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## Secretary Wallace Addresses Timely Letter To Farmers

### Firm Over Fundamentals of A National Farm Policy

In an interesting and valuable letter to farmers recently, Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, points out that the national farm policy should be maintained and not pushed into the background by war conditions. His letter, addressed to committeemen throughout the country, follows:

The war in Europe, if long continued, is bound to have its effects on American Agriculture. No one can time the changes that may come, certainly no one can predict with exactness the course of prices. In this situation I wish to tell you that I stand as firm as ever on the fundamentals of national farm policy for which we have worked these last six years.

On several recent occasions I have stated that we must continue to work as actively as ever for parity prices and parity income. We have not yet reached parity prices. There is plenty of room for increases in farm prices without injustice to consumers. We all want price increases that are firmly based on increased demand at home or abroad, and not speculative market advances that cannot be maintained. I can see no justification for profiteering nor unwarranted price margins.

In times like these it is more important than ever that farmers be given the straight facts about supplies of farm products and probable demand for them. We are gathering and analyzing the facts as the situation develops and these will be passed along to you as always. There is always a temptation to overlook unpleasant facts about large supplies and to give undue weight to prospects of increasing demand. Farmers can't afford to overlook the facts—the traders don't.

Let me repeat that I continue to stand for the right of farmers to produce all they can sell at fair prices without damage to the soil. That is the meaning of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and we are going forward as vigorously as ever to carry out this policy of Congress. As a nation we can be proud that we have the ever-normal granary and that it is owned by farmers. Its reserve supplies are fully adequate to meet the immediate situation. I am glad that the ever-normal granary makes it possible for farmers to get the benefit of any improvements that may come in price. I am glad too, that the program assures continuation of our soil conservation efforts.

I cannot emphasize too strongly that I think it is to the advantage of farmers to keep within their acreage allotments. Continued cooperation with the Triple-A program is the surest way to a fair return for what you raise. I am confident that the acreage allotments for wheat and the ones that will be announced later for other crops represent all that you can hope to raise next year at a fair price. With huge supplies on hand there is time enough to think about increased acreage allotments next year if increases in demand warrant this.

When the first World War broke out in 1914 there was no farm program, there were no farmer committees. When the war came to an end in 1918 there was no Triple-A to make the necessary adjustments to changed European demand so as to avoid the calamity of 1921. Your neighbors have elected you to a position of responsibility. I hope you will talk the facts over with them and continue to work together to make the Triple-A program serve your interests and the national welfare.

## Badly Injured In Fall From A Tree

J. T. Heath, young Griffins Township farmer, suffered a fracture of his left thigh and was badly jarred when he fell out of a tree near his home last Sunday noon. Removed to a Washington hospital in a Biggs ambulance that afternoon, the young man was reported today to be getting along very well.

Accompanied by his brother-in-law, Octavius Barber, the young man saw a coon sunning on a high tree limb while they were walking along a woods path to the home of a neighbor. The two men threw chunks of wood at the coon and caused him to seek refuge in a hollow. Heath then agreed to climb the tree and run the animal out. Unable to get any results with a stick, Heath ran his hand into the hole and the coon took a bite. Removing his hand quickly he jerked the coon out. On seeing blood flowing from the wound made by the animal's sharp teeth, Heath fainted and fell about 35 feet to the ground.

His companion first thought Heath was dead, but he soon regained consciousness and he was removed immediately to a local doctor and later entered in the hospital. The coon got away.

## Teachers to Get First Checks In Five Months on Thursday

An end of the depression experienced by the school folks during five long and lean months is now in sight, the office of the county superintendent of schools announcing that checks totaling \$20,984.60 would be delivered to the faculty members and other school employees tomorrow afternoon upon completion of the first month of the current term.

The checks have been prepared and are ready for delivery to the 277 school employees as follows: White elementary teachers, \$8,508.60; colored elementary teachers, \$6,750.75; white high school teachers, \$2,591.00; colored high school teachers, \$652.00; white high school principals, \$1,186.25; colored high school principals, \$329.00, making a total of \$20,984.60 for teachers' salaries.

The thirty-five white school and two colored school janitors will divide a total of \$435 for each of the 4 weeks. The 38 white and two colored bus drivers will receive \$361.

