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Farm Block Rises In Angry Protest Against Economy

Contends That Slashing Agriculture Bill by 125 Millions Is Going Too Far

Washington, Jan. 31.—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace today sparked a House revolt against the proposed 51 per cent cut in the farm appropriation bill by warning those "attempting to scuttle the farm program" that they are inviting reprisals at the polls in November.

Simultaneously, the Senate appropriations committee balked against the \$50,000,000 slash made by the House in the independent offices supply bill and restored \$39,000,000 which had been shorn from the Maritime Commission's construction fund.

The current economy movement, which has as its objective the general desire of the legislators to avoid imposing new taxes in an election year, meets its first severe test tomorrow when the House begins voting on the agriculture bill. Efforts to restore some of the \$129,530,263 sliced out of the measure will begin soon after the chamber convenes at noon.

Before the legislators gather, the farm bloc leaders will meet in the office of Representative Ferguson (D.-Tex.) to plot their attack on the measure. Chairman Marvin Jones (D.-Tex.) of the House agriculture committee and one of the movers of this group, is expected to lead a fight for restoration of the \$25,000,000 farm tenancy program killed by the appropriations committee.

"We are willing to take our share of the cuts," he said, "but to cut us 51 per cent and other services five per cent just doesn't seem fair."

He drew loud applause from the members when he protested that by approving the proposed farm reductions, the House would "drive a dagger into the heart of agriculture." He questioned whether the appropriations group had not exceeded its authority in eliminating completely some farm service hitherto approved by the Congress.

Wallace's warning was uttered at a press conference in which he reviewed the entire agricultural situation in the light of the proposed economies. He said the farmers "ought to be put on their guard" that "a few Congressmen are trying to scuttle the farm program."

If the legislators adjourn without adopting a program to protect the farmers, he said, the question he would ask the farmers before the November elections would be: "Which way are you most likely to be taken care of in 1941?"

"Do you think the farmers will take it out on the administration or on Republicans if the cuts go through?" a reporter was asked. "That is one reason I'm talking now," he snapped.

He branded the proposed cuts as "most dangerously threatening" and said they would "impair the income of a large part of our population which is already at a great disadvantage." He renewed his request for parity payments to the amount of \$225,000,000 which the appropriations committee scrapped.

Sprays Will Control Strawberry Diseases

The grower who produces the best yields and highest quality of strawberries on a given acreage is the one who controls diseases such as scorch and leafspot, says Dr. Luther Shaw, Extension plant pathologist of State College. Spray treatments will control these diseases and increase the profits from the berry crop, he stated.

Dr. Shaw recommends either the 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture or the Cuprocalc "44Y" spray for the control of strawberry leafspot and scorch. The first application should be made as soon as the new leaf growth has started in late February or early March. Applications should be repeated at 10-day intervals until a few days before the picking season begins.

The 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture is composed of four pounds of copper sulphate (blue stone) and five pounds of chemically hydrated lime to 50 gallons of water. From five to 10 gallons of spray will be required for each application on one-tenth of an acre of strawberries, depending on the type of sprayer used. A small three-to-five gallon compressed air sprayer or other hand-operated sprayer is recommended for small areas, using either the Bordeaux or Cuprocalc spray.

Cuprocalc is a commercial preparation and is used at the rate of 2 1/2 pounds of the material to five gallons of water. From five to 10 gallons of spray will be required for each application on one-tenth of an acre.

J. H. Manning Is Appointed

Named to Fill Unexpired Register of Deeds Term

Greenville, Jan. 31.—J. H. Manning today was named Register of Deeds of Pitt County to fill the unexpired term of J. G. Gaskins, who died Monday morning. Mr. Manning had been deputy since January 1, 1914, or for 26 years and one month.

Chairman J. N. Williams called the Board of County Commissioners into special session to fill the office after it first having planned to wait until the regular monthly meeting Monday to fill the post.

Asked before making the appointment if he had many applications, Mr. Williams replied, "probably not more than 20", adding that several were "good men."

