

# Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

- 1—Russia's recently announced five-year plan is her (first) (sixth).
  - 2—Her cooperative farms are called to increase production by (30) (100) per cent.
  - 3—Special emphasis is placed on (atomic energy) (hydroelectric) power projects.
  - 4—A recent statement by Secretary (Dulles) (Benson), quoted in a magazine article, stirred up an international hassel.
  - 5—Detroit's newspapers (are not) (are) publishing once again.
  - 6—The United States Budget for fiscal 1957 (is not) (is) estimated to balance.
  - 7—Chances for congressional action on tax cuts in '56 are (good) (poor).
  - 8—The fabulous (American Express) (Brink's) robbery has been solved.
  - 9—(Some) (no) vegetation is believed to exist in Antarctica.
  - 10—Man's first earth satellite will be launched from (California) (Florida) some time in '57.
- Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram

1—Sixth, 2—100, 3—Atomic energy, 4—Dulles, 5—Are, 6—Is, 7—Poor, 8—Brink's, 9—No, 10—Florida.

## Baptist Association Meets, Plans Fruitland Swimming Pool Project

A group of interested pastors and laymen of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association met at a luncheon in Shelby Sunday to make plans to aid in the construction of a large swimming pool at Fruitland Assembly this summer.

Horace Eason, state secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Brotherhood, welcomed the group and presided over the business portion of the meeting, which was held at Hotel Charles.

Mal Spangler, Sr., of Shelby was elected general chairman of the central committee. A goal for the Kings Mountain Association was discussed. The central committee will meet Thursday, February 9, at 8 p. m. at Hotel Charles to discuss further plans.

It was decided to ask each church in the Association to appoint a chairman to work with Mr. Spangler in raising funds to finance the pool. The Baptist General Board of the State Convention has agreed to aid in the financing of the project. The pool will be used primarily by groups of young people who attend summer assembly at Fruitland.

The group agreed that the need for the pool is urgent, and also said this project would not interfere with the development of the South Mountain Assembly of Region 8, which is being constructed north of Fallston.

It was announced during the meeting that First Baptist church of Shelby would donate \$500 toward the financing of the pool, which will cost an estimated \$25,000.

Fruitland Assembly is used for a ministers' school during the spring, winter and fall, but is put to use during the summer months by various groups of young people for vacation sessions.

## Farmers Want To Know . . .

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This article, completing a series describing the provisions of the Federal income and Social Security tax laws as they affect farm people, was prepared by Charles R. Pugh, W. L. Turner, and C. W. Williams, extension farm management specialists, N. C. State College.

Amendments to the Social Security law by the 1954 Congress bring coverage to self-employed farmers for the first time starting with taxable year 1955, and extend coverage to many additional farm employees. Social Security is a federal sponsored program offering insurance to workers and their dependents against complete loss of income due either to the death or retirement of the worker. Payments or benefits are generally based upon the period of service and taxable income during the service period.

Self-employment taxes for Social Security purposes and Federal income taxes are related to the extent that both are collected by the Internal Revenue Service at the same time. Also the same accounting methods and records must serve as the basis of the two types of taxes. Self-employment taxes differ from Federal income taxes in that they go into the Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance Fund from which Social Security benefits are paid rather than into the general funds of the U. S. Treasury.

Some self-employed farmers may owe no income tax due to the size of deductions and personal exemptions but still must complete Schedule F, Form 1040 to determine earnings from self-employment for Social Security tax purposes. Schedule F is arranged so that the computation of self-employment tax from farming will follow as the form is filled in.

In calculating self-employment earnings from farming, the individual farmer may have to make adjustments in the figure upon which Federal income taxes are based. The exclusions in determining net earnings from self-employment include any income and expenses associated with (1) rentals in the form of crop shares, which are considered as an investment return to the landlord rather than self-employment income; (2) gains or losses from the sale of capital assets and depreciable property such as sales of livestock held for draft, breeding, or dairy purposes or sales of machinery and real estate; and (3) deductions for net operating losses of other years.

