

Tobacco Parly Plans Compact By 5 States

Would Require Action By Legislatures Of Each Tobacco Growing State; Governors To Study Plans At Con- ference

Washington, Feb. 18. — Making haste, slowly, representatives of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee meeting here today with officials of the Department of Agriculture today worked out a concrete plan for control and regulation of tobacco for presentation to the Governors and other representatives of the states next week.

The meeting of the representatives of the Governors originally proposed to be held in Richmond on Thursday of this week, has now been scheduled for Washington and will probably take place on Tuesday of next week. It is expected that each Governor will be accompanied by members of his legislature and by the Attorney General of the State. Governor Peery, of Virginia, will call the conference.

The plan as worked out today with J. B. Hutson, head of all tobacco activities in the Department is two-fold in its nature. It calls for a compact among co-operating states by the passage by the Legislatures of identical statutes which would be administered by a commission from each state, the commission to include the same personnel in each instance. Each Governor would suggest three members from his state to include the farm extension director and each of the other Governors would also appoint those three men upon his own commission. The proposed law to be passed by each of the State Legislatures calls for the fixing of a National quota for each type of tobacco on the basis of world consumption added to normal stocks of that type of tobacco, less actual stocks on hand at the time the quota is fixed, that time to be December 1 in any year except 1936 when the quota would be fixed within 30 days after action by the necessary number of states. The State quotas would be divided among individual growers in much the same way as was done under the old AAA. Each grower would get certificates up to the amount of his quota and each buyer of tobacco would be required to pay to the State a percentage to not less than one third nor more than one half the value of the tobacco, which would be taken out of the sum paid to the grower. Such revenue as might be obtained over and above the amount necessary for expenses would be derived among growers producing less than their quotas.

The other part of the plan is a proposed act of Congress authorizing the compact among the states and protecting that compact by restricting interstate shipments of tobacco by states not parties to the compact over and beyond quantities fixed in the same way. The excess of those states if shipped beyond the borders of the states would be subject to the same penalty as the excess tobacco within the quota states.

As tentatively drawn the Federal statute would require action only by the states of North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee in order to become effective.

That point will not be acted upon definitely until the Governors meet next week. Governor Eugene Tamm, of Georgia, is expected to attend the meeting here next week but there is little hope of favorable action on the part of Georgia, which was represented only by Congressman Braswell Deen.

The Legislatures of Virginia, South Carolina, and Kentucky, are now in session and it was stated today that favorable action can be obtained from all three of them before their adjournment.

Senator W. G. Clark and Representative W. E. Fenner, the official representatives of Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, were careful not to commit Governor Ehringhaus on the question of calling a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly, but felt the impression that such action could reasonably be expected if the other states act favorably.

Representatives of the Tennessee Legislature, where a special session would also be necessary, were here today and indicated that there is a good chance of action in that state, but like the representatives from North Carolina preferred for their Governor to do his own talking.

The delegation from the Virginia Legislature was here on its third trip, accompanied by Attorney General A. P. Staples, who furnished the suggestion which resulted in the decision to have each state com-

Unearth No Clues In Chief's Death

Large Crowd Attends Rites for Murdered Of- ficer in Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck, Feb. 17.—Funeral services for Police Chief A. P. Moore, who was shot to death here early Sunday by an unknown assailant, were held today as officers continued their efforts to solve the mysterious killing without avail.

Chief Moore was shot at close range with a shotgun, and when J. V. Daisey, manager of a hotel, went to investigate, he found the officer in the vestibule of the Bank of Halifax, dying.

Daisey heard the shot across the street in his hotel. The vestibule to the bank is left unlocked. Daisey said he saw no one leave the scene and did not hear a car. Officers expressed belief the chief surprised a lookout as a gang was starting to rob the bank.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS CHIEF MOORE'S RITES

Scotland Neck, Feb. 17.—An immense throng of people from many parts of Eastern North Carolina gathered today to pay tributes of respect to Chief of Police A. P. Moore, who was shot early Sunday morning while performing the duties of his office.