Mr. Manning will hold the office by appointment until December of this year, at which time the four-year term for which Mr. Gaskins was elected without opposition will expire.

Speculation on who would enter the May primary for the post already was heard about the city today.

BELL ARTHUR GROUP TO PRESENT PLAY AT SCHOOL FRIDAY

The Methodist Church of Bell Arthur is presenting a play, "Deacon Dubbs" on Friday night, February 2, at seventy-thirty o'clock. The play will be staged in the auditorium of the Arthur High School. The admission charge will be 10c for children, and 20c for adults.

The entire cast has been selected from the Bell Arthur community. Leading roles are taken by Mrs. W. L. White, playing the part of Miss Philpina Popover, and James Wilkerson, taking the role of Deacon Dubbs.

LATHAM'S CORN LEADS

Fourteen varieties of corn tested on the farm of Peter Spencer near Seaboard in Northampton County shows Latham's Double in the lead with an acre yield of 46.5 bushels. Coker's Hybrid ranked second with a yield of 40.4 bushels.

INSURANCE

One out of every four farmers who insured their 1939 wheat production under the Federal "all-risk" insurance program has received an indemnity to make up for unavoidable crop loss.

QUALITY

Harvest of the 1939 crop brought in grain of the best quality in many years, the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, reports.

WALSTONBURG NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft visited friends in Winterville, Sunday.

Mrs. Estelle Bailey spent Friday in Farmville.

Marshall Henson of State College spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Lang spent Thursday night with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray West were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beaman and family visited relatives in Wilson, Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Ellis of Wilson visited her mother, Mrs. W. I. Shackelford, Saturday.

Mr. Wiley Dildy of Dillon, S. C. visited his sister, Mrs. Jesse Gay, Tuesday.

Mr. D. D. Fields continues ill at his home here. We are glad to note that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hicks and Mr. E. C. Soyer attended "Carson" in Raleigh, Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. A. Harlowe, Miss Janie Marlowe and Mr. Donald Henson were Raleigh visitors, Friday.

Mr. S. W. Jackson, Health Inspector for Greene County spent some time here Tuesday.

Mr. Cecil Lang of Duke University is spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams of City visited Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marlowe, Saturday.

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Strategic Lake Position Falls to Finnish Troops

Finland's Army Chief Says Nation's Chosen Defense Lines Not Crossed

Helsinki, Jan. 31.—Finnish troops tonight completed the encirclement of trapped Russian divisions in the Kiteles sector northeast of Lake Ladoga by capturing the strategic town of Pitkaranta, front observers reported, and threw back Red army attacks "everywhere" along the same front.

Only their numerically inferior forces are keeping the Finns from polishing off the trapped Russians, said the account of the capture of Pitkaranta, which is about 20 miles from the Russian border and one of the Soviet's early objectives in the war.

(But in Paris today, Finland's Minister, Dr. Harri Holma, warned that the Finnish army "is condemned to death" unless it receives sufficient help quickly.)

The nightly Finnish communique said that Red army attacks northeast of Lake Ladoga had been thrown back with the loss of nine tanks.

Observers, expanding this official bulletin, said the Finns were waiting for the trapped Russians to run out of ammunition before trying to administer a coup de grace. The Soviet soldiers were reported to have been without food for more than a week.

New Russian attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed, the Finnish high command said, with a loss of "about 50 killed." The attacks were concentrated at Taipale.

Other sectors were quiet. The Finns reported a slackening in Russian air attacks.

Finnish anti-aircraft and fighting planes shot down five enemy planes, the high command declared, and carried "out several reconnaissance and bombing raids."

FINLAND'S COMMANDER SAYS LINES NOT CROSSED

Somewhere in Finland, Jan. 31.—General Hugo Osterman, commander-in-chief of Finland's army, declared today that Russian troops had failed to advance at any point beyond defense lines chosen by the Finns immediately after the outbreak of war two months ago.

The general, receiving foreign correspondents at his field headquarters, paid tribute to his soldiers and said the entire nation had reason to be proud of their achievements.

FARMVILLE WINS DOUBLE HEADED OVER FACTOLUS

Farmville High School basketball team took a double victory Tuesday night over Factolus on the local floor.

