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An Editorial.

## Should Hancock Be Returned to Congress?

In a statement to his constituents published out of Washington May 6, Congressman Frank Hancock says that "measured by the standard of service, his record is a good one."

The Reporter believes there are thousands of tobacco growers in the Fifth North Carolina district who will not share with Mr. Hancock this optimistic appraisal of a bad congressional record.

Mr. Hancock is a fine young man who before his Washington experience was practicing law at his home in Granville county. It would possibly be well to encourage him to remain at his home, at least until he can have a better conception of his duty to his constituents in a time of great national stress, when the world—especially the tobacco farmers—are languishing in their travail.

Happily the great staple of the farmers of the Fifth North Carolina district last year brought millions of dollars more wealth to the firesides of the farmers than they had received in the years immediately before.

All intelligent and fair minded men concede that the increased price paid to the growers was a direct result of the powerful and sincere personal efforts of President Roosevelt. In the teeth of largely increased production, and while battling with the receding waves of the most withering panic in history, the President remained unshaken and undeterred, and his endeavors were at last crowned with success.

Did the President enjoy the support and assistance of the Congressman from the Fifth district of North Carolina?

He did not, if history is straight.

Hancock not only failed to lend his support in this hour of the tobacco farmers' greatest need, but he tried to hinder and block the President in his struggle to save the tobacco farmers. He vigorously objected to the Administration's plan to reimburse the farmer for tobacco acreage taken out of production, and in an interview at Washington intended to embarrass and discourage the President, the young lawyer from Granville county charged that the benefit payment was "A SOP" AND A "FLOP."

If the President was successful in his efforts to help the farmers, where are the thanks due the Congressman sent to Washington by the tobacco farmers to lend a helping hand in all things intended for their relief?

Other legislation of tremendous and far-reaching importance to the farmers of the Fifth district of North Carolina is now impending in congress, and other crises in the tobacco situation may arise.

The only way in which the future may be judged is by the past.

Will Hancock again be found wanting when he is weighed in the balances of the crying human needs of his farmer constituents.

Let the mighty hosts of men and women who farm, answer this question with their own intelligences and conscience.

## SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT.

But if Hancock lay down on Roosevelt when the President was trying to put over the great tobacco plan, and showed himself unfriendly to the vital interests of the voters who sent him to Washington as their ambassador, was he derelict when his own interest was at stake?

We hardly think so.

The record shows that he voted for an increase in his own salary—already \$8,500 and \$5,000 expense money—voted an increase of \$1,000, that he might be allowed \$9,500 and \$5,000 extras—and this IN THE FACE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VETO.

Angels and ministers of grace—this extravagance in the teeth of the country's bankruptcy and starvation—

When the nation was staggering under its unbearable financial, industrial and agricultural prostration—

When men and women were walking the streets and highways of America without ANY JOB AT ALL to the number of 12,000,000—

When thousands of tobacco plantations of the Fifth North Carolina district were under the hammer for taxes—

When countless thousands of men, women and children were being fed and clothed out of the Federal treasury.

Should the tobacco farmers of Stokes county rush over themselves in their haste and enthusiasm to return a representative like this to Washington?

## A GOOD TRADE.

Why not send Mrs. Mebane to congress?

This lady has every qualification to make a conscientious and true and able representative of the farmers of the Fifth District.

She has the knowledge, the experience, the training, the sincere honesty and the heart.

Mrs. Mebane is a farmer herself, owns a number of farms and cultivates them, and is vitally interested in the farmers and farming.

The only charge that anybody has ever brought against Mrs. Mebane is that she is a lady.

But so are our mothers and our wives, our sisters and our daughters.

The old prejudice against women in office has long since melted away under the rays of the brilliant and able service, the clean and

## BIG MEETING OF JUNIORS, MAY 26

Councils From Three Counties To Be At Walnut Cove—Program Of Entertainment Arranged.

