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MAYOR LEWIS ISSUES CALL FOR MASS MEETING

Park and Pool Project for Farmville Approved by CWA

Farmville Tobacco Market Re-Opens Monday

Much Public Work Will Be Done in Pitt

Reemployment Committee Discusses Projects Approved For County of Pitt

Greenville, Nov. 25.—The Federal Re-employment Committee of Pitt County met in the Re-employment Office on Evans Street Saturday night and discussed the projects recently approved in this county by the Civil Works Commission and others now pending approval.

E. G. Flanagan, chairman, who called the meeting, presided and asked K. T. Futrell to lead the discussion of proposed projects sought under the Public Works Act.

The projects already approved cover a wide range in many sections of the county and will provide work ranging all the way from drainage of canals to the building and recon-struction of public highways.

Projects already approved follow: Drainage for the town of Winterville, consisting of two canals about 3,800 yards each, eight feet wide and five feet deep.

Sinking of deep well in Bethel. Improvement of the road from Farmville to Bruce; section of State route No. 126 from Ayden to Venter's Cross Roads; eight miles of county road from Farmville to Bruce.

Installation of auxiliary low pressure heating boiler, run fifty feet of steam mains and 150 feet of return lines and connection of radiator at Fifth Street Colored School.

In Ayden, Winterville, and Swift Creek Townships: Cutting out and clearing right-of-way logs, rafts and tree tops and other obstructions preparatory to future drainage.

Extension of drainage District No. One in Farmville Township.

The drainage district will furnish money in the sum of \$2,500 to pay rent on dredge and other material.

The committee was informed that the project looking to the establishment of a swimming pool and concrete culvert at the pool was submitted on the 25th of the month, but had not been approved. Approval of other projects was also expected in the near future.

Mrs. J. B. Spillman was named chairman of a committee to seek funds for elimination of illiteracy in Pitt County, thus using our unemployed teachers.

The Re-employment Committee has received a number of applications for work on the projects, and persons desiring jobs were urged to make application at once so everything will be in readiness when actual work begins.

Out-of-town members of the Committee present were Dr. M. T. Frizelle, Ayden; R. A. Joyner representing T. E. Joyner, Farmville, and Layden Blount, Bethel.

M'Lean Appointed To Federal Post

Alf McLean to Leave State Department To Join Federal Forces

Washington, Nov. 30.—Congressman J. Bayard Clark, and other member of the North Carolina delegation were advised by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the appointment of Alfred M. McLean, of Lillington, N. C., as Internal Revenue agent under the Roosevelt administration, and it is understood that Mr. McLean will accept the position tendered him and will take oath of office in Greensboro, N. C., on December 1st.

Mr. McLean was connected with the Department of Internal Revenue under the Wilson administration and resigned at the beginning of the Harding administration and was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Revenue in the State Department of Revenue by Governor R. A. Doughton who was commissioner at that time. He has held that position since that time.

Italy Offers A Token Payment Of \$1,000,000

Offers Token Payment to U. S. on \$2,133,905 Installment it Will Owe on December 15

Washington, Nov. 28.—Italy has offered a token payment of \$1,000,000 to the United States on the \$2,133,905 installment it will owe on war debts December 15.

The offer was made through the Italian embassy to the state department and has been referred to President Roosevelt.

Diplomatic officials refused to discuss the token offer until the president takes some action on it.

Under Secretary Phillips said negotiations on war debt payments also are proceeding with Finland, Latvia and Czechoslovakia.

Changes in Banking May Be Drastic

Senate Committee Members to Attempt Curb Banking Abuses

Washington, Nov. 30.—Senate Banking Committee members indicated today that they would propose even broader changes than those suggested by Winthrop W. Aldrich to curb banking abuses discovered in the Senate stock market investigation.

There was praise, however, for the recommendations submitted by the president of the Chase National Bank. Preparatory to drafting their report to the Senate, the stock market investigators appointed Max Lowenthal, lawyer and economist, as liaison officer between them and the administration committee, headed by Secretary Roper, studying the same problems.

Aldrich will be recalled by the Senate Committee for questioning about his recommendations next Tuesday.

One of his suggestions which met committee favor was designed to curb loans by banks to individuals because of their ability to produce business for the bank rather than on the merit of the loans themselves.

The investigation had disclosed many instances in which such loans were made, some turning out badly for the lending bank.

One of Aldrich's most striking suggestions, to outlaw pool operations by bank officers, has been under study by committee members as almost certain to be in their final report.