Oliver Taylor led the girls with twelve points in a victory of 23-11. Carson led the visitors with five points.

The local boys won a hard pressed victory by the count of 23-23. Although pressed hard they were never behind from the start. Douglas Kemp was the leader in the Farmville attack with eight points. Trip led Factolus with five points.

COWS

Dairy cows which receive an adequate ration and have a warm place to bed down can better withstand exposure to cold weather during the day, it has been found by experiments conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Charles and Don Ray, spent several days last week visiting Mrs. Ada Bass near Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lewis have returned after a few days visit with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Benton, near Chadbourne.

Members of the local school faculty are back to resume their school work after an enforced vacation on account of the bad weather.

Friends will regret to learn that Burton Taylor of U. N. C. is ill at his home here. He came home for the week end and was taken sick. We sincerely hope he will soon be able to get out and back to his school work.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Missionary Society of the Christian Church met with Mrs. J. C. Gardner, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Lang conducted the devotional.

Mrs. J. B. Henson as program leader presented a most interesting lecture on "Do Everything to Build."

Mrs. A. J. Craft, Mrs. W. A. Marlowe, Mrs. Estelle Bailey, Mrs. Ray West and Miss Lillian Corbett taking part.

The social period following the meeting the ladies served a salad course with coffee.

SET MORE TREES

Eight Lenoir County farmers are setting 1,000 seedling pine trees per acre on unused fields this winter.

Assistant extension agent O. B. Freeman says 15,000 trees have been set to date by these men. He also reports clearing tobacco seed for 411 farmers to date.

Wallace is seen moving toward a long-range land program.

J. Claude Gaskins Passes in Greenville

Prominent Pitt County Man Dies After Illness of Three Weeks

Greenville.—Jacob Claude Gaskins, 68, Pitt county Register of Deeds for the past 23 years and one of the most widely known men in the county, died of a heart attack at 6:30 o'clock Monday morning at his home on East Eighth Street.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Paul's Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Worth Wicker. Interment followed in Greenwood cemetery. Burial rites were conducted by Grifton Masonic Lodge No. 248, of which he was a member. Members of the lodge were pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers included Master Masons of the county, county officials and court house employees, members of the Greenville Rotary club and members of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Jacob Claude Gaskins was born near Grifton on February 23, 1873, and the son of the late Charles P. and Louvenia Holton Gaskins. In 1900 he was married to Miss Emma Keene, who, with four sons and eight daughters, survive. The four sons are: Hogan, J. Reid, Claude and Charles Gaskins; the daughters, Mrs. J. H. Froelich and Mrs. W. D. Ridge of High Point, Mrs. Joseph M. Dressback, Mrs. E. C. Wilkerson and Misses Helen, Naomi, Eugenia and Annie Gaskins. Other survivors include eight grandchildren and three brothers, J. D. Gaskins of Winterville, C. H. Gaskins of St. Petersburg, Fla., and O. W. Gaskins of Charlotte.

Mr. Gaskins probably knew more Pitt county men, women and children than any other person in the county and numbered his friends in the hundreds, from all sections of the county.

He was elected Register of Deeds of Pitt county in 1916 and took over the duties of that office in December of that year. Had he lived to have completed the present four-year term in December he would have held the office for 24 years.

He was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a member of the vestry. He was a member of the Grifton Masonic lodge and also of York Rite Masonic bodies here. He was a charter member of the Greenville Rotary Club and never missed a weekly meeting in the club's 20 years of existence until his recent illness prevented him from attending. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Gaskins had been ill for about three weeks, but was believed to have been better just prior to his death. He had been home a week following treatment at Duke Hospital.

Jap Spokesman Assails Proposed U. S. Embargo

Spokesman Says Measures Would Be Serious Affront

Tokyo, Jan. 31.—Passage of the Pittman proposal to give the President of the United States discretionary power to apply an embargo against Japan would be a "serious affront," the foreign office spokesman declared today.

