

FARMERS MUST INVOLVE THEMSELVES,' SAYS SPEAKER

Officers Reelected, Resolutions Adopted at Farm Bureau Rally

Speaking to members and their wives at the Annual Rally of the Moore County Farm Bureau at Carthage Saturday night in the high school cafeteria, B. C. Mangum, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, said: "Farmers must involve themselves in what's going on in the world today."

In referring to last spring's gathering of Farm Bureau members in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium for a conference with the joint Finance Committee of the House and Senate concerning the proposed universal three per cent sales tax, Mangum stated, "It was gratifying to see three thousand come to Raleigh in interest of the three per cent sales tax but there should have been twenty thousand."

A successful farmer of Rougemont and President of N.C.F.B. for several years, Mangum held the interest of the group con-

stantly with his practical points interspersed with jokes. He concluded that "Something has to happen, but it won't happen much until all of us really get involved."

Everybody enjoyed the chicken barbecue prepared and served by Fleet Allen and his committee of Carlie Barringer, Norman Cagle, Walter Fields, James Hardy, Moff Jackson, Charles Lewis, S. R. Ransdell, Laura Auman and Larry Cagle.

The invocation was by the Rev. W. C. Neill of Aberdeen. Mrs. Neill rendered music and led the singing of familiar tunes at intervals throughout the program.

Officers of the past year were re-elected as follows: president, S. R. Ransdell, Jr., Aberdeen; vice president, John M. Baker, Cameron; and secretary-treasurer, J. D. Shields, Carthage. T. Lee Williams, Carthage and West End, continues as insurance service officer.

Moore County Farm Bureau members elected their board of directors for 1962 composed of: Aberdeen—S. R. Ransdell, Jr.; Cameron—L. Frank Comer, James M. Hardy, J. J. Jeffries, Kent Harbour; Carthage—R. Martin Baughn, Joe A. Caddell,

Norman C. Cagle, W. W. Dalrymple, H. Leon Matthews, Brady Pressley, Archie D. Seawell; Glendon—J. Carr Paschal; Jackson Springs—W. M. Thompson; Vass—D. Leon Keith, John Alex Smith; West End—T. Clyde Auman, Clarence Gordon.

S. R. Ransdell, Jr. and John M. Baker were elected as delegates to the State Convention.

Resolutions which, when adopted State-wide, become Farm Bureau policy for 1962 were adopted by the Moore County group under the headings of General Field Crops, Forestry, Horticulture, Livestock, Poultry and Tobacco.

Field Crops

Under Field Crops, resolutions showed Farm Bureau favoring (1) continued use of crotalaria as a cover crop in Sandhills or other areas not commercially growing corn or soybeans, until a suitable soil building replacement can be found; (2) making available quick seed germination test services; (3) farmers asking a guaranteed analysis invoice when buying custom mixed fertilizers; (4) reconsideration of N.C.D.A. of the decision to discontinue mixing of insecticides and fertilizer; (5) continued research in control of insects and weeds; (6) agricultural agents and teachers informing farm people on the dangers of fall-out on crops and animal life; (7) a study and report on findings concerning wheat in surplus; and (8) a soil testing service for nematode count and species.

Forestry

Forestry resolutions showed Farm Bureau urging (1) adoption by farmers of progressive forestry practices and use of public forestry agencies; (2) greater use of fire-weather reports by radio and television stations; (3) increased cooperation with the forest fire control system; (6) adoption of the Governor's program to reduce arson in forests; (7) increased research in production and marketing of Christmas trees

and ornamentals native to N. C.; (8) insurance companies to provide coverage for standing timber to make it acceptable as collateral to lending agencies; (9) additional Federal support for forest research; (10) permitting of A.S.C. personnel to take survival count of seedlings in counties not having a county forester. Resolutions were adopted opposing: (1) any government control of production or marketing of forest products; and (2) any further purchases of forest land by the federal government except in already designated areas.

Horticultural

Horticultural resolutions favored (1) educational programs to increase caution and strict adherence to instructions in the use of insecticides; (2) increased effort by industry and N. C. State College to perfect a mechanical sweet potato harvester; (3) educational programs designed to acquaint farmers with pitfalls of the trade in selling fruits or vegetables to distant markets; (4) continued research on varieties of small fruits suited to the Sandhills by the N. C. Experiment Station; and (5) expression of appreciation to retiring Professor C. F. Williams for his fine service to the small fruit growers of North Carolina.

Livestock

Livestock resolutions found the Bureau encouraging (1) rigid health standards for all cattle shipped into the state; and (2) opposition to any quotas or allotments for swine and cattle production.

Poultry

Poultry policy favors the formation of a National Committee to draw up marketing quotas on broilers and eggs, to be submitted to growers for a two-thirds majority approval before being submitted to Congress.

Tobacco

Tobacco resolutions insist upon (1) encouraging all news media to promote production of better quality leaf, especially through better care in harvesting and curing; (2) more emphasis by experiment stations upon adaptability of varieties to soil types; (3) further research and dissemination of knowledge concerning advantages or disadvantages of broadcasting fertilizer as com-

pared to row drilling; (4) no increased marketing quotas for 1962; (5) giving of duplicate weight bills by warehousemen to farmers for each basket weighed in; (6) more effort to secure uniformity of grading by different graders; (7) continuation of acre-

age allotments as opposed to poundage allotments; (8) continuation of issuing memorandums of sale at warehouses; and (9) removal of no tobacco from warehouse floor until consent of the farmer is obtained.

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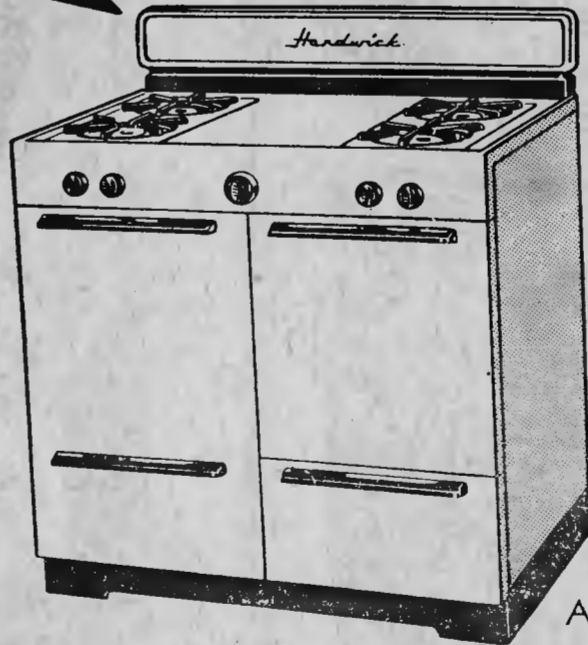
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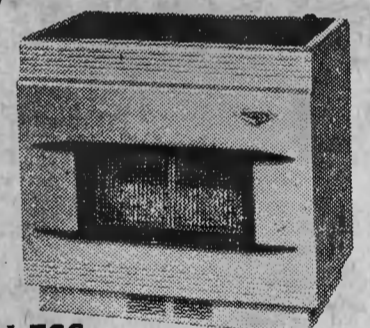
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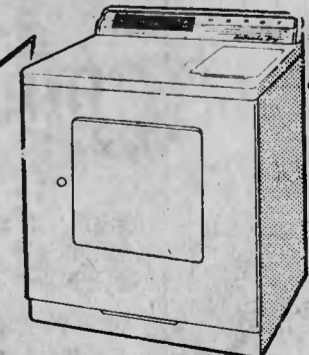
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