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Government Plans to Hand Billion Dollars to Farmers

Expenditures to Cotton, Tobacco, Hog, Wheat Growers This Year will Be Five Times Greater Than Last Year

Washington, Feb. 7.—The harding of about a billion dollars to American farmers during 1934 as benefit payments for production cotton and corn loans is being planned by the Farm Administration.

Official estimates covering the wheat and hogs, cotton, tobacco and corn loan program were disclosed today to call for an estimated expenditure of \$776,512,895, or more than five times the \$152,521,177 spent in 1933.

In addition, an emergency fund of \$200,000,000 would be provided for benefit payments to beef and dairy cattle farmers in a bill passed by the House and favorably reported by the Senate committee. In addition more payments to wheat farmers under a contemplated second acreage reduction would bring the total well above a billion dollars.

Officials revealed that the only \$200,000,000 of this would be paid out of the Treasury if their plans carry through, the balance being due to come from processing taxes. Secretary Wallace even planned repaying this sum out of the proposed processing tax on butter fat.

According to the various programs now under way, the total will be expended as follows:

Corn and hogs, \$387,055,630; wheat, \$81,024,727; cotton, \$173,220,620; tobacco, \$35,415,000; corn \$191,796,721.

Southern farmers will receive \$153,283,330, or practically all of the tobacco payments amounting to \$33,099,939.

Of the total tobacco payments, North Carolina will receive \$12,147,600.

Death Rides The Highways of This Section

Seven Killed in Series of Accidents in This Patrol Division During January

Greenville, Feb. 7.—Death stalked the roads of this highway patrol division during January and claimed the lives of seven persons, the monthly report of Lester Jones, patrol lieutenant, revealed today. The figure was the highest recorded for any single month since establishment of the new patrol division, only six deaths having been reported for a previous month.

The report also shows that twenty-five persons were injured in the series of wrecks investigated from time to time by the patrol. This figure was the same as the previous month, and probably smaller than some months.

The patrolmen investigated a total of 48 accidents and 538 persons were arrested for various kinds of traffic violations. Of this number, 535 were found guilty and received sentences totaling 137 months.

The report also revealed that 519 persons were warned for parking on the highways, 114 for hogging the roads, 14 for herring driving, 119 for entering the highway without stopping, 194 for walking wrong, 169 for speeding, 402 for carrying obscure tags, 46 for driving on the shoulders, 36 for passing persons on curves, and seven for passing drivers on hills.

Total warnings issued by the patrolmen were given at 1,963, and the total number of violations were 3,251.

Fifty-four persons were arrested for carrying improper lights, twelve for faulty equipment, 207 for improper license, 119 for no license, 17 for driving drunk, 16 for being drunk on the highways, 13 for driving reckless, six for speeding, one for farmers operating machines, and 93 for no registration cards.

The total amount of revenue collected by the department was reported as \$48,880.

CONTRACT CLUB

The Contract Club played another of its tournament series at the home of Mrs. Lath Morris on Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. R. C. Thornton and Mrs. G. M. Holden as special guests. At the conclusion of the usual number of progressions scores were recorded by Mrs. Claude Barrett, official scorer, and mince pie, black coffee and salted nuts were served by the hostess.

Farm Legislation Holds Spotlight

Reports on Farm Legislation Now Under Consideration in Washington

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The House ways and means committee, of which R. L. Doughton of North Carolina is chairman, is giving "serious consideration" to a proposed excise tax of five cents a pound on all importations of coconut oil and sesame oil which come in competition with cotton seed oil, peanut oil, butter fat, hog lard and beef fat. U. Benton Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, said here upon his return from a two-day trip to Washington as legislative representative of the American Cotton Cooperative Association.

"The agricultural groups that produce these American products are of course fighting hard for the bill while the soap manufacturers, laundries and other interests are fighting heavily for an open market on foreign oils," Mr. Blalock said.

Summarizing other legislation, Mr. Blalock expressed the following opinions:

The Bankhead bill, or any similar bill to limit cotton production by bale control, will not be acted upon until farmers have replied in the affirmative to the questionnaires that have been sent them.

Many features of the Rayburn bill, which would put all trucks and bus lines under control of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce commission, do not appeal to farmers who own and operate trucks.

