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## Agree Upon Plan to Keep Tobacco on Staple Basis

### Three Primary Objectives Outlined by Congressmen for Tobacco States; Cooley Designated as Committee Head

Washington, Feb. 4.—Members of Congress representing tobacco-growing districts today agreed upon three objectives and appointed a committee to see that they are carried out. The objectives are:

Securing at least \$50,000,000 for use in a tobacco program under the administration's soil conservation bill now pending in both the House and the Senate; adoption by the Department of Agriculture of a precedent for giving of subsidies to tobacco growers for the planting of only a fixed percentage of base production; and the use in the tobacco program of poundage as a basis instead of acreage.

The group as a whole conferred today with J. B. Hutson, chief of the division which includes tobacco under the old AAA, and tomorrow the committee will hold its first meeting. The committee will confer with legal advisers of the department on the question of whether the power desired is conferred under the bill as now written.

"We think the power is undoubtedly there, but we want to make sure that it is there, and we want to make sure before the bill is passed and not afterwards," declared Representative Harold D. Cooley, a member of the House Committee on Agriculture who presided at the conference today and who was made chairman of the committee which was named.

"We hope to accomplish all of our purposes without any legislation of our own and under the general bill, but if special legislation is required, we will proceed along those lines; and it is possible we will have to offer an amendment to the pending bill, but we do not think so.

"We are all satisfied that the bill will help the farmers and what we want to do now is to see to it that it will help the farmers."

The committee includes in addition to Mr. Cooley, the following: Representatives Vinson of Kentucky, Cox of Georgia, Kerr and Umstead of North Carolina, Burch of Virginia, and Gasque of South Carolina. Members of the committee hold positions on the key House committees of ways and means, rules, appropriations and agricultural.

Following a talk made before the Tyrone Rotary Club by the Farm agent, a business concern gave \$30 to be used in buying a registered bull for use in the county.

## WPA To Dismiss 500 of Teachers

## Funds Curtailed For Emergency Education Program in North Carolina

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Curtailed of the emergency education program was announced yesterday by State WPA Administrator George W. Coan, Jr., after conferences with C. R. Braun, assistant WPA regional field representative, and Dr. L. R. Alderman, national director of the education program.

Reduction of the funds available for the program will require elimination within two months of approximately 500 of the 1,520 teachers now employed on the program, said Mr. Coan.

The State WPA received \$80,000 for education work in January, has been allotted \$70,000 for February but will receive only \$60,000 or \$55,000 for subsequent months.

Records of the emergency education teachers will be investigated and those with the greatest need will be retained, said Mr. Coan. Teachers who have members of their families employed and can secure support will be the first released.

Operated for two years prior to last summer by the ERA, the emergency education program in the United States employed 43,000 teachers, and extended educational opportunities to 500,000 adults.

C. A. McIntosh, State NYA director, and F. F. Jones, assistant director, are in charge of the education program in this State. Dr. Alderman, the national director, left Raleigh yesterday. Proceeding South, he will visit several projects in route.

## Fear Tobacco Prices Will Be Low In 1936

A flue-cured tobacco crop 260,000,000 pounds in excess of the amount that can be sold at a reasonable price has been forecast for this year unless growers restrict production.

After studying the situation, the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Advisory Committee estimated that if growers carry out their intentions, as now indicated, the crop will run to 900,000,000 pounds.

The committee also found that all credit agencies, including warehousemen, fertilizer dealers, and government sources, exercise extreme caution in extending credit for tobacco production this year.

All growers should attend the program planning and discussion group meetings now being conducted in their counties, the advisory committee recommended, and should put themselves in position to take advantage of the proposed soil conservation program or any new program offered by the Federal Government.

The proposed soil conservation program would be very helpful to those farmers who comply with its terms, the advisory committee stated, but it can hardly offer tobacco growers as effective a means of production control as the AAA.

For this reason, said Claude T. Hall, chairman of the committee, all growers should be wary about increasing their tobacco production, as there is a big chance that they may not be able to sell their leaf for anything like a fair price.

## Only Two Schools In Pitt Open This Week

According to the report of County Superintendent D. H. Conley, all schools in the county, with the exception of Farmville and Winterville, have been closed this week, continuing a five day holiday period, which began January 30, when a heavy snowfall made transportation of rural pupils impossible.

