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Business men throughout the United States are beginning to be interested in the welfare of the six million American farmers, because they realize that the cash money that the farmer receives is soon turned their way as the agricultural population begins to buy the automobiles, radios, clothing, houses, machinery, and the vast number of things that the farmer must purchase.

Wealth and Soil.
Years ago it was said quite truly that all wealth comes from the soil. It might almost be said in the United States that the business flow depends upon the condition of agriculture. While about one-third of our population resides in the rural regions, it is safe to assume that many others are dependent, for their business success, upon the financial condition of the farmers.

Last year for example, the cash farm income reached \$8,250,000,000. This year it will be about a billion dollars less. Production expenses, however, are expected to be lower than the \$4,000,000,000 of a year ago and Government subsidies are also to be somewhat larger. The net result is that the farmers will have about \$3,900,000,000 this year to spend on industrial products. Last year they had an estimated \$4,600,000,000.

Amazing Paradox.
The amazing paradox that puzzles students of our economy is that farmers are facing bountiful harvests, as a rule, but that instead of the increased production meaning more money for the farmers to spend, the drop in prices will give them a smaller income. Exceptionally good crops at prices much lower than a year ago, provide less cash.

Last year farmers were paid \$1.00 a bushel for their wheat, as an average, but this year it will be about sixty-five cents. Cotton brought twelve cents a pound compared with eight cents this year. Corn, at \$1.10 a bushel, compares with sixty-three cents. Hogs around \$8.00 instead of about \$9.00, and butter-fat at twenty-four cents instead of thirty-one cents a pound.

Control Necessary.
Because agriculture has been without effective production control, the past is a record of large crops producing huge surpluses, followed by small crops and advancing prices. The Federal Government is attempting to protect farm income from the wild fluctuations of the past and to give agriculture something like the same machinery that industry uses to gear production in accordance to demand and what is considered a "fair price."

In other words, the Government is attempting to do for farmers what giant corporations have done for business and industry. It is creating production control and marketing plans on a long-range basis, with the taxpayers providing the money to finance these controls and to stabilize farm income. The justification, by farm experts of the Government's contribution is that the stability of agriculture will contribute greatly to the security of the national economy.

Tariff Argument.
In addition there is the argument about the tariff. Agriculturalists point out repeatedly that the farmers of this country sell their surplus production at world prices, and when they come to buy must make their purchases in the domestic market, where manufacturers and industrialists are protected by a tariff wall from competition abroad. The argument is not only that this forces the farmers to pay higher prices, but that the tariff keeps foreign goods out of the United States thus preventing foreign nations from securing the necessary foreign exchange with which to pay for their purchases of farm products.

Farm Collapse Costly.
When one contemplates the Government's efforts to provide farmers with a plan that will protect them against low prices, it is important to realize it is an effort to protect the entire nation against the agricultural collapse that occurred after 1928. For some years before 1929 the farmers, as a rule had close up to \$5,000,000,000 of income available to spend for the products of manufacturers in this country. When the depression came, extra cash was almost wiped away on the farms. Since 1932, the situation has been steadily improved until in 1937, when once more, as shown by the figures quoted above the cash that farmers have to spend began to decline.

Business men, including manufacturers and industrialists, who sit in their offices and those who dwell in metropolitan areas, are inclined to look on the Government's efforts with a skeptical eye. (Turn to page four, please)

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A state-wide project is under way in this state

—to bring about a "North Carolina Christmas" this year through the medium of North Carolina Christmas cards. The project has been adopted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, it was announced recently by Dallas Allford, state Junior Chamber president.

A Christmas Card committee, headed by W. H. Chamblee, Raleigh, is now seeking designs to be contributed by native artists. A state-wide committee to be named by Governor Clyde Roark Hoey will select a half-dozen cards representative of the state's scenery and Christmas traditions, and these will be produced and distributed through the cooperation of civic and patriotic organizations, according to the plan announced by Chamblee.

North Carolina is accustomed to sending greeting cards suggestive of New England, Old England, or California," Chamblee explained in outlining the project. "Yet our state has beautiful scenes suggestive of Christmas, and it has many distinctive Christmas traditions and customs. We believe North Carolinians will welcome the opportunity to greet their friends with native Christmas cards, and out-of-state people particularly will welcome a distinctive Tar Heel greeting."