The Stock Market Committee expects to conclude its inquiry into the Chase bank next week and then recess for a couple of weeks.

Ferdinand Pecora, committee counsel, said the next inquiry would be into the Detroit banking situation. He said he might go out to Detroit to round up the investigation himself and prepare for the hearings which may start about December 18.

Fatally Injured In Crossing Accident

Wilson, Nov. 30.—Jerry Beaman, who lived near Farmville, Pitt County, in attempting to cross the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line at Her-rings crossing in East Wilson, was struck and fatally injured by the Florida special Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock. His skull was crushed and both legs broken and his Ford coach was scattered along the tracks. He was rushed to a local hospital and died this morning at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Beaman had brought his family here to visit friends and was

Credit Crops Being Formed in Counties

Farmers of State, Particularly in East, Preparing To Finance 1934 Needs

North Carolina farmers preparing for their needs for 1934 are rapidly forming county production credit associations throughout the eastern half of the State, J. W. Johanson, specialist in farm organization at State College said yesterday.

Mr. Johanson said there is little likelihood of the seed and fertilizer loans being continued next year but that the Agricultural Credit Administration has devised a better scheme by which farmers themselves will control their own credit needs.

"The farm credit act of 1933 provides for the establishment of a production credit corporation at each of the 12 Federal Land Banks," Johanson said. "The corporation for this state is located at Columbia, South Carolina, and has already been organized and is now at work. This corporation has a capital stock of \$7,500,000 with which it will organize, provide the initial credit for and supervise the operations of the local production credit associations."

These small associations will make production loans directly to its farmer members and will in turn discount the notes at the Columbia bank. The loans made will be for such a period as will make the note given by the borrower mature at the same time his crop pledged as security will mature. For instance if a loan is made to produce a crop of cotton, the note will mature in October or November so that payment can be made from the sale of the crop.

The new plan means that farmers can get their seed loans for the coming year just as rapidly as they have in the past but must get them in another way. This new plan is not an easy way for the farmer to get into debt but an easy way for him to keep out of debt in the future, Johanson says.

Sale of Licences Will Start Today

Forty-five Branch Offices To Handle 1934 Plates; January First Is Deadline

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Nineteen thirty-four motor vehicle license plates will be placed on sale by the State Department this morning at its home office and at forty-five branch offices in the State. These plates will be usable from date of sale.

The selling time on these plates has been advanced from December 15 to December 1 as part of a positive plan to make January 1 the dead line for the use of old license plates. This gives every motorist thirty days in which to comply with the positive provisions of the law.

"Every motor vehicle user is entitled to know exactly what the administrative policy will be, and exactly what he is expected to do to observe the law. Consistent policy, that avoids discrimination and treats every motorist alike, requires a fixed time beyond which the use of old license plates on the highways will not be permitted. The law fixes this time as the first day of January. It has been agreed by all administrative agencies, therefore, that this provision of the law will be strictly enforced after sunrise on January 1. All police officers of counties and cities will be requested to join the enforcement officers of the State to see that this provision is strictly enforced on and after that date with no favoritism to any one," declared Allen J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, yesterday.

Twelve Person county farmers report an average yield of 29.52 bushels of corn on a acre following lespedeza last year while that grown on similar land without the lespedeza produced 18.02 bushels. Results with wheat were ever greater.

Loans of Four Cents a Pound On Cotton Options

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—Loans of four cents a pound on cotton options, the president's plan for inflation, record-breaking exports, high domestic consumption and the plan for acreage reduction in 1934 are factors which result in higher cotton prices before another planting season rolls around, according to U. Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

"I have not lost hope that we are to see better prices for cotton before a new crop is harvested but on the other hand my faith along this line has been strengthened," commented Mr. Blalock upon his return from the Washington conferences on the Cotton Cooperative Parity Price Plan.

Delegations from all the cotton states were represented at the conference, The North Carolina delegation, of which Mr. Blalock was chairman, was composed of Dr. B. W. Kilgore, president of the State Cooperative; John T. Thorne, of Farmville, farmer and director of the cotton cooperative; B. E. Everett, prominent Palmyra farmer; and John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times, who represented the State Press Association.

Mr. Blalock termed the conferences "very satisfactory."

One of the goals of the cotton cooperative parity price plan, loans of four cents a pound on cotton options, has already been reached and the government has announced that the making of loans will begin shortly.

