

Scott Says Farmers Must Assert Selves

Durham.—Senator W. Kerr Scott last week called on North Carolina farmers to "take the offensive" in the battle against falling farm income by taking over more processing and retail marketing of agricultural products.

Scott said, "In order to avoid being choked to death, farmers have to take the offensive and push some of the middle men from between them and the consumers."

The Tar Heel Senator made his statements at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central Carolina Farmers Exchange, one of the largest farmer co-operatives in the State.

Scott, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said for many years, "farmers have been forced to sell their products in buyers' markets. The farmer is the only businessman in our free enterprise system who does not set the price he receives for what he produces."

By moving further into the processing and marketing fields, Scott said, farmers can help convert today's buyers' market for farm products into a sellers' market and at the same time give better service to consumers.

"We in North Carolina have unlimited opportunities in this field. We are near the vast markets of the big cities of the Atlantic Seaboard, which means we are in a perfect position to be the garden and the pantry for the most populous areas of the Nation," he said.

Scott said a lot of work along this line has already been done in North Carolina, but emphasized that farmers must redouble their efforts to expand existing processing and marketing facilities and enter new fields.

The Senator said it is essential for farmers to unite not only to help increase farm income, but to defeat efforts to destroy the Federal government's farm program.

Scott said the enemies of the farm program are making efforts to promote fights among farm groups and "breed dissension."

"Whether he raises sugar beets in South Dakota or tobacco in North Carolina, a farmer is a farmer," Scott said.

"The enemies of the farm program, however, will continue to try to set farmer against farmer in their efforts to destroy the already weak farm program we have," he said.

Turning to tobacco, Scott said he foresees "a head-on attack on the tobacco price support program" by enemies of both tobacco and the overall farm program during the coming session of Congress.

"I think any and all attempts to destroy the tobacco program will be decisively defeated, because it is the one price support program that has proven it can operate without cost to the government."

Scott said he strongly disagrees with Secretary of Agriculture Benson's proposals for putting tobacco under the flexible price support program.

"For many years, it has been well known in all segments of the industry that the prices farmers receive for tobacco has very little effect on the price the consumer pays, or the consumption of the product," he said.

"Furthermore, if flue-cured tobacco growers in the United States made an effort to compete in world markets piecewise, then they would have to sell their tobacco somewhere between 30 and 40 cents

per pound. The plain facts are that we cannot grow tobacco that cheaply in the United States and expect to make a living doing it," he said.

"The hope of the tobacco growers, in the final analysis, is producing high quality tobacco that is in good demand at good prices throughout the free world," he said.

"In spite of the fact that we are now finishing a short tobacco crop, all indications point to substantial increases in consumption both in the United States and abroad next year," he said.

Dougherty

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sincere sorrow in his passing: Now, therefore,

"Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

"Section 1. That in the death of Dr. Blanford Bernard Dougherty, not only the General Assembly of this State, but the State of North Carolina as a whole has experienced a great loss and a profound grief at the termination of the life of this distinguished North Carolinian.

"Section 2. That the General Assembly of North Carolina hereby expresses its highest appreciation of Dr. Dougherty as a citizen and public servant and expresses its sympathy to his loved ones and to his family at his passing.

"Section 3. That a copy of this resolution, duly certified, shall be furnished the family of Dr. Dougherty.

"Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon ratification.

"HB-1373. In the General Assembly Read Three Times and Ratified This the 5th Day of June, 1957.

"J. K. Doughton, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"L. E. Barnhardt, President of the Senate."

This resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Doughton, S. C. Eggers, the representative from Watauga county and B. C. Broek, the representative from Davis county, who is a member of the board of trustees of the college.

FOOD SPENDING TO GAIN

Americans are expected to spend more than 50 per cent more for food ten years from now, according to Arno H. Johnson, New York economist. Johnson added that the increase would raise the nation's total annual food bill to \$113,000,000,000 by 1968 as compared with the current \$73,000,000,000 a year for groceries.

CORN PLANTING

The Government's 1958 control program for corn will call for further reductions in grower planting allotments. This year's record-breaking production of livestock feed grains promises to increase surplus supplies and will require another cut in corn allotments.

