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Washington, December 17.—President Roosevelt's speech before the Farm Bureau Federation has served to focus attention sharply upon the clear-cut fact that the battle-ground of the Presidential campaign of 1936 will be in the agricultural West. Mr. Roosevelt, in effect, challenged the Republicans to offer a substitute for the AAA which would be equally satisfactory to the farmers between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains. No one qualified to speak for the Opposition has yet offered any such program. The feeling grows here, however, that the Republicans' answer to Mr. Roosevelt's challenge will come from the West and not from the East, when it does come.

Senator Borah's radio speech, in which he criticized sharply the conservative Eastern wing of the Party, is regarded as not so much an expression of the Senator's own desire to be the Republican candidate as it was an effort to rally the progressive thought of the West into a solid front, which can dictate the Party's agricultural policies. It is also interpreted as a backhanded slap at Mr. Hoover's leadership.

G. O. P. Strategy
Whether or not the line of cleavage between Eastern and Western wings of the Republican Party will amount to anything more serious than the customary fight for organization control remains to be seen. Experienced political observers here, however, are swinging strongly to the opinion that considerations of political strategy will force the Party to pick its candidate from somewhere west of the Mississippi and east of the Rockies.

That would eliminate Mr. Hoover on the West, and Col. Knox and Senator Vandenberg on the East, leaving the contest, so far as visible candidates now in the field are concerned, to Senator Borah, Gov. Landon, and Senator Dickinson of Iowa. Few are found who believe that Mr. Borah seriously expects to be the nominee. That leaves Governor Landon as the rising star of the moment.

Congress A Factor
There is no end to the possible complications affecting next year's campaign which may develop from the actions of Congress, which meets now in the matter of only a couple of weeks. The temper exhibited by returning Senators and Members can best be described as "rambunctious." They are going to put up a fight for every measure that has votes in it.

Out of the 531 Legislators on Capitol Hill there are only 64 whose terms don't expire in 1936. Those are the 64 Senators whose terms run to 1938 and 1940. One-third of the Senators and all of the Representatives must run for re-election next November if they want to come back. That makes for a situation in which every organized raid on the Treasury which has important voting strength behind it will find support. Veterans' Bonus, Townsend Plan, "Soak-the-Rich" tax schemes, the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage Refinancing bill, and almost anything that organized labor is solidly behind, will provide at least a chance for the boys to go on record, whether or not they succeed in enacting any of these and other projects into law.

The signs are that opposition from the White House to all such drafts on the public purse will be more stubborn than in the past. There is no inclination here to question the genuineness of Mr. Roosevelt's desire to cut Government expenses and make at least a step toward balancing the budget. He will have to meet, however, not only demands emanating from Congress, but the desires of many in his own official family for more money to spend.

Manufacturer's Stand
It can be stated definitely that the President's plan to place Frank C. Walker in the Cabinet, as Postmaster General, will not be carried through. Members of the Cabinet must divest themselves of all private business connections. Mr. Walker was in a position to do that, until the death, a few days ago, of his uncle, Michael Comerford, the management of whose very extensive motion picture interests now devolves upon Mr. Walker.

The action of the recent Convention of the National Association of Manufacturers in uniting upon a definite declaration of opposition to the Administration widens the breach between the Government and business beyond any likelihood of its being bridged over. Democratic leaders are inclined to hail this as providing good campaign material, while Republican wheel-horses look upon it as at least assuring an ample campaign fund for 1936.

Irvin Morgan, 4-H club member of Pasquotank County, added nitrate of soda to his corn as a side-application when the corn was 42 days old and produced 123 bushels on one acre of land this season.

Six thousand pounds of plucked turkeys were sold cooperatively recently by Anson County farm families for the holiday market.

Franklin Farmers Club Meeting

Thirty-five Franklin County citizens, representing every township in the County except Hayesville, Dunn, Youngsville, and Harris, faced the stormy night and rough roads to attend the Farmers Club's regular monthly meeting, Friday night, December 13.

After enjoying a splendid supper, prepared by the Gold Sand Women's Club, and the Educational program of which G. L. Winchester was in charge, it was evidenced the people present would face greater handicaps to be present for another meeting.

