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Death AAA Worries Perquimans Farmers

Over \$75,000 Was Received Locally Under Plan In Year

HOPE FOR BEST

Farmers Unwilling to Return to Former Conditions

After the great crop control program had been in operation for two and a half years, with more than a billion and two million dollars having been paid to the farmers of the United States for crop reduction, the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday handed down the decision that the Agricultural Adjustment Act was unconstitutional.

While the immediate effects of the decision of the Supreme Court were such that the leaders of the AAA were stunned by the over-throw of the great plan for the relief of the farmers of the nation, the reaction everywhere was that some substitute must be found and that there must be some way provided for a substitute program.

Dean I. O. Schaub, of the Agricultural Extension Department of State College, was quoted as saying "we are faced with a serious situation," further remarking that the people would not be willing to go back to the same situation which prevailed prior to 1933. It will, he is quoted as saying, mean unlimited production, and five-cent cotton and eight-cent tobacco.

"A way must and can be found" was the declaration of member after member of the North Carolina delegation in Congress when the announcement was made on Monday of the Supreme Court's decision.

While L. W. Anderson, County Agent of Perquimans, who has had charge of the crop control program of the county, and W. E. White, assistant to the Cotton Administrator, both received telegrams on Tuesday morning instructing them to cease all operations in connection with the crop control situation, many local people expressed the opinion that some measures would be taken by the government to carry on some kind of a crop adjustment program.

Six of the members of the Supreme Court voted that the Agricultural Adjustment Act is unconstitutional, while the other three dissented. The dissenting members were Justice Stone, Justice Brandeis and Justice Cardozo.

During the two and a half years in which the AAA program was in effect the price of farm products had increased greatly. The value of the crops in North Carolina, exclusive of livestock, rose from \$98,000,000 in 1932 to \$262,000,000 in 1934.

The commodities which more generally affected the people of Perquimans were cotton, peanuts, corn and pork.

In a report made to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday by L. W. Anderson, County Agent, it was shown that \$75,148.02 was paid to the farmers of Perquimans from December 1, 1934 to December 1, 1935, in rentals and parity payments, which included cotton contract, peanut contract and corn-hog contracts. Of these the latter was in the minority, as cotton and peanuts rank first among the crops grown in this county.

Representative Lindsey Warren was the first member of either branch of Congress to take the floor after the decision of the Supreme Court was handed down on Monday. His remarks as officially reported follow: "Mr. Warren: 'Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court of the United States has just handed down its opinion declaring the Agricultural Adjustment Act to be unconstitutional (applause). I would like for it to be noted that the applause comes entirely from the Republican side of the House.'

"This decision of the Court will be received with consternation and amazement by millions of farmers throughout this land who have been benefited by the first constructive program that any Congress or any administration has ever proposed in their behalf (applause). It comes to them as a sickening and deadly blow. 'Regardless of Court opinions, Mr. Speaker, I believe there are enough members of the present Congress who are so deeply interested in the welfare of the American farmer, that they will keep this Congress in session until Christmas, if necessary, to write upon the sta-

Outstanding AAA Checks Will Be Paid

A notice was issued by the secretary of the treasury of the United States on Tuesday that all outstanding checks of the AAA will be paid. For the most part, these checks were cashed very shortly after they were distributed but there are still a number still not presented for payment.

Preparing Building For New Rose Store

Workmen are engaged in making over the store formerly occupied by the Grocery Sales Company and owned by Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr., which will be occupied by Rose's Five, Ten and Twenty-five Cent Store.

The Rose people, with eighty stores in five southern states, have leased the building from Mrs. Towe and have their crew of mechanics at work there. In addition to considerable repairing, which will probably include re-roofing the building and other major repairs, the front will be changed, with specially arranged show windows, and other improvements will be made.

It will probably be several weeks before the building will be in condition for the store to open.

Negro Murderer Is Caught In Perquimans

George Riddick, colored, wanted in Virginia for a double murder, was located near Okisko this week but when Pasquotank officers went to make an investigation he disappeared in the woods. Sheriff Winslow was notified on Tuesday afternoon that the man was probably hiding in the woods or swamp on this side of the line between the two counties of Perquimans and Pasquotank. He deputized four men and conducted a search. The fugitive was captured by Pasquotank officers late that night, and turned over to Virginia authorities.

