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Warren Pleads With Farmers To Control Crop Production

Overproduction In 1936, Before Any Permanent Farm Policy Is Worked Out, Spells Ruin

Washington, Jan. 29.—In a statement sent recently to his District, Representative Lindsay Warren declared that there would be no potato program this year, and warned potato growers as well as tobacco, cotton and peanut farmers that they faced the same bankrupt condition that existed prior to 1933 unless they exercised their own control over what they planted and produced.

The North Carolina member who has played an active part in agricultural legislation during the last six years, said:

"By reason of the amazing decision of the Supreme Court, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has been destroyed, as well as the control bills for cotton, tobacco and potatoes. These measures had the overwhelming approval of the farmers of our state for they were fast being liberated from an economic serfdom that had brought bankruptcy and ruin to them. As a result of the decision Congress has been placed in a straight jacket, for everyone knows that agriculture is a national problem. Congress will remain here in session and pass some new measure which we hope will include all crops. What it will be or when it will become a law no one can now tell or predict. In my opinion it is going to be difficult to secure anything as effective as the A. A. A. Planting time will soon begin, especially potato planting. If our growers, especially after all they have suffered in the past, again plant the earth in potatoes and run wild with the contract system, then the same bankruptcy staves them in the face. We made the greatest fight for the potato grower that has happened here in Congress for many years, and it was won against almost insurmountable odds. But the Supreme Court has now destroyed that. The same thing applies to tobacco, cotton, peanuts and other crops. The only hope I can see for our farmers this year is that they plant only what allotment they would have received had the A. A. A. been continued, and in no case should they exceed that. After the hard lessons they have been taught in the past, they now have the opportunity to exercise self control and voluntarily hold down their production. As one who is vitally interested in agriculture and who has fought its battles, I urge them to do this. Overproduction in 1936, before any permanent farm policy is worked out, spells ruin."

Warren's Requested Survey Granted

May Have Post Office Building Here Some Day

Washington, Jan. 30.—Representative Lindsay C. Warren has been informed by the Post Office Department that his request for a survey to determine need for a federal building at Farmville and Plymouth, has been granted, and the Department will undertake same shortly. When the postal receipts of a town exceed \$10,000 annually then they are eligible for such a survey.

Mr. Warren pointed out that even if the survey was successful it did not mean that the town would get a federal building, but might get it in line for one several years later, provided the public building program was continued by Congress.

Four years ago surveys were approved for additions to the federal buildings at Washington and Elizabeth City. The contract is to be let in a few days at Elizabeth City, and additional land is now being acquired at Washington preparatory to the letting of the contract.

Last year, Mr. Warren secured surveys for additions to the building at Greenville and for new buildings at Ahsokie and Williamston. One of these will probably be slated for next year if the program is continued. If favorable reports are received for Farmville and Plymouth, they would take their place behind Greenville, Ahsokie and Williamston.

DR. WILLIAMS TELLS THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GOOD CHORAL SINGING

The Westminster Choir, which is scheduled to give a concert at the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, on Wednesday night, February 19, 8:30 p. m., with its forty-one symphonic singers, will be directed by Dr. John Finley Williamson, to whom belongs the credit for building up this unique group. William J. Henderson, of the New York Sun, dean of New York music critics, recently summed up an appreciation of the Choir's performance with a final tribute: "They show in all their numbers the results of careful and competent training by the fine musician who conducts them."

Dr. Williamson is today recognized internationally as one of the foremost authorities on choral singing. Two European tours of the Choir have brought praise on praise to the Chorus's brilliant conductor. Yet this slight delicately featured man, modest and unassuming in address, scarcely gives a hint of the latent power within him. Talking to him casually, one hardly recognizes the musician of profound learning, the stern technician and untiring worker, whose energy and ideals have created this orchestra of human voices in much the same manner as great conductors build their instrumental orchestras.

Fourteen years ago, Dr. Williamson organized the first Westminster Choir. Since that time, it has undergone many changes. Today it emerges as a chorus of symphonic singers schooled in an enormous repertoire ranging from Indian war songs, negro spirituals, modern music up to such works as Bach's B Minor Mass, which it recently sang in New York with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Leopold Stokoski conducting.

