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### A Favorite Son

For the first time in a number of years, Perquimans County has a resident seeking a district political office, and naturally this resident becomes our favorite son for the nomination. With this issue of The Perquimans Weekly, J. Emmett Winslow, former Sheriff and widely known resident of Hertford, announced his candidacy for the office of State Senator, to represent the First Senatorial District.

With the local announcement, the State Senate race has become a three-cornered affair with a candidate from Hertford County and one from Camden also seeking the office. The Hertford Countyman is a newcomer into the political picture, but the Camden resident seeking the office has served in the capacity two terms since Perquimans County has had Senatorial representation. This in itself, we believe, should aid the final selection of the nominee inasmuch as party circles desire that the Senatorial offices for this district move around, giving each county in the district opportunity for representation in the State Senate. We believe it is time for Perquimans to receive this recognition again, and we urge our readers to support the candidate from Perquimans County. We do this believing that J. Emmett Winslow will ably serve all of the counties of the district in the duties of the office.

### Hate Is Not Enough

We agree with Senator Walter F. George, of Georgia, in his declaration that a "hate Russia" motive isn't enough basis for the Marshall Plan and that greater emphasis should be placed upon the constructive goal of building up Western Europe with the idea of establishing unity and stability that would, in time, attract Soviet satellite nations and, eventually, perhaps Russia herself.

While this observation is well taken, one should not overlook the fact that if the plans for European rehabilitation fail and a third World War comes between the nations, with the United States and Russia on opposite sides, the existence of a strong, productive economy in Western Europe would be beneficial to this country.

This is based, of course, upon the theory that the nations of Western Europe, once their economies are strengthened, will be able to overcome the dissatisfaction of their people and withstand the onslaughts of radical Communists. Since the Communists take advantage of the unrest and dissatisfaction of disgruntled peoples, it is perfectly obvious that anything that strengthens the economy of Western nations tends to erect a barrier against the spread of Communism.

### Four Killers Of Man

The four killers of mankind, deserving priority, according to the Commission of the United Nations on World Health, are tuberculosis, venereal disease, malaria and infant and maternal mortality.

The Commission recommends that, for two years, its activities be concentrated on combatting these menaces to human health and life. Both the United States and the Soviet Union supported the inclusion of malaria among the priority diseases. The Commission had a report from other experts, outlining the disastrous effects of malaria on food production, and pointing out that in the great food-producing areas, several hundred million persons suffer from malaria each year during the productive months of the agricultural season. In addition, Dr. H. Van Zile Hyde, of this country, emphasized that methods used in combatting the malaria-bearing mosquito produce other beneficial effects, wiping out insects which carry other diseases. They cited the experience in Egypt and Greece, where DDT campaigns not only wiped out malaria in the treated regions but reduced diarrhoeal diseases, typhoid and other filthborne germs.

### Progress In Greece

The Greek Government is beginning "to come to grips" with its problems and to initiate measures to become, according to a report issued by the Congressional Committee, a more liberal Europe last summer. Headed by Representative Christian

A. Herter, of Massachusetts, and including two Republican members and two Democratic members, the report points out that withdrawal of American support from Greece would almost certainly result in the establishment of a Communist government. This would persuade those in other countries, now resisting Communist infiltration, that help from the United States is uncertain and, thus weaken their determination.

The Committee report was not altogether condemnatory, pointing out that agricultural production last year increased from thirty per cent of pre-war to eighty-five per cent and that industrial production went up from thirty-five to seventy per cent. They insisted, however, that the program of UNRRA "created the false impression among the Greeks of an unlimited horn of plenty which could be drawn upon at will." Consequently, supplies were used to bolster a collapsing economy and to postpone the initiation of drastic reforms which are essential if Greece is to become self-supporting.

Americans should not lose sight of the necessity, in connection with all programs of extending assistance to other peoples, of requiring that valiant efforts be made to become self-supporting. Otherwise, there might be something to the epithet of those who call the Emergency European Plan a "rat-hole". Certainly, for a limited number of years, the United States must exert itself in behalf of those who still suffer from the consequences of the recent war but nobody should be under any impression that the process is to become permanent.

