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REVISION OF TOBACCO CONTRACTS ARE NECESSARY

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 transition 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; Pennie 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 practically by the impact. The crash was attributed to the truck speed on the part of the automobile and the truck and passengers 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

W. L. Rive vs. R. E. Currin; Brinkley and Spain vs. R. E. Currin; Savage Seed Company vs. R. C. Currin; A. T. Moore, Texas vs. Fidelity and Casualty Company; J. L. Askew and Company vs. J. L. Williams; Grover C. Hardee vs. Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of N. C.

Tuesday, March 20

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; McGreggor E. Brown vs. L. L. Allen.

Wednesday, March 21

Gurney P. Hood Commissioner of Banks vs. Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Co.; Lina May Dall vs. R. W. Dall and others; Eva Corbett vs. Thurman Vincent; Roy T. Cox, exec., 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; F. 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. Flurene 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 Oberammergan and Friburg, 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 Home 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 25c, Reserved seats 50c, 75c, \$1.00, plus tax; Night 8:00—Reserved seats 75c, \$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 120 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.

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 song 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 songfest 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 8 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

Greenville, 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.

When the farm agent of Pasquotank County culled 340 hens in five flocks last week, he discovered 117 locks.

State's interest Annuity on Short Term Loans Falls

Johnson Did Business Monday with the New York Banks and Got Them to Carry State for Four Per Cent Rate

Raleigh, March 15.—North Carolina's interest annuity on its \$12,230,000 short term loans fell \$244,000 during the past year when State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson did business Monday with the New York banks and got them to carry the state for the 4 per cent rate for which financiers have been praying these 12 months.

When the general assembly of 1933 was in session this time a year ago it figured on an interest rate of \$733,800 on this floating indebtedness. At this time all the banks in the world were dead and everything in North Carolina frozen stiff. There appeared to be no way to get money under six per cent and the New York banks were slow to let their go then. Governor Ehringhaus became a sales tax advocate very reluctantly. Salaries were cut, the budget was balanced, and New York loosened a little. Banks in the state began to buy notes. A few days ago State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson canvassed the state. He asked the banks to let the state have this money at four per cent nearly all of them have answered and all which have replied are agreeable to his proposal. If there be any which will not agree Mr. Johnson will pay the loan and get other North Carolina banks to take the notes. 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 has all 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 per cent 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 run in the state wide primary this year, has a good platform in this week's visit to New York.

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 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 committeemen with new figures.

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 I. B. McLamb Get 5 Years

Laurens, March 14.—James Raynor, lawyer and former Johnston legislator, and Isham B. McLamb, wealthy merchant, both of Benson, were convicted here today of bribing witnesses, and Durwood Hicks, barber, and L. A. Hodges, also of Benson, convicted of accepting bribes as a result to a case in which nine 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 \$80,000 was delivered to Edgemonte cotton growers last week on their option contracts secured when they plowed up cotton last summer.

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 Lindsey C. Warren in denying Negroes access to the House of Representatives restaurant in the Capitol was taken today.

A party of two white people and two Negroes made a vain effort to see Representative Warren after being denied service in the restaurant by the manager, former State Senator Pat H. Johnson. They then served notice of their intention upon Herbert Bonner, Mr. Warren's secretary, after first registering their objections to being required to discuss the matter with "unlabeled."

The two white people in the party were Mrs. Charles Edward Russell, wife of the well-known author and lecturer, and Harlan E. Galzier, secretary of the Washington organization of the Socialist party.

The two Negroes were Rev. J. F. Whitfield, pastor of the 12th Street Christian Church, and L. C. Farrar, secretary of the National Forum Association.

All four are connected with the Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is composed of members of both races.

All four are residents of the District of Columbia and expressed their intention to bring an action in the local courts, the white people alleging they have a right to choose their own companions and the Negroes alleging that they are being deprived of their constitutional rights.

The party today made an obvious play to secure forcible ejection from the restaurant, but that did not succeed. Mrs. Russell entered the restaurant alone and reserved a table for four. The table was set and when the Negroes appeared in the party, service was denied, but the party was allowed to remain at the table undisturbed. After sitting there for more than half an hour, they began their search for Mr. Warren.

North Carolina Public Debt

(By Lewis and Hall)

Greensboro, N. C., March 16, 1934;—Figures recently compiled and released in a circular distributed to the public show the assessed valuation of all taxable property in North Carolina for the year 1933, after taking into account that reductions in valuations permitted by the Legislature, to be \$2,083,171,716. This is \$650,564,567 less than the \$2,733,736,283 valuation of taxable property shown for 1932, or a reduction of 23.79%. This is the average reduction on all property, real and personal, secured from best available reports on all Counties, the agencies of the State that list all property for taxation. So far as known, this is the first announcement of the new total assessed valuation of the State for the current fiscal year.

