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Says Rural Power Plans Face Legislative Threat

Cooke Tells Why He **Opposes State Commis**sion Control Of Rural Co-Ops

Washington, Feb. 9.-Morris L. Cooke, federal Rural Electrification Administrator who last week protested to Representative Robert H. Rouse, chairman of the public utili- end at her home in Kenansville. ties commission of the North Caro-House of Representatives, against passage of a bill placing rural electrification co-operatives under children visited relatives in Saratoga, control of the state commission, to- Sunday. day elaborated his reasons for opposing such legislation in a letter to United States Senator Roy M. Gillette of Iowa, where similar legislation is now pending.

In his letter, Mr. Cooke predicts Mrs. Ray West, Jr. that such legislation will be brought forward in practically all of the states and that its outcome will make Mrs. Floyd Sutton. the rural electrification movement.

President Roosevelt, at his press conference today, revealed that he is appointing no successor to Cooke, and that he confidently pects the official to return to his post at the end of a trip to Europe which he and Mrs. Cooke, who independently wealthy, will begin this month. The President described Mr. Cooke's trip as a well-deserved holiday.

Administrator Cooke's letter to Senator Gillette follows:

"Thank you for your request for my views on the general proposition of commission control for rural electrification co-operatives.

coming acute in a number of states. I think it no exaggeration to assert that the outcome of this question may make or break the rural electrification movement, now gathering true momentum for the first time in our history.

"Under commission control as it has developed over our country, attempts on the part of American farmers to serve themselves with electricity will be doomed to failure. They will wither before they have had a chance to take root. Free from commission control, there is more than an excellent chance that we shall see a large proportion of farm homes lighted by electricity before many years have passed.

"These are sweeping statements and require support. Let me try to show you why I believe them justified.

issuance of securities. Since co-oper- alumni several weeks ago. atives do not issue securities for public distribution and since buyer and the seller are one the same in the co-operatives, commission control has, as to these matters, no obligation to fulfill and no rights to protect.

World Day Of Prayer

Today, February 12, will be observed throughout the World as a Day of Prayer and intercession.

The joint meeting of the church women here will be held in the Methodist Church at 2:15 o'clock. program "Thou Art The Christ," The Son of The Living God," as outlined by Miss Bable Shaw, a missinoary to Africa, will be followed as in forty-nine other countries, with women of the various religious organizations here taking part.

The community is cordially invited to meet at this time with the women in observance of the Day of Prayer. History Notes.

In 1920, the first Friday in Lent was selected for the "Day of Prayer For Missions" when many of many denominations in Canada and the United States joined in common prayer. The Call to Prayer was sent out by the national women's missionary organization, home and nett, Pitt County Farm Agent, today foreign. The theme was "The World mailed letters to a number of farto Christ We Bring," and the Call mers requesting them to be present was for meetings to be held "in cities. towns and villages, morning, noon, or in the evening to ask God's mercy o'clock, at which time D. E. Jones, upon the troubled and confused nations." The thought of a day of ist at N. C. State college, will disprayer spread until at the request of cuss the latest developments far away friends, the World Day of rural electrification. Prayer was first observed in 1927. The theme was "Pray Ye Therefore," hospitals, schools, mission centers as and the Call carried a weekly cycle well as individual Christians particiof prayers to be used in preparation pate. The National Council of Fedfor the observance. In 1936 the re- erated Church Women cooperates in sponse to the program "On Earth, the promotion of the observance of

is truly-inter-church both locally and help to make the observance nation- but suffered no worse injuries than nationally. Federations of Churches, wide.

WALSTONBURG **NEWS**

PERSONALS

A. J. Craft was in Wilson Monday on business. Miss Jennie Lane spent the week end at her home in Wilson.

Miss Edna Dobson spent the week Miss Jauneta Reddick spent the

week end with Miss Lenylla Sawyer. Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Gardner and

Miss Dewy Craft of Wilson spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. George Craft.

Miss Hazel Baker of Snow Hill spent the week end with her sister,

Mrs. W. I. Shackleford spent Tuesday in Farmville with her daughter.

