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NEW FARM BILL IS EXPLAINED

Provisions Affecting Virginia Farmers Are Outlined

Continuation of the Agricultural Conservation Program with its attack on problems of soil waste, together with changes which broaden the power of agriculture to control surpluses and improve farm income, may be expected by Virginia farmers under the New Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, according to W. H. Daughtrey, State Executive Officer.

Payments to farmers encouraging soil conservation and soil building will continue to be made under amended provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Provisions of the new act are designed to provide surplus control for tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat and rice; to protect consumers and farmers through storage of surpluses and to provide crop insurance for wheat. Corn acreage allotments will be confined almost entirely to counties in the corn belt, but elsewhere corn is included within the General Soil-Depleting Crop Acreage Allotment, as will be the Wheat Acreage Allotment.

Steps in operation of the act are as follows:

1. National acreage allotments are divided among states, counties and individual farms. The National allotment is the acreage which, with average yields, will furnish a supply sufficient for domestic consumption, exports, and adequate reserves.

2. Marketing quotas are proclaimed when supplies of the crops affected exceed these adequate supplies by amounts fixed in the act.

3. A referendum of producers must be held on each marketing quota. The quota becomes ineffective if rejected by more than one-third of those voting when quotas are in effect, marketing in excess of the farm's quota becomes subject to penalty. Supplies withheld under marketing quotas may be released under certain conditions to meet any need that might develop.

4. Loans are provided for on cotton, wheat, and corn under certain conditions of below-parity price or above-normal supply, and may be offered as well to producers of other crops. However, no loans will be made for a year in which producers have rejected a marketing quota. Under marketing quotas, non-cooperators are offered loans, but at lower rates than for cooperators and only upon their excess above quotas. Committees of farmers in cooperation with the Extension Service will continue to administer the program locally. Special provisions for small growers include specified increase in all payments under \$200. Payments may be assigned as security for advances to finance making a crop, but not for past indebtedness. Land-owner and tenant will share payments as they share the crop, except that soil-building payments are divided according to the contribution of each toward carrying out the practices. The act encourages use of conserving crops primarily for building soil fertility, but does not forbid their use for producing commodities used only on the farm. However, provisions are included which are designed to protect livestock and dairy producers against abnormal increases in production of these commodities.

MISS WEBB TO SPEAK ON "BEAUTIFICATION OF HOMES AND HIGHWAYS"

The Garden Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas will be held on Monday, March 7th, at 2:30 P.M., at the home of Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe on Grant Avenue. Mrs. J. P. Lyon will be assistant hostess. The guest speaker will be Miss Alice Webb, who will speak on "Beautification of Homes and Highways".

The Music and Literature Section of the Woman's Club will meet on Tuesday, March 8th, at 8:00 P.M. at the home Mrs. Eula Holt Merchant. Assisting Mrs. Merchant as hostesses will be Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mrs. John Broddus, and Mrs. F. R. Hynson.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club have been invited to meet with this section of this time, to hear Mrs. Charles F. Mugler, Jr., State Chairman of Fine Arts, for the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Mugler will give a dramatization of "The Burning Candle", a recent best seller.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Manassas Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. John Burke on Tuesday, March 8, at 2:30 o'clock.

HOMEMAKERS TO HEAR LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST

Prince William Homemakers Association will hold its annual spring meeting at the Prince William Hotel on Thursday, March 1st. This being a luncheon meeting will begin at 12:30.

Mrs. Wallace Dawson, Chairman of the Association, states that the guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary C. McBryde, Landscaping Specialist, Blacksburg. Her topic will be Yard Development.

The business session will feature a report on goals and program for 1938 by the Executive Committee and election of officers. Those serving on the nominating committee are Mrs. Egbert Thompson, Mrs. Joe Hale, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. William Lloyd and Mrs. McGruder Keys.

Special efforts will be made at the meeting to revise the roll.

All luncheon reservations should be made through Miss Alice Webb, Home Demonstration Agent by March 8.