Any person is invited to contribute either a finished design or a suggestion, sending material directly to the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Raleigh. While not accepted as definite designs, Chairman Chamblee mentioned a number of suggestions already proposed to the committee:

The famous State capitol, snow-covered; a mountain Madonna—mother and child in a Blue Ridge setting; a card with the state flag and a bar of music from the state song with the words, "Greetings from North Carolina"; a Moravian Christmas scene; an "Old Christmas" greeting card, recalling Rodanthe's famous January 5th Christmas; a plantation there.

These and many other themes springing directly from North Carolina are being suggested to the committee. Other ideas will be welcomed, Chamblee said, and finished designs, in color, are especially wanted.

A clinic for cripples was held in Sparta

—at the office of Dr. C. A. Thompson on Saturday, August 6, by Dr. R. A. Moore, Winston-Salem, who was sent here by the State Board of Health at the request of the Alleghany County Health department.

Dr. Moore was assisted by the county health nurse, Mrs. Virginia Ashley Greene, and Miss Augusta Appelt, state supervisor for cripples. Mr. Clippard, superintendent of the rehabilitation department, was also present.

Seventeen cripples attended this clinic, and were examined. All were referred either for treatment, to operation, or for training. All of this including the clinic, is free to cripples under twenty one years of age who are unable to pay. Five of those attending the clinic will be sent to the City Hospital in Winston-Salem for operation and treatment. Five are to have specially built shoes to help correct defects. Dr. Moore recommended two of the cripples to Mr. Clippard for training, which will enable them to be self supporting.

THE ANNUAL DOUGHTON FAMILY REUNION WAS HELD

—Sunday at Laurel Springs, with a large attendance. Many persons present were from a distance.

Among the after-dinner speakers were Dr. Commodore Jones, of West Virginia, and Rev. J. F. Fletcher, from the Oak Hill section of Grayson county, Virginia.

Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt, Midgets Attend Midget Wedding of Elkin, will be heard in Sparta

—at a joint meeting of circles of the Baptist Women's Missionary union, on Thursday afternoon, August 18, at two o'clock, in the Sparta Baptist church. Mrs. Whisenhunt is well known, as her husband, who is pastor of the Elkin Baptist church, was formerly a missionary to China. She will speak here on "China."

Ladies of all other Baptist churches of the Alleghany association are urgently invited to attend this meeting and hear Mrs. Whisenhunt's message.

Three strikers at the Vaughan furniture plant

—in Galax are charged with assault on employees of the Vaughan company Tuesday morning, and a hearing scheduled for Tuesday afternoon before Mayor B. D. Beamer in Galax was called off when a number of the warrants issued were changed from misdemeanors to felony charges, according to a statement made Tuesday night by S. Floyd Landreth, attorney for the Vaughan company. The hearing was called off shortly after court was convened by Chief of Police Jack Higgins.

Bill Taylor, a striker, according to Mr. Landreth, swore out a warrant Tuesday charging Taylor G. Vaughan, president of the company, with simple assault. Landreth said Taylor charged Vaughan picked up a rock during an argument. Landreth said he was assisting the commonwealth in prosecution of charges against the strikers for whom warrants have been issued.

Trial Justice A. E. Cooley, of Carroll county, was to set a date Wednesday morning in Hillsville for hearing of the cases that were scheduled for Tuesday afternoon in Galax. It was explained that the mayor has no jurisdiction over cases involving felonies.

A conference was held at Independence Tuesday night, attended by Judge John S. Draper, Pulaski, officials of Grayson and Carroll counties and the Town of Galax, a committee representing the strikers at the Galax plant and state officers. It was said that the conference resulted in a decision to request the services of ten additional state policemen, four additional deputy sheriffs each from Grayson and Carroll county, and four town officers to prevent further trouble at the plant.

Landreth said the conference here was called by Galax officials. Judge Draper, at the request of the officials, came over from Wytheville, where he is holding court. Attorneys for the strikers and the furniture company were present at the conference, and agreed to the action taken. Landreth said.

The following charges were changed from misdemeanors to felonies, Landreth said: L. C. Leftwich, striker, charged with assault by F. M. Andrews, an employee of the company; Bill Taylor, striker, charged with assault by C. B. Hurst, an employee; Health Liddle, striker, charged with assault by J. R. Poindexter, employee.

Mayor Beamer said he will try charges against Vaughan next Monday. The mayor said he expects to try another case Monday concerning a charge by Bill Taylor, member of the strikers' committee, that John Burnett used abusive language.

