

JOIN RED CROSS ROLL CALL AND HELP THE NEEDY Eastern Carolina Tobacconists Pay Honor Where Due Tobacco Bringing Higher Averages Here Now

Governor Ehringhaus Greeted By Large Appreciative Audience In The Golden Weed Celebration

Governor and Party Visited Other Tobacco Markets in This Section During Afternoon; Evening's Program Full to Overflow with "Smoke Ring" Pageant Omitted; Ball Attracted Big Crowd Young People From Various Sections of the State



GOV. J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS

The fourteen tobacco markets, comprising the Bright Leaf Belt, united here Friday in celebrating with a Golden Weed Jubilee the signing of the agreement with the buying companies, and in heaping a tribute of warmest praise upon the Governor of North Carolina, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, the committee of forty-two farmers, who aroused the planters to take some action in regard to the low prices being paid for tobacco, the warehousemen, who assisted wholeheartedly in the efforts to better conditions, and Congressman Lindsay C. Warren of this district, and J. Con Lanier, tobacco expert of the agricultural adjustment administration, both of whom labored unceasingly in behalf of the "new deal" for the tobacco farmers.

After visiting several markets on his motor trip from Raleigh, Governor Ehringhaus, and party of twenty, reached the Farmville market about 8:30 in the afternoon and witnessed a sale of several hundred pounds of tobacco, which ranged in price from 22 to 30 cents a pound, and which was offered by the Major Benjamin May chapter, D. A. R., whose regent, Mrs. T. C. Turnage, a woman of brilliant intellect and staunch patriotism, contributed to Eastern Carolina the idea of the celebration and worked indefatigably night and day towards the development and successful culmination of the program.

From here the Governor continued his journey to other markets returning for a dinner, tendered him by the warehousemen at 6:00 o'clock, with places laid for sixty guests, and expertly served by members of the Junior Woman's Club, of which Miss Lucy Johnston is president.

Greetings Brought From Various Groups

The exercises, which were held in the school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock, began with the procession, "God of Our Father," sung by the Farmville Choral Club with Mrs. Haywood Smith accompanist. Mrs. T. C. Turnage graciously presided over the affair.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn pronounced the invocation and Mayor John B. Lewis extended a cordial welcome, to which William Anderson of Wilson responded. J. W. Holmes spoke in behalf of the business men of Farmville, and John T. Thorne for the tobacco growers of the community, with Mrs. W. B. Murphy of Snow Hill, as lieutenant-general of the National Recovery Administration in North Carolina, presenting greetings.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner of LaGrange, Representative Graham Barden of New Bern and J. Y. Monk of Farmville, brought echoes from the conference held several weeks ago with heads of the agricultural administration.

L. V. Morrill of Snow Hill, one of the principal figures in the movement for better prices, was scheduled to take part on the program but was prevented from being present by illness.

Reciting the address by Governor Ehringhaus was a vocal solo, "A Birthday," sung by Mrs. Knott Proctor, of Greenville, with Mrs. M. V. Jones at the piano.

had a message and he was bound to deliver it. And deliver it he did, to an audience which listened spellbound to his resume of the tobacco conference and the resultant rise in prices, together with his expression of confidence in the growers carrying out their limitation pledge.

"In this connection" he stated "it is well that we remember the lessons of our fight and, above all, the imperative necessity for continued cooperation in production. Even though we may not have realized the ultimate of our hopes in price for our entire crop, when we remember that at the time the markets were closed tobacco was selling for an average of 9c and the price going lower, when we remember the experience of the Georgia farmers whose crop had all been sold, and our South Carolina brethren a large part of whose crop had already been disposed of, when we remember that tobacco today is selling for the highest price in many years and an average above 20c and the millions that this change has meant to us, it is manifestly imperative for the protection of future crops that we carry out our pledge of crop limitation and complete expeditiously the sign-up of crop limitations contracts which the Government will present. The Government will never be permitted to suggest that our farmers failed to carry out, to the letter, their part of the understanding. The future salvation of agriculture depends upon our keeping faith in the matter of signing contracts."

Sales Tax Defended He defended the sales tax, urging the citizenship of North Carolina not to grumble but to give thanks for a method of taxation, which is saving the farms, homes and schools of the State. "Let those, who criticize the imposition of this tax tell you how it could have been avoided under the conditions existing at the time the Legislature was in session," he said. "There is no other way except to push it back on your homes and farms or destroy your schools."

In discussing the merchant's attitude in regard to the sales tax the Governor declared, "If I were a merchant and unwilling to help my State as well as my nation when it involved no cost to me, I would turn the Blue Eagle in my store around, for I would be ashamed to look it in the face for fear it would ruffle its feathers at me. It is not costing them anything, except inconvenience, but it is saving your farms, your homes and your schools. Patronize the man who cooperates with you, but ask the man who complains what he is kicking about and if he continues to complain when you are paying the tax, take your trade elsewhere."