### Good Breeding Animals Wanted For War Vets

The Markets Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has developed a state-wide program with vocational schools for the purpose of locating and purchasing good breeding animals for war veterans who will complete their training in agriculture this year and begin farming on their own.

A preliminary survey of veterans' requirements, according to Robert S. Curtis, livestock marketing specialist, indicates a need for 1,500 breeding animals—beef and dairy cattle, swine and sheep. Mr. Curtis is now trying to locate a sufficient number of satisfactory animals to meet this need.

The program will get under way about March 1, Curtis said. He advised veterans wanting additional information to contact the Vocational School of Agriculture, N. C. State College, Raleigh, or the Division of Markets, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

### Check Farm Equipment To Avoid Accidents

The condition and operation of the hundreds of tractors with plows, cultivators, discs and planters which Tar Heel farmers will be using during the spring planting season will be an important factor in determining the 1948 farm work accident toll, according to H. M. Ellis, in charge of agriculture engineering for the State College Extension Service.

Every farmer should make preparations for safe and efficient machinery operation, Mr. Ellis said.

See that all farm equipment is thor-

oughly checked before field work starts. Defective hitches, axles, clutches, wheels, brakes, steering and unguarded gears, chains or shafts mean accidents can take free reign.

Equipment that does not operate properly is irritating and fatiguing to the operator. It helps reduce his alertness and increases the temptation to take chances. Well conditioned machinery saves time and costly field breakdowns and makes farm work easier, Mr. Ellis declared.

The National Safety Council points out that careful operators will also take time to equip tractors with fire extinguishers and provide secure holders for grease guns or other servicing tools carried on a tractor. Loose accessories on tractors may cause falls or other casualties. Provide a secure step or grab bar if it is easy to slip getting on or off your tractor.

Mr. Ellis also advises a careful check of the fuel lines and the fuel servicing equipment. A leaking hose or valve can easily lead to a costly fire, he said. If the fuel supply is too close to farm buildings for safety, take time to move it before the start of spring work.

### Index Of Prices Paid Farmers Drops Slightly

The January 15 index of prices received by North Carolina farmers for all farm products was 273 per cent of the 1909-14 average, representing a drop of one point from a month earlier but an increase of 18 points above the index a year ago, it was reported by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

The slight drop in January was attributed primarily to lower prices received for poultry and eggs and type 31 (burley) tobacco. The mid-January burley index at 276 per cent was 35 points below the previous month and 34 points below the index for a year ago. For poultry the mid-January index of prices received was 302 per cent, or 19 points lower than De-

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ember 15. Indexes in other commodity groups reflected increases, with most animals making the sharpest gain by jumping from 363 per cent in December to 379 per cent in January. Other mid-January indexes were: Cotton and cottonseed, 276; grains, 252; dairy products, 244, and miscellaneous farm products, 246 per cent—all higher than a month earlier.

The ratio of prices received by North Carolina farmers to prices paid by farmers in general throughout the entire country dropped from 112 per cent in December to 109 per cent in January, 10 points lower than a year ago.

Mid-month average prices of many individual products sold by Tar Heel farmers made noticeable changes from December to January. Rye at

\$2.70 and barley at \$1.95 showed slight losses, while oats at \$1.51 and wheat at \$2.95 showed small gains. Corn at \$2.10 was the same.

### State Slaughtering Declined In 1947

Slaughter of both hogs and cattle at non-federally inspected plants in North Carolina declined during the first nine months of 1947 compared with the comparable period for 1946. Slaughter of calves, however, was up slightly from 1946.

Hog slaughter during the first nine months of 1947 totaled 242,000 head,

30 per cent fewer than the 344,000 head slaughtered January through September, 1946. Pork production (excluding lard) totaled 53,571,000 pounds at these plants during the nine months period.

Slaughter of beef cattle totaled 80,300 head, compared with 94,000 head slaughtered during the first nine months of 1946. Production of beef at these plants totaled 62,127,000 pounds for the 1947 period.

Calf slaughter totaled 90,700 head and was the only species showing more slaughter than a year earlier. Slaughter of calves during the 1946 period totaled 76,200 head. There was 15,713,000 pounds of veal produced at these plants through September for 1947.

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