

## Tobacco At Fair Prices Is Continued Position Of NC Farm Bureau Leaf Committee

The historic position of the North Carolina Farm Bureau "has always been that growers produce all the flue-cured tobacco they can sell at a fair price," Carl T. Hicks, Walstonburg, State Farm Bureau Tobacco Committee Chairman, has declared.

Hicks, listed among principal speakers at the 12th annual NCFB meeting in Asheville, Feb. 1-4, made this statement in an address Friday, January 23 at the yearly meeting of the Johnston County Farm Bureau in Smithfield. In his position as Farm Bureau Tobacco Committee Chairman, President of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation and a tobacco grower, Hicks is thoroughly acquainted with all phases of the flue-cured situation.

"When there were less than 1,500 members in the North Carolina Farm Bureau," Hicks said, "the organization was successful in having enacted into law the AAA program. The State Farm Bureau has always stood

staunchly behind provisions of this legislation, which involves among other things acreage control and the formula for determining when tobacco is in surplus.

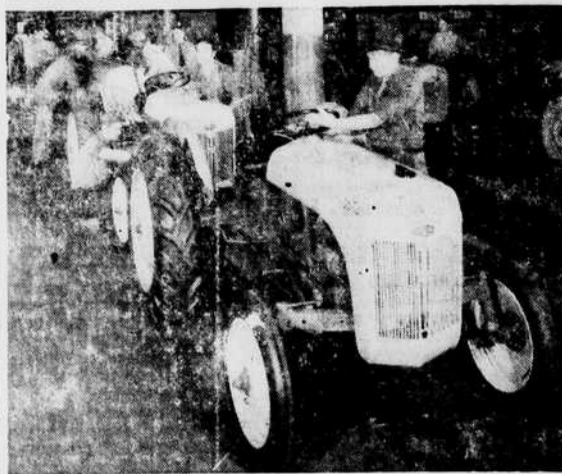
"The legislation governing the production of flue-cured tobacco is designed to keep supply in line with demand in accordance with the law. The Farm Bureau has always insisted that the Secretary of Agriculture, in his annual Dec. 1 quota announcement, always comply with the law which fixes the quota on the basis of the surplus existing beyond the necessary, normal supply on hand."

Since the Secretary's announcement of a 27.52 percent tobacco acreage reduction last Dec. 1, Hicks said, there has been no indication of a reduction of surplus stocks in this country. If there should be a change before March 1, he added, the Secretary has the right to reduce the figure.

"In the past three years," Hicks pointed out, "flue-cured tobacco growers have been producing annually 200,000,000 pounds more than was being consumed. Of the total, about 200,000,000 pounds are in foreign stocks, 100,000,000 in stocks of export leaf dealers, and 300,000,000 held under loan by the Stabilization Corporation.

"We must agree that the 1948 projected acreage of some

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to Highland Park from the huge Rouge Plant, begun over two years ago, necessitated moving hundreds of tons of presses, grinding machines, lathes and other production facilities. Extensive building modernization included construction and installation of an intricate system of conveyors and lines to flow parts and sub-assemblies to the final assembly line shown above.

900,000,000 acres could yield 1,000,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco, based on the production of the last three years. If this yield should result, where will it go?

"Between 650 and 660 million pounds will be bought by domestic manufacturers, if the home consumption peak is maintained. This would leave some 300 to 340 million pounds for export, but, under the Marshall Plan, the 16 Western European countries have asked for a total of 425 to 450 million pounds of all types of tobacco. The most flue-cured growers could expect under the Marshall Plan would be 340 to 360 million pounds. However, the Marshall Plan has not yet been adopted and no one knows how it will come out in final form."

If we were foolish enough to go "all out" and build up our surplus this year, Hicks said, our price structure in 1949 would fall apart because the price of tobacco would be depressed and the government would lose millions of dollars because of its support of our product at 90 percent of parity.

"Let's not be stampeded and our strength dissipated," Hicks advised. "We must stand solidly together and hold on to the gains made and fought so hard for through the years since we have been organized."

There is little or no advantage in grinding corn for beef calves as the added cost usually more than offsets any advantage. Then too, calves do their own grinding more efficiently than older animals.

## Football To Flowers

### Wolfpack Tackle Is Now Florist

Billy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, has become associated with Roanoke Floral Co. it was announced today.

Billy's father is president of the firm, in addition to being a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Florist's Association. The manager of the shop is Miss Gladys Davis, also a partner in the business.