"Termination of the trade treaty itself is regarded in many sections of this country as an unpleasant and regrettable incident," said the spokesman of the treaty which expired January 26.

"Should congress follow with an embargo bill—even though it only potentially authorizes an embargo—I am frank to say it would be regarded by the Japanese people as a serious affront."

"Fortunately, I understand three influential senators on the Foreign Relations committee are opposed to Pittman's bill on the grounds it is rash and unnecessary at this juncture."

Apparently referring to reservations expressed by Senators Wagner (D-N.Y.), Nye (R-MD.) and Wheeler (D-Mont.), the spokesman added:

"I believe they recognize Japan's efforts to ameliorate the situation in China and elsewhere."

WHO KNOWS?

1. When was the Smoot-Hawley tariff act passed?

2. How many Republican representatives are members of the Ways and Means committee?

3. Can science explain why some popular vote for London and Roosevelt in 1936?

4. Is the government seeking to deport Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader?

5. How many white persons have been lynched in this country?

6. Who is the youngest justice of the Supreme Court?

7. What are the Carpathian mountains?

8. What is the battleship strength of the U. S. Navy?

9. What is the St. Lawrence project?

(See "The Answers" to Page 3)

VITAMIN A

The average minimum requirement of Vitamin A for adults has been found to be from 3,500 to 4,000 international units daily, but more is recommended.

Farmville Honors President With Successful Ball

Floor Show Featured; Enjoyable Social Event Held Here Monday Evening

As a finale to the campaign, waged by the Junior Woman's Club here during the past two weeks to secure funds to combat Infantile Paralysis, was the President's Birthday Ball, held on Monday evening, in the new school gym. Music was furnished for the occasion by Brooks Fryer's orchestra.

This was the first time Farmville had attempted to hold a Ball of its very own in this connection, having joined hitherto in the county Ball, held annually in Greenville.

The program of events was featured with a floor show in which John D. Holmes impersonated the President in a fireside chat; Miss Geraldine Gardner, as Mrs. Roosevelt, prepared and read her column, "My Day"; Herbert Holmes, Charles Bancroft, and W. Guy, as Farley, Garner and Harry Hopkins were assisted by "the president" in rendering quartet selections; Ann Oglesby represented the Statue of Liberty and Harry Albritton took the part of Uncle Sam. Dr. P. E. Jones was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Daisy H. Smith was accompanist for the floor show.

Hoover Taft, county chairman of the Birthday Ball committee and members of his committee, Dave Mosier and Ramsey Potts, were present and spoke briefly.

A Jitter Bug contest was won by Miss Elsie Carraway and Arthur Joyner, Jr., who received history Belk-Tyler Co., and a tie clasp from J. H. Harris, as awards for their lively capers.

Mrs. J. Leroy Parker, president of the Junior Woman's Club, and her committee worked untiringly for days prior to the Ball, and are to be congratulated on their activities and for the fine community pride manifested by the entire membership in this undertaking.

The sum of \$68.35 was cleared from the March of Dimes campaign and the Ball, with the amount sent in the personal greeting cards to the president being a matter of conjecture.

Firms which gave their active cooperation to the Junior Woman's Club in connection with the placing of coin boxes and with the Birthday Ball included:

City Drug Co., Wholesale Drug Co., City Cafe, Penders, Farmville Furniture Co., Moore's Filling Station, Rouse Printery, J. H. Harris, Belk-Tyler, Rollins, Cleaners and Dyers, Williams Grocery and Market, Colonial Ice Co., Rose's 5c and 10c Store, Farmville Flower Shop, Blackwood's, D. F. & R. O. Lang, and the Farmville Fire and Police Departments.

Individuals, other than club members, who lent their efforts towards making the Ball a success were: Eli Joyner, Jr., H. M. Winders, Charles Meyer, Bud Fisher, J. H. Moore, Mrs. Mac Carraway, Mrs. J. H. Faylor, Mrs. J. O. Pollard, Mrs. G. M. Holden, Edgar Barrett, Margaret Moore, Mrs. J. W. Holmes, B. M. Lewis, Mrs. E. J. Scott, Frances Howard, Arthur Joyner, Jr., Dr. M. J. Gregg, C. A. Tyson, Miss Edna Robinson, C. S. Hotchkiss, and those taking part in the floor show, whose names have already been mentioned.

