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WERNER SAYS FARMERS OF COUNTRY MUST SHARE IN GENERAL RISE IN PRICES

District Representative Tells Congress Farmer Must Not Be Overlooked in All Rise in Prices if National Unity Prevails in This Crisis

Representative Herbert Bonner has good licks for the farmer. In his few speeches on the floor of the House of Congress, his remarks may be of great interest to our readers, we learn here:

March 4, 1941. The National Defense

and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee:

I have just heard that the Bureau of Economic Warfare is reporting a decline in the farm products during the year 1939 amounting to a little over twenty million dollars, as compared with the year 1938, due to the heavy burden of the war.

At this moment I am greatly concerned over the price condition of the potato crop. In 1940 North Carolina potato growers received the disastrously low price of .60 per bushel for their splendid quality potatoes. Yields of early potatoes are generally light, and the returns to the growers were far below the cost of production. In fact, about all the growers did was to pay fertilizer and seed bills, with little remaining to live on for the rest of the year. Their returns were about two-thirds of parity. The prices early in the season were fair, but the decline in price was drastic, in fact so low that the Surplus Marketing Administration had to step in and purchase 330 carloads of potatoes in order to save the market from complete demoralization. If it had not been for this help, there is no telling how low prices would have gone.

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In a desperate effort to make a living, the growers in all early states, except New Jersey and Nebraska, have indicated that they intend to plant about 270,000 acres of potatoes, which is about 6,000 acres above the acreage planted last year. In view of the larger carry-over of late potatoes, and an indicated supply of new potatoes, fully as large as that of a year ago, what hope is there for the potato growers unless provisions are made whereby direct assistance will be given to them.

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feise. We just cannot expect the farmer to farm and barely make a living if the farmer can leave the farm and make twice as much money in industrial work as he can make on the farm.

This seems to me to be fundamental and today I am thinking of a program of national defense that includes the tobacco farmer, the peanut grower, cotton and all the vegetable cash crops that must be brought abreast with those who are today receiving the financial benefits and first fruits of national defense.

Yesterday I listened with interest to the speech of the Great Chairman of this Appropriations Committee and with particular attention to his enumeration of surplus Agriculture products in storage. At this moment I am greatly concerned over the price condition of the potato crop. In 1940 North Carolina potato growers received the disastrously low price of .60 per bushel for their splendid quality potatoes. Yields of early potatoes are generally light, and the returns to the growers were far below the cost of production. In fact, about all the growers did was to pay fertilizer and seed bills, with little remaining to live on for the rest of the year. Their returns were about two-thirds of parity. The prices early in the season were fair, but the decline in price was drastic, in fact so low that the Surplus Marketing Administration had to step in and purchase 330 carloads of potatoes in order to save the market from complete demoralization. If it had not been for this help, there is no telling how low prices would have gone.

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DISCIPLES HAVE SPECIAL MEETINGS IN HYDE NEXT WK.

Rev. J. W. West to Be Special Speaker; Pictures to Be Shown

The Rev. J. W. West, well known Disciple preacher, will hold services in many of the Christian churches of Hyde County, beginning next Monday evening and continuing through Wednesday, according to the Rev. Z. N. Deshields of the Engelhard Christian church.

The Rev. Mr. West has spent the last fifty years preaching among the mountain people of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. He will be able to give inspiring talks on mountain evangelism. He will have pictures to show his audience through a projecting machine.

The meetings begin at the Fairfield Christian church, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. They will be continued at Engelhard Tuesday morning at 8:30 before the student body of the high school and at the Engelhard Christian church Tuesday evening at 7:30. Special services will be held at Swan Quarter Wednesday evening at 7:30.

According to the Rev. Z. N. Deshields, the meetings will be very entertaining and worthwhile. The public is cordially invited to attend them.

FUNERAL OF BOBBY NIXON

Wednesday afternoon, February 6th, the Stumpy Point Methodist church was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends who had come from far and near to attend the funeral of their little friend, Bobby Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Nixon, of Elizabeth City, N. C., who had met such a tragic death.

