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KING EDWARD VII DECIDES TO RENOUNCE THRONE

His Brother, The Duke of York, To Succeed Him, Announces Prime Minister Baldwin Thursday

SECRETARY WALLACE PLEDGES FARM PLAN BETTER THAN AAA

Imports to Aid Peace; Service Award Is Given

Secretary Says Farmers Must Accept Increase In Certain Farm Products—He Asks Co-operation

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 9.—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace told members of the American Farm Bureau Federation today that the farmer must be willing in the cause of peace to accept small increases in the imports of certain agricultural products.

In an earlier address he promised the 7,000 delegates a farm program "better" than the ill-fated AAA.

"In the cause of peace," he said, "the farmers of the United States must learn to say yes as often as possible to agricultural imports from Pan America, while at the same time reserving the right to say no when any vital branch of agriculture is likely to be menaced by too great imports."

The head of the department of agriculture spoke shortly after the bureau conferred upon him its highest honor—the award for distinguished service to agriculture.

Wallace said the preservation of world peace is more fundamental than national agricultural conservation, and added, "there is an important relation between the two, however."

"Farmers the world over like to talk about peace in a sentimental way and then stand for highly nationalistic trading policies which invariably lead to war."

"Danger of the United States becoming involved in a serious war comes from the fact that we export goods to Europe and when war comes one side or the other interferes with trade."

Seeing this danger, he said, farmers are disillusioned about Europe, but they like the idea of increasing co-operation among the American republics.

In his address on a new farm program, the secretary said:

"You may have heard the idea advanced that the agricultural adjustment act should be re-enacted; that the program carried out under its original provisions was the best program agriculture ever had."

"But good as that program was, we want to see it improved upon. A better program can and will be built."

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the Farm Bureau Federation, declared: "I am convinced that our farmers are going to demand whatever changes in our constitution are necessary to restore economic justice to agriculture."

He said farmers would make every reasonable effort to carry out their program under the constitution.

O'Neal said the farmers will be satisfied with nothing else than definite measures for production control through legislation, regardless of the Supreme Court having held the AAA unconstitutional.

He called the processing tax the fairest and soundest method yet discovered to finance a farm program.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO MEET

On Thursday evening, December 17, at 7:30 o'clock, the Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular December meeting. This meeting has a program of special interest has been prepared for the occasion. Featured on the program are selections by the High School Band and the Glee Club. Miss Elizabeth Norman's second grade will also, at this time, present a Christmas play.

Immediately following the meeting the members of the faculty will act as hostesses in their respective rooms, and patrons will thus have an opportunity to become acquainted with the teachers and the school. All members and friends are urged to be present for this meeting.

RETURNS FROM NORFOLK

Charles S. Edwards, local undertaker, has returned from Norfolk, Va., where he attended a meeting sponsored by a well-known cadet company, assisting in a demonstration in the latest methods of embalming and a new method of plastic surgery.

Grange Speakers Herald New Day For Government

Ben F. Wilson Is Made State Grange Master—Hoey, Bailey and Bennett Discuss Innovations in the Nation and State.

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—North Carolina's next Governor, her senior Senator and one of her distinguished natives last night pointed to the evidence of a new day in agricultural and governmental economy.

The occasion was the banquet of North Carolina State Grange, which began its eighth annual convention at the Carolina Hotel with a full day of sessions ending with the banquet.

The three speakers were Governor-elect Hoey, who saw both Federal and State governments "cooperating with the people;" Senator J. W. Bailey, who envisioned North Carolina as part of a belt circling the globe where greatest future progress would be made; and Dr. H. H. Bennett, native of North Carolina and director of the Soil Conservation Service, who heralded a new era in the preservation of soil from the ravages of erosion.

Earlier in the day the Grangers, who are here representing more than 200 units and 10,000 members in the State, elected Ben F. Wilson, of Mebane, as master, and E. F. Strupe, of Forsythe County, as overseer, and reelected E. B. Garrett, of Burlington, to three more years on the executive committee. Wilson, who has been serving as master since February, when E. S. Vanatta, of University, resigned, will serve for a year.

It was announced at the banquet that Miss Ada Braswell, of Wadesboro, had been selected most representative Grange girl in the State and that a team composed of T. E. Story and Mrs. Helen Cashion, of Wilkesboro, had won over a negative team made up of Miss Victor Maude Braswell and Miss Hattie Bowman, of Anson County, in a debate on the subject, "Resolved, That Soil Conservation Offers a Better Solution to Farm Problems Than Control."

Senate to Hold Debate To Job Insurance Plan

Cherry Is Nominated House Speaker and Johnston President Pro Tem at Quiet Caucuses—Legislative Leaders Point Out Social Security Disputes May Be Settled at Regular Sessions—Job Insurance Bill Is Drawn.