Phillip Dixon and son of Mars Hill visited relatives and friends in and near Walstonburg, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Rouse and chil dren were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bundy, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Foster Johnson of Ayden were the dinner guests of Mr.

and Mrs. W. V. Reddick, Sunday. Mrs. Estelle Bailey and Mrs. Tina Mae Dixon attended services at the Christian Church in Farmville Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Menshaw and Miss Susie Menshaw visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hicks,

Miss Ruby Taylor, Miss Margarete of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor, Sunday. Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mrs. Christine Taylor, and Mrs. Lula Baker of Snow Hill and Mrs. Ben Sutton of Hookerton were in Walstonburg Monday on business.

Miss Lanie Murphy, Miss Ruth Jenkins, Miss Margarette Candon, Miss Ruby Taylor and Miss Marthese new, non-profit co-operative garette Davis visited friends in Snow Hill, Saturday.

TO HOLD BANQUET

Greenville, Feb. 10.—The Pitt agriculture. County Alumni, of the University of North Carolina, are making elaborate plans for a banquet meeting to be held in Greenville at seven o'clock on Thursday evening, February 18th. Robert B. House, Dean of Administration at the University, and Maryon Saunders, Secretary of the "In the first place, commission General Alumni Association, will be was designed to do two the principal speakers. Negotiations things: Commissions were set up to are also being made to have Coach intervene between the buyers and Raymond Wolfe attend the meeting. the sellers of electricity in the mat- Dean House and Secretary Saunders ters of rates and to supervise the accepted invitations of the local

The plans for this meeting also call for a ladies' night affair, and it will be the first time in a number of years that the wives and lady friends of the alumni have been extended in-

There are nearly two hundred and fifty alumni of the University on the roster in Pitt County mailed out from the general alumni office at Chapel

Judge Dink James is president of the Pitt Alumni Association, Jack Spain, vice-president, and D. C. Moore, Jr., secretary.

At a meeting held last week a program committee was appointed to make additional plans and add other features. Charles Whedbee was made chairman, with vice-president Spain, C. S. Carr, Jr., and Secretary Moore the other members.

This committee is busy at work on the affair and will mail out to all alumni in the county the place of the meeting and other details regarding the event. They are anxious that all alumni of the University attend the banquet meeting, and if you have recently moved to the county, you are most cordially invited to the banquet meeting.

County Agent Calls Meet On Rural Power

at a meeting in the court house on Tuesday night, February 16, at 7:30 extension rural electrification special-

Peace Goodwill Toward Men" was the Day of Prayer. The Columbia Broadcasting and National Broad-In the U.S. A. the Day of Prayer casting Companies and the Press also chimney, struck and collapsed a roof

Farm Policy Is Outlined By AAA Chief

Hutson Says Federal Control Best Way To Regulate Crops; Also Urges Balanced Farming System

Goldsboro, Feb. 10 .- J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, outined a four-point farm program built around an "ever-normal granary" program here today which he said is needed to "give us the stability in supply and income that is needed by both the consumers and producers."

He also said he thought the final solution of tobacco crop control would be reached only through Federal regulation.

Hutson spoke twice to the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. W. Kerr Scott, State Agricultural Commissioner, also spoke. Additions to the present agricul-

tural program are necessary to strengthen it, Hutson said, and there is a serious question whether the program, "valuable as it is, adequate for either the standpoint of the producer or consumer." Farmers from all parts of the

country, the official said, recommended the four points he outlined. 1. A conservative program which

would build the soil and would contribute something toward the stabilization of production and prices. 2. Loans to producers to permit the storing of reserves and to pre-

vent undue prices declines during Candon, Mr. M. C. Moore and Rev. periods when production was moderately in excess of normal. 3. Payments to producers for leaving the resources in the soil

> after supplies reached a fairly high 4. Direct produuction control when supplies go too high.