Services were conducted by the Rev. V. A. Lewis, assisted by the Rev. M. W. Maness, of Manteo. The choir, composed of Mrs. Carson Meekins, Mrs. Tom Wise, Mrs. Lee Midgett, Mr. Calvin Payne and Mr. Ranzey Hooper, sang "In the Hour of Trial," "Jewels," "Have Thine Own Way Lord," and at the "rave 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus.'" Mrs. Robert Elliott, organist, of Elizabeth City was at the piano.

There was a profusion of beautiful flowers, which attested to the popularity of the little fellow, the casket being covered with a pall of East-rhies, white carnations, baby-breath and fern. Those who assisted with the flowers were, Mrs. Lit Meekins, Mrs. Garland Meekins, Mrs. Dewey Wise, Mrs. Leslie Wise, Mrs. Warren Meekins, Mrs. Shirley Midgett, Miss Lora Catherine Hooper, Joyce Meekins, Mildred Midgett, Nita Midgett, Myra Best, F. W. Wise, Myrtle Payne, Erlene Twiford, Theresa Payne, Norma Carolyn Twiford, Ramona Payne, Rennie Payne, Janis Meekins and Rita Hooper of Stumpy Point, Mrs. Curtis Albertson, Mrs. Annie Kiddick, Mrs. Ray Forbes, Mrs. Willie Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Active pallbearers were, Dick Best, Jasper Hooper, Phil Meekins, Donald Midgett, Roy Midgett, Willie Wise, Jr., and McCoy Hooper. Honorary pallbearers were: Calvin Hooper, Alph Hooper, Beaman Hooper, Horace Hooper, Garland Meekins, Maynard Meekins, Warren Meekins, Carson Meekins, Spurgeon Meekins, Lit Meekins, Ralph Nixon, Dallas Gray, Lee Midgett, Cecil Midgett, Bob Midgett, Alton Best, Ralph O'Neal, Riley Payne, George Payne, Tom Wise, Dewey, Wise, George Wise, Joe Wise, Leslie Wise, Carville Wise, and Sam Mann of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: Mrs. C. H. Neese, Mrs. Mac Stevens, Mrs. Willie Wright, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Brantley McCoy, Mrs. Mollie Meekins, Miss Norma Fave Hooper, Mrs. Sherril Hooper and daughter, Mrs. Marietta, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Ray Forbes, Mrs. W. R. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Twiford, Mrs. Walter Riddick, Mrs. R. W. Elliott and Mrs. Curtis Albertson, of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Allen Osborne and daughter, Betty Jean, Mrs. Earl Meekins and daughter, Mary Little, Mrs. Frank Meekins and Mrs. Beck Payne, of Norfolk. George Sadler, Harvey Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Davis, Mrs. Edward Hardison and daughters, Sana and Anna, of Ransonville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jarvis of Belhaven, Mrs. Jack Gaskill of Hertford, John Peterson, Manteo, Wilbur Payne of Louisville College, and Russel Nixon of High Point College.

At the conclusion of the services, the little boy was laid to rest in the Stumpy Point cemetery.

"Bobby" as he was affectionately known by hundreds of friends in Elizabeth City, Manteo and Stumpy Point, where he had visited quite often, was only four and a half years old, when he met such a tragic death by accidental drowning, while on a visit with his par-

HALL SAYS CASH IN ON THESE TOURISTS



G. LESLIE HALL of Norfolk, is well throughout Tidewater North Carolina and Virginia because of the large and popular optical firm which bears his name. He is also well-known as an after-dinner speaker and pep-talker. The other night, he addressed Aoshkie Rotarians, and he told them plenty,--things that ought to appeal to our folks in the Southern Albemarle. He showed them a new crop of 150,000 tourists who heretofore have been spending their money in Europe. Listen to what he said, as reported in Roy Parker's newspapers:

It is estimated that 150,000 tourists have annually visited Europe. The War has automatically cut this off, adding that number to American Tourists who will "see America first". Secretary Ickes estimates the annual expenditure by this group to be approximately \$400,000,000.

There are approximately 30,000 motorists in the U.S.A.--all potential visitors to Virginia and North Carolina. Good roads, advertising, and Southern hospitality will bring them to Virginia and North Carolina.

