

Reports Farm Bureau Federation Meeting in Baltimore

Despite War There Is A Bright Spot In The Tobacco Situation Hutson Tells Farm Bureau Group

Four Martin Men Attended Annual Farm Convention

Martin County Holds Ranking Position in Farm Bureau in This State

By D. V. CLAYTON

Mr. S. T. Everett, H. L. Roebuck, W. M. Harrison and myself left Williamston on Sunday morning, December 8th to attend the American Farm Bureau Federation.

We had a most enjoyable trip going up and arrived in Baltimore early in the evening. Registrations were being made at the Southern and Lord Baltimore hotels, as both hotels were used for meetings and discussions.

On Monday morning we attended the tobacco conference at the Southern hotel, presided over by Ben Kilgore, secretary of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. J. B. Hutson, Deputy Commissioner of Agricultural Division, gave a very interesting lecture on the Situation Confronting American Tobacco Farmers. Mr. Hutson stated that he was by no means optimistic over the tobacco outlook, and although next year's acreage with a normal yield was slightly below the normal consumption, there was a grave possibility of a 10 per cent reduction for



Mr. D. V. Clayton, one of four Martin men attending the recent Farm Bureau convention in Baltimore, interestingly reports the high spots of the meeting.

1942 if the 1941 yield was large. One bright spot was the fact that the 1939 purchases of Imperial Tobacco Company have practically been moved and the British stock is very low. However, from the war viewpoint, the picture is still gloomy for the tobacco growers whether

England wins the war or whether Germany does, as both will be paralyzed from a purchasing standpoint due to lack of finances. His entire lecture was very interesting and practical.

Following Mr. Hutson was a discussion on a Program for the Federal Inspection of Leaf Tobacco by C. W. Kitchen, chief, U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service. His belief was that every tobacco market should have the services of government inspectors. These inspectors being furnished free of all charges, with from two to three inspectors on each market with one set of buyers. He stated that the growers only received \$285,000,000 for their 1939 tobacco crop, while the government received \$690,000,000 in tobacco taxes. His opinion was that a part of these taxes should be spent for a larger force of inspectors, and through this medium the farmers would increase their income materially, by knowing their grades and the prices each grade should bring. He stated that the larger percentage of tags turned on government graded tobacco in 1939 resulted in a higher price on the resale. An open forum was held and very interesting and educational discussions arose. Some of these discussions pointed to a possible aid to an inspector service.

In the afternoon other interesting subjects were discussed, including talks by our neighbors, Mr. B. B. Suggs, of Greensboro, and R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

On Tuesday morning the general convention opened in the Lord Baltimore hotel with President Edward A. O'Neal presiding. The annual address by the president was a very fitting and inspiring one. This address was followed by songs and musical numbers and then three other addresses by Hon. Chester C. Davis of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, his subject being Agriculture and the Defense Program. Following this was a timely address by Hon. Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, on our Agricultural Program, and then the final address for the afternoon, The Extension Service Marches On, by Hon. M. L. Wilson, Director Agricultural Extension Service. Following this was a patriotic pageant commemorating the writing of the Star Spangled Banner, and given at the War Memorial Plaza. This was very inspiring and enjoyed by all who attended. This pageant was written and played for the first time in honor of the A.F.B.F. convention.

On Wednesday morning, Dr. John D. Black, of Harvard University, gave an address on the American Farmer in the World Today, followed by a very interesting address by Hon. Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney General. On Wednesday evening the annual banquet was held in the ballroom of the Lord Baltimore hotel, with possibly a record attendance. This was the highlight of the social side. Following the banquet, distinguished service awards were given, musical numbers following and then the address to be given by the Most Honorable, The Marquis of Lothian, British Ambassador, was read by his secretary, due to the illness of the Ambassador. Everyone was very much grieved to learn the following morning that the Ambassador died that same night. After the reading of this lecture, the annual ball followed.

We all had enjoyed immensely the entire meeting, and a number of things were very impressive to us. For one thing, we were really amazed at the magnitude and attendance at the convention. The papers stated that more than 6000 delegates were there. At each session the assembly hall was filled to capacity, which had seating room for approximately 2500 people. Another outstanding fact was the

Farm Bureau Has A Record Membership In Martin County

Martin Farmers Prominently Mentioned in Meeting at Baltimore

Building up a record membership in this county this year, Martin farmers were prominently mentioned in the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Baltimore last week. "We are proud of the work done in Martin County," prominent Farm Bureau leaders were quoted as saying. A few more than 600 members have joined the organization in this county.

Agriculture is facing a struggle next year, and when North Carolina appeals to the strong national organization, the membership in Martin County will help support those appeals. It is a recognized fact that the National organization and a few leaders in this State are responsible for the peanut program this year, meaning not thousands but millions of dollars to peanut farmers.

