

Washington News Letter

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While things are quite on Capitol Hill these days, farm news is stealing the limelight on the Tar Heel front in Washington.

First of all, this department reported exclusively for the first time recently that State Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, the Haw River dairyman, was being considered by President Truman for Secretary of Agriculture if Secretary Clinton P. Anderson resigns from the cabinet to become Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

A well-informed source that reported Scott was favored by Anderson himself as his successor. They have been working together a lot lately on farm projects.

There's another angle to the situation, namely that when Secretary of War Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro, becomes Secretary of the Army under the unification of the armed forces, he reverts from Cabinet to "Little Cabinet" status under Secretary of National Defense James Forrestal. On this basis, there will be no Tar Heel already in the cabinet when the post of Secretary of Agriculture becomes vacant.

Two other men rate highly right now as prospects for the Anderson post—Milton Eisenhower, Kansas college president and brother of Gen. Eisenhower, and Undersecretary of Agriculture Norris E. Dodd. Dodd is reported to have lost favor with the President for having supported the wool tariff which Mr. Truman vetoed.

As a dairy farmer, it is believed that Mr. Scott would have the support of the National Milk Producers Federation for Secretary; as an ac-

tive exponent of the co-ops the support of the National Council of Former Cooperatives, and as past master of the State Grange, the support of the National Grange.

Now for some general North Carolina farm news, as served up by Uncle Sam:

The State's farm population, dropping steadily since 1939, reached a modern low of 1,391,000 in 1945, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimated. Reversing a national trend, North Carolina's farm population had climbed steadily between 1920, when it was estimated at 1,501,000 persons, until it reached a peak of 1,660,000 in 1939. The war and war work brought down this population to well below the 1920 figure.

This year and last, the bureau believes, the Tar Heel farm population is on the way back up again, but the figures aren't yet available to prove this.

*A Tar Heel co-op is among those slated for investigation by the House Small Business Committee. A staff of Government accountants are already studying the records of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, Inc., of Raleigh.

Rep. Ploesser (R., Mo.), chairman of the full committee and also chairman of the subcommittee investigating cooperatives, requested information from the Raleigh co-op last month. The Raleigh co-op was among the 50 large co-ops all over the country from which financial reports were requested.

Nearly fifteen thousand North Carolina farms are being electrified as a result of the REA's program during the fiscal year ended June 30, REA has announced. REA said it had made loans totalling \$7,138,888 to North Carolina electric membership corporations to finance, among other things, construction of 2,906 miles of new power line, bringing service to 14,992 new customers. The fiscal 1947 program, REA said, will leave over 146,000 Tar Heel farms without electric service.

The July report on bees and honey

recently released by the Agriculture Department indicated that bee colonies have decreased about two per cent in North Carolina during the past year. In 1946, the report says, there were 177,000 colonies of bees in Tar Heel. This year there were only 173,000 colonies.

A recent department report indicates that North Carolina truck crops for this year will not be as big as last year. Certain crops, however, will be larger this year than last according to present estimates on the yield for this year.

Among the vegetables and fruits which are expected in greater quantity this year in North Carolina are watermelons, cantaloupes, and snap beans. Crops that promise to be smaller include green peppers, carrots, cabbage and lima beans.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corp. has announced that certain North Carolina areas were being considered for the cotton crop insurance program. The program will operate on a county basis, and only 56 counties in the nation will be covered by it. The N. C. area being considered is the coastal plains and the Piedmont section.

In a White House press conference, President Truman announced the appointment of Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro as the new Secretary of the Army under the new unified national defense setup.

In a radio broadcast that evening, a network commentator said Mr. Royall would be resigning soon to run for Governor of North Carolina next year.

Your Washington correspondents, first recently in forecasting the possible Royall candidacy and first in citing that it appeared to be inspired by Governor Cherry and Democratic National Committeeman Joe Blythe, polled the War Department on the commentator's remarks.

The word came back from the Secretary's office, "No comment."

"The betting here is that Mr. Royall will—repeat, will—be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor against State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson. In that event, it is believed, there will be an unofficial lineup, with Royall and Senator Wm. B. Umstead on one side, and Johnson and former Governor J. M. Broughton, candidate for the Senate against Umstead, on the other.

Following a visit to Washington for a single day by Rep. J. Bayard Clark and Senator Wm. Umstead, the Army Air Forces announced they had decided to keep the 316th Troop Carrier Group at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, and abandon plans to transfer it to the Greenville, S. C., Army Air Base.