The home on Main Street was crowded with relatives and friends at 3 o'clock when the Rev. W. E. Goode, Baptist minister of Scotland Neck, and the Rev. D. L. Fourts, Methodist minister, conducted the funeral service. The choir of the Baptist Church, assisted by members of other local church choirs, sang requested hymns. The procession to the Baptist Cemetery, where interment took place, was escorted by a number of State highway patrolmen, while police officers from many towns were among the number of those following.

Active pall bearers were W. E. Bellamy, Deputy Sheriff Joe L. Riddick, Mayor Ben Bracy, State Highway Patrolman Fred Hines, Policeman J. W. Flowers, Deputy Sheriff Bill Roberson. Honorary pall bearers included Sheriff G. H. Johnson, Rufus Shaw, Carey Knight, Tom Maner, Jimmie Shearin, Forest Sherin, Jasper Smith, Wade Dickens, J. D. Hall, Bearnard Allsbrook, R. L. Johnson, Shady Brady, James Wilkerson, Zeb Allsbrook, J. A. McDowell, Ernest Lawrence.

Mr. Moore, who came here from Farmville ten years ago, had served as chief of police in Scotland Neck since that time. He is survived by his wife: three sons, A. P., Jr., Robert and Bud Moore, all of Scotland Neck; five daughters, Misses Shirley, Mary, Elsie Mae and Pauline Moore of Scotland Neck, Mrs. Richard Allen Cooke of Farmville; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. D. Moore of Farmville; three brothers, Roy Moore of Fountain, C. L. Moore of Rocky Mount, W. H. Moore of Wilson; seven sisters, Mrs. Ray Braxton of Farmville, Mrs. Lenzie Hale, Mrs. Lillian Little and Mrs. Mammie Weatherington, all of Baltimore, Mrs. O. H. Melfton, of Farmville, Miss Lottie Moore of Dover and Mrs. Bessie Ward of Falkland.

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The choir of Emmanuel Episcopal Church will sing in St. Barnabas Church, Snow Hill, Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service, with Miss Mary K. Gerome as soloist.

Services here at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

Ash-Wednesday services on Wednesday morning, February 26, at 10:00 o'clock.

mission identical by including on it representatives from all the other states.

Today's meeting did not carry the plan to a point where it cannot be definitely killed at the conference of Governors next week. But as a result of today's meeting those interested are even more hopeful than they were at the close of a similar meeting last week.

The conference of Governors next week like those which have preceded it will be held in the committee room of the House Committee on Elections. Number three of which Representatives John H. Keen, originator of the compact idea is chairman.

Today's meeting was attended by most of the members of the House of Representatives from states affected and an even larger attendance is anticipated for the meeting next week.

Triple Alliance Spectra Revived

Italo-German-Austrian Pact Would Have Far-Reaching Effects In Europe

Rome, Feb. 19.—An excellent authority said tonight that the ghost of the old Triple Alliance seemed to be assuming flesh and blood, and eventually which would place Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler side by side in a drastic revision of European alignments.

A possible Italo-German-Austrian agreement, this source said, was being discussed in both Florence and Berlin.

Following conversations in Florence between Austrian and Italian diplomats, Ulrich Von Hassell, German ambassador to Italy, left by airplane for Berlin.

Von Hassell held a long conference yesterday here with Fulvio Suvich, Italian undersecretary for foreign affairs, who talked today in Florence with Egon Berger-Waldeneck, foreign minister of Austria.

Hungary, which has trade and political agreements with both Austria and Italy, would be included obliguously in a possible new treaty.

The old triple entente of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy was shattered during the World War when Italy refused to fight for the Central Powers and later joined the Allies.

Main Points.

A possible agreement between Rome, Vienna and Berlin, it was learned, contains three main points.

1. Germany and Austria would lower tariffs considerably to each other, almost to the point which would make a customs union.

2. Germany would guarantee Austria's independence—of which Italy hitherto has been the guardian.

3. Italy will admit the free development of Pan-Germanism in Austria so long as it does not destroy Austrian independence.

Although a communique issued following the Florence conversations did not mention Germany, it did say Suvich and Berger-Waldeneck examined the general situation.

Suvich had with him in Florence not only the head of the ministry of foreign affairs department for Danubian countries, but also the head for Germany. This fact was given much importance in diplomatic circles.

