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## Cooley Attacks Trusts Opposing Cooperatives

### Congressman Deviates From Prepared Manu- script In Talk To Joint Meeting of Coopera- tive Farmers

Raleigh, May 12.—Becoming so enthusiastic in his attacks against large meat-packing companies, baking companies and power trusts which he termed the "modern butcher, baker and candlestick maker," Congressman Harold D. Cooley tossed aside his manuscript prepared for the joint meeting of the State's two cooperative associations in Memorial Auditorium yesterday and launched a stinging attack against large holding companies which, he said, have fought the efforts of Rural Electrification Administration and other farm cooperative organizations.

"Cooperation among farmers is the watchword of the hour," declared the only North Carolinian ever to serve on the Agriculture Committee of the House in Washington.

"The fight against the REA proves the necessity of your standing up like men and organizing" cooperatives against the "leaches and bloodsuckers" which would retard rural progress for generations, he declared emphatically. Without cooperation, the farmers are at the "mercy of a merciless octopus that would destroy the rights and privileges of farmers."

Referring to the forces opposing the President's Supreme Court reorganization proposal, Congressman Cooley declared "his enemies have accused him of being dishonest and of not having regard for the sanctity of institutions. We will not be intimidated by the falsehoods and propaganda of those who would retard the progress of the masses. The constitution vests in your representatives (in Washington) the power to establish a Supreme Court. There is not one syllable as to the number of justices. That is left to the representatives."

The Congressman praised the members of the association as "intelligent farmers" who have "embraced the opportunity to combine your resources to the end that you may... be in a better position to cope with the large, powerful and efficient organizations which have in the past subjected the farmer to cruel exploitation."

M. G. Mann, general manager of the Cotton Growers Association and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, made his annual report for the two associations, members of which were meeting for the first time in Memorial Auditorium.

"Our aim in the cotton association," Mann said, "is to help farmers get the high dollar for their cotton."

The FCX, he said, has handled \$5,702,757.97 worth of business cooperatively for farmers since its organization 45 months ago but he estimated farmers spend \$75,000,000 yearly for things the exchange handles.

"We cannot expect the government to continue doing always the things it has in the past few years, and the farmer himself must help to build a bridge that will tide him over future depressions," Mann said, as he advocated for farmers this three-point program:

1. 100 per cent cooperation in the soil conservation program.
2. Purchase by farmers of at least a portion of their farm supplies through their own farmer-owned and farmer-controlled organizations in order to control quality and margins of profit for the mark-up between wholesale and retail prices.
3. Cooperative marketing of at least a portion of everything produced on the farm in order that the margin of cost between the producer and consumer may be properly regulated.

**Extent of Cooperatives.**  
Included on the program of the session, which was presided over by Ray Morrow, of Statesville, elected chairman for both meetings, was illustrated talk by Dr. Joseph G. Knapp, principal economist of the Farm Credit Administration in Washington. Dr. Knapp showed a large map of the United States and the extent to which cooperative farm organizations were reaching.

"There are over 10,000 communities in the country where farmers may buy cooperatively," Dr. Knapp stated, "Cooperative organizations in the United States last year did \$315,000,000 business."

The N. C. Farmers Cooperative Exchange is one of 28 in the country which has over a two million dollar business annually, it was shown.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State Extension Service introduced Congressman Cooley as a man who is well acquainted with the problems of the farmer.

Without predicting the outcome of crop insurance, farm tenancy and other important farm legislation



JOHN T. THORNE

For the past thirteen years John T. Thorne of Farmville has been re-elected annually by members of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association in this district to represent them as director. He was formally inducted as director at the joint annual meeting of members of the Cotton Association and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange in Raleigh this week. A large delegation from Pitt County was among the 2,500 farmers and farm women who were present for the occasion.

now pending in Congress, Cooley declared "One who views the farm problem with any degree of intelligence must be convinced of the fact that it is not local but rather as national in its scope as the soil of America itself."

"The recognition of the farm problem as a national problem does not mean that the Union will absorb the States nor will a decision declaring the farm problem is national in its scope have the effect of stopping the sun as it rises high in the Heavens or preventing the stars from appearing in their accustomed places, nor will it destroy our faith and confidence in the Court that renders such a decision," said the Congressman, referring again to the Supreme Court.

Farmers applauded him when he declared that never before had the American farm as many friends in the nation's capital and said he was sure that all farmers must realize that "never before have they had such a friend in the White House as President Roosevelt." He praised highly, too, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace in whose chest, he said, "beats the heart of a real farmer."

