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BOWLES APPEALS FOR REGULATIONS

Tells Farm Group That Selfish Lobbyists Threaten Extension of OPA

Topeka, Kansas, March 5.—Chas. Bowles said tonight that "irresponsible, reckless, greedy" lobbyists are out to "eliminate or wreck the only controls between our people and inflation."

The stabilization director, in a fighting speech prepared for delivery before the annual convention of the National Farmers Union, declared:

"The next few weeks represent the Guadalcanal, the Okinawa and the Stalingrad of our fight to maintain a stabilized economy. To lose this fight will mean disaster. To win it will pave the way for a future of sustained prosperity for all of us."

Whether the fight is won or lost, Bowles said, will depend on decisions in Congress during the next 90 days as to whether to extend price control through June, 1947, continue food subsidies, allow OPA and other stabilization agencies "sufficient funds to carry out their enormous responsibility."

And, he said:

"Congress must decide whether we shall move vigorously ahead to build the homes millions of veterans are looking forward to at reasonable prices, or whether we shall continue to fumble with the housing crisis in the name of reaction and narrow, selfish interests."

Stating we are "on the eve of a crisis which cannot be exaggerated," Bowles declared that on one side of "battle lines being drawn . . . we have all the millions of inarticulate little people who have made our country great in the past and on whom its future depends."

"Opposed to them," he continued, "are some of the most irresponsible, reckless, greedy organizations in America."

Names Lobbyists.
"Let there be no question about whom I am talking. I am talking about the lobbyists of the National Association of Manufacturers. . . I am talking about the heads of the National Retail Dry Goods Association with all their phony propaganda with which they seek to cash in on the apparel shortage."

"I am talking about some of the real-estate lobbies and your old friend the packers' lobby and the dairy lobby."

"I am talking about those lobbyists who haunt the Washington hotels and the halls of Congress and the governmental agencies, endlessly scheming and plotting to trade the interests of the great majority of our people for the narrow short range profit of the groups they represent."

"And finally, I am talking about those speculators in the commodity markets and those speculators in Wall Street who time and again have played the American public for suckers in their promise of speculative profits from stocks and securities, and who today are again irresponsibly whooping it up for inflation."

"These people do not represent business, x x x they represent only themselves. x x x They are out to eliminate or wreck the only controls which stand between our people and inflation."

Between now and June, Bowles asserted, decisions must be made in Congress whether "we are to have stable prices and rents; whether our savings and insurance policies are to be protected; whether our bonds are to be worth the money we paid for them; or whether we are to start down the primrose path toward another inflation which will surely bring disaster to our economy and sweep away the life savings of the tens of thousands of our people."

This poses "one of the most fatal decisions in the peacetime history of our nation," the stabilization chief said.

"For if the lobbyists and the pressure groups can win this fight against the people," he added, "then our democracy indeed will have suffered a dangerous defeat."

FREE CLINIC

The Pitt County health officer wishes to call attention to the fact that a free Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in the Pitt County Health Department Offices, Greenville, on Friday, March 15th, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Joseph Smith. Patients, both white and colored, from any part of Pitt County are eligible to attend the clinic.

This is one of the regular monthly clinics held in Pitt County and is made possible through the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale.

The smallest year farm food department sells for about \$1,000.

Today, March 8 Known as World Day of Prayer

Special Prayer Service To Be Held Jointly By Church Women Here

A fellowship group meeting will be held today, Friday, in the Baptist Church, at 3:30 o'clock, by the women's organizations of the Protestant churches here in observance of World Day of Prayer.

The program, the theme of which is "The Things That Make For Our Peace," will be participated in by chosen representatives from each group, with Mrs. E. C. Coppenhaver, of the Episcopal Church, as leader.

Mrs. W. R. Burnett, of the Episcopal Auxiliary, serving in the customary relation of arrangements among the church groups, met with the presidents or representatives of other societies on Monday, at which time arrangements were completed.

Red and gray posters extending a community-wide invitation have been placed in downtown windows this week in connection with this event. On these will be found the opening words of the beautiful seven-hundred-year-old prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace!" together with the famous Praying Hands of the German painter, Albrecht Durer—an exquisite combination that makes them truly international, international and interdenominational. The Old English type used was designed by Gutenberg, the German; as for paper, twenty centuries ago the Chinese discovered how to make it!

