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SAMPLE OFFICIAL BALLOT

"Nickels for Know-How" Program for Expanding Agricultural Research

(As authorized by the 1951 session of the General Assembly of
North Carolina)

([X] VOTE FOR ONE)

- For adding 5¢ per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for a period of three years for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North Carolina.
- Against adding 5¢ per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for a period of three years for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North Carolina.

Ballots like the one shown here will be used in the "Nickels for Know-How" referendum in which farm people will decide whether they are to contribute five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer to support expansion of agricultural research and teaching in the State. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including wives and husbands as well as 4-H, FFA, and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote. The plan must be approved by two-thirds of those voting to become effective. Proceeds would be turned over to the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., at State College to promote research, education, and extension work for the benefit of farm people.

'Nickels-for-Knowhow' Plan Up for Approval on Saturday

North Carolina farm people will go to the polls Saturday, November 3, to vote on the "Nickels for Know-How" plan for financing more agricultural research and education in the State. Polls will be open from 6:30 a. to m. 6:30 p. m. Regular PMA polling places will be used.

All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including women as well as 4-H, FFA, and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote. No special registration is required. Each person may vote at the polling place which is most convenient for him, regardless of whether it is in his own township.

Two-thirds approval is required to make the plan effective.

The referendum covers a period of three years. To be continued beyond that time, the plan would have to be renewed by referendum in 1954.

Agricultural leaders have been urging for the past several weeks that every eligible person vote. The size of the vote cast, they say,

will indicate how much interest farm people have in solving their production and marketing problems.

The "Nickels for Know-How" plan, worked out by farm leaders themselves, calls for an assessment of five cents per ton to be added to the cost of all feed and fertilizer sold in the State. The average farmer would pay about 25 cents a year, and the total amount collected would be approximately \$125,000 a year. All of the proceeds would be turned over to the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., at State College to promote research and the dissemination of research findings.

No expense would be involved in collecting the money. This would be done at the manufacturer's by the State Department of Agriculture, along with collection of regular inspection fees.

Agricultural leaders point out that the nickel per ton assessment would be a contribution and not a tax. Any farmer desiring to do so could obtain a refund of all the money he had paid in

Outstanding Agricultural Leaders Endorse Proposed Research Plan

"Nickels for Know-How," a plan to expand agricultural research and education in North Carolina through a farmer contribution of five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer, has been endorsed by some of the State's outstanding agricultural, business, and civic leaders.

Farmers will vote on the plan in a special referendum on November 3.

M. G. Mann says the nickel-per-ton contribution, if approved in the referendum, "will prove within the next quarter of a century to be the greatest investment ever made by farm people."

President Gordon Gray of the Consolidated University of North Carolina endorses the plan "enthusiastically." He expresses the hope that farmers "will vote overwhelmingly for the program."

Clarence Poe, veteran editor of The Progressive Farmer, calls upon farmers to vote unanimously in favor of the "Nickels for Know-How." He says research has given the State disease-resistant

tobaccos, higher corn yields, and many other advantages.

The president of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, Mrs. H. M. Johnson of Route 5, Kinston, says the program will mean "better homes, higher standards of living, and better rural living in its entirety."

Archie K. Davis, chairman of the marketing committee of Forsyth County's Long Range Farm program, says research is needed to help North Carolina "realize the great potential that lies ahead for agriculture."

Endorsements also have come from Edwin Pate and R. D. McLaurin, both of Laurinburg, as well as from many other business and agricultural leaders.

Polling places for the referendum will be the same as those used in PMA elections. Voting hours will be 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including husbands, wives, and 4-H, FFA, and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote.

Value of Veterans Training Program Told to Rotarians

The contributions made to this community in money and learning by the Veterans Program headed by Ed Ellington were described by Melvin Massey, who assists in the work, at the Friday night meeting of the Zebulon Rotary Club held in the Wakelon Home Economics Building. The interesting history of the work from its beginning in 1946 was traced by the speaker.

Nearly a third of a million dollars has come to the Zebulon community because of the program. Veterans who derive their living from agriculture have been able to purchase their own farms and study the ways of improving their farming.

Included in the benefits the Veterans Training Program has given to the community is the large addition to the agriculture building at Wakelon which houses the thousands of dollars worth of new equipment purchased through the program.

During the business session, the Rotarians pledged active support of the Zebulon Boy Scouts Troop. The problems of directing the Boy Scout activities and securing a Scout Master had caused some Rotarians to feel that, for the good of the troop, some other organization should be given an opportunity to assist with the work. After lengthy discussion, however, the Rotarians promised wholehearted support of Scouting and voted to continue sponsoring the troop.

