

FARMERS URGED TO SELL THEIR TOBACCO NOW Markets To Close Friday Dec. 15 for Christmas Holidays CWA Putting Many To Work In This Section

Nation Seeks Adjustment To New Order of Things

Indications Are That Many State Officials Will Follow Roosevelt Lead In Working Against Old-Time Saloon and For Education In Temperance

Washington, Dec. 6.—A nation that had made Federal prohibition just a repealed constitutional amendment worked hard today to adjust itself to the new order of things.

And, surprisingly to some, the 20 states whose laws permitted the sale of hard liquor after Utah late yesterday became the 38th State to ratify repeal had comparatively few citizens feeling the worse today for celebrations. Throughout the country, the festivities seemed to lack the fervor some had forecast.

In many cases, the supply was scant; in several states, regulatory set-ups had not been completed, so the liquor supplies were few.

There were, too, many indications that a number of state officials expected to follow the lead of President Roosevelt who, in proclaiming repeal of the nearly 14 year old law, stated his future aims in these words:

"The policy of the government will be to see to it that the social and political evils that have existed in the pre-prohibition era shall not be revived nor permitted again to exist."

He asked "especially that no state shall be law or otherwise authorize the return of the saloon either in its old form or in some modern guise" and said the "objective we seek through a national policy is the education of every citizen toward a greater temperance throughout the nation."

The organization he was creating to effectuate that declared policy plugged away on the hundreds of problems necessitated by the repeal of a law which left no regulatory statutes in its place. The recovery and agriculture acts with their code provisions were being used until Congress could enact necessary laws.

Distillers, brewers and importers already were under codes; hearings had just been held on one for the rectifiers and blenders.

Numerous attempts were being made to keep bootleggers from profiting by the expected increased demand. Joseph H. Chaote, Jr., who is head of the new Federal Alcohol Control Administration, in one of his first orders tried to speed legitimate supplies.

The temporary Liquor Import Committee, which he heads, continued issuing permits for immediate importation of American-type Bourbon and rye whiskey suitable for blending. The committee did not say how much of that liquor would be admitted, but officials estimated Canada had nearly 20,000,000 gallons which could be imported into the United States.

These were but a few of the problems that occupied Washington officials. The states had as many, or more. And from leading prohibitionists came warnings that the fight was not over yet.

It was the regulatory problem that caused most difficulty in the states. Those in which, theoretically at least, the sale of spirits became legal with repeal were Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Colorado, Arizona, California, Washington, Louisiana, Montana, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Maryland and Rhode Island.

In Colorado, for instance, issuance of the first retail liquor licenses was postponed until today; Wisconsin's first sales were limited; Rhode Island quickly exhausted its immediate supply; permit difficulties hindered the flow in Indiana; the Washington State Legislature still wrestled with the problem as did that in Oregon; bars were polished and permits in Massachusetts while sales permits were issued slowly.

Ohio, after ratifying the amendment at 2:43 p. m. yesterday, remained arid because of state law needing legislative action. Pennsylv-

Leaf Signup Gets Under Way in Pitt

Farmers Begin Signing Contracts Assuring Them Parity Prices For Crop

Greenville, Dec. 6.—The tobacco signup campaign got under way at full speed ahead in Pitt County today with indications that the work would be completed in record time.

Committeemen, who yesterday received final instructions in the office of E. F. Arnold, director of the farm department, were stationed in each township today assisting farmers in making out the contracts and filing applications for benefit payments for tobacco sold prior to October 7th.

Public meetings were held in various townships last night for the purpose of giving farmers information concerning the signup and when the campaign actually swung into being today, practically all growers knew exactly what would be expected of them.

Three thousand growers bound themselves to sign the government contract in a campaign launched sometime ago, and the task of signing them all up in this campaign is a huge one, Mr. Arnold said, requiring the co-operation of all growers.

Invitation cards have been provided committeemen who will mail them out to the growers inviting them to appear before certain committeemen on specific days. If the plan is followed, it was believed the signup will be completed in record time and in a much more orderly way than when the rush was necessary to get agreements signed as quickly as possible.

