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W. R. Petree Flays Tobacco Control

Says He Got Bigger Prices Before Control—He Wants The Privilege To Run His Own Business, And Lays The Blame On New Deal Administration

(Copied From Stokes Record.)

Mr. Editor:

I feel very much flattered to have the distinguished editor of The Danbury Reporter take notice of my articles on crop control.

It appears that I have become a target for the editor's witty sarcastic verbal punches. Like the cat playing with the mouse he tosses me up on a high pedestal for the satisfaction of knocking me off in the last round.

My purpose for writing on crop control is not to set myself up as a "leader of thought", but to discourage the inclination some people have of meddling in the other fellow's business, but they seem to think that it means capacity gone to waste if they are not permitted to do so.

I am willing to concede that there are many people who have the ability to run my small affairs better than I can possibly run them, but I have always managed to get a certain satisfaction out of running them myself, and I am conceited enough to believe that the men of former generations, who were willing to sacrifice their blood to maintain their liberties, probably had just such sentiments.

In my discussion of crop control, I have shown that it has had a thorough test under the present administration, having had three years with it and three years without it and it has not only failed to show any financial benefit to honest producers, but has actually induced foreign growers to increase production from sixteen per cent. to forty seven per cent, of course I have reference to flue-cured tobacco, and practically the same can be said about cotton, we having lost an eight million bale market for that staple.

The only ones who have been benefited in this country by crop control are the ones who have been permitted to hog acreage and poundage, and the army of tax paid officials who administered the law.

And what's the answer of my critics to the facts produced? They yell in unison political prejudice. They would make it appear that this man Petree is so saturated with prejudice that he actually sees red. It seems that this answer was suggested by a statement of my fears of national bankruptcy through the wasteful extravagance of the present administration.

My articles can furnish proof that a forty five billion dollar

national debt, ten million people unemployed, one six of the population on relief, and a ten billion dollar budget, do not furnish grounds for serious apprehension, then it will be up to me to apologize.

Is it not passing strange that my critics who are absolutely free from political prejudices, should insist that I go back and compare prices of a period, which they refer to as the worst depression in the history of the nation, with prices of modern utopia?

While I am somewhat adverse to airing my own private business affairs to satisfy public curiosity, nevertheless, as my critics demand it I shall endeavor to do so to the best of my ability. However, as former administrations were derelict in furnishing such necessary paraphernalia as tobacco patch measure uppers or stepper offers. I find myself unable to furnish relative acreage values as requested, but as I have kept a record of my tobacco poundage and money values since 1925. I am able to furnish averages since that date.

As I was in the Tri-State Tobacco Association in 1925, and received considerably less than market price for my tobacco. I am starting with the 1926 crop: Through the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 I received an average per pound of twenty-eight cents. Through the years 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 I received an average per pound of thirteen cents, and by the way this last period covers some of the worst crops of tobacco I ever made. Through the years 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938 my tenants averaged twenty-one cents per pound. There was one bad crop during this period. Of course my unbaised critics will not object to going as far back as 1892 to 1896 which period furnished another major depression, and as my younger critics have no personal knowledge of that period I shall request my venerable editor friend, with his vast storehouse of knowledge, and such a stickler for keeping history intact, to tell us what kind of prices farm products commanded during that period, and tell your reading public how long it took the succeeding president to get us out of that major depression, and how much he added to the national debt to get us out. And by the way Mr. editor if you feel that it will not be to much of a strain on your unbiased attitude, and for the benefit of your readers, tell how many presidents each of the political parties has furnished since 1860, and under whose administration the national debt began to assume such mammoth proportions, and how

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SEVERAL DEATHS AT KING TOWN

MARTIN THOMAS SPAIN-HOWER AND MRS. ALICE RUTLEDGE ANSWER SUMMONS—DUKE POWER CO. EXTENDS LINES IN STOKES—OTHER KING NEWS.