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Democratic members of the State Senate last night voted without dissent to limit their discussions to unemployment insurance at the special session of the General Assembly convening at 11 o'clock this morning.

Officers for both special and regular sessions were nominated at virtually unanimous caucuses of House and Senate Democrats. When the Assembly organized today, R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston County, will become Speaker of the House, the first speaker from west of Hillsboro in ten years, and A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe, will become president pro tem of the Senate, the first from the western half of the State in 21 years.

All officers of both branches were elected unanimously, except former Representative Thomas W. Brown, of Perquimans County, who was elected sergeant-at-arms of the House by a vote of 63 to 37 over Ben M. Brewer, of Raleigh, sergeant-at-arms in 1935.

Except for the two principal clerks, officers nominated by both houses last night will carry over to the regular session. Unanimously elected in the Senate were: LeRoy Martin, Raleigh banker and Senate service veteran, principal clerk; L. H. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, reading clerk, and Herman Scott, of Chatham County, sergeant-at-arms. In the House: Thad A. Eare, Secretary of State-elect and clerk for three sessions, principal clerk; former Representative Dan Tomlin, newspaper editor, of Sylva,

Chorus In Second Program; Christmas Cantata The 20th

An Exceptionally Inspiring and Entertaining Program Planned.

Every citizen of Farmville, with any degree of musical appreciation, is anticipating with much pleasure the Christmas cantata, which will be the occasion of the second public appearance of the Farmville Symphonic Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Bullock, of Goldsboro, and which is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Methodist Church.

The work of this chorus, upon the occasion of the Community Sing, held in November, was received with hearty commendation and praise, and the Church will probably be filled to capacity for this musical event.

ATTEND FOUNTAIN FUNERAL

Friends of this community will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. J. L. Fountain, of Raleigh, which occurred in Washington, D. C., Tuesday. She was formerly Miss Mary King, of Falkland.

Among the Farmville friends attending the funeral, held in Raleigh Thursday, were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Morrill, Mrs. Helen Watkins Horton and W. Leslie Smith.

that Miss Ada Braswell, of Wadesboro, had been selected most representative Grange girl in the State and that a team composed of T. E. Story and Mrs. Helen Cashion, of Wilkesboro, had won over a negative team made up of Miss Victor Maude Braswell and Miss Hattie Bowman, of Anson County, in a debate on the subject, "Resolved, That Soil Conservation Offers a Better Solution to Farm Problems Than Control."

reading clerk, and Miss Rosa B. Mund, engrossing clerk for her seventh term.

Also passed unanimously was the motion of Senator W. G. Clark, of Edgecombe, seconded by W. I. Halstead, of Camden, to restrict debates in the Senate. If the Senate maintains its resolution to exclude all other issues, the House, also, will be forestalled in any attempt to push regular legislation, local bills or the Albemarle Sound bridge dispute through the Assembly. Senate concurrence in all measures is required. No effort to limit discussions was mentioned in the House caucus.

The General Assembly will have two regular sessions in which to amend the unemployment insurance bill, which it will begin considering today, legislative leaders pointed out yesterday as they considered strategy to avoid disputes that might prolong the pre-Christmas session.

Payments on unemployment compensation do not begin until two years after the State complies with the Social Security Act. In that period two regular sessions will convene.

"The main thing, of course, is to comply," said Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey, who arrived here yesterday to address the State Grange and confer today with a committee of the North Carolina Merchants Association on sales tax administration.

"The unemployment insurance bill will pass in substantially the same form in which it is presented," predicted Lieut.-Gov. A. H. Graham, president of the Senate, who said that he would entertain today a motion to restrict Senate deliberations to the job insurance measure. The Senate will consider the bill as a committee of the whole and only a rules committee will be appointed, he said, as he forecast adjournment by December 19.

Speaker-designate Cherry emphasized the fact that any bill passed by the special session can be amended before compensation payments begin. Only one committee, a special group to consider the insurance bill, will be appointed in the House, he said.

Church Societies In Special Meets

Hold Election of Officers and Have Christmas Program.

The Auxiliaries and missionary societies, of the churches here, met during the past week with special programs pertaining to the Christmas season, and featured in several by the annual election of officers. Wreaths, red candles and berries, forest greens and Christmas trees were used in the homes, where members were hostesses.

BAPTIST SOCIETY

The Missionary Society, of the Baptist Church, which has, during the past year, won the rank of A-1 in the Association, met Monday with Mrs. J. M. Wheelass as hostess and Mrs. J. B. Joyner presiding.

Emphasizing the mission of the Prince of Peace, the program was developed under the subject of "The Kingdom of God Is Peace," with the president, Mrs. J. Vaughn and Mrs. J. L. Tucker taking part, and in a playlet, "Our Part In Peace," enacted by five girls from the Girls' Auxiliary, with the program leader, Mrs. J. S. Gates, as director.