Young Smith, remembered as a football star in high school as well as college, is a graduate of the Simmons School of Floral Design at Boston where he specialized in bridal designs, funeral arrangements and corsages. In his new connection, Billy will serve as general designer and will also assist in handling the business affairs of the firm.

Captain of the Rocky Mount High School football team in 1940, Billy went on to Clemson College for two years, where he played at tackle. Following the war, he played tackle for two years with N. C. State College and was with the team for the Gator Bowl game in the 1947 New Year's Day battle at Jacksonville, Fla., when the Wolfpack played the University of

Oklahoma. While at State College, Billy was an outstanding student in the agriculture school, majoring in floriculture and specializing in outdoor and greenhouse flower crops.

During the war, Billy enlisted in the Infantry in February, 1943, and was commissioned an officer in November, 1944. He went overseas in December, 1944 and served in the European Theater. He became a company commander and was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant in June, 1946. He won the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and four battle stars in the war.

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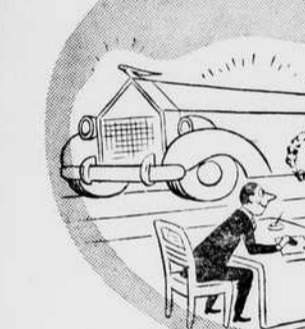
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## Years Ago A Backward Glance

### 5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1943 — Textile work ruled essential by War Manpower Commission. The Roanoke Rapids Country Club elected the following directors: W. A. Wolhar, F. S. Kemp, F. C. Williams, E. B. Manning, Howerton Gowen, H. C. House, G. A. Berkstresser, T. W. Mullen, John Dunn, Roderick Meikle, Wilbert Anderton, and Billy Norwood. Berkstresser was elected president; Wolhar, vice-president and Anderton, secretary-treasurer. AT THE MOVIES it was "They Died With Their Boots On" starring Errol Flynn and Olivia DeHavilland. Letters from men in the service took up almost a half a page in the Herald.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1938—M. C. Moseley went to the State Finals of the Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Charlotte after getting a "raw" decision in Raleigh in the semi-finals. Dr. J. W. Martin and F. M. Colburn spent several days in Richmond, Va. and Washington, D. C. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn was presiding over the Halifax County Superior Court term in Halifax.

### 15 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1923—John Vest, postmaster, said additional city delivery service had been granted by the postoffice department. Mrs. Zollie Powell, Miss Clara Jones and Sam Jones spent Saturday in Richmond. ADVERTISING showed stew beef selling at a nickle a pound and fresh country eggs were 15 cents a dozen. Ronald Coleman in "Cynara" and Mae West and Cary Grant in "She Done Him Wrong" were serving as the entertainment features at local theaters.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 1, 1918—Biggest headlines in the Herald showed "Department of Justice moves Heinrich Miller. Declined to intern on Request of Mass Meeting of Citizens but Advises Mr. Miller to Go to New York City for Duration of War. No German Here Now—After a consideration for some weeks of the case of Heinrich Miller, a German subject, the United States Department of Justice declined to intern him, but advised him to leave this place. Mr. Miller consented to their request and left Monday afternoon for New York City where he expects to remain for the duration of the war. Action on Miller's case was requested after a mass meeting of the citizens of this community had voted unanimously a resolution advising Mr. Miller to apply for internment." Miller had lived here many years and had "made many friends, but they thought it best he be interned due to the constantly increasing animosity toward Germans and Germany."—Lieutenant K. C. Towe of Camp Jackson was visiting relatives here. ADVERTISING—Hancock House Co. had a sale on men's hats and the highest priced hat was \$2.15. (But most men were wearing overseas caps.)

### Nazi-Soviet Papers Available to Public

The captured German documents, recently released by the State Department describing Nazi-Soviet Political Relations, are now available to the public in booklet form, the Government Printing Office announced today. These documents, taken from secret German foreign office files, are available for \$1.00 from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

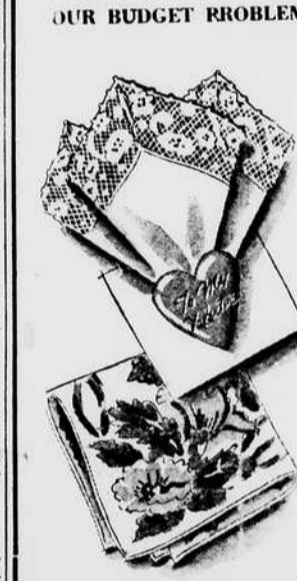
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