BRENTSVILLE PAIR ARE HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Keys Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Keys of Brentsville celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, February 27, 1938, at their home. A number of friends and relatives called during the day.

Mr. Keys was married to Katherine (Kate) Patton on February 28, 1888, at Moss Hill, on the old Chichester Place, about one and one half (1-1/2) miles from Nokesville.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Franklin Utsher. After the wedding they went to Edwards Ferry, Maryland, and visited Mr. Keys' uncle, James Mathews. From there they returned to Leesburg and visited another uncle, George Cornwell. At the end of an extended honeymoon, they came to their home in Brentsville, at which they have since resided.

From this union were born nine children, of whom five are now living; Herbert of Independent Hill, Walter, Joseph and Cash Keys and Mrs. Troy Counts of Brentsville.

One son, James W., died in the year 1925 in Roanoke due to Service overseas during the World War.

There are also twenty-one (21) grandchildren living.

A surprise dinner was given the honored couple by their children. The table was bountifully laden. The centerpiece, a three-tiered wedding cake decorated in traditional colors, was a masterpiece of art.

Rev. J. Murray Taylor spoke of the blessings derived from this union. Rev. Jesse Bell offered thanks.

Among the guests present were, the five children and their wives and the 21 grandchildren also the following:

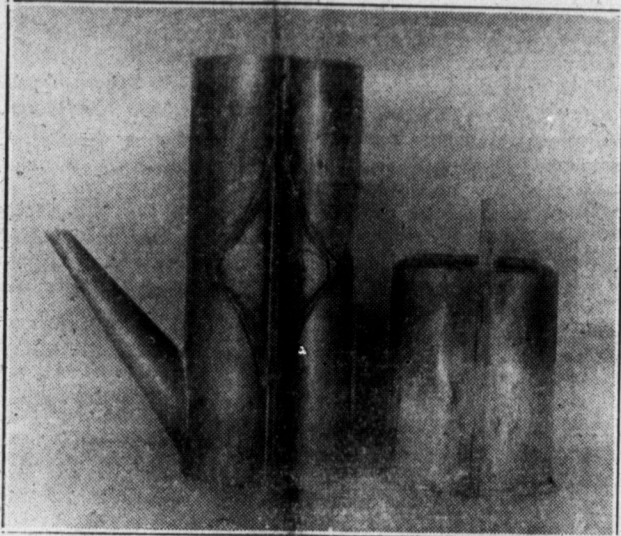
Mr. Troy Counts, Mrs. Hilman Keys, Mr. Grady Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wood, Miss Keys, Lafayette Keys, Ernest Patton, Julie Arnold, Archie Bradford, John Gaba, Will Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woodyard, Ethel Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairburn and baby, David Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keys and children, Verona Bean and Lucy, Mrs. Nettie Wicks, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Landers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Earhart, John Earhart, Mrs. Jesse Whetzel, Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Gene Davis, Thelma Wade, Myrtle Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Keys, Willard Keys, Dorothy Phillips, Mrs. E. M. Spindle, Mrs. John Donovan, Mammie Golladay, Lloyd Keys, David Landis, Mr. and Mrs. John Oleyar, Violet Shoemaker, Will Golladay, Kenneth Keys.

PLEDGES COOPERATION IN USED CAR CAMPAIGN

Complete cooperation in local observance of National Used Car Exchange Week was pledged today by Jas. E. Bradford of Hynson & Bradford, of Manassas, Va.

"We are confident that National Used Car Exchange Week will be an unqualified success here," he said. "Used car stock on hand provide a wide range of the best values in the history of the industry and prices are at rock bottom."

"We have just completed our arrangements for the opening of the campaign. Stocks have been reconditioned. Our salesroom and used car lot have been refurbished, banners hung. Our sales force has been augmented. We are ready for the biggest spring selling season we have experienced in several years."



WHAT IS IT?

