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Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will carry his campaign for re-election to Congress into south-central Minnesota late this week with appearances in Cottonwood, Lincoln, Blue Earth and Le Sueur counties.

Friday Senator Humphrey will speak at Windom's Flax Day celebration. That evening, he'll attend an area-wide DFL dinner in his honor.

The Senator's Saturday schedule will take him to Lincoln County in the morning where he will speak at Flowville '54, Minnesota's annual soil conservation field days and plowing matches, south of Lake Benton. The Senator will speak at 11:30 a.m. and will be guest at a dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cyriacks at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday evening, the Senator will be in Mankato where Democrats are planning a district-wide testimonial dinner for the Senator and Harry Sieben. Sieben is DFL candidate for Congress from the second district. Joseph Halpern and Forrest Talbott are in charge of arrangements for the dinner which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Mankato.

The Senator again will be on the speakers' platform at a Farmers' Union picnic in Le Center Sunday. The event, which will be open to the public, is sponsored jointly by the Le Sueur and Scott counties Farmers' Union. The Senator will speak at 12:30 p.m.

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WHY LET BENSON "FINISH THE JOB" ON FARMERS?

Minnesota's farmers have a clear blueprint of what lies ahead if they elect a Republican Congress to "finish the job", Senator Herbert H. Humphrey warned yesterday at a joint Scott and LeSueur County Farmers Union Picnic at LeCenter.

"They talk about electing Republicans to 'help Ike finish the job'", Senator Humphrey commented. "Finish what job -- and on whom?" he asked.

"If they are talking about finishing the job they have started on agriculture, here is the pattern of what to expect -- the pattern they apparently want to finish:

"On price supports, the Administration asked that they be cut to 75% of parity, but had to settle for 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Now, they want to 'finish the job' on you.

"On Soil Conservation, the Administration proposed a 9% cut in funds for 1953 and a 10% cut in 1954, they 'reorganized' SCS to abolish technical teams, and proposed cutting the agricultural conservation program 44% below the Democratic 1953 budget. We did not let them get away with all of it, so now they want to 'finish the job'.

"On Federal-State programs, the Administration wanted to abolish federal indemnity payments for tuberculosis and brucellosis control and cut down other grants to states. They did not get away with it, so now they want to 'finish the job'.

"On the Farmers Home Administration, the Administration cut loan funds by \$5 million in 1953 and by \$20 million in 1954. Now they want to 'finish the job' -- and the agency too, apparently, at a time when farmers urgently need low cost credit.

"Is this what they mean when they ask you to send more Republicans to Congress to 'help Ike finish the job'"? Senator Humphrey asked.

"Fortunately, we had enough Democrats to keep Ike and Benson from 'finishing the job' on you farmers this time -- but you better make sure you do not give the Ike-Benson team enough votes to 'finish the job' next year.

"When they ask you to help Ike finish the job, just ask them in return what job they are talking about . . . ask them if it is the 'job' being done against American agriculture?

"And when Minnesota Republican spokesmen ask you to support their candidates in this election, ask them just which time they have their fingers crossed: when they are promising once again to help you, or when they are promising to help Ike finish the job he has started against you?" Senator Humphrey said.



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