Riddick is said to have murdered a colored woman and a man near Virginia Beach five months ago, and for most of that time has been living near Okisko without suspicion on the part of the people of the community.

List Processing Tax Dropped By Ruling

Processing taxes killed by Monday's decision of the Supreme Court that the Agricultural Adjustment Act was unconstitutional included the following:

Wheat, 30 cents per bushel; Cotton, 4.2 cents per pound; Corn, 5 cents per bushel; Hogs, \$2.25 per hundredweight; Rye, 30 cents per bushel. Tobacco, varied by types from \$1.98 cents on flue cured to 3.5 cents a pound on burley. Sugar, 1/2 cent a pound; Peanuts, 1 cent per pound;

Local Democrats At Jackson Day Dinner

Several car-loads of local Democrats journeyed to Elizabeth City on Wednesday night to attend the Jackson Day dinner held at the Virginia Dare Hotel.

cut books legislation that will repair this damage. The farmers of the nation will never return to the economic slavery that existed prior to 1933 (applause)."

While the supporters of the AAA program were attempting to devise plans by which the efforts already put forth for the benefit of the farmer would not be wasted, the textile manufacturers were, on the whole, said to have been pleased with the situation and determined not to let the price of their product decline, even though the processing tax was removed by the court's decision.

Thomas H. Webb, of Concord, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, expressed the hope that "not a single cotton mill in America will cut prices as a result of the decision."

Other big mill men took the same stand. "What the result will be in the way of price changes of manufactured goods or raw products only time will tell.

RURAL SECTION WILL PROBABLY GET ELECTRICITY

Lines Likely Built to Chapanoke, Belvidere And New Hope

MUCH INTEREST

Plan Up For Discussion At Whiteston Next Wednesday

That the rural electrification plan will result in electric current being supplied to at least two, and probably three, of the rural sections of Perquimans is indicated.

Chapanoke residents will probably have a line extended to that neighborhood in the near future, and it is highly probable that Belvidere residents will receive this benefit sometime during the summer. New Hope, also, will probably secure a line to that community.

At a meeting held at the courthouse on Wednesday morning, attended by some seventy interested persons, D. E. Jones, representing the Agricultural Extension Service of State College, Raleigh, was present and discussed and explained the requirements for getting an electric line extended in the community, where it is desired, and gave the details of what was necessary to be done.

Present also were R. L. Ware, R. G. Blair and John Hill, representing the Virginia Electric Power Company. Messrs. Blair and Ware also made some enlightening remarks on the subject.

Present plans indicate that the line will be extended to Chapanoke from Woodville in the near future.

A meeting is to be held at Whiteston School on Wednesday night of next week, to discuss the matter with the Whiteston people of extending the line to that community also.

Mr. Blair, of the Virginia Electric Power Co., L. W. Anderson and Dr. E. S. White, of Belvidere, expect to go over the proposed line to Belvidere on Wednesday and make a resurvey for the benefit of the Virginia Electric Power Company.

Judge Shaw Holds First Court In County

Judge Thomas J. Shaw of Greensboro, will preside at the January term of Perquimans Superior Court which convenes in Hertford on Monday of next week. This will be Judge Shaw's first court in Perquimans County.

This term is for the trial of civil cases only and no state matters will be taken up at this time. There are already several state cases docketed for the April term of court, which is a mixed term, for the trial of both civil and criminal matters, and these must wait until April.

The last term of Superior Court was held in Perquimans in October.

Hertford Druggist Possessor Of 94-Year-Old Newspaper

One of the decisions handed down by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 1842 was that in the case of *Mixon vs. Coffield*, from Chowan County.

This and other interesting items appear in the ninety-four-year-old copy of the "Hillsborough Reader," No. 1189, Vol. 22, published at Hillsborough and dated September 1, 1842, which is the property of J. G. Roberson, Hertford druggist.

Mr. Roberson's mother preserved the old newspaper which was found in the effects of her father, Mangum Cate, of Hillsborough, many years ago. Mr. Roberson treasures the old newspaper, which carries advertisements for runaway slaves and numerous interesting legal advertisements, as well as listing for sale many varieties of fine bombazine, challies, and other materials in vogue a hundred years ago.

