# Goodling tells Cumberland farmers about inflation, marketing, TMI

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BOILING SPRINGS - It's time we stopped throwing asprins at our sick economy and did something about the cause of the illness, U.S. Representative William F. Goodling told the Cumberland County Farmers' Association.

Goodling spoke at the group's Fifth Annual Spring Meeting held here Monday night.

Goodling predicted the coming months will be difficult ones for farmers, especially young farmers.

'Things are not going to get better for a good while no matter who is campaigning and tells you different," he

He compared the present situation in the United States to that in Germany in the early 1930s He said Germans today have good cooperation between labor and management because they fear a repeat of the 30s when Hitler stepped into an ecomomic and leadership

vacuum Goodling said the US House of Representatives has passed legislation to counteract some of the pain of the economic crunch on farmers, but added that the Senate must approve any

reconcile the differences.

He indicated that such a process could take quite a while to be completed

Goodling cited the government's deficit spending, decreasing productivity, energy problems, and a lack of incentive for individuals to save as causes of inflation.

He noted the President's inflation program spares no segment of the economy. including the farm segment.

He said one thing that may help farmers is a national marketing bill

While Goodling has promised farmers to work for such a measure, he pointed out that processors don't want to hear anything about farmer marketing groups.

He said a few hearings are scheduled to be held in California on the subject But he said farmers should push on a state level to get some sort of program enacted.

Goodling said he was pushing for legislation to allow USDA to issue letters of credit for commodities purchased in the school lunch program

That program is opposed by the Wisconsin dairy in-

because other farmers, some way," he concluded including those in Pennsylvania, will be able to sell materials locally to local schools.

It said it would be an advantage to have local people control local funds, although USDA will have guidelines established on what can be purchased.

Goodling said he sees the windfall profits tax as revenge on oil companies. But he was worried that it will help produce no extra energy.

On the night of the first anniversary of the Three Mile Island disaster, he waffled on questions from the floor about the future of TMI.

He placed much of the blame for the problem, and the public's perception of the problem, on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

He said NRC caused more of the devistation than anyone else due to NRC's false and misleading reporting

If they don't find a way to get rid of the Krypton we are sitting on a timebomb," Goodling said

He admitted the public doesn't seem to want it vented, but added that doing nothing might be the most

He said mass transit will solve some transportation problems on the East and West Coasts, but not in the country's vast heartland.

He said Congress would have to act to force acceptance of programs which make welfare recipients work for the money they receive

"We need a change in philosophy, one that tells people there is no Santa for people over 12 years old," he

"Working people are tired of taking their stubs home rather than their pay checks," he added

Goodling, who is serving as Republican Presidential Hopeful George Bush's Pennsylvania Campaign Manager, said the one thing

"We have to be rid of it in uniting the Democratic party is Ronald Reagan.

He said the moderate Republicans are fighting one another and the conflict is working to the advantage of Reagan.

Goodling said he feels land use planning legislation should be left to the state and local governments and not be handled on a Federal

He also said he foresees no Constitutional amendment forthcoming to balance the Federal budget

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He said the budget never will be balanced if people wait for that long, intricate process to take place.

But, he added, the people of the country, talking to Congress could force a balanced budget through legislation

He concluded by saying the power in this country rests in Congress and he urged farmers to make their feelings known on any and all matters of legislative ınterest

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U.S. Rep. William F. Goodling told the Cumberland County Farmers' Association of economic hard times ahead. But he added the cure was available if the public pressures Congress to take action.

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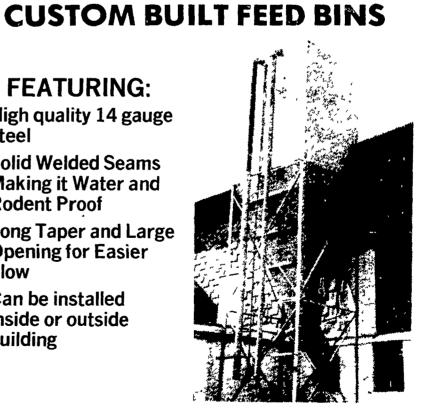
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