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Stefan Tells Wallace Feed Loan Limits Are Ruinous

Recently Congressman Karl Stefan had a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace regarding the drouth situation and the problems of farmers needing help in the Third Congressional district.

Mr. Stefan's statement to the Secretary of Agriculture was endorsed by the Farm Group and Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa and accepted by them as a correct picture of conditions in this area.

The congressman's statement follows:

"I want to present to you in writing one phase of the emergency drouth situation which at the moment transcends in importance any other single phase at least insofar as my district in northeast Nebraska is concerned.

"The 1936 drouth and crop failure in that area was complete. Accordingly, farmers are without feed for their livestock and they have turned to the Resettlement Administration for the help without which they cannot pull through.

"The immediate crisis has been produced by reason of the regulation promulgated by the Resettlement Administration which limits feed loans to farmers having not more than twelve units of livestock. In order that the actual situation may be adequately met, the authorized units of livestock should be raised to at least twenty. A twelve unit limitation is entirely too small for farms consisting of 160 acres and more. The foregoing figures indicate the average size of farms in my district. It is ruinous to compel farmers to reduce their herds to such a size as to practically insure retirement from agricultural production next year, or at least to impair production if the operation can be continued at all. These farmers have only the necessary number of horses with which to farm their land. Their cattle are dairy cattle—not beef cattle. They must be permitted to keep enough cows for the family living this winter and as a base for dairy production next year. The same is true of hogs and chickens. The rule of twelve units seems to be without respect to the size of farming operations and more suitable to small farms not exceeding 80 acres. It is, therefore, thought that the unit limitation should be raised to at least twenty to prevent the reduction from becoming ruinous to the point of causing some farmers to abandon their farms during this winter and of crippling the production of all farmers affected, next year.

"I am attaching hereto, for your further information, copy of a memorandum entitled "An Emergency," prepared by Mr. E. W. Rossiter, of Hartington, Nebraska. I ask you to read it carefully.

"The immediate situation in north Nebraska is an emergency and the program of the Resettlement Administration is not sufficient to meet the situation, first because the program is not large enough to meet the obvious need and, second, because the delay in the administering of a program of suitable size is occurring. Nebraska is now in the grip of winter. Temperatures are low and snow covers the ground. Feed must be immediately rushed to many places else much stock will actually perish. Losses have already occurred.

This suggested increase to twenty units is submitted to you as being not only necessary but sound, first, because the actually existing distress of farmers require it and, second, because under the circumstances which obtain in the drouth area, relief to farmers will produce the best result if the relief is substantial enough to enable farmers to remain on the farms throughout the winter and to have the necessary livestock on the farms next year. The twenty unit limitation is in contemplation of only the necessary stock for farms averaging in size as do ours, and not in contemplation of any surplus or feeder stock.

I have clearly indicated that the

actually existing emergency is one in which time is the essence of the remedy and that action must be taken at once to face the situation. Will you please direct immediate investigation into matters that I have undertaken to call to your attention and into the facts outlined by Mr. Rossiter in the attached memorandum, and advise me of the action that can and will be taken.

Pioneer Brewer Is 85 Years Old Today

Gottlieb Storz, prominent Omaha brewer is 85 years old today. In good health, he is the active head of the brewery he started in Omaha 61 years ago.

Mr. Storz goes to his office daily, taking a keen interest in all phases of his business. "It is work that keeps me feeling so young," he says. "Work is fun. It keeps you going. It doesn't give you time to grow old."

Gottlieb Storz received his training as brewmaster in one of the famous old European breweries at Wurtemberg, Germany. In those days many young Germans were coming to the United States and Mr. Storz came with them. He decided on Omaha as an ideal place to settle. Omaha was "a place where he could grow with the country."

His brewing skill stood him in good stead in his adopted home. The growth of the brewery he started in Omaha in 1876 was rapid. Today it is one of the largest and best equipped breweries in the west. Four times Storz beer won the world's championship in international competition.

Not even in prohibition days was the Storz brewery closed down. Mr. Storz kept his equipment in order and his trained employees together making near beer.

