

Tar Heel Farmers Will Make Highly Important Decisions In Forthcoming Referendums

North Carolina farmers will make five important decisions on November 25 and December 15. They will troop to the polls and vote in corn, cotton, tobacco, and peanut referendums that will have a great deal to do with the prospects of these crops in the coming years.

On November 25 farmers will choose between two corn programs, and on December 15, tobacco and cotton quota programs will be decided. Also on December 15, tobacco and peanut growers will decide whether to continue to assess themselves for the promotion of their crops.

Every agricultural leader in the state is urging every eligible farmer to vote. And a great deal of effort on the part of many people will be expended between now and the voting dates to make sure every farmer is familiar with the issues involved.

Harry B. Caldwell, master of the North Carolina State Grange, and A. C. Edwards, executive vice president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, for example, are so concerned that they have initiated a special information program—which they hope will pro-

duce the biggest farm commodity vote in the state's history. Reasons for the great information effort are: the obvious importance of the vote to North Carolina agriculture; and complexity of the issues to be decided.

In the November 25 corn referendum growers in the state's 32 commercial corn counties will vote either to continue the present ASC corn program which provides price supports from 75 to 90 per cent of parity, or a new program which provides for no acreage allotments and no designation of commercial corn counties. Under the present program the minimum support rate is 75 per cent of parity; under the new program the minimum would be 65 per cent of parity.

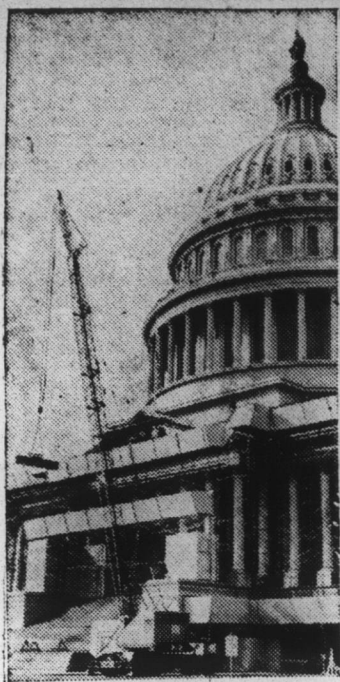
In the December 15 cotton referendum growers will decide whether they want marketing quotas with supports of between 65 and 80 per cent of parity along with penalties for over-planting or no marketing quotas and over-planting penalties with 50 per cent of parity supports.

If the cotton referendum doesn't carry there will be no quotas, no penalties and 50 per cent supports; however, allotments will be in effect regardless of the outcome of the referendum. If the referendum does carry each farmer will have an opportunity to choose the kind of allotment-price support program he wants to comply with. This consists of two choices: (1) his "regular" farm allotment with price supports for complying at not less than 80 per cent of parity; and (2) a farm allotment up to 40 per cent larger with a price support of 15 per cent of parity less than it would be under the "regular" allotment.

Prior to the December 15 vote cotton farmers will be furnished information showing what their allotment will be under either alternative, according to the state ASC office.

If quotas are approved in the referendum, growers who exceed their chosen farm acreage allotment in 1959 will be subject to a penalty of 50 per cent of the cotton parity price as of June 15, 1959, on the farm's excess production. In addition, all cotton produced on the farm will be ineligible for price supports.

In the tobacco referendum on December 15 farmers will choose between continuing the present quota system with its 90 per cent of parity supports with penalties for over-planting, and abolishing



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Town Council Proceedings

Edenton, N. C., Nov. 11, 1958
The Town Council met this day in regular session at 8:00 P. M. Members present: Mayor Ernest P. Kehayes, J. Clarence Leary, J. Edwin Bufflap, John Mitchener, Jr., Luther C. Parks and Raleigh B. Hollowell.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as read. A public hearing was held at this time relative to the Westover Heights Water Line Assessment. The following property owners were present or represented and objected to the assessment:

H. M. Phthisic, Scott Harrell, J. Emmett Winslow, William C. Bunch, Jr., and wife, Jacob Hobowsky, Elvin L. Spivey and wife, Ethel Jackson Baker, J. H. Morgan, William C. Bunch, Carolyn Clark McMullan, Carolyn McMullan Grant, Thomas J. Jackson, Helen Rae Jackson, Rhodes Smith, Florence M. Smith, Raymond B. Bunch, Henry G. Quinn, Beulah P. Boswell.

