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PRESIDENT HARDING NOT ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED

His Speeches Fall Almost Flat—Making Renomination Canvaso.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, July 2.—President Harding's western speech-making trip has furnished many incidents that are not without interest. The people have received him with the respect due his great office and have listened to him attentively, but in the reports of the trip there is nothing to indicate any enthusiasm on the part of the populace. Both in street parades and in his speeches he has been greeted with occasional applause and cheers, punctuated by long periods of silence.

In his speeches he has occasionally surprised and in some instances shocked the country, particularly in his World Court speech at St. Louis, in which he abandoned Mr. Hughes' plan of selecting judges for the court, which, by the way, he had transmitted to Congress with his warm approval, and offered a rather startling plan of his own.

In Kansas he encountered genuine "dirt farmers," telling them in effect that their troubles were about over and also that the Government had done about all it could for them. But one practical wheat farmer with years of experience, despite what the President had said of all he had done for the farmers, showed Mr. Harding in detail that the cost of producing wheat per acre was \$15.20 and that the farmer receives only \$15.30. The same farmer told the President that the farmers won't make anything this year, and Senator Capper, who poses as a farmer in Kansas and a statesman in Washington, volunteered the information that "they didn't make anything last year either."

In Utah he undertook to take credit for a large reduction in taxation, without telling his audience that in a reduction of \$600,000,000 of internal taxes, more than \$500,000,000 was a reduction of the taxes of the multimillionaire and the profiteering classes; nor did he say anything concerning the \$4,000,000,000 annual tax levied upon the American people by the Fordney-McCumber tariff law, which he signed. The official figures of the Treasury Department show a reduction in expenditures for the current fiscal year of 1923 of \$65,000,000, but when the items of expenditures are analyzed it is found that nearly \$200,000,000 of reduced expenditures in 1923 was due to a reduction of the army and navy to a peace basis by an act of Congress, to which the administration was opposed.

As Cordell Hull, Chairman Democratic National Committee, says concerning President Harding's utterances on fiscal affairs: "To say that these statements are grossly misleading is to use the mildest possible language."

Reports of the President's trip indicate rather clearly to observers here that President Harding is not only going to be a candidate for renomination, but that he is already a candidate and is doing all that in his power lies through his western speeches to promote that candidacy, despite his previous assertion that he would make the trip as President and not as a candidate.

What the Lasker Joy—
Riders Talked About.

From the Ohio State Journal (Rep.).

We suppose Mr. Lasker and his guests gather on the poop deck of an evening, put their feet on the rail and have a pretty good time talking about the scandalous way in which the Wilson administration used to waste the people's money.

Tomato plants will grow eight or ten feet high if tied to a stake and the suckers removed weekly. This is the best way to train them, says extension horticulturist R. F. Payne.

EASTERN GROWERS ANGERED BY PLOT.

Pitt and Craven County Coops Hold Enthusiastic Meetings Endorsing Association.

DENOUNCE ALL SLACKERS.

Condemning the action which is being taken by some disloyal members of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, the organized tobacco growers of Pitt county in a unanimous resolution passed at Greenville on June 29 in their regular monthly meeting, stated that they proposed to resist to the uttermost the efforts of the class and character of men who are attempting to disrupt their association. Following the statement that "as loyal members, we pledge ourselves to aid and urge our directors to enjoin and prosecute to the uttermost such flagrant contract breakers." The Pitt county members of the tobacco cooperative declared, "We express our confidence in the directors and other officers of the association and our hearty approval of their administration of the business of the association. We call upon all loyal members to rally to the support of the association, to fight for our rights, to resent all misrepresentations and slanders of our association and its officers, as reflections upon and insults to every loyal member."

Other resolutions approving the sales policy of their association and favoring the orderly selling of their tobacco at the association's prices, instead of dumping and selling at the buyer's prices, were unanimously passed with an expression of thanks to all business interests who have supported and helped the organized growers.

The fate of Fred A. Elks, the largest tobacco grower of North Carolina's biggest tobacco growing county, who is under a restraining order to show cause why he should not deliver his 1923 crop to the cooperative association, and is being sued for \$6,000 liquidated damages for tobacco that he is alleged to have sold at auction, may be shared by more than a hundred other Pitt county farmers who brought legal action against the association on the night of June 25.

According to M. C. Wilson, Secretary of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, these growers of Pitt county "by their very suits have invited and laid themselves open to counter-claim and injunction."

Like W. T. Jones and Z. A. Harrell, the first contract breakers sued by the association, whose tobacco of the 1922 crop is still under the injunction issued by Judge Daniels more than eight months ago, the Pitt county farmers who seek to avoid delivery of their 1923 crop to their own organization, are giving their fellow-farmers with whom they have contracted to deliver, an early notice of their intention to abandon at its very start, the enterprise which Chief Justice Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court called "the most hopeful movement to obtain justice and improve the condition of farmers."

