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I. M. Gordon Urges Stokes To Vote For Control In Saturday's Referendum

Editor Pepper:

We tobacco growers are again standing at the parting of the ways—the forks of the road. The right hand road leads on for the same splendid prices and conditions for flue-cured tobacco we have enjoyed these happy years under marketing quotas with controlled production, and that has made flue-cured tobacco growers, it seems, the best off financially of any class of farmers in the United States.

The left hand road leads down grade to the same uncertain conditions and finally, to the same "starvation prices" that enslaved tobacco growers for the long years till our control program rescued us and put us on a solid financial foundation, giving us and our families hope for a decent living.

The results of the election on tobacco marketing quotas that will be held Saturday, July 24, will determine which road tobacco farmers will travel. The wise course seems so plain to any thinking individual, that it should be useless to debate the question. But human nature has always been about the same. The Lord tried to make a great people and a great nation out of the Israelites, but when He would bless and prosper them they would forget, transgress, and go off to worship idols. We so easily "grow fat and lazy" and unappreciative, and are ready to smite the hand that gives us bread. It is feared that many who enjoy the results of this marketing system will just fail to show their appreciation by their votes and such neglect may kill it; for it must pass by a two-thirds majority over the entire territory of flue-cured tobacco. Our Congressmen, and our State and farm heads and officials and the N. C. Bankers Association as well as newspapers are doing all in their power to save us tobacco growers from destruction; and destruction will finally come to us if we fail to vote control July 24. Will we use our heads and save ourselves and our neighbors, or ignore the advice and earnest admonitions of the leaders of thought throughout the land; and by a stupid blunder vote down the best marketing system that has ever been, or ever will be devised? And that will mean loss of untold millions of dollars to our people. Yes, our intelligent leaders are doing all possible to restrain us from committing SUICIDE. Will we stop before we plunge to financial death?

This marketing system belongs

to US. It is our system. For many years on up to the coming of this regulated system, the tobacco growers were in a sense slaves to over-planting and the consequent pauper prices received. They appealed to the manufacturers to pay better prices but were told that with no limit on production, if farmers were paid better prices they would turn so much to growing tobacco that they would flood the manufacturers till they would have surplus stock enough for many years, which they would have to store and carry at heavy costs, and would have no use for it. They were forced to hold down production by means of low prices. Don't forget — tobacco growers WILL BE CONTROLLED as to amount of tobacco produced, either by this our marketing system at splendid prices, or else by the "starvation prices" formerly paid, that will force farmers to quit or reduce in despair, down to amount needed. An over-sized grain crop can be handled by using the surplus in form of pork or beef or poultry. Only a limited amount of tobacco can be sold by the manufacturers, about 775 million pounds, and when they have supplied each mouth with a cigarette.

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Polling Places For the Tobacco Referendum

Listed below are the polling places for the tobacco referendum to be held on Saturday, July 24, from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

All tobacco growers are urged to vote. Notify your neighbors and urge them to vote.

Big Creek township—Francisco. Beaver Island township—Stultz Store.

Danbury township—Courthouse. Meadows township—Palmyra school. Peter's Creek township—Harry Martin's Store.

Quaker Gap township—Reynolds school.

Sauratown township—Davis-Fulton Store.

Snow Creek township—Sandy Ridge school.

Yadkin township—King Drug Company.

Yadkin township—Pinnacle school.

The three questions to be voted on are:

1. For 1944 and also the two following years.
2. Against 3 years but for 1944.
3. Against 1944, 1945, and 1946.

JACOB FULTON,
Chm. Stokes County A. C. A.

WHY VOTE FOR TOBACCO QUOTAS FOR 1944?

By R. FLAKE SHAW, Ex. Sec'y., N. C. Farm Bureau

1. In 1932, the tobacco farmers were all broke. We had no program. In 1933, an attempt was made to produce and market tobacco in an orderly manner. Since that time except for one year (1939), we have had some kind of a tobacco program supported by quotas either on acres or pounds and price support. In a ten-year period, the income of tobacco growers was advanced from approximately 35 million to 309 million dollars. Statistics will also show that similar gains were made in food and feed crops and living conditions were improved in a like manner throughout the tobacco states, much of which was made possible by the extra income from this crop.

2. In compliance with the request of many of the leading tobacco farmers who pioneered with the quota provisions of the law when it was an unpopular issue and had to be sold and proved to many of our leaders, Congress has seen fit to grant a special privilege to this group by the passage of a Joint Resolution No. 144. The responsibility rests with the tobacco grower to reaffirm his faith in the quota provisions of the tobacco act. This is considered the most important referendum ever held, since the government has forced abandonment of quotas on all other crops except tobacco, and unless a large percent of our tobacco growers go out and express their approval in this referendum, in my opinion, Congress next year will fail to give us the privilege of voting for 1945.

3. The Food and Feed Program is Item No. 1 in our defense program. I realized that the tobacco farmers of North Carolina are as patriotic as any other group in the nation, but if we sell our 1943 tobacco crop for an average of above 40 cents per pound and quotas at the same time are taken off of tobacco for 1944, there will be a large number of our farmers who will transfer from Food and Feed Production into the wholesale production of flue-cured tobacco. Another contributing factor to this switch has been the collapse in price of most perishable food crops in North Carolina this year.

4. Price support means to the tobacco farmers exactly what the Minimum Wage and Hour Law means to the laboring man. We know now that regardless of what happens to the war or anything else, the 1943 tobacco crop cannot sell for less than 90 percent of parity. This guarantees perhaps will not mean much to us this year, but within a short time

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News of OUR BOYS

Pfc. Hubert E. Corn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Corn of Sandy Ridge, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the army October 3, 1942, trained at Fort Riley, Kansas, and has been on maneuvers in California. He is now at Fort Knox, Ky.

