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Everyone Has A Stake

The importance of tobacco to every segment of North Carolina's economy cannot be overemphasized. For example:

—In 1975 North Carolina's cash receipts from tobacco were almost \$962,000,000, or around 56 per cent of the state's cash crop income from all farm commodities.

—\$473.9-million worth of tobacco was exported from the state in fiscal year 1976.

—Over 29,000 persons are employed in the manufacture of cigarettes and tobacco products.

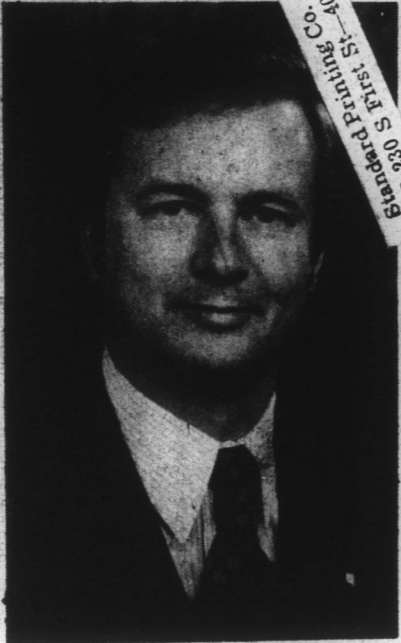
—Retail sales of tobacco products amount to over \$459,100,000 each year.

And yet, in spite of tobacco's vital role in North Carolina, and importance to every citizen, consumers of tobacco products paid over \$100 million in federal cigarette excise taxes in fiscal year 1976. In addition, they also paid over \$25-million in state cigarette taxes and over \$18-million in state general sales taxes on tobacco products.

That the cigarette tax is discriminatory, there can be no doubt. It is a tax only against those who use tobacco products and whose tax burden bears a disproportionate share of government revenues and expenditures.

It is clearly time to hold the line on excessive taxes levied against an industry already besieged by threats from every side. It is important to remember that you don't have to grow tobacco or manufacture or sell tobacco products to be affected by increases in cigarette taxes. Either directly or indirectly, everyone in North Carolina has a stake in tobacco.

We must make sure that the leading commodity of this state remains strong and healthy.



Gov. James B. Hunt



Mrs. James B. Hunt

Jim Hunt Administration To Emphasize People

"I want the success of my administration to be measured in the neighborhoods and communities where people live," Jim Hunt says. "If my administration can get the people of North Carolina involved in making their neighborhoods, their communities and their state better, then it has succeeded."

"Involvement" is a key word for the new governor. "I got involved because I care about people and I want to help people build a better future and have an opportunity to burgeon out all the best that is within them."

And he sees politics and government as the means for mobilizing that kind of citizen involvement. "I want to be more than the executive head of government. I want to be the leader of all the people, setting an example and involving them individually and collectively in solving their own problems."

The new governor has been a leader all his life. He was state Grange youth president and state Future Farmers of America

president as a teenager, student body president for two years at North Carolina State and president of the State Young Democratic Club.

He was elected the state's first full-time lieutenant governor in 1972 and, in four years, presided over four sessions of the General Assembly. He was the highest-ranking Democrat to overcome a Republican tide that year; for the first time in this century, Republicans won the race for Governor and United States senator.

As lieutenant governor, he established a record of progressive, people-oriented leadership. He was responsible for enactment of campaign finance reforms that reduced the influence of special interest in elections and for the passage of an ethics code requiring legislators to disclose their economic interests. He followed suit by disclosing his own income tax returns and full details of his economic interests.

He also actively supported utilities reform, the establishment of a reading program for the schools, land-use legislation, the Equal Rights Amendment, the Energy Policy Act and a state kindergarten program.

The new governor traces his interest in government to the time when, under Governor Kerr Scott, the state paved the muddy road in front of his family's farm in Wilson County. "It showed me, at a very young age, that government can respond to the people," he said.

His parents also are responsible for his commitment to service to people. His father was a district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service for 42 years. "I can remember my father planting cover crops for wildlife, or planting seedlings for reforestation," he told an interviewer once. "That started me thinking early about the forests and the trees, the coast and the mountains, and all the natural resources that belong to all of us."

The new governor's mother was an English teacher. "My mother's love for education is basic to me," he said in the same interview. "I have a deep belief and a tremendous respect for what people can do if given the opportunity to develop their intellect. And I've got a strong belief that everyone is entitled to a good education, to burgeon out the best that's within them. That's an article of faith with me."

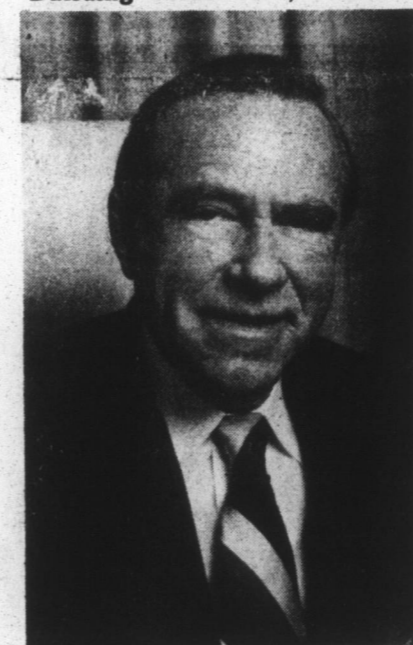
Jim Hunt was born in Greensboro May 16, 1937. He grew up in the small Wilson County community of Rock Ridge on his family's dairy and tobacco farm. He attended Rock Ridge public

Green Seasoned Politician

James Collins Green was born in Halifax County, Virginia on February 24, 1921, the son of John Collins and Frances Sue (Oliver) Green. He graduated from Volens High School, Nathalie, Virginia and attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. He moved to North Carolina as a young man and has made his home in Clarkton, North Carolina since that time. He is a businessman and tobacco warehouseman, operating warehouses in North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

Jimmy Green was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1961 and served in that body in the 1961, 1963, 1965, 1969, 1971 and 1973 sessions. In 1975 he was elected Speaker of the House by his colleagues. He served as State Senator from the Fifteenth Senatorial District in 1967.