The undersecretary planned to return to Rome tonight and was expected to report to Premier Mussolini tomorrow on the result of his talks with the Austrian.

In diplomatic circles, it was pointed out that it was Italy's colonial differences with France over Tunis that drove her into the triple alliance in 1882 and that perhaps similar colonial differences with France and Great Britain may drive her into another triple alliance now.

TRIBUTES TO WASHINGTON

Virginia gave us this imperial man,
Cast in the massive mold
Of those high-statured ages old
Which into grander forms our metal ran;

She gave us this unblemished gentleman,
Soldier and statesman, rarest union;
Broad-minded, higher-souled, there is but one
Who was all this and ours; and all men's—Washington.

—James Russell Lowell.

Chieftain farewell! The nation
crowns thee. Mothers shall teach
thy name to their lisping children.
The youth of our land shall emulate
thy virtues. Statesmen shall study
thy record, and learn lesson of wisdom.
Mute though thy lips be, yet
thy still speak. Hushed is thy voice,
but thy echoes of liberty are ringing
through the world, and the sons of
bondage listen with joy.

—Bishop Matthey Simpson.

The name of Washington is intimately blended with whatever belongs most essentially to the prosperity, the liberty, the free institutions, and the renown of our country. That name was of power to rally a nation, in the hour of thick-thronging public disasters and calamities; that name shone, amid the storm of war, a beacon light to cheer and guide the country's friends; it flamed, too, like a meteor to repel her foes. That name, in the days of peace, was a lodestone, attracting to itself a whole people's confidence, a whole people's love, and the whole world's respect.

—Daniel Webster.

A Federal Cooperative Farm Exchange is being planned for New Bern to serve as a market for surplus produce grown in the surrounding counties.

Highways Closed To Heavy Traffic In Many Places

State Highway Commission Orders Heavy Trucks Off 3,700 Miles For 30 Days; Dirt Road Condition Worst In Many Years

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The State Highway and Public Works Commission yesterday closed every bituminous treated surface highway in North Carolina to all trucks in excess of five tons gross.

The order, which effects 3,700 miles of highway for the next 30 days, was unprecedented in State road history. It resulted from weather conditions which have done a damage of around \$3,000,000 to the roads of North Carolina and cut gasoline revenue another \$1,000,000 at the same time.

"The sub base of practically all surface treated highways has been so softened as to render heavy traffic thereon destructive of said roads," the commission stated in a brief preamble to the order.

The ordinance, violation of which is a misdemeanor under the State law, is effective on the roads as soon as signs are posted ordering the heavy truck traffic off. It does not apply to busses.

Last night Chairman Capus Waynick of the commission called upon Captain Charles Farmer of the State Highway Patrol to cooperate in the enforcement of the ordinance.

Captain Farmer replied that he would do what he could but had no money to house his men away from their bases on such an assignment. The chairman said that he would take the matter up with those in charge of the patrol again today.

"The patrol here has a chance to save the State many thousands of dollars," was his only comment.

Late yesterday Mr. Waynick received a telephone call from the commission's engineer at Asheville, saying that he had been unable to secure the help of highway patrolmen in closing the road from Marshall to the Tennessee line to heavy traffic, as had been ordered by the chairman the day before.

Dirt Roads Impassable.

Yesterday's order does not affect the dirt and soil surfaced roads of the State which are in the worst condition in 18 years, if not longer.

The commission estimated yesterday that at least 20 per cent of the United States Mail rural free delivery routes were impassable while the State School Commission estimated that 25 per cent of the rural schools of the State were still closed because busses could not make their regular runs. In the meantime, complaints at the condition of the dirt roads have been pouring into the commission offices from many sections.

"But until they partially dry out it is impossible to get them back into anything like decent shape," said W. Vance Baise, chief highway engineer. "However, with anything like reasonable weather we should have all the routes open within a week."

"Yes, many of the secondary roads are still impassable," added Mr. Waynick. "About all we can promise is that we will get them in shape just as fast as possible. We have the largest force we have ever had and the greatest amount of equipment on these roads and the men are working night and day wherever they can work. But in many places it is impossible even to begin working those roads until they dry out. You must remember that never before, or never since there was a State Highway Commission, have we had weather that from a road standpoint was comparable to that this winter."