The reason for opening the Farmville school was said to have been that of having the advantage of having four hard surface roads leading into town, making the school more accessible than the others in the county. The attendance during week is reported as being about 85 per cent of the enrollment. Wednesday's attendance dropped to 75 per cent on account of false reports that the school had declared another holiday, but it picked up again on Thursday when between 90 and 95 per cent was reported by Supt. J. H. Moore.

However, with a snow storm in progress Thursday afternoon and weather reports ominous, Supt. Moore thought it wise to suspend school until Monday, February 10.

The Winterville school was opened this week because the unit had lost three weeks previous to this time and authorities expressed themselves as wishing to avoid further delay in the final closing.

## REGARDS BUSINESS OUTLOOK AS BRIGHT

New York, Feb. 2.—The current issue of "Banking," published by the American Bankers Association, says "business prospects for the immediate future are fairly bright.

"The uncertain course of Congress and the budget dilemma are elements of doubt. There is also a somewhat all-embracing question, having to do with when and how the Federal Reserve Board and other regulatory agencies will exercise their powers of control to check inflation," the publication states.

"Indications are that the improvement in heavy private construction will continue, while the increase in private residential construction which characterized the later part of 1935 will probably carry on to a new high level of activity this year.

"Plants for replacement, re-equipment and expansion of railways, steel companies, oil concerns, and thousands of small business institutions, are growing in number and extent.

"A steadily increased demand for machine tools reflects present industrial activity and also is evidence of confidence in the future.

"Merchandise and other inventories are low. Buying for the spring trade has started three weeks ahead of the usual schedule," the review declared.

Use of copper sulphate on eastern Carolina soils, as one of the important minor elements in fertilizer, is gaining wide attention. Recently the Experiment Station had a request from Germany for further information about the results secured.

## Farley Declares League Embodies Predatory Blocs

### Democratic Chairman Labels Liberty League As Ally of Republicans

Miami, Fla., Feb. 5.—In a direct and sharply-worded attack on the American Liberty League, Chairman James A. Farley, of the Democratic National Committee, tonight termed that group "the center and soul of the predatory powers."

Making not a single reference in his prepared text to Alfred E. Smith, who recently denounced the New Deal before a league dinner and threatened to "take a walk" out of the Democratic convention, Farley did, however, label the league an "ally" of the Republican national committee.

The Democratic committee chief, who has been vacationing in Florida, spoke before a Roosevelt dinner at the Miami Biltmore hotel here.

He devoted a major part of his address to lashing at the league, which numbers among its members many prominent Democrats, including both Smith and John W. Davis, the 1928 and 1924 Democratic Presidential nominees. If allowed its way, he said, the league "would perpetuate the sorry business of the Mellons and the Morgans in reducing 95 per cent of the people to the status of serfs."

Although never mentioning Smith by name, Farley spoke of the "widely-heralded dinner" staged by the league in Washington two Saturdays ago, at which Smith was the principal speaker. At it, the former New York governor declared President Roosevelt had thrown most of the 1932 Democratic platform "in the wastebasket," and lodged a charge of socialism.

Tonight, Farley asserted that critics ignored the fact that the Roosevelt administration had "carried out many of the most important planks of that platform." In addition, he asserted the league would "do much to advance Socialism and Communism."

"The Liberty League," said Farley, "is the organization of those Bourbons who learn nothing and forget nothing. . . . It would rule America. It would squeeze the worker dry in his old age and cast him like an orange rind into the refuse pail. And it would continue the infamous policy of using the agencies of government to create a plutocracy that would perpetuate the sorry business of the Mellons and the Morgans in reducing ninety-five per cent of the people to the status of serfs at the mercy of the exploiters at the top.

"The American Liberty League speaks as conclusively for the reactionaries and their party as does Mr. Hoover, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Manufacturers' Association.

"Indeed, the league is composed in large part of the representatives of that big business which brought the nation to the outer rim of ruin." At another point, Farley termed the organization "The American Lobby League." Its members, he said, had "made so much noise that they have perhaps convinced themselves that the racket of their own raising is a voice of the business community."