The baby diamond back terrapin that bids fair to become North Carolina's most famed product of the sea has developed a new wrinkle. The terrapin, a gift from Dr. H. F. Prytherch of the Marina Laboratory at Beaufort, to Rep. Graham A. Barden, and currently a resident of the rectangular aquarium in Barden's front office, has taken to drinking coffee.

Believe it or not—but it's true. Miss Jeanette Harrison of New Bern, Barden's assistant secretary, has been letting Joe Junior (the baby terrapin was named in honor of the son of a Barden neighbor, Rep. Orville Zimmerman of Mo.) have some of her morning coffee.

And since then, Joe Junior has become more frisky than ever, causing Secretary Tom McGee of Mount Olive to believe that after a few more days on a coffee diet "he'll bite somebody right through that glass."

Rep. Monroe M. Redden, the 12th District freshman from Hendersonville, is the North Carolina delegation's most independent member, or worst Democrat, depending on how one looks at things, a current survey indicates, and Rep. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville, the 7th Dist., the best Democrat, or at least independent member, again depending on the point of view.

A survey of the voting records of members of the House on 13 issues in which the membership of both the Democratic and Republican parties split among themselves in the second quarter of the year, shows that Redden voted with a majority of the Democratic party on six issues and against the party majority an equal number of times. He was unrecorded once.

In contrast with Redden's 50-50 record, Clark went down the line with the party majority 100 per cent. He was recorded with the majority on nine issues, against it on none,

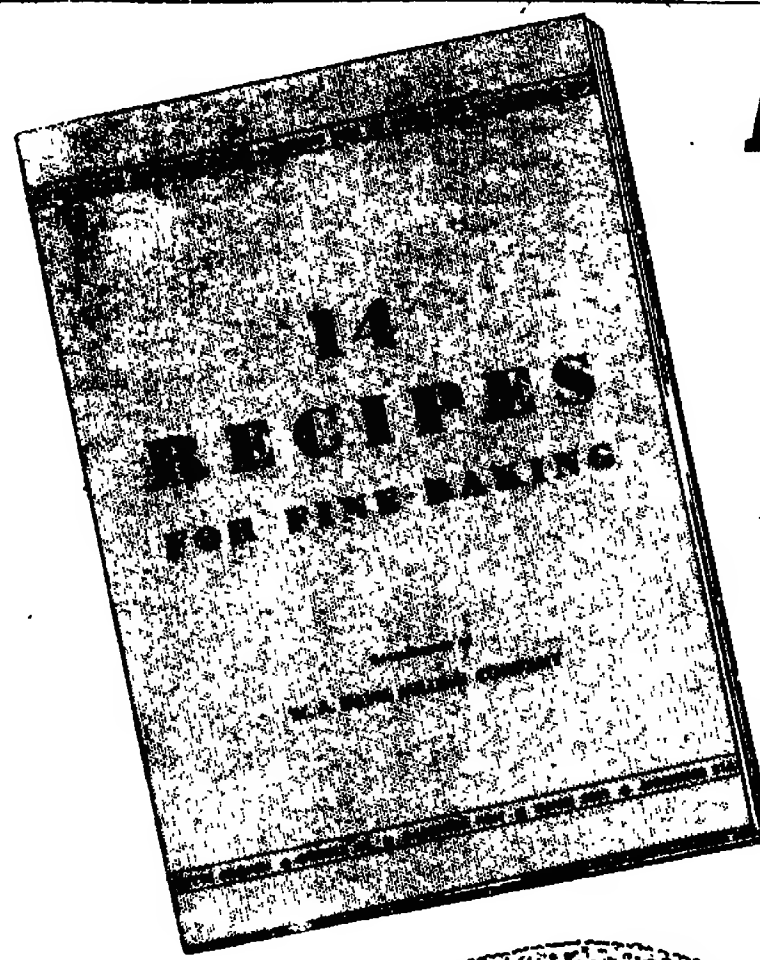
and was unrecorded four times. Clark had no close companion in his unwavering support of the party—but Redden had plenty in his divided allegiance. Rep. Bob Doughton voted seven times with the Democratic majority and 6 times against it, and Rep. John Kerr voted 6 times

for the majority and 5 times against it. He was unrecorded twice. Other members of the delegation voted with the majority over 65 per cent of the time. The survey showed their records as: Barden, with 6 times, against 3; Bonner, 9 and 3; Butler, 5 and 3; Cooley, 10 and

2; Dean, 10 and 3; Durham, 9 and 2; Folger, 10 and 2, and Jones, 8 and 3.

