Vast Developments In Area Predicted By Congressman

Rep. Frank W. Boykin Says Section Unsurpassed In Natural Resources

The Gulf Coast area surrounding Mobile Bay will grow into "the great chemical and industrial part of our nation," Rep. Frank W. Boykin of Mobile declared Thursday afternoon.

Speaking to members of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society, meeting at Fort Morgan, the congressman said:

"The great Creator has endowed no other section of our continent with so many elements that make for our happiness and good living as that given to this Gulf Coast area of which Mobile Bay is the center."

Temperate Climate

He said this area has an unsurpassed temperate climate, an abundant water supply; plant life and trees unequalled in beauty and utility; scenic hills; streams, lakes, bays and bayous affording fish and sea food; a plentiful food supply; good waterways, and underground deposits of oil and gas and other minerals.

"Truly, this presents a combination of assets and resources destined to make this stretch of Gulf Coast the great chemical and industrial part of our nation, and to establish Mobile as one of the large cities of our country."

Fort Morgan

Turning to the subject of Fort Morgan itself, Rep. Boykin said the fort "served its purpose and usefulness to man as a strategic military outpost and as a forerunner for our port and commercial development."

Fort Morgan, he said, "can now be devoted to man's pursuit of peace and happiness."

He traced a detailed history of Fort Morgan from the time a small band of Spanish explorers visited the point in 1580. He also described a number of legends and traditions surrounding the fort.

State Property

"Here you assemble in an area which holds more of history, mystery and romance than any other part of our country," Boykin told the society remembers. "The old fort and the other buildings have always been of great interest to me . . . It was with great pleasure and pride that in my Congressional career . . . . we have been able to secure by recent Congressional act the donation of this historic Fort Morgan property by the federal government to the State of Alabama, dedicated to the people of this state for recreational purposes."