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Sheffield Explains Cotton Situation

Speaker Holds Attention of Everyone Present

Chas. A. Sheffield, Assistant to the Director of Agriculture in North Carolina, the man who had charge of the Cotton Control Plan in the State of North Carolina, is so thoroughly familiar with the subject on which he spoke at the Rotary Club dinner on Tuesday night that every word of his address was interesting to his hearers, who included a representative gathering of farmers and business men of the county.

Mr. Sheffield said that two or three years ago, going back to 1928 and 1929, there were in this country fifty millions of people who were gainfully employed. Of this fifty million, ten million were farmers and forty million derived their income from other sources. He said that we as farmers are particularly interested in this group of forty million people because it is their income that we farmers are dependent upon to receive our income from.

He said that we went through the depression, the worst in probably a lifetime, and as a result we saw millions of people become unemployed, and by 1930 more than thirteen million were unemployed and the incomes of factory workers and others in this country had decreased until their income was only fifty per cent of what they were receiving in 1928 and 1929. We were interested in their purchasing power as it affects farmers' sales power. Of these forty million people there were approximately one third of them out of work. And during that period, of course, we know what happened to industry. We know that industry had a national policy, that they recognized, and rightfully so, that due to the fact that they were organized when the depression came on and they could no longer sell their products, they closed down, in some instances completely; in many instances operated more or less on short time. In other words, they adjusted their production to consumption. When the automobile manufacturer could no longer sell automobiles they cut down on the production of automobiles.

The speaker then asked what was happening to Agriculture during this period. He said that in the years from 1925 to 1929 we planted in America around 360 million acres of land, and from 1929 to 1932 we planted 360 million acres of land. So the farmers, these ten million farmers of America, were producing a normal supply of produce and here they were with a normal supply of produce to sell to forty million people whose incomes were just about half of what they had been.

It was at this time that the Government stepped in to try to assist the American farmer. The speaker then outlined how the Secretary of Agriculture was given authority to administer the Agricultural Adjustment Act, with the power, if he saw fit, to license each farmer in America, and stated that the Secretary of Agriculture could not only license each farmer but he had the power to tell him how much he could produce and how much he could sell. He said the Secretary elected instead to ask the farmers to voluntarily cooperate.

In brief, the purpose was to take out of cultivation in the United States approximately fifty million acres of land. He told how, through voluntary cooperation, cotton was ploughed up in 1933 and that between thirteen and fourteen million acres of cotton was thus taken out of cultivation in that year. He also said how the price of cotton advanced from five and a half cents to around ten cents in that year.

He told of the difficulties encountered during the signing of the cotton acreage contracts, but said the job was done well in proportion to the number of different people working together.

Coming down to right at home, Perquimans County planted in 1934 under this adjustment program more cotton than was planted in 1933 when we were free to plant all we wanted, the speaker said. We have been able to market tax free approximately the same number of bales produced in the county in 1932.

The speaker told of the passing of the Bankhead Act and something of his own activities in connection with the same, its advantages and how it had affected the farmers, giving a lot of interesting figures to prove the statement.

HIT OR MISS

A quick purchase was the result of the classified ad run in The Perquimans Weekly last week by Mrs. R. A. White, who advertised for a bicycle and bought one before the week was out.

One Hertford woman has settled the problem of what to give four of her absent friends for Christmas by ordering The Perquimans Weekly sent to them. That's an idea. Maybe you would like to send the home newspaper to some one who likes to keep up with the happenings in Perquimans.

Plumbers appear the most popular group of men right now, with wood and coal dealers running a close second.

The following is copied from The Grit:

"When you have a hard job to do and do it, you become just that much harder to be licked and counted out. These are the times when you must stiffen your own back, and also prop up a lot of weak-kneed people who falter under adversity."

This one was told by Chas. A. Sheffield, assistant to the Director of Agriculture, who spoke at the Rotary Club dinner on Tuesday night.

A school teacher decided that the best way to conquer a certain boy in the class who was pretty unruly was to get him up before the class and ask him some difficult questions, so one day she called the youngster up and had him stand before her and began asking him questions. The little fellow got along all right for a while. He could answer the questions all right and seemed to be having a good time until the teacher asked one question which stumped him. She asked him who invented the first talking machine. The boy hesitated at first, and then he said, "Teacher, I have it. The Lord made the first talking machine, but Thomas A. Edison invented the first talking machine that could be shut off."

