

Reduction Campaign Benefits Work Only If All Cooperate

The following article on the cotton reduction campaign is by F. H. Jeter, farm page editor of The Charlotte Observer, and appeared in that paper on Monday. Cotton growers here who are perplexed about the campaign now under way are urged to read it. Mr. Jeter says:

"What about the fellow who will not sign the contract. What are you planning to do with him? Can he plant the same acreage of cotton that he has always planted and be ready to cash in on the reduction made by co-operating growers?" These are some of the questions which have been fired at me in recent days. And the answers have not been prepared. Of course, public opinion will force many selfish growers into the ranks of the signers. The community should treat with contempt any man who fails to sign a reduction contract which has been planned for the good of the South as a whole and for which liberal payments are being provided by a sympathetic government.

But say that public opinion does not react and there will be a large number of growers who will not sign. Then, the purpose of the reduction program will be defeated and we will all go to the devil together next fall. Part of the good price we got for cotton last fall was based on the idea that the crop would be reduced this season. Part of the good price now being offered for cotton is based on the fact that growers co-operated to plow up 10,000,000 acres of the growing crop last summer and the buying market felt that the farmers would co-operate with their government again this year. If the growers do not co-operate, they will not only lose the benefit payments from the government but will get a low price again.

Therefore public opinion should cause every grower to have a part in this coming campaign. It will damage some of us. It is going to hurt me on my little place, but I have already signed a contract believing that it is only by the co-operation of every one that the greatest benefits will be obtained next fall. I am not so concerned about the rental payments for they are not anything to boast about. But I am concerned about what cotton will sell for this fall and with a surplus of 13 million bales in existence, we must cut production if we expect to get anything for our cotton.

Therefore, if any large number of growers fail to sign, the whole purpose of the program will be defeated. What will happen to these "folks?" The answer is simple. The Agricultural Adjustment act permits of a licensing system. It is entirely within the power of the Secretary of Agriculture to prevent a non-signer from selling his cotton on the market entirely or to permit him to sell only a given amount. Therefore, if I were a non-signer, I would be a little disturbed about what would happen to my cotton next fall.

Particularly would I be disturbed, under such a circumstance, after I had gone to the labor and expense of making the crop. It would be "just too bad" to grow a nice crop of cotton on a full acreage expecting to cash in on the reduction efforts of my fellow-citizens and then be caught with the crop. And I believe this will happen. I spent all of last week in Washington assisting with the cotton information program for the nation. While there, I asked certain questions of Mr. Cobb and others about what would happen to the non-signer. One of these men said he would be afraid to risk his money on producing a crop without signing a contract.

Bills have already been introduced in the Congress aimed at the non-cooperating grower. These bills may not pass but whether they pass or not the Secretary of Agriculture has been given authority to make the necessary rulings to secure a reduction in any basic cash crop. Cotton is such a crop and we can depend on it that the Secretary will see to it that the crop is reduced. If this reduction can not be secured by paying the growers the rental benefits of 3 1-2 cents a pound on his average production from 1928 to 1932 and guaranteeing him one cent a pound on 40 per cent of his production next fall, then other and more drastic steps will be taken. I believe of the two, I would rather co-operate and be paid for doing so.

\$40 to Millions



If you read it in a novel, you'd say the author had a highly-colored imagination, but here it is under oath. Charles W. Deeds, treasurer of United Aircraft Transportation Co., tells Senate committee probing air mail contracts how he received \$5,600,000 of aircraft stock with an initial outlay of \$40. His father is Colonel E. A. Deeds, war flier.

Reading Of News Leads Diversions

5,002 Persons Answering Questionnaire Prefer Newspaper And Magazine Reading.

New York, Jan. 18.—Newspaper and magazine reading was found to be the most popular diversion in the leisure hours of 5,002 persons answering a questionnaire of the National Recreation society.

Returns on the questionnaire, listing 94 activities, showed the 10 in which most persons participated in orders were reading newspapers and magazines, attending movies, visiting or entertaining others, reading fiction books, motoring, swimming, letter writing, reading non-fiction books and conversation. The survey covered 29 cities.

