

IN WASHINGTON
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY
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UNITED STATES SENATOR

Since the adjournment of Congress, members are giving more real attention to studies of the farm problem than perhaps any other phase of pending legislation. The word pending can be used because the farm problem will be the first order of business at the next session, or at a special session should one be called by the President.

Such studies disclose some cheerful factors with reference to the general improvement of agriculture since 1932. Farm cash income has moved upward eighty-five per cent—farm prices are up seventy-five per cent—forced farm sales have been cut in half—farm wages have increased seventy-five per cent, and farm real estate values have gained sixteen per cent.

Thus there is reason for the statement that agricultural progress has been during the first four years of the administration of President Roosevelt and it strengthens the determination of all concerned to maintain those gains.

In agriculture, as in industry, greater strides in some sections have been offset by less favorable trends in others, but the general improvement has undoubtedly been felt throughout the country. In 1932, tobacco was selling on the average at ten and a half cents per pound, and on July 15, 1937, it was bringing nearer twenty seven cents per pound. In 1932, cotton was down to six and a half cents per pound and on July 15, 1937, was at 12.4 cents per pound. Corresponding improvement is noted in a wide variety of agricultural commodities.

Cash income available for farm family living, after deductions for wages, operating expenses, taxes and interest, increased even more rapidly during the four-year span from 1932 to 1936, than did cash income as a whole. Cash income available to the agriculture population for living from 1932 production was \$1,473,000,000. From 1936 production it was \$4,475,000,000. This was 204 per cent above the 1932 depression low and within eight per cent of its 1929 level.

Of course, the gain in income during this period was somewhat offset by an increase in the price of things the farmers buy. But allowing for an increase of sixteen per cent in prices farmers pay for commodities and services used in living and production, the purchasing power of cash income from farm production was sixty per cent greater in 1936 than in 1932. Allowing for an increase of thirteen per cent in the price that farmers pay for things used in living, which did not advance quite as rapidly as the price of commodities used in production, the increase in purchasing power between 1932 and 1936 was even greater.

In other words, the disparity between the prices the farmers get for their commodities and the prices at which they buy has been greatly lessened, although not entirely at the goal that is sought.

The improvement in farm estate values is also significant and along with a reduction in forced sales, is certain to bring new hope to those who live on the farm. There are many other evidences of a widespread improvement since the dark days of

1932, when the farmer faced an almost hopeless situation. The condition of the farm population in this country has come to be an index to conditions generally. Agriculture prices are usually found to be a barometer of the purchasing power of the great cross-section of Americans. And the improvement today indicates strongly that gains have been made and is most encouraging to members of Congress who are primarily interested in suing the legislative machinery of the Government to preserve those gains and further improve the status of rural America.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A delightful birthday party was given in honor of Miss Mary Lane at her home near Cumberland, Thursday evening. Many games were enjoyed. The honoree received many beautiful and useful gifts. Delicious ice cream and cake was served.

Those present were: Misses Celesta Godwin, Katherine and Esther Perry, Audrey, Ethel and Leona Lane, Marion Sawyer, Margaret Lowe, Della Mae Twine, Katherine Smith, Margaret Tadlock, Hazel Madrey, Alma and Julia Lane, Leona Bacus, Bessie Jay Ward and Mary Lane, honoree. Harold and Howard Hurdle, Lawrence and Ervin Perry, Linwood Lane, Vick Stallings, Gus Story, Harvey Copeland, Milford, Ray and Elwood Twine, Willard, Robert and Rothie Hurdle, Leroy Smith, James Tadlock, Elsberry and Luther Whedbee, Calvin and Winford Lane, Odell Bacus, Wilton Stallings, Winston and Oliver Layden, Milton, Willis and Spurgeon Lane, and James Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lane, Mrs. Charlie Lane and Mrs. J. J. Lane.

CENTER HILL

Mrs. Ray Carter and baby, of Richmond, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and children, of Sunbury, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland and son, of Edenton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bunch have moved to Edenton. Their many friends regret to see them leave the community, but wish for them much happiness in their new home.

Melvin Bunch, of Norfolk, Va., is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry.