With three snow falls within the week, we seem to be in the grip of real winter. On Friday of last week Perquimans got its first snow. To be sure, it was very light, but some of it remained when the second snow came on Monday afternoon. Although the sun came out on Tuesday afternoon and it looked like the sky was all clear again, the third snow fell early Tuesday night. This is written on Wednesday, when the sun is shining, but it is so cold that little of the snow is melting. It begins to look like we are to have real winter. The mercury dropped to 17 on Tuesday night, and at 3:30 this morning it stood at 18.

Rev. Monds To Preach At Baptist Church

Rev. R. S. Monds has accepted an invitation to preach at the Hertford Baptist Church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, and also at the 7:30 service on Sunday night.

On the following Sunday, which is the 23rd, Rev. L. R. O'Brian, of Wilmington, has been invited to preach. Definite announcement will be made for the service on this date for the Baptist Church, which is at present without a pastor, in next week's issue of this newspaper.

Christmas Saving Club Pays Members \$4,000

Four thousand dollars in Christmas Savings checks was paid out to members of the Christmas Savings Club by the Hertford Banking Co., last week, enough money to buy a lot of lovely things for Christmas.

As a matter of fact, the amount lacked 7 cents being four thousand dollars, the exact amount being \$3,993.33.

He said, in concluding, that it was his belief that the farmers would decide on Friday, when they voted on whether or not to continue the Bankhead Act, whether or not they would adopt a long time national policy.

He stated that in this county the farmers got from their cotton crop in 1932 \$80,659 from seed and lint, and in this year they had received \$317,456, and that it will be nearer \$400,000 when we get through.

JAMES DELMAS WHITE DIES AFTER ACCIDENT

Fatally Injured In Auto Wreck Near Robersonville

James Delmas White, 26, a native of Hertford, died at the Edgcombe Hospital in Rocky Mount, at 12 o'clock Friday night, following an automobile accident which occurred around 6 o'clock in the evening, near Robersonville, in which another young man was killed outright and two others seriously injured.

Mr. White, who was driving a Ford Coupe, was said to have been blinded by the bright lights of an approaching car and failed to see a truck which was struck by his car. The Ford was said to have been demolished.

Mr. White was the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. White, of Hertford, and was a young man of splendid character and attainments. He was a graduate of the Hertford High School, and was graduated from Wake Forest College in the class of 1929. Shortly after graduation he secured a position as manager of one of the chain stores of the G. C. Murphy Co., at Jamette, Pa., from which place he was promoted to a position in one of their Pittsburg, Pa., stores, and later was given a place at Bellefontaine, Ohio. In August of 1933 he purchased the mercantile business of J. L. Tucker, at Robersonville, where he was located at the time of his death, and where he was making a fine success.

Funeral services and interment took place at Franklinton, the former home of his wife, on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large crowd of friends and relatives, many of them from this section.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Laurie Pearce, two small daughters, Shirley Anne and Barbara; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. White, of Hertford; two brothers, Robert White, of Leaksville; four sisters, Mrs. N. C. Barefoot, of Morehead City; Mrs. Boyd Collins, of Elizabethtown, and Misses Mattie Gatling and Jeanne White, of Hertford.

Legal Talent Secured In Local \$50,000 Suit

Thompson & Wilson, of Elizabeth City, are representing the plaintiff, and McMullan & McMullan, of Elizabeth City, and Whedbee & Whedbee, of Hertford, represent the defendant, in the fifty-thousand dollar damage suit recently filed in Perquimans Superior Court by L. W. Anderson against Dr. T. P. Brinn, wherein the plaintiff alleges that the removal of a mole from the person of Mrs. Marie C. Anderson, the wife of the plaintiff, by the physician, resulted in a condition which caused the death of Mrs. Anderson. In an answer filed by the defendant these allegations are denied.

Mrs. Anderson died in November of 1933.

Colored Musicians To Render Recital Dec. 17

Two gifted colored musicians are to appear in recital at the Colored High School in Hertford on December 17, at 8:00 P. M.

Ethel Wilkins, totally blind, and Millard Vaughan, partially blind, both graduates of the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Raleigh, are said to be splendid entertainers. Millard Vaughan will give a number of dramatic presentations in monologue, and will sing various popular song hits as well as folk songs and jazz. He will be accompanied at the piano by Ethel Wilkins.

A small admission fee will be charged and the proceeds will go to the school. The public is cordially invited and special reserved seats will be provided for the white people.

ONLY ONE CASE BEFORE RECORDER ON TUESDAY

There was only one case tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, that against L. W. Anderson, charged with speeding and reckless driving. Mr. Anderson pleaded not guilty and made the statement that he did not hear the siren which patrolmen testified sounded to stop him, as his car was closed up at the time.

The defendant was notified that he would be required to pay a fine of \$25 in this case if convicted within two years of speeding.