The effort of a few of the farmers of Pitt county to avoid delivery of their 1923 crop of tobacco to their own association has caused a wave of loyalty throughout Eastern North Carolina which has never been equaled in the history of the association. Several hundred members of the association from Craven county who met in Vanceboro last week held the most enthusiastic meeting of association members which has taken place in that section since the farmers of Eastern North Carolina joined hands to improve their system of marketing. Director J. Y. Joyner, from Raleigh headquarters, Director J. H. Coward of Ayden, R. J. Works of Kentucky, and Archie D. Odum of Nashville, were among the speakers who addressed meetings of Pitt and Craven county tobacco growers during the past week.

The serious crop shortage in Virginia has reached alarming proportions, according to the latest reports of the county chairmen and secretaries of the tobacco association in twenty-four coun-

ties of that State, and a shortage of 35 per cent, as compared to last year's crop, seems certain from the estimate based upon reports handed in from twenty-four Virginia counties on June 21.

Farmer Refused to Vaccinate and Lost Hogs.

Due to the prevalence of hog cholera in Harnett county, County Agent H. A. Edge decided to put on a campaign to vaccinate the hogs of the county and called on Dr. F. D. Owen who has charge of this work for the State College and Department of Agriculture, to help him out. The matter was given much publicity and the farmers were urged to list their hogs with the agent. A great number took advantage of the event and had their hogs immunized from the disease by the double treatment given by Dr. Owen. About 1,000 were treated.

Now it costs about 35 cents to \$1.25 to vaccinate an animal, depending on its size, but one good hog owner decided that he wouldn't go to that useless expense. About a week after the treatment had been administered to the 1,000 hogs, cholera broke out on the farm of the man who refused to have the work done. He called for help. He went posthaste for the county agent, and Mr. Edge being a conscientious sort of fellow wanted to help his farmer friend out. He used the serum alone treatment and vaccinated the six fine hogs but some of them were already sick and Dr. Owens reports that even the Edge made six fine shots, only two of the six will be saved.

Each of the hogs were worth \$20 at the time of being attacked with the disease. Thus \$5 would have saved \$80 or more if the hogs were reckoned in terms of meat this fall and winter.

Dr. Owens says that the serum treatment is a preventive agent and is not a curative agent and so it is wise to lock the door before the horse is stolen—not afterwards. It seems that he is right.

13,000,000 Farm Workers

Labor Without Profit.

There are 13,000,000 agricultural workers in the United States it is pointed out in a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture a few days ago. Of this number 2,000,000 are women. All together, these workers represent 29 per cent of all the persons gainfully employed in this country.

"The figures were compiled to show that problems concerning agricultural workers affect a larger number than is engaged in manufacturing, mining, lumbering, or commerce," the Department explains.

For the last two years these 13,000,000 men and women have worked almost without return for their labor, and they are again facing another period of practically resultless effort, due to the low prices of agricultural products.

Preaching Contentment To Discontented Farmers.

In the account which was given in the Philadelphia Public Ledger (a Republican newspaper) of President Harding's visit to Hutchinson, Kansas, appear these paragraphs:

"On the ride through Kansas last night," wrote Correspondent Robert Barry, "such reactions as were obtainable to his (President Harding's) Hutchison speech were best expressed by a prominent State official—a Republican—who said:

"No one can come out here and preach contentment to these farmers. They are discontented and they don't care who knows it. They are not to be placated by statements of how much worse things might be. They want to hear that freight rates are to be lowered and they don't care to hear much else unless it be that some form of Government stabilization of prices is contemplated."

Improvements in feeding and caring for swine must originate in the mind of the owner; if he thinks it is not worth while—then it isn't, says W. W. Shay.

Poultry Culling Demonstrations Will Be Held In Alamance County.

Forty poultry culling demonstrations are to be given at the places and dates given below. Prof. Lee Cooper of the Alexander Wilson High School, Prof. R. H. Hutchenson of Sylvan, Prof. J. W. Basin of Friendship, Mr. A. G. Oliver, Poultry Specialist for the State College and Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Southern Railway Development Service, the Home and County Agents, will assist at these meetings.

Come see how it is done, then go home and cull your flocks. The Alamance Creamery will ship without charge on the 13th of August all cull birds that you bring in at this time. Roosters, cockerels, old hens, pullets and fryers are included. At least one-fourth of your hens are not worth keeping; find out which these are and get rid of them.

August 6th,

10 a.m., Shaffaer community, at Mrs. C. H. Coble's, Burlington, R. F. D.
4 p.m., New Hope " " Mrs. Will Spoon, " "
4 " Bethany " " Mrs. Jim Dixon, Graham, " "
4 " Long's Chapel " " Mrs. Walter Johnston, Burlington.
7 " Shallow Ford " " Mrs. Will Walker, Burlington, R. F. D.
7 " Eureka " " Mrs. Geo. Isley, Graham, R. F. D.
7 " Deep Creek " " Mrs. Chas. Roney, Burlington, R. F. D.

