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Mann Advocates Parity Income For Cotton Farmers

Cooperative Manager Sees Better Lint Prices In View.

M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association, in an address to Hoke county farmers at their annual meeting here Wednesday, called for a program of parity income for farmers rather than parity prices.

"Such a program will be accomplished through increased consumption rather than decreased production," Mr. Mann said, declaring that the one bright spot in the present dark picture is the possibility that such a program will be worked out. He lauded the new Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard as "a man who knows farming as a farmer."

Mr. Mann pointed out that 60 per cent of the farm people in the South depend upon cotton for a living and he further added that the one-half of the Nation's farm population living in the South receives only one-third of the Nation's income. Turning to cotton prices, Mr. Mann said the outlook is good for somewhat higher prices for cotton since there are at present only about one million bales of free cotton in America and at the present rate of consumption the mills will need an additional five million bales before the new crop is harvested. He pointed out that the 6,189,000 bales of 1936-39-40 cotton owned by the Government would have to bring a minimum of 12c a pound and a maximum of 15.30c a pound to get out of the Government pool without loss. The almost five million bales belonging to the farmers would have to average better than 10c a pound for middling 15-16 to justify being withdrawn from the pool.

"All of this," Mr. Mann said, "adds up to what looks like a tight spot situation which more than likely will result in somewhat higher prices for cotton."

Mr. Mann emphasized the importance of planting improved seed and said that the best investment any grower can make will be in poisoning for boll weevil.

"This year we must not only grow more of our feed and food at home, but in addition we must cooperate in purchasing our farm supplies and in marketing our farm products if we are ever to increase our cash income from its present average of \$723 per North Carolina farm per year to a figure more in keeping with other professions," Mr. Mann said, adding that one-half of one per cent of the nation's population—some 65,000 people in the upper brackets—receives more income than all of the American farmers combined, representing more than one-fourth of the total population.

Reporting on the past year's activities of the Association Mr. Mann said that the cooperative has already received more than 95,000 bales of cotton. He praised the farmers of Hoke county upon the support they have given to their own organization and pointed to the "Re-Purchase Pool" as an absolute guarantee to the farmer for the highest price for his cotton.

Mr. Mann said that the association is in a strong financial position and that it is now borrowing from 35 North Carolina banks more than \$4,000,000 for use in advancing funds to delivering members on their cotton.

One of the features of the meeting was the election of delegates to represent Hoke county at the district convention of the Cotton Association which will be held at a later date for the purpose of nominating candidates for directors of the district. These candidates will then be voted on by the entire membership of the district by postcard ballot and the one receiving the highest number of votes will represent the district for the ensuing year.

\$15,000,000 Marine Base Fund Approved

Washington, March 11.—The house agreed today to a \$15,000,000 authorization for the construction of a marine base in eastern North Carolina.

This item had been written into a naval works bill by the senate. Previously, the house had included only \$1,500,000 for the purchase of land for the base and a nearby marine air training station.

The house rejected another senate amendment and the whole bill went back to the senate. Appointment of conferees to represent the senate and house may become necessary to adjust differences. The navy is expected later to ask for \$2,000,000 authorization to complete the base.



"FOOTLIGHT FEVER"—that's the name of the Alan Mowbray-Donald MacBride-Elizabeth Riadon comedy of stage life in which Elyse Knox and Lee Bonnell provide the romantic interest. The picture is a follow-up of the immensely entertaining "Curtain Call."

Aid Bill Passed; FDR Gives First Arms Order

Washington, March 11.—In a breath-taking burst of speed, Congress rushed the lend-lease bill to the White House today, President Roosevelt signed it, and four minutes later ordered an undisclosed list of war materials sent to England and Greece.

Then, he told a press conference he would ask Congress Wednesday for the nation's biggest peace-time appropriation—\$7,000,000,000—to finance the help-Britain program, and that some time within a week he would make a radio talk on the subject.

Final congressional approval took the form of a 317 to 71 house vote accepting amendments attached to the bill by the senate, and the accompanying debate produced bipartisan pledges of national unity, now that a majority of both houses had spoken. (North Carolina's 11 member delegation voted solidly for the bill.)

The speed started at that point. Vice President Wallace, brushing age-old formalities aside, went to the house end of the capitol and he and Speaker Rayburn signed it. Chairman Kirwan, Democrat, Ohio, of the house committee on enrolled bills, slipped the elaborate linen-paper document into a brief case, and hailed a taxicab.