Four things are fundamental to good choral singing says Dr. Williamson. "Diction so simple and good that you get the thought rather than the mere words." "Tone quality so pure that the beauty of the tone will thrill you in itself." "Flexibility of rhythm so marked that you can portray all emotions." "A sonority that is vigorous so that in the singing of the groups you feel the force of equally balanced but vital personalities."

"Health—complete bodily well-being, for without that no singer is equal to artistic expression." "Have done for the cause—all of the inspiration you have applied to it."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Macleodfield—Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mrs. Blanche Webb Lewis of near here to Mr. Watt Langley of Fountain, on September 10, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Langley are now honeymooning in southern states, on their return they will be at home near here.

Italians Turning To America Again

Desire To Revive Trade Mission to U. S. Expressed at Rome

Rome, Jan. 29.—Leaders of Italian industry are anxious to revive a trade mission to the United States which failed last year, informed persons said tonight.

Shortly before this disclosure, an apparently authoritative hint was given that Italy, because of league sanctions, will look to the Americans for her future raw materials and commerce.

An editorial in Premier Mussolini's own newspaper, Popolo D'Italia, warned the sanctionists they could expect Italy to look toward "the vast raw material resources" of North and South America.

The United States, continued the editorial, refused to declare an oil embargo against this country because of resentment against British "imperial interference" in the American war.

Italy will remember her friends, the paper said, and between her and the republics of America, including the United States, "the financial and economic ties can never pre-suppose political interference."

American objections to Italian quotes proposals killed the former talks by an Italian trade mission observers pointed out that the American neutrality policy would hinder any attempts to form an agreement now but they link the mission idea with the Popolo D'Italia's editorial.

League sanctions, it was asserted by authoritative sources, have strengthened instead of weakened Italy's gold resources. Despite the cost of the war, these circles added, the country's gold position is better now than it was in 1934.

No exact figures were given out on the exportation of gold, bankers pointed out, however, that the public has given the government roughly 2,000,000,000 lire in gold, some of it in the form of wedding rings and other jewelry.

County Schools Take Holiday

Fourth Snow of Winter Covers State from 3 to 12 Inches

The fourth snow of the winter brought with rings on the telephone early Thursday morning, as teachers and school children called to notify each other that Pitt county had declared a two day holiday for its schools and would not reopen them until Monday, February 3. Supt. Moore was besieged with calls until nine o'clock.

According to newspaper reports the State is covered with snow from the mountains to the sea, with record thermometer readings and heavy snowfalls of from three to twelve inches reported from many towns.

Farmville had a five inch snow this time, fine, dry and soft with the clouds clearing away in the late afternoon and the sun starting the melting process, which was halted after sunset by a cold wind, which drove the thermometer down to its lowest point of the winter on Friday morning. The efficient street force was recruited and snow plows and shovels soon cleared the street here, not a single accident being reported.

FORD OUTPUT FOR NOVEMBER TOTALLED 110,559 UNITS

Production of Ford V-8 cars, commercial cars and trucks in November totalled 110,559 units, it was announced today at the home offices of the Ford Motor Company. This was the largest November production of 8-cylinder cars and trucks in the history of the automobile industry.

The total included 104,233 units produced in the United States and 6,326 units built at the Windsor, Ont., plant of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited.

Ford production is now in full swing at the Rouge plant at Dearborn, Mich., and at assembly branches in the following cities: Buffalo, Chester, Pa.; Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Edgewater, N. J.; Kansas City, Long Beach, Calif.; Louisville, Memphis, Norfolk, Va.; Richmond, Calif.; St. Louis, Somerville, Mass., and the Twin City plant in St. Paul, Minn.

The Davidson Mutual Farm Exchange had \$56,905.67 worth of business in 1935 which is an increase of \$10,511.12 over that of 1934.

Senatorial Body Drafts New Bill To Support AAA

Goes To Senate Floor With Considerable Doubts As To Constitutionality

Washington, Jan. 29.—The House heard a fiery Republican demand for "impeachment of Secretary Wallace today as inflation implications accompanied progress of AAA substitute legislation in the Senate."