Miss Frances Ward, of Edenton, is visiting Misses Dorothy and Kitty Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim White and children attended the pageant at Roanoke Island last week.

Mrs. J. C. Byrum and children visited Mrs. R. O. Furry Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Oliver Jordan, from near Elizabeth City, spent Wednesday as the guest of Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son, of Edenton, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mrs. Cameron Boyce is spending the week in Rocky Hock with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce and Miss Myra Boyce spent Tuesday afternoon in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Jim Baker has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va., after a visit with relatives here.

George Ellis, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ida Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunch and son, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bunch.

Mrs. Jack Jennette and baby, of Elizabeth City, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boyce and Miss Myra Boyce visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker, at Sunbury, Sunday

Traveling Around America

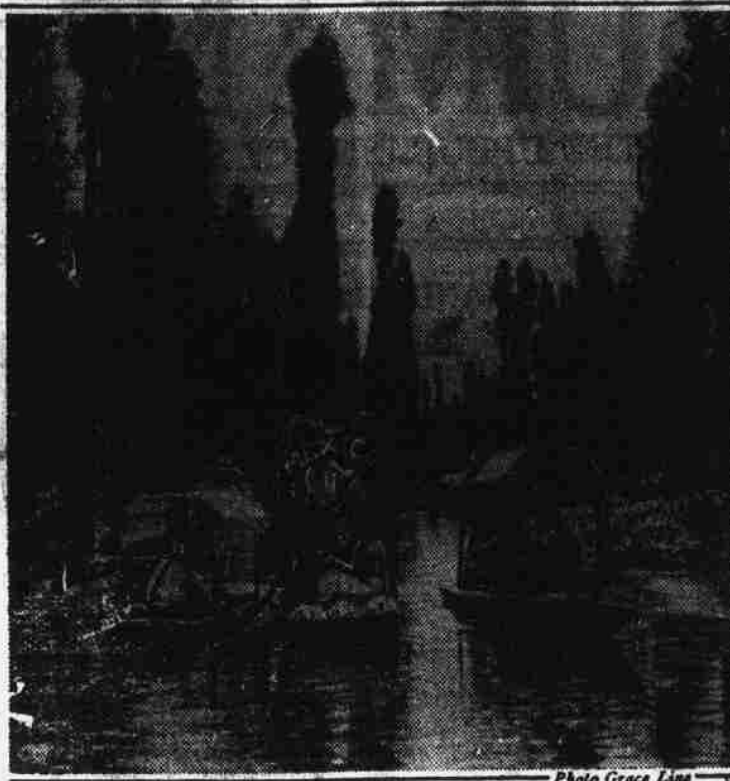


Photo Grace Lane

FLOWERS THAT WERE AN INDIAN MAID

THE fragrant flowers bordering this canal, according to an ancient legend, were once a beautiful Indian maid. They are the floating gardens of Xochimilco, near Mexico City, on the route of the rail-water circle tours between New York, the Central Americas and Mexico.

The story goes that there was once an Indian girl of humble rank named Iquicaxochitl who was so beautiful and virtuous that famous warriors, kings and men of great wealth came from far and near to seek her hand. The girl, however, spurned all these men of rank, for she loved a boy of the village with whom she had grown up. And she believed that he loved her. Hoping to hasten his declaration of love by a display of industry, Iquicaxochitl arose every morning before sunrise to sweep clean the flower-covered lanes which led to her cottage.

In the meantime her rejected suitors visited the Goddess of Trickery, crowding her temple day and night, moaning over their unrequited love for Iquicaxochitl. Finally the goddess, tired of trying to console them, and jealous because it was their love for a mere mortal which brought them to her—visited the girl and pronounced this sentence upon her: "Because of thy foolish pride thou shalt live until the end of the world chaste and pure. No mortal shall ever wed thee. And the paths which thou has swept so industriously shall be but canals of water with flower gardens floating upon them. In these watery lanes men shall search for thee and find only flowers and perfume. Thou shalt be called 'Xochimilco.'" And the next day at sunrise it was found that Iquicaxochitl and her family and their cottage had disappeared—and in their place was a cluster of floating islands covered with fragrant flowers.

evening. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Signa visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Byrum, Sunday.

