

Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation

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As the 1982 marketing season draws to a close, some concern is being expressed over the tobacco program because of the large amounts of leaf being taken in under loan by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation.

Claiming that current support prices are to blame, buying companies have made suggestions that consideration be given to a reduction, or at least a freeze, of price supports -- a move that would require Congressional action.

However, the latest change in the program occurred just this year when

the "no-net-cost" program was signed into law. This represented a progressive and constructive effort by growers to answer the critics of the program, while leaving the basic program intact. The new law was the result of many agonizing sessions and touch-and-go negotiations.

One provision of the new law gave the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to reduce the normal support price increase by up to 35 per cent under the old formula. This reduction, which the Secretary exercised this year, placed the average support level at \$169.90 per 100 pounds. Without the decrease, the support level would have been \$175.90 per hundred

pounds. In 1983, any increase in price supports will be added to the new base of \$169.90. If the Secretary exercises his discretionary power each year, it is anticipated that the formula would allow increases totaling only 32 cents per hundred pounds or 4.7 per cent per year through 1986.

Buying companies contend that although U.S. high quality leaf is considered the world's best, it is being priced out of the market -- both by the increase of the price support level and the increasing value of the U.S. dollar in relation to most foreign currencies.

However, in view of the anticipated slow-down in rate of increases in the

support formula, the question naturally arises, "Should we give the program, as it now stands, a chance to work?"

There is also much concern that attempts to change the price support formula would open up the basic program to further attacks in Congress. At best, this would be an extremely risky endeavor.

Further, to adjust the formula would require the complete support of other flue-cured as well as burley producing states.

If changing the price support formula is indeed the answer, farmers can take only limited price reductions before being forced out of business. After all, production costs are no

respector of marketing problems.

There are, obviously, no easy or simple answers. We do know that this is a time for unity; a time for compromise and positive effort in order to resolve the problem.

Tobacco is too important to North Carolina's growers and to the total economy of the state to do otherwise.

The solution to the problem will require the best thinking and input of the entire industry.



Some say that looking at sap-phires strengthens the eyes.

Time To Become Knowledgeable On Candidates

In a typical election year, about 30 or 35 per cent of the eligible voters take the time to vote. Far less are familiar with the candidates, their views and philosophies.

We can take a great deal of pride, however, in the fact that farm and rural citizens have earned a reputation for good citizenship based on the relatively high percentage of eligible voters who cast ballots in rural precincts.

Because of their dwindling numbers and mounting investments, farm people probably have more to gain or lose than any other group in the American economy.

Those of us who have the privilege of voting on

November 2 would do well to do some last minute "homework" before going to the polls.

We must do better than guess between two unknowns or base our decisions on such things as "television personality" or other superficial "qualifications." The real test comes in determining how each of the candidates stands on the issues of importance to you, your district, and your state.

If you are an informed voter, you'll cast your ballot for the candidate who shares your views on many important issues. It is only in this way that government will represent the will of the people -- and that is what

self-government is all about.

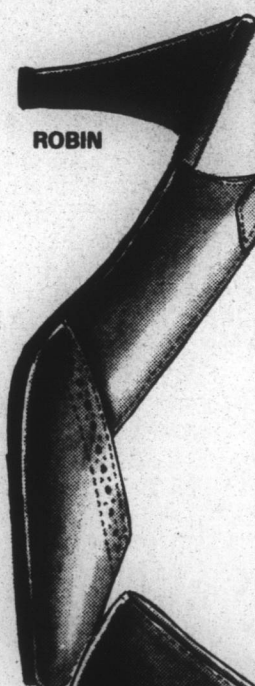
Although Farm Bureau does not endorse political candidates in elections at any level, it does encourage all members to become informed and to support the candidates who share their basic beliefs.

We hope there will not only be a record turnout the polls on November 2, but that all voters will have taken the time to become knowledgeable in local, state and national issues and the candidates' positions.

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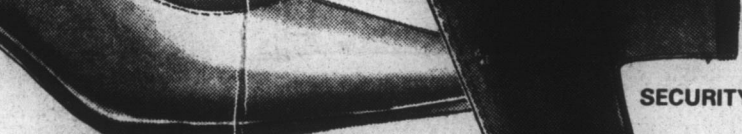
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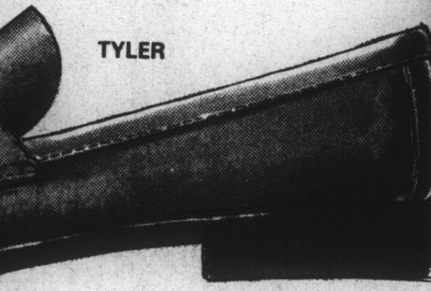
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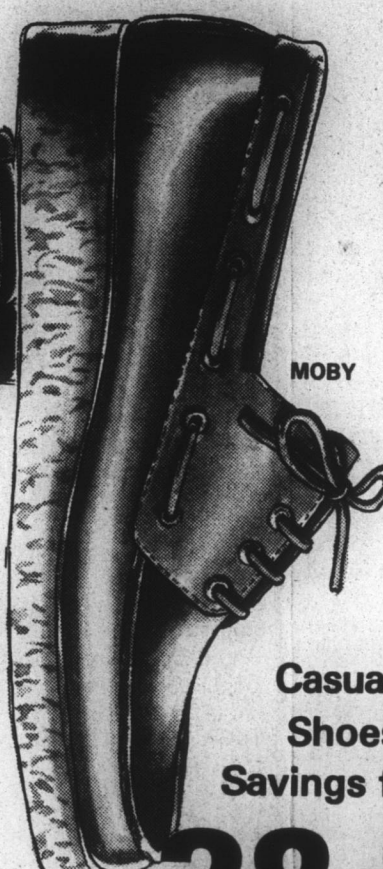