This interesting compilation outlining in detail full description of all outstanding bonds and notes of the State shows the total State debt to be \$176,806,000. After deducting the sinking fund of \$12,047,500.83, the net debt of the State is \$164,758,499.17. Included in the total debt mentioned above are the \$12,230,000 4 1/2 per cent short term general fund notes maturing in March and April of this year. Debt service requirements of the State for the current fiscal year, including the interest but not the principal of the short term notes are \$13,549,036. For 1934-35 the requirements are \$14,432,425 and for 1935-36 they are \$13,065,754.

North Carolina's total State revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, was \$82,359,485, compared with \$72,802,307 the year before, and \$75,741,965 the next prior year, the average for the last three fiscal years being \$78,967,919. Included in the revenue for last year was \$14,865,497 tax, \$5,151,215 auto license tax, \$4,274,762 income tax, and \$6,128,317 excise tax. The current fiscal

Farm Cooperative Organization for State's Farmers

Half Million Dollar Farm Buying and Selling Enterprise Chartered in Raleigh

Seek Court Test On Race Question

Raleigh, March 15.—The Farmers Co-operative Exchange, a State-wide co-operative organization for the purchasing of farm supplies and for the marketing of products not now handled by commodity co-operatives, was incorporated here yesterday with an authorized capital stock of half a million dollars.

At the same time announcement was made of the election of M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, as general manager of the new organization.

The purchasing co-operative was formed through the federation of a number of local and sectional co-operative organizations, including the Producers Mutual Exchange of Durham and the Cotton Growers' Supply Company of Raleigh. It will take over the North Carolina business of the Southern States Co-operative.

Leaders say the new organization will not only eliminate "overlapping services" that have been existing but will also pass on to farmers the benefits of a larger purchasing power. The organization will operate on a cost basis with patronage dividends being paid to members.

The Farmers' Co-operative has the support of the State Extension forces, the State Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Vocational Education, the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association and the State Grange.

Present plans call for the co-operatives to be in active operation by May 1. Headquarters will be in Raleigh.

Not only will the organization purchase for its members on a co-operative basis feeds, seeds, fertilizers and other farm supplies and equipment, but it will also serve as a co-operative marketing outlet for poultry, eggs, fruits and vegetables and other commodities.

W. W. Eagles, of Macleesfield, is president of the co-operative. Mr. Eagles, who is a member of the State legislature and a farmer and banker, represents tobacco and general farming. He is a member of the Edgecombe Mutual Live Stock Association and was one of the incorporating directors of the State cotton co-operative.

The vice-president, Dudley E. Bakley, of Moyock, is an outstanding farmer, a director of the Currituck Mutual Exchange and a member of the State Senate. He will represent the fruit and vegetable farmers.

The secretary-treasurer, E. S. Vanatta, of University Station, is master of the State Grange, which has more than 12,000 members. Mr. Vanatta, a former county agent and a successful farmer and dairyman and a director of the Durham Farmers' Mutual Exchange, will represent dairying, livestock and small grains. B. W. Haigh, of Raleigh, is assistant secretary-treasurer.

Half Million Dollar Farm Buying and Selling Enterprise Chartered in Raleigh

year revenue will be partly derived from a sales tax which in the first seven months operation from July 1, 1933, to January 31, 1934, produced \$3,317,762.

In connection with the figures showing a general State debt of \$176,806,000 it is interesting to consider the debts of the various governmental units within the State, in other words the overlapping debt. Complications as of January 1, 1934, show a total County debt of \$166,860,684, including school building and literary fund obligations arising from money borrowed from the State and for which the State issued its bonds. The total debt of cities and towns is \$150,508,213. Due to the fact that many counties have assumed township and school district obligations, it is extremely hard to get accurate up-to-date information but a good estimate of the outstanding township and district debt not included above in the County debt total would be \$46,000,000. Therefore, the overlapping gross indebtedness of the State and its political subdivisions is approximately \$589,674,897. The State population in 1930 was 2,170,275, which means a per capita overlapping public debt of about \$170. The net debt can be figured by deducting the \$12,047,500.83 State bond sinking fund, approximately \$16,000,000 loaned the County by the State for school purposes, and the several millions of sinking funds of various units.