With many members of the Senate agricultural committee retaining their doubts as to the constitutionality of the new soil conservation subsidy bill, they nevertheless voted 15 to 2 to send the measure to the floor.

They deferred until tomorrow a decision whether to incorporate in their report a statement by Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) declaring that the "agricultural problem is a monetary problem." Chairman Smith (D-S. C.) said, "I rather think this bill will be included."

On the House floor, Representative Treadway (R-Mass.) assailed Wallace for a radio speech yesterday, declaring that "any public official who makes a statement which calls a Supreme Court decision a legalized steal ought to be impeached."

Smiling over the attack at his press conference with the observation that "it looks like I'm in danger," Wallace disclosed that under the new farm program, the administration hoped to remove 30,000,000 acres from intensive cultivation.

The agricultural secretary also said that if the new legislation were enacted within 30 days, he believed an effective production control program could be placed in operation for 1936 crops.

Wallace declared agriculture department experts were working, as well as Treasury Department officials, on a plan to recover for the government \$200,000,000 in AAA processing taxes ordered returned to processors by the Supreme Court in its rice millers' decision, but said agreement had not yet been reached on procedure.

It was his reference to the refund of those taxes as "the greatest legalized steal in history" that aroused Treadway's ire today.

"The President ought to begin cleaning out the cabinet from Wallace on down," the Massachusetts Representative declared amid Republican applause.

He asserted Wallace should "take a sprint from the cabinet; a walk would be too slow." Democratic Representatives made no immediate reply.

Joking with newsmen about the procedure of impeachment proceedings, Wallace defeated his "legalized steal" statement with the comment that "I simply stated what seems to be the justice of it."

The proposed legislation embodying the two-year soil conservation plan, and paying the way for federal-state cooperation for farm aid, came out of the committee without material change, with its sponsors predicting passage but with some members opposing it outright.

Senators McNary, of Oregon, the Republican leader, and Norbeck (R-S. D.) voted against the report while Senator Capper (R-Kas.) joined Chairman Smith in voting only for reporting it, but not for a "favorable" report.

With the House agricultural committee in recess until the latter part of the week, Speaker Byrns expressed hope a farm measure and the appropriation bills would be speeded up so Congress could adjourn by mid-May. Senate leaders desire an early get-away, but doubt it will be that soon.

Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.) who introduced the subsidy plan in the Senate with what he said was administration backing, expressed satisfaction with the committee's action. He emphasized the bill emerged almost exactly as it was agreed upon at the White House.

It would vest broad powers in the secretary to make grants to farmers based on their acreage of soil-improving or erosion-preventing crops; their acreage of crop land, and a percentage of production used for domestic consumption.

After two years the grants would be made only to states which cooperate with a permanent formula to be worked out.

Relief Puzzle Still Unsolved

Hopkins Reveals Almost As Many on Federal Dole as A Year Ago

Washington, Jan. 29.—A dozen Democratic Senators were informed at a private conference with Harry L. Hopkins today that almost as many persons are on the dole or work relief as a year ago.

The relief population reached an all-time peak of more than 20,000,000 last January, and Hopkins was reported to have said today that while there had been a "slight" improvement, the relief load was about the same now.

About 1,000,000 "unemployable" heads of families, however, now are being supported by state and local governments rather than through federal relief.

Secretary Morgenthau recently told the Senate Finance committee that possibly \$2,000,000,000 would be asked by the administration for the next fiscal year's relief program.

Another subject discussed at the conference was the requirement that 90 per cent of those given work relief jobs be taken from direct relief rolls.

Some of the Senators were said to have told Hopkins of complaints that persons in need had been too proud to go on the dole were being barred from WPA, but the majority was reported to have agreed with the WPA administrator that it was better to continue the rule.

Because of difficulties in obtaining skilled labor, WPA non-federal and housing projects, and several projects supervised by army engineers, have been exempted from the 90 per cent requirement.

Hopkins, who was accompanied by Aubrey Williams, assistant WPA administrator, met the Senators in the office of Majority Leader Robinson, who said neither future relief appropriations nor legislation were discussed, but that the meeting was to go over the whole relief situation.