Quite a few of the Farm Bureau members have been listed previously. The list below includes the remaining ones:

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Mary W. Taylor, H. L. Barnhill, Simon Perry, J. T. Barnhill, Ira Rogerson, L. Bruce Wynn, J. Sam Getzinger, C. B. Roebuck, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Luther Peel, Fred M. Taylor, C. U. Rogers, H. G. Peel, C. G. Cook, R. W. Bondurant, Ernest L. Etheridge, O. S. Anderson, Jr., Woodrow Tice, R. C. Coltrain, K. B. Crawford, W. G. Peelle, C. B. Clark, E. S. Peel, C. H. Godwin, V. E. P. Co. Howard Earp, H. P. Mobley, W. I. Skinner, C. B. A. Critcher, Lindsey Ice Co., Chas. H. Jenkins Co., J. D. Bowen, Peete, Jewelers, M. D. Wilson, J. Paul Simpson, Malcolm Barefoot, Coy Roberson, J. Edward Corey, A. J. Manning, Emelyne Evans, Mrs. D. G. Modlin, Leslie Fowden, A. T. Perry, L. J. Hardison, Irvin Coltrain, George Duggan, A. W. Hardison, G. F. Godard, J. E. Pope, C. L. Daniel, W. D. Gurganus, Joe L. Coltrain, W. W. Griffin, Fred Gimes, Levi Edwards, C. O. Edwards, David T. Griffin, W. S. White, R. M. Taylor, Slade Revels, L. G. Taylor, Andy Leggett, G. Luther Taylor, Hubert Modlin, Hubert Wabbleton, Lester Jones, Joe Johnson, Thurman Nicholson, Frank Edmonds, L. G. Leggett, Woodard Harris, George Ross, Jimmie Keel, W. E. Roberson, J. E. White, Luther Edmondson, Grover Rogers, W. E. Grimes, W. L. Askew, Lon Bonner, Blount Moore, George Brown, Ben H. James, W. L. Hollis, B. R. Manning, Jordan G. Peel, W. D. Manning, Simon Lilley, David T. Griffin, C. W. Gurkin, Phely Peel, S. E. Manning, Clarence W. Griffin, H. L. Manning, L. H. Roberson, A. C. Roberson, Ira T. Hardison, George C. Griffin, N. T. Tice, William Peel, T. C. Griffin, N. R. Peel, Ira F. Griffin, W. J. Lilley, S. J. Lilley, John E. Griffin, W. R. Griffin, J. J. Manning, W. A. Manning, J. R. P. Griffin, Elbert W. Griffin, Russell Holliday, Bill Hollis, Mrs. Stella Allen, John Jones, Henry D. Peel, John Jones, Dave Black, J. D. Bland, Chester Beach, John Williams, Charlie Beach, Willie Keel, John Edmonds, M. R. Gurganus, Lemon Beach, J. T. Barnhill, Jr., Willis Bonner, David Gurganus, Polly Clark, Roy Clark, Earl Mobley, Dannie Mobley, D. L. Williams, Johnnie E. Mobley, G. H. Forbes, J. D. Mobley, L. A. Bullock, J. B. Biggs, Thurston Wynn, Chester Taylor, R. L. Whitehurst, J. H. Jackson, John Wynn, Paul Dixon, Robert Rogers, Henry Lawrence, Levi James, N. T. Wynne, Gaston James, B. S. Cowin and son, J. B. Whitaker, D. L. Peel, William Bowen, Dee Bowen, C. Terry, S. H. Mobley, Ben F. Bowen, W. C. Jones, J. C. Rawls, J. R. Rogers, James S. Bailey, W. L. Mobley, Leroy Harrison, Sidney Beacham, Edmon Rogers, Lester Terry, C. G. Rogerson, Mrs. M. D. Ayers, A. B. Ayers, H. C. Harrison, Wheeler Rogerson, Asa Harris, N. R. Rogerson, Roy Ward, R. G. Rogerson, W. S. Revels, M. B. Ward, Richard Mary, H. U. Peel, Joe J. Griffin, J. H. Jackson, William Bowen, D. O. Bowen, Lucian

large membership of almost 450,000 members. Of this number the Southern region has 113,000 members, a gain of 16 per cent over 1939, and this percentage in gain was greater than that shown by any other region. The Midwest, however, has more than twice this number of members. In this group is the state of Illinois, with the largest membership, more than 75,000 members with an annual membership fee of \$15.

One other thing was very impressive, and that was the fact that our own state has a membership of only 2186, being a decrease of 5121 members from last year. Of this 2186, we are proud to say that Martin County has over 600 members, being 28 per cent of the entire state membership, and incidentally the largest membership that Martin County has ever had. This is something that we should all be proud of.

We left Baltimore early Thursday morning for home, all feeling that we had been greatly benefitted by attending the convention, and associations and contacts made there.

Each one of us feel grateful for the opportunity of attending this convention, and feel more inspired for assisting and helping the Martin County Farm Bureau to grow to greater heights for the mutual benefit of all.

Studies "Okies"



Rep. John H. Tolan, of California, tells reporters in Washington about his committee's investigation of interstate migration problems. A number of migrant workers are scheduled to testify at the House hearing.

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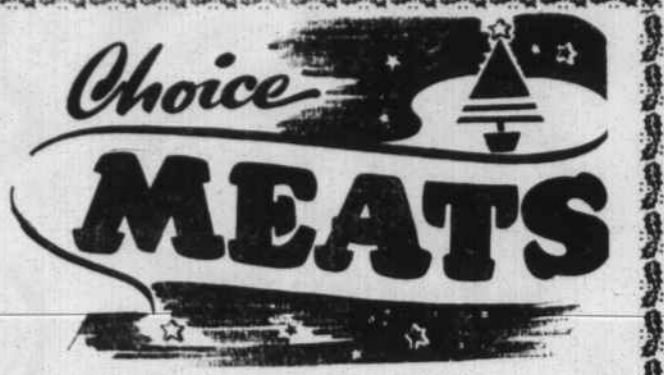
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