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MAN WITH BROKEN BACK CARRIED FIVE MILES ON STRETCHER

Macclesfield, Feb. 18.—George Owen, tenant on the farm of J. H. Speight five miles from here, was injured in a very bad way a few days ago when a mule stepped on his back and crushed it.

It seems that Mr. Owen was holding the mule for a rider to climb on when he was knocked down and trampled on by the animal. While waiting for a doctor he became in such a condition that he couldn't bear the jar of a person walking across the floor. Upon his arrival the doctor immediately called an ambulance to move the patient to a hospital but the nearest heavy car could get was 5 miles away. In his condition it was impossible for him to endure the rough riding of a wagon but with the help of six men the victim was carried over five miles of mire and slush on a stretcher.

Tobacco growers in seven townships of Granville County are arranging trap beds for control of flea beetles.

Subject Announced For Early Contest

Ten Outstanding Agri- cultural Leaders Con- tribute Questions That Make Up Subject

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—"Ten Important Questions in regard to an Improved Agricultural Program and Their Answers" will be the subject of the ninth annual cooperative essay contest. M. G. Mann, general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, announced here today.

First prize in the contest, which is being sponsored jointly by the Cotton Association and the FCX, will be a one-year college tuition scholarship. Prizes will also be given to district, county and school winners.

During the past eight years that the essay contest has been sponsored as an educational project and more than 80,000 boys and girls in the rural high schools of the State have written essays.

"We are looking forward to a large number of entrants this year," said Mr. Mann, adding: "The questions that go to make up the subject were submitted by ten outstanding agricultural leaders and vitally affect agriculture and its future."

The ten questions and the names of the leaders submitting them follow:

What is the spiritual meaning of the movement for cooperating among farmers?—Dr. Frank P. Graham, President The Greater University of North Carolina.

Why should North Carolina farmers cooperate to conserve and build their soils and thereby adjust the acreages to cash crops?—Dean I. O. Schaub, Director Agricultural Extension Service, N. C. State College.

How would you make your farm community a friendly, desirable place in which to live?—Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent and Assistant Director of Extension Work.

What is the function of education in developing successful cooperative organizations?—Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

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What contribution can organized agriculture make to a more beautiful North Carolina, and to the development of an appreciation and utilization by rural people of their natural environment?—T. E. Browne, director, State Department of Vocational Education.

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What part can agricultural cooperation play in solving the national farm problem?—Dr. Joseph G. Knapp, Senior Agricultural Economist, Cooperative Division, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.

Winslow Made Chairman Of State Farm Federation

All Restriction On Sale Is Removed

Senator Secures Definite Statement from Agri- cultural Department

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Ellison D. Smith, South Carolina, chairman of the Senate committee on agriculture, has obtained from the Department of Agriculture a definite statement that cotton may now be moved without any sort of restriction because of the Bankhead cotton act.

The situation had caused considerable concern in the cotton growing states.

The letter sent to Senator Smith by the department today follows: "In compliance with your request of February 18 seeking information as to the exact status of cotton which does not have bale tags on it, since the repeal of the Bankhead act, please note the following telegram sent by Mr. A. C. Cobb, director, Division of Cotton, to the various directors of the extension service:

"Following telegram sent to collectors internal revenue by Bureau Internal Revenue under date February 12:

"Under section V of the Bankhead cotton act no tax is collectible with respect to cotton stored subject to lien until producer secures bale tags. In absence of application for bale tags there will be no occasion for proceedings to collect tax."

This has been interpreted to mean that there are no restrictions on the sale and transportation of cotton either with or without lien tags or bale tags.

"At the present time it is our understanding a second bill is before the Congress which states as follows:

"No tax, civil penalty, or interest which accrued under any provision of law repealed by this act and which is uncollected on the date of enactment of this act shall be collected; and all liens for taxes, civil penalties, or interest arising out of taxes under such provisions of law are cancelled and released."

"In the meantime you will note last sentence in Mr. Cobb's telegram as follows:

"This has been interpreted to mean that there are no restrictions on the sale and transportation of cotton either with or without lien tags or bale tags."