WHY ADVERTISE?-- Heaven is a wonderful place, so were are told--flowing with milk and honey--but think of the "selling agencies" necessary to publicize it! Literally hundreds of thousands of religious organizations, with millions upon millions of dollars invested in properties--supporting "advanced agents" and "publicity representatives" and propaganda beyond my ability to estimate. The strongest "selling" organization in the world--Hell seems to be a very popular objective, notwithstanding its drawbacks, judging by the roads provided--"wide and smooth"--and certainly of a type to appeal to our modern speed artists! Yet think of the alluring publicity, attractively displayed in every conceivable manner to merchandise its attractions! The devil is no slacker, and he's ever on his tiptoes to meet competition.

Virginia and Carolina have everything to attract the millions of motorists and other tourists--decendants who owe their allegiance to this section, and scattered throughout the country. BUT PUBLICITY IS NEEDED TO COMPEL THEM TO COME IN! It costs money as well as time and ability in co-operative organizations to "go into" the "highways and hedges" and compel them to come in, but Florida is doing it (sunshine and suckers!); California is doing it!

JAN.-FEB. BIRTHS IN HYDE
THREE TIMES THE DEATHS

According to statistics just released by the Hyde County Health Department, there were almost three times as many births in the county during December and January as there were deaths. The Health Department figures showed there were 14 birth and 7 deaths in December of which seven of the births and two of the deaths were negroes. During January, there was a total of 12 births and 2 deaths, of which 2 of the births and none of the births were colored.

ADVERTISING IN HERALD PAYS SAYS D. L. BERRY

A short paragraph was run in this newspaper last week telling of the Berry Company installing a 5c to \$1 counter in its store as an added improvement and service to their customers. "The story," says D. L. Berry, "brought good results. Everybody that came in said they saw it in The Herald." The Berry Company is a regular advertiser in this newspaper.

ents to Stumpy Point. He will be greatly missed, as he was a child who made friends easily and was loved by all.

HYDE INTERESTED IN SECURING A HOME AGENT

Is One of Two Counties in Northeastern N. C. Without Home Agent

Many civic minded citizens and farm leaders met at the Swan Quarter Agriculture building last Friday and discussed the possibility of securing a Home Demonstration agent for Hyde County. Many of leading people and organizations of the county have expressed themselves as eager to obtain such help.

Some new appropriations will be made by the State for new home demonstration agents the first of July, according to County Agent J. P. Woodard. If Hyde will meet the county's part of such an appropriation, it is said that the county will have a good chance of getting one of the new agents. Hyde and Greene are the only counties in the northeastern district of North Carolina that does not have a demonstration agent.

According to County Agent Woodard, the services rendered by the home agent is very helpful to a county. They have the job of working with farm women and demonstration clubs; they help farm women with their canning; they carry out cooking schools; they help with home beautification programs; they help mothers work out diets for the family; they do 4-H club work; they help establish club markets; and numerous other things dealing with the home.

The progress of a county is greatly advanced by the work of a home agent. Said Mr. Woodard, "If Hyde expects to keep up with the progress in the home that other counties are making it will be necessary that the county make an appropriation for a home demonstration agent."

BOYS, SEND HER SOME NORTH CAROLINA SHAD

The following article about Mrs. Roosevelt being sent some fish from Gloucester, Mass., ought to be of interest to our North Carolina fishermen. Better send the lady some of our fine shad. The story says:

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has been presented with a consignment of fish by the city of Gloucester, Mass. It seems that Mrs. Roosevelt has thoughts of "learning to cook." Premier Benito Mussolini suggested it, the idea being that she use her "beautiful hands for cooking" rather than writing articles. The President's wife said at a recent press conference that she thought the idea "a good one--very pleasant."

Gloucester heard of it--hence the fish. Mayor Sylvester F. Whalen, notifying Mrs. Roosevelt of the gift, said in a letter:

"The city is taking the liberty of forwarding to you a consignment of famous Gloucester fish. "There was an article in the Boston papers a day or so ago that Mussolini made a suggestion that you resume cooking, and following that suggestion we in Gloucester think it a good idea if you would accept this gift of our famous seafood product. As