"I feel obliged to undecieve them," he added. "They will find when it comes to the showdown next November that for every capitalist or industrialist who wishes to bring back Hoover days there will be ten of his own economic group who appreciate that the New Deal, of which these eminent persons are so critical, stopped the panic and gave them, each of them, a chance to recover.

"They know it is absurd to charge the Roosevelt administration with being the enemy of business. Its whole successful effort has been to save and restore business and it has accomplished that very thing, just as it has removed the great mass of our people from the jeopardy of economic destruction."

Farley asserted the league was composed of representatives of "very big business and the very enormous fortunes," as well as corporation lawyers "who are being well paid to belong."

Turning next to a series of recommendations to Congress made recently by the league, he declared that since the group had organized its own "supreme court," it "not only is for the American Liberty League to assume the functions of the President in sending a message to Congress."

## Expect Big Crowd At Farm Meeting In Greenville

### Farm Federation Head Will Address Eastern North Carolina Growers Monday, Feb. 10

Greenville, Feb. 5.—Plans for what is hoped to be the biggest farm rally in Pitt County and possibly in Eastern North Carolina are rapidly nearing completion. The event will be held on Monday, February 10.

Edward O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has accepted an invitation to address the farmers of Pitt and 25 other counties. The general meeting will be held in the college auditorium.

Officials of the affair have declared they expect at least 2,500 farmers to hear the national farm leader. Invitations are being sent to each person who held an agricultural adjustment contract.

J. E. Winslow, chairman of the Pitt County board of agriculture, has written farm leaders in each of the counties asking them to make arrangements to inform the farmers of the meeting and urge them to attend.

The expressed purpose of the meeting is "to get squarely behind the farm administration program."

Mr. O'Neal is president of one of the most aggressive farm organizations in the United States. He is now located in Washington fighting for substitute legislation for AAA. The American Farm Bureau Board boasts a membership of more than a million farmers in 38 states. At present there is no branch of the organization in North Carolina.

## Thief Is Killed With Stolen Coal

## Coroner's Jury Exonerates Greenville Man For Shooting of Night Raider

Greenville, Feb. 5.—Buster Duncan, Negro, was instantly killed late last night by W. J. Wingate, when the Negro was caught stealing coal from the bin located in Mr. Wingate's backyard on Ridgeway Street. A coroner's jury met immediately and Mr. Wingate was completely exonerated.

Mr. Wingate stated that he was in his bathroom when he saw someone at his coal bin. He said he went into the adjoining room, secured his pistol and went on the back porch and commanded the man to halt. The thief started to run and Mr. Wingate fired.

The bullet entered the Negro's head, causing instant death. The Negro fell on one side of the fence and a sack of coal he had stolen fell on the other side. Finding the Negro dead, Mr. Wingate reported to authorities and the coroner's inquest was called.

Mr. Wingate stated he had been missing coal from his pile for some time, and declared the culprit had made a path to his bin.

## FARMVILLE STUDENT ON U. N. C. HONOR ROLL

On the fall quarter honor roll for the University of North Carolina, released Wednesday, Farmville citizens will be interested to learn that T. E. Joyner Junior's name was among the 350 listed, and among the 55 fellow classmates attaining this honor in the commercial branch of the University.

Additional information furnished by the preceptor of N. C. Beta of Phi Delta Theta, revealed that Eli was recently presented with an award of \$10, for distinction in scholarship, offered respectively to the student of the senior, Junior and sophomore classes, whose average for the quarter showed the greatest improvement over that of the previous quarter. Eli won first place in the junior group.

The awards were presented at a banquet given by the fraternity honoring the three winners, who were entertained again at dinner the following day by Dr. T. F. Hickerman, a chapter alumnus, who is a member of the University faculty.

Moonshine corn liquor used in radiators of the terracing tractors in Orange County served as an adequate anti-freeze mixture during the recent severe weather.

## Organized Labor Ready To Oppose Greenback Drive

### Rallies Behind President Roosevelt as Lines Form For Inflation Battle; Issue Will Hinge Upon Tax Program

Washington, Feb. 5.—Organized labor rallied its forces behind President Roosevelt tonight as inflationists warned Democratic Congressional leaders that they would open their fight to pay the soldier bonus in "greenbacks" within a fortnight.

