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Depression Foreseen Unless Congress Adopts A Sound Farm Program

Fred Royster of Henderson, who knows most of the angles of the current agricultural problems and who talks so convincingly his listeners are quickly aware that he knows whereof he speaks, Monday night told a joint session of the Farmville Rotary and Kiwanis clubs that this country faces a depression and economic distress unless Congress adopts a sound farm program based on the policy of keeping supply in line with demand.

Royster, who serves as president of the Bright Leaf Warehouse Association which covers five states, spoke to a group of 100, a group which included such outstanding figures in the program as W. W. (Cap) Eagles of Macesfield, former president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, current State Farm Bureau president, and C. T. Hicks of Walestonburg, president of the Stabilization Corporation and one of the developers of the tobacco program which, so far, has been the most successful of any of the price-support programs. Royster's reference to these leaders was greeted with applause.

The Henderson tobaccoist, a member of the House of Representatives and a candidate for speaker of the House in the 1951 General Assembly, stated that agriculture is the basic industry of the country but added that difficulty has been experienced in developing a sound farm program because less than one fifth of the entire population is directly connected with farming and, consequently, the agricultural side of the national economic status has not been presented emphatically enough to a great segment of the population. He added that this minority group must impress upon the rest of the country the time-proven fact that when agriculture prospers the rest of the country prospers, and that when agriculture fails the rest of the nation does likewise.

With the assertion that he is not a pessimist but tries at all times to be a realist, Royster warned that the agricultural outlook was not bright and cautioned that the situation must be faced and dealt with in a realistic and efficient manner if a depression is to be avoided. He added that the present condition is a direct outgrowth of ever-increasing production of agriculture, an increase that developed as a war-time measure but one which continued with the cessation of hostilities. He cited that industry, on the other hand, quickly cut its 60- and 72-hour weeks to the regular 40-hour work weeks and that laborers demanded higher wages to offset the reduction in working time. Agriculture, in the post-war period, set new production records in some crops; only tobacco was controlled. The inevitable result was that prices dropped, when supply exceeded demand, and farm income in 1949 was 20 per cent under that of 1948 and agricultural economists have predicted another loss of 15 per cent will be experienced this year.

Failure by Congress and other national leaders to look at the situation in a realistic manner was blamed by Royster as the reason for the current dilemma in all crops except flue-cured tobacco and he added that leaders must take corrective steps now or burdensome surpluses will make such drains on the national treasury that the entire farm program will be scrapped.

As an illustration of how surpluses piled up during the period when production is not controlled, the speaker stated that the United States has enough government-owned corn to make all the corn starch, sugar and syrup needed by this country for the next five years, and enough to bake a birthday cake for every child under 15 years old every year for the next 10 years; that it has enough cotton to make 54 dresses for every woman in the country; that it has enough prunes to provide a dish of prunes for the breakfast of every member of Congress every day until the year 3239. The government has \$150 million invested in tobacco but he stated that only \$30,000,000 is invested in flue-cured tobacco.

He attributed the success of the tobacco program to the foresight of growers who saw the handwriting on the wall and proceeded to adopt curtailed production measures which would keep supply from outstripping demand. Because tobacco farmers were wise enough to take this step, and have enjoyed reasonably prosperous years, they have been pictured as ghoulish of privilege and a natural result has been the development of propaganda designed to abolish all farm programs and government supports. Royster stated that there is no basis for the contention that farmers have been getting more than their share of the national income. He stated that the "Half-Century Club" has made a record of 25 million, averaging 27 million to a family of five. Although it is a four-acre farm, it can easily support a family of five.

ECTC Pianist Will Give Concert Here Thursday Night

The Major Benjamin May chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, announces that it will have the honor and pleasure of presenting George E. Perry of the music faculty of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, to this community in a piano concert at the chapter house next Thursday evening, April 13, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Perry, who has become well known throughout the State since coming to East Carolina two years ago, has selected the following compositions for his concert program: Eight Each Preludes; G Minor Fantasia, by Bach; Sonata Opus 28, by Beethoven; Chopin group—3 preludes, waltz, etude, mazurka; Concert Etude in F sharp by MacDowell; 5 preludes by Debussy; Liszt transcription of Rigoletto.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Perry was graduated from the University of Wisconsin and of the Wisconsin School of Music and has studied with a number of outstanding piano instructors. He taught piano and theory both in his native state and in Florida prior to coming to North Carolina. He is in great demand throughout the State for concert appearances and the local chapter was fortunate in securing him for its spring concert. The pianist performed on the dedication program of the DAR chapter house last April and on other occasions here, always receiving praise from his large and appreciative audiences.