August 7th,

10 a.m., Isley " " Mr. John Cantrell, " "
10 " Hawfields " " Mrs. Dewey Covington, Mebane.
10 " Mahan " " Mrs. Charlie King, Burlington.
4 p.m., Oakwood " " Mrs. C. L. Lewis, Altamahaw, No. 1.
4 " Swepsonville " " Mrs. Cad Albright, Graham, R. F. D.
7 " Burlington " " Mrs. Will Thornton, Burlington, R. F. D.
7 " Haywood " " Miss Mary McCulloch, Burlington.
7 " Woodlawn " " Mrs. Mose Wilkerson, Mebane.
7 " Highlands " " Mrs. A. K. Sharpe, Burlington. *

August 8th,

10 a.m., Eldermont " " W. A. Thompson, Burlington.
10 " Cedar Cliff " " Robert Thompson, Graham.
10 " Center " " Will Ivey, Snow Camp, R. F. D.
4 p.m., Salem " " Sam Newlin, Graham, R. F. D.
4 " Snow Camp " " Milo Pace, Snow Camp.
7 " Green Hill " " Maylon Newlin, Snow Camp.
7 " Bethel " " Johnnie Foust, Snow Camp.
7 " Mountain View " " Calvin Morton, Mebane.

August 9th,

10 a.m., Snow Camp " " Murphy Williams, Snow Camp.
10 " McRae " " Mrs. G. R. Graham, Burlington.
10 " Mandale " " R. R. Richardson, Sapapahaw.
4 p.m., Spring " " Doc McBane,
4 " Pleasant Hill " " Gaston Andrews, Siler City, No. 2.
4 " Union Ridge " " Lon McCauley, Union Ridge.
7 " Stony Creek " " Rose Walker, Burlington.
7 " Concord " " Charlie Johnston, Sapapahaw.

August 10th,

10 a.m., Glencoe " " Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, Burlington, No. 2.
10 " Friendship " " Joe Isley, Burlington, R. F. D.
4 p.m., Hebron " " Dolph Mehane, Mebane, R. F. D.
4 " Friendship " " Guernev Isley, Burlington,
7 p.m., Haw River " " J. A. Long, Haw River.
7 " Oakdale " " Zeke Hornaday, Liberty, R. F. D.

August 11th, Saturday, 10 a.m., Mr. A. G. Oliver will meet with all commercial poultrymen and those especially interested in their flocks at the home of Mr. Joe Nicholson, Sapapahaw. Mr. Nicholson has about a thousand hens and is making a success of the business. There is nothing fancy about his equipment. It will pay you to meet with Mr. Oliver at this place and discuss with him your problems and at the same time see a practical commercial poultry plant in operation.

Yours truly,

EDNA REINHARDT, Home Agent.

W. KERR SCOTT, Co. Agent.

News of Whitsett.

Cor. of The Gleaner.

Whitsett, July 2.—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Summers have just returned from a visit of a week to Chimney Rock, Blowing Rock, Asheville, and other points in western North Carolina. They were accompanied as far as Gastonia by Mrs. R. K. Davenport who visited relatives at that place.

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Greensboro visiting.

Mrs. G. W. Davenport who has not been very well for some weeks is greatly improved at this time.

Mrs. T. L. Fitzgerald was in Greensboro Friday to see a physician in regard to an injury to her foot received some time ago.

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CLUB MEMBERS' ENCAMPMENT.

Regulations and Requirements for Those Proposing to go—Will go to Morehead City—Each One to Sign Pledge.

The time for our encampment is almost here. The County Board of Education has kindly consented to our use of the school trucks again and we will make Morehead beach our goal. We expect to have the best encampment we have ever had.

The party will leave Graham Friday, July 27th, at 9:00 o'clock. We will reach Morehead Saturday afternoon and stay there till Thursday. We will come back to Raleigh where we will spend a day studying poultry. Friday p.m. we will reach Graham. A regular schedule of work and play will be followed while at Morehead.

A reliable driver and chaperon will be in charge of each track. Club members will be in charge of the Farm or Home Agent or their assistant chaperon from the time they leave Graham until they return. Under no conditions shall any club member be allowed to leave encampment without permission from the county agents.

A deposit of \$10.00 must be made with the county agents or some authorized person before leaving Graham. It is hoped that the trip will not cost us much. All money not used will be refunded.

Cooked food to last till Saturday night must be carried. Bring the following raw materials:

1 doz. Irish potatoes, 1 lb. butter, 1 lb. sugar, one-half cup grits, one-half pint pickle, 1 qt. green beans, 1 pint jelly, jam or preserves, 1 doz. eggs, 1 lb. ham, one-half lb. bacon, 1 small cake, 1 dozen tea cakes.

One dark blanket, soap, towels, comb, tooth brush, drinking cup, plate, spoon, knife and fork, bathing suit.

Each girl should wear dark dress and carry sweater or light coat, two gingham or lawn dresses, two changes of plain underwear. Leave your fancy clothes at home.

If you wish to go on this trip write us a letter stating exactly what farm or home work you have done this spring and summer and tell how you think boys and girls club work could be made stronger in Alamance county. Sign the following agreement and return with your letter. If you have attended either of the vocational schools in the county, a statement from your teacher saying you have done creditable work will admit you without the above letter to the farm and home agents.

Very sincerely,