King, Mar. 2.—Martin Thomas Spainhower, aged 74, died at his home here Tuesday following a lingering illness of several months. Surviving are the widow and two sons, Bill Spainhower of Buies Creek and Harvey Spainhower of High Point and three daughters, Mrs. A. F. Collins, Mrs. Norman Newsum and Miss Essie Mae Spainhower, all of King; one brother, James Spainhower, of Rural Hall, Route 1, and two sisters, Mrs. Hester Love, of King, and Miss Nancy Spainhower of Rural Hall, Route 1, also survive.

The services which was in charge of Reverends Joe Hall, Robert Helsabeck, Herman Newsum and J. H. Taylor was conducted at the King Christian Church Thursday afternoon at three o'clock and burial followed in the Baptist cemetery.

The new home of Hubert Barr on west Main street is nearing completion.

Harmon Hendrix of Tobaccoville was among the business visitors here Saturday.

The stork had easy sailing last week, only one birth being recorded. This was, to Mr. and Mrs. Strucy Wolland, a daughter.

Miss Leona Graham of Mocksville, formerly a member of the King high school faculty, was the guest of Mrs. Grady E. Stone over the week-end.

Mrs. Alice Rutledge, aged 50, died at her home in North Side Thursday. The deceased is survived by the husband, Latney A. Rutledge, and two daughters, Mrs. Herman Wolff, and Mrs. Ed Slate, both of King; one brother, Jasper N. Newsum of Roanoke, Va.; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred E. Shore and Mrs. P. W. Gunter, both of King, also survive.

Last rites, which were in charge of Rev. Sims and Adams, were conducted at the First Baptist Church Friday afternoon at two o'clock and interment followed in the church cemetery.

A new power line, which will extend into the Dry Springs section, has been approved by the Duke Power Company, and actual construction is expected to start at an early date. The new line will serve approximately twenty homes.

Improvement is noted in the condition of Mrs. Annie Walker, who is suffering from an attack of influenza at her home here.

Miss Della Bennett of Capella, and Mrs. Paul Slate of King un-

INTEREST RATE IS REDUCED

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION LOWERS ITS CHARGE TO THE FARMERS—WHEN AND HOW TO OBTAIN A LOAN FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

Farmers and stockmen now have available money for general agricultural purposes at 4 1-2 per cent. interest through the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association, L. E. Francis, Secretary-Treasurer, announced. The interest rate to members was changed February 24 from 5 per cent. to 4 1-2 per cent. The interest rate is now the lowest in the history of the production credit system, continued Mr. Francis. The members pay interest for the actual number of days they have use of the money and interest is deducted.

A large number of farmers in Stokes county are expected to take advantage of this reduction in interest.

How Interest Rate is Determined

The farmers themselves through their production credit associations and the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which are nation-wide in their operations, are able to go to the money markets of the world and there borrow money at the lowest rates of interest available to agriculture. Each farmer who borrows becomes a member of the Association serving the territory in which he resides. His Association borrows the money it loans to him from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, which, together with the eleven other Intermediate Credit Banks in the United States, obtains the money it loans to the Association by the sale of its bonds and debentures.

The interest rate charged by the Production Credit Association on loans to farmers and stockmen cannot be more than 3 percent above the discount rate charged the Association by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank. The Intermediate Credit Bank in turn cannot charge more than 1 percent. above the interest rate it paid on the last issue of debentures it sold to investors. Thus, any changes in the interest rates paid by the Intermediate Credit Banks are directly reflected to the farmer borrowers.

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derent tonsil operations here last week.

Floyd Stone of Tobaccoville was a professional visitor here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. ... of Rural Hall were among the visitors here Saturday.

L. E. Calloway, a member of the Crooked ... section, was here Saturday on business.

STOKES N. F. L. A. TO MEET MARCH 9

INTERESTING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED—COUNTY AGENT BROWN TO SPEAK.