And the Moslems, learning their secret, spread the knowledge of paper-making around the Mediterranean, whence it reached Gutenberg "in the fulness of time" so that the good news might begin reaching every man in his own tongue! Thus the whole family of the whole church in the whole world has combined to give this new World Day of Prayer poster.

The service of worship to be used on the occasion of the local observance of the Day will be in use by thousands of groups in fifty-one different countries on March 8, giving the whole world a chance to develop such basic divine resources as can create goodwill among men.

At The Rotary Club

Featuring the Rotary Club program, Tuesday evening, was a splendid talk by Mrs. B. R. Fields, sister of the program leader, Dr. LeRoy Robbins, who presented her as his special guest.

As a preface to her talk, the subject of which was "The Changing Times," Mrs. Fields referred to the activities of the local club and paid tribute to its ideals. She challenged the thinking of her hearers along the lines of international, national and community life, stating that the mode of living must keep step with the changing world order, emphasizing the responsibility of the adult for his own as well as for youth delinquency. She declared that even the smallest service rendered in the right spirit is effective and varied against the under-valuation of one's self and service.

The report of the fellowship and attendance committee was gratifying in that it revealed only two members absent and that the last period average was better than 90 per cent.

President Frank Williams extended a welcome to the two baby Rotarians, Arch Flanagan and little Eddie Caraway, and to the special guests, Mrs. Fields, Dr. E. W. Holmes, Dr. M. J. Gregg and Milton Mason, Jr.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. JULIA H. ALLEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Holman Allen, 48, of Kinston, will be held at 10 o'clock in this, her native community, were conducted at the Methodist church here, Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Clegg, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Self, of Mt. Olive, a former pastor. Interment was made in the family cemetery near Farmville beneath a lovely floral tribute.

Mrs. Allen passed away in Duke Hospital, Durham, Thursday morning, following an illness of several weeks. She was the widow of the late Glenn B. Allen and the daughter of the late Stephen and Nellie Beardsley Holman.

Surviving are one son, E. C. Allen of Fontana; one daughter, Mrs. Hugh Fountain of Cherry Point; six brothers, E. A. Holman of Farmville, A. J. Holman of Durham, F. B. Holman of Kinston, W. H. Holman of Washington and four sisters, Mrs. E. H. Smith of Farmville, Mrs. E. E. Smith of Washington and Mrs. Beardsley of Washington.

Mrs. Allen was a member of Kinston at the time of her death but had spent the majority of her life in the Farmville community.

Smith-Douglas To Open New Plant Near Wilmington

Streator, Illinois 6-D Plant Now In Full Production

Wilmington, North Carolina has been chosen as the site of the new Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Plant, according to an announcement recently made by Mr. Ralph Douglas, vice-president of the company. The new plant, which is located at Cavans across the river from Wilmington, will be in production for the 1945-47 fertilizer season. Battered tracks to the plant has recently been completed. It is planned to complete installation of all necessary machinery during the coming summer months. This will put Smith-Douglas in a very much better position to serve the increasing demand for its goods from progressive eastern North Carolina, Mr. Douglas said.

Smith-Douglas already has plants at Norfolk and Danville, Virginia and at Kinston, North Carolina to serve Carolina and Virginia.

Streator, Illinois Plant Opened Recently

Many orders from the Middle West and the increasing use of commercial fertilizers in that section prompted the Smith-Douglas Company to open a plant at Streator, Illinois late last year. Planned first as a dry mixing plant only, it was later decided to add an acidulating unit for the complete production of 500 tons of fertilizer per week. The Streator plant, which is under the management of Mr. William R. Copeland, has been in production for only a few months. Already orders have been received that will keep it running to capacity for the remainder of its first season.

Newsmen Famous for Fertilizer

The Smith-Douglas plant at Navasota, which has long been famous at that location. Plans are maturing for Smith-Douglas to manufacture its well known brands such as "Gypsum" and "Old Glory" tobacco fertilizers, "Square Deal" and "More or Make" general crop fertilizers, as well as many other Smith-Douglas brands at the new Navasota Plant.

At The Kiwanis Club

Charles Edwards was in charge of the meeting this week and presented in a clear way, his guest speaker, Rev. Richard L. West, of Fountain. Rev. West based his remarks on the fact that we are all blessed with brains but that too many of us fail to use them to the best advantage. In that we do not think.

Frank Allen, program chairman, announced that Ladies' Night will be held in the near future and plans are under way to make it very entertaining.

