currency comes into the bill we will have to suspend our idealistic efforts to print a new paper.

#### Sees in Delay Aim To Protect the Farmer

#### Football Season To Open For Local Team Friday, October 13th

With a squad of 28 boys working out every afternoon, the Farmville High School Red Devils are expecting a most successful season on the gridiron.

The schedule includes games with Kinston, Snow Hill, LaGrange, and some other teams to be named at a later date.

Season tickets will go on sale next week at 25c and 50c. The following citizens have given liberally toward needed equipment and the local team wishes to express its sincere appreciation at this time to their supporters:

Modlin Service Station, City Cafe, H. M. Winders, A. C. Monk & Co., The Turange Co., Lea Tobacco Co., Rotary C. O., Junior Woman's Club, Miss M. Blankenship, C. C. Carr, H. Veasey, Henry Vaughan, W. Henderson, Mrs. J. B. Joyner, Miss Mary Louise Hinson, Charles Bumley, W. A. McAdams, Brown & White Chevrolet Co., R. L. Davis, Farmville Furniture Co., Hardy's Transfer, J. I. Morgan, Briley's Service Station, L. Simon, R. T. Martin, J. B. Lewis, Polard Auto Co., Herman's Service Station, Smith-Lore Grocery Co., Lath Morris, I. E. Satterfield.

#### Commends Authorities for Not Signing Agreement Offered by Manufacturers; Signing of New Pact Expected.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Representative Lindsay C. Warren of North Carolina said after a conference with Farm Administration authorities today he believed a fine-cured tobacco marketing agreement assuring growers of at least 17 cents a pound would be signed tonight or tomorrow. Warren did not divulge any part of the agreement.

Signing of the agreement has been delayed since September 25, the date Carolina markets reopened after a three weeks' marketing holiday. At that time, domestic manufacturers offered a proposed agreement under which they would pay an average of 17 cents a pound provided the government kept hands off their books and business management, a provision that proved a snag in the negotiations.

Warren said he felt sure the Farm Administration "would never agree to waive any right that might protect the tobacco farmer." He said he "regretted the delay" but could "assure farmers" the administration is "doing everything humanly possible" to work out an acceptable contract. "They want an agreement," Warren said, "that will not only raise the price to 17 cents but will give the strong arm of the government the right to enforce it when once it is entered into."

#### 'It Won't Hold Water' Says S. L. Fordham, An Expert in Tobaccos of Quality, of Kinston.

Warren held lengthy conferences today with Chester C. Davis, J. B. Hutson and J. C. Lanier, officials of the Farm Administration who have been working on the tobacco situation. He told these men there had been only a slight increase in prices since the markets reopened, and that the "situation throughout the entire belt is as serious as possible."

He commended the administration for not signing the agreement presented by the domestic companies. "By not signing it," Warren said, "they proved they had only the interest of the grower at heart and were therefore unwilling to surrender any power they might have to enforce the agreement."

The representative also asked the tobacco section of the Farm Administration to make the government grading service now available at Farmville and Washington, N. C., free to farmers during the remainder of the selling season. Action on this request was promised later this week.

ally good crop, he said, and comparatively little of it is damaged. He has been in the warehouse business 40 or 50 years.

Is the N. R. A. code being observed by all who fly the Blue Eagle here? Ask the workers!

#### 'Damaged Tobacco' Excuse Attacked

#### 'It Won't Hold Water' Says S. L. Fordham, An Expert in Tobaccos of Quality, of Kinston.

Kinston, Oct. 3.—"The damaged tobacco excuse for low prices paid on eastern Carolina markets since the marketing holiday will not hold water," according to S. L. Fordham, of this city. He is a crop expert for L. Harvey & Son Co., who operates some 45 farms in a number of counties. His duties take him over much of the new bright belt at frequent intervals.

"There is no more damaged tobacco than in the average seasons," he asserted. "The crop is the best I have ever seen, and I have been seeing tobacco ever since they started growing it in this section 40 years ago." Here and there one finds weed that has deteriorated, he said, "but the percentage of damaged leaf is no greater than it was last year, no greater than in the average year. On the whole, it is the best crop this part of the new bright belt ever has seen."

Fordham's opinion was shared by a veteran tobaccoist whose name has to be withheld. It is an unusual

#### Another Tobacco Marketing Holiday Is Suggested

#### Government Authorities Have Promised Definite Action Soon; Pitt County Tax Relief Association Offers Governor Its Aid.

Raleigh, Oct. 5.—Another tobacco marketing holiday for North Carolina to try and force a better price for the weed was suggested to Governor Ehringhaus today by an outstanding grower of the State.

The name of the man proposing the idea could not be learned, but it was understood he has been taking an active part in the efforts to raise tobacco prices and it was known that the Governor was considering the suggestion. Offer Assistance. Today the Pitt county tax relief association telegraphed the chief executive an offer to do anything to aid him in his efforts to improve the condition of tobacco farmers and ad-

ded "admiration, confidence and gratitude in your statesmanship are unanimous" in commenting on the work the Governor has already done. Governor Ehringhaus said he was still waiting for word from Washington on the tobacco situation. He has not yet received a reply to the telegram he sent President Roosevelt last Saturday asking him to personally intervene in behalf of the tobacco growers of the country.

Action Expected. Following two long distance conversations with officials in Washington yesterday, Governor Ehringhaus said he had been assured by George N. Peek, administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, that definite action would be taken "within the next day or two." Southern growers recently signed pledges to reduce their crops the next two years by as much as thirty per cent in return from a promised "parity" price of around 17 cents a pound, which is about five cents above the average price which prevailed before the recent sales holiday.