

WEDDING PLANS ARE LISTED FOR WEDDING OF MISS LONG, MR. BUFFKIN

The wedding of Miss Virginia Nell Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Long of Clarendon, and Hybert Boston Buffkin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Buffkin of Tabor City will take place Sunday, October 6, at 7 p. m. in the Bethel Methodist Church.

The Rev. Fred Herbert, pastor of the bride, will officiate using the double ring ceremony. The wedding music will be presented by Mrs. W. D. Gore,

Clarendon and Willard Cox, soloist.

The bride-elect will be given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Bill Williams, sister of the bride-elect, will be matron on honor. Attending as bridesmaids will be Mrs. Malcolm Stephens of Clarendon and Mrs. Delmas Hinson of Wilmington, sisters of the bride-elect. Gayle Long, sister of the bride-elect, will serve as a junior bridesmaid.

Honorary bridesmaids include Mrs. John Cannon of Conway, S. C., sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Ruth Long of Clarendon; Miss Kitty Jo Buffkin, niece of the bridegroom-elect of Tabor City and Miss Doris Carol of Whiteville.

The flower girl will be Elaine Hinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hinson of Clarendon. Donnie Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newman of Charlotte, will serve as ring bearer.

Howard Buffkin of Tabor City will attend his brother as best man. Ushers include Roy Buffkin, brother of the bridegroom of Tabor City, Delmas Hinson of Wilmington, Bill Williams of Tabor City and Malcolm Stephens of Clarendon. Maurice Buffkin, nephew of the bridegroom-elect of Tabor City will serve as Junior usher.

Friends and relatives of the bride and groom are invited to attend the wedding.

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Aromatic, Turkish Variety Tobacco Doubles 1956 Production In Carolinas

By—W. Horace Carter

Tobacco growers of Horry, Columbus and Brunswick counties who have watched their flue-cured tobacco acreage dwindle away, might do well to study the possibilities of producing at least small quantities of the aromatic Turkish tobacco that is being grown in Piedmont North Carolina.

The 1957 season marked the 12th year that this exotic, small-leaf variety has been grown in North Carolina. For many years all this type of tobacco was imported from Turkey and went into the blend that gives American cigarettes their distinctive flavor.

With flue-cured acreage cut to the bone, there are absolutely no restrictions on the number of acres of aromatic tobacco that a farmer can plant. The government has no controls on this Turkish variety and any farmer can plant just as much as he wants and can take care of. The hitch in it is that it takes about two persons per acre to take care of this tobacco during the harvest season.

Of course, the big hitch may be the type soil found in this section. It just might not be adaptable to the growth of aromatic tobacco. But it is becoming more and more popular in Piedmont N. C. counties with the 1957 production twice that of 1956.

Since this crop was introduced to farmers of Piedmont and Mountain counties, great strides have been made. Roy Crouse, aromatic tobacco specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station Service at State College, says farmers these days must often than not "peer into the production of this crop, especially realizing that it requires special attention. And they usually give it all the attention it requires. This is one of the principal reasons this relatively new crop has met with outstanding success."

A factor that has heightened interest in aromatic tobacco production is the development of new labor-saving devices and methods used in the production, harvesting and curing of the leaf. These developments, says Crouse, have made aromatic tobacco comparable to flue-cured in total labor requirements and net income per acre.

In all, farmers on 35 mountain and Piedmont counties will market aromatic tobacco this year. Crouse says good-quality aromatic is being produced as far east as the Piedmont soils extend — including Vance, Franklin and Wake counties — and as far west as Clay County, which separates North Georgia from Southeastern Tennessee. Crouse says total North Carolina production this year is expected to double that of 1956.

For several years, aromatic tobacco was produced on plots of less than one acre per farm. Now the situation is changing to the point where several acres can be taken care of on farms where sufficient labor is available to supply two people per acre during the harvest period.

The harvest period starts in the Piedmont as early as June 15, for the earliest transplanted aromatic tobacco. Harvest begins within four to five weeks after the seedlings are transplanted to the field.

