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Keynote To National Prosperity

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For many years the United States Government has been content to let agriculture take care of itself. Farmers have gone on producing under many handicaps that might easily have been removed. The result has been disaster that in the last two years has overtaken the farmers, caused billions of dollars in losses by shrinkage in the value of farm products, and has been seriously detrimental to business throughout the land.

The need of a constructive national program looking to the rehabilitation of agriculture is regarded by the Farm Bloc as imperative. It is now generally accepted that prosperity must come first to the farmers before it can prevail in the city.

Farming is the only business left that buys at retail and sells at wholesale; that pays what is asked when it buys and accepts what is offered when it sells. The farmer remains merely a producer of the necessities of human life.

He gets but one-third of every dollar paid by the consumer for the products of the farm. Our expensive, antiquated and inefficient marketing system takes the other two-thirds.

The enactment of constructive, wholesome, progressive legislation, which will bring about conditions agriculturally is the mission of the Farm Bloc in Congress. As a member of that body, I think I may say with perfect candor that there is nothing dark, sinister, nor forbidding in its make-up or its purposes. It is not political. It is for things rather than against them, for the city man as well as the country man. It is working for honest industry, honest finance, honest commerce, honest agriculture honest labor, and wishes to cooperate with all of these.

Agriculture Basis of All Prosperity

The charge has been made by metropolitan newspapers of the East that the Farm Bloc seeks class legislation. Thus its aim is to profit agriculture, no matter at what cost to other industry. The men who make that charge lose sight of the fundamental fact that agriculture is basic, that what contributes to its prosperity and well being unquestionably benefits all industry. When agriculture is profitable the nation is prosperous.

In legislation the farmer is not entitled to any more consideration than any other class; but he is entitled to just as much.

The Farm Bloc does not recognize the right of any class to have an advantage at the expense of another group or of the population as a whole.

The Farm Bloc believes that the best way to mend the present situation and provide for the future is to increase the producer's profits by shortening the road to market. One way to accomplish this is through cooperative marketing.

The recently published report of the Federal Trade Commission shows that gambling some years to more than twenty billion bushels, or three times all the grain produced in the world.

The public has made up its mind that the Chicago Board of Trade's poker playing, using the country's food supply as the stakes, is the most wanton, most wicked, most destructive game of chance in the world, and it is now proposing to stop it by the Capper-Tincher law, which places grain exchanges under federal control.

The Farm Bloc measure which had strongest opposition was the amendment to the Federal Reserve Act, providing that agriculture should be represented on the Federal Re-

serve Board along with other industry, commerce and finance. Wall Street bankers opposed it bitterly, claiming that this is "class legislation."

No one seems to think it "class legislation" for commerce, finance and manufacturing to be represented on the Federal Reserve Board, and, of course, it is not. Then why should it be considered class legislation for agriculture, which is the largest and most vital industry of all, to be so represented?

For a long while the big five packer combine absolutely controlled the livestock markets and fixed the prices to suit themselves. As a result of the efforts of the Farm Bloc the packing industry is now under government control, and as a matter of fact, the packers and everybody else now concede that it is a good law.

One of the most important measures in the Farm Bloc program was the bill for the revival of War Finance Corporation, making one billion dollars available for loans to farmers and stockmen. This legislation saved thousands of producers from bankruptcy.

Practical Financing is Pressing Problem

The Farm Bloc still has many important things to accomplish. One of them is a credit plan which will be of speedy and immense value to farming industry. The Bloc is endeavoring to have enacted into law a system of one, two and three-year credit for farmers, based on farm products as collateral.

We cannot have any different system of orderly marketing until we have a different system of financing. We cannot build up a system of same marketing until we have a system of credits peculiarly adapted to the needs of agriculture.

Agriculture is at the mercy of those who control credit, and many who exert that control are not particularly in sympathy with agriculture. Thousands of farmers and stockmen have been ruined in the past two or three years by this lack of credit.

The agricultural credit plan before this Congress, based on warehouse receipts as collateral security, will make more money, at lower interest rates, available for financing the slow turnover of the farms, which will give the farmer another opportunity to go ahead with his work with a fair chance to make good. If that is accomplished it will mean cheaper food, more work, reopened factories and mills and a return of good times.