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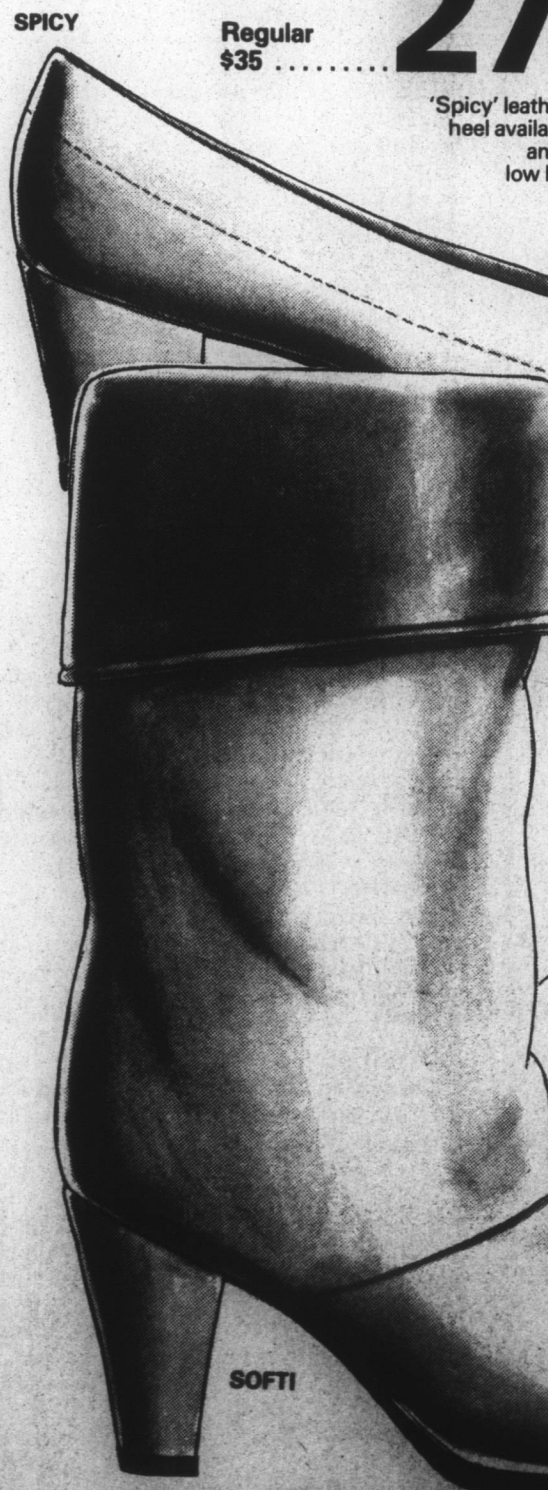


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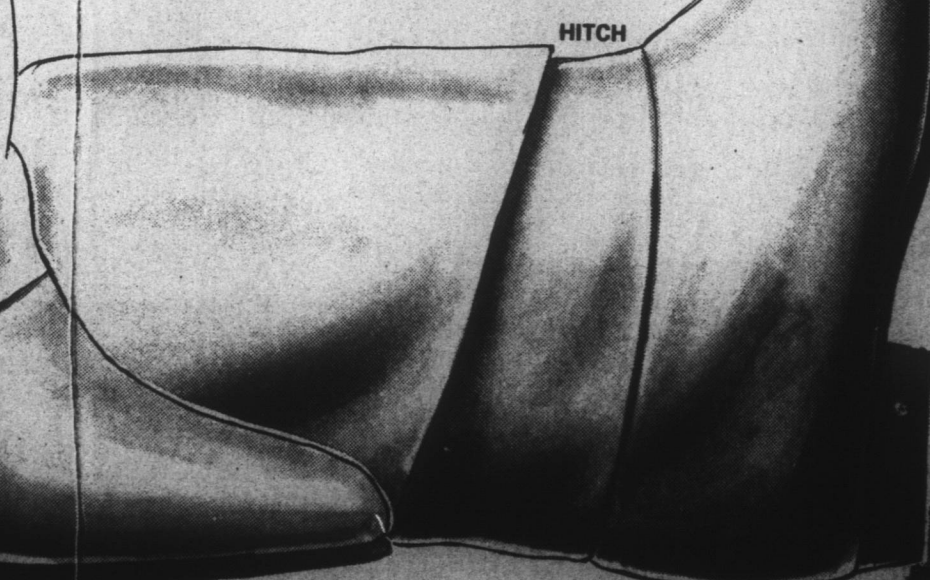
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