Largest Grower.
G. L. Neal of Believs Creek in Forsyth County is the state's largest producer. He planted more than 20 acres of aromatic tobacco this year. Neal became interested in aromatic tobacco because his large farm has a very small allotment of flue-cured tobacco and several families living on the farm needed an additional source of labor income.

Neal constructed three large aromatic tobacco curing barns, equipped with forced air curers and used the latest method of curing on beat wires clipped on to lathes hanging vertically from the tiers.

The tobacco is allowed to yellow for about three days under writing sheds constructed adjacent to the barns before hanging in the curing barn. Low heat of 95 degree F. is used sparingly only at night. During dry weather, with low humidity, it is necessary to use heat every night. During the day the heat is shut off and the large doors at opposite ends of the barn are opened to allow free movement of fresh air.

Good Returns
Aromatic tobacco is not a crop to produce and you can't expect a good return for your labor if you do the job right," according to statements from Ivery Glass and Clyde Call of Bear River, Rowie 2, Wilkes county, two oldtime producers. They have consistently produced quality crops each year since 1947.

A group of interested people visited these enthusiastic and successful growers during the past few years.

Glass says that his boys and girls can average priming 200 acres comparable to flue-cured in total labor requirements and net income per acre.

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family worker, for all operations from the planbed through the harvesting and curing operations.

"If Ivery Glass can make an average of more than \$1,200 per acre for 10 years and Clyde Call practically the same average for the 11 years he has grown tobacco, it didn't just happen," declares Crouse. "They did it by going the job as it should be done."

Governor Sends Bank President Award News

Governor Luther Hodges has notified C. Lacy Tate, of Whiteville, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, the organization has again won the annual award for its work in the field of agriculture. The letter follows:

I have just been advised that the North Carolina Bankers Association has again won the annual award by the American Bankers Association in recognition of the constructive work North Carolina's bankers have done in the field of agriculture.

The fact that your Association has won this award for thirteen consecutive years is a remarkable achievement, and I commend you and your fellow bankers for this outstanding record.

Agriculture is a basic and important part of our total economy. I hope that the bankers of North Carolina will continue their interest and efforts in helping our farmers in the difficult task of making a living from the land.

Sincerely,
Luther H. Hodges

Emerson News BY OSCAR SOLES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tompkins and children of Thomasville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tompkins. They also visited Mr. and Mrs.

Lewis Soles on Sunday. Norman Soles and Matthew Norris spent the weekend here. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Soles and children were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Duncan.

John Cartrette is very ill at the home of his son, Willie Cartrette. Clifton Norris was the Saturday visitor of Mrs. Ida Bell Cartrette. Mrs. Clifton Norris visited her father, Daniel Tyler, Sunday. He is ill at this time. A revival meeting will get

underway at the Emerson Church Sunday night, October 6. The public is invited to attend. We want to thank those who gave us renewals and new subscriptions to the Tribune on Friday. They included Lonnie Willoughby, Ralph Prince, Mrs. Linnie Garrell, and Mrs. Mildred Strickland.

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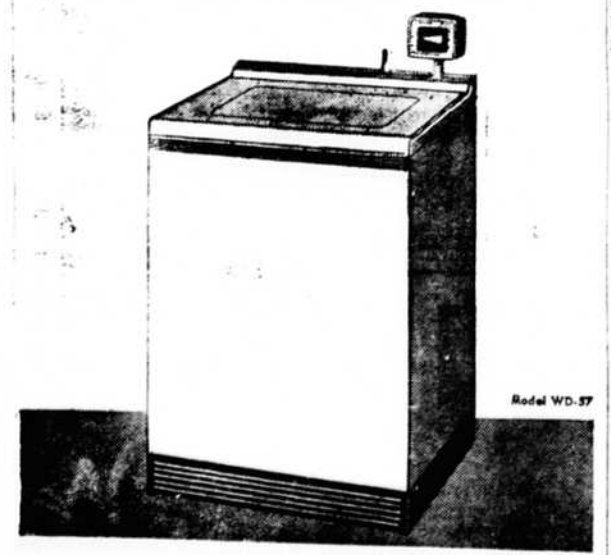
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