COUNCIL BANS PARKING ON CHURCH STREET

Ordinance Passed Regulating Other Parking Privileges

No parking will be allowed on Church Street, between the Bridge and McCrary Street, after January 1st. This and other parking regulations are included in the ordinance passed at the meeting of the Town Commissioners on Monday night, to take effect on January 1.

Specific mention is made of parking regulations on all streets, with the provision that no parking will be allowed except within the area designated by markings on the various streets.

A fine of three dollars will be imposed upon conviction of the parking law violation.

Section Without State Highway Patrolman

This vicinity is entirely without highway patrol. G. I. Dail, the patrolman formerly located at Edenton, who patrolled the State highway between Winfall, in this County, and Windsor, has been transferred to Goldsboro, where he has been located since the first of December.

That one patrolman is to be allotted this side of the Albemarle Sound, to be stationed at Elizabeth City, was learned this week. Just what portion of the several counties this officer will be required to cover on his beat is unknown. He will, however, be the only patrolman between the Chowan Bridge and Manteo.

Bethel Y. W. A. Meets With Mrs. W. P. Long

The Y. W. A.'s of Bethel Baptist Church met Friday night at the home of Mrs. W. P. Long. The meeting was opened by singing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The Scripture was given by the president, Miss Addie Mae Ward. The program "Back to Bethlehem" was given by several members.

Those present were Misses Pence Ward, Ruth Mansfield, Addie Mae Ward, Katherine Fleetwood, Lula Mae Mansfield, Easter Ward and Mrs. Freeman Long; Charles Ward, Ambrose Long, Ernest Long, Josiah Proctor and Freeman Long.

At the close of the meeting fruit and candy was served. The next meeting will be held with Miss Katherine Fleetwood in January.

Woman's Club Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday

Members of the Hertford Woman's Club are notified that the December meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday of next week, December 18. The meeting time is changed in order to make Christmas plans for the club.

The theme of the meeting is Christmas decorations, and the program is in charge of Mrs. R. T. White, chairman of the Garden Department. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Alfred Rountree Honored At Party

Mrs. Alfred Rountree, of Route One, was honored at a delightful surprise birthday party on Monday night, given by her two daughters, Mrs. I. T. Mansfield and Mrs. John R. Hill, the occasion being Mrs. Rountree's forty-seventh birthday.

The large birthday cake was decorated with candles.

Those present included, besides Mrs. and Mrs. Rountree, Mrs. Ben Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Proctor and children, Mrs. M. E. Dail and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. John Rogerson and child, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and little son, Billie, and Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Mansfield and children. Ice cream and cake were served.

PLAN TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN

County Superintendent of Education F. T. Johnson, in the capacity of Welfare, met a representative of the State Welfare Department, Mr. Springer, here last Thursday, with a view to giving assistance to crippled persons. Steps will be taken to give aid wherever surgical aid can help, and to place in positions of gainful employment any who can be so placed.

Hertford Rotarians Hold "Farmer's Night"

WARNING

Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., stated in open court on Tuesday morning that he was serving notice on automobile drivers in Perquimans County that after January 1st anybody who is convicted in his court of reckless driving or speeding, might as well bring along their clothes, ready to go away, or bring twenty-five dollars to pay his fine, as he expects to either fine them or send them to the roads.

Womanless Wedding At School On Friday

A Womanless Wedding is to take place at the Perquimans High School on Friday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, when the public is invited.

Superintendent F. T. Johnson is to be the bride, and Julian Thach the groom. That the affair will be no end of fun is the opinion of those in the know.

There will be bridesmaids, flower girls, maids of honor, matrons of honor, soloists, and all that goes to make up a big wedding.

A small admission fee will be charged.

The public is cordially invited.

WREATHS WILL BE JUDGED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The women of Hertford who make holly wreaths for decorating their homes are requested to bring these wreaths to the Woman's Club meeting on Tuesday afternoon, December 18, to be entered for judging. A committee from out of town will judge the wreaths and blue ribbons will be awarded to the best. The wreaths will be returned to the owners after the club meeting.

The Woman's Club is very anxious to see Hertford beautifully decorated for Christmas. This refers to homes as well as public places. And in order to get the best effect, it is suggested that the decorating of the various places of business be done early. Already most of the stores have been gaily decorated, and the business section of the town begins to take on a festive look.

Colored Woman Shot Accidentally Sunday

Investigation of the shooting of a colored woman of the Nicanor section of the county on Sunday night by her husband disclosed that the shooting was accidental.