Senator Schwellenbach (D-Wash.) said he had arranged the conference at Hopkins' request, after calling on the administrator in another connection earlier in the day.

Neither Hopkins nor Williams would comment, but Hopkins' estimate of the size of present relief population was interpreted in some quarters as an indication that the number of destitute is not diminishing as rapidly as was hoped.

With more than \$1,000,000,000 of relief funds slated to be expended on July 1, it had been hoped by officials that less than \$2,000,000,000 would be required to continue WPA.

Complicating the situation, however, are demands in many states for additional Federal dole allotments. Hopkins announced the last direct relief grant had been made when the old relief administration was "liquidated" last December 1. In his January budget message, President Roosevelt said it would be impossible to estimate additional relief needs for two months.

Also present at today's conference were Senator Wagner of New York, Costigan of Colorado, Black of Alabama, Guffey of Pennsylvania, Duffy of Wisconsin, Murphy of Iowa, Minton of Indiana, Burke of Nebraska, and O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

LOCAL MERCHANT HAS MARVELOUS MEMORY

Noting the recent story of Wilson's man of super memory, Charlie Gilman, Farmville wishes to offer Herman Bandas as an equal and a candidate for proving a superior mind in the matter of tying a man's license number to his name, for Bandas has only to see a plate one time for it to be stamped indelibly on his mind together with the name of owner.

This man, who has been in the mercantile business here for several years, can, without the slightest hesitation, repeat correctly the car numbers of several hundred citizens of the town.

FOUR ARE DEPRIVED OF LICENSE TO DRIVE

Greenville, Jan. 29.—Four defendants were fined and had their driving licenses revoked in County Court Tuesday by Judge Dink James, three following pleas of guilty and fourth on conviction of operating a vehicle while under the influence of whiskey.

W. U. McBroom, denied his guilt and upon conviction, noted an appeal to Superior Court. He was placed under \$200 bond awaiting hearing in the higher court.

Warns Tobacco Growers Again to Curtail Yield

Alfred Smith Feud Rages On

Roosevelt Forces and Al Smith Remain Far Apart

Washington, Jan. 29.—The furious feud between the Roosevelt forces and Alfred E. Smith raged on in undiminished acrimony together with the new deal officials labeling the former New York governor as a man who has deserted progressivism and gone "over to the camp of the enemy."

Any likelihood that the administration would seek to bridge the chasm between it and Smith appeared to dwindle away in view of the reply delivered last night by Senator Robinson, (D-Ark.) to Smith's recent speech before the American Liberty League.

The Capital awaited Smith's next move, watching to see what effect the attitude of administration forces would have on the ex-governor, who has threatened to "take a walk," from the Democratic National convention.

To Smith's charge that the new deal had tossed aside the party platform and become socialist, Robinson replied that this was "warring against his own people and against the men and women with whom he fought shoulder to shoulder in the past."

President Calls For Bonus Funds

Sends Letter to Congress Asking For Appropriation of \$2,249,178,375

Washington, Jan. 29.— President Roosevelt tonight fired back at a Congress which had insisted on paying the bonus, his request for a \$2,249,178,375 appropriation to meet the bill.

Without mentioning the subject of possible tax increase to provide funds, Mr. Roosevelt wrote Speaker Byrns that the Veterans' Bureau had estimated \$2,237,000,000 would be needed for actually cashing the bonus, with the remainder for administrative expenses.

Meanwhile, veterans reported commercial interests were already competing for a share of the money to be distributed. The American Legion warned its members against pledging their bonds in advance, while New York brokers offered \$40 million cash for each \$50 bond.

Some business houses, too, were seeking lists of veterans and their addresses. "We've turned down a number of cash offers for that list," a Legion official said, "and nobody's going to get it. We'll use every means we can to keep racketeering out of this thing and to hold legitimate solicitation down to a minimum."

The capital wondered whether significance could be attached to the absence of any recommendation for new taxes in the President's letter to Speaker Byrns. At any rate, it appeared likely that for the present at least the money for administrative and other purposes would be raised in the usual way.