Mr. Blalock said these loans on cotton options, which will release approximately \$48,000,000 to Southern growers and more than \$2,000,000 to North Carolina growers, should enable these farmers to keep from having to dump their options on an already overloaded market to further depress the price.

He also called attention to the fact that a great number of farmers are taking advantage of the government's 10 cents a pound loan plan. Under this plan if cotton rises the farmer will profit while the government will bear all losses should the prices fall.

"In addition to what our national government is undertaking to do for cotton prices, world-wide statistics on the cotton situation show quite a decided improvement during the last few months over the preceding period," Mr. Blalock said.

He pointed to government statistics showing that during the first three months of the present cotton season American exports were the largest for any like period in history and that consumption by American mills was almost at a record level.

"Combined, our exports of the past three months of 2,446,000 bales and our domestic consumption of more than 1,591,000 bales have made a larger dent in our heavy carryover than for any like period in our history," Mr. Blalock said, pointing out that this was a 15 per cent increase in domestic consumption and a 12 per cent increase in exports over the same period last year.

"Should exports and consumption continue at this rate," he said, "it would go a long way toward bringing about the much-talked-of pre-war parity price."

Although he would not divulge details of the plan for acreage control in 1934, Mr. Blalock said it is one that will appeal to the farmers and that the provisions of the plan will be more attractive from a rental standpoint than were those of the "blow up" campaign this year.

He said he expected details of the plan to be announced shortly, "giving each and every farmer ample time to plan for crops on his acreage taken out of cotton production."

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Rev. Wilson is Speaker at Union Services Here

Good Attendance at the Union Thanksgiving Services Held in Methodist Church

Basing his sermon on the one hundred and third psalm in the union services held at the Methodist church Thursday, Rev. H. M. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and speaker of the occasion, declared it to be unique in the school of literature and a Thanksgiving classic, having as the opening sentence, "Praise the Lord, oh my Soul; and all that is within me, praise His holy name."

Mr. Wilson traced the succession of scenes depicted by the psalmist as; first, the law court where the sinner is forgiven—"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities"; second, to the sick room—"Who healeth all thy diseases"; third, the slave market—"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction"; fourth, the throne room—"Who crowneth thee with loving kindness"; fifth, the banquet hall—"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things"; sixth, the heavenward flight—"Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

He discussed the day as one not set aside by God's commandment but doubtless accepted to Him, if observed with a true spirit of gratitude. Deploring the readiness with which man complains, and his heedless account of innumerable and constant blessings which he compared to the ticking of a clock, the speaker contrasted conditions of this Thanksgiving season with those of the past several years and offered thanks to God in behalf of his congregation for the coming of better days to this community as well as to the nation.

The service was conducted by Rev. H. L. Hendricks, pastor of the church, in the absence of Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Christian minister and chairman of the Ministerial Board. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., of the Episcopal church and prayers were offered by Rev. L. R. Ennis, Baptist minister.

The offering of money, food and clothing was turned over to the local relief association for proper distribution.

N. C. State CWA Project Approved

College Program to Cost \$67,785.95; 10,466 Given Work This Week

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Approval of the North Carolina State College Civil Works Administration project calling for expenditure of \$67,785.95 was announced yesterday by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State CWA Administrator. Work on the project is to get under way within the next few days.

The project will provide 77,830 hours of work for unskilled labor, 11,600 hours to skilled labor and 1,280 hours to professional men. Included in the work to be done are repairs to Riddick Field, repairs to the Experiment Station, repairs to the poultry farm, an arboretum on Walnut Creek, building of tennis courts and installation of new water mains for the college.

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Over Twenty Million Lbs. Sold Before Thanksgiving

With sales to date of 20,125,530 pounds sold for \$53,804,915.76 at an average of \$16.42, the Farmville tobacco market closed Wednesday to re-open again on Monday of next week with the full corps of buyers remaining until Christmas.

Sales were blocked on Monday when 507,818 pounds were disposed of for \$106,889.26 at an average of \$21.05. The floors were cleared on Tuesday when a total of 478,839 pounds were sold for \$95,107.92 at an average of \$20.03.

There was the expected decrease in volume of offerings Wednesday, the sale of which was completed early in

the afternoon, allowing tobaccoists to prepare for a well merited holiday, which will last over the week end, and carried the market beyond the 20 million mark.

Indications point to heavy sales next week as farmers are anxious to clear their packhouses of the weed before severe winter weather sets in and prior to the Christmas holidays.

For comparison with sales of last season the following figures are quoted: Eleventh week, 731,338 pounds for \$104,236.40, average \$14.25. At the end of the eleventh week 11,018,154 pounds had been sold for \$1,378,916.95 at an average of \$12.51.