Lieutenant Governor Green was a member of the Bladen County Board of Education from 1955-1961; member of the Bladen County Democratic Executive Committee; Precinct Chairman or Vice Chairman for ten years; Trustee of Southeastern Community College in Columbus County and Chairman of the Building Committee; member



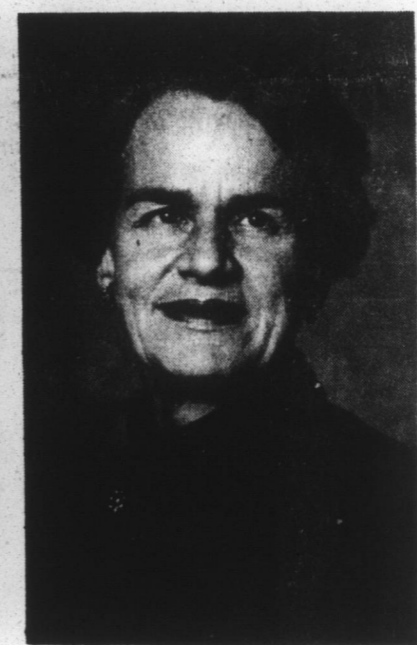
Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green

Davidson College Board of Visitors; Commission on Indian Affairs; state Board of Transportation; North Carolina Land Policy Council; former member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps from 1944-1946. He participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima as a machine gunner with the Third Marine Division.

Mr. Green is an active member and Deacon in the Clarkton Presbyterian Church and past Superintendent of the Sunday School. He is a member of French Lodge No. 270 A. F. and A. M.; Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Mason; Clarkton Woodmen of the World Camp; past president Clarkton Rotary Club; Director Clarkton Community Development Corporation and Clarkton Merchants Association.

On October 7, 1943 Mr. Green married Alice McAulay Clark. They have three children: Frances, who teaches in the Wake County School System; Susan Clark, who is employed in the Department of Human Resources; and James, Jr., who is a college student.



Mrs. Jimmy Green

Inaugural Parade Scheduled

"A New Beginning for North Carolina" is the theme of a 130-unit, two-hour Inaugural Parade slated to begin on North Wilmington Street in Raleigh at 1 P. M., January 8.

Bands from over forty high schools, seven colleges and three organizations will provide plenty of music for the parade. The theme will be carried out through the messages of floats representing over forty counties while military marching units and other participating units will add to the color and excitement of the event.

The parade route will follow Wilmington Street from Jones Street to Martin Street and on Salisbury Street between the same blocks. The parade will be reviewed by Governor Hunt and the inaugural party on Wilmington Street at the State Capitol.

Governor-elect Hunt has invited residents of Chowan County to attend the day's events on January 8. "We want this inaugural to be for all the people of North Carolina and I look forward to seeing the people from throughout the state at the inaugural," Hunt said.

District Court

An unusually short session of Chowan County District Court was conducted by Judge Grafton Beaman of Elizabeth City, Tuesday.

Boll Weevil Program Success

(Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Wednesday edition of the Virginian-Pilot and is reprinted here in its entirety.)

By Frank Roberts

Cotton acreage in Chowan County is expected almost to double in 1977, thanks to a successful experimental program that has drastically reduced the population of the boll weevil.

Chowan is the only area in the country that participated in the program conducted by the U. S. and North Carolina Agriculture departments, and the chemical used in the tests cost the participating farmers nothing.

"Profits were something," said Clarence Leary Jr., a farmer-warehouseman. "One farmer I know made about \$555 per acre and the cost of production per acre was less than \$200."

Just as exciting to farmers as the profits that were made this year was the news that the chemical called Demline, was so effective.

"It has done more than we anticipated," Leary said, explaining that it has almost eradicated the boll weevil by stopping the eggs from hatching, while not harming such beneficial insects as ladybugs, which feed on bollworm eggs.

The bollworm is another problem, one that Leary says is "just as bad as the boll weevil." Farmers paid for application of another experimental chemical to try to control the bollworms, according to Leary, who said that their cost was \$25 per acre.

"We were trying to kill the egg. We used Galecron. It was very good but was taken off the market by the manufacturer because cancer cells developed in some of their laboratory mice. It was all we had that controlled bollworm eggs," Leary said.

"I don't know what we'll do next year. We can handle the worm when it's mature by using another chemical, but not one we want to use because of its toxicity. Next year, we hope to have something as effective as Galecron against the eggs, but less toxic than other chemicals we already have that are designed to destroy the bollworm," he said.

Next year's cost for Demline will be handled by the farmer, the federal government and the state

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SAND AND SEA—The combination of sand and sea is a theme usually associated with summertime, but the contrasting textures shown in this photo taken at Emperor Landing make an interesting scene even on a cold winter day. (Surratt photo).



NEW LICENSE PLATES—Mrs. Jeanette Dowd, left, and Mrs. Minnie Nixon display a 1977 license plate and validation sticker which will go on sale January 3. They may be purchased at the bus station on North Broad Street. Citizens are reminded to include insurance company, policy number, and signature on the back of registration cards before purchasing tags or validation stickers. (Story On Page 4.)

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