Cotton farmers are supporting the bill of Congressman Fulmer (S. C.) which would result in cotton being sold on a "net weight" bale.

Regardless of the fact that somewhat over 500 cooperative production credit associations have been set up, indications are that Congress will pass a bill to continue seed loans this season, though probably not in as large amounts as usual.

Schaub Defines Tenant's Rights

The Reduction Contract Does Not Give Landlords the Right to Fire Hands, Says

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The reduction of tobacco or cotton acreage under AAA contract is no excuse for a landlord to discharge a tenant, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College extension service, said yesterday. Dean Schaub is directing the reduction campaigns in North Carolina.

Capus Waynick, State Reemployment Director, said Tuesday that reports from reemployment offices over the State indicated that some tenants were being discharged following signing of reduction contracts by the landlord.

Any landlord who dismisses a tenant is violating a pledge made to the government in signing the contract, Mr. Schaub pointed out.

For the protection of landlords, permission was granted for the discharge of a tenant who became a nuisance, the dean continued, but if the landlord is to carry out the provisions of the contract, he must replace the dismissed tenant.

And for the protection of tenants, a special clause was inserted with the proviso that the landlord is not to reduce the number of his tenants. Instead, he is to divide the reduction equitably among them, according to the amount of land rented by each.

"In most cases," the dean said, "we have found that the tenants discharged were incompetent or unreliable and that, no doubt, some of them would have been discharged anyway."

"However, we do not deny that some worthy tenants have been forced to leave their homes, and we regret this very much. But we must realize that any benefit program is bound to have some disadvantages somewhere, though we are trying to keep these disadvantages to a minimum."

"And we do have reason to believe that although some tenants are being handicapped, the great majority of farmers are receiving such benefits as were almost undreamed of a few years ago."

Roosevelt Favors Lower Interest Rates on Debts

President's View Expected To Bring Drive To Lighten Debt Burdens

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt's call for a general lowering of interest rates on the \$250,000,000 of public and private debts in this country was expected tonight to result in a concerted move to that end both in and out of the government.

Mr. Roosevelt's view that many creditors would have more assurance of getting their principal if they reduced the interest charge may provide the needed impetus to press pending legislation.

Bills before the Senate—which have House approval already—would enable corporations and municipalities or other political subdivisions of states to scale down the principal and interest of their debts through an agreement with the majority of their creditors.

Legislation already in effect which enables the individual to re-arrange his debt and interest rates through a pact with the majority of those he owes and to give similar help to railroads. There have been complaints that these laws have not been particularly effective and that they need strengthening.

The President, in letting it be known that he thought the debtor was paying too much on obligations contracted in better times, did not say what he believed was a fair rate, nor did he specify particular charges that he regarded as too high.

But he did indicate that he felt strongly that the debt reorganization problem must be worked out, and suggested two methods.

One was on a voluntary basis and the other through legislation which would enable the debtor to get relief after a majority of the creditors—from 65 to 70 per cent, perhaps—agreed that some way to ease in line with bills passed and pending.

Among the debts mentioned were those owned by foreign nations, but it was not made clear whether he had war debts in mind. He has promised some communication to Congress on the subject.

The maximum interest, Britain pays on its debts, Treasury officials said, is 3 1/2 per cent. France was assessed only 2 per cent and Italy 1-8 of one per cent.

There was speculation after Mr. Roosevelt's declaration as to whether it might not indicate an impending effort to lower the charges upon the government's long-term indebtedness.

In this connection, it was recalled that the Treasury had already refinanced at a lower rate about \$900,000,000 in Fourth Liberty Loan bonds. Approximately \$1,500,000,000 of the remainder in other bonds matures on April 15. On the next day, about \$18,000,000 in other bonds matures and on May 2 another quarter of a million.

MRS. WHITEHURST DIES AT HER HOME IN GREENVILLE

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Z. M. Whitehurst, Sr., at her home in Greenville, early this morning, as the result of an illness of two weeks duration. The funeral will be held from the home at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The Enterprise joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Whitehurst, Jr., who lives here, in extending sympathy in their bereavement.