On Saturday, May 26th, the Juniors of the 8th District will meet with Walnut Cove Council No. 211 for their spring meeting. The business session will be at 2:30 P. M., at which time the district degree will be conferred, reports submitted by the districts. Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and other important business transacted.

District No. 8 is one of the largest in the State, being composed of Davidson, Forsyth and Stokes counties and has 25 councils with a membership of more than 4,000. Some of the largest councils in the State are in this district. C. P. Burchette, of Winston-Salem, is District Deputy and will have charge of the meeting. It is hoped to have everyone of the 25 councils fully represented, and Mr. Burchette and C. W. Snyder, Field Secretary, are working hard to that end.

Supper will be served to visiting Juniors by Walnut Council at 6 P. M.

At 8 o'clock the public session will be held in the high school auditorium and the main feature of this meeting will be a one-act comedy entitled "The Quest of the Gypsy," presented by the Glee Club from the Junior Home at Lexington.

Other features will be addresses by State Councilor B. C. Sisks, of Pleasant Garden, and State Treasurer Gurney P. Hood, of Raleigh, and State Secretary S. F. Vance, of Kernersville.

The Davidson county farmers' Exchange has a new warehouse at Lexington 30 by 80 feet and more than 500 persons visited the building on opening day last week.

Craven county tobacco farmers have received \$49,703.45 in rental and equalization payments to date.

honest accomplishments, the thoroughly dependable and reliable service of our womanhood.

President Roosevelt and thousands of the most intelligent men of the nation recognize the intellectual and physical equality of the women, who are now being called to the service of their country in increasing thousands.

It is an open secret at Washington that the ablest member of the President's cabinet is a WOMAN.

The head of the great Federal relief in North Carolina is a woman. The judgment is President Roosevelt's.

Lily M. Mebane is at home in the court of Saint James or in the quiet fields of her North Carolina farms. She is an all-round woman, works in any harness. During the world war, volunteering in the service of her country, she spent 3 years at the front, and during a period of 4 months when the Hun was pressing the allied armies in every sector, she drove a truck on the shell-swept plains of Flanders fields.

Don't you admit, here's a WOMAN.

Mrs. Mebane is educated, she is world-experienced, she is posted on national and State politics, she has held a number of positions of honor and trust, and has served several terms in the North Carolina General Assembly with distinguished ability.

Finally, Mrs. Mebane is a lady of the purest Christian character, and is filled with the ideals so dear to the hearts of the people of the Fifth North Carolina district, who will be honored by her representation in Congress.

## VADE MECUM CAMP DATES ARRANGED

Activities At the Well Known Stokes Resort of the Episcopalians Are Scheduled For the Summer.

Dates for the various camps at Vade Mecum, Episcopal recreational and educational center, located in the mountainous section of Stokes county, 23 miles from Winston-Salem, were announced Sunday by Rev. J. A. Vache, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, of Greensboro, who is general camp director.

Activities of the camp were laid before the church convention in Charlotte by Mr. Vache last week and the outlook for a greater camp and successful season is good. The committee meeting which heard the report of the activities at Vade Mecum was presided over by Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D., of Raleigh, bishop of the diocese. In attendance were Rev. Dan Allen, of Lexington; Porter Stedman, of Winston-Salem; Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence, of Chapel Hill; Rev. Theo. Patrick, Jr., of Raleigh, and Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, of Hillsboro.

Dates of the various camps were announced as follows:

Young Peoples' Service League convention, June 8, 9 and 10; senior boys camp, June 10-25 under direction of Rev. Dan Allen, Lexington; junior boys camp, June 24-July 8, under direction of Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., of Lexington; senior girls camp, July 8-22; junior girls camp, July 22-August 5; woman's auxiliary conference, August 5-19.

The two girls camps will be under the direction of Miss Edna Henly, head of the department of physical education at the state school for the blind, Raleigh, and Miss Margaret Williams, student secretary at St. Mary's house, Woman's college. Miss Ken Taylor, of Oxford, will be dietitian; Miss Kitty Houze, nurse.

Eighty-eight 4-H club boys of Orange county are planting yellow corn this season.