Mr. Worth Storke, of the Peoples National Bank, Manassas, has a brass antique which has been the object of much speculation. No one seems to be able to identify it positively, although the possibility of its being some kind of ancient lamp seems to be more prevalent among the suggestions so far advanced. Other guesses range from a coffee pot to a bee smoker.

It stands 8 inches high; is three and a half inches in diameter, and is well constructed of brass. The diamond shaped marking on the side, shown in the photograph, is the solder mark of some kind of handle or bracket which must have been attached, and a small hole may be observed just above the center and to the right of the vertical seam.

The shorter vessel at the side is the lid which telescopes down into the spouted container. The projecting tube extends down to within an eighth of an inch of the closed end.

FINE ARTS EXPECT TO ADDRESS WOMAN'S CLUB

The regularly monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Manassas will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, at the Prince William Hotel.

Mrs. Charles F. Mugler, Jr., State chairman of Fine Arts for the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs, will give a dramatization of "The Citadel" by Cronin. Mrs. Mugler is a young woman of considerable talent, and the club is proud to be able to present her to the members of the members of the club and Manassas.

A special program of music will precede the program. Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. J. P. Lyon, Miss Margaret Lynch, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller.

The Executive Board will meet at the home of the President on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

THE LITTLE BROADCAST

On the evening of March 9 at 7:30 a program entitled "The Little Broadcast" will be presented at the Brentsville District High School by the Home Economics Club. This will be an imitation of various popular radio programs. We are fortunate in being able to select some of the talent for our broadcast from surrounding communities as well as from our own.

Among the comedy features on the program will be Joe Penner, Gracie Allen and George Burns, and Martha Raye. Programs other than the humorous ones will include Roubenoff, Kate Smith, and Major Bowes. There will be news flashes by Walter Winchell.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. John T. Keys, who have spent their entire married life at Brentsville.

8th DISTRICT LEGIONNAIRES TO MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION

The joint conference of post and units of the 8th District, American Legion and American Legion auxiliary, will be held Tuesday evening, March 8th, at the high school auditorium, beginning with supper at 7 p.m.

There are six posts in this area, and Captain John L. Jeffries, Jr., of Culpeper, is district commander. Representatives Howard Smith and John W. Flannagan have signified their intention of being present. Many other prominent legionnaires are expected to attend.

Prior to the supper, Miss Margaret Lynch, an officer in the local post, will entertain a number of the guests and officials at her home.

C. B. ROLAND ASKS W.P.A. EFFICIENCY

Supervisors Suggests More Direct Methods

Mr. William A. Smith, WPA Administrator, 11 South 12th St., Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

As you know, every since the depression started, I have favored an institution similar to the W. P. A. as a relief agency, as I believed it would be good economics. If the W. P. A. could be trimmed of some of its fancy limbs, and the red tape that makes it a joke, it would be a great boon to our economic conditions and at the same time build a monument of good works, but as long as it remains in the hands of the brain trust, where there are plenty of brains and nothing else, we shall have the same condition that has been experienced in this county, where due to the impracticable working of the W. P. A. we have received very little results.

Results that should have been ours under a rule laid down from practical experience, instead of a rule laid down by those who have gotten their experience, God only knows where. In this county where W. P. A. has been employed on public roads, there seems to have been a studied plan to discredit this type of work by the WPA. itself.

The latest project set up in the county is a fair example of what has taken place. With about 100 men available, a project is set up in a remote part of Brentsville District, the district with the least unemployment in the county, while Dumfries, Occoquan, Manassas, Coles and Gainesville have quite a number of unemployed, making it necessary to transport some of these men over twenty miles over roads that, at this time of the year, get impassable. If it could be depended on to have good roads the cost of transportation would be all out of proportion to the value of the work accomplished. I have taken this up with the Resident Engineer and his explanation led me to believe that he was tied with WPA Red Tape, though I am not familiar with the working of the Highway Commission.

It seems to me that they could be trusted to furnish supervision enough from their regular force to make use of this idle labor on some of the roads very much in need of repairs in the localities where the unemployed are located. This work would be appreciated by the community. It would be practicable and would do much to stop criticism. If something is not done to correct the impractical condition noted above, it seems to me that those of us who are asked to help with this work should refuse to lay ourselves open to the criticism that must follow.

