

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

Washington — Candidates are emerging in both political parties for the Presidential nomination. With this increasing interest, the normal reaction for all of us is to pick our favorites.

Who?

Who has been my Senatorial colleague put to the test of political statesmanship, I believe there are several of them who would make good timber, and I would prefer a Senator as the nominee. Such Democrats as Senators Richard B. Russell and Stuart Symington are well qualified for the office. Personally, I would put Senator Russell at the head of the list, but he has stated that he is not a candidate. Senator Bob Kerr has also withdrawn. As none of these Senators show any disposition to seek the nomination, I am convinced that Adlai Stevenson has the decided lead and will get the Democratic nomination if he fights for it. Advice is easily given and very rarely taken, but I would respectfully suggest to Mr. Stevenson that he had better quit playing coy and get out and fight for the nomination or he will be left holding the bag. The fight is obviously on. Fortunately, the Democrats have a number of men who are qualified.

Centennial

Harnett County observed its centennial in a big way. Each community in the county had a part in the observance. Revolutionary patriot Cornelius Harnett would be proud of his namesake were he able to observe the progress that Harnett is making as one of North Carolina's finest counties. I had the pleasure of being present for a part of the Centennial celebration. It takes a lot of work to successfully promote an affair of this magnitude. The citizens of Harnett did it well.

Geneva

As this is written on the eve of the Geneva Conference, I am hopeful that our representatives there will not be put to sleep to the realities of international danger by the apparent mask of sweetness by the Communists. It has been said many times that we must trust in the Almighty and keep our powder dry. International affairs are complex at best. Concessions have to be made by the family of nations, but one does not concede much to a confirmed bully else he wake up with sorrow and regret. It is for this reason that I have consistently advocated that we must not reduce our national defense.

The Will

Recently I read that the senior class of the Union Grove High School in Iredell County had started a cotton picking project to raise funds to be used for a class trip to Washington next spring. Where there's a will there's a way. I hope that the class gets to make the trip, and I want to be among the first to congratulate them and welcome them to the Capitol.

The Heel beef cattlemen will have the opportunity to sell fat cattle at 13 fat cattle sales next year.



ONE OF 17 MODELS—Advanced front end and side styling of the new 1956 Ford is emphasized in this view of the Sunliner convertible, one of 17 new body styles which Ford dealers will place on display next Friday, September 23. The grille has been widened and lengthened, and parking lamps have been worked into chrome housings which extend around the sides of the fenders. A new-style hood ornament is recessed above the special Fairlane Ford crest. On the fender is the new ornament indicating "Thunderbird power", which is standard in Fairlane models with the Y-8 engine.

Secretary Benson Sets Cotton Program

Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, recently set the National Cotton Marketing Quota at 10 million bales, set a National Acreage Allotment of 17,391,000 acres, and called for a Marketing Quota referendum to be held December 13th.

H. D. Godfrey, Administrative Officer for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, reports that this 10 million bale quota is the same as this year's. He said: "It's a minimum required by law. The Secretary was required by law to proclaim this marketing quota and acreage allotment because the estimated total supply of cotton greatly exceeded the normal supply."

According to the latest available statistics, the total supply of upland cotton for the 1955-56 marketing year is estimated at 24.4 million bales, about 8.8 million bales above the "normal supply" of 15.6 million bales. The "normal supply," as defined in the legislation, is the current marketing year's estimated domestic consumption of 9.0 million bales and exports of 3.0 million bales, plus a 30-per cent reserve of 3.6 million bales.

At least two-thirds of the cotton farmers voting in the referendum must approve marketing quotas if they are to be effective. According to Godfrey, if growers approve quotas in the referendum, price support in 1956 will be available to eligible growers at the full support level. If quotas are disapproved by growers, support to eligible growers will drop to 50 per cent of parity. Regardless of the outcome of the referendum, he said, cotton acreage allotments will still prevail, and they will be the same regardless of the outcome of the referendum. It's actually a choice by the farmer of a low level of support or a higher level to be set by the Secretary of Agriculture. The level at which support will be set on the 1956 crop cotton cannot be set below 75 per cent of parity, and if the supply situation warrants, it can be set between 75 and 90.

An average of three years of test growing of "Boone" late-blight resistant Irish potato variety shows the new variety also slightly outyields both Kennebec and Sequoia.

OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS

State College Farm Questions

QUESTION: How can you get rid of parasites on chickens?

ANSWER: R. S. Dearstyne of the State College poultry science department says that the use of lice powders on the birds or liquid nicotine sulphate on the perch poles usually gives good results. You can get rid of mites by painting or spraying their hiding places.

QUESTION: How can I be sure that the seed corn I buy is "certified" hybrid?

ANSWER: John C. Rice, director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, says that a blue "certification tag" is the best assurance. This tag guarantees that the seed was produced under requirements of the certifying agency and the seed is from known pedigree lines with known performance.

QUESTION: Can brown spot fungus carry over from one season to the next?

ANSWER: Yes. According to Furney A. Todd, extension tobacco specialist, it's a good idea for growers to cut their tobacco stalks as soon as possible after harvest and to plant next year's crop in different fields when possible.

Fattening Cattle Need Daily Salt

Fattening cattle should consume from one-half to one and one-half ounces of salt per head daily, depending on the kinds of feeds used in the ration and the age of the cattle, according to USDA.

Salt should be kept before cattle at all times. Loose granulated salt or compressed block salt are more satisfactory than rock salt.

The salt will be used most economically from a self-feeding box with a roof to protect it from rain or snow.

It is a mistake, says USDA to withhold salt from cattle toward the close of the feeding period and salt heavily just before shipping. Though this may cause the cattle to drink more water at the market, than they otherwise would, shrewd buyers are able to estimate very closely the amount of such fill on the cattle.

Clergymen Can Get Social Security Now

Clergymen may now for the first time have the protection of the old-age and survivors insurance program, according to a statement made today by Charles E. Burke, district manager of the Fayetteville social security office.

Under the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act stated Mr. Burke, "it is now possible, on an individual elective basis, for duly ordained, commissioned or licensed clergymen, Christian Science practitioners and certain members of religious orders to acquire old-age and survivors insurance protection on the same terms as self-employed persons even though they may not actually be self-employed."

There are two necessary steps that a clergyman wishing to participate in this Federal insurance program must take. First, he must get a social security account number card from his social security

office if he does not already have one. He must then file a waiver certificate, Form 2031, with the District Director of Internal Revenue indicating his desire to be covered as a self-employed person without involving in any way the church or religious group by whom he is actually employed. Copies of this form may be obtained from the office of the Director of Internal Revenue or from the social security office.

Form 2031 must be filed no later than April 15, 1956 in order to obtain social security credits for 1955 earnings. Net annual earnings must amount to \$400 or more to be taxable and creditable for social security purposes. If a clergyman has such net earnings in 1955 and 1956 he must, if he wishes to be covered under social security file his certificate on or before April 15, 1957, otherwise he would forfeit his right to elect coverage and his earnings from his services in the ministry can never be credited for social security coverage.

"Once he has elected to be covered," continued Mr. Burke, "the clergyman must continue to report his earnings and pay the social security tax for every year in which he has net earnings of \$400 or more from services performed in the exercise of his ministry whether performed as an employee or as a self-employed person. The church or institution which the clergyman serves or represents does not in any way become involved or obligated in these arrangements."

For further information on this subject contact your social security district office at Fayetteville. Informational leaflets and booklets on all phases of the social security law are available, free of charge.

Despite mechanization of much farm work, the average farm worker spends more of his time today working with livestock than he did 40 years ago.

Excellent Time For Marketing Eggs

There is an excellent opportunity for marketing eggs at good prices in this state if family farmers and other producers can be persuaded to produce flocks varying from 1,000 hens up.

That's the feeling of C. P. Libeau, extension farm management and marketing specialist at State College.

Libeau says there is not a single producer or producers' group large enough to supply the quantity and kind of eggs market agencies want. He says an organization to assemble enough eggs to supply wholesalers is badly needed.

As an example of the high egg consumption in this state, Libeau says that more than a million dollars worth of eggs are sold through retail stores in Gaston County each year. Gaston is one of the highest sales and egg consuming counties in the state.

Libeau says that the A & P Tea Company buys more than three million dollars worth of eggs per year (estimated on a 50 cents per dozen basis). Their egg buyer says that they are still in a position to buy all the eggs offered from North Carolina sources if the local producers will meet the conditions required for marketing at their warehouse.

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