## LOWER INTEREST FOR FARMERS

WINSTON - SALEM PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION IS MAKING LOANS TO FARMERS IN STOKES, FORSYTH, DAVIE AND DAVIDSON COUNTIES.

L. E. Francis, secretary-treasurer of the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association, has just received word from Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit Administration in Washington, D. C., that the interest rate on new loans from production credit associations has been reduced from 5 1-2 to 5 per cent.

According to Mr. Francis, the new 5 per cent interest rate becomes effective immediately on all new loans and advances made by the associations and will be applicable until further notice.

"The new interest rate of 5 per cent will not affect loans already advanced in full," Mr. Francis said. "These will continue to bear the rate of interest prevailing at the time loan was closed. The interest charges on loans from the association are collected when the loans mature. The Winston-Salem Production Credit Association is now making loans on acceptable crop and chattel security to farmers in Forsyth, Davie, Davidson and Stokes counties.

"The reduction of the interest to 5 per cent on new loans," Mr. Francis continued, "is made possible by a recent sale of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures to investors at an unusually low rate of interest. The association gets money to lend farmers from the federal intermediate credit bank of Columbia, S. C. "The lowering of the interest rate on new loans to 5 per cent is the second reduction in two months, the rate having been reduced from 6 to 5 1-2 per cent on March 16.

"According to Governor Myers," said Mr. Francis, the Federal intermediate credit bank is passing on immediately to farmer-borrowers from production credit associations the saving made possible by lower cost of getting money. The confidence of investors in the security of the intermediate credit banks has been such that the banks are able to get money to lend at the lowest discount rate in their history. Governor Myers says that the resulting low rate of interest on production credit association loans is enabling farmer-borrowers to save thousands of dollars on the cost of their farming operations this year. If the associations make sound loans, and loans that are collectible, an adequate supply of low cost money will continue to be available.

## Off For Kansas City.

Mrs. Minnie G. Doyle, federal relief chief in Stokes, will leave Friday for Kansas City where she will attend a meeting of FERA officials from all sections of the country.

## CAPTAIN THORE STOKES CITIZEN

Candidate For Legislature Protests At the Unfairness and Misrepresentation of Some of His Opponents—Legal Opinion Quoted.

To my friends, voters of Stokes county:

Since I have announced my candidacy for the legislature, a report has been circulated by some of my opponents that I am not a citizen of Stokes county, and am therefore not eligible to hold office in the county.

I am taking this opportunity through the columns of The Danbury Reporter to brand this report as not only without foundation in truth and fact, but as maliciously misleading and unfair to me. Its spread and circulation among the voters of the county can only have been inspired through a deliberate and cowardly attempt to damage my candidacy in the county primary of June 2. I have no doubt that such underhanded tactics will react on those who are so unfairly using them against me.

Now since I have been informed of this propaganda, I have consulted some of the most eminent legal talent in the State, including the Attorney General, and in every instance the truth of my position as a bona fide citizen of Stokes county has been sustained.

As a sample of this legal opinion I wish to call the attention of my friends in both political parties to the following letter:

May 12, 1934.

Capt. J. E. Thore, Hotel Elkin, Elkin, N. C.

Dear Capt. Thore:

In connection with your qualifications to vote and hold public office in Stokes county, North Carolina, we wish to advise you as follows:

It is our information that you were born and reared in Stokes county and resided there until the year 1916. At that time you entered the service of the United States Army and remained there until 1919, at which time you returned to Stokes county. Shortly thereafter you were employed by the British American Tobacco Company and served in this capacity in several foreign countries. You returned home every four years to cast your vote in Stokes county. In 1930 you returned to Stokes county and soon thereafter was employed by the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh and have been in the employ of this concern since that time.

For business reasons your present employer established your headquarters at Elkin, N. C. During the entire time you have been away from Stokes county you have always considered it your home, owning property there. You have listed and paid all taxes, including poll taxes, in Stokes county. You will pay poll

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