Baptist Choir To Present Christmas Cantata Dec. 17th

A Christmas cantata, widely recognized for its beauty of melody and inspiring words, "The World's True Light," by Stults, is now under preparation by the Baptist choir, augmented by other voices of the town, and will be presented in the church on Sunday evening, December 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

Those taking part in the cantata include: Sopranos, Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mrs. George W. Davis, Mrs. C. R. Townsend, Miss Virginia Burgeron, Mrs. W. J. Rasberry, Mrs. Carl Tyson; Tenors, John D. Holmes, Chas. F. Baucom; Altos, Mrs. John D. Holmes, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. A. B. Walter, Miss Emma Dale; Basses, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Elbert Holmes.

vania's dry governor, Gifford Pinchot, was charged with controlling his state's regulatory machinery, after the state convention at 12:50 p. m. approved the repealing 21st Amendment.

Utah, number 36 in the state lineup at 5:31 p. m. couldn't even have 3.2 beer until January 1, while its Legislature must repeal the state law before hard liquors become legal.

In New York, John Barleycorn came back—but he had restraint and dignity; in California he was just about as well-behaved; in New Jersey, one of the wettest of the wet states, Governor Moore last night left the state officially dry when he vetoed the liquor control bill passed by the Legislature. The Legislature later, however, passed the measure over the veto.

Nevada, openly wet, was noisy but orderly; the Carolinas, the only states so far to reject repeal, took prohibition's death without notice; Kentuckians, hailing from one of the biggest liquor producing states, had laws keeping their state dry until at least the latter part of 1933.

Coastal farmers, now housing their corn crop, report that the new yield was cut at least by 40 percent by the storms of early fall.

Pitt Schools Close Dec. 19 for Holiday

Work Will Be Resumed January 1; Exercises Planned by Many

Greenville, Dec. 6.—Rural schools of Pitt county will suspend work for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 19, it was announced today by Donald Conley, director of public instruction. School work will be resumed January 1.

Mr. Conley said a number of schools were planning exercises in connection with the holiday season and that these in many instances would consist of Christmas trees and musical programs.

Exercises of the kind are arranged by the schools each year and they not only prove an inspiration to the students and faculty, but to patrons also.

The end of the first half of the school year will find all schools making marked progress, and indications were that the close of the session would witness even greater improvement. All schools at first were troubled by reorganization plans caused by enactment of the new school legislation by the last General Assembly, but this has been largely overcome and work in all institutions was reported as moving along favorably.

M'Lawhorn Again Chosen Board Head

Winterville Man Re-elected As Chairman County Commissioners

Greenville, Dec. 6.—R. H. McLawhorn was re-elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in the regular monthly session of the organization at the court house here yesterday. J. N. Williams was also re-elected chairman pro tem.

All other appointive officers of the county were re-elected for the coming year which begins January 1. In addition to the election of the officers, the commissioners confined attention to preparation of bonds and discussion of general routine business.

The election of officers paved the way to the beginning of the new year the first Monday in January and work was expected to move along smoothly with this matter definitely out of the way.

Mr. McLawhorn, prominent grower and landowner of the Winterville community, was named head of the board for his second term, as was Mr. Williams, chairman pro tem.

Farmville Rotary Club Host To District Meeting

Ted Johnson, of Raleigh Delivers Interesting Address; All Clubs of District Represented

An Inter-City Meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Ayden, Greenville, Washington and Farmville was held in Farmville on Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Fifty Rotarians were present. Bill Smith, Chairman of the group, presided with his usual pep and enthusiasm. A turkey supper with all the trimmings was served by several of Farmville's most beautiful and charming young girls. The address of welcome was graciously extended by John Thorne and he responded was given by Fordie Harding of Greenville. We were then entertained with several musical selections by the "Three Holmes": John Dwight, Mrs. John Dwight and Elbert. One does not even have to suggest that every one present enjoyed that part of the program. Bill Smith then called on the President's of the different Clubs to give two minute talks on their respective outstanding accomplishments since their inauguration. These talks demonstrated the value and place of Rotary in any community.

John Holmes then introduced the speaker of the occasion, Ted Johnson, Professor in the School of Applied Science, N. C. State College. The theme of his address was: "The Place of Rotary in American Life." Ted pointed out three phases through which our country has passed in the last few years, namely, the Booster Period, in which we boosted our towns, our industries, our businesses and everything either worthy or unworthy of boosting; the Bolstering Period, the time of boosting up our failing economic system, and lastly, the Building Period, the one into which we are now entering. The speaker intently connected the Rotary Club with these phases and showed how each has been reflected in the life of the Rotary Movement. His talk was both inspirational and practical and one which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The sixteen trench silos built in Cherokee County this summer under the supervision of the farm agent are keeping the ensilage perfectly, report the builders.