The meeting was presided over by W. H. M. Jenkins, President. The minutes of the preceding meeting, held at Edward Best School, were read and approved. Mr. G. L. Winchester, Chairman of the Program Committee, reported that Dr. R. Y. Winters would be the principal speaker at our next meeting. Dr. Winters is the Director of the N. C. Experiment Station. He will speak on Agricultural Adjustment as it affects Soil Conservation in North Carolina.

County Agent, Mr. E. J. Morgan, reported that some progress has been made on Rural Electrification in this County. Mr. Bagley, who is in charge of the State Program of Rural Electrification has promised to send a representative to this county to make further investigation of proposed lines. He also stated that the State W. P. A. would build the Farmers house in Louisburg as soon as labor became available. He suggested that the President appoint a committee to work to spur the W. P. A. on. This committee will be appointed next week.

Miss Francis Person of Gold Sand School rendered a beautiful reading. Piano music was supplied for entertainment, while those present were enjoying the palatable food, by Miss Ruth Parker, music teacher at Gold Sand.

Mr. Winchester introduced Mr. Mann, State Representative for the Production Credit Association. In his enlightening talk he explained the purpose and set-up of the Production Credit Association. Among the interesting statements made by him were: "Farmers for the past twenty years have paid 20 per cent interest on the money borrowed and time prices for materials for agricultural production. The Production Credit Association, with twenty eight local organizations located so as to serve the farmers of North Carolina, loaned approximately \$5,000,000.00 to farmers at 5 per cent interest and had collected all but about \$300,000 to date, for the state as a whole. The Louisburg Production Credit Association loaned \$136,800.00 to 539 farmers. They have collected all but \$300,000, collecting \$1,700.00 to day with prospects for 100 per cent collection." Mr. N. C. Phillips is secretary of the local or Louisburg Production Association.

Mr. Erickson was then introduced by the Chairman of the Program Committee. He took the cake for making an Educational talk on Soil Conservation, and making it really interesting. He stated that if he was to make a talk, it had to be on Soil Conservation, for that was his sermon, his conversation, and his way of living. He told his hearers that 100,000,000 acres of land in the U. S. would not grow weeds because of complete erosion. This being an area the size of Ohio, Illinois, Maryland, and North Carolina. He further stated that North Carolina buys more fertilizer than any other state in the Union. North Carolina loses \$60,000,000 annually from erosion of soil and plant food. Franklin County has 3000 acres of land that has been declared non-productive, and 18,000 acres more that has almost approached that stage due to loss of top soil. Soil Conservation has a definite correlation on the social life of a community, for as the soil becomes non-productive from erosion, thus lowering the farm income, the moral standards will become lower, and crime will increase rapidly. "The reason the boys leave the farm may be because the soil is gone."

Vera—What color dress will you wear to the ball?
Edna—We're supposed to wear something to match our boy friend's hair, so I'll wear black. What will you wear?
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Louisburg College Music Recital

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Organ Prelude, Processional, Come All Ye Faithful; Prayer, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald; Carol, Congregation, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear; Christmas Lesson, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald; Solo, Recitation and Aria from "The Messiah" by Handel. "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth." "The People that walked in Darkness", Ward Wilcox; Reading, A Christmas Story, Tolstol, Ann Ridenhour; The Shepherds' Story, Clarence Dickinson; Male Quartet, God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen, Traditional; Cantique, De Noel, Adam; Shepherds' Shake off—Your—Drowsy—Sleep,

Besancon Carol; Reading, The Seventh Christmas, Dawson, Margaret Lipscomb; Sing Noel, French Noel, Arranged by Clokey; Solo, Gesu Bambrao, Pietro-A-You; The First Noel, Traditional; We Three Kings of Orient Are, Hopkins; Silent Night; Recessional, Angels from the Realms of Glory; Benediction; Postlude.

Louisburg College closed for the Christmas holidays at one o'clock on the 18th, and opens on the second day of January, 1936. It is expected that a number of new students will enter at the opening of the second semester. This year has been the greatest year in the history of Louisburg College.

It's amusing to observe a woman deliberately arrange to be unavoidably late at a party.

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