

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

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Development of new uses for agricultural commodities offers some hope for future improvement in farm conditions. It is one of the most important things that the Federal Government is doing for the farmer. To the South, it will mean new demands for farm products, new industries and new fields of employment. As the Government has helped agriculture through better weather reporting, insect and pest control and the handling of surpluses, it is now strengthening its experiments in finding new uses for surplus products.

While the value of this large-scale research cannot be overestimated and carries benefits that accrue to business and industry as well as the farmer, it is a type of Federal activity that gets too little public attention. It is not headline news. Only when some new and revolutionary discovery is made do our people generally learn of the effort made.

President Roosevelt has shown a high degree of interest in the development of new uses of southern agricultural products. In connection with pending legislation to establish a regional research laboratory for this purpose, the President suggested that the states cooperate to the extent of providing buildings and grounds, saying: "I consider the aims and purposes of the project highly meritorious and would be willing to favor the Federal Government doing its part to further them."

More recently, the Government has set aside \$100,000 to be used for experimenting with a view to expanding the use of cotton and cotton products. A wide variety and novel fields are undoubtedly available for the use of cotton, ranging from windbreaks to control soil-blowing to its use in the building of highways, which has won widespread attention. There is some reason for the belief that when new farm legislation is drafted it will contain a provision for the establishment of regional research laboratories to find new uses for farm products. Where those laboratories will be located is yet to be decided, but whether in North Carolina or elsewhere the benefits to farmers will be equal.

There are many possibilities for the extension of present uses of agricultural products in industry. Already research is underway that indicates that large quantities of sweet potatoes may be used to manufacture starches used in the textile industry and now imported. New oils, new chemicals, can be produced on the farm. Some chemists say that there is even some possibility of synthesizing rubber from the forest product turpentine.

New industrial products having special properties are expected from the processing of vegetable oils, such as linseed, soybean and tung oils. Industrial plants are always on the alert for new chemicals and means of producing them. There is also hope that the Congress will give more and more attention to protecting the American market, where oils and chemicals now being imported can be produced in this country. Some progress has been made and more laboratory work on the part of the Government will undoubtedly impress additional members of Congress with the new opportunities for benefits to the farmer.

There is a growing appreciation in

Congress for the important work being done by the men and women in the Federal service who are quietly going about their work of aiding the farmer. The work of extension agents, the men who are out fighting pests and insects, the crop reporters and others, has never been fully appreciated. Newer agencies with their army of press agents have been more in the limelight.

The great majority of Federal employees, and state employees as well, who are now engaged in hundreds of ways in helping the farmer, are men and women who are making their activities their life work. They are immune to politics. They daily go about their laboratory and field work quietly and with a degree of interest displayed by perhaps no other class of Federal workers.

The present effort to help the farmer by developing new uses for agricultural products, will also give loyal Federal employees new tools with which to do a job in which they are vitally interested.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very delightful surprise birthday party was given Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Hertford, Route 3, honoring her husband, Ralph Harrell, who celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. The decorations were of pink and white and were most effective. The guests were invited into the dining room, where the central attraction was a huge birthday cake inscribed with the words "Happy Birthday" and containing 25 lighted candles. Ice cream and cake were served.

The honoree received numerous attractive and useful gifts.

Those present were: Ralph Harrell, honoree, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Benton, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. Meador Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. George Eure, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrell, Mrs. E. S. Lane, Mrs. George Jordan, Mrs. Martha Cartwright, Mrs. Vernon Winslow, Mrs. Elmer Wood, Edward Benton, Misses Eunice Harrell, Catherine Harrell, Blanche Cartwright, Maude Cartwright, Maxine Harrell, Evelyn Harrell, Barbara Anne Benton, Jean Whedbee, Shirley Harrell, Marjorie Whedbee, Elizabeth Lane, Jane Harrell, Edna Lane, Carolyn Dean Harrell; Messrs. Ashby Jordan, James Harrell, Vernon Harrell, Robert Lee Lane, Curtis Lane, Curtis Eure, Walter Ray Benton, Floyd Harrell, Maurice Harrell, Leon Harrell, Ronald Edward Harrell, Leonard Harrell, George W. Wood and Mrs. Ralph Harrell.

TODAY AT STATE



Fred Stone and Marjorie Lord from a scene in "Hideaway" today at "The State".