"No one today questions the right or the wisdom of collective bargaining and cooperative effort in buying, producing and selling aspects of the farmer's business," he told cooperative members. He also congratulated the members upon selecting men with "experience, intelligence and integrity" to direct their cooperative organizations and urged each member to serve as a recruiting officer to get others to join the movement.

The Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Hayes Barton Methodist Church, opened the two meetings with a prayer. G. D. Arndt of Raleigh acted as secretary of the Cotton Growers Association meeting and W. W. Eagles of Macleesfield made the president's address of welcome.

Directors of both the FCX and the Cotton Association who were elected recently by postcard ballot were formerly approved by the members at the meeting and Dr. Jane S. McKimmon was voted a member-at-large of the FCX board of directors by a standing vote. She is the first woman ever to hold this position. Other directors of FCX are W. W. Eagles, Dudley Bagley, Moyock; J. T. Albritton, Calypso; S. E. Boswell, Summerfield; R. E. McDowell, Charlotte; Ben F. Wilson, Mebane; H. Silvertsen, Ayrville, and Dr. Frank P. Graham, Chapel Hill, public director.

Directors of the Cotton Association for the ensuing year are E. G. Griffin, Woodland; John T. Thorne, Farmville; B. C. Mayo, Tarboro; W. W. Andrews, Goldsboro; L. Bruce Gunter, Fuquay Springs; Edward Burdick, Dunn; H. Silvertsen; Dr. G. M. Pate, W. Henry Liles, Wadesboro; E. J. Troutman, Statesville and Dean I. O. Schaub, Raleigh, public director.

Following the reports and speaking, the more than 2,500 farmers and farm women from nearly every county in the State were feted with a barbecue dinner at the offices at the corner of Cabarrus and Fayetteville streets.

**Business Houses To Observe Half Holiday Wednesday Afternoons**  
Beginning Wednesday afternoon, June 2, the business houses here will again observe their usual holiday during the summer months, taking each Wednesday afternoon off in order to provide a little vacation for their employees.

## Urges Parley Of Powers On Money Supply

### Rep. Dies Would Have President Call Such A Conference

Washington, May 11.—A proposal that an international monetary conference be called by President Roosevelt to seek an equitable distribution of the world's gold and silver supply was presented to Congress today.

The President is slated to return Friday from a fishing trip in southern waters.

Rep. Dies (D-Tex.), co-author of the administration's 1934 silver purchase act, introduced the resolution, directing the President to arrange the conference.

The conference would seek to stabilize currencies permanently on a bi-metallic base, to redistribute the world's gold and silver supply and to make available to the countries involved the raw materials they needed.

There was no authoritative indication of what the President's attitude toward such a conference might be.

Other Capitol Hill developments today included:

A change by Chairman Wheeler (D-Mont.), of the Senate Railway Finance committee that the late VanSweringen brothers defied the Interstate Commerce Commission when they set out to gain control of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway in January, 1930.

Testimony by Francis Gorman, of the United Textile Workers that the textile industry is heading toward a "complete collapse in three months unless Congress acts to regulate it."

Introduction of a compromise railway retirement act designed, sponsors said, to settle a prolonged pension controversy between the railroad operators and workers.

Meanwhile a House block supporting continuance of pending public works projects voted to earmark \$300,000,000 of works relief appropriations for such projects when the relief bill reaches the floor.

The House appropriations group approved a \$115,871,265 appropriation for the Interior department for the next fiscal year. This was a reduction of \$5,073,997 under the department's appropriation for the current year.

The Senate Judiciary committee began its final week of deliberation on the Roosevelt court bill by studying a compromise proposed by Senator Andrews (D-Fla.).

## Evangelistic Meeting To Begin Sunday At Christian Church

An evangelistic meeting will begin at the Christian church next Sunday, May 16, and run about ten days. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn and his congregation are anxious that all members attend each service and cordially invite every one in the community to attend. The services will begin at eight o'clock each evening. The singing will be led by Charles F. Baucom and the guest speaker will be Rev. Charles Darsie of Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Darsie is well qualified to help the community to a better understanding of the needs of the Church and how to meet them, he having served successfully as educator and preacher for many years. Be sure to hear him.

**WEAR THE POPPY**  
An appeal for general wearing of the memorial poppy in remembrance of the World War dead on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 29th, was issued today by Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, Chairman of the Poppy Sale Committee of the Farmville Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. She asked that every person in Farmville pay honor to the men of the city and of the nation, who gave their lives in defense of the country by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day.

"The poppy is the individual tribute to the memory of the men who died in World War service," said Mrs. Williamson. "Everyone can wear a poppy to show that he remembers and is grateful for the gallant sacrifices made for America's security and democracy. Every patriotic citizen will take part in the observance of Poppy Day."