College

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Salem; and W. R. Winkler, Sr., owner of Winkler Motor Company of Boone. Absent because of illness was Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, public relations director of the North Carolina State Grange of Greensboro.

The board of trustees and their wives were guests of the college for luncheon at the college cafeteria, with members of the college administration.

Following the luncheon the first meeting of the board was held. Mr. Conrad was reelected chairman, and Mr. Brewer was chosen as vice chairman.

Among the items of business which were transacted by the board were the following: They approved the restoration of French and Spanish to the college curriculum for a full major of degree credit; they approved a common program for all freshmen; they approved the administration, faculty and non-teaching personnel as to salary and position; they set a tentative date for their spring meeting as April 23, 1958; and they passed two resolutions: One authorizing the administration of the college to negotiate loans for construction of dormitories, and the other recommending the use of unexpended balances in the permanent improvement fund for enlargement and improvement of the D. D. Dougherty Memorial Library.

Named as members of the executive committee of the board were Messrs. Brame, Corn, Frank, Hagaman, and Winkler. At their first meeting they will choose their own chairman.

The chairman named as trustees of the endowment fund Messrs. Brame, Barnard Dougherty, and Lackey. By law, the chairman of the board of trustees and the president of the college are also on this board.

A special committee to make a thorough study of the college's foundations and endowments, looking toward their enlargement, is composed of Mr. Brewer, Mrs. Broyhill, and Mr. Lackey, with Mr. Lackey to serve as chairman.

A meeting of the heads of Government of the fifteen nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to consider free-world defense problems is being considered by President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister McMillan. They agreed to weigh plans for such a meeting, possibly in December, and it was indicated that both would attend it.

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Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER

Your dahlias will need some attention as soon as frost kills the plants. In Eastern Carolina they may be left in the ground until spring, provided your soil is well drained. If the roots are left in the ground, the stalks should be cut off at ground level and covered with about six inches of pine needles or some similar material.

Probably the safest plan is to dig the root clumps and store them in a root cellar, or basement, where the temperature does not go below freezing or much above 50 degrees. Be sure that you can maintain these temperature ranges before you decide to dig and store.

When preparing for storage, cut the stalks back and carefully loosen the soil around the clumps. Then sink your fork deep enough under the clumps so they can be lifted without damage. Shake the soil from the roots and protect the necks.

In the storage compartment the roots may be placed in suitable containers which have been lined with paper. Peat moss, vermiculite or sawdust may be used. Peat is probably the best material as it gives good protection and can be purchased in small or large quantities from your local seedsman or nurseryman. Regardless of what material you choose, place a layer on the bottom of the container. Place the roots in position and cover.

If you saved poinsettia plants from last Christmas you probably remembered to bring them inside before the weather became too unfavorable. This is to remind you that this is a short day plant and will not bloom if exposed to more than approximately twelve hours of light during November and December. For this reason they should be located in the house where the twelve hours of light can be reasonably maintained and where the temperature can be held about 70 degrees. It

is sure to fluctuate some so let's be practical and try to maintain optimum conditions as best we can.

DU PONT AND G. M.

The Federal Government, acting under a Supreme Court ruling, has submitted a plan for the release by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. of its 63,000,000 shares of General Motors Corporation. The plan calls for turning the shares over to trustees, who would then be empowered to distribute the stock to du Pont stockholders.

The fact that heavy timbers burn quite slowly—and sometimes not at all—is one of the most important advantages of heavy timber construction, says L. H. Hobbs, Extension Forestry marketing specialist at North Carolina State College. This most important feature is said to have saved many lives and millions of dollars' worth of property. It is generally recognized that heavy timbers exposed to flames will maintain their strength long after steel beams designed for similar strength collapse.

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY

WINTER WHEAT

Reports reaching the Agriculture Department and Weather Bureau state that in many parts of the mid West and Southwest prospects for fall-sown winter

wheat, rye and oats—which will be harvested next spring—are the best in years. This is particularly true of Texas and parts of Oklahoma.

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