In a statement Tuesday night, Fulks, strikers' attorney, said: "We are going to have our rights if we have to go to the Supreme Court of the United States. I thoroughly oppose violence like has occurred today and have worked continuously since the strike began to help preserve law and order, but when the men (strikers) saw outside laborers go in and take their jobs at which some (strikers) had worked for a dozen years, it was more than they could stand. I hope tomorrow will bring the return of peace."

At a meeting of the company's stockholders held last Saturday, the previous action of the board of directors, which voted to liquidate the concern, was approved, the stockholders voting to "order" (Turn to page eight, please)

Governor Hoey made a bid for another big PWA



BLACKPOOL, Eng. . . Herman Retter, 28 years old, and his bride, the former Annie Kneps, 27, both natives of Germany, are shown leaving the Church of Sacred Heart with members of the wedding party after their marriage. The groom is 3 feet 10 inches in height . . . the bride 2 inches shorter.

Officials of church colleges closed a meeting

—yesterday (Wednesday) in Asheville. The gathering was the seventh annual conference of the church-related colleges of the South. Officials, on the closing day, accepted a report of a finding committee that public financial support for church-related colleges should be received with caution.

The findings committee also emphasized the responsibility of church-related colleges in the field of religion, and pointed out that colleges should maintain a very close relationship to the church. The committee also brought out that church-related colleges should look for their support from small givers from the churches and that church-related colleges should give guidance in the matter of student recruiting.

Dr. Charles A. Anderson, president of Tusculum College, at Greeneville, Tenn., was named chairman of the conference for the coming year to succeed Dr. B. E. Geer, president of Furman University, at Greenville, S. C.

Dr. J. N. Hillman, president of Emory and Henry College, at Emory, Va., was named vice chairman of the conference, and Dr. W. M. Alexander, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of department schools and colleges of the M. E. Church, South, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Prospects for early erection of a factory

—in Independence faded Friday night when Dr. E. Scott Elliott announced to members of the local Business Men's club that he had received word that the promoters, with whom representatives had been negotiating, were no longer interested in Independence as a prospective site for a hosiery mill.

The full reason for the promoters' action was given, but it was generally supposed here that they considered the proposals of the Independence group to be below their expectations.

Other high-lights of the regular monthly dinner meeting of the club were: talks by most of the members; the presence of several visitors, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Cornett, Comers Rock, and R. K. Poole, Wytheville, and comments by the president, Dr. M. G. Cox, in which he related experiences of his recent trip to the West Coast and ended by expressing his preference for Grayson county over all the territory which he covered.

A delicious chicken dinner was served the club by members of Circle No. 2, of the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church.

LAWRENCE S. CAMP WAS ENDORSED FOR SENATOR —yesterday by President Roosevelt in Warm Springs, Ga. Camp, of Atlanta, is seeking to unseat Senator Walter F. George.

E. C. Bottomley has just finished the first silo

—to be erected this summer in this section. A number of other silos have been started and beginning of construction work on still others is planned for the next two or three weeks.

As it takes only two or three days to erect a silo after a foundation is completed, there is still time for any farmer to get a silo this fall, it has been pointed out.

There seems to be a great interest shown in this section in silo-building this season and many other farmers are planning to build, in order to take care of the crop this fall. Inquiries for information concerning silos continue to pour in daily at the offices of county farm agents at Independence, Hillsville and Sparta; to the Galax Association of Commerce, and to the Carnation company, in Galax, it is said.

Professor Kiles, of the Engineering department of V. P. I., Blacksburg, was in this territory Tuesday and Wednesday helping various farmers plan their silos, dairy barns and various improvements to their present dairy equipment. He will be in this territory again the middle of September and anyone wanting him to help them should notify either their county agent or a representative of the Carnation company.

With the abundant corn crop there is still a good opportunity for many farmers to obtain a silo in order to carry their cows through this winter. Because of hot weather, much of the hay was put up in rather poor condition and it is even more important to have silage for this winter.

The following farmers plan to erect silos within the next few weeks and many others have indicated the possibility of their doing so: E. C. Bottomley, Roy Murphy and Flem Cox, Galax; George Edwards, E. G. Mastin and W. H. Lintecum, Hillsville; Lee Jones, Galax; T. M. Calhoun, Elk Creek; Lynch Calfee, Woodlawn; Dr. H. L. Lyons, Hillsville; Glen Joines, Sparta, N. C.; Troy Wilson and J. I. Palmer, Galax, and Eugene Transon, Sparta, N. C.