Allot Pork and Flour For N. C. Direct Relief

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Federal salt pork and Federal flour will be in the homes of relief families of North Carolina in the near future, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Relief Director, announced yesterday.

Shipments of 590,045 pounds of pork, and 26,297 sacks of flour are now en route to this state and will be distributed in the near future, Mrs. O'Berry said. Other shipments of pork and flour were received some time ago, and butter and eggs also were distributed to families on relief rolls.

Wake County is to receive 28,250 pounds of pork, and 1,428 sacks of flour under the new allotment. Allotments for other larger counties include: Johnston, 11,142 pounds of pork and 380 sacks of flour; Sampson, 14,289 pounds of pork and 538 sacks of flour; New Hanover, 14,259 pounds of pork and 513 sacks of

Give Portraits of Notable Men

Paintings of Iredell and Moore to Be Presented To U. N. C. Law School

Chapel Hill, Feb.—Portraits of two former justices of the United States Supreme Court, James Iredell, of Edenton, for nine years a justice of the United States Supreme Court, and an original trustee of the University of North Carolina, and his successor, Judge Alfred Moore, for five years a member of that Court, and likewise an original University trustee, will be presented to the University Law School by the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, of which Dr. Charles Lee Smith, of Raleigh, is president, at exercises to be held here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced today by Dean M. T. VanHecks of the Law School.

The Iredell presentation address will be made by Alexander B. Andrews, of Raleigh, and the picture will be unveiled by Charles E. Johnson, Jr., an Iredell descendant.

The Alfred Moore portrait will be presented by Justice Heriot Clarkson, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and the unveiling will be by Cama Mary, the daughter of Francis C. Carsons, of Charlotte, a near relative of Judge Alfred Moore and by George Myers Stephens, III, of Asheville, also a descendant.

The portraits will be accepted in behalf of the Law School by Dr. Frank P. Graham, University president.

Rev. Alben Godbold of the Methodist Church of Chapel Hill will offer the invocation, and the benediction will be said by Dr. Robert B. Drane, of Hillsboro, formerly of Edenton, who was for 56 years rector of St. Paul's Church, at Edenton, of which Judge Iredell was a member and a vesterman until his death in 1799.

The date of the presentation is the 144th anniversary of President George Washington signing Judge Iredell's commission as the seventh member of the United States Supreme Court.

The two portraits were painted by Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison and are replicas of her portraits of these two same justices, which the North Carolina Society of Sons of the Revolution presented to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 1898.

The exercises, which will be held in the first year class room on the third floor of Manning Hall, at 11 o'clock, will be open to the public. Descendants of the Iredell and Moore families are especially invited to attend. Miss Maude Waddell and Mary B. Shipp will be in charge of a visitors' book to be signed by those present.

TO ATTEND EXERCISES HONORING RELATIVE AT UNIVERSITY

Mrs. T. C. Turnage, M. M. Parks, of Morehead City; W. B. Murphy, of Snow Camp, will attend the Portrait Exercises at Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon. Portraits of James Iredell and Alfred Moore, former justices of the U. S. Supreme Court will be unveiled. Mrs. Turnage, who is a member of Judge Moore's family, received an invitation from Judge Heriot Clarkson to be present on this occasion. Her father kept the sword of Judge Alfred Moore in his possession until his death, when it was given to an aunt, Mrs. Alfreda Moore, a great granddaughter of the Judge.

Wallace Commends Co-op Essay Contest

Man Who Holds The Cards in the Farmers' New Deal Relies On Young Brains

(By Roy H. Parker)

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Henry A. Wallace, who as secretary of agriculture holds the cards in the farmers' new deal, has given his "heartly approval" to the seventh annual essay contest of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association which will get the opinions of thousands of rural high school boys and girls on the place of "Education and Cooperation in the New Deal for Agriculture."

Mr. Wallace, who has surrounded himself with young aides—they range from 23 up with most of them in their 20's and 30's—to help work out the new deal for the farmer, particularly likes the essay contest since it stimulates thought on the farm problem among the boys and girls in their teens.

Just as Mr. Wallace explains the prevalence of young men in his office by saying that they tackle problems from an unbiased standpoint, so does he think that valuable suggestions may come from the students in rural schools.