Reports from the employees say the promised pay has been well earned, that success marks the operation of the first month of the current term. The distribution of the first checks is subject to the completion of reports required by the State School Commission in Raleigh.

The State pays \$19,760.60 of the total amount, the county paying \$1,224.00 in salaries to special teachers in the various vocational education departments.

Comparatively few changes in the election personnel have been made, the county committee substituting representative citizens in those cases where the old officials were not able to serve again.

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Williams: Township house—Joshua L. Coltrain, O. S. Green and Chas. L. Daniel.

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Williamston and Poplar Point: Agricultural building—W. M. Harrison, W. L. Taylor and John W. Gurkin.

Cross Roads: Main street store building—Henry D. Peel, W. L. Ausbon and H. L. Roebuck.

Robersonville: Old Chevrolet place on Main Street—S. T. Everett, R. S. Everett and J. R. Daniel.

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The ballot for Thursday reads, as follows: 1940 Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Quota Referendum Ballot

Are you in favor of the national marketing quota for flue-cured tobacco for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1940?

If in favor of quota put "X" in this box

If opposed to quota put "X" in this box

The polls in this county will open promptly at 7:00 o'clock Thursday morning and close that afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

**Fair Last Week Is Complete Failure In Numerous Ways**

Many Believe the End of the County Fair Here Has Come

Rained out and washed out, the fair here last week was rated as a failure in more ways than one. Little interest was shown in the event even as the fair got underway. The crowds were small throughout the week, and finances were bogged down to a new low level, reports stating that concession operators became desperate at closing time and there was a mad scramble for money. Several people were said to have been robbed of a few dollars outright. Part of the money was recovered, but no arrests were made.

The management could not be reached for a statement, but reports state that the traveling organization had to borrow money to move to its next location, leaving behind many unpaid bills. While there were very few exhibits found on the grounds, there is serious doubt if any of the premiums will be converted into cash.

There were high spots at the fair, but they were few and far between. The grandstand acts, attended at times by less than a mere dozen or so people, were rated about the best ever seen at a fair here. The midway was larger than the one last year, but there was a questionable entertainment program, reports say. Midget automobile races never materialized Friday afternoon when a crowd failed to show up for a program declared new to this section. A greater part of the week was spent here by a petered-out and apparently a cast-off newspaper man in a feeble effort to build up the "startling" and "sensational" event.

Experiencing a tobacco depression, people in this section did not fall for the ballyhoo, and with a five-year lease expiring this year, the management is expected to withdraw from this section.

## Machinery Set Up For Handling Leaf Election Thursday

### Pollholders Are To Meet Here Wednesday For Voting Instructions

Machinery for holding the tobacco referendum in this county on Thursday of this week was set up by the Martin County Agricultural Conservation committee in session last week-end. The election officials are meeting in the agricultural building Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock when final instructions will be given for handling the vote on Thursday.

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**Expressing doubt over the passage of the tobacco control program, agricultural leaders today predicted the measure would carry by a majority of from 85 to 90 per cent. Leaders of the Grange, the farm organization that once led the opposition to a planned control, have joined the control forces in the present crisis.**

In offering the prediction, farm leaders urged farmers not to take too much for granted when voting time arrives.

## Campaign for Control Ends in This County

### Appeals Are Made Throughout Area During Past Week

#### District Rallies Are Well Attended; Opposition Is Fairly Weak

A whirlwind campaign, forcibly advanced, was completed in this county last evening. Farm Bureau members and business men having appealed to growers in every district to support the program. Considerable interest was centered in the campaign by the growers who attended the meetings in unusually large numbers throughout the county. Agricultural authorities out of the state and county extension offices explained the 1940 program, and Farm Bureau leaders and business men joined the control forces in an effort to solve the serious tobacco problem and to appeal to farmers for their support of the referendum on Thursday of this week. The opposition was fairly weak, in fact, none was expressed at any of the meetings, and the growers expressed themselves as willing to reduce their plantings next year, explaining that they had rather have a little tobacco and sell it at a price below cost of production.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Bear Grass last Friday evening, and the growers of Jamesville were well represented at a meeting there the same evening. At Bear Grass Messrs. C. G. Crockett and D. V. Clayton spoke interestingly on the program, and their friendly advice and pledged cooperation were well received. More than 100 were present for the meeting. Messrs. Mayo Little and J. R. Winslow were in Jamesville with County Agent Brandon and appealed to the voters for a strong support of the program.