At the White House he turned it over to Clarence Hess, a veteran clerk in the executive offices, who signed a receipt for it. At 3:40 p. m. Mr. Roosevelt was waiting at his desk, surrounded by photographers.

At 3:51, a White House official, signalled to newsmen, with a wave of his hand, that the measure which might conceivably shape the whole history of the world had become law. A list of war supplies, the property of the army and navy, had already been drawn up, in consultation with high officers of the two services. At 3:55 Mr. Roosevelt ordered it on its way to England and Greece, and at 4 o'clock, reporters filed into his office for the regular semi-weekly press conference.

Telling the newsmen what he had done, Mr. Roosevelt made it clear that for the time being, he would not disclose either what the list included, or the value of the supplies involved. The latter, he said, was not large, and the total original cost would not necessarily be the billing price.

This, he added, was for the reason that some of the equipment involved was out of date or was surplus or did not have the same monetary value as of the time it was manufactured years ago.

Much significance attached to the value placed upon the articles, because the new law limits transfers of equipment already on hand or previously appropriated for to a total value of \$1,300,000,000. The question of what formulas would be followed in deciding the value of such things was prominent in the congressional debates. Foes of the bill argued that Mr. Roosevelt could, and advocates of the measure replied that he would not, set arbitrary low prices for equipment transferred.

But, while the President would not disclose the details of the transaction, he said he would urge the appropriations committees of the two houses to appoint a joint sub-committee, to visit the White House from time to time and receive all information on the progress of the program.

Sid Enig, concrete expert with Hoke concrete works, and his mother have recently had an apartment with Mrs. Alfred Cole, but have given it up. Mrs. Enig is leaving for her home in Miami, Fla., to be gone for some time.

Williamsport Line-Up Is Near Completion

By Elmer L. Schuyler

Williamsport, Pa., March 13.—Time flies and the advance of the Williamsport Grays on their spring training rendezvous will soon be on. In another week they will begin arriving in Williamsport—practically all of them, except the men from southern points, who will go direct from their homes to Raeford.

Secretary J. Roy Clunk, who for fourteen years has handled the business affairs of the Williamsport baseball club, is receiving the signed contracts of the players who will respond to the call of Manager Spencer Abbott on Monday, March 24, at Raeford.

The squad will be a little smaller than usual because Abbott has his ball club already picked, subject to a change or two. The men to whom contracts were mailed included:

Outfielders—Ron Northey, Ken Richardson and Dave Goodman.

Infielders—Irv Kilberg, Jack Ridings, Jerry Lynn, Hal Quick and Don Richmond.

Catchers—Harry Chozen and Rudy Laskowski.

Pitchers—Roger Wolff, Leon Kyle, Pete Blumette, George Klivak, Nick Butcher, John Cordell, Charley George, Orrie Arntzen, Herman Drefs and Ollie Byers.

Northey, Richardson, Kolberg, Lynn, Wolff, Kyle, Blumette, Butcher, Cordell and George are holdovers from Fresno Thompson's 1940 edition of the Grays.

Goodman and Quick were purchased outright from the Springfield Nationals, whom Abbott piloted last season. Chozen, known to the fans as "Harry, the Horse," because of his capacity for hard work, was bought from the Albany Senators, and Laskowski from the Montgomery (Ala.) club of the Southeastern League.

Arntzen was obtained in a trade with the Wilkes-Barre club for outfielder Samm Liberto. Ridings was purchased outright from Portsmouth of the Piedmont League. Richmond and Klivak were out on option last season, the former with Batavia, N. Y., of the Pony League, and Klivak with Wilmington in the Inter-State League.

The last to join was Drefs, who signed on the dotted line last week. He comes recommended by Earl Brucker, veteran catcher and coach of the Philadelphia Athletics, and Roger Wolff, who played against him in the old Western League. Pitching for Statesville, N. C., in the Tar Heel League in 1940, he posted an enviable record of eighteen wins against only six losses. Ollie Byers is a young Williamsport athlete who with his brother, Jack, saw battery service with the Bassett, Va., club of the Bi-State League. At present he is teaching in a high school about twenty-five miles from Williamsport and may not be able to report to the Grays before May 20, but if release from his teaching job can be negotiated he will go with the squad to Raeford.

Unless all signs fail, the Grays have, in Richmond, the best major league prospect in the Eastern League. Raeford fans will remember him as alternating at the shorts position with Russell Maxcy during the 1940 training period. Before the Pony League's season was half over scouts were converging on Batavia from no less than sixteen major league clubs. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, the Athletics and Buffalo made tempting offers for the lad, and the Grays could have sold him for a handsome price, but they figure he's worth more to them this year than they could have realized at the close of the 1940 season and believe he will bring double the original offers at the close of the coming season, provided he improves at the rate he did last summer.