Farmville Project Approved By C. W. A.

New Cabinet In Treasury Dept.

Morgenthau Swiftly Chooses Assistants To Carry on Gold Program

Washington, Nov. 30.—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., in 10 days as Acting Secretary has named six advisors whom old-time Treasury officials are dubbing an "inner cabinet" and "Morgenthau's brain trust."

Swiftly, Morgenthau has fortified himself with the personally chosen half dozen to advise him in Treasury functions. They are being paid out of special funds voted by Congress for emergency banking activities.

The list includes Herbert Gaston, special assistant to Morgenthau and press supervisor; Herman Oliphant, legal advisor; Earle Baile, fiscal advisor; Tom K. Smith, banking advisor; William H. McReynolds, administrative advisor, and Prof. Roswell Magill, tax advisor.

Just what relation these will bear to those now filling offices with similar duties still is a question. But in the case of Smith, for example, Morgenthau told newsmen that bankers desiring to appeal from rulings of J. F. T. O'Connor, currency comptroller, before the Acting Secretary makes his decision, would be given a hearing by Smith.

Magill, of Columbia University, will advise Morgenthau on income tax matters.

Also, Morgenthau explained that fiscal and administrative duties ordinarily falling to him as undersecretary would be divided by Baile and McReynolds, respectively, leaving him free to act in Secretary Woodin's place.

One of Smith's jobs will be checking R. F. C. preferred bank stock purchases before Morgenthau approves.

Oliphant was Morgenthau's general counsel when he was Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, and is performing similar functions at the Treasury.

Baile, in working on fiscal matters, is giving especial thought to December's nearly billion dollar financing program.

DR. COBB DEAD

Dr. William Battle Cobb, head of the department of Soils at State College died at Chicago of double pneumonia on Wednesday afternoon, November 22. He was 41 years of age and had been connected with the college for about eight years.

of the 68,000 CWA quota for this still will be filled by the end of this week. Half of the total quota is to come from direct relief rolls and the remainder from rolls of the Federal Reemployment Service in this State.

A production credit association with a capital stock of \$20,000 has been organized by Carteret county farmers.

Mass Meeting to be Held Tuesday Night to Make Final Arrangements For Park and Swimming Pool

Mayor John B. Lewis has issued a call for a mass meeting of Farmville citizens to be held in conjunction with that of the town commissioners on Tuesday evening, December 5, at 8:00 o'clock, to discuss the building of a public swimming pool and park, and every person in this community is urged to be present and express their interest in or opposition to the proposed plans. The Mayor states that this will be Farmville's last chance to avail itself of this splendid opportunity to secure a public recreational center of this nature, and he is very anxious to have a large attendance at this time.

For the past two weeks town officials have been attending meetings here and in the county, telephoning, wiring and busying themselves in general in the interest of this project, and on Tuesday a committee, composed of Mayor Lewis, W. A. McAdams, water and light superintendent, Geo. W. Davis and J. W. Joyner, town commissioners, called on Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Administrator of the Civil Works Administration, in Raleigh, laying plans before her, and being awarded by the granting of a Federal appropriation of around \$10,000 which will call for the sum of \$4,000 to be raised by the town and used in this connection.

In anticipation of the town's cooperation, work on the pool, which had to be abandoned in the spring at the site near the power plant, was resumed on Wednesday. Plans provide for the laying out of streets and sidewalks for a park and the project, if carried through to a successful termination, will give employment to a large number of people for many weeks this winter.

An appropriation of \$7,600 had been previously granted with \$2,500 raised by this district for a continuation of the Contentnea Creek drainage project.

A relief program, in which \$7,000 was used in and around Farmville, principally in drainage and street improvement, gave employment to scores of people here last year and the efforts of the town officials, among whom R. A. Joyner figures prominently, to provide jobs for those in need of work and at the same time establish a permanent playground, are to be heartily commended and met with a like amount of interest and full cooperation by the citizens of Farmville.

MRS. JEROME DIES IN ATLANTA

A message received by friends here on Thursday brought news of the death of Mrs. T. C. Jerome on Wednesday, November 29, at an Atlanta hospital where she had been receiving treatment for a broken hip, sustained in a fall of several days before.

Miss Mary K. Jerome, daughter of Mrs. Jerome, who was formerly voice instructor in the Farmville high school, has many friends here who join the Enterprise in extending sympathy in her bereavement.