

Congressman Doughton Tells People About Deplorable Farm Conditions

Reviews Work of Present Congress and Recounts How Democrats Have Helped.

REPUBLICAN TARIFF HAS BEEN COMPLETE FAILURE

Farm and Bank Failures Have Been on Increase For 5 Yrs. —Farmers Gored.

Representative Doughton of North Carolina, a member of the powerful ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, spoke over the radio Saturday night. He broadcasted sound Democratic doctrine.

Mr. Doughton reviewed the work of the present session of congress, laying special stress on the tax reduction bill.

This was Mr. Doughton's first effort in the air. He sent greetings to people of his district and the state.

The Republicans, Mr. Doughton declared are in command here and responsible for all legislation, but democrats have helped.

"During my fifteen years as a representative in the congress, I have never known party lines so indistinct and the absence of party strife so manifest," said he.

Democrats Co-operate "The Democratic party, always patriotic and preferring the country's welfare above party welfare, has in no manner attempted to play politics or seek partisan advantage, but has co-operated in an earnest and faithful endeavor to enact wise, wholesome and salutary legislation, and to assist by every honorable means in reducing taxes and bringing them to the lowest level consistent with efficient governmental service."

"The amount of reduction contained in this bill was about \$387,000,000. This was something new in legislation, as never before in peace time was a tax bill considered, prepared and reported free from partisanship. This, in my judgment, records a distinctive step forward in legislative procedure, and if continued will work to the great advantage of the American people."

"The record of the Democratic party in the Congress will justify the statement that we have left no means unemployed, first, to reduce federal taxes to the lowest possible level consistent with progressive and efficient government, and, second, to prevent all extravagant appropriations."

Mr. Doughton then told of the deplorable condition of agriculture. "The protective tariff law now on the statute books, placed there by the Republican party and guaranteed to produce agriculture prosperity, has completely failed," said he.

Farm Values Decline "In the last five years the farms of America have declined in value at least thirty billion dollars. The indebtedness of the farmer today is more than \$12,000,000,000, an increase of about eight billions in the last five years, making the farmers of America at least 38,000,000,000 dollars poorer than they were on the fourth of March, 1921, when Mr. Harding was inaugurated President.

"Farm failures during the last five years have increased 1,000 per cent in contrast with commercial failures. The direct losses on the crops produced have been many billions more. A large number of American farms and homes are under mortgage today than ever before in the history of the country."

"More bank failures have occurred in agricultural sections of the country in the last five years than had occurred in 25 years preceding that date."

Mr. Doughton gave a lot of figures to support his assertions. "In 1921 more than 15,000 farmers went into bankruptcy; in 1922, 22,500; in 1923, 34,000; in 1924, 41,500; and in 1925 it is said that about 750,000 moved away and left the farm," he declared.

The speaker recalled that the department of agriculture and rural free delivery of mail were provided for by Democrats. He added the parcel post federal aid to roads and the farm loan act. He said he could think of nothing the Republican party had done for the farmer.

Gored To Death "The fact is, the farmer has been gored almost to death by the cruel and avaricious horns of special privilege, and left mangled and bleeding in his own field while producing the staff of life for the nation."

He added: "What he needs is that the millstone of discrimination be removed from about his neck, and if this were done he would arise from the slough of despondency and Dead Sea of Despair and proceed on his way to the goal of contentment, prosperity and happiness."

Mr. Doughton told of the Rowan farmer of old, and compared this country to Rome before its downfall. "The most transcending question, in my judgment, now before America," he said, "is the finding of a solution of our agricultural problems. It is to be hoped, however, the present Congress, before it adjourns, will enact some legislation putting the farmer on an equality with industry and labor, that he may continue to serve and save the nation. He asks nothing more and should receive nothing less."

The Democrats put Mr. Doughton up to speak as a farmer on agricultural conditions. One Democrat and one Republican has spoken on Saturday night for weeks.

W. A. Myers, aged 85, died at the home of his son in High Point Friday. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was a native of Davidson county.

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FARMER NEWS

A Cokesbury school conducted by Mr. Paul Evans, of near Lexington, was begun at Concord church on Sunday afternoon and will continue until Thursday night. A number have enrolled for credit and the interest seems quite good.

Mrs. A. D. Shelton and children, of Pleasant Hill, are visiting Mrs. Shelton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kearns, Miss Clyde Kearns, and Eugene and David Kearns, of Greensboro, were in Farmer for a short while Sunday.

Miss Lucile Kearns visited in High Point and Oaspee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Miss Mae Hutchens, Mr. Lewis Dorsett from Mt. Gilead, visited friends here Sunday.

Work is progressing nicely on the garage building of Mr. Adrian Garner. This is situated on the lot between Hammond's store and the Rosa Kearns house.

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The family of Mr. Z. V. Wright went to Biscoe Saturday to attend the reunion of the Wright family. Mr. Van Cranford accompanied them.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brackin at the High Point hospital Friday, May 14, a son, William Bennett. Mrs. Brackin was before her marriage Miss Madge Kearns.

Marvin Elliott, son of Mr. E. J. Elliott, who has been very ill with pneumonia, was carried to High Point hospital for operation and treatment last week and is now doing very well.

SEAGROVE NEWS

Wednesday night of last week Miss Maude Lee Spoon gave her final music recital. Miss Oberia Leach won the medal for the most progress during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Auman went to High Point Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Stutts, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. W. L. Stutts'.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week Miss Maude Lee Spoon, assisted by Miss Maple Lawrence, delightfully entertained the junior music class at the home of Mrs. B. A. King. Various games were played, after which refreshments consisting of ice cream, wafers and salted nuts were served.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harris went to Asheboro shopping Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Williams visited at Mr. A. B. Cox's Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson spent Sunday afternoon in High Point.