Questions and Answers On Agricultural Research Concerning 'Nickels' Plan

What is the "Nickels for Know-How" proposal?

It is a plan to expand agricultural research and teaching through a contribution of five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer.

Who originated it?

North Carolina's farm leaders. The 1951 General Assembly passed an enabling act that gives farm people the opportunity to contribute directly for expanded research if they approve it in a referendum on November 3. The North Carolina Grange, Farm Bureau, and Agricultural Foundation are charged with conducting the referendum.

What is the Agricultural Foundation?

It is a corporation made up of farmers and farm leaders to receive contributions for supporting research and education.

Why a special contribution? Why don't we pay for more research out of tax money?

North Carolina has such a diverse agriculture — such a varied climate, so many different crops, insects, diseases, and weed problems — that even the generous appropriations passed by the last two legislatures fall far short of providing enough to carry on this needed research work.

Is it a nickel per ton or a nickel per bag?

It's a nickel per ton. That figures out to only about a fourth of a penny per 100-pound bag.

COTTON QUIZ

HOW DOES COTTON RANK AS AN APPAREL FIBER?



ANS— AT THE TOP! APPROXIMATELY 2.6 TIMES AS MUCH COTTON IS USED IN WEARING APPAREL AS ALL OTHER FIBERS COMBINED!

Ladino Pasture Is Needed on Farms

What's the one thing, above all others, that a farmer needs on his place? A Tractor? Refrigerator? Television set? Automobile?

All these things are fine, but they're not as important as having a good Ladino clover pasture, believes Sonny Leathers, Negro farmer of Fletchers Grove community, Wake County.

Leathers says a farmer needs a Ladino pasture even if his farm is only half an acre in size. He reached this conclusion, according to W. C. Daveport, Wake Negro farm agent for the State College Extension Service, after observing pastures on the farm of Willie Chavis in the same community.

Stay in the Pasture

"Willie's mules and cows stay in the pasture and are just as fat and round as a butterball," Leathers told Agent Daveport. "That's what makes me want a pasture," he added.

This fall Leathers laid off a four-acre plot, prepared the seedbed carefully, and sowed the area to Ladino clover and orchard grass. By next summer he expects to have some good grazing for this livestock.

Daveport says many other Negro farmers throughout Wake County have also seeded improved pasture this fall.

Winter Rye Grass from Smothering Garden Time: Rake Leaves to Save

By Robert Schmidt

If you have planted a new lawn or have sown ryegrass for a winter lawn, you should be well aware of the fact that the leaves are falling rapidly from the deciduous trees and that they must be raked from the lawn before they smother the young grass. What to do with them?

Many people burn them, but that is a waste of good organic matter which is badly needed in our soils. Save this organic matter by composting the leaves to form leaf mold which may then be dug into the soil or used as a mulch.

A simple way of making leaf mold is to place a 12-inch layer of leaves on the ground and wet them down. Then apply about one cup of 6-8-6 fertilizer for each 10 square feet of leaf pile surface. Continue to pile alternate layers of leaves and fertilizer until all

Community Chest Drive to Begin Wednesday Morn

The Community Chest Drive will shift into high gear this week with solicitors making an effort to contact everyone in the community, Chairman Gilbert Beck stated yesterday. No goal has been set for the drive, but the four agencies participating in the Community Chest this year will require a greatly increased amount of money over last year.

Included in the agencies receiving Community Chest Aid are both white and colored Boy and Girl Scout Troops, the community recreation program, and funds to provide for emergency welfare cases.

Business establishments will be contacted on Wednesday of this week, Chairman Beck said.

Serving on the Board of Directors for the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce are Worth Hinton, Willie B. Hopkins, Carlton T. Mitchell, Mrs. Vance Brown, and Mrs. Wallace Temple.

Harold Taylor, working with the colored Boy Scout Troop, will serve as head of the drive among the colored people.

Tomorrow night Chairman Beck will meet with the heads of the Boy and Girl Scout organizations to map out a campaign to contact every person in Zebulon and give them an opportunity to contribute.

"A quarter or a half-dollar does not amount to much by itself," the Chest head said, "but added together they will go a long way toward making up the money needed by the Zebulon Community Chest."

Those not contacted may mail their contributions to Chairman Gilbert Beck or the Zebulon Record.

Local Man Serves With WB-29 Unit

New records for Boeing WB-29 Superfort engine performance have been announced by the 56th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron of the Air Weather Service. The large planes are operated from a base in Japan.

The squadron claims a record for the engine time of 612 hours and 55 minutes flown in May of 1951 on an aircraft maintained by Master Sergeant Walter A. Oakley of Zebulon and members of his crew.