

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, July 22.—The effect of the widespread drought in dollars and cents upon farm purchasing power is being carefully analyzed by the Department of Agriculture. Early this year the total farm income for 1936 was estimated at \$7,500,000,000, as compared with \$6,900,000,000 last year and \$6,400,000,000 in the big drought year of 1934. Estimates based on reports received so far from the regions most severely affected by the drought still hold to the estimate of \$7,500,000,000 farm income for the year. Losses in the stricken regions, it is considered, will be offset by higher prices for products grown in other sections and by Federal funds.

A general rise in the price of all agricultural products is clearly on the way. Wheat supplies are said to be adequate for domestic consumption and there will be no need to import wheat. The corn situation is getting somewhat worse, and the price of hogs is expected to continue to rise, unless the shortage of corn for feed starts a widespread movement among corn-hog farmers to dump their hogs on the market.

Cattle prices are tending downward, because of the deterioration of the quality of cattle offered from the drought-stricken sections, but the Government is prepared to buy \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 worth if necessary to maintain prices. Drought conditions have put an end to the expectation of excessive cotton crops, thereby tending to strengthen cotton prices. The fruit supply is poorer than since 1921, but that is due to late cold weather in the Spring rather than to the drought.

Out of the whole situation there emerges one definite trend, and that is toward higher prices to consumers for all foodstuffs.

**In Drought Cycle**  
There has been so much talk lately about long-range weather forecasting that the Department of Agriculture is flooded with inquiries as to why they did not predict this drought in time to give farmers fair warning. There is no scientific method of long-range weather forecasting as yet that can be relied upon. The experts of the weather bureau, however, have come to the tentative conclusion that there is a drought cycle, which may be expected to bring about recurrences of present conditions every few years.

The present drought, like that of 1934, is regarded as a continuation of the drought cycle which began in 1930. How long it will last and how long before another period of several years of inadequate rainfall, are questions which nobody is prepared to answer.

Efforts to anticipate the political effect of the drought seem to lead nowhere. Both parties are trying to make political capital out of it. On the Democratic side, emphasis will be placed upon the speed with which the Administration came to the financial aid of drought-stricken farmers and cattle raisers. President Roosevelt's proposed tour of the Northwest will help to emphasize the

humanitarian motives of the New Deal.

If the effects of the drought are long-continued, political sharps here point out, efforts will be made by some Republicans to play it up as a "Roosevelt Drought," just as some Democratic campaigners in 1932 referred to the drought of 1930 as the "Hoover Drought." That sort of talk is silly, of course, but it is typical of the way some political minds work.

**Strike Threat Fades**  
Apprehension over the possibility of a strike in the steel industry before election is dying down. The labor situation has developed into a bitter internecine war in the ranks of labor itself, with John L. Lewis vigorously opposing the A. F. of L. and using all his very considerable fighting abilities and eloquence to build up his plan for vertical industrial unions. The political implications in this situation seem to point toward a permanent split in the ranks of labor, with a possible semi-socialist Labor Party emerging for the campaign of 1940.

The last accession to the Democratic strength is the resignation of Frank Murphy, Governor General of the Philippines, to return to his native Michigan and run for Governor. Mr. Murphy made a good record of efficiency and personal popularity as mayor of Detroit, and is regarded as the ablest man who could be picked in the effort to carry that state for the Democratic ticket.

Postmaster General Farley's leave of absence from his Cabinet post, to enable him to give his entire attention to the political campaign, is not expected to make any difference whatever either in the conduct of the Post Office or in the political aspect of affairs in Washington.

**The National Vote**  
Political Washington is eagerly studying such polls of voting sentiment as are now being conducted. It is the conclusion of the best qualified political observers here that about 80 per cent of the voters have fixed convictions which are not subject to change, and that they are about equally divided between the Republicans and the Democrats. The campaign really resolves itself, then, into the effort to influence the remaining 20 per cent of voters who have no fixed convictions as yet.

While both sides express great confidence, it is far too early to make any prediction other than that the popular vote seems likely to be very close. The deciding factor will be which party can win over about 11 per cent of the total electorate, constituting a majority of the "swayable" voters.

Political eyes are being cast upon the Townsend Plan movement, which seems to be gaining renewed strength and may prove an important factor in the election.

## REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT CENTER CHURCH JULY 25

A revival meeting will begin at Center church, near Thurmond, Saturday, July 25.

The pastor, Rev. W. F. Weatherman of Jonesville, will conduct the services, and he will probably be assisted by ministers of the community.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

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# HEALTH NOTES

## SURRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### "SWIMMING POOLS AND PUBLIC BATHING PLACES"

Swimming is becoming more and more popular each year. It is recognized as one of the best forms of exercise and recreation. Swimming is about the only form of violent exercise that can be practiced in hot weather without danger of overheating the body. Swimming possesses the added hygienic advantage of promoting cleanliness if practiced in a well supervised pool or bathing beach. Swimming like many other worthwhile activities has its health problems.

A swimming pool, that is well supervised, is one of the greatest additions to a community that can be added. It promotes cleanliness as well as gives exercise to all concerned. The small children as well as the adults can participate in this enjoyable sport without danger of having a sunstroke. While children as well as adults are around the pool or on the beach they will absorb the sunray which will prevent rickets in children and cause adults to be more healthy.