Tickets, now on sale, may be obtained from any member of the Major May chapter or from the committee in charge, Mrs. Haywood Smith, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. G. Alex Rouse and Miss Tabitha DeVisconti. The seating capacity of the drawing room of the chapter house is limited and patrons are requested to secure their tickets early.

The paramount purpose of the local DAR chapter in building and maintaining its chapter house is to provide a cultural center for Eastern North Carolina and for this community in particular. The purchase of a Steinway parlor grand last year was in line with this worthy objective and will enable organizations and music patrons here to invite gifted artists of recognized ability for the pleasure and inspiration of those who enjoy entertainment of the highest type and as an incentive to the youth of the community to study and develop their talents.

SPECIAL EASTER RADIO PROGRAM SUNDAY AT 5 P. M.

Thorne-Wooten Furniture company is joining with 13,000 other Hotpoint appliance dealers in presenting a special Easter Sunday radio broadcast over the entire Columbia Broadcasting System of 175 stations. The "Hotpoint Holiday Hour" will present such stage and screen successes as Charles Boyer, Dorothy McGuire and Rosalind Russell. The program can be heard over WRVA, WBT and other Columbia stations from 5 to 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

REVIVAL

Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, Greenville, will conduct a revival April 23-30 in the Farmville Methodist church. Jonathan Overton of Greenville will be song leader.

Junior Woman's Club Presents Town With New Scout Hut, Representing 3 Years Of Hard Work

Two Baseball Games To Be Played Here Saturday, Sunday

Manager Bonnie Allen of the Farmville baseball team has booked two games for this week end for which no admission will be charged. Saturday afternoon the Lowland team from near New Bern will furnish the opposition and on Sunday afternoon the locals will play Arba. The games are scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

Bright Belt schedule gets underway Saturday, April 22. Manager Allen wants a good name for his club and is offering \$5.00 to the fan who submits the best name for the Farmville team.

Growers May Ask For More Cotton Acreage

New cotton legislation recently passed by Congress provides for minimum 1950 acreage allotments based on one of three provisions. The revised allotments are based on the larger of (1) 65 per cent of the average acreage planted to cotton in 1946, 1947, and 1948; (2) 45 per cent of the highest acreage planted to cotton (or devoted to war crops in place of cotton) on the farm during any one of the three years; but (3) not more than 40 per cent of the 1949 acreage which was tilled on the farm or in regular rotation.

Any owner or operator of a cotton farm who believes he is entitled to an acreage increase, and wants to be considered by the county committee for possible allotment adjustment under the legislation must file an application not later than April 21, 1950.

"We urge farmers or operators who want their farms considered for revised allotments to file applications by April 21," says F. C. Darden, chairman of the Greene county Production and Marketing Administration.

"Those who are satisfied with their present allotments need not file applications. However, those desiring increases will be considered by the county committee after applications for such increases are filed in the county office."

Each operator of a farm for which an application is filed will receive a notice from the county committee of the revised 1950 cotton acreage allotment. When the new allotment notice is mailed it will replace any previous 1950 allotment notice already received by the farm operator.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Easter holidays for Farmville students will begin today (Friday) and will continue through Monday. Classes will be resumed Tuesday morning.

The Junior Woman's club held open house Sunday afternoon at the Girl Scout hut on North Contentment st., the occasion being the presentation of the recently-completed building to the community.

The reception room was beautifully decorated. The gift and refreshment tables were centered with arrangements of jonquils and ferns flanked by candles. The mantle and book cases, which extend the length of one end of the room, were centered with ivy and candles in pastel shades, potted azaleas and Easter bunnies, set in green excelsior.

Potted Easter lilies were used on pedestals at the opposite end of the room where a table held scrapbooks and mementoes of the Junior Woman's club and the Girl Scouts. The Scout flag was in a standard case by.

Refreshments consisted of fruit punch, a variety of sandwiches in Easter motifs, cookies and sand tarts. Mrs. J. M. Gibbs, Junior Woman's club president, Mrs. R. T. Williams, administrative Girl Scout leader, Mrs. Carroll D. Oglesby and Mrs. J. M. Carraway, members of the building committee, received the guests at the front door.

Mrs. Lyman Bass and Mrs. J. D. Rouse, Jr., presided at the 5:30 table. Registering callers were Mrs. Ernest Guthrie and Mrs. J. R. Harris.

Punch was poured by Mrs. Allen M. Harris, Mrs. Dewey Fuquay and Mrs. Graydon Liles. Misses Anne Morgan, Flaye Newborn, Lou Taylor Lewis, Martha Holmes, Dotie Jones, Shirley Newton and Videna Joyner, Girl Scouts, assisted in serving.