Reviewed School System In reviewing the present school system, salaries and transportation provisions Governor Ehringhaus stated, "that North Carolina has stood the depression more valiantly and has preserved more of her educational structure than almost any State in the Union. The desperate situation which confronted the Legislature in January, the utter breaking down of ad valorem tax realization, the complete collapse of the old system of dual support of schools and the imperative necessity for State aid in educational structure

was to be avoided, are familiar but oft forgotten facts. Whatever of defeats are inherent in our present system, there are three things which may be said of it which we should never forget: First, not a school in North Carolina has been closed down for want of funds; secondly, an eight months school term has been guaranteed by the State for every child in it; and, thirdly, what salaries we have promised, we are paying promptly, and paying cash. I verily believe that no other State in the Union can equal these accomplishments."

Governor Praises Others Associated With Him

Expressing his appreciation for the personal tribute paid him by the various speakers of the evening, and of (Continued on page two)

American Legion Observe Armistice Day on Sunday

Churches Join in Armistice Observance; Rev. Worth Wicker Speaker On Sunday Evening

Speaking on "The Futility of War" at the American Legion service, held at the Christian church on Sunday evening, Rev. Worth Wicker, Episcopal rector of St. Paul's parish, Beaufort, presented one of the best arguments for peace yet heard in this community.

Dispensing with mincing phrases and platitudes, Mr. Wicker delivered telling blows straight from the shoulder at all militaristic minded people. Tracing wars since the recording of events began, he declared that every one had been based on the chief frailty of human nature—Greed; the desire for possessions and the inflicting of the will on one group upon another.

Reviewing the rallying points of the wars fought by the United States; unjust taxation of the American Revolution; rights of sovereign states to dictate their respective principles of the War Between the States; to those of the World War—to stamp out German imperialism, to "Make the world safe for democracy," for which America was willing to sacrifice four million men, the flower of her manhood, the speaker brought out: "the true facts in each case to prove that all of them had been wars of commerce, for the preservation of commercial enterprises and to satisfy the lust for gain of men entirely unknown to those on the fighting line."

"Fifteen years have gone by since the World War passed to the realm of History," the speaker reminded his audience, twenty million men died on the battlefields, twelve million are out of jobs and production is being curtailed, what does it all mean? Does this civilization, which permits these conditions, deserve to be preserved? We see constant changes about us. What will they lead to? Some are clamoring for socialism, intent on destroying our civilization and building on what? God only knows. Some desire a dictator. Another group is praying and scheming to evolve out of this chaos a better and finer world. Nineteen hundred years have passed since the gentle Nazarene walked among us, giving us a basis on which to build a civilization that would not permit the exaltation of some to the degradation of many.

"We have tried every possible scheme of government that could be devised by the human mind: Imperialistic, Democratic, Militaristic and that of Dictatorship, and all have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Now is the time to give God a chance, to use the words of Jesus as a formula for building a mighty civilization, the old principle of doing unto others as ye would

WHAT HAS THE RED CROSS DONE FOR PITT COUNTY?

Within the last year, 1400 barrels of flour, 2800 dozen ready made garments, 60,328 yards of cloth have been distributed by the Red Cross to the needy in our county.

Yesterday, R. A. Joyner was heard to remark that he, for the town of Farmville, had on that day received 600 garments and 400 yards of cloth from the Red Cross. Just a routine shipment from the Red Cross to us. We do not realize the extent of the work of this organization within our own county. It is estimated that the Red Cross spent \$25,000 in the last two years in Pitt County.

WHAT HAS PITT COUNTY DONE FOR THE RED CROSS?

Last year only 411 people throughout the County joined the Red Cross which means that our contribution in return for all that has been given us amounted to \$411.

\$1.00 is the price of membership. 50 cents of every dollar remains at home. Last year 70 people in Farmville joined the Red Cross—so \$35.00 was sent to National Headquarters. In return for what we received for this town alone several thousand dollars worth of food and garments.

THE RED CROSS IS DEPENDENT ON ITS MEMBERS FOR SUPPORT.

It is true that the U. S. Government supplies them with certain raw materials but these materials must be manufactured, shipped and distributed at the expense of the Red Cross. Last year, the organization spent \$3,000,000 dollars in distribution alone.

Special Offers to Weed Growers

Prize Equalizing Payments to Be Made Tobacco Growers

Growers who sign the tobacco reduction contract to be offered them within the next ten days and who sold all or any part of their flue-cured tobacco prior to and including October 7, will be given a price equalizing payment, based upon price advances to and following October 7, declares E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College, who will have charge of the State-wide campaign to reduce the acreage of flue-cured tobacco.