There were 3,977 listing newspaper and magazine reading and 2,735 listing conversation.

The same recreations were the ones engaged in most often. Orders of popularity differed with the exception of reading.

Things people wanted to do principally, in order of preference, were tennis, swimming, boating, playing golf, camping, caring for flower gardens, playing musical instruments, motoring, theater-going and ice skating.

Time Is Now Up For Tax Returns

Revenue Department Busily Checking Over Statements to See Who Has Obeyed Law.

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—With the time having expired for filing of tax reports by every retail merchant in the state, the State department of revenue today was busily engaged in checking over the filed statements and ascertaining if any merchants have not complied with the law.

Time for filing reports expired on January 15.

Every retail merchant in the state was required to file by that date a statement of his status in regard to the sales tax of three per cent.

Today A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, released an opinion from the office of Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general, giving the revenue department the power under the sales tax law to not only examine the books and accounts of retail merchants to see if they are complying with the law but also giving the department power to examine accounts and books of wholesalers and distributors who have made sales to the merchants.

A. A. F. Seawell, assistant attorney general wrote the opinion. Commenting on it, Maxwell said in a statement:

"Under this ruling the department of revenue will have access not only to the books and records of the retail merchant, but will have access to the records of all wholesalers and distributors to enable them to check the source of purchase by retail merchants.

"This section of the sales tax law, together with the ruling of the department, will furnish the department of revenue with every available assistance in collecting the sales tax revenues and in checking against merchants making returns as well as those who fail to make returns."

Quality Cotton Should Be Goal Of Farmers Now

Cabarrus Farm Agent Urges Farmers To Concentrate On Quality.

Concord, Jan. 18.—Now that cotton growers plan to reduce their acreage by 40 per cent this season, it will be wise to bend every effort

to grow quality cotton on the land they do cultivate, according to R. D. Goodman, county farm agent.

To secure the best results with various soils of the state, he advocates the following fertilizer mixtures:

An application of 500 to 600 lbs. per acre on sandy, loam, or sandy-loam soils on the coastal plain a mixture of 4 per cent nitrogen, 8 percent available phosphoric acid, and 4 per cent potash. About 15 to 20 per cent of the nitrogen should

be derived from cottonseed meal, fish scrap, dried blood, or slaughterhouse tankage. The remainder should come from such materials as sulphate of ammonia or nitrate of soda.

Average soils in the Piedmont section should have 500 to 600 pounds to the acre of a mixture containing 4 per cent nitrogen, 10 per cent phosphoric acid, and 4 per cent potash. Blackjack soils, however, should have a mixture of 4 per cent nitrogen, 8 per cent phosphoric acid,

and 8 per cent potash. Soils of the blackjack type require heavy potash applications to prevent cotton rust.

All soils high in organic matter should receive fertilizer with 25 to 50 per cent reductions in the nitrogen content. Highly organic soils are those on which soybeans, cowpeas, clover and such like have been turned under. There are also soils naturally high in organic content, such as the Portsmouth and the