That everybody did not pay their newspaper subscription price in advance in those days is evinced by a notice which sets forth that the subscription price is three dollars per year, two and a half dollars if paid in advance.

There are few cuts shown of the articles advertised; here and there a horse, a small house, a watch or two and some clocks being pictured, but otherwise the paper is reading matter.

HERTFORD P.O. IS AGAIN RETURNED TO SECOND CLASS

Local Office Placed In Third Class During Depression

BUSINESS BETTER

New Rating Will Not Be In Effect Until July First

The Hertford Postoffice becomes a second class office on July 1, after having for the past five years been third class.

The Hertford postoffice ranked third class for many years prior to 1924, when, due to an increase in the business of the office, it was placed in the second class. This continued for only six years, however, and in 1930, as the depression began to be felt in the Town of Hertford, the condition reflected in the postoffice and business fell off to the extent that the office reverted to third class.

J. E. Morris, who has held the position of postmaster in Hertford since July 1, 1934, announced this week that once more the business of the office has increased to the extent that on July first it again becomes second class.

The Postmaster and the employees of the office will benefit materially by the promotion in the rank of the office, as salaries are increased.

All assistants in a second class office are required to serve under civil service, which is not the case in a third class postoffice.

Mrs. R. H. Willis Very Ill At Home Of Sister

Friends and relatives of Mrs. R. H. Willis were grieved to learn on Monday of her sudden serious illness. There has been little or no improvement as yet.

Mrs. Willis was visiting her sister, Mrs. P. L. Bostick, in Raleigh, where she had spent Christmas, when she was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage, the attack occurring Monday morning while she was at the breakfast table. She was at once rendered unconscious.

Mrs. Willis was taken to the Rex Hospital, and her brother, J. C. Blanchard, and Mrs. Blanchard, went at once to Raleigh. They returned home on Tuesday night and reported that while Mrs. Willis showed some temporary improvement, when she recognized her relatives and was conscious, her condition is very grave.

LEAVES FOR VIRGINIA

E. J. Broughton, whose business interests take him to Norfolk, Va., at this season of the year, will leave Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Broughton, to spend the next five or six months in the Virginia city.

Enlarge Unit Public Welfare For County

Perquimans Folks Are Law-Abiding

Patrolman George I. Dail, who has arrested 22 persons since the New Year, fifteen in Chowan and seven in Bertie County, for driving without 1936 license, says he has not seen one single motorist driving in Perquimans County without 1936 license displayed.

SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY

Crowded Calendar Prepared by W. H. Pitt, Perquimans County Clerk of Court

The January term of Perquimans Superior Court will convene next Monday, January 13, with Judge Thos. J. Shaw of Greensboro presiding. The following calendar has been prepared by W. H. Pitt, clerk of Superior Court:

Monday, January 13

J. C. Blanchard et al vs. J. B. Basnight.

Blanchard-Newby Motor Co. vs. W. L. Wood.

Everleen Skinner vs. Booker T. Felton.

Sarah E. White vs. Milton Skinner.

Hertford Banking Co. vs. L. N. Hollowell et al.

Annie Small Harrell vs. Richard Steward.

Mildred J. Perry vs. Watson Eure.

Tuesday, January 14

Eastern Cotton Oil Co. vs. Hines Estate.

Eastern Cotton Oil Co. vs. K. R. Winslow.

J. Broughton & Bro. vs. W. G. Wright.

Mrs. Gladys Cropsey vs. W. L. Wood.

Lydia G. Whedbee vs. J. F. Winslow.

First & Citizens National Bank vs. J. S. Trueblood.

Eastern Cotton Oil Co. vs. F. F. Pollard.

Edna Colson, Administratrix, vs. J. R. Parker.

Lillie Belle Brinn, Administratrix, vs. White & Co.

Wednesday, January 15

Hollowell Chevrolet Co. vs. Joseph Small.

Sallie J. Kirby vs. Sidney Jessup, Administrator.

W. E. Mathews vs. E. M. Perry, et al.

C. O. Fowler vs. N. E. Chappell.

George H. Winslow vs. Neil Spruill.

W. A. Butts vs. W. H. Holly, et al.

Thursday, January 16

W. A. Williams vs. R. L. Dunn.

LeRoy Spruill vs. R. L. Wood, et al.

