



# TUNG WORLD

## A Souvenir From Tungland

### Tung Nuts Broadcast

In upper photo, Tom G. Crowford, National Secretary of the Tung Growers Council of America, right, and S. R. Greer, National President, third from left, distribute souvenir tung nuts to Iowa delegates to the National Home Demonstration Council convention held recently in Biloxi. In photo below, George Shannon, farm service editor of Radio Station WWL, presents some of the tung nuts to Mrs. Malcolm Byrnes, of Ethel, La., National President of the Council, and other officers at a convention broadcast from the Edgewater Gulf Hotel, first order of business for the officers when they arrived the night before formal sessions opened one of the largest gatherings ever held on the Gulf Coast. More than 2,000 souvenir bags of nuts were distributed by the TGCA. See page 3 for further details.



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# A Letter From Rep. Boykin

## Alabama Congressman Praises Southern Colleagues, Talks of State of The Nation

*In a charming and informative off-the-record chat into his dictaphone early of a recent Sunday morning, Alabama's effervescent and perennially popular Representative Frank Boykin delivered himself of a lot of meaty ideas worthy of careful thought and reflection. We present them here as they came to us recently in a letter from Boykin, September 22.*

*Of course, Rep. Boykin's random remarks, apparently inspired by the arrival of his copy of TUNG WORLD, together with his obviously keen interest in the American tung industry, is encouraging; also, quite naturally, TUNG WORLD's Editors are flattered in the extreme by his extemporaneous appreciation of their own efforts in the industry's behalf.*

*But getting beyond tung oil, and considering the broader aspects of the Southland's - and the nation's - future, as Boykin does in his discussion of the rich potentialities of this nation's still vast natural wealth, we believe his reflections are very worthwhile reading. We offer them here without editing or any attempt at rewriting or "polishing up" - as Rep. Boykin, himself, so characteristically offers all his communications.*

*We hope that our readers will gain from reading his letter not only renewed belief and confidence in the future that lies ahead, but still more important, a new sense of satisfaction in the thought that out of the madding rush that is Washington Today, can come unsolicited such a missive as this, from as busy a man as Alabama's Representative Boykin is, to the editors of a relatively inconspicuous journal as TUNG WORLD, that represents as relatively small a group as the tung industry. That is why we take extra pride and hope in presenting Congressman Boykin's letter, as he wrote it to us, sitting alone and unhurried in his office on Capitol Hill in the quiet and solitude of an early Sunday morning. The Editors.*

**M**y dear John and Edith:

I was just down before daybreak this morning, trying to get a little work done on the dictaphone, and was going over my mail and found my Tung World, right on top of about two thousand letters, telegrams, and so forth, and I have just gone through it. I note the address of the radio editor, George W. Shannon, at six o'clock in the morning. Well, it is just four o'clock in the morning here now, and that would be about two o'clock down home.

This is the time to really and truly step on this tung oil business. The tung trees are doing fine. We don't know what to do with them now, and you all are doing such a fine job on it.

I am coming home and I am going to meet Congressman Will Whittington down in New Orleans, to make a little talk to the Rivers and Harbors Congress, that meet down there next month, or maybe it is in November; I am certainly going to stop by and see you.

I will be going home pretty soon and if you all are ever over in Mobile be sure and come to see me.

I see good old Bill Colmer just all the time, and he, like the rest of

the delegation from Mississippi, is doing a splendid job. It is truly a tragedy though that Will Whittington will be leaving here. He has had so much wonderful experience, and he has so much ability. Of course, I imagine he is pretty near given out, but he has gotten more results for the Mississippi River and the development of our waterways than any man I know. It would pay Mississippi to try and retain that great man and keep him here to help its Delegation and the rest of the Delegations from all over these United States.

Will Whittington has so much energy, so much brains and ability, and so much good, hard, common sense, and he is a great and good leader and knows how to get people together. He knows how to compromise, and I hate to see Will Whittington and another great group of men who are also quitting of their own accord, leave our Congress, Sam Hobbs of Alabama, Peterson of Florida, Michener, a Republican from Michigan, Jim Wadsworth of New York, and I could go on down the line. They are giving out. They have worked so hard for all of us that they are going home to rest a little bit, but I believe Will Whittington would come here and help us on these

great river developments. It is the biggest thing we could do.