The annual meeting of members of the Stokes County National Farm Loan Association will be held at Danbury on March 9 at 2 o'clock in the courthouse, according to an announcement by J. R. Forrest, president.

An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting this year, Mr. Forrest said, and a very large attendance is expected. As usual complete and detailed reports will be made on the operations of the association and the members will be made acquainted with all of its affairs. In addition there will be a discussion of the association's part in the agricultural development of the section it serves.

A representative of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia will attend the meeting and J. F. Brown, county agent of Stokes county, has been invited to speak.

Directors of the association, which serves Stokes county, are S. P. Christian, J. R. Forrest, A. F. Marshall, J. L. Redman, T. O. Page. C. C. Byrne is secretary-treasurer with headquarters at Winston-Salem.

N. C. DELEGATION TO STUDY FHA

CONGRESSMAN A. D. FOLGER INTERESTED IN FEDERAL LOANING POLICY IN STOKES—BETTER SITUATION WILL BE WORKED FOR.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House Of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
February 27, 1939.

Mr. N. E. Pepper, Publisher Danbury Reporter, Danbury, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Pepper:

I have read with much interest your editorial entitled "FHA Under Fire", and thought that it might be of interest to you to know that the North Carolina delegation in Congress has been and still is working toward a better situation for North Carolina in regard to Federal Housing.

Mr. R. L. Doughton, dean of our delegation, is at present sick. He is some better now, however, and as soon as he is able to be out the entire delegation will be asked to meet to further study and take action looking toward a better set-up for our State.

With best wishes, I am
Very sincerely yours
A. D. FOLGER.

SANDY RIDGE NEWS OF INTEREST

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS—BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN BY MISS GEORGIA MAYE—BANQUET—DEATH—PERSONALS.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Oak Ridge Baptist Church met with Mrs. Clyde Joyce and Miss Bessie Joyce Wednesday night, February 22, at 7:45. The following program was well rendered:

Song—Society, Devotional—Miss Rebecca Taylor, Prayer—Mrs. A. E. Garner, Special Number—Betty J. Hutcherson, Prayer and Missions—Mrs. Taze Priddy, General Discussion—Mrs. J. E. Dowdy, Special Music—Mrs. C. E. Eaton, Benediction—Society.

The Society will meet with Mrs. Rosa Hutcherson March 1, to observe week of prayer.

Delicious refreshments were served.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Georgia Maye entertained the senior class of Sandy Ridge high school at a party honoring her seventeenth birthday at her home Thursday night, February 22.

Many interesting games were played and enjoyed.

Contests and prize winners were as follows:

Shooting at the Target—Lewis Dodson, Words out of Washington—Polly Vernon, Questions of States—Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Guessing Numbers of beans in a can—Lou Ella Amos, Guessing what was in the birthday cake—Mrs. James Hawkins.

Delicious refreshments consisting of cake, ice cream and candy were served to the following: Zilla and Lillie Mae Priddy, Thurman Lawson, Louise Jessup, Annie Priddy, Posie Joyce, Hunter Bullin, Hubert Corn, Owen Joyce, Audrey Collins, Polly Vernon, Lou Ella Amos, Rosa Rhodes, Royce Hall, Johnnie Williams, Russell and Millard Shelton, Carlyle Joyce, James Vernon, Ailene Joyce, Ulric Handy, Orman and Kelly Hutcherson, Evelyn Joyce, Lewis Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, Miss Pearl Johnson, Miss Rebecca Taylor, Mr. K. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Darr and daughter, Joan.

BANQUET

A Mother-Daughter banquet was held for the Home Economics students and their mothers in the home economics room of Sandy Ridge high school Wednesday night, February 22.

The following program was well rendered:

Song—"America". Invocation—Mrs. C. R. Darr. Welcome—Lenora Spencer. Toast To Mothers—Gracie Smith. Response—Mrs. C. D. Smith. Music—Ev.

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