The W. P. A., properly used, could be of much value to the county and the results, a monument to its promoters, but as it is used it cannot bring any thing but discredit to all interested. Therefore, I shall in the future refuse to support such hair brained projects as the one in Brentsville District.

The Federal W. P. A. project on Bull Run Battlefield has been of great value to the community. There is much that could be said of this work pro and con, but on the whole the money spent there has done much good.

It is too bad that the Federal Government cannot set up small Federal W. P. A. projects on feeder roads

The card party given by the Eastern Star on Tuesday night was a financial and social success. The committee in charge was very grateful for the friendly cooperation which

LEGISLATURE MOVES RAPIDLY

Ready for Adjournment Next Week

Outstanding developments at Richmond within the last few days include disposal of the controversial question of the text-book on alcohol, which was proposed for distribution in the public schools of Virginia, but which, on account of its favorable attitude toward the moderate use of liquor, raised a storm of protest, culminating a few days ago in the passing a resolution in the State Senate authorizing the complete destruction of the edition which had been printed as a Senate document. The resolution stated that it was the sense of the Senate that the book should not be distributed to the public schools. The edition of 1000 copies was ordered burned.

The Brook resolution providing that payment of the poll tax shall not be a prerequisite to obtaining hunting and fishing licenses was defeated. This means that the poll tax must be continued to be paid in obtaining dog licenses and hunting permits. The Woodson bill was passed without discussion reducing the tax on female dogs from \$3 to \$2 per year.

The House has passed a bill authorizing the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the practice of law in the State and providing for discipline, suspension and disbarment of offending attorneys.

The general appropriation bill is scheduled for final consideration in committee this week. This bill was the occasion of action in the General Assembly widely viewed as a contest between Price and Byrd, in which the latter was victorious. The Governor desired to name a member of the State Compensation Board at an adequate salary. The Byrd forces favored making the Attorney General an ex-officio member, without additional pay. As this was the first test vote between the so called "organization" and Governor Price, the outcome commanded more than usual attention. Comment throughout the State has varied from characterization of the treatment of Governor Price as "scandalous" to stout denials that the vote represented any contest between Governor Price and Senator Byrd.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION MEET IN ALEXANDRIA

The forty-second annual conference of the Virginia Daughters of the Revolution opened in Alexandria Wednesday with Mrs. Arthur Rowbotham, State Regent, presiding. Nine chapters of northern Virginia are hostesses to the ladies from all sections of the State. These include Mt. Vernon, Kate Waller Barrett, John Alexander, Dr. Elisha Dick, Fairfax County, Thomas Nelson, Irvine Wells, Falls Church and Francis Wallis Chapters.

Following a State Board meeting at 2:15 at the George Mason on Wednesday, a business session at 8:30 in the evening will officially open the Conference, which will continue through Thursday and Friday, when at 9 a.m. the annual election of officers will be held. A luncheon will follow at 1:15 at the George Mason, and this will be followed by a tour of historic landmarks, ending at historic Pohick Church.

Headquarters of the Conference and the business sessions are being held at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Building.

where labor is available. Much good could be realized. But under the present setup in this state, it seems to be a farce, with the cost all out of proportion to the value received.

The Board of Supervisors, of which I am a member, realize that there will be suffering if something is not done to relieve the unemployment situation. Nevertheless, they are very reluctant to assist in such a ridiculous proposition. The Board realizes that the conditions are demoralizing to the men and that the men could not be depended on to work regularly. The result would be discouraging.

To expose men for three hours a day, even in a canvas covered truck, would reduce their immunity to pneumonia, also their efficiency and only pile up the cost for the county by having to care for such cases.

We long to see a little horse sense used in using the WPA.

Yours very truly,
C. B. Roland,
Member of Board of Supervisors,
from Gainesville District.