"The poppy is the symbol of the supreme sacrifice. It stands for the highest type of patriotism we can conceive. Wearing this little flower awakens in our hearts a deeper conception of our duties to our country. It reminds us that life itself is not too much to give if our country is in danger and gives us inspiration to serve in peace with the same spirit of patriotic devotion that inspired those who died among the poppies of France."



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PRESIDENT'S POSITION  
WRANGLE OVER SUGAR  
NATIONS MAY CO-OPERATE

(By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent.)

Last week the news-hawks reported talk of a compromise on the Court reform program, with some attributing the move to Senator Logan, an Administration supporter, and others to Senator Burke, a leader of the opposition. However, nothing definite has resulted as this is being written and no successful solution of the antagonistic positions seems probable.

Other sources discussed Senator Burke's defense of his right to fight the Court proposal and viewed it as an effort on the part of the senator to fight backfires started in his own state. The Nebraskaan's loyalty to the President had been attacked in a mass meeting and, in answer, he declared that the real friends of the President are striving to induce him to "retrace his steps" and asked whether his campaign "declaration of support" and his "love for our leader" should cause him to swallow a measure which the Party has never spoken in favor of.

Chairman Ashburn, of the Judiciary Committee, predicted that the bill would go to the Senate about the middle of July and that it would be passed, but added that if the present Congress does not pass it, "outraged public opinion" will demand passage at the next session. Opponents insisted that the new senators were lining up to oppose final passage and that only 37 senators now favored the bill, with five inclined to its support. Against these, they claimed 44 votes, with 9 expected votes.

In the midst of this situation the President was fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Apparently, he intends to stand pat on his proposals, letting the congressmen go on record one way or the other. This is good strategy on his part because not many Democratic congressmen relish going on the record against the Chief Executive whose popularity continues to be the most significant factor in the political situation.

The economy drive gathers additional momentum, with congressional leaders exhibiting a determination to effect immediate reductions in Federal expenditures. According to the President's supplementary budget message, present estimates indicate a \$418,000,000 deficit for the coming fiscal year and sentiment in Congress is overwhelmingly in favor of economies in preference to new taxes to achieve a balance.

Senator Byrnes of South Carolina proposed a flat ten per cent slash, winning the support of Senator Robinson and some reports state that he has the approval of Vice-President Garner, who is said to be wielding considerable pressure in favor of economy. Representative Cannon, in the House, suggested that fifteen per cent, of all appropriations be imposed, subject to the President's release. As representatives continued to discuss the subject, there was developed considerable support for the movement to reduce relief funds to \$1,000,000,000, or two-thirds of the President's request.

Representative Woodrum, of the House Appropriations Committee, took the position that Congress and not the President should direct the slashing of expenditures to a minimum by careful consideration of individual appropriation items. Mr. Woodrum was a member of the Economy Committee of 1933, which had something to do with the memorable reduction of expenditures, although the gains were subsequently offset by further action of Congress.

Senator Byrnes, a close personal friend of the President and for years one of his confidantes, insisted that Congress should go further in economies than the President suggested in his budget message of April 20th. He would cut the relief appropriation one-third, reduce ordinary expenditures ten per cent and require local communities to pay up to fifty per cent of the cost of the relief projects. He insists that conditions today are different than a few years ago and that "the emergency has passed."

**BABY KAYOES FATHER**  
Neenah, Wis.—Thomas Henry was knocked unconscious and suffered a severe scalp wound while playing with his 18-months-old son. The child hit him in the head with a meat hammer.

## America's Envoy To Berlin Warns Against Fascism

### Ambassador Dodd, In Letter, Says American Billionaire Would Be Dictator

Berlin, May 11.—United States Ambassador William E. Dodd today warned against the danger of a Fascist dictatorship in the United States which he said an American billionaire was ready to support, "and, of course, control."

Dodd disclosed he had written a letter to Senator Robert J. Bulkley (D-Ohio) declaring "the situation is more dangerous than at any time since Lincoln."

Copies of the letter were sent Senator Carter Glass (D-Va.) and others, pointing out to them what Dodd considered a trend in some American quarters towards establishment of an authoritarian state.

He declined to name the billionaire, saying his information had come to him confidentially from friends.

"If the party which reelected Roosevelt by an overwhelming majority last year decides to do as both parties have done in the past, we are in grave danger of losing our democratic system," the ambassador's letter declared.

"If the party breaks up, the 80 per cent anti-democratic press may do what the 80 per cent pro-slavery press did in the South between 1850 and 1860," he wrote after referring to other crises in American history.

