

Preparation Important In Marketing Untied Tobacco

North Carolina flue-cured tobacco farmers will have the opportunity to sell tobacco in loose leaf form again this year.

S. N. Hawks, extension tobacco specialist at North Carolina State University, explains that growers will be allowed to sell untied tobacco the first 12 sales days after markets open.

Price supports for untied tobacco will be \$3 per hundred pounds less than for the same grade in tied form.

In order for loose leaf tobacco to sell for the top dollar, the specialist points out that it must be properly prepared for market.

Tobacco company officials have specified that loose leaf tobacco be laid straight with all butts placed in the same direction. It should be marketed in the proper keeping order, free of sand, thread and other foreign matter, and properly sorted. Baskets must weigh 200 pounds or less.

Extension tobacco specialists at N. C. State University make several suggestions for preparing and marketing loose leaf tobacco.

They suggest working and maintaining untied tobacco in a drier condition than tied tobacco. As an example, the moisture of lugs should be at the stage just before shattering would normally occur.

If tobacco is not uniform, it should be sorted into several different grades. It should then be packed on burlap sheets for hauling to market. Sheets at least 96 by 96 inches are preferable. Smaller sheets are difficult to tie and may not cover the tobacco sufficiently to hold it in place, keep it from drying and protect it from shattering.

The pile can be started by placing a double "cap" on the burlap sheet. This cap will be the top of the pile when placed on the basket. Then the leaves should be placed on the sheet in a circular manner with the butts out. Piles should be about 44 inches in diameter, depending on the length of the tobacco. Most market baskets are about 40 inches in diameter.

After the pile has been completed, a second burlap sheet should be spread over the top. It should be large enough so the entire pile is covered with

burlap to help hold the leaves in place and to prevent drying and shattering. The corners of the bottom sheet are brought up over the pile and the opposite corners are tied.

Piles should be kept straight and even. A small armful placed on the pile each time usually has better results than a small handful placed at one time.

After layers have been placed in a circle forming the pile, a small armful of tobacco should be placed in the center of the pile to serve as a "tie." This will help prevent the pile from falling apart when it is handled. When short tobacco is piled, it is suggested that a double layer of leaves be used as a tie.

At the warehouse, the tobacco can be placed on a basket by removing the top sheet and then inverting the pile onto the basket. After the tobacco is weighed and placed in the row for sale, it should be covered with burlap or plastic to prevent drying or absorbing excessive moisture.

Few young men realize what they are doing when a sweet young thing murmurs the magical word, "Yes."

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Free speech, according to the Supreme Court, does not give a man a right to yell, "Fire," in a crowded theatre.

Franklinton Native Stars In First Movie, "Birds Do It"

In First Movie, "Birds Do It" (Reprinted from an article in The Henderson Daily Dispatch by James W. Coghill)

North Carolina really knows about Soupy Sales now, but the dark-haired comedian has always known about North Carolina.

Soupy was born in Franklinton, Milton Supman, but since his rise to fame he has legally

changed his name to Soupy Sales. His mother resides in Henderson and is married to Harry Baker of 513 College Street.

Soupy moved from Franklinton to Huntington, W. Va., when he was eight years old. He attended the local schools there and graduated from Marshall University in Huntington in 1949 receiving his A. B. degree in journalism.

Noted for his writing ability, Soupy thought his life's work might be in the newspaper business, but before completing school, he became interested in radio and from then on, it was radio, television and now the movies.

Of course, Soupy has had time for other things and he is married to a former model, Barbara Fox, and they have two sons - Tony, 13, and Hunt, 11. The boys have their own dance combo.

In the Columbia picture release, "Birds Do It," Soupy's

Co-stars include Beverly Adams, Tab Hunter, Arthur O'Connell, Doris Dowling and Judy the chimp, star of the TV show, "Daktari."

Soupy, who served 26 months in the Navy during and right after World War II now resides in New York with his family. In addition to having a home in the Randolph Hearst Townhouse apartments in New York, he also has a home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Before finishing Marshall University, Soupy entered the broadcasting field as a script

writer and later became a disc jockey. Soon he added a few night club engagements and then moved into radio and television as a performer in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Detroit. He became Detroit's top-rated television personality with his Saturday noon-time show, "Lunch With Soupy Sales."

In 1960 he moved to the West coast where he built his "Soupy Sales Show" into Los Angeles' number one television show. His next stop was New York and now he

has his first movie. Mrs. Baker said her son would start another movie sometime in October at Hollywood, Fla.

Aside from his radio, television and now movie careers, Soupy made a recording, "The Mouse," which sold over a million copies.

In asking Mrs. Baker to sum up her son, she replied rather exuberantly, "I think he is the greatest and he has certainly brought a lot of pleasure to me."



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