Mr. Roosevelt said yesterday that the administration was making a thorough study of the tax situation created by payment of the bonus and the invalidation of AAA processing taxes, with a decision to be made later, probably well in the future.

The bonus payment bill enacted Monday over Mr. Roosevelt's veto merely "authorized" payment, a usual course of procedure. Separate action is necessary to make the actual money available.

So late in the day was the President's letter sent that Speaker Byrns was at home when it arrived. He told newspaper men he did not know its content, or even that the President had sent it until advised by newsmen. He decided not to return to his office and thus publication of the text was delayed until tomorrow at least.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Rev. Jack R. Rountree will hold a celebration of the Holy Communion and preach at the Episcopal church, Sunday morning, February 2.

Committee Sees Danger of 900,000,000 Pound Crop; Urges Credit Caution

Washington, Jan. 29.—At the close of a two-day meeting, the flue-cured tobacco growers' advisory committee today adopted resolutions urging that every possible means be taken to hold down production.

"The committee found from the information before it that present plans would mean a crop of 900,000,000 pounds, for which there would be a market for only 640,000,000 pounds."

The committee was so much impressed by the optimism of Senator Josiah W. Bailey yesterday that they called on him in a group today to ask his cooperation generally, and his specific cooperation in behalf of early Senate passage of the \$297,000,000 appropriation for benefits to farmers under old contracts which has already been passed by the House.

Although the Kerr-Smith tobacco act is still in operation in the few flue-cured markets still in operation and on all of the burley markets, it is considered doomed. Deductions will be made from 1935 benefit checks of those farmers who sold beyond their quotas, as the exchange of tax-exempt certificates through pools has ended. Noncooperating farmers are still paying the tax.

The statement issued by the tobacco committee followed:

"The flue-cured tobacco advisory committee, after receiving reports from all flue-cured producing states and after conferences with officials of the Tobacco Section of the Department of Agriculture, members of Congress, constitutional lawyers and others, has arrived at the following conclusions:

"1. That the Supreme Court decision of January 6 effectively did away with the very helpful and successful tobacco program carried out under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for the past three years.

"2. That the soil conservation program now being considered by Congress will be very helpful to farmers who put themselves in position to comply with its terms, but will probably not offer to tobacco growers as effective means of production control as did the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

"3. That if flue-cured tobacco growers carry out their present expressed intentions, a crop of 900,000,000 pounds or more will be produced in 1936.

"4. That the largest crop that it now appears can be sold at reasonable prices with present demand conditions will be around 640,000,000 pounds.

"With this situation in mind, the flue-cured tobacco committee makes the following recommendations:

"1. That all production credit agencies, including warehousemen, fertilizer dealers and governmental sources, exercise extreme caution in extending credit for tobacco production this year.

"2. That flue-cured tobacco growers reduce their individual 1936 plantings 30 percent below their bases under the 1936 contracts.

"3. That all tobacco growers attend the program planning and discussion group meetings now being conducted in their counties and put themselves in position to take advantage of the proposed soil conservation program or any new program offered by the Federal government.

"4. That as soon as Congress enacts farm legislation, the growers be notified of its provisions and what it will be necessary for them to do to qualify for its benefit.

"The following members of the committee were present: Claude T. Hall, chairman, Wooddale, N. C.; R. Hunter Pope, Enfield, N. C.; J. H. Lane, Stantonburg, N. C.; J. A. Brown, Chadburn, N. C.; Lionel Well, Goldsboro, N. C.; T. M. Lewis, Walnut Cove, N. C.; J. E. Winlaw, Greenville, N. C.; H. W. Winstead, Roxboro, N. C.; and J. Hurt Whitehead, Chatham, Va.

"Other growers attending the meeting were J. T. Lazar, Florence, S. C.; J. E. Stone, Chatham, Va.; E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, N. C.; J. R. Hutcheson, Blacksburg, Va., and H. S. Durden, Swainsboro, Ga."

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mr. Wilderman, of Parmalee, will hold services in the local Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11:00, at Carraway's, in the afternoon at 2:30 and at Falkland at 7:30 in the evening.