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davenport and little son returned to their home at Washington, N. C., Sunday, after a few days' visit here with relatives.

Mrs. Joe Woodley and Mrs. William Bagley, of Creswell, spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Miss Annie Norman Chesson has returned to her home in Edenton, after a visit with Miss Marjorie Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mansfield and two daughters, Helen and Margaret Anne, of Edenton, visited in the home of his father, J. H. Mansfield, Sunday.

Douglas Farmer, of Elizabeth City, spent the week-end with Dewey Perry, Jr.

Mrs. Fannie Corpew, who has been ill for sometime, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gatling, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Maggie C. Broughton.

Misses Pencie and Esther Ward are visiting friends at Williamston.

Mrs. Mattie I. Charlton returned home Saturday from Creswell, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lucius Butt and children, Mary Lou, Calvin and Joseph, of New Hope, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs.

Miss Genevieve Standin has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Standin.

Miss Eloise Long, of Elizabeth City, spent the week-end with Miss Lucille Long.

Miss Eloise Keaton has returned to her home near Hertford, after a week's visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Long, of Elizabeth City, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Long.

Mrs. S. C. Phillips has returned to her home at Camden, after a visit with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thach and children, from near Yeopim Station, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chappell Sunday morning.

WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

As another service to its readers, The Perquimans Weekly each week will give authoritative answers to questions on the Social Security Law. By special arrangement with Mr. George N. Adams in Rocky Mount, N. C., the Social Security Board has consented to pass on the accuracy of answers to questions on Social Security, which may be asked by employers, employees, and others, through The Perquimans Weekly Address inquiries to the Editor. Answers will be given here in the order in which questions are received. This is an informational service and is not legal advice or service. In keeping with Social Security Board policy names will not be published.

Question: Can a farmer receive old-age benefits? If so, to whom would he pay taxes? I am 53 years of age.

Answer: The obligations and benefits under the Social Security Act are not optional. Agricultural labor is specifically excepted under the Act. Farmers and farm workers, however, come under the act when they engage in any other employment which is not specifically excepted under Title VIII of the Social Security Act. For example, canning, public road building, lumbering, employment in the tobacco markets and such things are not excepted agricultural labor within the meaning of the law, according to rulings made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue which is charged with administering the tax provisions of the Social Security Act. Employers, as such, may not pay taxes on themselves and receive a benefit. A man might ordinarily be an employer but might also be an employee if he worked for someone else. As an employee, engaged in a covered employment, he would be eligible to qualify for benefits. As long as you engage in purely farm work you can not come under the old-age benefits provision of the Act. As a farmer and as an employer, however, you benefit from the benefits provisions of the Act inasmuch as it is obvious that the amounts paid employees in old-age benefits, and in unemployment compensation will be expanded principally for food grown by the farmer and the genuine necessities of life. Study shows there is a very real and definite relationship between the economic welfare of the industrial worker and the income of the farmer.

Question: Suppose I die shortly after I reach 65 years of age and had begun to draw monthly old-age benefits checks under the Social Security Act? What will happen then?

Answer: Your monthly benefits check will be sent you as long as you live after you reach 65 and otherwise qualify under the law. The amount of the monthly check will depend on the total amount of wages you have earned. If, when you die, the total of your monthly benefits has not amounted to 3 1-2 per cent of the total wages you have earned in covered employment, after December 31, 1936, and prior to reaching 65, up to \$3,000 a year from any one employer, your estate will be paid the difference between the total benefits which were paid before you died and 3 1-2 per cent of your total covered wages. The amount of your estate would be made in one final lump-sum payment.

Question: I have just married. My wife worked before we were married and had an account number and paid taxes on her salary. She does not work now and possibly will not work any more. Can she get any money under the Social Security Act for the time she has already worked?

Answer: The wages she has earned will stand to her credit until she reaches 65. If she should earn more wages between this date and the time she reaches 65, these, likewise, will be credited to her account. She will not draw monthly benefits, however, until she reaches 65. Should she die before she is 65 a lump-sum payment equal to 3 1-2 per cent of her wages earned since December 31, 1936, in employment not specifically excepted under Title VIII of the Social Security Act, will be made her estate.

Mrs. Josiah Proctor has returned home after a visit with Mrs. W. W. Hanbury, in Norfolk, Va.

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