The cotton cooperative has found during the six years it has sponsored annual contests that rural high school boys and girls of the State are keenly interested in farm problems and, given an opportunity, are anxious to express their opinions. The high point of the contest was reached in 1932 when more than 7,000 students from 131 rural schools wrote essays.

The annual essay contest, which had its beginning in 1928 under the guidance of M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the cooperative, has grown rapidly and during the past six years more than 20,000 essays have been written. Mr. Mann is still in charge of the essay work and is looking forward to seeing this year's contest eclipse all others in number of essays and point of interest.

First prize in the contest this year will be a one-year scholarship to any North Carolina college. The contest will be conducted along lines similar to those of previous years with the exception that a tabloid newspaper, "The Essay News," will be substituted for the regular essay booklet. Fifteen thousand copies of the paper will be distributed to high school boys and girls.

The acreage reduction campaigns give farmers the chance of a lifetime to improve their soils, according to an article in the February issue of the North Carolina Cotton Grower. Legumes, fruits and vegetables are some of the crops recommended by the farm paper.

How Denmark, one-fourth the size of North Carolina, pulled out of the slough of despond it was in 50 years ago to become one of the world's most prosperous agricultural nations today is explained by Frederic C. Howe, consumers' counsel for the AAA, in an article in the February issue of the North Carolina Cotton Grower.

"Cooperation is the key of the whole structure," Mr. Howe wrote, pointing out that Danish farmers cooperate all the way from production to marketing.

The Farmville Rotary Club met in the Farmville High School Building last Tuesday evening at 6:15. A steak supper was served, during which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and the Secretary's report rendered.

Two Billions Paid Out for Recovery

Surplus Reported By The Treasury Now Expected To Become A Deficit

Washington, Feb. 7.—Government expenditures of this fiscal year's emergency cost today passed the two billion dollar mark.

This means more than five billion dollars to be spent between now and June 30, to even the budget estimate of \$7,532,000,000 for emergency expenditures in the 1934 fiscal year.

The exact figures of emergency expenditures of February 8, the latest available, was \$2,009,876,000, of which \$1,056,250,289 was by the R. F. C.

Total expenditures for the fiscal year including routine government costs, amounted to \$3,702,485,951.

The huge profit on the devaluation of the dollar left a surplus on the Treasury books of \$842,413,426 by the end of June. That would bring the total surplus to more than a seven billion deficit.

Wallace Gives Approval To Cotton Control Plan

Sees \$1,500,000 Salary Increase

Teachers Would Get That Under George Bill, Allen Estimates

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, estimated yesterday that North Carolina would get about \$1,500,000 which the State School Commission could use to increase teachers' salaries if Congress passes the bill introduced by Senator George of Georgia and others to provide funds for schools.

The George measure, and a companion bill already introduced in the House, would give \$50,000,000 to the schools of the nation this year, Doctor Allen said, and North Carolina would probably get about \$1,500,000.

A provision is included setting aside twice as much, or \$100,000,000 next year, and this State would get \$3,000,000 under that.

Doctor Allen said he was not certain of just what the terms of the bill are but he understood the School Commission would be able to apply the money to increasing teachers' salaries.

Julie B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, and Claude F. Gaddy of the State School Commission said they were under the same impression.

Lower Money Rates For Cities Favored

President on Record for a Cheaper Interest for Municipalities

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt specifically went on record in favor of lower interest rates for municipalities in the course of his regular press conference today.

In response to questions, the president favored a general lowering of interest rates in the interest of fairness and improvement of the debt structure.

He was asked specifically about the Wilcox bill now pending in Congress and which has been warmly endorsed by Charles M. Johnson, North Carolina director of local government. The President was unfamiliar with the exact terms of the Wilcox bill but expressed himself as favoring the principles embodied in it of permitting the extension to municipalities of the method provided for private corporations in legislation passed last year, whereby minority creditors are required to accept terms agreed upon by a specified majority.

It was stated that in some instances municipalities have been required to pay unconscionable rates of interest.

MINUTES OF THE FARMVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Farmville Rotary Club met in the Farmville High School Building last Tuesday evening at 6:15. A steak supper was served, during which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and the Secretary's report rendered.