Mr. Bernice Auman attended commencement exercises at Randleman Monday night. He was accompanied home by his sister, Miss Hazel Auman, who has taught in the Randleman school the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cornelison and Misses Mary and Mabel Auman visited in Asheboro and Randleman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cox visited in High Point and Greensboro last week.

Mr. J. C. Walker, of Hemp, was in Seagrove a short while Saturday afternoon.

Mr. E. L. Auman, of High Point, visited at Mr. O. D. Lawrence's Sunday.

BROWN-SHARON

Mr. Eugene Brown, of Liberty, and Miss Mary Sharon, of the Gray's Chapel community, were united in marriage at the Methodist Protestant parsonage by Rev. J. E. Pritchard last Saturday afternoon. Only the required number of witnesses were present for the happy occasion. These fine young people have the best wishes of a large number of friends.

HOUSEWIFE BECOMES NEW WOMAN

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Mrs. Martha J. Foust Died Sunday at Age of 81 Years

Mrs. Martha J. Foust, aged 81 years, died Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at her home near Coleridge. Death resulted from paralysis following an illness of three days. She leaves a brother, D. F. Wilson, who lived with her. Mrs. Foust was a member of the Concord M. E. church, at Coleridge, from which the funeral service was held Monday afternoon and interment made in the church cemetery.

Liberty Has Let Contract For Water and Sewer System

The progressive town of Liberty is to have a waterworks system. Contract has been let for the drilling of wells to supply the water for the town to the Virginia Machinery and Well Company, of Richmond, Va., the work to be started within the next fifteen days. The waterworks system will include the putting in of both water and sewer lines.

BACKACHE IS A WARNING!

Asheboro Folks Are Learning How To Head It.

Are you miserable with an aching back? Do you get up lame and stiff; drag through the day feeling tired, weak and depressed. Then you should heed your kidneys. Backache is often the first sign of failing kidneys. Urinary troubles quickly follow. Neglected, there's danger of gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. Don't wait for serious kidney sickness. Use Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys, before it is too late. This Asheboro resident tells an experience:

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ALL-DAY SERVICE AT BENNETT CHURCH SUNDAY

Bennett, May 17.—There will be an all-day service at the Baptist church here next Sunday. Sunday school will be at 10 o'clock, children's exercises at 10:45 and preaching at 11:30. Graves in the cemetery will be decorated and after dinner the services will begin at 2 o'clock with talks by various members of the congregation, concluding with an address by Rev. E. W. Byerly, of Bonlee.

The writer attended memorial exercises at Beulah Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. Graves were decorated with flowers. Good talks were made by Prof. D. C. Holt, of Liberty, Rev. Green, of Star, Rev. Pickett, of High Falls, and Rev. G. C. Phillips, of Bear Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott have returned from Greensboro after a stay of two weeks during which time Mr. Scott did some office work for the Dunlap Lumber Company and Mrs. Scott visited relatives in and about the city.

Mr. Eulan Brady and Miss Swanna Jones have returned from college. Mr. Brady will farm during the summer months, while Miss Jones has accepted a position with the Bennett Motor Company as bookkeeper.

Mrs. W. C. Brewer and children visited Mrs. Brewer's parents near Seagrove last week.

Mr. Percy Talley and family have moved recently from Greensboro to Bennett.

The Bennett baseball team has won its first three games of the season, having defeated High Falls, Carthage and Oakley. The team will play Ramseur next Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones and Mrs. C. E. Jones attended the closing exercises of Bue's Creek school last week. They were accompanied by Rev. E. A. Livingston who visited his sister near Buie's Creek.

Henry Vanstony, proprietor of Cleveland Springs hotel near Shelby, nephew of C. M. Vanstony, of Greensboro, committed suicide Monday by shooting himself through the head. No reason for the act is known. He leaves his widow and two children.

DAVIDSON-DAVIE BRIDGE LOCATED AT OAKES FERRY

That contract for the construction of the Davidson-Davie bridge on Route 75 over the Yadkin River will be let in June and will be located at the Oakes Ferry site is the information Highway Commissioner J. Elwood Cox has given in a letter to a prominent Lexington citizen. There was some controversy over the site for the bridge, but Commissioner Cox stated in his letter that it would cost from \$80,000 to \$100,000 more money to build the bridge at any other site than Oakes Ferry and he did not see any reason for piling up this additional cost against the State.

DOUBLE KILLING

Sheriff J. W. Young of Yancey county was shot to death Saturday night by Perry Gouge in the road in front of the latter's home near Windon and Gouge was in turn killed by a well-placed shot from the sheriff's gun as he was falling to the ground with six bullet holes in his abdomen. The only eye witness to the shooting, who was not close enough to hear the conversation between the two men, said that Gouge apparently in a joking mood placed his gun to the sheriff's stomach and when the officer laughed pulled the trigger, emptying his pistol. Nobody seems to know any reason for the double killing.

WILKES AND THE DEMOCRACY

(Charlotte Observer) Some of the old-time Democratic war horses have taken the field in Wilkes county, this year, and some of these made report at the State convention which foreshadow interesting developments at the November elections. County, judicial and senatorial situations may take on a Democratic complexion. Julius Rousseau is to take the field against John R. Jones, for solicitor, and H. A. Cranor is to take the field as Democratic candidate for the State Senate. Gordon Hack-

ett, one of the most powerful of Democratic campaigners in that part of the State, has buckled on the armor, and this fact is taken that the Wilkes campaign is to develop much activity. The thought he is advancing is that Wilkes should be made Democratic, because the State is Democratic. The county convention held in Wilkesboro, last week, was a little bit the biggest thing of the kind known since the days of Dan Russell, and that is a circumstance which counts for something.

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