

**PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS CLOSE TO PARITY MARK**

Washington.—Donald R. Richberg reported to President Roosevelt a few days ago that farm prices have risen to within five percent of the famous "pre-war parity" which the administration has been straining to reach.

The head of the President's executive council made plain that his figures include benefit payments received by farmers through the AAA. We also stressed that the drought slashed some major crops and "therefore the high prices do not mean a fully corresponding increase in farm income."

He warned that for complete farm recovery "it is essential that there be more of a revival in industrial production and more extensive reemployment." In his first report last Sunday, Richberg claimed marked industrial gains, and in particular, the re-employment of 4,120,000 persons.

Pre-war parity—meaning the real price levels of 1910 to 1914 as measured in terms of purchasing power—often has been cited as a goal of the Roosevelt agricultural program.

The report also declared:  
1. Farm income for 1934 appears likely to exceed 1933 by about 19 percent. This was a "substantial gain," Richberg said, "it leaves farm income still far below the levels of 1923-29."

2. Rental and benefit payments made to farmers totalled \$311,000,000 between August, 1933, and June 1934.

3. Farm income aggregated \$5,083,000,000 for 1933-34 as compared with \$3,881,000,000 for 1932-33.

4. Surplus of major crops have been cut to about normal by the drought has "laid the basis for new surpluses." Control of crops should continue.

5. Government agencies now hold more than 5 per cent of all farm debt as compared with 1.1 percent

**Cotton Is a Puzzle**

Advance in cotton prices has been greeted as a hopeful sign by the brain trust farmers of the National administration in Washington. An official statement says that the continued poor crop prospects indicate the smallest crop since 1921. The same statement comments on the continued dry weather and high temperatures in the Western states; increased activity in cotton and cotton cloth markets; excessive moisture in the Eastern states and nationalization of silver along with the rise in prices of securities and commodities. These are factors so we are informed, "that contribute to the rise in prices."

Whether this muddled statement is an optimistic presentation of the situation or not is not clear.

But the great South will be delighted if it can discover a silver lining in the clouds that overcast the cotton skies.

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at the beginning of 1930.

Richberg first noted that the AAA is "the agency charged with responsibility of restoring the equitable balance between the price of things the farmers sell and the price of things the farmer buys."

"Prices of seven commodities originally designated as basic have risen from 51 percent of the 1910-14 relationship to 95 percent, exclusive of benefit payments," he added.

"Including benefit payments, the farm price of these seven commodities was, in August, 1934, about 116 percent of pre-war. On August 6, prices paid by farmers for the things they bought were estimated to be 119 percent of pre-war prices, which would mean that for the portion of domestic consumption, the farm price of these seven basic commodities plus benefit payments had risen to 95 percent of their pre-war parity."

**WHO FRAMED THE REVISED CONSTITUTION?**

In connection with the subject of the Revised Constitution of North Carolina, it will be the aim of The Courier to present in brief form from time to time useful facts which should help voters consider it more intelligently.

Perhaps the first question most frequently asked is this: "Who drafted, framed, or prepared the Revised Constitution?"

The answer is of course that it was drafted by a Constitutional Commission authorized by the General Assembly of 1931 and the report of the Commission slightly amended and submitted to the people by the required three-fifths majority of each House of the General Assembly of 1933.

The Constitutional Commission itself consisted of the following persons: W. P. Stacy, Chairman, Chief Justice North Carolina Supreme Court, John J. Parker, Justice, Fourth District U. S. Circuit Court, Michael Schenck, Associate Justice North Carolina Supreme Court, Maj. George E. Butler, Clinton, Lindsay C. Warren, Representative in Congress, A. J. Maxwell, State Commissioner of Revenue, J. O. Carr, now U. S. District Attorney, Wilmington, Burton Craig, Winston Salem, Clarence Poe, Editor The Progressive Farmer, Secretary, Charles B. Aycock.

The list of Senators who voted for its submission to the people included:

Aiken, Bagley, Barker, Beatty, Bell, Bland, Clark, Clement, Corey, Cross, Dempsey, Dunagan, Grady, Green, Griffin, of Chowan, Griffin of Franklin, Gwyn, Fairfield, Hanes, Hartsell, Hill, Hindsdale, Joyner, Kirkpatrick, Land, McLean, McBryde, McNeil of Ashe, McNeil of Cumberland, Neol, Rankin, Sparger, Summersill, Walker and Waynick.

The members of the House voting for it included:  
Mr. Speaker, Aycock of Wake,

Bean, Boyd, Brawley, Brown, Cameron, Casery, Coffey, Crews, Culpepper, Doughton of Alleghany, Eagles, Etheridge, Everett, Ewing, Flanagan, Garrou, Gattis, Grady, Graham Groves, Hamilton, Howell, Hoyle, James, Johnson of Chatham, Johnson of Pender, Lumpkin, Makepiece, Martin, Massenburg, Moore, Morphew, Moss, McEachern, Neal Newman, O'Berry, Olive, Phillips, Pope, Ray, Rouse,

**Robber Merciful To Working Folks**

Philadelphia.—A shabbily dressed man held up George Dubois, motorman on a Philadelphia Rapid Transit street car, ordered him to pour \$10 in small coins from his fare changer, turned to the car's five passengers and said: "I don't mind robbing the P. R.

T. but all you people are working people, just like me. So you can keep whatever you have."

**A BIT OBSOLETE**

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