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# The Farmville Enterprise

## Two-Fold Plan By Federal Government Aiding South

Main Factor in Rehabilitating Rural Areas Is War on Destitution and Disease Among Farm Tenants; Land Drainage Planned

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—A two-fold program aimed at eliminating destitution and disease among southern farm tenants is a principal factor in the government's plan for rehabilitating rural areas.

That was emphasized by Colonel Lawrence Westbrook, assistant Federal Relief administrator, who visited Atlanta for a conference of relief authorities from 12 states in the south.

"If we can get rid of malaria and other common diseases among the share-croppers, they will be in a better position to help themselves," said the colonel.

The administration proposes to strive toward that end in sponsoring public health projects such as draining lowlands wherein mosquitoes breed and spread malarial germs.

Curtailment and ultimate elimination of pellagra, prevalent in some sections of the south, is another objective. That being a disease attributed to malnutrition, the method for combating it will be based on increasing the quantity and variety of food products.

Aside from actually counteracting disease, the health work is designed to serve an immediate economic purpose in affording employment to thousands now on relief rolls.

As to the actual economic phase of rehabilitation, Colonel Westbrook explained the basis would be self-sustenance on the land. By way of illustration, he said.

"Let us take the case of some destitute Negro tenant. He doesn't have a thing, not even a cow or a pig or a garden. He is living on rented land, giving a share of his crop to the landlord.

"We will lend him a cow and a pig and maybe some chickens. And we will help him get a garden planted. Maybe the house he lives in needs fixing. If so, we will get the landlord to furnish the material and then we'll hire somebody on relief rolls to do the repair work.

"Pretty soon the cow will have a calf, the pig will have more pigs and the chickens will hatch out other chickens. And pretty soon the Negro tenant will have a whole barnyard full of cows and calves and pigs and chickens. It's amazing how rapidly those things multiply.

"In the meantime, it hasn't been costing that fellow anything to live. He has been raising what his family ate. Moreover, he has been earning some money by working part of the time on the health projects and other public works.

"By that time the malaria is pretty well out of his system and he becomes ambitious to own some land. The landlord, who has more land than he needs, perhaps, is glad to sell him a tract on easy terms."

With all conditions favorable, Colonel Westbrook believes, the transposition from share-cropper to land owner could be accomplished in about two years.

The various state groups attending the conference which closed yesterday presented proposals for the new plan affecting their states. Meetings in each state are planned immediately and then the general relief program of the national administration will be put in effect.

Administrator Harry L. Hopkins said the rural rehabilitation program will be worked out with equal rights for all races. He stated there would be no discrimination in its execution.

### FOUR ARE INJURED IN SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT

Greenville, March 13.—Three school children and a man were injured this afternoon about 5 o'clock when the Belvoir school truck and an automobile collided at the intersection of Mayo's store, about four miles from Greenville. Those injured were Joseph Clark, 3, lacerations about the face; Paul Knox, 5, broken collar bone; Dennis Clark, 7, badly bruised back; William Bay, lacerations about the face and body.

The truck was driven by Phillip Sullivan, 17, student of the Belvoir school. The automobile which hit the truck was driven by Joseph Harris. Both drivers escaped injury.

The truck was returning to school and had unloaded many of its passengers. Both machines overturned and were demolished predictably by the impact. The crash was attributed to too much speed on the part of the automobile and the truck and negligence of both drivers.

## Civil Court Opens Monday

### Two-Week Term to Begin March 19th with Judge Daniels Presiding

Greenville, March 15.—A two-week term of Pitt County Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene in Greenville next Monday morning with Judge Frank A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, presiding.

The calendar, containing sixty-odd cases was completed by members of the bar several days ago and came off the press the later part of last week.

All of the actions are of interest to people in this particular locality as well as litigants from other sections and a good crowd was expected to be on hand each day the court is in progress.

The calendar for the opening week's session follows:

Monday, March 19

State Bank and Trust Co. vs. E. J. Edwards and Robert L. Edwards; Helen Russell vs. Nile Manning; J. E. Warren vs. J. F. King and F. J. Forbes; Georgia Redmond vs. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; Gurney P. Hood Commissioner of Banks vs. J. E. Winslow; McGregor E. Brown vs. L. L. Allen.