Roy Murphy and Lynch Calfee are putting up stone silos.

J. M. Phipps' dairy herd near Galax was first

—in the Carroll-Grayson Dairy Herd Improvement association for July in milk and butterfat production,

with an average of 949 pounds of milk and 31.8 pounds of fat per cow. Mr. Phipps' herd is comprised of Holstein and Jersey cows.

The second highest average in milk and fat was made by the herd of seven grade Guernseys owned by O. M. Thomas, Marion, with an average of 687 pounds of milk and 28.2 pounds of fat per cow. The herd of 20 registered and grade Guernseys owned by A. G. Webb, Mount Airy, N. C., made the third highest butterfat average with an average of 519 pounds of milk and 24.3 pounds of fat per cow. The herd of 12 grade Guernsey cows owned by S. G. Thomas, Grant, made the third highest milk average with an average of 556 pounds of milk and 23.4 pounds of fat per cow.

There were 17 cows producing over 40 pounds of butterfat each and the owners and numbers owned by each are as follows: Phipps, 9; Webb, 3; Gordon C. Felts, 3, and O. M. Thomas, 2. The cow making the highest number of pounds of milk and fat during the month was a grade Holstein owned by Mr. Phipps. This cow produced 1,891 pounds of milk and 64.2 pounds of butterfat.

Narrow highways cause many traffic deaths

—said State Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell Tuesday in Winston-Salem, speaking at the annual convention of the North Carolina Sheriffs' association. Maxwell told the law enforcement officers that North Carolina's highway fatality rate is due to narrow roads that are prevalent because of the state's unfinished highway system. "The reason for so many deaths on our highways is more deep-seated than mere carelessness," explained Maxwell. "Back of almost every fatality is the narrow concrete highway with its dirt shoulders."

The revenue commissioner, under whose supervision comes the state highway patrol and division of highway safety, explained he had no bone to pick with road builders now and added that North Carolina was a pioneer in the construction of highways.

"We started building roads before the technique of road building was established," said Maxwell. "Our roads were built narrow and with flat curves. The first roads builders were very much too liberal with their curves. There was no banking of curves then; the flat curves are killing persons almost every day."

He explained that the state highway department estimates it will cost \$40,000,000 to make the highways conditionable and less hazardous.

"Regardless of cost we ought to make a beginning—a serious beginning and go forward with rebuilding our highways as is adequately possible," said Maxwell. "We can't build them in a day; it will take at least five years, but we can begin now and work as fast as we can."

Other problems face the people of the state on our highways, he added, but next in order comes speeding.

"There is practically no speed limit in North Carolina. It says the limit is 45 miles per hour, but there is no violation statute if you go over 45 without driving reckless."

"I am here to tell you there should be a top limit, backed up by the law and a penalty that would stop this speeding and this killing."

National And World NEWS At A Glance

CORRIGAN COMES HOME
New York, Aug. 4.—Douglas Corrigan, the irrepressible young Long Beach, Calif., aviation mechanic who took off for Los Angeles in a fog and arrived in Ireland "by mistake," came home today to a tumultuous greeting that he said was "worse than anything that happened while flying the Atlantic."

WARNER OLAND DIES
Santa Barbara, Calif., Aug. 6.—Warner Oland, the Charlie Chan who escaped a thousand terrible deaths on the screen, died of bronchial pneumonia today in his native Sweden.

LIGHTNING KILLS BATHERS
New York, Aug. 7.—A bolt of lightning raced 300 feet along Jacob Riis Park Beach, crowded with 20,000 people today, and felled 17 persons, killing three.

The strewn injured lay unconscious on the beach several hours as more than 50 police emergency squad men and ambulance surgeons worked desperately to resuscitate them.

LINDBERGH FORCED DOWN
Le Havre, France, Aug. 7.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh made a forced landing at Beville airport, near here today, when a plane in which he was flying from Illie Island to England developed motor trouble.

ARMISTICE IS DECLARED
Moscow, Aug. 10.—Russia and Japan have declared an armistice on the Manchukuoan-Siberian border, effective at noon Thursday, it was announced today.

The truce was described as effective "on the Far-Eastern front." Armed operations will cease at noon Habarovsk time (about 11 p. m. (e. d. t.), Wednesday).