The woman, whose name is Estella Wade, was shot in the lower portion of the left leg, practically the entire load of shot going through the leg, according to Dr. W. B. Sharp, local colored physician who is attending the woman. Some of the shot, according to Dr. Sharp, were deeply embedded in the muscles of the leg and could not be removed.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow, who investigated the matter upon report being made to him that a woman had been shot by her husband, was told by the woman that she was in the yard, when she saw something and called to her husband to bring the shotgun. She said that as he started through the door the gun evidently was struck against the side of the door causing it to accidentally discharge. Both the woman and her husband, Eugene Wade, told the same story.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE DEC. 21 FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas holidays for the Perquimans County schools will begin on Friday, December 21, and will last until Wednesday, January 2, according to an announcement made by County Superintendent F. T. Johnson, this week.

CALLED TO DURHAM

Miss Mary Glasson, of the Perquimans High School faculty, is in Durham, where she was called Sunday because of the serious condition of her father, Dr. W. H. Glasson, Dean of the Graduate School of Duke University. Dr. Glasson was injured in an automobile accident on Friday of last week. His condition is said to be unimproved.

COTTON GROWERS VOTE

Cotton growers all over the South today will vote in the referendum to decide whether or not the Bankhead Act will continue in force.

Forty-five Attend Affair Held In Interest Of Farmers

"Farmers Night" at the Rotary Club on Tuesday night was a great occasion, with covers laid for forty-five, and a fine dinner served by the Hotel Hertford.

L. W. Anderson, who was chairman of the program secured as speaker for the occasion Chas. A. Sheffield, assistant to the Director of Agriculture in North Carolina, and in introducing the speaker Mr. Anderson frankly remarked that when he invited Mr. Sheffield he really didn't expect to be able to get him to come.

Before the serving of the dinner, as the group were gathered around the tables, "America" was sung, with L. W. Anderson leading the singing and Mrs. R. M. Riddick at the piano, after which J. M. Copeland, of Belvidere, asked a blessing.

After the guests were seated "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" was sung, after which the first course was served. At the close of this time A. W. Hefren announced that it was time for the stunt. He called for Dr. C. A. Davenport, Dr. Luther H. Butler and E. W. Lordley and handed them each a broom, which he asked them to "climb." The "climbing" was done with the fingers of the right hand alone. Dr. Butler won the contest and was presented with a miniature pair of pajamas.

At the end of the last course Mr. Sheffield was introduced by Mr. Anderson, and the address of the evening was made. An outline of the address appears elsewhere in this newspaper.

Those present included J. E. Winslow, Roy S. Chappell, J. M. Fleetwood, E. M. Perry, S. D. Banks, J. C. Baker, L. W. Anderson, H. C. Stokes, Dr. E. S. White, W. E. White, Mrs. W. E. White, E. D. Mathews, Geo. W. Alexander, D. S. Darden, Geo. W. Nowell, F. T. Johnson, W. E. Dail, J. H. Baker, A. W. Hefren, Dempsey Winslow, John T. Lane, T. S. White, C. P. Morris, Wm. C. Chappell, John T. Wood, A. T. Lane, J. A. White, J. C. Blanchard, S. M. Whedbee, J. W. Jackson, Chas. Johnson, R. T. Brinn, B. W. Thach, Percy Rogerson, Dr. C. A. Davenport, J. M. Nurney, Ernest White, E. W. Lordley, J. C. White, Jr., Joe Nowell, E. T. White and Dr. Luther Butler.

Fannie Everett Dies After Long Illness

Fannie Everett, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Everett, died at the home of her parents, at New Hope on Friday, December 7, after a long and tedious illness.

Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday afternoon, with the Rev. Mr. J. W. Dimette, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church, officiating. Burial took place in the family burying ground near White Hat.

Fannie was a bright and attractive child, who was a favorite with a large circle of friends. Her patience under her long illness was remarkable and there were many saddened hearts in her circle of friends when the end came.

She is survived by her parents, by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Butts, and by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Everett, all of New Hope.

In the death of Fannie, Mr. and Mrs. Everett have lost the last of their two children, their little son having died two years ago.

PRESIDING ELDER TO PREACH AT LOCAL CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. J. H. McCracken, of Elizabethtown, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, will preach at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning at the Hertford M. E. Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

TO MEET WITH TEACHERS

Miss Juanita McDouglas, one of the State Supervisors of Schools, will be in Hertford on Thursday of this week, to attend a committee meeting of teachers which is called to arrange a physical education program.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Ursula Bateman, case worker for the Perquimans County E. R. A., is a patient at the Protestant Hospital, in Norfolk, Va., where she underwent an operation last week for appendicitis.