Tuesday, March 20

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Wednesday, March 21

Gurney P. Hood Commissioner of Banks vs. Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Co.; Linda May Dail vs. R. W. Dail and others; Eva Corbett vs. Thurman Vincent; Roy T. Cox, ex- vs. Thurman Vincent and others; North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank vs. F. M. Wooten; Harry S. Gurganus vs. R. H. McLawhorn, exec.; Evey Cannon vs. Taft Furniture Co.; Turner White Casket Co. vs. J. I. Morgan; Hester Richardson Admrx vs. Seaboard Airline Railroad Co.; Elizabeth Spain, Admrx, vs. Seaboard Airline Railroad Co.

Thursday, March 22

E. G. Simons vs. Greenville Banking and Trust Co.; Robert Staton vs. H. C. Tolar and others; E. L. Andrews Co., vs. L. L. Cherry; Robert Staton et al vs. L. L. Cherry and others; Dock Hardee vs. J. J. Elks and others; State Bank and Trust Co., vs. W. O. White; State Bank and Trust Co., vs. N. W. Clark; W. H. Bradsher vs. Fluorene Chemical Co.

### PASSION PLAY IN GREENVILLE MONDAY MATINEE AND NIGHT

Plans for the presentation in Greenville next Monday of the European Passion Play as presented at Oberammergau and Friesburg, version by Dr. Alfred Wolff, are being rapidly completed. The production will be staged at East Carolina Teachers College. The College is jointly sponsoring the event with the Greenville Junior Woman's Club.

The play will be presented for two performances, matinee and night. Reserved seats are now on sale at Hill Horne Drug Co., and it is advisable that those desiring good seats secure them as soon as possible. Prices: Matinee 2:30—School children and teachers of the county 25¢, Reserved seats 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, plus tax; Night 8:00—Reserved seats 75¢, \$1.00, 1.50, plus tax. The Greenville Choral club will furnish the vocal numbers of the production.

This is not a motion picture but a stupendous stage production lasting three hours.

The coming of the Passion Play to this section should interest all God-fearing people, for it contains the real basic principle of all Christian religion. The elaborate scenic equipment carried by the company and the costumes that are worn by the 126 people who enact the play are historically correct.

The Passion Play is the story of Christ's last seven days upon earth, the last days preceding His death on the cross. It is told in a reverent and sincere manner by the players, who are now on their final tour of this country, having played here for more than five years, the text being spoken in English.

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## REVISION OF TOBACCO CONTRACTS ARE NECESSARY

### Growers Urged to Speed Up Work That Benefit Payments May Be Made

## Talent From Many Towns Will Sing In Big Chorus

### Many Expected in Raleigh Sunday Afternoon to Hear Male Chorus

Raleigh, March 15.—Many towns will contribute talent to the eastern North Carolina sing to be held in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

In addition to Dunn, Goldsboro and Roseboro, which will send large delegations of musicians for participation in the male chorus and congregational singing, other communities will have sizeable representations.

Reports from the East point to a capacity crowd for the event, which is sponsored by The News and Observer with the co-operation of local organizations.

A renewal of interest and enjoyment in good, old-fashioned community singing is widely apparent, and zestful participation in the sectional songfeast is expected to provide an afternoon of rare entertainment for those who like to assist in entertaining themselves.

There will be no admission fee and no collection. The event will begin promptly at 3 o'clock.

Groups and individuals who are to take part in the great male chorus will gather at the Auditorium at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon for a rehearsal of special numbers and a photograph.

## Young Bandit to Be Sent to Rocky Mt.

### Don Taylor to be Confined at Industrial School Instead of at Concord

Grenville, March 15.—Don Taylor, 14-year-old Farmville bandit, who has been held here the last several days awaiting disposition by Juvenile court, will not be sent to the correctional institution at Concord as was announced Monday, but will be transferred from the county jail here to the Eastern Carolina Industrial School at Rocky Mount.

This information was given out by J. F. Harrington, clerk of Superior court, and judge of Juvenile court. He said he had been advised that a measles epidemic at Concord would make it impossible for them to receive Taylor at this time, and the jurist immediately decided to send the youth to Rocky Mount.

Judge Harrington said Taylor would probably leave here tomorrow in custody of officers of the court.

The youth, charged with holding up Howard Moye near Farmville and taking his car at the point of a gun, was arrested near Ballard's Cross Roads Monday morning after the robbery Sunday two weeks ago.

He was sitting in the back of Moye's car and when Moye got in he was covered with a pistol and told to drive down the road. About a mile away Moye was forced out of the car and the youth sped away to Ballard's Cross Roads. Arrived there he had trouble with the car, and when bystanders discovered he did not know how to operate the machine as he should, asked him to remain there for a while.