In a pleasant social hour, gifts, denoting the characteristics of the members, were exchanged, amid much merriment, and angel cake stuffed with cream and nuts and carrying the colors of red and green, was served, together with coffee and salted nuts.

In the election of officers, Mrs. J. B. Joyner was re-elected as president; first vice-president, Mrs. L. R. Ennis; second, Mrs. S. A. Roebuck; third, Mrs. A. B. Moore; recording secretary, Mrs. J. H. Moore; corresponding secretary, Mrs. I. E. Satterfield; treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Beaman; personal service chairman, Mrs. Manly Liles; social service chairman, Miss Annie Perkins; mission study chairman, Mrs. J. R. Shearin; music chairman, Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner.

EPISCOPAL AUXILIARY

A Christmas program, with a devotional period of Scripture reading, relating to the birth of the King, and the singing of the "Magnificat," was followed by readings by Mrs. G. S. Vought, Miss Evelyn Horton and Mrs. Minnie S. Warren, under the general topic of "How to Make Christmas Christian."

A report of the year's activities and a financial statement were given at this time, followed by the annual election of officers, in which the entire board was re-elected: Mrs. J. L. Shackleford, president; Mrs. Minnie S. Warren, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Joyner, secretary; Mrs. G. A. Jones, treasurer; Mrs. J. R. Rountree, educational secretary; U. T. O. custodian, Mrs. W. C. Askew; box work secretary, Mrs. C. W. Shackleford; Christian social service chairman, Mrs. J. H. Darden; membership chairman, Mrs. E. C. Beaman.

At the close of the meeting the members were invited into the dining room, where gifts for each were piled beneath a miniature Christmas tree, arranged on the table. Plate decorations of lighted candles in gum drop holders, were used in the sweet course, served by the hostess.

METHODIST SOCIETY

A splendid tribute to Rev. John C. Wooten, late pastor of the local Methodist Church, paid by Mrs. J. H. Harris, in recalling the Memorial service of the Methodist Conference, held recently in New Bern, and the election of officers, were main events of the Harvest Day program, held by the Methodist Missionary Society on Monday, and presided over by the outgoing president, Mrs. Pearl Johnston, who had been the zealous leader of the group for the past two years.

The following executive board was elected at this time to serve the organization in 1937: President, Mrs. Wesley B. Willis; vice-president, Mrs. S. G. Gardner, secretary, deaconess, Mrs. Claude Barrett; secretary, corresponding, Mrs. L. P. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Parker; local treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt; superintendent children's work, Miss Bettie Joyner; superintendent social relations, Mrs. J. H. Harris; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. Charles Moxing; superintendent baby division, Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck; superintendent mission study, Mrs. R. A. Fields; chair-

Governor Calls Special Session of Legislature

Legislators and Lobbyists Begin Study of Job Insurance Measure

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—Veterans of the North Carolina General Assembly returned to Raleigh last night in advance of Thursday's special session, determined, but not certain that they would be able to limit their discussions to the unemployment compensation bill prepared for their consideration.

Christmas is coming and there will be plenty of time—too much time, in fact—to argue at the regular session was the substance of their comments.

A majority of them believed, also, that major disputes over the Social Security measure itself could be averted though informed sources predicted a wrangle.

A completed bill designed to conform wholly with Federal regulations and save the State's \$2,500,000 share in job insurance taxes, which the legislators seemed inclined to accept, was ready for them to study last night.

A large group of Senators and Representatives summoned here by telegraph discussed the measure informally last night at a conference with Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, and Senator A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe, unopposed candidates for Speaker of the House and president pro tem of the Senate, and Lieut.-Gov. A. H. Graham.

A report that three separate types of unemployment compensation would be proposed at the session was issued Monday by Cherry and, last night, industrial representatives were discussing their position on the bill, while the Legislators met. Including mainly textile men, they were interested in saving as many square inches of their financial skins as possible.

Governor Ehringhaus will deliver a brief-and-to-the-point message on the bill in person, his office announced yesterday.

Legislators arriving yesterday believed Graham, who has predicted a short session, and Cherry, a heavy-handed presiding officer, will help hold the Legislature to the subject for which it is being convened. Consideration of the measure in committee of the whole is expected to be the procedure for studying and amending the job insurance measure before it is placed before the House and Senate.

"It's utterly ridiculous to suggest that liquor legislation will be thrown into the hopper at this time," said Senator Johnston, who will become president pro tempore until the regular session in January.

Tobacco Season Closes Poundage Goal Reached

man Young Peoples' Society, Mrs. Curtis Flanagan; World Outlook agent, Mrs. E. C. Carr; chairman parsonage, Mrs. T. E. Joyner.

A full report of the year's work by the various heads of the departments showed splendid progress.