The survey, which also covered the 32-roll call votes during the 3-month period, showed Doughton, the dean of the delegation and oldest member of the House had not missed

a single roll call, with Dean, a freshman, in second place with 29 responses. Bulwinkle, who was ill during most of the period, voted only 18 times and was paired 7 times. Clark had the second low number of votes recorded, 19, and was paired on 11 others.



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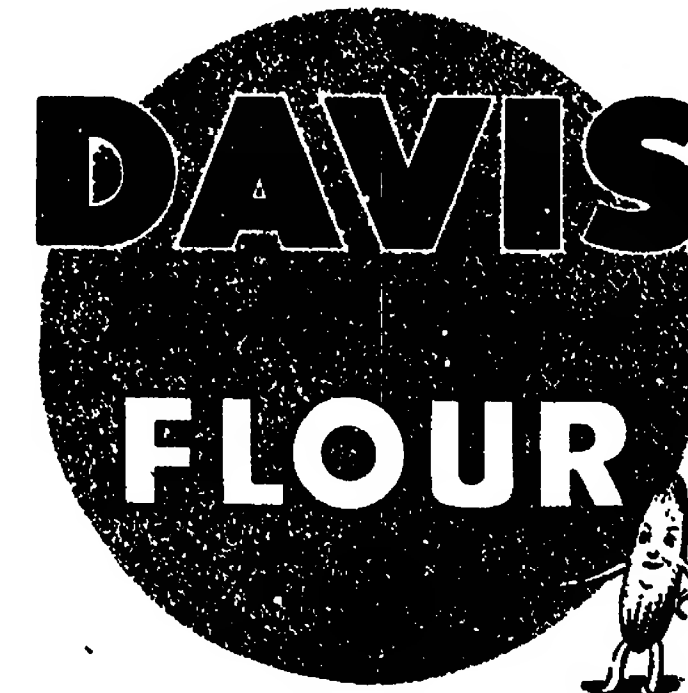


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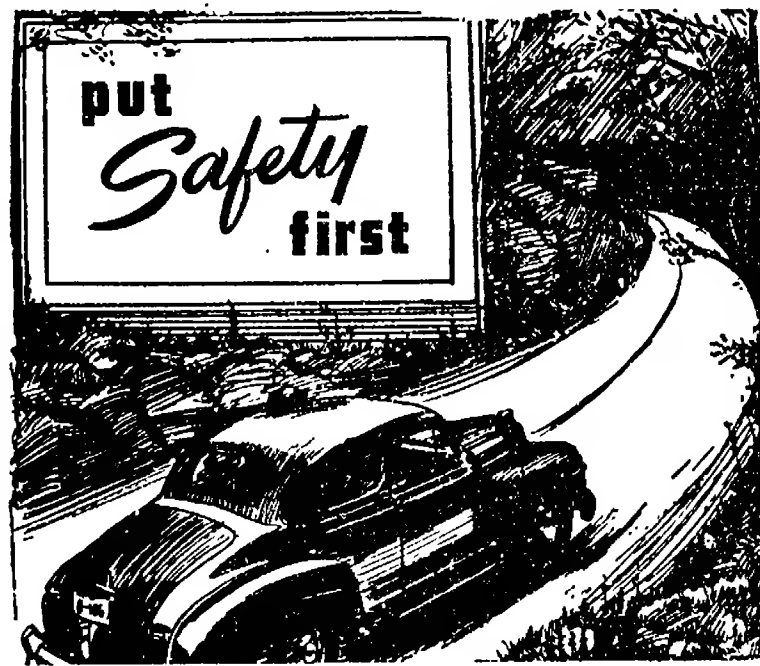
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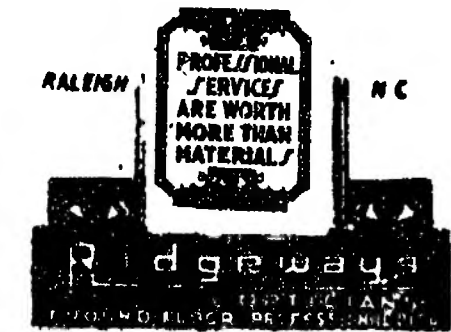
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