T. J. Moore of Caldwell County says he averaged 35 bushels of corn an acre after turning under a crop of lespedeza on land that formerly produced 10 bushels of corn an acre.

SHOOTING FIRECRACKERS

It is against the law to shoot firecrackers on the streets, sidewalks, back alleys or anywhere in the business district, or school ground in the Town of Farmville; the fine is twenty dollars (\$20.00) and all policemen have been instructed to arrest every person violating this ordinance.

Last Rites Held For G. Henry Burnette

Last rites for George Henry Burnette, age 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Burnette, who died Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in a Greenville hospital, were held from the home on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Christian church, conducted the services and musical selections were rendered by a male quartet, composed of John D. and Elbert Holmes, Rev. L. R. Ennis and Rev. R. A. Pittman of Ayden, with Mrs. Pittman as accompanist. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery under a blanket of many handsome floral designs.

A pall of gloom was thrown over the entire town on Thanksgiving morning when news of young Burnette's attempt at self-destruction in a moment of despondency the night before, went abroad, but owing to his condition hopes for his recovery were entertained until Sunday night when pneumonia set in. A High School student Burnette was very popular among the younger set and was highly regarded by all who knew him.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a sister, Mrs. Earl Forbes and a brother, Paul Ricks Burnette, both of Farmville.

There will be no "turning them loose" to shoot fireworks at any time before or after Christmas.

This is not a warning to would-be violators, but an appeal to all law abiding citizens to respect the safety and rights of others and to instruct their children similarly.

JOHN B. LEWIS, Mayor of the Town of Farmville.

Additional Workers Find Jobs in Pitt

100 Additional Men Put to Work on Civil Works Program Today

Greenville, Dec. 6.—One hundred additional men found employment on civil works projects in Pitt county today and this swelled the total number now employed on such work to around 300. The figure was expected to reach 400 by the end of the week.

K. T. Futrell, civil works administrator for Pitt county, said today Pitt county had been allowed the employment of 1,023 men under the new government re-employment program and that the full quota would probably be used when all projects have been approved and started in various parts of the county.

A number of the men assigned to work this morning went out to Riverdale, colored residential section in West Greenville, where the city is starting a sewerage extension project to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. The total number of men to be assigned to this project is 68 and the full quota was expected to be on the job probably the latter part of the week.

Over a hundred men are at work on drainage projects in Ayden and Swift Creek townships and this number also was expected to be brought to full quota soon.

One of the largest programs at this time is under way in the Farmville community where a swimming pool is being built, and drainage and road paving projects started.

Eight road improvement projects have been approved in this county, Mr. Futrell said, and already workers are busy on one in Ayden as well as in Farmville. Resurfacing of two principal streets in Greenville probably will get under way in the near future. Thirty-four men will be assigned to each of the highway programs, it was said, and this will give the employment phase quite a boost.

Mr. Futrell said today that 400 men would receive checks for labor Saturday, and the number was expected to be greatly increased by the end of next week. The workers are being paid at the rate of 45 cents an hour on a 30-hour week basis.

Two items have been approved for the city of Greenville recently, the building of a swimming pool and culvert. Work on these projects probably will begin in the next few days, or as soon as plans for their construction have been completed.

The object of the works program is to re-employ jobless men through out the country, and thereby increase their purchasing power. The program will continue through the 15th of February.

Local Tobacco Sales Lighter Since Holidays

Tobacco Reduction Sign-up Continues

Farmers Who Sign Will Benefit Far More than Those Who Don't, Says Schaub

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Throughout North Carolina's 57 flue-cured tobacco-growing counties farmers were signing up acreage and production reduction contracts yesterday, according to reports received by Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service at State College.

Farm agents and numerous committeemen appointed to assist them started this week their campaign of obtaining signatures to the contracts. An intensive drive will be made the rest of this week and next week to secure as many signatures as possible.

Growers who signed the reduction agreements last Fall automatically pledged themselves to sign the contracts as soon as they had been prepared. Those who did not sign the agreements will also be asked to join the reduction program now by signing contracts.