Motion was made by Luther C. Parks, seconded by J. Clarence Leary and duly carried that further action on the Westover Heights Water Line Assessment be postponed until the January 1959 Council meeting.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap, and duly carried that J. E. Roberts be granted a franchise for one taxicab, this franchise to be transferred from Wilford Jordan.

Motion was made by Luther C. Parks, seconded by J. Clarence Leary and duly carried that Raleigh Pickard be granted a permit to operate a taxicab for Wilford Jordan.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap, and duly carried that \$250.00 be appropriated to

quoting and doing away with all price supports on tobacco. Quotas on tobacco may be voted for one year, or for three years, or they may be voted out for one year.

On December 15, also, tobacco farmers will vote on whether to continue the present 10 cents per acre self-assessment for promotion of tobacco. There will also be an opportunity to vote on an increase in the assessment up to \$1 per acre. The money will be used to expand the services of Tobacco Associates in foreign countries by setting up an office and stepping up the advertising phase of the program in order to expand the use of American flue-cured tobacco abroad. The Associates hope, also, to counteract some of the current adverse publicity about tobacco and health.

And the state's peanut growers will go to the polls on December 15 to vote on continuing their 2 cents per hundred pounds self-assessment for promotion of peanut sales.

But he is risen, a later star of dawn.
—Wadsworth.

the Chowan County Office of Civil Defense.

Motion was made by Luther C. Parks, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., and duly carried that the following resolution be adopted: A RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS ON U. S. HIGHWAY 17 FROM THE VIRGINIA STATE LINE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LINE.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by J. Clarence Leary and duly carried that Electric and Water Dept. bills in the amount of \$18,794.33 be paid.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap and duly carried that the following Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$4,828.71 be paid:

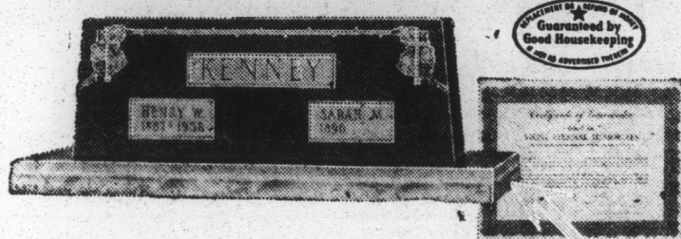
The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$4.15; The Chowan Herald, \$23.80; The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$14.50; Leggett & Davis, \$4.06; The Chowan Herald, \$12.25; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$6.68; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$33.89; Sinclair Refining Co., \$173.06; Albemarle Motor Co., \$44.16; Edenton Ice Co., \$56.46; Burton Texaco Service, \$1.75; Edenton Ice Co., \$31.90; Elliott Co., \$30.00; Belk-Tyler's, 9.04; W. F. Miller, \$25.00; N. C. League of Municipalities, \$25.30; A. C. Nichols Co., \$46.25; Edenton Office

Supply, \$37.50; Edenton Ice Co., \$4.86; Byrum Grocery, \$1.88; George I. Dail, \$64.05; Twiddy Sign Service, \$7.50; High Point Tailoring Co., \$3.89; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$21.88; Sinclair Refining Co., \$36.31; Ricks Laundry, \$6.00; Albemarle Motor Co., \$14.52; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$1.88; Motorola Comm. & Elec., Inc., \$30.00; Railway Express Agency, \$8.44; John Bean Division, \$3.63; Volunteer Firemen, \$67.00; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$19.01; Blue Ridge Stone Mfg. Co., \$80.33; N. C. State Highway Commission, \$160.00; J. D. McCotter, Inc., \$25.50; Hobbs Imp. Co., \$10.26; The Texas Co., \$22.25; Byrum Imp. Co., \$86.93; M. G. Brown Co., \$76.38; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$47.34; Fleetwood Bros., \$337.50; Sinclair Refining Co., \$228.68; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$84.61; Ack Ack Exterminating Co., \$15.00; Edenton Ice Co., \$13.63; Albemarle Motor Co., \$49.74; Norfolk Southern Railway Co., \$127.42; The Texas Co., \$130.89; George Chevrolet Co., \$71.94; Byrum Imp. & Truck Co., \$2,070.98; Burley Gilliam, \$13.50; Armo Drainage & Metal Products, \$301.60; Mrs. M. L. Bunch, \$3.65.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.
ERNEST J. WARD, JR.,
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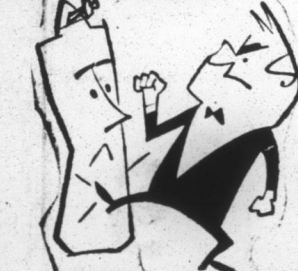


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