

**REPLIES TO
CROP MOURNERS**

W. A. PETREE REJOICES AT THE VICTORY OF THE MINORITY GROWERS WHO PREVENTED TOBACCO CONTROL.—SAYS THIS: "DON'T TRY TO RESURRECT THE CONTROL PROGRAM, AS WE MIGHT GIVE A WORSE DOSE NEXT TIME."

W. R. Petree of Germanton publishes the following letter in the Winston-Salem Journal:

"In your paper, December 23 issue, appeared a special report of a small band of mourners meeting for the purpose of paying their tribute of respect to the late lamented compulsory crop control, or to pledge their best efforts toward resurrection of the corpse, which took its departure on December 10, 1938.

"It appears that a former Stokes county citizen was selected to extol the many virtues of the deceased and it also appears that this funeral oration, if we may be permitted to speak of it in this vain, had quite a visible effect upon the mourners, especially the chief sponsor of the program, who is a very large tobacco grower of Stokes county, and especially so under crop control.

"Probably the entire proceeding went through without a hitch. The unfortunate part for these gentlemen is the fact that it so happened that the same issue of the paper carrying a report of their meeting also carried a report of the chief statistician of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in which we learn that the 1938 crop of tobacco, probably the best crop

of smoking tobacco ever produced in this state, sold for 23 1-2 millions of dollars less than last year's crop, a crop without compulsory control.

"Just prior to the spring election on crop control Mr. E. Y. Floyd reported that the 1936 tobacco crop of North Carolina averaged 2 cents per pound more than the 1935 crop, also the 1937 crop averaged 3 cents more than the 1935 crop. However the chief statistician referred to above, reports the 1937 crop at an average price of 24 cents, 4 cents more than the 1935 crop. So we see that the trend of prices under the two years 1936 and 1937 when there was no compulsory control, was up, and yet our banker friends tell us we will be ruined without compulsory control. We prefer to take statistics.

"We should tell these gentlemen who want to have our farmers managed by a bunch of politicians in Washington city, who have practically bankrupted government, that we are not yet ready to sell our birthright, our blood-brought liberties, for an imaginary mess of pottage.

"William Jennings Bryan showed his true greatness by being able to take defeat, but how about these crop-controllers? If these people find it impossible to reduce their large acreage which they were planting under the old AAA our newly elected congressman might be able to have Congress pass an enabling act for their special benefit.

"Don't disturb the corpse in his peaceful slumbers, for if you should succeed with your resurrection program we might give

you a worse dose to take next time than we gave you on the 10th of December. Brethren, allow us to persuade you not to secede. Let's keep the old "Imperial Fifth" in the Union.

—W. R. PETREE.
Germanton, N. C.
December 24, 1938."

Auto Accident

Clarence DeHart and Carlos Flinchum were in a serious automobile wreck near Walnut Cove last week. Flinchum is in a Winston-Salem hospital, but DeHart was unhurt. The car was considerably damaged.

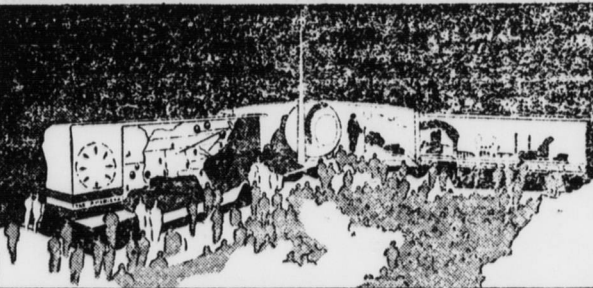


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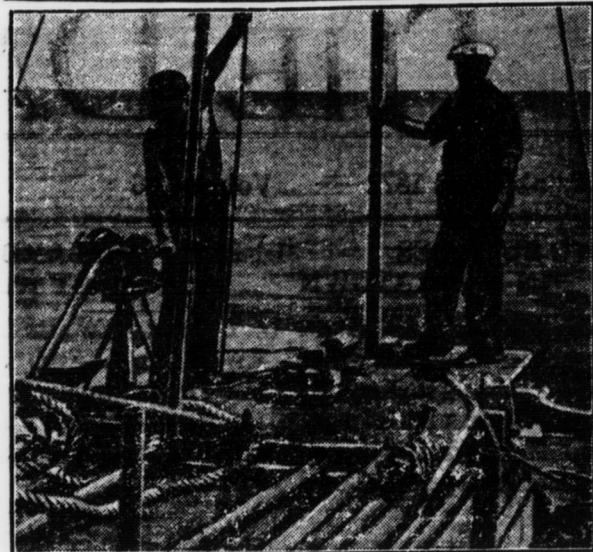
World's Fair at Home and Abroad



One of the New York World's Fair's greatest attractions will be the spectacular illumination of the Perisphere, one of the two buildings comprising the Theme Center. Lighting effects never before attempted are now being devised by Fair engineers. Batteries of powerful projectors mounted on distant buildings will spot the globe with color, while other projectors will superimpose on this color, moving patterns of light which may take the form of clouds, geometric patterns and moving panoramas, creating the optical illusion that the Perisphere itself is slowly rotating. Inside, the visitor will seem to be suspended in space on revolving platforms, gazing down on a vast panorama dramatizing the all-important role of cooperation in modern civilization, showing all the elements of society coordinated in a better World of Tomorrow.

One phase of such cooperation will take definite form with the tour through the South starting in January of the World's Fair Preview on Wheels and Southern Motorcade of "The Arcadian Grower," sponsored by the distributors of Arcadian Nitrate, the American soda, and officially approved by the New York World's Fair 1939. The Motorcade, consisting of a large-scale diorama of the Fair, animated with light, color and movement, will show the famous theme symbols, the Trylon and the Perisphere, together with state, national and international buildings. It will give a dramatic and vivid impression of how the Fair will appear to those who visit it.

Oil From the Floor of the Sea



Drilling seismographic shot holes from a barge in a bay along the coast of Texas.

ALONG with the improvement in the technique of drilling in the bays and seas that has taken place during recent years, submerged lands along the coasts of Texas, Louisiana and California are assuming increased importance as sources of additional petroleum supplies. With drilling rigs and other equipment floated on barges to well locations, the oil companies are exploring wide areas on all three coasts and are finding large, deep deposits of oil beneath the floor of the ocean.

During the past six months exploratory crews working for The Atlantic Refining Company have been engaged in seismographic shooting along the coastal regions of Texas and Louisiana. From barges, shot holes have been drilled 15 to 20 feet beneath the floor of the tidal waters. The various sound waves, produced by the discharge of dynamite placed at the bottom of the hole, have been recorded by seismographic instruments also handled from barges. A study of these records reveals a picture of the character, structure and depth of the formations beneath the water, indicating whether these formations are such as to be probable reservoirs for oil accumulations.

Up to the present time all of the petroleum industry's exploratory work and drilling has been done in comparatively shallow water, but deep water prospecting may in the near future be practical. Crude petroleum has been found on ocean water even beyond the three mile limit, whose source may have been seepages from below the ocean floor, indicating the existence of petroleum reserves in the sedimentary rocks beneath the ocean.

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