To qualify for this price equalizing payment, growers will be required to participate in the flue-cured adjustment program, Floyd says. "The final draft of the tobacco contract is now being completed and will be offered to growers within the next few days, possibly before the week is over. We are expecting every man who signed one of the reduction agreements to change this into one of the regular contracts binding for the years 1934 and 1935. Those who do this will not only get the equalizing payment but they will also be paid the rental payments of \$17.50 an acre for all acres reduced. In addition, they will be paid 12 1/2 per cent on the cured leaf marketed next fall.

Push Plans In Roll Call

Intensive Red Cross Membership Drive To Be Staged In Pitt Next Thursday

Organization is now being perfected for an extensive drive for new members in the annual Red Cross Roll Call which opened Armistice Day and will continue through Thanksgiving Day, it was announced Wednesday by S. G. Wilkerson, roll call chairman.

Organizations have either been perfected in various parts of the county, and Thursday of next week an intensive canvass will be made for members to the Red Cross. Various clubs and organizations will sponsor the drive in all parts of the county, and Mr. Wilkerson expressed belief the campaign would be one of the most successful of years.

In Farmville the Rotary Club will sponsor the drive for membership in the Farmville Branch, and a committee from the Club was appointed at their regular meeting Tuesday to look after same. Be ready with your dollar when some member of the committee calls to see you.

Farmville Next to Head Market in Oct. Averages

Leaf Tobacco Sales This Season Go Beyond 17 Million Mark Here This Week

Sales were much lighter on the Farmville tobacco market this week, than on any previous week during the present season. This was due in part to the stormy weather prevailing the first few days, and the bitter coldness of the latter portion of the week, which made handling and transportation of the weed difficult. The large per cent of tobacco, already disposed of, will tend towards a decrease in volume for the remainder of this season.

Prices, which proved to be the highest of several years on this market last week, have held firm. A total of 476,888 pounds was sold on Monday for \$100,211.96 at an average of \$21.01 and an average above \$20 has been reached on three days out of the

four selling days of this week, the figures for Friday being unobtainable at this time. A total, inclusive of Thursday's sale, of 1,012,898 pounds brought farmers this week \$207,057.56 at an average of \$20.44 per hundred weight.

According to official figures, sales of this the 9th week brought the poundage total to 17,221,136 pounds, indicating that the twenty-two million mark will be reached this season. Receipts this season amount to \$2,692,251.48, the average reaching \$15.63.

Totals for the corresponding week of last season were 915,288 pounds, which brought \$181,961.63 at an average of \$14.41. Totals for the 1932 season through the same week were 9,609,260 pounds, which sold for \$1,171,193.96 at an average of \$12.19.

Farmville always strives to maintain her coveted position in high averages and the government report for October gives her in second place with the Five Big Markets, selling 8,379,102 pounds for an average of \$15.87.

Prospects Good For Higher Priced Cotton

So Says Jno. T. Thorne of This City, Director of The First District N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association

agriculture." Mr. Thorne explained that the parity price plan seeks the following four things:

- 1. Consideration of "place value" on cotton in making government loans. This would mean that instead of 10 cents the North Carolina farmer, because of his proximity to mills, would receive a loan of 10.60 cents a pound—a differential of 60 points or \$3 a bale.
2. Additional loans according to grades and staples on all cotton better than middling 7-8. More than two-thirds of North Carolina's crop this year would command a premium if this plan is adopted.
3. Extension of the 10-cent loans to "blow up" options. This would give farmers \$20 additional on each bale of options and, the cooperative holds, would be no more than a fair proposition if the government wishes to help maintain proper price levels for cotton.
4. Word for the pre-war parity price for cotton that was promised by the present administration. It is not the plan to ask for this pre-war parity price until the cotton producers have complied with the administration's program for 1934 acreage reduction.

New Rulings In Sales Tax

Sales of Horses, Mules and Cotton Seed by Non-Producers Subject To Tax

Greenville, Nov. 14.—T. T. Hollingsworth, Deputy Tax Collector for Pitt County, received some new rulings from the Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Division, dealing with the sale of cottonseed by farmers, gins, sale horses, mules and other animals.

The sale of cottonseed by cotton gins or by merchants who are not the producers of the cottonseed, when sold to others for processing or manufacture, are to be classified as wholesale sales and the merchant or cotton gin making the sale of such are to report the same as wholesale transactions. Cotton gins or others making such sales are required to register as merchants and pay the \$1 registration license and are liable for the minimum tax of \$12.50 for each six months' period.

Sale of cottonseed or cotton by producers, that is, the farmer who grows the cotton, is exempt from the sales tax liability under the provisions of Section 405.

Progressive North Carolina farmers are beginning to demand ground limestone as a filler and supplement to fertilizer in place of inert sand used almost wholly in the past.

MEETING MAJOR MAY CHAPTER POSTPONED

The meeting of the Major Benjamin May Chapter, D. A. R., which was to have been held this week, has been postponed in order for making a complete compilation of reports. Further announcements will be in these columns next week.