Judge Dink James and Dr. J. M. Barrett of Greenville were visiting Kiwanians and Dr. McElvorn of Farmville was a guest of the club. The program next week will be under the direction of Zeb Whitehurst.

BURWELL D. SKINNER

Kinston.—Funeral services for Burwell D. Skinner, 70, former Kinston resident, who succumbed to a heart attack at Baltimore, Md., Saturday, were held from the home here at 4 p. m., Tuesday. Burial was in Westview cemetery. The Rev. R. B. Hurt, pastor of the Gordon Street church of Christ, officiated.

Surviving are one son, Aubrey Skinner of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Mrs. Sidney Wilber of Baltimore and Helen Skinner of Kinston; four brothers, B. J. Skinner of Farmville, W. H. Skinner of Greenville, J. C. Skinner of Norfolk, Va., and T. E. Skinner of Ayden; two sisters, Mrs. C. L. Jones and Mrs. Raymond Edwards, both of Farmville; one half-brother, J. F. Nelson of Greenville; and two grandchildren.

LOCAL LEGION POST HAS GUEST SPEAKER

Farmville Post American Legion held its regular meeting in the Legion Hall, Friday night, March 1, with ninety members present. A delicious salad supper was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Carl A. Tyson. Comrade Loyd T. Lucas introduced his guest and the speaker of the evening, William Gibson, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Gibson made a most interesting and instructive talk on the F. B. I., touching the high spots of its activities since its organization in 1908. He had only words of highest praise for his chief, J. Edgar Hoover, who has been his superior since 1935. His words of praise for local and state officers all over the nation were heartily and enthusiastically received.

The writer expresses the sentiment of the post when he says, "Mr. Gibson we sincerely hope you will be with us again real soon."

Mr. Gibson is a native of Kinston and spent the majority of his life in the Farmville community.

B. S. Sheppard Succumbs To Heart Attack

Final Rites For Well Known Member of Prominent Eastern Carolina Families To Be Held Today at The Home Here

Funeral services for Benjamin Sheppard, 62, widely known throughout the State and a member of prominent pioneer families of Eastern North Carolina, will be conducted this afternoon, Friday, at 4:00 o'clock, from the Sheppard residence on Walnut street, by Rev. Marvin Y. Self, pastor of the Mt. Olive Methodist Church, and a former pastor was assisted by Rev. C. E. Mackburn, Christian minister, and Rev. B. S. Coates of the Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery. Active pallbearers will be cousins.

Mr. Sheppard succumbed to a heart attack, the second of the day, at midnight, Wednesday, enroute to a Kinston hospital. He appeared to be in his usual health, attending the annual interstate Moose Legion ceremonial held in Wilmington Saturday and Sunday, until stricken Monday. His condition became suddenly critical, Wednesday evening.

Born in Greenville, October 21, 1883, the son of the late Benjamin Sheppard and Abbie Carr Sheppard, he was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

For a period of thirteen years, Mr. Sheppard resided in Raleigh, where he became prominently identified with the hotel and real estate business. Returning to Farmville in 1932, he confined his interests to farming operations and rental of business and other properties here.

Mr. Sheppard had retained his membership in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, since his residence there. He was an active member of Wilson Lodge 989, Loyal Order of Moose, of Enola Legion 69, Moose, and held the Pilgrim degree, the highest bestowed, in the Moose fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sue May DeVincenti Sheppard.

Country Club Host To Kinston Golfers

The Farmville Country Club, member of the Eastern Carolina Golf Association, will be host to Kinston golfers on Wednesday, March 15, opening day of the Association's 1945 schedule.

The local team is fortunate in being able to play the first game of the series on its more familiar home grounds, but is expecting keen competition from the visitors.

Farmville golfers planning to take part in the tournament are urged to post daily scores to determine their handicap for the tournament.

Otis Taylor has been designated Captain of the local for Wednesday's match. A luncheon will be served visitors and local players prior to the tee-off at 1:30 p. m. Plans are to match a minimum of 25 players.

Farmville, smallest town in the league, was fourth among the eight teams in the last league standard, and hopes to finish even better in this series.

Below will be found the Association's complete schedule. Sonny Bradham will be Farmville's captain in Greenville, March 20, and Bob Flear, when we play Goldsboro, here, March 27.

March 13th—Greenville at Wilson, Kinston, at Farmville, Plymouth at Tarboro, Goldsboro at Rocky Mount.