Credits for the success of the March of Dimes is given the school children with Miss Annie Perkins' room winning the first prize, a bar of candy for each child in the grade, contributed by Penders, and Miss Verona Lee Joyner's room receiving first place in the high school, with the award of a picture from Rose's 5c and 10c Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Johnson and family spent Sunday with relatives in Louisburg.

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Dwight Johnson, a student of Edwards' Military Institute, was at home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell and daughter, Margaret Rose, of Bethel spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redick.

Little Miss Martha Hardy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Johnson is recuperating from a recent attack of pneumonia.

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Miss Annie Gray Bundy, a student of A. C. O., and Miss Naomi Bundy of Greenville, were at home with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Bundy, during the week end.

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ATTENDS BANQUET

J. M. Hoxley, cashier of the Bank of Farmville attended a Bankers' conference banquet at the Priddy Hotel in Greenville Tuesday evening. The tobacco situation of Eastern Carolina was discussed at the meeting.

QUESTIONS WEEK OF PRAYER

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Fountain Presbyterian Church are meeting each afternoon this week to observe a week of prayer and fasting for missions.

Chamberlain Declares Empire Not Indifferent To Trade Curtailment

"WITH THE DEVIL"

Rome, Jan. 31.—The influential newspaper L'Avvenire said today that Adolf Hitler's remarks yesterday on the Russian-German pact afforded a "retrospective explanation" for the treaty, but that the pact was considered by Italians to be "a pact with the Devil."

(Hitler said that "through centuries, Germany and Russia were friends—why not now?" He cited Great Britain's futile anxiety for an understanding with Russia and said Germany's pact with the Soviet made her "safe from the rear.")

Hitler's declaration that Italy and Germany still were good friends, the newspaper said, represented only a simple reassertion of known facts.

However, the newspaper contended Soviet Russia will continue to be "religiously, socially and politically 'Public Enemy No. 1' of Christian civilization" in Stalin's eyes; and that opinion of her always will be held "by the principals who fought and won the crusade in Spain. . . . In this, Italy has not changed and remains the Mediterranean pole of the world anti-Communism."

Consumption Of Pork And Apples Promoted

Eat more pork; cook it with apples.

This is a call from North Carolina farmers as they unite in promotional campaigns to increase the consumption of these two important foods produced in this State.

C. L. Ballance, chairman of the executive committee of the North Carolina Cooperative Livestock Marketing Associations sponsored by the Extension Service, is directing the National Economy Pork Sale campaign in the State. It will be divided into two periods—February 1 to 10, and February 29 to March 9.

"It so happens that the 'Apples For Health' event also will take place at the same time as the first period of the pork sale campaign, but this is fortunate since both are frequently included in the same menu," said Mr. Ballance, who is a prominent swine grower of Robeson County.

H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist of State College, is actively supporting the pork sale, and he points out that it will be especially valuable this year when the 1939 pig crop of 84,000,000 hogs goes on the market.

"The North Carolina hog crop is consuming over two billion pounds of feed annually, which is no small item to agriculture in this State," Taylor declared. "Cash sales from hogs in North Carolina are exceeded only by cash sales from tobacco, cotton and cottonseed, and milk; therefore, the price of pork is of considerable importance to us."

Mr. Ballance said that civic clubs, caterers, hotels, and restaurants are being asked to serve at least two pork lunches during the two periods designated for National Economy Pork Sale.

FOUNTAIN NEWS

(By Mrs. M. D. TELLESTON)

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HUNT FOR LESH-IDEA

Castle hunt for every spot of lesh-idea in their bay station and will hardly touch the other bay until every spot of the lesh-idea is consumed, says E. E. L. Plummer of Waller Hill, Ashe County. Next year Mr. Plummer says he will put up his bay station before he starts.

ARMY

Army officers and their families are being evacuated from the area around the city of Rome, Italy, because of the danger of air raids.