Misses Agnes V. Quimery and Lula Hardy had charge of the music. Goodbyes were said by Mrs. R. D. Harris, Mrs. W. R. Burke, Mrs. Allen Drake and Mrs. W. C. Hathaway.

Refreshments were prepared by Mrs. W. C. Garner, Mrs. J. H. Darden, Jr., Mrs. I. D. Kirklin, Mrs. J. C. Brock and Mrs. Marvin Speight.

Many useful gifts of china and crystal were presented to the hut by the guests.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. L. W. Batchelor of Rocky Mt. spent the week end with her son, Joseph Batchelor, and Mrs. Batchelor. The Batchelors and their guest visited the planetarium in Chapel Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Batchelor is spending the week end in Richmond, Va., with Mrs. Fred Pfau.

Bill Raspberry, student at the University of Pennsylvania dental school, will arrive Monday to spend the spring holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sugg Askew and daughters of Wilson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyner. Helen Holloman, Frances Bundy, Dollie Jones, Preston Bundy, Carol Holloman and Selby Walston of Carraway's chapel, and Jess Spencer, Vann Lewis, Frank Moore, Pat Corbett, Nancy Lu Moore, Elizabeth and Alfred May, Mrs. Harry Harper and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Jr., of the Farmville Presbyterian church attended the spring rally of Albemarle Presbyterian Youth fellowships recently in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Matthews have moved from George street to 204 W. Pine street.

Stores Closed Monday; Begin Half-Holidays on Wednesday, April 19

Business in Farmville will come to a standstill Monday when practically all firms will observe the Easter holiday.

Local Churches Plan For Special Easter Services and Music

Two community services are scheduled in Farmville Easter day. The sunrise service will begin at 5:37 at the Methodist church, and a cantata will be presented at 8 o'clock that night in the Baptist church.

Sermon-topics and special music for the 11 o'clock services follow: At the Baptist church, Rev. E. W. Holmes will speak on "The Importance of the Resurrection." Elbert Holmes will sing "Open the Gates of the Temple," and the choir will render an anthem, "The Risen Lord."

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox's topic at the Christian church will be "The Leading Role." The choir will sing "The Holy City."

New members will be received into the Methodist church and Rev. H. L. Davis has chosen as his subject, "When Death Is Gain." The choir will sing "The Resurrection" and Miss Willa Rae Harper, soloist, will sing "Come Unto Me."

"Can We Trust Jesus?" will be the topic of Rev. E. S. Coates' sermon at the Presbyterian church. "Now the Lord Is Risen" by Holton, will be sung by the choir.

Mr. Davis will hold an Easter and communion service at Monk Memorial at 9:30 a. m. Mr. Coates will preach at Carraway's chapel Sunday afternoon and at Ballards Sunday night. Special music will be rendered by the Ballards choir.

Jack Tyson Heads Local VFW Post

The Burnett-Rouse post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, elected officers for the new year at the regular business meeting, held in the clubhouse two weeks ago.

Officers are: Jack Tyson, commander; Earl Redie, junior vice commander; Harry D. May, quartermaster; Lyman Bass, chaplain; R. R. Newton, Jr., judge advocate; Dr. Frank Harris, post surgeon; W. C. Tucker, Jr., three-year trustee.

Volunteer delegates to the VFW state convention were: R. E. Newton, Jr., Earl Redie, Marvin Hinson and Geo. M. Allen, all of Farmville, and L. Scott Peels and Julian Gaynor of Fountain.

RED CROSS OVER QUOTA

\$1585 was collected in the annual Red Cross roll call which ended last Wednesday. This total exceeded the quota by \$85.

Mrs. J. M. Gibbs and R. D. Rouse, Jr., co-chairmen, express their appreciation to all who had a part in making the drive successful.

Town Board In Busy Session: Buys Car, Approves REA Contract, Leases Property, Plans To Paint Town Hall

May-Haps

(By Elizabeth May)

Julian Vainwright of Greenville, grandson of Mrs. J. C. Gibbs and nephew of J. M. Gibbs, was crowned king at the coronation ball, sponsored by the Greenville high school sophomore class, Friday night. Julian, an outstanding baseball and football player, was away with the baseball team when ballots were counted Friday afternoon and was not notified of his winning until he reached the ball. Another surprise was in store for the "king," Peggy Joyce Barrow, his girlfriend, was entered in the race for queen Friday morning, unknown to him, and won.

Balloting for the royalty had been in full swing for several weeks.