Farm leaders from all sections discussed the ideas in Washington this week, Hutson said. The evernormal granary means the storage of reserve supplies of food and fiber for use in time of need, as an approach toward remedying the al ternate periods of glut and scarcity which have always plagued

"This program," Hutson said should provide for balanced systems of farming that make economical production; it should provide for an abundance of supplies to consumers; it should provide for the conservation of resources for use in later years and it should offer producers an opportunity to protect themselves from excessive supplies due in large part to factors beyond their con-

For Federal Control.

In regard to tobacco, Hutson said it was possible crop production might be achieved through State compacts such as have been approved in this State and Virginia. and that every effort should be made to get South Carolina and Georgia to pass such legislation to control this year's crop.

"But," he added, "after watching the trials and tribulations through which you have gone in an effort to get State statutes. I am in clined to believe that we'll have to strengthen the present Federal program and make out attack on a Federal basis."

RELIEF DONATIONS REACH HIGH MARK

Contributions during this week have brought Farmville's total donations to the Red Cross flood relief fund to \$667.66.

With engineers still busily battling sand boils and seepage but encouraged by the levees holding the record flood crests, the rehabilitation of the flooded areas is going rapidly for-

More and more calls come to the Red Cross each day and though people in other sections of the country have responded most generously, the need continues to be great. So If Greenville, Feb. 10.-R. R. Ben- Lewis and those in charge of the local fund will gladly receive your donation.

DOG GUARDS MASTER

Salmon, Idaho. - When George England discovered the body of Frank Chod, 59-year-old mountaineer on in his isolated cabin. Chod's dog. emaciated and barely alive, was nearby, guarding his master's dead body. Chod had been dead a month, it is estimated.

LIVES AFTER 100-FT. FALL

Dublin.-William Wright, a steeple jack, fell 100 feet from a factory a broken leg and wrist,

SEEK FLOOD CONTROL NOT A LOCAL PROBLEM. GIVE UP 14,000 JOBS. WORLD SITUATION. GERMANY HOLDS KEY. MUNICIPAL BONDS UP. PWA AND RFC PROFITS.

Correspondent.

10,000 projects in all parts of the of \$85,000,000 in the Ohio Valley, other one-third used for soil conserprotection, grade crossing eliminations, water navigation and aviation aids, recreational projects, low-cost housing and other undertakings.

Undoubtedly, the public has been prepared for some effective enterprise to avoid recurring flood damage. The idea that such disasters are local problems and that stricken sign the bill tonight, communities must take care of themselves with such assistance as might other similar sources, has thoroughly dissipated. The rampage of the Merrimac River in New England, together with the fourriver flood which struck Pennsylvania and West Virginia last spring, has emphasized the national character of the problem involved.

Generally, for the past two hundred years, river control in this country has been haphazard. Early records show that settlers along the Mississippi some two hundred years ago, were required to build levees along the river banks. In 1850 Congress made its first appropriation for a survey of that great river but, in 1937, the year of the great flood, the idea permeated the public mind that flood control had to be handled from a national standpoint,

In 1928 Congress approved a \$325, 000,000 flood control plan for the Mississippi which depended entirely on speeding into the Gulf of Mexico by building better dikes and providing spillways to carry surplus waters to the Gulf. At present, this plan will probably have to apply to thickly populated areas, coupled with a system of reservoirs to hold back excessive water. Such reservoirs require that land be obtained and, very often, the area needed to protect some section lies in another state. Usually the other state is not so anxious to spend its money to relieve its neighbors and, therefore, Congress, it seems, will have to change the present policy and buy the land necessary for reservoirs.

Through long usage, the 14,000 postmasterships have been the prized perogatives of the victorious members of the House of Representatives. For more than fifty years, the House has rejected every attempt to put them under the classified Civil Service. However, late in January, the House voted to give up these jobs in the future and thus took the first step to extend Civil Service "upward, outward and downward," as suggested by President Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt wants to put 250,000 positions under classified service within the next year. Republicans object, claiming that by doing so at this time the President will give life jobs to deserving Democrats. Democrats reply that the Republicans did the same thing when they had a chance.