The inflationists hinted, however, that they would withhold their fire if Mr. Roosevelt did not demand new taxes to finance the veterans' debt payment.

Into the battle tonight strode President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor. He issued a statement on behalf of the organization's executive council warning that inflation would seriously "affect the economic and social welfare of the masses of the people."

"If prices are to be driven upward through currency inflation," Green said, "the very limited buying power of the masses will be further curtailed. . . . As a matter of sound public policy, as well as justice, an increase in wages should precede an increase in commodity prices."

Barlier, President Roosevelt, apparently unworried by the inflation agitation on Capitol Hill, reviewed his tax plans with fiscal advisers. It was said after the White House conference that another week would be required to whip the program into shape for Congress. Discussion today, it was understood, centered on levies to finance the administration's new \$500,000,000 farm program.

Other developments during the day included:

1. The Commerce Department reported continued business improvement in January. Activities in the first month of the new year exceeded those of the corresponding period last year by 10 per cent.

2. Movement of gold abroad to bolster the American dollar weakened by threats of inflation was stemmed.

3. President Roosevelt arranged to confer tomorrow with heads of Federal spending agencies to get latest reports on government expenditures.

4. Congressional leaders endorsed the President's cancellation of \$1,000,000,000 in loan authorizations to various government agencies.

5. The current Federal deficit to February 3 was \$188,228,534.47 more than the previous year. The Treasury's cash balance was \$342,780,310.47 below that of the same period in the last fiscal year.

6. Interest on the public debt during the coming fiscal year will be \$68,000,000 more than last year, the Appropriations Committee reported to the House.

7. Speaker Joseph W. Byrns stated emphatically that the House would reject the highly inflationary Frasier-Lemke farm mortgage re-finance bill.

8. House inflationists indicated their drive would be withheld if President Roosevelt did not seek new taxes to pay the bonus.

## SERIES OF MISFORTUNES BEFALL FAMILY OVER WEEK END

Arthur Barber, Sr., connected with A. C. Monk & Co., here, received bad news relative to his family over the week end.

Mr. Barber left Sunday for Tuskegee, Ala., upon receipt of a message from his wife, who had received injuries in an automobile accident there, while en route to California with her son, Arthur, Jr., and daughter, Betty Lou. The Barber car is said to be badly damaged.

While in the Alabama town Mr. Barber was advised that his son, Jack, 21, was in the Bellevue hospital, New York, as the result of a reported attempt to commit suicide by slashing his wrist and swallowing four poison tablets.

According to Associated Press reports young Barber was found in his room in the New Yorker hotel after his moans disturbed persons in an adjoining room. The report also stated that a sealed letter, addressed to his father, was found in the room.

Mr. Barber returned today, Thursday, and late reports from the bedside of his wife and son state that both are improving.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Jersey Cattle Club will be held at Burlington on February 22.

## President Takes Steps to Reduce Federal Lending

### At The Board Meeting Tuesday

At the regular meeting of the Board of Governors Tuesday evening, A. G. Cayton appeared and presented a matter, which had been under consideration by the various members for some months, action on which at this time will result in an investigation by the street committee of a survey of the town for the purpose of marking the streets and numbering the homes, in preparation for free mail delivery service, which citizens here hope to secure at an early date.

A ruling made at this meeting, relative to skating, prohibits the use of skates in the fire district, on either street or sidewalk, and will permit skating only on the sidewalks in other sections of the town. The four business blocks of the town are included in the fire district.

In reporting the progress made in laying sidewalks, it was observed that a distance of three quarters of a mile had been completed in the past several weeks, sections being laid on Wilson, Pine, Belcher, Grimmersburg, George and Contentnea street, the last named now being in process of being laid and much needed, from Grimmersburg street to Forest Hill cemetery. The grading of several dirt sidewalks was reported together with the preparation of the alley back of Harris' store for immediate paving.

The relief situation, which is growing more desperate daily, on account of the long spell of extreme weather, was discussed, and the Board requests that citizens, who can give even one day's employment to a man or woman, cooperate and advise the Town Clerk, R. A. Joyner, of their needs.