In the order of business, Joe Rabbery gave a report of the membership committee which was acted upon. John Thorne then read a letter of community interest. As this was merely an informative letter no official action was taken upon it.

The Secretary of the Club was instructed to write a letter to Matt Hobgood, who is in Washington Sanatorium and Hospital at Washington, D. C., and extend to him the best wishes of the club.

The program at this point turned over to the chairman of the program committee who named Turkey Willis as program leader for the evening. Turkey took as his subject "The Fight For Life." During the next twenty minutes he gave the members of the Club an insight into what is going on behind the scenes in the medical life of the world. He told of the latest discoveries and inventions which science, the chemist, the physicist, and the bacteriologist working hand in hand have made. Turkey explained how the old superstitions were being displaced by more accurate information about diseases and their causes. His address was both interesting and informative.

The Club adjourned to meet again February 13, 1934.

A committee to make plans for marketing home grown beef locally in the county has been organized in Richmond county.

Baleage Tax To Hold Next Crop To 9,000,000 Bales Now Appears Certain

Washington, Feb. 7.—A long stride toward federal control of agriculture's output was taken today through formal approval by Secretary Wallace of the Bankhead bill to limit cotton marketed in the 1934-1935 season to 9,000,000 bales.

A statement issued at the farm administration said:

"If, as indicated by results of the questionnaire recently circulated among cotton growers, the South strongly favors the proposal, he (Secretary Wallace) will support its enactment."

Only a little while before, Senator Bankhead (D-Ala) author of the cotton measure, said the Secretary of Agriculture "is agreeable to the application of the proposed baleage limitation to this year's crop, and they are ready to go."

Approval by Wallace of the Bankhead bill apparently insures its passage by Congress. President Roosevelt already has given tacit support to its principles, but his Secretary of Agriculture, although asserting he would be guided by the wishes of the growers, has been dubious about compulsory measures.

Only two days ago, at a conference with newspapermen, he strongly indicated he favored giving the voluntary cotton plan a further trial before any mandatory provisions were written.

GLEE CLUB TO PRESENT OPERETTA, HAWAIIAN SETTING FEBRUARY 16

The Glee Club of the Farmville High School, numbering more than thirty young ladies among its members, will present a tuneful and colorful operetta, "The Ghost of Hilo" by Paul Bleriss, on Friday evening, February 16, at 8:00 in Perkins Hall. Admission 10c and 25c.

The setting will be that of Hawaii, with its lovely tropical scenery and a towering volcano as a background, the solos, duos, choruses, etc., of the operetta carrying the dreamy rhythm and romance typical of the Islands.

The Glee Club, directed by Miss Vivian Case and with Mrs. Hayward Smith as accompanist, won much praise and commendation from the community with its previous presentation, "The Feast of the Red Corn," in the fall, and the dramatization of the Nativity at Christmas time, and this, its third appearance is being eagerly anticipated.

The Cotton Drive Shows Jump in Pitt County

Contracts Begin Pouring Into Farm Office From All Parts of The County

Greenville, Feb. 7.—The signing of government cotton acreage production contracts picked up sharply in Pitt County yesterday, and indications pointed today to one of the most complete sign-ups of this kind ever conducted in the county.

The pick-up in interest was ascribed to announcement of receipt of \$20,000 in government cotton pool checks received by the farm office here yesterday and which will only be paid to those who have actually signed the reduction contracts.

E. F. Arnold, director of the Pitt County Department of Agriculture, said today there were around 800 contracts in his office at this time, and it was expected the total would be above the 1,200 mark before the campaign closes.

The sign-up will come to a close Thursday, February 15. The date of the closing has been extended from time to time because of the slowness with which growers have signed, but as there will be no further extension, everybody who has not signed was urged to get busy and do so at once.

The checks received here yesterday are for growers who agreed to pool their cotton with the government. Checks will not be paid, however, until growers obtain statements as to their sign-up status. These statements must come from township committees.

Mr. Arnold let it be known yesterday that tenants will be required to bring their landlords to his office before they can obtain their checks. The checks range all the way from \$10 to \$1,000, and represent four cents a pound on the cotton which growers agreed to pool with the government.