The world situation is gradually feel that you can give more, Mayor forcing itself more and more upon the consciousness of officials in this country. Some observers think that our domestic recovery and the President's administrative program is endangered by the threat of war abroad and some, in fact, go so far as to say that the policies of this country in the past have had an important part in creating the threat Involved in the ramifications that envelop the world are trade, raw materials, money, gold, new loans and armaments. The advancing Lewis, Mary Lewis, Helen Willis. prices of raw materials are making 9Gp it difficult for Germany, Italy and Japan to finance the purchases which are necessary for their manufacturing plans to keep going and supply their people.

Man now able to aid in "own crea-

Given Approva

Fight Over Rider

By Hugo Sims, Washington

A plan for unified flood control has been suggested to Congress by President Roosevelt. Last week he ouutlined a \$5,011,000,000 Public Works program for the next six years. It included something like country and involved the expenditure scene of the recent disastrous high water. The amount would be distributed among various undertakings, with twenty-five per cent going to streets and highways; twenty-four per cent to irrigation, drainage and flood control; seventeen per cent to buildings and equipment; and the vation, forest conservation and game

tion," says hereditary expert.

Rushed Through Congress As WPA Funds Near Exhaustion;

Washington, Feb. 8. - A compromise \$949.000.000 relief deficiency bill whirled to Congressional passage tonight after WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins had been forced to curtail work on some emergency projects due to lack of cash.

Congressional action was completed after a bitter fight over a Congressional custom that has developed under the New Deal-the use of WPA workers as investigators for Congressional investigating com-

mittees. As finally passed the bill provides that 30 days after enactment Congressional committees may not use relief workers. This was very similar to the original House proposal that no relief workers could be loaned Congressional committees-flatly cutting off aid that Sen. Burton K. Wheeler's railroad investigation and Sen. Robert M. La- students: James Lane and Mary for the benefit of those who would Follette's civil liberties inquiries had been receiving.

met and recessed to permit con- dick, Carol Yelverton and Carrie Lee ferees to reconcile the different Jefferson. The winning contestants conducting from one of the world's Senate and House versions, the were Sidney Holland, Mary Carolyn finest music schools, The Westminis-Senate accepted the final compro- Reddick, Lilly Mae Owens and Carol ter Choir School, Princeton, N. J.,; a mise at 7:30 p. m. and recessed until Yelverton. Wednesday noon after authorizing Vice President John N. Garner to

This action was necessary because Hopkins claimed that he would be Tugwell, Doris Yelverton. e available from the Red Cross and completely "broke" tomorrow morn-The House took similar action nine minutes later. After the signatures of Garner and Speaker William B. Bankhead have been attached the bill will be sent to the White House for President Roosevelt's signatuure. The measure calls for expenditures

of \$159,000,000 more than the \$790,-000,000 originally proposed by Mr. Roosevelt. The difference is traceable chiefly to a \$95,000,000 appropriation to continue the Civilian Conservation Corps and a \$50,000,-000 grant for seed loans to farmers. The largest saving was a \$1,000,-000 slice from the proposed appropriation for the resettlement ad-

Senate and House knocked out Owens, Mattle Frances Tugwell. various proposals covering the use of relief workers by investigating committees on four separate occasions, and accepted the final promise only because the appropriation was desperately needed.

Senator Joe T. Robinson, D. Ark., said the fight over the "rider" was not over, and that it probably would be fought out again in every appropriation bill of the session,

The original House rider was scrapped by the Senate after President Roosevelt had indicated he saw no objection to the "loaning" of relief workers as investigators.

FARMVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL—3TH MONTH

First grade-Cedric Davis, Neal Howard, Charles Parker, Dora Bar- hours. The fund total is now \$15,rett, Faye Corbett, Betsy Willis 776,000. Jones, Ann Moore, Vivian Scott.

Joyce Tyson, Batton, Bruce Darden, Sterling Gates, This figure includes chapters in 24 Dan Morgan, Tommy Ramey, Harold states and the District of Columbia. Rouse, Bobbie Russell, Thorne, Jack Willis, Sybil Barrett, have reached or exceeded their quo-Warren, Margaret Williams, Babs chapters have surpassed quotas. In Williford,

Janie Kemp, Flora Dean Johnson, Williamson, Mary Leah Thorne, Harry Lee Davis, Grace Vinson, Marvin Horton, Margaret By- state exceeding combined state in Religion." We most cordially in-Smith, Frank Baucom.