In our State of Alabama, as you know, John and Edith, we already have more navigable miles of streams than any state in the Union. Now, the United States Steel Corporation is spending a billion dollars, not Government money, but good old Corporation money, good old individual's money — they are risking their own. They have been a God Send to America. We were losing out on the Meseba Range, and these people, in their Research Department, found this great deposit, down in Venezuela. They, as I have said, are spending a billion dollars, and I believe they will bring more ore into the Port of Mobile for their great Birmingham Plant at Brmingham, Alabama, than the Meseba Range ever had in that great range which was considered the largest in the world. Isn't it wonderful that we have corporations like the United States Steel Corporation, that has and is doing such a good job, that is giving so many people work to do; that is paying so much taxes, and just going on and being harassed by certain people — it is a wonderful thing, and I am thankful we have them. It is a wonder to me sometime they don't get sick and

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tired of being worried to death, and just liquidate and send their stockholders the money, and doing more for America. We need this iron ore and this steel now, more than we will ever need it again in our lives, and they have an unlimited supply of it. They are spending money to build their ships to open the rivers up down in Venezuela, and to bring it on to Birmingham, to bring it to Baltimore, maybe, or wherever they can process it.

Well, keep up the tung oil business, we are going to need that, steel and tung oil and paint and automobiles and all of the great things we are doing are going together. The South is truly coming into its own. There is no doubt about it - I think they are beginning to appreciate even our water, and you can do nothing without water - you can't raise children, or make anything else in the world, without water, and lots of it, and we do have that - good, pure water. That they don't have in New England and New York. They don't have many of these natural resources and we should be using all of these resources at home.

I remember when I came to the Congress of the United States, and it seems like a hundred years ago, that they used to say that Mississippi was the poorest State in the Union. Well, God bless your souls, it is about the richest, now. I have a man associated with me, M. P. Bouslog, whose father was Mayor of Gulfport, and I think Perry Bouslog did more for the development of Mississippi, with the exception of Pat Harrison, than any man I know. I know he helped bring all of those hotels and everything there. All of those developments, the seawall, and all sorts of things, down through the years. He is over in Mobile with us now, and has just completed a report that took him a year to make, showing that Mississippi is now fourth in production of gas and sixth in the production of oil, and I believe they will get closer to the top all the time. But if we could just use this gas and use this oil, properly, for the different developments down there - if we could compete, right this very minute on the price of gas in our Port at Mobile or at Gulfport that they have at Lake Charles, Louisiana, I could bring three or four hundred million dollars worth of New Industries down there, and if you will take a look at your map, according to a report I received from Perry Bouslog, these great gas fields that they are not using the gas from now are closer to Mobile than lots of the gas fields from which they are sending the gas in to such big places as we have in Louisiana and Texas. So, we must try to get these things and get them developed and get them to working for us, but I sometimes wonder how we can do it, if

we are not going to work but five days a week.

I tried to get somebody at the Navy Saturday, and couldn't, just think of it. You know the Good Book says, "Six days shalt thou work." Well, I am doing that and work a little every Sunday, too. One of my friends and my brother, Roy Boy-

kin at McIntosh, phoned me and said that we had to have a lot of boxcars - they needed about forty, and I find now that the railroads don't work much now on Saturday and Sunday, so we are losing twenty percent of the time of our boxcars, twenty percent of the time of all

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of our people, although, again I will say, the Bible says, "Six days shalt thou work," but anyway, that will all be adjusted if we will keep on working and praying and you all keep up this work on the tung oil, because it is a very important National Resource, and nobody else on earth can raise it, with the exception of China, and China is in one hell of a fix, right this minute, but they will work out of it, I hope, and when they do, I hope we will have the right kind of Chinese on our side.

I didn't intend to write you all about this, but your magazine fascinates me.

Look out for my folks down at Grand Bay there, where they have so many tung oil trees, and look out for them at Citronelle, and don't forget we have some up at our hunting preserve at McIntosh, Alabama.

Anyway, anytime I can help you in this great work, it will be a genuine pleasure. God Bless and keep you both, I am

Sincerely your old friend,  
Frank W. Boykin, M. C.

## Angelo Heads Cooperative

Dr. Ernest Angelo was elected president of the Ozone Tung Cooperative, Covington, La., and Mr. Elmore Rhodes was named vice president, at a meeting of the cooperative held recently. Mrs. Edna Heintz was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Mr. C. R. Schultz was reappointed manager of the Cooperative which operates its own mill and processes tung nuts for the group's 83 members, and which will shortly operate its own anhydrous ammonia storage plant.

Cooperative directors elected included Floyd E. McKee, Folsom, and Rafe Silverstein, of New Orleans. They join on the board the following directors, who were re-elected at the meeting: Walter Carroll, New Orleans; Hyatt Johnson, Folsom; H. F. Felix, Franklinton; R. C. Shaw, Folsom; O. C. Baldwin, New Orleans, Dr. Angelo and Mr. Rhodes.

### SORRY!

The big issue of Tung World, on the DeFuniak Springs, Fla. —Florida, Ala. area has been delayed until next month.

Don't miss it—it's worth waiting for!

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