

Fountain Urges Farmers To Release Cotton Acres They're Unable to Plant

Congressman L. H. Fountain of the Second Congressional District today urged all of our cotton farmers who are not going to plant their allotted acreage this year to release such acreage this year into the general pool so that other farmers who need it will be able to plant it. His statement was as follows: "I strongly urge all of our cotton farmers in North Carolina and most especially those of the Second Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent, who are not going to plant all of their allotted cotton acreage this year to release such acreage into the general pool so that it might be reallocated to others who do need it. No farmer will lose his allotment by doing this but he will be accomplishing two important things. First, he will be helping many small operators who need additional income badly. This helps, as our Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture have so well stated, may well mean the difference between survival and financial ruin to some of our smaller growers and particularly to our brothers in other sections of the State who are peach farmers and who have suffered such a terrible loss as a result of the recent freeze.

"Secondly, by doing this he not only reserves the allotment for his own future use since future allotments are based on acreage planted during the year but he prevents a possible reduction in acreage for North Carolina in the future.

"When the question of increased cotton acreage was recently debated on the floor of the House, it was terribly embarrassing to those of us representing our cotton farmers in trying to get some additional acreage, especially for the small growers, to be reminded that out of the 1954 allotment for North Carolina of 624,931 acres only 549,912 acres were planted. In other words, we were constantly reminded that our cotton farmers failed to plant approximately 74,000 acres of cotton during the year 1954.

"Consequently, if any of our cotton farmers do not need their cotton acreage or any portion of it during the current year, by releasing it for planting by others, they help themselves, they help others and they enable

North Carolina to keep its cotton acreage.

"I understand that the deadline for farmers in the south-eastern area to release cotton allotments which they do not plan to plant is April 8. So please each of you, give this matter your very prayerful thought and consideration."

KINSTONIANS AT WORK

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Finally he arrived in Holland, which he didn't like. At least he didn't like it for the three days he remained there. Then on into Belgium where he worked for two months at his trade in Antwerp. Then to England, and bad luck. There was no work to be found in London and his savings had run out. He recalls two very unhappy months in England, living in a warehouse with a large group of other refugees, and eating almost daily "tea and herrings."

Finally passage money from a relative in New York arrived for him. At that time \$5 would buy a ticket from London to New York, but while he was waiting in London the price went up to \$10.

Soon after arriving in America Bloom decided that the big city had no charm for him so he ignored Horace Greeley's advice and headed south instead of West. He came to Lynchburg, Va. and soon sent for his second wife and his sons of his first marriage. Nathan, now of Philadelphia; Benny now of Jersey City, and Dave of Miami. Benny and Dave now operate shoe shops of their own and Nathan is a civil service worker.

The four children of Bloom's second marriage were all born in America. Three of them in Lynchburg. Mrs. Sidney (Ida) Kanter of Kinston, Abe of Kinston, Sam of Wallace and Mrs. Arthur (Becky) Klein of New York City.

Bloom today is the proud grandparent of 13 and great-grandfather of 9 and he says he is looking forward to being a great-great-grandfather.

When he arrived in Kinston it was a "three policeman town", with a population of between five and six thousand. His first Kinston shop was in the approximate location of Dr. Ben Foxman's office today.

Until recently Bloom operated a downtown shop and was noted

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far and wide for the excellence of his work and the quality of his wit. Now his tools of the boot making trade are in a small shop by his home on Harding Avenue and he still works just enough to keep his mind and his active hands busy.

"It's lonesome now," he says. His second wife, Mrs. Goldie Bloom, died in 1947. But he winds up with a twinkle in his eye as he tells what Dr. John Pollock used to have to say on the subject of "company".

According to Bloom, Dr. Pollock used to say that "company is like a fish; all pretty and shiny the first day when you pull it out of the water. The

second day it is dry and pale, and the third day it stinks." Bloom, now nearing his 81st birthday anniversary, drives his own car, mows his own large lawn and does neater work than many boot makers a third, or a fourth his age.

Of his naive Russia he has few doubts. "The Russian people love fun," he reminds. "They are not all bad people. They just have bad leaders. His one political guess on Russia is that the present rulers of that vast land have their hands very full with governing the wild, fun-loving people that live within its borders.

of Elmer, left, and Toby at The Children's Home Society Nursery in Greensboro. Harriet Tynes, Executive Director of the state-wide adoption agency, had just announced that the annual Christmas campaign for \$50,000 fell short, netting \$45,765.98. This short-coming was not true in Lenoir County where the United Fund drive over-subscribed its goal and the children home got its full quota of support.

bootmaker, and a delightful gentleman.

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