Taylor again pulled his pistol, covered the crowd, and escaped leaving the machine behind.

HARRIS-TRIPP

Coming as a surprise to their friends in this section of the State was the marriage of Miss Emma Ruth Tripp to Mr. Thomas E. Harris on Wednesday, March 14.

The couple was quietly married by J. W. Joyner, Justice of the Peace, in his office.

Mrs. Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Tripp, who live near Farmville.

Mr. Harris, a former resident of Rocky Mount, is the efficient engineer of the municipal light plant, which position he has held for the past eight years.

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A concerted drive is now underway throughout Pitt county, in conjunction with the State campaign, to secure revised contracts from tobacco farmers, whose production figures of the signed contracts of several weeks ago were too high.

According to E. F. Arnold, director of the Farm Board, who is conducting the sign-up, committees have been requested to return to their former offices in the various townships, and to complete revision of the contracts as rapidly as possible in order that benefit payments may be placed in the hands of growers agreeing to cut their acreage during 1934-35.

It is reported from headquarters that ninety per cent of the former contracts made by farmers in this county have been returned for revision of production and acreage figures.

Unless a more whole-hearted cooperation with the government is shown by producers, and that speedily, the benefits of the campaign cannot be expected to obtain.

## Revised Leaf Signup To End On Saturday

### Committeemen Are Expected To Turn In All Contracts by Monday Morning

Greenville, March 15.—The campaign recently launched here for the signing of revised tobacco contracts will end Saturday night, E. F. Arnold, director of the local Farm department said today.

Farmers whose contracts were returned by the government are requested to visit their committeemen and sign the revised contracts before the time limit expires, Mr. Arnold said, so that work of compiling them may be handled as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Arnold said committeemen would be asked to turn in all contracts by Monday morning so that they may be speeded to the federal department for final checking.

The campaign was necessitated by growers placing their production and acreage figures too high. It was said by the farm head, who is in charge of the signup, that about ninety per cent of growers in this county had their contracts returned because of high figures.

Committeemen had been stationed at their old places in every township of the county to assist growers with the revision of figures, and it was said that in view of the limited time allowed for the signup, farmers should lose no time providing the New York banks would gladly do the same thing.

Thus the state has instituted a savings in interest rates which can be made to care for some big state institution. It so happens that there is no provision in the serial bonds for highway construction which allows the state to call them in or to pay them with the accumulating funds.

But the state which a year ago was begging for credit, has all that it needs now and at a cut in the interest rates of one third. It is much the biggest thing financial that has happened to the Commonwealth in a long time. Governor Ehringhaus reported a few weeks ago the state's credit in fine shape.

It is much finer today as the result of the record made by his first legislature. There has been no four percent money for North Carolina paper in many a year and every dollar of that \$12,230,000 in now bearing that rate of interest. Mr. Johnson, who just ran in the state wide primary this year, has a good platform in this week's visit to New York.

The government, it was said, is doing everything possible to aid growers but this cannot be done if estimates for the next two years are to high. The object of the campaign is to cut production and stimulate prices.

Jury Convicts in Bribery Cases

### James Raynor, Former Legislator, and L. B. McLamb Get 5 Years

Laurinburg, March 14.—James Raynor, lawyer and former Johnston legislator, and Isham B. McLamb, wealthy merchant, both of Benson, were convicted here late today of bribing witnesses, and Durwood Hicks, barber, and L. A. Hodges also of Benson, convicted of accepting bribes as finish to a case in which three lawyers had fought for two days.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, immediately sentenced all defendants to serve five to seven years in State prison. Appeals were noted in all cases and bonds fixed at \$3,000 each.

McLamb and Raynor posted surety and Hicks and Hodges, both of whom are already serving other prison sentences, were jailed in default of bond.

Over \$30,000 was delivered to Edgecombe cotton growers last week on their option contracts secured when they plowed up cotton last summer.

Top-dressing small grain with quick-acting nitrate fertilizer is said to be the most profitable operation one can make with the grain.

At least 100 Duplin County farmers will sign the corn-hog reduction contract, believe the farm agent.

## Farm Cooperative Organization for State's Farmers

### Seek Court Test On Race Question

#### Would Challenge Warren's Policy of Denying Restaurant Service To Negroes

Washington, March 14.—The first definite step towards making a court test of the policy of Representative Lindsay C. Warren in denying Negroes access to the House of Representatives restaurant in the Capitol was taken today.

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