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A careful check of the reports coming from the nine meetings held during the campaign indicated that a sweeping majority will be reflected in the vote Thursday. Several townships claim they will go 100 per cent for the program. It is the general opinion that more than 3,000 votes will be cast for and less than 100 against the program in this county.

Little has been heard from several of the tobacco states, but an intensive campaign of State-wide proportions is underway over radio stations and in newspapers. Georgia is claimed by the control group and Alabama will likely cast its small vote almost solidly in favor of the program. There is some doubt as to the outcome along the North Carolina-South Carolina border, and Virginia remains an unknown quantity.

In the State, twenty-one radio addresses have been booked with farmers, business men, warehousemen and others directing appeals to tobacco growers in behalf of the program. A high spot will be the address of Secretary of Agriculture tomorrow morning at 11:15 o'clock over a state-wide radio hook-up. Wallace will speak from Kingston on a 45-minute schedule. Numerous addresses are scheduled in the Piedmont area at various hours tomorrow, but the campaign will be virtually closed in this section with the address by the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

**County Club Woman To Broadcast From Raleigh**

Mrs. Lee D. Hardison, a Martin County leader in club demonstration work, will speak over a Raleigh radio station at 1:45 p. m. on Thursday of this week. She will tell about the trip made to the world's fair by her and several other club women.

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Rained out twice in succession, "Suicide" Bob Hayes will try again to go on with his thrill show at the local fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon, it was announced yesterday after the event scheduled for last Sunday was called off on account of rain.

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## Alleged Violations Mar the Opening of '39 Hunting Season

### Game Said To Be Plentiful in Martin County This Season

The 1939 hunting season opened with a bang over a wide front, one report stating that the firing activities in this county was more intense than that reported in Europe. Wet weather held quite a few sportsmen at home, but many others were banging away soon after the sun was up. Heavy gun fire was heard early along the river swamps and fairly large hunting parties were active in other sections of the county.

The opening of the season pushed Game Warden Abbott into high gear and by mid-morning two hunters had been cited for the alleged violation of the hunting laws. Hunters coming into the county from as far away as Greenville and Raleigh were checked as to their hunting licenses and activities.

Bagging two deer early in a hunt in Goose Nest Township yesterday morning, Eugene Roberson killed the wrong kind and was cited to the courts immediately by Warden Abbott. Possibly the hunter became too excited and opened fire too hastily. "He acted very nice about it, and admitted killing the female deer for which there is no open season," Warden Abbott said.

Appearing before Justice J. L. Hassell, Roberson was fined \$25, the minimum under the law, and taxed with the cost. His license to hunt during the remainder of the hunting season was ordered revoked. The game was confiscated and turned over to the county home.

There were nineteen in the deer hunt, and G. T. Adams, Hamilton Township man, was the law's second victim. Charged with hunting without license, he was fined and taxed with the costs amounting to \$19.50 by Justice Hassell last evening.

Roaming the by ways in Griffins Township last Sunday, the game warden broke up a big deer hunt in the Dymond City area. Coming in from the Pinetown area, the members of the hunting party dispersed and escaped arrest.

Reports from the hunting grounds maintain that game is fairly plentiful this season, that successful bird and turkey hunting can be expected when the season for that type of game opens the latter part of next month.

**Case Of Typhoid Fever In County**

The first case of typhoid in the county this year was reported in Robersonville Township last week-end, health authorities advancing the opinion that the case had its origin in an adjoining county. It was also learned that the victim was not immunized against the fever in the last anti-typhoid campaign.

Recording the decrease in the number of typhoid fever cases from a high peak in recent years down to only three cases last year, health authorities were hopeful that the county would be free from the fever this year. Investigating the case last week-end, county health authorities found it difficult to trace its origin as the water supply was all right and the surroundings were healthful.

Diphtheria, a rather serious disease, broke out in scattered sections of the county last month, according to a report released this week by the health department. One case was reported in each of four townships, Robersonville, Williamston, Goose Nest and Hamilton. None of the victims had been properly immunized, it is understood. However, one of the victims had taken one dose of serum.