March 20th—Tarboro at Goldsboro, Rocky Mount at Plymouth, Wilson at Kinston, Farmville at Greenville.

March 27th—Kinston at Rocky Mount, Goldsboro at Farmville, Greenville at Tarboro, Plymouth at Wilson.

April 3rd—Farmville at Plymouth, Tarboro at Kinston, Wilson at Goldsboro, Rocky Mount at Greenville.

April 10th—Greenville at Kinston, Farmville at Wilson, Plymouth at Goldsboro, Rocky Mount at Tarboro.

April 17th—Tarboro at Rocky Mount, Goldsboro at Plymouth, Wilson at Farmville, Kinston at Greenville.

April 24th—Greenville at Plymouth, Tarboro at Wilson, Kinston at Goldsboro, Rocky Mount at Farmville.

May 1st—Farmville at Tarboro, Plymouth at Kinston, Wilson at Rocky Mount, Goldsboro at Greenville.

May 8th—Rocky Mount at Wilson, Greenville at Goldsboro, Kinston at Plymouth, Tarboro at Farmville.

May 15th—Goldsboro at Kinston, Farmville at Rocky Mount, Plymouth at Greenville, Wilson at Tarboro.

May 22nd—Greenville at Farmville, Kinston at Wilson, Plymouth at Rocky Mount, Goldsboro at Tarboro.

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

Baptist
Mrs. W. J. Babbery was program leader for the Woman's Missionary Society, Monday afternoon, and developed the subject, "Home Mission Building in a New World." The devotional taken from the Book of Acts was given by Mrs. Clark Davis.

Mrs. A. B. Moore, president, presided and announced the State Convention, March 12-14, in High Point. The meeting closed with prayer. Mrs. Pearl Fargis and Mrs. S. E. Ewell were welcome visitors.

Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, Mrs. Carl Tyson, Mrs. Manly Liles, Mrs. G. D. Hathaway, Mrs. A. F. Joyner and Mrs. Bill Duke were hostesses for a social period and served cake, ice cream and nuts.

The Annie Perkins Circle's study of Home Missions, on Tuesday evening, was presented by Mrs. A. P. Tyson, Mrs. R. L. Manning and Mrs. Joseph Batchelor. The Bible topic was given by Mrs. A. J. Melton.

After adjournment, the hostesses, Mrs. C. L. Langley, served salads, molded in shamrock design, in observance of the St. Patrick's season.

Christian
At the Woman's Council meeting, Monday, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, program leader, introduced the afternoon's theme, "The Trial of Faith." Mrs. Louise Harris led the devotional.

Mrs. Zeb Whitehurst presented the second in a series of talks based on the book, "Sixty Days on the S. S. Oregon." Mrs. A. C. Turnage spoke on "Shepherding the New Christians."

Groups reported on meetings held last week. Mrs. Frank Davis, Jr., chairman, was hostess for Group 1. A devotional was given by Mrs. Lloyd Smith. At the refreshment hour, ice cream and cookies were served.

Mrs. Sam Flanagan entertained Group 2 in her apartment at the Davis Hotel. Mrs. A. C. Turnage was devotional leader. Hidden Answers from the Church magazine were discussed by the thirteen members present. The hostess served ice cream and cookies.

Group 3 met with the chairman, Mrs. Ted Albritton, with ten present. Mrs. Howard Moye gave the devotional which was followed by a review of Hidden Answers. The hostess served chocolate sundaes, salted nuts and cookies.

Mrs. Lee Corbett presided at Group 4's meeting, held in the home of Mrs. Flave Darden, and presented a meditation on the subject, "Not One Shall Perish." In the social period, Mrs. Darden served spiced tea, sand tarts, cheese straws and nuts.

Episcopal
Mrs. G. Alex Rouse presided at the Episcopal Auxiliary, Monday afternoon, and gave a meditation on "Faith, Love and Service."

Mrs. John D. Dixon read the Scripture. Mrs. C. S. Hotchkiss, program leader, outlined the chapter, "Foundations" from the book, "Our Expanding Church," by James Addison.

The Auxiliary will meet for special study and prayer at 2:30 p. m. each Monday during Lent. Mrs. J. H. Darden, United Thank Offering Custodian, announced that a collection will be received on March 25.

The meeting was held in the home of the hostess, Mrs. K. S. Scott, who served pecan pies, topped with cream, and coffee.