Mr. Roosevelt's disclosures came at his press conference after he had spent an hour with heads of the government's lending agencies. The conferees were Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, Chairman Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Housing Director Stewart McDonald, AAA Administrator Chester Davis and Cyril Upham, treasury adviser.

As the conference began, the treasury announced shipment of another \$7,200,000 in gold to France and Holland to bolster the dollar. This brought the total of gold released for export in the past 48 hours to \$12,000,000.

Previously, it had been learned that Frank Dietrich, foreign exchange expert, had been engaged to aid in the direction of the government's \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund. Dietrich had previously been associated with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In curtailing the government's lending program by \$1,000,000,000 Mr. Roosevelt carried out a pledge made to the American Bankers' Association that the federal agencies would withdraw from this field whenever private enterprise showed its ability and willingness to assume these responsibilities.

He explained to newspapermen that no money actually disbursed to the lending agencies was being pulled back, but the cancellation order involved only authorizations for money. Some of these authorizations, he said, now are obsolete.

For example, the President said, the time limit of HOLC loans was reached last June and that agency will not be required now to go into the market for additional millions which it once was anticipated would be necessary. The HOLC now becomes a collecting instead of a lending agency, he explained.

Mr. Roosevelt made it plain that his action would not clip \$1,000,000,000 from the national debt or the deficit. These authorizations have not been carried as government debts or obligations, and were not included in the figures contained in the President's recent budget message.

## Bowell Advises Steady Publicity

## Tells Merchants That Newspaper Advertising Should be Constant and Simple

Tarboro.—Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association and principal speaker at a semi-annual banquet of the Tarboro Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce here recently told his hearers that newspaper advertising should be constant and not spasmodic, assiduously truthful, plain, simple and direct.

He urged the large number of merchants present to increase their advertising in line as the surest means of increasing the volume of their business, to provide for advertising in their annual budget and to advertise steadily and systematically.

"In this trading area," he said, "old people are dying and a new generation is coming on. The merchants who want to keep in touch with the new crop of customers to counterbalance the loss of the old crop must never let up in their advertising."

"If business is good, advertise to make it better. If it is bad, advertise to build it up."

"Be truthful always and never use language anyone cannot understand."

Mr. Dowell praised efforts of leaders here to organize a baseball club and urged merchants to lend their support. He lauded the Tarboro Merchants' Association.

Touching briefly on pending social security legislation, he said merchants would have to pay nine per cent of their incomes in taxation if the measure is enacted in its present form.

## Chief Executive Trims Approximately a Billion From Potential Loan Total

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt tonight trimmed \$1,000,000,000 from potential government loans, declaring the new move was justified by the nation's continued economic recovery.

Simultaneously, he disclosed he had summoned heads of the government's spending agencies to a White House conference on Thursday to obtain an up-to-the-minute check on federal expenditures.

These steps, he said, did not mean necessarily a "tightening" of the government's purse-strings. They were closely scrutinized, however, in the light of inflation agitation, weakness of the dollar abroad and a rebellion in Congress against imposition of new taxes to finance the new \$50,000,000 farm program and the \$2,267,000,000 soldier bonus.

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## Sum of 79 P. C. Paid To Bank Depositors

Greenville, Feb. 4.—Checks totaling \$18,343.41 were being distributed Monday by State Bank and Trust Company to 1,600 depositors of the old National Bank of Greenville, representing a dividend of 4.01 per cent and bringing the total received by depositors to 79.01 per cent. The checks being distributed Monday represent a dividend above the original 75 per cent guaranteed by the State Bank and Trust Company at the comptroller of the currency for the bank to take over the affairs of the old National Bank, which closed its doors here on December 10, 1930.

## RALPH WINDERS

Wilson.—Ralph Winders of Kenly, aged 34, died Saturday at the Carolina General Hospital after an illness of only a few days. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Wilkerson of Kenly, and one little daughter, Janeyce Winders; his mother, Mrs. G. A. Winders, of Farmville; one sister, Mrs. A. B. Gauthory, of Greensboro, and three brothers, Lester Winders of Wake Forest, Paul Winders of Goldsboro and Hal Winders of Farmville.

The funeral was held at the residence in Kenly at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Burial was in the Kenly cemetery.