Stansil, Gene Blanchard, Cabot Monk, Mirlam Gates, Nancy Gates, Frances

Parker, Jack Paylor, Helen Rouse, Wells-Fargo Bank at San Francisco, and am inclosing New York draft

Seventh grade - Boots Thomas, colm Beaman, Eighth grade-Marjorie Lee Par-

ker, Bill Pollard, Ninth grade-Robert Pierce, Earnest Lee Quinn.

Frances Newton, Doris Rouse, Fran- boys age 8 or 9." ces Bivens Smith. Eleventh grade-Ras Jones, Effie

Chicago to Louisville banks. Scores of contributions have come week's salary.

Next Week To Be Sponsor Week Here

FOUNTAIN NEWS (By MRS. M. D. YELVERTON)

PERSONALS

Miss Annie Gray Bundy spent the Mrs. Cedric Woodall and Miss Farmville Symphonic Chorus, which Naomi Bundy.

Saratoga with relatives.

Mrs. W. W. Yelverton is expected to return to her home in Batesburg, S. C., Friday, For the past two months she has visited relatives in and near Fountain.

much improved at this time. Mrs. W. E. Lang of Walstonburg

Mrs. F. L. Eagles. TRIANGULAR DEBATING TEAM The preliminary debate was held

operate all electric and power utilities, was discussed by the following lin, Sidney Holland, Earl Trevathan, After both houses had repeatedly Lilly Mae Owens, Mary Carolyn Red-

> HONOR ROLL-5TH MONTH Grade 1-Dorothy Baker, Allan Parker, Virginia Pollard, Bruce Neal

Grade 2-Rufus Wilson Rachel Berton, Marjorie Killebrew. Grade 3-Betsy White Fountain Bobby Butts. Grade 4-Edna Gray Edwards, A.

C. Gay, Mary Parker, David Wooten. Grade 5-Jeanne Eagles. Grade 6-Guy Eagles, Janie Holland, Lillian Little, Elsie Nichols, Grade 7-Ruth Parker, Marjorie

Smith, Rachel Wooten, Grade 8-Mary Emma Jefferson, Ruth Carol Yelverton. Grade 9-Dwight Johnson, Frank-

Grade 10-Mary Carolyn Reddick, Nina wstelle Yelverton.

Grade 11-Earlene Bryant, Edgar Case, Bennet Carraway, Sidney Holland, Helen Brown Jefferson, Hazel

Red Cross Relief Fund Reaches \$15,000,000

Many Contributions Received From Foreign Countries

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.-The Red Cross fund for the relief of flood sufferers was increased by \$1,657,-000 during the past twenty-four

The number of Red Cross chapters in Eastern states that have reached Second grade-Lois Nanney, Billy or exceeded quotas has increased 733. Maynard In midwestern states 977 chapters Dora Speight Trevathan, Maxine tas, and in states in the far west 124 all, 1834 of the 3,700 Red Cross Third grade-Johnsie Mae Moore, chapters have passed quotas originally assigned.

Maine, Connecticut and Louisana today joined the select group num, Jane Turnage, Mary Faye chapter quota. Other Eastern states which have gone over the top are: Fourth grade-Bob Paylor, Bobbie Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Smith, Jean Beckman, Elizabeth Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, in from Canada. A fine expression Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vir-Fifth grade-Lois Jones, Wilma ginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

clude \$5,000 from the Retail Dry-tional boundaries have no bearing in Sixth grade-Alice H. Parker, John goods Association, \$1,500 from the such a situation as presently exists \$500 from the Pacific Greyhound for \$25, which I trust will be of some Company and \$3,000 from the New small service." Dorothy Lewis, Hazel Quinn, Mal- York headquarters of the Society of from a B. Richardson, Sussex, Eng- 25c and I want to send it to you." land, offering help. Mr. Richardson wrote, "What I should like to do if Tenth grade - Lucille Cutchins, you will let me is to adopt 2 refugee