One of the greatest advantages in having a well supervised swimming pool or bathing beach is that it will prevent children from going in the creeks and rivers. We all know that these streams are highly polluted with all kinds of germs which will cause disease. Children will play in water, when they play in water that has not been disinfected and is contaminated they are likely to contract such diseases as colds, infection of the ear, venereal and skin diseases, typhoid, diarrheal condition and ring worm, infection of feet or some part of the body.

There are certain precautions which all swimmers and bathers should observe:

- 1.—Always get your sun tan gradually.
  - 2.—To avoid stomach cramps never swim until at least two hours after meals.
  - 3.—Muscle cramps sometimes attack swimmers, but, aside from fright, do not, commonly affect them so seriously as to make them helpless. If cramp is in calf of the leg submerge, seize the cramped muscle, pinch the muscle with both hands. This usually relieves the cramped muscle and it rarely returns.
- For the toe cramp, pressure on the nerve which lies in the arch of the foot, or the inside edge about 1-3 the way from heel to toe, will relieve this condition.

and daughter, Helen, of Salisbury were the week-end guests of Mrs. Bass' sister, Mrs. Neal Axson.

Those from nearby churches who attended services at Bessie's Chapel Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Evans and family of Fairview, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hardin of Winston-Salem, Miss Nannie Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sneed and children, Lydia Jane and Rufus Allen, W. J. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Sneed of Little Richmond.

Miss Hazel Reece has returned to her home at Union Cross, following a visit here to relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sneed and son, J. M., Jr., of Winston-Salem, were the Sunday guests of relatives here.

Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Chandler and family spent Sunday in Hillsville, Va., visiting relatives

and friends, Bennie and Beulah Chandler remained for a longer visit.

Miss Pearl Barber spent several days last week at Union Cross, with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reece. Mr. and Mrs. Othel Foy have returned to Stokesdale, following a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shore of Harmony were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chappell.

The Surry Baptist association will meet with Friendship church Thursday and Friday, July 23 and 24. The public is invited to attend. Members of the Elkin Valley church conducted a cottage prayer service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cockerham Sunday afternoon.

The service next Sunday will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Dodson. The public is invited to attend.

Miss Annie Shore has returned to her home in Harmony, following a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lucy Chappell.

Mrs. Andie Whitaker of Elkin, Route 1, is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mamie Greenwood, her many friends will regret to know.

**Been In A Wreck**  
Softpate—Is that the same car you bought last year?

Broadhead—All except three fenders, the bumper and one wheel.

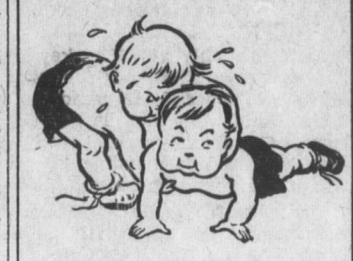
### Might As Well

The Sunday drivers had picked the farmer's fruit and his flowers, and their car was full of plunder. Pointing to an unexplored highway they inquired of the farmer: "Shall we take this road back to the city?"

"You might as well," replied the farmer, "you've got almost everything else!"

**Assistance Needed**  
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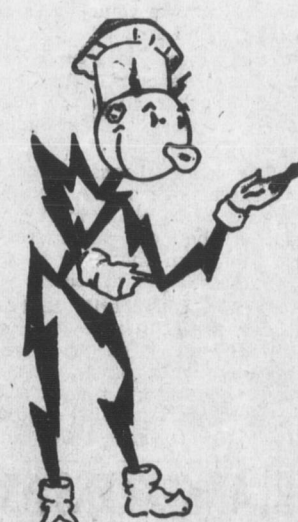
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## BURCH

The revival meeting is in progress at Little Richmond Baptist church this week. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greenwood, Coy Williamson, Clarence Greenwood and Misses Jennie and Nettie Mae Greenwood were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Greenwood at North Wilkesboro.

Rev. L. B. Murray of State Road was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter.

Mrs. Grover Patton and little son of Jonesville, Route 1, are spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barber.

Miss Ila Mae Sprinkle has returned to her home in Fairview, following a visit to Mrs. J. W. Suiter in Dobson.

Among the visitors in this community Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ring of Friendship, Luther Hinshaw of Pleasant Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Couch, L. A. Woodruff, Webb Hayes and daughter, Helen, Melvin Minton, George Newman, Miss Beulah Lawrence, Jim Mitchell, Mrs. Aute Sprinkle and George Walters, all of Elkin Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Evans of Shady Grove were also among the Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Medley of Salisbury are spending this week here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Axson.

Mr. and Mrs. Coney Burton of Union Cross were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Sneed.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jenkins and Miss Louise Mae Jenkins of Walnut Cove, Mrs. C. E. Harrington, William Jenkins, Jr., and Mrs. L. A. Hare, all of St. Louis, Mo., were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jenkins.

Earl Sneed spent the week-end in Winston-Salem with friends and relatives.

The revival closed at Mt. Harmon church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie White and Mrs. Weldon White of Union Cross visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Bass