Louise Campbell vs. American Fidelity Co.

In Re: Motion of W. G. Edwards.

Motions in any cause to be heard at the pleasure of the court.

Cases not reached on day set take precedence on next day's calendar.

Schedule Arranged For Club Meetings

The time and places for the meetings of the various home demonstration clubs in Perquimans have been announced by Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent, as follows:

The Chapanoke Club will meet on Tuesday, January 7; the Winfall Club on Wednesday, January 8; the Whiteston Club on Thursday, January 9; the Hunter's Fork Club on Friday, January 10; the Ballahack Club on Monday, January 13; the Beech Spring Club on Tuesday, January 14; the Durants Neck Club on Wednesday, January 15; the Woodville Club on Thursday, January 16; the Bethel Club on Friday, January 17.

A one hundred percent attendance at these meetings is desired by Miss Hamrick, as the leaders of the various clubs will be appointed at the January meeting for the coming year.

A demonstration of coffee-making is to be made by Miss Hamrick at this time also.

Secretary Wallace Calls For Meeting Of Leaders

Secretary Henry A. Wallace has called a meeting of 70 agricultural leaders in Washington on Friday and Saturday of this week to discuss new plans in reference to the situation brought about by the collapse of the Triple A program when the Supreme Court pronounced the AAA unconstitutional.

Arrange For New Set-Up and Definite Plan Of Work

STATE-WIDE

Miss Ruth Davenport Named Case Worker In County

An enlarged county unit of public welfare is in process of being set up this week in Perquimans, in accordance with a State-wide plan, with Miss Ruth Davenport, of Elizabeth City, in charge as case worker, under the County Superintendent of Public Welfare F. T. Johnson.

James T. Barnes, one of the six field representatives of the State, was in Hertford this week, conferring with Mr. Johnson with reference to the new set-up and making plans for the work.

Miss Davenport has also arrived and at present has her quarters in the old ERA office in the old Carolina Bank Building. This arrangement, however, is only temporary, as the Board of County Commissioners on Monday authorized the renting of two offices on the second floor of the building occupied by Darden Bros., and on February first the Welfare Unit as well as the WPA Unit will occupy these offices.

With reference to the Welfare work in the County, F. T. Johnson, as Welfare Officer of the County, received a letter from Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Welfare, stating that, in submitting to the FERA a request for the final relief grant to North Carolina, Governor Ehringhaus asked that sufficient funds be included for the purpose in integrating the remaining relief activities with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the local welfare units. Accordingly, she said, when the budget was set up, funds were earmarked for that purpose.

The letter further stated that the funds thus made available make possible the strengthening of the State and county welfare units now being charged with the responsibility of meeting relief needs not only of the unemployed, but those employable not yet absorbed through WPA. Establishment of active welfare units in the one hundred counties of the State, stated Mrs. Bost, is now under way.

In addition to the routine duties of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, the enlarged county unit will be responsible for certification of relief clients of WPA, the CCC camp, resettlement, etc.

Under the arrangement, it is stated, the State Board, through six additional field representatives, under a trained social service director, will be enabled to render constructive social services of real value to the local units.

Mrs. Bost stated in her letter to Mr. Johnson that this expanded program calls for the united efforts of the social workers of the entire State if it is to be made a success, and asked for the full support and cooperation of the Welfare Agent to that end.

Sunday School Class Elects New Officers

New officers for the coming year were elected at the meeting of the Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church, which was held on Monday evening in the Sunday School room, with Mrs. Kermit Lane as hostess, and Mrs. Sidney Layden and Miss Edna Layden in charge of the program.

The new officers elected were: Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president; Mrs. Josiah Elliott, vice president; Miss Bennie Wood, secretary; Mrs. William Boyce, assistant secretary; Miss Madge Powell, pianist; Mrs. Charles Johnson, treasurer.

The following committees were also named: Enlistment committee, Misses Lucille Sutton, Madge Powell and Margaret Madge; visiting committee, Misses Edna Layden, Mattie Lou Lane and Katherine Campen; sick committee, Miss Arnie Lane, Mrs. Kermit Lane and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served by the hostess during the social hour which followed the meeting.

A Surprise in Every Package
Rooster—What's the trouble with Molly Leghorn
Cockerel—Shell shock. When her eggs hatched, out came ducks.