From Columbia, South America, of the El Centro School. The at-400 miles up the Magdelena river It is the little savings I had in my SHIP MONEY VIA PLANE: and in the very heart of the jungle bank." on an oil lease. We have to depend Chicago, Ill .- Aid to the flood- upon the radio for current events. stricken, in the sum of \$150,000 in We heard your appeal over the rado. cash, was sent via a Transcontinental There are ten enrolled in our school

Symphonie Chorus Takes Step To Secure Directing Board

The week of February 15 has been week end in Wilson with her sister, designated as Sponsor Week by the will, during that period, endeavor to W. E. Yelberton spent Sunday in enlist citizens of the community to form a board of directors for the local unit, to direct its policies, help discover and to develop the musical talent here.

The Eastern Carolina Symphonic Choral Association has chosen the Mrs. W. D. Owens has been quite sponsor method as a dignified means ill for the past few days, but is of insuring the financial security of the units, thus enabling the members to direct all of their efforts towards was a guest Thursday of her sister, progress and a higher degree of development.

A creditable number of sponsors will doubtless be enlisted here, as Farmville citizens are widely known Monday afternoon in the high school for their civic pride, and many havauditorium. The query - Resolved ing already expressed themselves as that the government should own and desirous of furthering this worthful

The following information is given Emma Jefferson, Virginia Summer- become better acquainted with the

The conductor, Lewis S. Bullock, graduated with highest honors in member of the world famous European Westminister Choir, called the American Symphonic Singers, on its 1934 European tour; a graduate in public school music from the then second highest rated teachers col-Brown, lege in the United States, Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo Mich., Mr. Bullock is an accomplished vocalist, pianist, organist and conductor, and is doing everything possible to train and develop a great

chorus in Farmville. The chorus is composed of around thirty-five busy people giving their time, talents, energies and money to make the Farmville Chorus outstand-

The citizens of Farmville - Of course this community wishes its Chorus to be among the best in the State. How may its citizens help? By becoming sponsors.

MERRY MATRONS

Mrs. Wesley R. Willis delightfully entertained the Merry Matrons Tuesday afternoon. Early flowering shrubs and spring flowers were attractively arranged throughout the

After a short business session,

presided over by the hostess, who is president of the group also, an enjoyable program was presented by Mrs. R. A. Fields, who discussed "The First Heritage," and by Mrs. Alton W. Bobbiet, whose paper, under the title of "Sweet Chariot," related to music of the Southern Negro. Folk songs and spirituals, illustrating the two papers, were rendered by Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt and Mrs. John D. Holmes. The refreshment plates, passed by Mrs. W. Leslie Smith, Mrs. J. W. Parker and Mrs. M. V. Horton, car-

ried Valentine suggestions. Sharing with the Merry Matrons in the pleasures of the meeting were Mrs. D. A. Clarke, Mrs. Haywood Smith, Mrs. J. M. Wheless, Mrs. J. B. Joyner and Mrs. John D. Holmes.

METHODIST CHURCH

Each Sunday at 5 p. m. during the month of February, Rev. D. A. Clarke, will preach on the topic, "Our Changing Religion." Next Sunday the topic will be, "What we have lost vite the public to come and hear each of these messages.

of the true neighborliness of the people of the Dominion is contained in a letter from H. E. Hatch, of Toron-Large contributions reported in- to, Canada: "I believe that interna-

Buddy Guest, Canadian school boy, Composers, Authors and Publishers. writes in large penciled capitals: "I Admiral Grayson received a letter am six years old and I just earned

A working girl in Montreal sends \$10, as her contribution and also incloses \$2, as the gift of her girl friend toward the flood relief fund. From Saskatchewan comes \$2 from comes a gift of \$41 from the children Irene Hood, age 10, who writes: "This is not very much money but is tached letter states: "We are about all I have and will maybe help some.

William Boone. Western Union messenger boy from Roslyn, Virginia today came to the Red Cross to give \$2.85 to the relief fund. He said and Western Airlines plane, from and we range in age from 6 to 12." this sum was 10 per cent of two