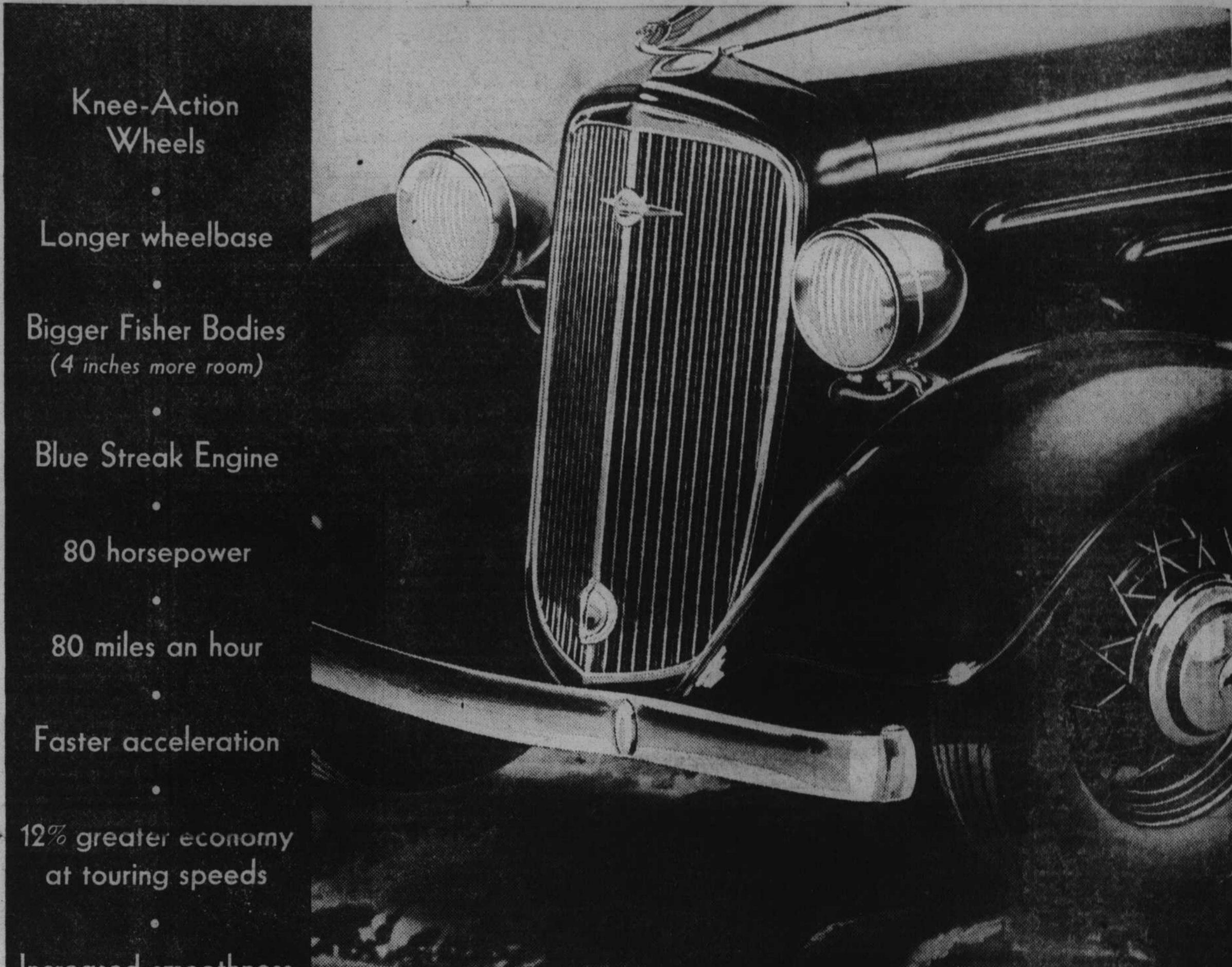
Bladen soils.

The farmers can determine for themselves, in a general way, whether the full ration of nitrogen is needed, Goodman said. Where the growth is too tall and rank, the soil has contained plenty of nitrogen. Where the growth has been excessive, it may be well to leave nitrogen out of the fertilizer mixtures altogether.

Program Announced For Baptist Church

The Rev. Clarence V. Martin, pastor of the Second Baptist church, announces the following program for Sunday:

9:45 a. m. Bible school. 11:00 public worship. Sermon by the pastor on the subject: "Investing Wisely." 6:00 p. m. B.Y.P.U. 7:00 song and prayer service; 7:30 sermon by the pastor on the subject, "Mrs. Lot."



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Hit-Run Driver Kills Two Persons

Wilson, Jan. 16.—Two pedestrians were killed by a hit-and-run automobile on the Wilson-Smithfield highway and despite an intensive search by officers no trace of the death car had been found late today.

The victims were J. M. Best, 50-year-old Wayne county man, and Charity May Marlowe, 25-year-old woman. Best's skull was crushed and he died almost instantly. Miss Marlowe died shortly after being brought to a hospital here.