Whooping cough maintained a foothold in the county during the period, the report showing seven cases among the colored population in Williamston and one among the white population in Robersonville.

**Subject Suggested For Painting In Postoffice**

"It seems to me that Martin County has produced several men worthy of recognition, and I suggest that the picture of one of them would be appropriate for a painting in the post office," S. Rome Biggs said after Postmaster L. T. Fowden asked for suggestions for a painting in the new building.

A picture of the late Augustus Whitley has been prominently suggested. Mr. Whitley was a soldier of the Confederacy and advanced to the farthest point into enemy territory on Cemetery Ridge during the battle of Gettysburg.

**Local Lawyer Licensed To Practice In Federal Courts**

Attorney Clarence W. Griffin, local young man, was licensed by Judge J. M. Meekins in Washington yesterday to practice in the federal courts.

### DELAY

Although town tax collections are almost equal those of a year ago, to date, the commissioners in regular session last evening ordered the sale postponed until the second Monday in December. The tax collector was instructed to publish the delinquent list on November 17 for sale on the delayed date.

Very little business was handled at the meeting, the commissioners discussing the possibility of improving sidewalks or establish walks on Grace Street and Marshall Avenue through the WPA. Permission was granted for the extension of Slade Street across the Plymouth railroad branch. A request for a half-acre land near the cemetery for a colored recreational center was considered. W. B. Daniel was appointed tax collector, and Coburn and Coburn were retained as town attorneys. No specific retainers' fee was advanced.

### Reviews Vote Cast In North Carolina Last December 9th

Total of 154,075 Votes Cast With 88,222 For and 65,853 Against

Voicing their stand on a planned production for tobacco at the ballot box last December 9, North Carolina farmers polled a total of 154,075 votes with 88,222 for and 65,853 against the measure. Thirty-one of the 74 counties where tobacco was grown went against the program with a clear majority and numerous others falling short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

A review of the December, 1938, vote follows:

County	For	Against	Total
Alamance	513	1191	1704
Alexander	506	1213	1719
Anson	41	31	72
Beaufort	959	1578	2537
Bertie	1364	426	1790
Bladen	1155	1050	2205
Brunswick	576	618	1194
Burke	1	0	1
Caldwell	147	61	208
Camden	2	0	2
Carteret	151	322	473
Caswell	1879	1424	3303
Catawba	0	3	3
Chatham	356	686	1042
Chowan	136	24	160
Columbus	2551	2846	5397
Craven	1006	1308	2314
Cumberland	771	809	1580
Currituck	1	2	3
Davidson	682	1284	1966
Davie	333	250	583
Duplin	1994	3519	5513
Durham	507	539	1046
Edgecombe	3084	221	3305
Forsyth	1118	1129	2247
Franklin	1189	2314	3503
Gaston	2	2	4
Gates	69	7	76
Granville	3635	441	4076
Greene	2906	358	3263
Guilford	1405	2485	3890
Halifax	1695	390	2085
Harnett	2023	2168	4191
Hertford	716	281	997
Hoke	559	186	745
Iredell	243	226	471
Johnston	2300	511	2811
Jones	615	702	1317
Lee	854	538	1392
Lenoir	2699	1320	4019
Martin	2408	294	2702
Mecklenburg	0	1	1
Montgomery	183	156	339
Moore	552	884	1436
Nash	4217	1490	5707
New Hanover	18	19	37
Northampton	91	18	109
Onslow	1332	1039	2371
Orange	446	611	1057
Perquimans	72	236	308
Pender	544	504	1048
Person	1846	1522	3368
Pitt	5491	995	6486
Randolph	458	906	1364
Richmond	155	353	508
Robeson	4523	1323	5846
Rockingham	3128	1638	4766
Rowan	7	3	10
Sampson	912	4751	5663
Scotland	155	147	302
Stanly	4	5	9
Stokes	3152	1858	5010
Surry	4778	1499	6277
Tyrrell	0	1	1
Union	4	2	6
Vance	1290	931	2221
Wake	2159	3118	5277
Warren	1322	498	1820
Washington	252	60	312
Wayne	1559	2624	4183
Wilkes	355	120	475
Wilson	3364	1141	4505
Yadkin	2699	1043	3742
Yancey	0	0	0