Private James C. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery, of Pine Hall, has notified his parents that he has arrived somewhere overseas. He entered the army November 17, 1942 and trained at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Birthday greetings to Staff Sergeant Thomas C. Butner, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Butner of King. Sgt. Butner took his basic training at Fort Bragg, and is now serving in North Africa.

Pfc. Leo Pulliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Pulliam of King has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the army August 5, 1942, and trained at Camp Grant, Ill. Is now in Africa.

Seaman Second Class Richard M. Tuttle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tuttle of Rural Hall, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the navy Mar. 12, 1943 and was trained at Bainbridge, Maryland.

Private Jack Duggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Duggins of Tobacoville, has notified his parents that he is now stationed in Australia. He entered the army February 2, 1943. Received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va.

Seaman First Class Lowell Woodrow Joyce, son of Lee Joyce of Sandy Ridge, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the navy October 5, 1942, and now an aviation cadet at Miami, Fla.

Commissioned—2nd Lt. Clyde Redding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Redding of Rural Hall, has received his commission after graduating from the Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. He is a graduate of King High School and Guilford College. He entered the army in 1942, and is now stationed at St. Louis, Mo.

First Sergeant Clyde Boyles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyles of King, has notified his parents that he has arrived in North Africa. He entered the army February 16, 1941, and received his training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Mrs. Harrell Mabe of Francisco is a patient at the Stuart Hospital at Stuart, Va.

J. W. Barber Dies At Walnut Cove

John W. Barber, aged 79, of Walnut Cove, Route 2, died at his home this morning at 5:35 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time and his condition had been serious for the past three days.

Mr. Barber, a well-known farmer, was born in Stokes county June 17, 1864, a son of James A. and Lucy Jane Lewis Baker. He had lived in the same community all of his life and attended Salem Chapel Christian Church.

Survivors include three nieces, Mrs. John C. Myers, of the home, Mrs. Enie Neal, of Kernersville, Route 2; and Mrs. Luther Vernon of Winston-Salem, Route 3.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock (war-time) at the home and at 4:30 o'clock at Salem Chapel Christian Church. Rev. E. G. Parrom officiated and burial was in the church graveyard.

Mrs. Murry Handy, 29, Dies at Lawsonville

Funeral services for Mrs. Murry Handy, aged 29, of Lawsonville, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Oak Ridge Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Hall and Rev. J. A. Joyce in charge of the services. Burial was held in the church cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Handy are the husband, one daughter, Laura Ellen; two sons, Donald Gray and Buddie Ray, all of Lawsonville; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jessup of Mount Airy, Route 1; three brothers, Ed Jessup, Mount Airy, Route 1; Private Wade Jessup, Camp Hon, Calif.; Grady Jessup, Martinsville, Va.; one sister, Mrs. R. D. Rodgers of Fieldale, Va.; and a grandmother, Mrs. Mac Jessup of Lawsonville.

Mrs. Handy died Thursday night at the Stuart, (Va.) Hospital.

District Bar Meeting To Be Held July 31

The seventh annual meeting of the 21st Judicial District Bar Association will be held in Yanceyville on Saturday, July 31 at 3:00 o'clock, according to an announcement made by A. J. Ellington, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink will deliver the principal address.

Probably 4 or 5 of Danbury's attorneys will attend the meeting. R. J. Scott is vice president.

Priddy - Gusler

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Gusler of Woolwine, Va., announce the marriage of their daughter, Verena, to Claude Allen Priddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Priddy of Hartman. Mr. Priddy is now engaged in business at Francisco.

Fisher River Holds 111th Session

The one hundred and eleventh session of the Fisher's River Association was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The three-day program opened Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Elder F. P. Stone of Pilot Mountain, moderator for the past several years, called the session to order.

Elder Stone was re-elected moderator for the coming year and Gabel Key of Ararat was elected clerk of the association.

There are 20 churches in the association and conferences which took care of the associational business were held on Friday and Saturday. Reports were heard from the member churches, delegates were recognized, and it was decided to hold the next annual session with Tom's Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Westfield, Surry county. The churches of the association extend throughout Surry and Stokes counties, and has Holly Springs as the only Yadkin member.

The three-day session was featured by addresses by some 20 ministers, among whom were the following: Rev. Ed Denny of Wilson; Rev. Broadway of Salisbury; Rev. George Denny of Pilot Mountain; Rev. James Creed, of Ararat; Rev. Charles Hall of Winston-Salem; Rev. Carl Mabe of Stokes county; Rev. Edd Priddy of Danbury; and Rev. Mr. Moore of High Point.

All sessions were well attended and there were picnic dinners spread on the grounds each day.

North View News

North View.—Mrs. Branscome Young, who is in the City Hospital recuperating from an operation, is getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Young and Son, Junior, of Alabama, are spending their vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banner Young. Mrs. Will Harrell and son William accompanied them on their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Manning and children of Lawsonville spent last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alley and son, Swanson, attended the regular meeting at Walnut Cove Baptist Church Saturday.

The farmers of this community will soon be busy saving tobacco, will soon be busy saving tobacco, Sergeant James B. Young, Jr., stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., is at home on furlough.

Annie Ruth, Isabelle and Winfred Young and William Harrell of Phoenix, City, Ala., visited Margaret Flinchum at Danbury Sunday night.