Lower Freight Rates Vital To All Classes.

The Farm Bloc believes railway freight rates are too high and must come down. It is using all the influence it can command to bring this about. The city is just as vitally interested in lessening cost of carrying food supplies.

One of the measures endorsed by the Bloc would restore to state railway commissions much of the power taken from them by what I believe is an unwarranted interpretation of the Transportation Act by the Inter State Commerce Commission.

The Farm Bloc is giving its support to the Truth-in-Fabrics bill to compel all makers of clothing to brand their goods so the buyer will know the amount of pure wool and the amount of shoddy in each garment. This is of more importance to the man in the city than to the man who sells the wool.

The Farm Bloc believes that a foreign market for our surplus farm products is vital to the farmer's prosperity, and we are doing our best to secure legislation that will aid in finding buyers for our surplus foodstuffs in Europe. Something must be done to make a market for American products. Fifteen per cent of our farm output must find a market outside of the United States if we are to save our farm industry and maintain our own food supply.

For Sale:—or exchange thirty acre. Mountain home, in sight of Avery County Court house. 1-2 mile R. R. schools and churches. Modern 8 room house, garage and 100 bearing apples trees, good grazing land. This place is 3900 feet up. Ideal summer home. What have you to offer. Address A. L. B. Care of The News.

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There will be a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Polk County Farmers Federation at Columbus, on Friday March 9, at 1 P. M. to consider an important amendment to the By-Laws. All Stockholders should make an effort to be present. This is on the same day as the County Biscuit Contest.

Two communicating rooms private bath—House heated. Good table—Rates upon Application. Crystal Springs Inn, Saluda, N. C.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

State of North Carolina, Department of State.

To all to whom these presents may come:—Greeting: Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office that the Tryon Filling Station, Incorporated, a corporation of this state, whose principal office is situated in the Town of Tryon, County of Polk, State of North Carolina, has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, therefore, I, W. N. Everett, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 16th day of February, 1923, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 16th day of February, A. D. 1923.

Secretary of State
W. N. EVERETT

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Mortgage Deed by date of September 10th, 1921, executed by W. L. Henderson and wife, C. M. Henderson to O. C. Harrison for \$138.00; said mortgage is recorded in book No. 17 at page 270 for the records of Polk county; default having been made in the payment of said principal and interest, I will at the court house door in Columbus on the 10th day of March, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, to-wit:

Lying and being in Coopers Gap township, Polk county and adjoining the lands of Eliza Jackson and others, bounded as follows: Beginning at a chestnut oak on Ivey bluff, N. 40 W. 37 poles to a R. O. on the creek bank on edge of road in the Eliza Jackson tract, and runs with line N. 52 1-2 E. 62 poles to a spruce pine stump corner of same on creek bank, thence the line of said tracts N. 60 E. 74 poles to a W. O., corner of said tract in the Patten line, thence with the Patten line S. 25 E. 358 to a chestnut oak on top of ridge, thence to the beginning, containing 41 acres, more or less. This the 8th day of Feb. 1923. O. C. HARRISON, Mortgagee.

FOR SALE—Wilcox Dairy Farm, two good cottages and barn, 20 acres, some good bottom land. This place will be sold at a very reasonable price and on terms to suit purchaser. JAMES LEONARD.



Four Reasons Why You Should Buy Your Ford Car This Month

I.

The unprecedented demand for Ford Cars throughout the winter months has taken the entire output of the Ford plants working at capacity, indicating that the demand this Spring will be far in excess of the number of Ford Cars that can possibly be built.

II.

January was the tenth consecutive month in which retail deliveries exceeded 100,000 Ford Cars and Trucks. Requirements for February, the month when preparations are already under way for Spring business, called for 148,407 Cars and Trucks---more than 24,000 in excess of the number we can possibly produce.

III.

Ford dealers in many parts of the country are already finding it necessary to specify future delivery dates on Ford Products because there are no reserve stocks to draw from.

IV.

Your order placed now will protect you against delay or dissapointmint later on---Is is the only way you can be assured of reasonably prompt delivery.

We consider it important to give you these facts, so that if you are planning to purchase a Ford Car, Truck or Fordson Tractor for use this Spring or Summer you can list your order at once and take advantage of our dealer's first opportunity to make delivery.

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