Miss Hazel Garris, state 4-H president, was the only member of the fashion review staged by Pitt county Home Demonstration and 4-H clubs in Greenville Saturday afternoon. Hazel modeled an afternoon cotton. The review was a part of the fifteenth annual Community Arts festival.

Give an art student some old newspapers, gummed tape, glue, paint and shells, and the result may be an attractive window decoration. The big green Easter bunny in the window of the Farmville Flower Shop was made by Mary Frances Allen in an art class at ECTC. Small yellow bunnies were painted on the sides and back. Mary Frances is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Davis, operator of the Flower Shop.

Have you noticed the sign between Farmville and Bruce on a farm building which reads "Trayed at White's Store in Greenville?"

Bob Morgan, who delighted a number of Farmville audiences with solos during his last two years in high school, sang "The Lord's Chord" at the Duke university vespers service last night. Bob is a member of the Duke choir which will present Brahms' "Requiem" Sunday at four o'clock in the Duke chapel. A freshman, he is the son of Mrs. J. I. Morgan.

Miss Ruth Butterfield of New York City and Evansville, Ind., and Alton Thomas of Scranton, Pa., whose engagement is announced today, will spend the week end here with Al's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thomas. The Thomases and their guests will spend Sunday in Wilmington with Mrs. R. P. Dooley, Mr. Thomas's daughter.

A graduate of Purdue university, the bride-elect is enrolled in the school of social science at Columbia university. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, social sorority, and the Junior League in her hometown, Evansville. The groom-elect received his degree in ceramic engineering at State college, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Tau, social fraternity, and is an engineer with Murray, Inc., Scranton.

COUNCIL CONCLUDES HOLY WEEK SERVICES TODAY

Concluding a series of Holy Week services, sponsored by the Woman's council in the Christian church, will be one this afternoon at 3:30. Group 2 had charge of Monday's program, given at the regular council meeting. Group 3 was in charge Wednesday and Group 1 will conduct today's program.

Thirty-nine choir members from the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will present an Easter cantata Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church. The director of the cantata, "The Story of Easter according to the Gospel of St. Matthew," is Mrs. Bernice Turnage.

Readers will be Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox and Rev. E. W. Holmes. Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner will be accompanist. Soloists include: Soprano, Mrs. M. V. Jones; mezzo-soprano, Miss Willa Rae Harper; alto, Mrs. R. O. Lang, Jr.; tenor, Arthur Joyner, Jr.; baritone, Everett Roebuck; bass, E. C. Holmes.

Mrs. E. C. Holmes and Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt form a duo.

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Successfully warding off a temptation to give in to spring fever, Farmville's Board of Commissioners Tuesday night turned out the work, and tackled an agenda which included such controversial issues as purchasing a new automobile for the police department, renewing a contract with the Pitt-Greene Electric Membership Corp., leasing some town property to J. E. Taylor and studying proposals to paint and renovate the town hall.

The board authorized the finance committee to proceed with purchasing a new car, after studying bids. The town was offered \$600 for the present 1946 Chevrolet by B & W Chevrolet company as a trade-in; Eason Motors set the trade-in price at \$800 if exchanged for a new Plymouth and Pollard Auto company offered to give the town \$905 for the old car on a trade.

The property leased to Taylor included two acres, a part of the town dump that has been covered and is suitable for the erection of a house thereon. Taylor wanted to buy the property but the board compromised by leasing it to him for 10 years at an annual rental of \$25. Taylor intends to move a house on the property and will rent it to an employee of the town's street department.

The matter of negotiating a contract with the REA was discussed at length before the board voted to renew the contract on the same basis that has been in effect since Oct. 1948. This contract provides for the sale of power to the REA at a wholesale price of 13 mills per kilowatt, on a sliding scale which provides for the rate to be increased or reduced in accordance with the price of oil. At present, the rate is 12.5 mills. The REA is preparing to set up an office of its own and will do so shortly after May 1. The building on North Main street, formerly used by the Ethel Kittrell Shop, has been rented to the REA and will be used as headquarters until a permanent home can be erected.

The town's financial sheet showed that the budget had been set up for six policemen but that only five had been employed. It was pointed out, therefore, that the board could use the money saved in that department and use it for painting the town hall, a project that was discussed several months ago but postponed until the board could determine whether or not money would be available.

One offer to do the work for \$600 was received but the board deferred action until other painters in the community had been given an opportunity to submit bids.

Mayor Walter B. Jones appointed Claude Joyner and Roland Lang, Jr., to serve as the town board's members on the Community Chest committee. All commissioners were present for the meeting: John Stansill, Fred C. Moore, Roland Lang, Jr., Claude Joyner and O. G. Spell.

Choirs Will Present Cantata Sunday Night

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