

RADIO ADDRESS DELIVERED IN BEHALF OF ROBERT LEE HUMBER'S CANDIDACY

Five Minute Address in behalf of Robert Lee Humber's Candidacy for Congress Delivered by Jack Edwards, Attorney, on Tuesday, May 14, 1946, over Station WGTG, Greenville, North Carolina.

Ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience; voters of the First Congressional District:

It is a great pleasure and a signal honor to have the privilege of addressing you in behalf of your friend and mine, that firm and loyal citizen of this district, Robert Lee Humber.

on just one point which, together with many others, has been used by the opposition in attempting to confuse your minds respecting the manner in which the present Representative of the First District is regarded in Congress.

According to the Congressional Directory of the 79th Congress, 1st Session, copy of which I have before me, the present Representative is a member of seven of the forty-eight standing committees of the House. I assert to you that none of these seven committees are considered outstanding or of great importance. On the Accounts Committee, the Invalid Pensions Committee and the War Claims Com-

mitted the present Representative is third in rank. On the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee he is seventh in rank. On Roads he is sixth in rank. On Un-American Activities he is last in rank among the six democrats of the Committee. There are also three Republicans on this committee who, of course, do not outrank him in a Democratic Congress; nor do the Republicans of the other committees of which he is a member. He is chairman of the Committee on the Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress. But this committee is largely perfunctory and seldom has any legislation referred to it.

Now please let me remind you that all members of the House serve on several committees unless the committee is an important one such as Ways and Means, Agriculture, Appropriations, Naval or Military Affairs, in which case the Congressman may serve on only one committee due to the volume of business necessary to be handled.

Some of these important committees are the following (and may I be permitted again to call your attention to the fact that the present Representative of this district is not a member of a single one of these important committees): Ways and Means, Appropriations, Agriculture, Education, Rules, Insular Affairs, Judiciary, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs, Rivers and Harbors, Post Office and Post Roads, Mines and Mining, Labor, Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Banking and Currency, Coinage, Weights and Measures, District of Columbia, Immigration and Naturalization, World War Veteran's Legislation, War Claims, Pensions, Civil Service, Claims and several others of which he is not a member.

It is an absurdity, therefore, and contrary to all sense and reason when it is even suggested that the present Congressman of this district had anything to do with the vast shipping during the war simply because he happened to be a member of the unimportant legislative committee of Merchant Marine and Fisheries. I have written to the clerk of this committee, of which Congressman Bland of Newport News, Virginia, is the Chairman, asking the number of times it has met during this, the 79th Congress, the bills which have been considered by it, and which, if any have been reported out of the Committee, were enacted into law by the Congress. If any work of importance has been done by this Committee, you and I should be very much surprised. It is certainly not important enough to keep Mr. Bland, its Chairman, from serving on three other committees of the House.

Even if it were one of the most important, it would be just as ridiculous to intimate that a member of it was responsible for the vast operation of our Merchant Marine as it would be to say that a member of the great Agriculture Committee brought about the production of all the cotton, corn, peanuts, tobacco, potatoes, wheat and many other crops which are raised and marketed in this great Nation of ours. What could be more ridiculous than a statement of that kind to our

farmers? A legislative committee considers and passes upon bills, which may or may not become laws. It certainly has nothing to do with the enormous operating forces which carry on daily the gigantic industry of our people either on the land or on the sea.

Robert Lee Humber would not permit his friends to distort or exaggerate facts in order to give him an advantage even if they should make an effort to do so. We know and the opposition asserts that Robert Humber is stalwart and true; that he is a gentleman of the highest degree. His soundness and knowledge, his ability and energy and his tireless efforts for the masses of the people qualify him to represent us in the Halls of Congress. At this crucial period we need his able leadership.

I am proud to join the overwhelming majority of the voters of my County in voting for Robert Lee Humber.

Thank You!

As we all know Jack Edwards is a native of Perquimans County. He is a former Congressional Secretary of this district. He is a former member of the General Assembly of North Carolina, representing Pitt County in the House of Representatives. He appreciates the support of the voters of Perquimans County for Robert Lee Humber.

Princely Goober Now Third Ranking Crop

The princely peanut, North Carolina's cinderella crop, now ranks third in income to Tar Heel farmers, being out-distanced only by tobacco and cotton. Cash return of the 1944 crop was \$25,449,000.

Peanut growers have been asked to produce 2,500,000 acres of peanuts for edible purposes in this country this year. North Carolina's goal has been set at 240,000 acres, about 25 per cent less than last year, in a crop which now is being planted. Indications are that the goal will be greatly exceeded in this state.

While cotton yields during the past 15 years have almost doubled, peanut yields have decreased during that period. In the face of this fact Walton C. Gregory, agronomist at State College, has offered a number of sug-

gestions to growers intended to increase peanut yields.

Gregory says, first, that peanuts should be planted only on the best-adapted soil, preferably on land which has not been seeded to peanuts for one year or longer. Since the crop removes considerable quantities of plant food from the soil, it should be liberally fertilized, afforded sufficient plant food to assure a maximum crop.

Perhaps the second most important factor in gaining good peanut yields is the use of number one, shelled, fungicide-treated seed. The farmer protects himself if he buys (or grows) certified seed. Good stands

have never been known to result from bad seed, Gregory declared.

As in corn and most other row crops, peanuts must be planted in close spacing; Runners and Virginias about six to nine inches apart in 30-inch rows; Spanish peanuts about three inches apart in 24-inch rows.

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Born and reared on a farm and having lived on a farm for twenty years of his life, he knows the needs of the farmer and can be depended upon to work for the welfare of the farmer.

CONSERVATION

As a member of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, on the Committee of Commercial Fisheries and Forests, he has been active in the conservation of all resources in North Carolina.

EDUCATION

As an educator, having taught in the public schools of North Carolina for nine years, he is a friend of education and knows from experience the problems of the schools.

GOOD ROADS

As chairman of the Bertie Highway Commission for many years, he was a pioneer in the good roads movement. He worked actively for bridging the Roanoke and Chowan Rivers. He can be depended upon to work actively for better farm to market roads.

HEALTH

A leader in the last legislature for State aid for area hospitals and health centers he can be depended upon to continue to fight for better health for North Carolina.

CANDIDATE FOR

STATE SENATE

Primary, Saturday, May 25th

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