**Want Dictatorship.**  
"There are individuals of great wealth who wish a dictatorship and are ready to help a Huey Long. There are politicians, some in the Senate I've heard, who think they come into power like that of the European dictators in Moscow, Berlin and Rome."

"One man, I've been told by personal friends, who owns nearly a billion dollars, is ready to support such a program and, of course, control it," his letter stated.

Dodd declared "these dangers and their likely consequences" caused him to write the letter, and asserted that a 40-year study of history convinced him that "all of us who believe in our system must do what we can to support our President, even if we wish to amend some of his reform measures."

As a University of Chicago history professor prior to his acceptance of the Berlin diplomatic post, Dodd was considered an authority on American history, particularly of the Civil War and preceding years.

## Farmville Daughters Pay Their Tribute

Memorial Day services, dedicated to the memory of the heroes of the South in the War Between the States, were held in the late afternoon, Sunday, with a large number of citizens joining the United Daughters of the Confederacy in their observance of the day, at exercises held in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. R. H. Knott, president of the local Rebecca Winbourne Chapter, announced the program, which was featured with remarks by Rev. D. A. Clarke, Methodist minister, who spoke on the meaning of Memorial Day, and by appropriate quartet selections, rendered by Rev. L. R. Ennis, Charles F. Baucom, John D. Ennis, and Elbert Holmes. Rev. L. R. Ennis, Baptist pastor, offered prayers, and "Boots" Thomas sounded taps, after which the Daughters decorated the graves of the veterans in the town and community.

Pitt county has no living Confederate veterans and there was no man "wearing the gray" in the gathering here that honored the memory of Dixie's soldiers.

## Rural Scout Week Will Open at Camp Charles on May 23

Rural Week for boys at Camp Charles, near Wilson, will open May 23. The idea behind Rural Week is to get rural boys who are not scouts, to go to Camp Charles and learn there some of the first principles of scouting. The program will run for six days and the cost will be \$6.00 for the week. If a boy does not have the money, he may take farm products with which to pay his board. He should also take blankets, bed linen, and towels. All Pitt County boys, who are interested in going to Camp Charles during the week of May 23 to 29, will please communicate with John J. Sigwald of Wilson, North Carolina.

More than 3,500 blood-tested baby chicks were purchased in Jones County this spring as a result of demonstration by the assistant county agent.

## To Choose Mayor In Second Primary

### State Teachers To Get Full Pay

**\$443,496 Allotted From  
Emergency and Con-  
tingency Fund So  
Teachers will Not Have  
Salary Cuts This Fiscal  
Year**

Raleigh, May 11.—The council of state and Gov. Hoey allotted \$443,496 from the emergency and contingency fund today so school teachers throughout the state may receive their full pay this fiscal year.

Last year the school commission, realizing the legislature had ordered a pay increase for teachers but had not provided enough funds, appealed to Hoey before he was inaugurated and he pledged his influence to secure the funds from other sources so teachers would not have to receive salary cuts.

The Governor said he told the commission members he felt the legislature fully intended each teacher receive the increase authorized and therefore would find the money elsewhere.

The council of state, on advice of Attorney General A. A. Seawell, declined to act on a request of Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, that Omega Powell, negro, be discharged.

## WALSTONBURG NEWS

### PERSONALS

Mr. W. P. Moore of Snow Hill was in town Friday.

Miss Hazel Baker of Snow Hill is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, Jr., this week.

Miss Bessie Harrell of Fremont was the guest of Mrs. W. E. Lang Friday and Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Gardner is the guest of Misses Christine and Earnestine Gardner of Saratoga.

Friends will be glad to know that Mr. R. D. S. Dixon who has been ill for the last two weeks is improving.

Miss Alma Smith of Princeton and Miss Clyde Minshaw of Fremont were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Those attended the Home Coming at Winterville on May 4, were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKeel, Miss Mattie Pope, Miss Lillian Corbitt and Mr. Carl McKeel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bundy and Mrs. Jack Pittman of Farmville were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gay, Sunday.

Mrs. W. V. Reddick and children visited Mr. W. V. Reddick who is ill at Southern Pines Sunday. They reported Mr. Reddick was getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gardner and children, Dorothy, Jimmie and Ola Grace, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gay of Walstonburg attended the family reunion at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gardner near Saratoga, Sunday.

The commencement address given here Friday night by Rev. John Barclay, pastor of the First Christian Church of Wilson, and a public Forum speaker was attended by a large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hicks charmingly entertained the members of the Walstonburg faculty Thursday evening, also members of the senior class, which consisted of 23 on Friday evening after graduation. The hostess served a delicious course of cream and cake to seniors and salad course to the faculty, all enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Hicks' hospitality.