The Grays suffered a disappointment when Second Baseman Lou Bush was called to the colors and reported for duty at Fort Benning, Ga. Bush, regarded as one of the finest fielding second sackers in the Southern League, was bought outright from Memphis. The battle for the keystone position will now be between Jack Ridings and Jerry Lynn, although there is a possibility that Jerry's draft number may be called at any time.

The presence of Hal Quick at short-stop is expected to be helpful to Lynn, who failed to function properly alongside the erratic Maxcy last season. Quick was voted the short-stop berth on the Eastern League's all-star team last year. He is one of the flashiest defensive short-stops in the minor leagues.

It is anticipated that Pitcher Orrie Arntzen will help to strengthen the Grays' pitching staff. He comes highly recommended by Roger Wolff, who was a teammate at Cedar Rapids in 1939, when he won "throwing and lost nine. Wolff, by the way, was traded into the Grays' rotation in 1940, after doing relief duty half the season.

Byrnes Likely Choice For Supreme Court

Washington, March 11.—Now that the senate has disposed of the lend-lease bill it is assumed that the President will shortly transmit to the capitol the nomination of another member of the Supreme court, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Justice McReynolds. A few days ago the President said he had in mind the name of the man to whom he expected to tender the appointment, but there was no intimation as to the person chosen.

Speculation has generally turned in the direction of Senator James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, the President's close friend, who has frequently been called upon for aid when legislation of special interest to the White House was under consideration. It was to a large extent Byrnes' strategy, it was said, that resulted in ditching the original Ellender amendment to prohibit the use of land and naval forces outside the western hemisphere, and when the Louisiana senator ran out on his own amendment, which he had advocated so eloquently, it left the forces opposed to the lend-lease bill demoralized. It was the beginning of the end, and when it was all over there was frequently heard an expression of the belief that Senator Byrnes' reward would come in the form a Supreme court appointment.

Outside the circles of friends of those "mentioned" in connection with this appointment there has been little interest in the McReynolds's succession. The Supreme court has exhibited a distinct new deal slant, and has largely absorbed the Felix Frankfurter philosophy. Doubt is felt whether the Byrnes appointment, if made, would affect this new judicial trend, one way or another, albeit he is quite generally regarded as a conservative.

Roger McGirt Will Leave Today For Lenoir Job

Right-of-Way Superintendent For Lumbee Co-Op Will Be Advisor For Caldwell Co-Op.

Roger M. McGirt, right-of-way superintendent for the Lumbee River Electric Membership corporation, has resigned this position and will leave today for Lenoir where he has accepted the post of educational advisor for the Caldwell-Burke cooperative, one of the first and largest rural electric projects in the South.

Mr. McGirt, formerly superintendent of schools of Maxton, came to Raeford when the four-county cooperative was in its formative stages and was the superintendent of the project during the organization period. For the past several months he has been in charge of easement procurement for the right-of-way for the 450 miles of electric lines now nearing completion in Hoke, Cumberland, Scotland and Robeson counties.

Pierre van Paassen Speaks At F. M. C.

A large and enthusiastic audience from within a radius of 50 miles of Red Springs heard Pierre van Paassen at Flora Macdonald college Tuesday evening.

Fresh from Europe's battlefields this famous war correspondent and experienced observer of men and events brought to his audience a thrilling account of what is going on inside Europe today and interpreted its mighty consequences for the future.

Mr. van Paassen's eloquence, his convincing presentation and above all, his penetrating judgment of the real issues involved in this international crisis made a profound impression upon those who heard him.

Many people from Raeford heard this wonderful speaker.

Press Association Met Saturday

Members of the Central Press association of North Carolina met in Fayetteville Saturday afternoon for a program arranged by Bob Gray of the Fayetteville Observer, vice-president of the association. On the program were a trip of inspection through Fort Bragg, a trip down the river on O. P. Breece's yacht, Florida, and a dinner after the boat trip at Breece's Landing.

Some twenty members and guests were present. The board of aldermen last night voted unanimously to provide facilities on which the government will erect four recreational buildings. They will be used by soldiers stationed at Ft. Bragg during the "off-duty" hours.



CAROL HUGHES, pretty ingenue, portrays one of the important leads in "Scattergood Baines" which stars Guy Kibbee in the title role. Miss Hughes is one-half of a romantic team that provides some of the human interest in this first of "The Clarence Budolf" series.