WOMAN'S DAY

Woman's Day was observed in the Christian Church, Sunday evening, with an impressive pageant, "Stewardship for God," presented by the Woman's Council, of which Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson is president, the principal roles being taken by Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Howard Mays, Mrs. H. L. Barrett, Miss Vera Williams and Mrs. R. D. Rouse, under the direction of Mrs. Joel Mays, who announced the inspiring program, which closed with a talk by Mrs. Lloyd Smith and a vocal selection, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," by Mrs. Mary Mays Patterson.

A special offering for missions was taken in connection with the program.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

A Joy Gift meeting will be held this month by the Presbyterian Auxiliary, of which Mrs. W. P. Beasley is president, but as the fiscal year of the Auxiliary begins in March the election of (Continued On Page Two)

Tense Empire Awaited Official Announcements

Says America Now In a New Era of Land Use

Chief of Soil Conservation Says Nation Has Squandered Rich Heritage of Productive Land

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Addressing the annual session of the North Carolina State Grange here recently, H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C., told members that in the last few years the country has made a far greater advance toward the conservation of soil resources than in all preceding years since the United States became a nation.

"The national program of soil and water conservation now in progress has carried us into a new era of land use," he said. "Land defense is replacing the old system of land waste and exploitation."

In North Carolina alone farmers representing more than 400,000 acres are cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service and the State College Extension Service to conserve the soil, Bennett declared. Accomplishments in North Carolina are typical, he said, "not only of work here but also in Virginia and South Carolina and on to the Pacific and Canadian border."

Describing his observations on a 3,000-mile inspection tour of seven Southern states, Bennett declared that "the condition of our agricultural land in southeastern farming states is grim evidence that people of this youthful nation have squandered their rich heritage of productive land more rapidly than any other nation, civilized or barbaric, of which we have any record."

Bennett pointed out, however, that a tremendous area of good soil throughout the region is still fertile and productive. Many areas that have been damaged only moderately can be safeguarded from further decline through the use of proven measures for conserving rainfall and controlling erosion, he said.

Continuation of the present policy of working agreeably and cooperatively with farmers and State and Federal agencies will "forthwith" bring a solution to the national problem of unnecessary and costly land destruction and decline, Bennett concluded.

Farm exports decline, imports advance, in new fiscal year.

Members of the Royal Family Heartbroken Over the King's Decision—Expects to Make Mrs. Simpson His Wife

According to radio reports, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin made official announcement Thursday morning in the House of Commons, shortly after the members had assembled, that King Edward had definitely decided to renounce the throne and that he would abdicate immediately.

According to news reports, the British public was prepared for the abdication as the hour approached for the expected announcement of his historic choice between his throne and Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson.

There was always the possibility, however remote, that he might accept Mrs. Simpson's avowal to sacrifice her love if such a move alone would save Edward the throne.

His friends, however, said the King gave no indication that he would countenance such a finale to a romance which shook the world's largest empire.

JOIN FRATERNITIES

Chapel Hill, Dec. 9.—D. E. Oglesby and Fred Jones, of Farmville, have been pledged to social fraternities at the University of North Carolina. Both are members of the freshman class.

Oglesby was pledged to Chi Phi and Jones to Phi Delta Theta.

Seal Sale Begins Here

Mr. Holmes Urges a Full Response to Need

Urging that every effort be made to give citizens of Pitt the opportunity of assisting the County Tuberculosis Association, of which he is the chairman, Mr. J. W. Holmes' letter to Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, General County Chairman of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, also contains an appeal to citizens to buy as many seals as they can, as an effective means of fighting this dread disease in this County. The letter follows:

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, General County Chairman Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, Greenville, N. C.:

My Dear Doctor Ennett: I am familiar with the efforts being made by you and the various local chairmen throughout the County in connection with the annual, Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale.

I am also familiar with the fact that a large number of our citizens, both white and colored, are afflicted with tuberculosis.

As President of the Pitt County Tuberculosis Association, I trust that all of our citizens of every race and creed will support the Christmas Seal Sale as generously as their circumstances will permit.

As you know, the funds raised by the Seal Sale from year to year has done much to check the ravages of tuberculosis, but much remains to be done.

I would like for our citizens to feel that every seal they buy counts as a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis, and that when they purchase Christmas Seals they are, by helping those who cannot help themselves, exhibiting the true Christmas spirit.

With the Season's Greetings to you as County Chairman, to all of the local chairmen, to all of the workers and to all of those good citizens who are interested in the Christmas Seal Sale, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Holmes, President, Pitt Co. Tuberculosis Association. Miss Tabitha DeVisconti is chairman of the Farmville Seal Sale, which is being sponsored locally by the Farmville Literary Club, assisted by other club organizations here.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Worth Stewart, a boy, Sunday, December 6, in a Wilson hospital.