Dean Schaub stressed the vital necessity of getting as near 100 per cent cooperation from growers as possible in order to obtain the best results from the program.

"Unless tobacco production is materially curtailed," he said, "prices will not be increased as much as we hope, and the gains made this Fall will be lost."

However, the dean explained, no matter how much production is cut down, farmers who sign contracts will benefit far more than those who do not.

The government is contracting to pay \$17.50 an acre for tobacco lands taken out of cultivation, and make benefit payments of 12 1-2 per cent of the value of the crops marketed in 1934 under the terms of the contracts.

The rental and benefit payments together should bring something like \$17,000,000 to tobacco growers in the Southern States, the dean added.

December 9th To Be Observed as Tag Day By Salvation Army

Saturday, December 9th, is to be observed as Salvation Army Tag Day, when funds will be collected locally by members of the Farmville High School, under the direction of Miss Doris Flowers, president of the Student Council, for the benefit of the Home and Hospital at Durham, which so well expresses the motto of the Army—"Others," and which has the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of the mothers and children there at heart. Several Pitt County girls are in the Home at this time.

The Home and Hospital is a modern brick building formerly used by the Southern Conservatory of Music, and which makes an ideal building for the work. It is in every sense a Christian Home, and the girls are surrounded and protected by a staff of consecrated and devoted women. Being strictly nonsectarian, no effort is made to influence the girls from their religious beliefs, but here they are encouraged to do and make the best of their lives.

Being financed by voluntary contributions and dependent on friends for its support, the people of this community are urged to make a worthy expression of gratitude on Saturday for the service of the Salvation Army in this meritorious branch.

Fire Dept. Called To Extinguish Gates Barn

Answering an alarm about the middle of Tuesday afternoon, the local fire department found the barn of J. Sterling Gates on North Main street

Larger Quantity of Poor Grade Leaf Bringing Averages Down

The customary increase of poor grade leaf, that is usually offered at the close of each season, has been experienced on all the State tobacco markets this week, following the Thanksgiving holidays and just preceding those of the Christmas season, which begin with the close of the markets on December 15. Double sales will be continued here until that time.

Prices were slightly stronger on Monday over last week's closing with sales fairly heavy. A total of 349,692 pounds being sold for \$69,682.76 at an average of \$19.93. Those of Tuesday, the second following the holidays, were rather light, a total of 116,100 pounds bringing \$21,727.60 at an average of \$18.70. Receipts for Wednesday totaled \$24,536.91 for offerings of 129,254 pounds at an average of \$18.98, showing a slight increase in prices. Sales were some heavier on Thursday with prices unchanged.

The parity price average of 17 cents a pound is fast being realized in the season's average on this market, according to official figures, which show that through Wednesday growers selling weed here have averaged \$16.56.

Total poundage for the season including today's sales will probably reach the 21 million mark and with tobaccoists urging rapid marketing a heavy increase in sales is expected here next week.

Floyd Cox Is Shot To Death

Robbery Believed to Be Motive For Slaying of Gas Station Employee Near Greenville

Greenville, Dec. 7.—Officers today were seeking a clue in the mysterious slaying of Floyd Cox, 25, employee of the Herbert Cox filling station, on the Greenville-Bethel highway, about a mile from Greenville, who was found shot to death near the old Greenville-Stokes road early today.

Sheriff Sam Whitehurst, who was directing the investigation, said he believed Cox was probably held up and robbed of \$100 he was thought to have had in his possession when he left the filling station last night about 12 o'clock.

Cox's automobile was standing in the road where he had left it when he entered the woods. Sheriff Whitehurst said about fifty cents in change was found scattered on the ground near the body of the dead man, although nothing was found of the large sum of money he was believed to have had in his possession when he left the filling station.

Cox was last seen when he left the station about midnight, and he was believed to have been slain a short time later judging by the condition of the body when it was discovered this morning.

The body was being held in a local undertaking establishment pending further investigation of the slaying.

Cox, who was unmarried, had been employed for sometime at the filling station of Herbert Cox, his half-brother.

In flames, which were said to have been started by "Sonny Boy" Gates and some small friends.

Owing to the contents of hay and other feedstuff, there was a quantity of suffocating smoke, which being held in by the composition shingle roof, made fighting and extinguishing of the flames very difficult for the firemen.

Gaston County sweet potato growers now have 62 storage houses, with a capacity of 80,000 bushels.