TVA Laborers Are Jubilant Over Decision

Workers Resume Jobs Filled with Confidence; Parades And Speeches Held

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Thousands of jubilant TVA workers resumed their tasks with fresh confidence today while the Municipal power administration planned a new drive in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision upholding activities of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Announcement of yesterday's eight to one ruling upholding the TVA purchase of Alabama power company properties touched wild, impromptu celebrations all along the Tennessee river valley.

More parades and speeches were slated at dozens of large and small towns in the areas today as postlude to yesterday's whistle blowing, torchlight processions and spontaneous celebrations.

Work went forward at five incomplete dams of the ambitious power and navigation project while announcement of a sixth dam was expected soon.

Meanwhile municipal power enthusiasts in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Memphis began laying plans to Make TVA power available to these larger cities as soon as possible. Movements to this end have been underway for months, but have been retarded by uncertainty on the highest court ruling.

Early announcement of the construction of a new storage dam on the Hiwassee river near Murky, N. C., was expected at headquarters here.

Only six reactors were found in 219 cattle tested for Bangs disease in Bladen County last week.

Temporary Organiza- tion Set Up By North Carolina Farmers

Greenville, Feb. 18.—J. E. Winslow, prominent Pitt county farmer and chairman of the Pitt county board of agriculture, was named chairman of the temporary organization of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation organized here late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Winslow was empowered to name six associates to aid him in carrying on organization work of the Bureau in the state. His appointees were: W. W. Eagles of Edgecombe county, Ben Everett of Halifax; J. H. Lane of Wilson; L. D. Moseley of Lenoir; J. B. Patrick of Beaufort; J. L. Scott of Johnston.

The resolution adopted by the organization meeting of the State Bureau authorized the committee to proceed with State and County Bureau organization work, arranging finances and carrying out all details incident to setting up temporary organizations for state and county units.

The committee was instructed to continue in charge until after legally constituted delegates from the several county organizations shall meet at some central point and set up a permanent organization.

Prominent leaders in the Alabama Bureau are aiding in setting up the state organization. A plan has been outlined for three men from that state to go into the various counties to aid farmers in establishing a county organization.

Plan: call for the three men, R. R. Holston, L. S. Fluker and G. W. Ray, to go into at least 22 counties within the next two weeks. Other counties will be visited by the Alabama men to aid farmers in setting up their organizations.

Mr. Winslow left for Washington with Edward A. O'Neal to confer with other members of the State Tobacco Advisory Board of legislation pending in Congress.

G. E. Travathan of Fountain was elected chairman of the Pitt Bureau and Miss Blonzie Pearson was chosen secretary-treasurer. Headquarters for the local organization will be located at the offices of the county agent. Thirty farmers in the county have joined and paid up their dues in full for one year.

Prices of Cash Crops Expected To Decrease

North Carolina farmers anticipate a 20 to 30 per cent increase in their tobacco and cotton crops this year.

This is the opinion expressed by farmers and committeemen attending the county program planning meetings over the State, and it is the conclusion of State College agricultural extension workers who have been studying the present situation.

Prices have been high enough during the past year to make cotton and tobacco raising profitable, it was pointed out, and as a result a large number of farmers wish to increase their plantings.

However, agricultural leaders are warning the farmers that the larger crops expected this year will, in all probability, depress prices far below their present level.

Most of the growers attending the county program planning meetings are of the opinion that some form of federal crop control program is necessary to hold production within reasonable bounds, reported E. W. Gaither and Julian Mann, of the State College extension service, who have been attending the meetings.

The growers are strongly behind the long-time county planning program advocated by the extension service, and the soil-improvement program now before Congress, but they doubt that these programs by themselves are adequate to check the overproduction of cash crops.

Since there is considerable doubt that a federal control program can be set up this year, the county program planning committees are urging all farmers to produce all the food and feed they will need at home, to grow soil-improvement crops, and to raise more livestock.

The more a farmer can live at home, they point out, the less dependent he is on the price of cash crops.

TO OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The Bank of Farmville and the local Post Office will be closed on Saturday, February 22, in observance of Washington's birthday.

Postmaster Gay announces that the local office here will be open one hour during the day, 11:00-12:00 in the morning.