Miss Janie Marlowe delightfully entertained a few of her friends on Saturday evening from 8 to 10 at a party given in honor of Miss Alta Barnes of Raleigh. The hostess served candies, lemonade, ice cream and cake. Those being present were Misses Juanita Reddick, Ruth Carol Nix, Dorothy Gardner, Edna Earl Shackleford, Guy Dixon, Truitt Lang and Bruton Taylor.

**EASON-MURPHY**  
Miss Lanie Carolyn Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Murphy of Stantonsburg, to Durwood Lionel Eason, son of Mrs. Janie Eason and the late Wiley J. Eason of Stantonsburg. The wedding will take place in the early summer. Miss Murphy has been a member of the Walstonburg faculty for several years.

**MERCER-DOBSON**  
Miss Mary Edna Dobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dobson of Kennesville, to Frederick Andrew Mercer of Louisville, son of Mrs. Mary J. Mercer and the late Eymon Mercer, of Walstonburg. The wedding will take place on June 13. Miss Dobson has taught English

## Candidates For Mayor- ship Preparing For Second Vote Tuesday, May 18th

Voters of Farmville will go to the polls again in the second primary, to be held on Tuesday, May 18, and choose either E. E. Belcher or George W. Davis as Farmville's next mayor, in what looks like a hot contest, as both candidates and their friends are now engaged in "making hay while the sun shines."

In the primary held on Tuesday, May 4, Belcher received 334 votes for mayor, Davis 288, and M. V. Horton 69, which permitted the calling of a second primary race between Belcher and Davis.

Both of the candidates are well known and popular, having been active in civic government for years; Mr. Belcher served several terms as mayor and Mr. Davis on the board of commissioners.

The present mayor, John B. Lewis, who has served the town well in this capacity for the past four years did not seek the office again.

Elected to the board of aldermen from the ten candidates at the first primary were; Dr. W. M. Willis, A. J. Flanagan and J. W. Joyner, re-elected, with R. O. Lang, and J. Irvin Morgan, Jr., elected to serve with them.

## Honey Boys Here Today

### Benefit Minstrel Show to Be Given Under Aus- pices of Junior Women

Preparations for the appearance of the Honey Boy Minstrels are about complete, and everything is ready for the big show on Friday evening, according to Mrs. Jesse Moye, president of the Junior Woman's Club, which is sponsoring the entertainment, and the report of the director, Donald MacMillan.

The curtain of the stage in the school auditorium will go up promptly at 8 o'clock tonight, Friday, and an evening of fun and laughter is guaranteed by the end men Lath Morris, George W. Davis, Ed Nash Warren, Edgar Barrett, Stanley Garis and Clifford Bostic.

John Hill Taylor is to be the inter-locutor, and special song and dance numbers will be presented by Miss Mable Garrett and Miss Selma Johnson, with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holmes and Elbert Holmes taking part on the program as soloists.

## Revival Meeting In Progress At Methodist Church

Rev. D. A. Clarke, pastor of the Methodist Church is this week engaged in a series of evangelistic services. The services began last Sunday and will continue through the week each morning at 9 a. m., and each evening at 8 p. m. The Vesper hour Sunday at 5:30 p. m., will mark the close of the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend the remaining services of the meeting.

In the Walstonburg High School for the past two years.

## BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

A group of women of Walstonburg honored Miss Mary Edna Dobson, bride-elect, at a tea and miscellaneous shower Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Craft. Summer flowers were attractively arranged throughout the living room, dining room and gift room. Mrs. Ray West greeted the guests at the door and introduced them to the receiving line which was composed of Mrs. Craft, Misses Bobson, Lanie Murphy also bride-elect, Mesdames W. E. Lang and Ray West, Jr. From the receiving line the guests were directed to the gift room by Mrs. W. V. Nix, where they viewed the many lovely and useful gifts. The guests were then received into the dining room, where they were served individual cakes and lime ice by Mesdames Sam Jenkins, J. C. Gardner, assisted by Misses Hazel McKeel, Ruby Marlowe, Dorothy Gardner and Nina Estelle Yelverton. The table was covered with a lovely lace cloth and beautifully centered with a miniature maypole dance. Mrs. W. A. Marlowe registered the guests. Miss Ruby Burch and Mrs. Charles Walston sang, "I Love You Truly," and other appropriate songs during the afternoon. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Jennie Lane. Fifty guests called during the afternoon.

**MISS MURPHY HONORED**  
Mrs. Tina Mae Dixon, sister of Miss Lanie Murphy, bride-elect, (Continued on page four)