V-C SWIFT'S PEARSAL

And this will be another...

Hoke farmers than eye... much interested in the forum plan, and it is expected that the club will agree to underwrite a series for Raeford and Hoke county when the matter comes up for action tonight. A number of Hoke county people have been participating in the forum discussions held last year and this year at Red Springs when such leading men as Dr. Herbert von Beckerath, of Duke, Dr. Woodhouse and Buchanan, of Chapel Hill, Prof. Henry Brandies, of Chapel Hill and Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of Davidson, have led the discussions of vital problems in which every citizen is interested.

Light Docket For Court Tuesday

In recorder's court Tuesday Colon Chavis, Indian, was sentenced to four months for assault on his wife with a deadly weapon. Judge McQueen suspended the sentence upon payment of costs and put Chavis on his good behavior for a year.

James McPherson, colored, was ordered to pay the costs of repairing damage done to the truck of Angus Stubbs or serve 3 months on the roads.

All other defendants pleaded guilty to charges and were fined court costs in lieu of 30 day road sentences. They were: Lucy McNeill, Antioch, charged with careless and reckless driving; J. B. Rainey, white, violating road laws; B. F. O'Quinn, white, and Clay Helm, white, drunk and disorderly; Fred Ferrell, Indian, violating road laws; Woodrow Sports, drunk and disorderly; and Roberta Ward, colored woman, drunk and disorderly.

Correction
Last week Charlie Goodman, young soldier stationed at Fort Moultrie, was erroneously classified as colored in the weekly review of the court proceedings. The News-Journal regrets this error. Goodman was involved in a highway accident while visiting his relatives at Shannon.

Gus Parker Hurt Seriously When Train Hits Car

Gus Parker, of near Rockfish, is in a Fayetteville hospital in critical condition as the result of driving his car on the A and R tracks near his home Saturday in the path of a train hauling supplies to Fort Bragg.

It was stated that the view at the point where the crash happened was clear and no explanation for his action could be obtained.

Engineer Fred Blue brought the train to a quick stop and Parker was picked up and carried on the train to the hospital where he has been in an unconscious condition since.

Fayetteville To Get Recreational Project

Fayetteville, March 11.—A \$350,000 defense-recreational project will be inaugurated here by Federal and municipal co-operation.

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Kiwanis May Sponsor Forum Series Here

Dr. Ralph Macdonald Speaker Thursday; Officers Entertained.

Ralph A. Macdonald, former national candidate and director of adult education for the UNC extension division, was the speaker at a meeting of the Kiwanis club here week at which army officers were entertained. Rev. H. K. J. E. Reamy was club.

The guests included half of the club.

Officers of the Kiwanis club were much interested in the forum plan, and it is expected that the club will agree to underwrite a series for Raeford and Hoke county when the matter comes up for action tonight. A number of Hoke county people have been participating in the forum discussions held last year and this year at Red Springs when such leading men as Dr. Herbert von Beckerath, of Duke, Dr. Woodhouse and Buchanan, of Chapel Hill, Prof. Henry Brandies, of Chapel Hill and Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of Davidson, have led the discussions of vital problems in which every citizen is interested.

Ft. Screven Unit Begins Maneuvers

Ft. Screven, Ga., March 11.—The second battalion of the 252nd Coast Artillery, under the command of Lieut. Col. Ralph Lewis, yesterday began a three-day maneuver that is the first of a series of maneuvers this battalion will have for the next few months.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis is being assisted by Maj. E. L. Faulkner, Captains E. K. Patterson, William Bloxton and E. R. Betts, who are in charge of their respective outfits.

The battalion is bivouacking on Wilmington Island.

The troops have set up cooking gas stoves in their trucks, and food is now prepared while the battalion is on the move.

Sack Exhibit To Be Sent To Washington

"A request has come from Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, for the cotton sack display prepared by the Pine Forest home demonstration club," says Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent.

Miss Current says: "In April an exhibit in connection with the cotton mattress program is to be put on in Washington, D. C. North Carolina is sending a mattress made by one of the families in the cotton mattress program, also a home made studio couch and various other articles of interest. I am wondering if you could send us your exhibit of articles made from cotton bags, so we may send it to Washington? I am sure it would be of interest to many people."

The Pine Forest club women are delighted with the request. The display was recently exhibited at the meeting of the National Cotton Council which was held in Annapolis, Md. in January. A request has also come to display the exhibit in various towns in May.