When repeal came he was ready with his brewery in condition to go immediately into production with trained men to run it.

The Storz brewery is one of Nebraska's largest taxpayers, a leading employer of labor and a principal user of mid-west grains, for which they pay a premium to get the best. His product is one of the well known brands of beer in this part of the west.

Earthquake Possibilities

How are chances for an earthquake in Holt county? More than an even break, in fact, shattered. There was a quake here at 8:30 p. m. Jan. 24, 1935, lasting about 20 seconds and causing a distinct dull rumble like thunder. There was very little motion of the earth. Several here heard the sound and wondered, and then forgot about it until the following appeared in the Springview Herald on Jan. 30:

"Although we have not seen an account of it in the daily papers, it was thought that this part of the state received an earthquake tremble last Friday about 8:30. A rumbling sound was heard by many inhabitants of Springview and vicinity. One family reported the dishes shaking in the cupboard; several of the citizens of Springview listened intently immediately after the rumble, wondering what caused the noise. Some reported it was the sound of a furnace that had blown up; one person said he thought it was the rumble of a big truck passing on the highway, while still another remarked that it sounded like thunder."

Those talking, with radio on, in moving automobiles or with other sound interfering had no chance of hearing the startling sound. The rumble here may have lasted half a minute or more. The rumble ceased or weakened briefly after 10 seconds or so and then resounded and faded away. Some believe the light shock indicates a heavier one may be experienced.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A. J. May, Pastor
 Sunday school at 10 a. m.
 Morning worship at 11 a. m.—Special music by the choir. Sermon subject, "The World's Greatest Need."

The candle light service sponsored by the Epworth League to be given next Sunday night will be postponed for one week on account of the weather.

There will be only the young people's meeting in the evening. No preaching service.

At 1:30 Monday, Dr. Cartwright, a returned worker in China will be the principal speaker at an afternoon group meeting of the west-end district. Dr. W. A. Albright the district superintendent will also be present with several other pastors. The general public is invited to this afternoon meeting. There will be no meeting in the evening.

GUARD THE TAX BILL

Rising commodity prices, higher wages and salaries, continuance of relief burdens and social security requirements, all offer excuses to increase public expenditures with

the resulting demand for higher taxes. That seems to be an attendant evil of returning prosperity; when income rises the public spenders hopin with plans to tap lucrative tax sources to pay for increased public expenditures. On the other hand, when prosperity declines, the clamor against high taxes eventually results in lowering them to the advantage of the taxpayers. To the credit of state and local units of government in Nebraska let it be said that our tax bill has shown a decided reduction in recent years which has been the equivalent of greater income to the taxpayer.

Of importance now is that higher taxes, like higher commodity prices, would nullify a large amount of the increased income of any group. In

Nebraska, where farmers pay 65 per cent or more of the general property tax, increasing tax burdens will strike heaviest among rural groups. Following two severe drouths, Nebraska farmers are in no position now to pay higher taxes. They should, therefore, join hands in a vigorous protest against any unwarranted attempts to increase taxes, either locally or in the state subdivision of government.

Farmers and all other taxpayers should insist that any additional activities of government should be justified by increased efficiency and wiser spending of funds already granted; to give more value for the taxpayer's dollar. That is the method successful private business

is forced to follow.

The Nebraska Federation of County Taxpayers' Leagues is doing a good job in protecting the interests of Nebraska taxpayers. Also commendable is the opposition to new taxes and insistence on strict economy by Governor Cochran in his inaugural message to the unicameral legislature. — Nebraska Farmer.

The November birth rate in New York was the lowest on record. Tammany made even the storks lay off and vote the Democratic ticket.

A big city philosopher says that the only way to pass the time in a small town on a rainy day is to sit

around and complain about your rheumatism. Which convinces us that that philosopher doesn't know much about small towns.

The Treasury of the United States

is preparing to move four billion dollars worth of gold to Kentucky. The sum is so large it staggers the imagination. It would last you for a couple of weeks at a Broadway night club.

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