Miss Juanita Riddick, of Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., and friends visited Miss Myrtle Byrum Tuesday evening.

Miss Sara Mae Chappell, of Belvidere, is visiting Miss Sybil White.

Fred Walston, of Tarboro, spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston and attended the pageant at Fort Raleigh Saturday night.

Mrs. J. S. Turner, Misses Kathleen Ward, Gertrude and Myrtle Byrum spent Friday in Hertford.

Mrs. Carey McClenny, of Green Hall, is visiting Mrs. Herman Lane, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jernigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson and

son, Mrs. H. E. Lane, Mrs. W. H. Lane and Miss Lois Hope Lane visited relatives in Elizabeth City on Sunday afternoon.

Revival services are in progress at Center Hill Methodist Church this week. Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Presiding Elder of this District, will preach the closing sermon Sunday morning.

Call For Livestock Made By Morrison

Fill North Carolina with pure bred cattle, swine and poultry and check the shipments of meats, poultry and eggs into the State. North Carolinians are raising nothing but cash crops and then spending all the money they make for food which comes from other places, and for commercial fertilizer to put under cotton and tobacco.

Thus did Cameron Morrison, former Governor and Senator, and now private farmer and cattle breeder, sum up the great need for North Carolina agriculture in an address before the annual summer meeting of the Jersey Cattle Club held last week at State College.

Mr. Morrison urged the cattlemen present to band together to advertise their good animals so that the State might establish a reputation for its herds. Partial to Jerseys, the speaker said they would turn feed into more dollars than any other dairy breed. He said it were possible for the State to become a second Isle of Jersey.

"Farmers still form the great stabilizing influence in this country, and if ever it needs to be saved from demoralization and ruin, it will be the stable, God-fearing courageous people of the farms and villages who will save it," Governor Morrison declared.

He stated that another great need of North Carolina at present is a closely knit organization of farmers. They should organize for their own well-being, he said, and then they could secure anything that they wanted.

Mr. Morrison declared that farm animals are needed in any well balanced program and that the production of cash crops alone will never make a happy and prosperous countryside.

OAK GROVE SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Oak Grove met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Overman. Mrs. W. W. Lewis led the devotional and Mrs. C. P. Quincy led in prayer. Hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus," was sung. Talks on "Christian Missions and Rural Life" were given by Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. C. P. Quincy and Mrs. Emmett Stallings. The Book of Acts was studied by the society. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Jackson.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The following were present: Mesdames Addie Bright, H. G. Baker, George Jackson, W. W. Lewis, W. H. Overman, C. P.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THERE was a new efficiency man took charge of an iron foundry in Ohio lately. He posted a lot of



new signs to make the men work harder. One sign said, "Any man caught smoking around this foundry will be fired immediately."

"So, one day, as the new efficiency manager was walking in to hang up his hat, he seen a man in overalls smoking a cigarette where some goods was being unloaded.

"Here," says the manager, "you seen that sign over there, didn't you?"

"Sure I seen it."

"Well, I'm going to make an example of you. What's your pay per week?"

"Thirty-five dollars."

"All right, here's a week's wages."

The man stuffed the thirty-five bucks into his pocket and said "Thanks."

"Now, go," says the efficiency man. "You're fired. That's the way I dispose of such inefficiency."

"Well, excuse me," says the man, "but I ain't fired that I know of. I work for the express company, and I'm just waitin' here for to get this receipt signed. But I appreciate the thirty-five bucks, anyhow."

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Quincy, Emmett Stallings, Walton Lowe, John Sawyer, Johnnie Sawyer, Jr., J. W. Ferrell; Misses Hazel Bright, Doris Baker, Gracie, Mattie and Addie Mae Ferrell, Mildred Lewis and Ruby Story.

Presidents, Sons of Ministers
 President Grover Cleveland was the son of a Presbyterian minister and succeeded Chester A. Arthur, whose father was an Episcopal clergyman. President Wilson's father was a Presbyterian minister and President Hoover's mother was a Quaker preacher.

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