Farmers are to pay Social Security tax if they had earnings of \$400 or more from self-employment in 1955. The maximum covered earnings from all sources are \$4200. Therefore the maximum income subject to the 3 per cent self-employment tax is \$4200 minus the amount of covered wages received as an employee.

Farmers reporting their income on the "cash" basis may wish to use an optional method to stabilize their coverage from year-to-year. If the gross income from farming (with adjustments as mentioned above) is between \$800 and \$1800, the self-employed farmer may pay Social Security taxes on one-half of this gross amount. If the gross income from farming (with adjustments) is more than \$1800, and the computed net earnings from self-employment from farming are less than \$900, Social Security taxes may be paid on \$900.

Details of Social Security coverage and computation of the tax are explained in the pamphlets, "How Social Security Covers Farmers" and "Farmers' Guide." Check with your county agent or the local offices of the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service for copies.

## Fentress Named Sales Manager Of Foote Firm

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—James Fentress has been named General Sales Manager of Foote Mineral Company, effective February 1, 1956, according to L. G. Bliss, president, Fentress was formerly Director of Economics Planning, and had also served as Manager of Petroleum Sales.

Following his graduation from Princeton in 1943, Fentress joined E. I. DuPont and in a research capacity was active for more than two years on the atomic bomb project. In 1946, he entered Northwestern University and, after completing his graduate studies, continued on until 1952 as a research associate on a U. S. Navy Bureau of Ships project.

Fentress is an active member of the American Chemical Society and the Electrochemical Society. He is a resident of Villa Nova, Pa.

An artificial heart-lung combination, fashioned of plastic, kept a dog alive for 27 minutes during a heart operation by a team of surgeons at Louisiana State University's medical school. Unique aspect of the story is cost of the device—about two dollars. It points the way to possible manufacture of inexpensive mass-production units for use by doctors and hospitals.



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## An Open Letter

To the people of the Eleventh Congressional District

from

Hugh A. Wells

Dear Friends:

I would like to tell you personally why I am a candidate for the United Congress, from the 11th District, in the forthcoming Democratic Primary.

When I graduated from Law School at the University of North Carolina, I had to make a decision about where I was going to live and work. I had offers of good jobs and positions in other places, in and out of North Carolina.

Having little capital to start a business of my own, I was a bit doubtful about entering law practice in Shelby. But I knew I wanted to return to Shelby, if I could.

I discussed this matter with some friends and relatives, and shall never forget what one person, a prominent newspaper man in Shelby, told me. He said this: Hugh, no doubt it would be easier for you to take one of those jobs offered you in other places. You would have a steady income, your future would be secure, and life might be more exciting in some of those places.

But, he said, you have to choose between pleasure and duty. Shelby and Cleveland County needs their young men, and they need you. You should live and work in Shelby and do your part for the community where you were born and where you grew up.

Don't take the easy way out, he said. It will be a struggle for you for a few years. But you will succeed, and although you may make less money, your rewards will be greater than money can buy.

I listened to that friend with respect, for I knew he spoke from the heart; and I knew he spoke what was in my heart. I chose to make my life in Shelby, because I loved my town, my county, and my state. I have no reason to regret that decision. I know that our town, county, and state offers a wonderful future for all the young men and women who will give their devotion and loyalty.

About two years ago, I started thinking seriously about running for Congress from the 11th District. It seemed to me that our people needed stronger support and representation in Congress, and I began thinking of seeking to serve them in that office.

For two years, I talked with people throughout this District. I learned that many of them were thinking about the office of Congressman and the kind of man that should fill the job. I received a great deal of encouragement to seek the office in 1956, this year.

About three months ago, I made up my mind to announce for the office and to make the announcement in late February or early March. When Congressman Jones made his surprising announcement that he was retiring, I decided to make my announcement then instead of waiting.

I am seeking the office of Congressman because of my interest in my District and in you, the people who live and work here. Should I win your confidence and votes and become your next Congressman, I shall dedicate myself to working for you in that office.

I shall continue to abide by my choice of years ago to make my life and my living with the good people of Shelby, Cleveland County, and Western North Carolina.

Very sincerely yours,

Hugh A. Wells,

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Candidate for United States Congress.

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