Methodist
"Christ and Our Country," current mission study book for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, featured the Monday afternoon meeting of this group.

The book presents a brief view of the work of the Methodist Church in the field of home missions and church extension and some of the social situations pertinent to that work. Opening chapters were reviewed by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Clegg.

The study will be continued at the Sunday evening service.

Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, president, presided over a business period and announced the Conference to be held in Durham, March 25-28. Mrs. E. R. Clegg was elected delegate from the W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. Council meeting, Monday evening, was presided over by R. A. Joyner. Reports from Sunday School Departments were heard and announcements were made of the attendance contest just begun between the men's and ladies' classes, at the close of which losses will determine the winners at a fellowship supper.

Mrs. J. M. Chasney led a devotional, based on the theme, "Expecting Difficulties in Life." Remarks were given by Rev. E. R. Clegg and L. E. Watson. Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck (Continued on page 4)

The Red Cross Campaign To Close Tomorrow

Ready Response Reported By Workers Raising Quota of \$2,710.00 Here

The 1946 Fund Campaign of the American Red Cross has met the usual ready response by Farmville citizens this week, according to workers under the leadership of Mrs. B. L. Lang, who appeared confident today of meeting the quota of \$2,710.00 allotted to this community from the \$16,000.00 over all quota set for Pitt County.

The campaign closes tomorrow, Saturday, March 9, and so the ward chairmen and workers are requesting that those who have not been contacted, due to absence from home or place of business when a call was made by canvassers, make an effort to see them and make their contribution, or to call by telephone regarding the matter.

Pick your own ward chairman or some other one from the following list and see or call him or her at once, regarding the contribution which you surely wish to make to your Red Cross, which is serving for you the world over:

Ward 1—John B. Lewis; 2—Mrs. H. Neal Howard; 3—Mrs. M. V. Jones; 4—R. D. Bouse; 5—Jack Lewis; 6—Mrs. Jesse Moye; 7—H. B. Sugg; special gifts—W. Alex Allen, Jno. T. Thorne and A. C. Monk, Jr.

Beal O'Connor, Chairman of the American Red Cross, in launching the current campaign, stated, "The war is not over for the American Red Cross. There remains for us a continuing responsibility in a continuing series of tasks of maintaining morale among the men in the occupation forces, service to hospitalized troops and help and counsel to veterans whose normal pattern of life has been disrupted by the war's impact. Moreover, the peace-time role of our 3,754 chapters is an expanding one, involving a wide range of humanitarian and educational service pointed toward a better America. It is to these great objectives that the Red Cross is dedicated—for them, the Red Cross must carry on."

Banker Praises Negro Schools

L. E. Watson, well known banker of Farmville, always a friend of education, made the following statement in praise of the good work being done in the Negro schools of Pitt County:

"Most of the Pitt County Negro schools are worthy to be commended upon the improvement that can be noted in the cleanliness and sanitation of their buildings and surroundings. Although most of the buildings are small and antiquated, yet it is very evident that the teachers, pupils and patrons are co-operating in a very satisfactory manner to make these situations all that can be reasonably expected."

"Every one knows that during the dark days of the war, the Negro schools lived up to the highest standard of patriotism. They played their part in every call for the country's need."

E. B. Sugg, coordinator for Negro schools, gives us the information that during the past two years, the schools, through their own efforts, purchased 3480 volumes of standard reading material for the lower grades at a cost of approximately \$2,100.00. The upper grades had been fairly well provided for. This material is highly praised and enjoyed by the little folk.

Coordinator Sugg further states that through the advice and very kind assistance of Superintendent H. D. Conley and Miss Beba Proctor, supervisor of white schools, a real program for the improvement of reading was begun. He says that this has proved a success and is gaining impetus as the days go by.

Our Negro citizens are proving their worth and the leading white citizens are pledging their support to a program for better educational advantages for our Negro citizenship—Greenville Reflector.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Mrs. S. A. Roebuck entertained, Saturday evening, honoring her son, Shelby, on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday.

Joining in the celebration, which was planned as a surprise for the honored guest, were Miss Betty Moore, Miss Jesse Tyson, Miss Jane Dail, Miss Vivian Scott, Chester Langley, Dan Morgan and Charles Barton.

A delicious spaghetti supper was served at eight o'clock.

North Carolina is expected to meet a federal request for 40,000 new acres planted to soybeans this year.