

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor Perquimans Weekly:

I hope you will give full publication to this letter in order to explain the issues.

I confess that I am partially responsible for the meetings held in Perquimans regarding the peanut and cotton quotas for the county. But I believe you, or someone else who informed you, have the wrong opinion, according to an article that appeared in your paper on Friday, April 21.

In the first place, county agricultural officials who give the opinion that no change can be made in the allotments in 1950 are probably right; but now is the time to start working out a solution for the future. In the second place, these officials, paid by the farmers and taxpayers of the county, were not even interested enough in the farmers to attend that first meeting on April 14. They had no right to express opinions on the purpose of the meeting without being present and getting the facts.

Before the first meeting I talked to a number of farmers—those people who make their living in farming and who have no other income—about the purpose of the meeting, and all were in favor of the plan to discuss the problems among farmers themselves. We are very much concerned with allotments, because they will mean eventual success or failure of the farming interests. In a few years, under the present government control, we will be able to plant only what we are told to plant. Under the present system, the value of a farm is determined solely by its allotments—not by the fertility of the soil, location, drainage, etc.

Some farmers with good farms find themselves without allotments at all, due to circumstances beyond their control in not being able to compete with the government and industry in paying high wages during and immediately following the war, and they had to stop planting peanuts or cotton because the labor was not available. Now they find themselves without an allotment, because allotments are based on the acreages in these crops in the last three years.

Some find themselves with one, two or three acres of peanuts. This crop requires machinery in picking the nut from the plant, and no operator of a picker wants to take his machinery to a farm to pick only a few bags of nuts.

The idea is not to take away from those who have allotments, as stated in your paper, but to provide for those who have not under the set-up as it now is.

If I have done or said anything to embarrass or cause resentment of anyone, I apologize. The only purpose I had in mind was to arouse interest and get the people who are actually concerned interested in a program that would be fair to everyone.

And right here I'd like to commend our assistant county agent, E. L. Topping, who attended the meeting held on April 21, and who came to me directly after the program was over to voice his objects to some of the things that were said. While it was not intended to offend this young gentleman, I am happy that he came to me and talked to me. I think we understand each other now, and I believe we have a potential friend and willing helper in Mr. Topping in the future. He seems concerned about the plight of the farmer, and he is willing to cooperate in any way possible. I believe if we let him know what we want he will do everything in his power to work with us in attaining our desires. He should be encouraged and helped by every farmer in this county; he deserves their wholehearted support and cooperation, and is to be admired for his efforts and his opinions, to work with those who will work with him.

Farmers have no right to complain about an official who shows the spirit of this young man.

Freedom of right is what every farmer wants, and these meetings have held in an effort to retain those freedoms we believe we are entitled to. As well as to let government officials know that we believe we should have a say in those things which concern us.

I might say here that none of the committees, who make the decisions on these allotments, were present at the meetings to get our opinions. Apparently they are well satisfied with their own allotments and are not too concerned over the welfare of the rest of us. The least they could have done—although they might not have been able to do anything about it now—was to attend the meetings and listen to, and participate in the discussions.

The only way the government can truly help the farmers, is to get the opinions of the farmers themselves. Unless this is done, we will end up exactly like the government project

at Lake Phelps, which was a notorious failure—now admitted by the government.

The purpose of the meetings was to get opinions and come to a mutual agreement, and then present the officials who can, or are in a position to help with the results. If a one-horse farmer has a better idea of what should be done, than a farmer who cultivates several hundred acres of land with several tractors, he is entitled to be heard and his idea considered. Any official who considers himself too big to hear these proposals, even from the smallest of us, is too big for his job and should be looking for something else to do.

I admit that anything we do in this small county might not have any bearing on the national picture. But sometimes big things from little things grow. And at least it is a feeble effort on our part to bring about fair and equal treatment of all.

Following is an agreement reached at the last meeting held; it is still subject to change and anyone having a better idea is invited to be heard:

"We the undersigned farmers of Perquimans County agree the fair and just way of the allotment of all crops now under allotment or any crop that will in the future be placed under allotment should be on a percentage basis of the cultivated acres of the farm it is allotted to. The allotment should stay with the farm as long as allotments are in force, being increased or decreased (on percentage basis) according to the supply and demand."

"We further agree that allotments given to the farm should stay with that farm and the owner of the farm should have the authority to rent, trade, lend or give his allotments to any person or persons. Records of such transactions to be recorded in the PMA office."

Again I sincerely hope that you will give full publication to this letter, as the object concerns practically every farmer in Perquimans county, which in turn affects you and those with whom you deal.

Sincerely Yours,
N. C. SPIVEY

4-H Church Sunday Will Be Observed

North Carolina's more than 123,000 4-H Club members will use the theme "For a Better Rural Community" in their annual observance of 4-H Church Sunday on May 14, according to L. R. Harrill, 4-H leader for the State College Extension Service.

A suggested program outline prepared by the Rev. Garland Hendrix, pastor of Olive Chapel Baptist Church of Wake County, will be used by many of the clubs. This includes special music, Scripture reading and prayer by 4-H members, and a talk by the pastor or four five-minute talks by club members on the factors which make a better community.

In many churches, 4-H boys and girls will assist with the program by serving as ushers or song leaders, decorating the auditorium with flowers, reciting poems, taking up the offering or welcoming members of the congregation. The club members will dress in uniform and sit in a body at many of the services.

Harrill said 4-H Church Sunday is observed throughout the nation to emphasize the meaning of Christianity in rural life. The program is designed, he said, to re-emphasize the importance of spiritual growth and development in the life of the individual, the community, the state, and the world, and to keep alive the interest of rural youth in the program of the church.

"In the observance of 4-H Church Sunday," he asserted, "it is not our purpose to use the church as a means for promoting interest in 4-H Club work, but rather to help every 4-H Club boys and girls to seek out the truths of life, to cooperate in the program of the church, and to help broaden the influence of the Christian church in the community."

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who won the Atlanta golf tourney recently?
 2. Do quail and bobwhite mean the same in Southern hunting regions?
 3. How long has it been since the last genuine wolf was seen in the eastern states?
 4. Is the pheasant of the western plains faster than the wild turkey?
- THE ANSWERS**
1. Jim Demaret.
 2. Yes.
 3. Twenty years.
 4. No, the pheasant is actually

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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has suggested the reorganization of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate through sub-committees that would keep in touch with the officials of the State Department in connection with various areas of foreign policy. This would keep Congressmen of both parties advised as to what goes on and give them a chance to be heard in connection with the planning and execution of foreign policy.

The sub-committees would be assigned to keep in touch with the policies of the nation in the various quarters

of the earth. They would thus know what the Executive Department was attempting to accomplish in connection with its diplomatic procedure and

as members of both parties would be included on the sub-committees, there would be a good chance of obtaining bi-partisan support. In time, the for-

mulation of an establishment and accepted policy would enable the Executive Department to act immediately when critical issues arise.

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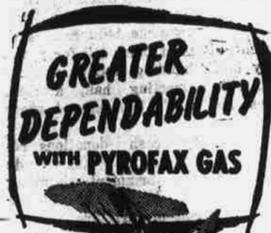
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JOE TOWE

For County Commissioner

I am a candidate for the Board of County Commissioners from New Hope Township, subject to the Democratic Primary May 27, and earnestly solicit your support. I will greatly appreciate anything done in my behalf.

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