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## TAR HEEL BANKER MAGAZINE WORRIES

### Farmers in Bad Shape

Democrats and Republicans may be at each others' throats in this hot election year — but there's one thing on which they apparently agree: America's farmers are in bad shape.

They disagree to some extent, however, on just how bad the farmer's plight really is.

The February issue of The Tarheel Banker, official publication of the North Carolina Bankers Association, carries articles written by a host of farm leaders, State and national. The comments range from that of Secretary of Agriculture Benson, who pledges a study of the "price margins between the producer and the consumer," to that of M. G. Mann, head of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperation Association, who says

that the nation needs a "new doctor" to cure the nation's farm illness.

Here are some of the views as voiced by the farm leaders in the bankers' magazine:

Secretary Benson: "Farm income should move in the same direction . . . American farmers produced a record volume of crops (last year) . . . The purchase power of farmers must not be allowed to continue its downward course."

Benson charged that the farmers' plight was emphasized by a "round of wage increases (in industry) and an increase in the cost of machinery and other equipment." Benson said that he would like to determine "how well these were justified in view of dimin-

ishing farm income."

Benson advanced the "soil bank" program, coupled with increased use of farm products, as ways which the Administration seeks to head off the downward economic trend of the farmers. Said he: "We are inflexible in our determination to restore the purchasing power of agriculture through sound policies which will remain valid over the long pull."

U. S. Senator Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, says that "American agriculture, especially the small farmer, is in a dangerous situation." He sees the possibility of another great depression if something isn't done to curb the decline in farm income.

Ellender promises that the Senate will receive a three-pronged farm bill which would (1) expand the program of surplus disposal, (2) stimulate the production of "high-quality, readily salable commodities," and (3) "some form of soil fertility bank."

But Ellender says the job cannot be done entirely by legislation. He calls for labor and industry to "join hands with agriculture in seeking the causes of today's farm depression."

Rep. Harold D. Cooley (D-NC) says that "we find ourselves forced to act in an atmosphere of emergency." Cooley, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, began by saying that "Hard times have settled again on the farms of America." Then he proceeds with criticism of Secretary Benson and a defense of mandatory rigging sup- (See FARMERS, Page 8)

### Kemp Acquitted in Court; All-Night Sing Tickets Sell

Frank Oliver Kemp, president of the Zebulon Lions Club and chief proponent of its campaign to raise money for uniforms for the Wakelon School band, was acquitted of violating North Carolina lottery laws in Raleigh City Court last Friday morning by Judge Albert Doub.

Kemp, who was arrested by Raleigh Police Chief Tom Davis and Detective John Smith several weeks ago, had offered tickets to an all-night sing to members of the Raleigh Lions Club at a meeting

at the Carolina Hotel. Price of the tickets was \$1.00 each, and any person desiring to obtain a chance of a 1956 Chevrolet car could get one, he said.

Following the Lions meeting, Davis arrested Kemp for "conducting a lottery," and had Detective Smith issue a warrant for Kemp's arrest. No action was taken against Zebulon's Mayor Wilbur T. Debnam and former Mayor Worth Hinton, both of whom accompanied Kemp to the meeting.

Detective Smith testified that Kemp told him that he was selling tickets to an all-night sing and giving away chances on an automobile, and that the arrest was made as a consequence of this admission, coupled with the police chief's statement that Kemp's actions constituted "operating a lottery."

Police Chief Davis did not appear to testify at the trial. His office said that he was "in conference" during the trial. Immediately after the hearing, he released a statement to the press and radio which said that he would not again press for court action against persons conducting similar operations.

The all-night sing project was planned with the aid of legal counsel, Kemp said, with partic- (See ACQUITTED, Page 8)

### Shepard Club To Give Play

"Strictly Confidential" by J. V. Barrett, a three-act comedy, will be presented by the Drama Club of the Shepard High School Wednesday night, February 1, in the school auditorium.

Mrs. A. H. Stallings, director, has announced the cast. They include Bobby Peacock, Mildred Taylor, Alma Holland, Rebecca Taylor, Mildred Goodwin, James Lucas, Carolyn High, Frankie Ingram, Fredricka Mitchell, Henry Richardson and Lanura Williams.

The public is invited. There will be a small admission charged.

### Brown Is Favorite Color At Furniture Exposition

Brown is still the number one color as far as fabrics are concerned, Norman and Helen Screws said after returning from a buying trip.

The attended the North Carolina Furniture Exposition held in High Point Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

They said that the lighter shades of furniture are still in the limelight. Everything is running towards the lighter finishes, even mahogany.

Nothing is too outdacious in style or design, they said. Most of the styles and designs will mix either with the modern or the contemporary or traditional.

The manufacturers are now making furniture with comfort in mind. The functional type is catching on strongly and becoming the thing. Furniture with a two-fold purpose is being catered to.

One of the most unique and un-

sual innovations they saw was the electrically operated hide-a-bed. This sofa-type bed has a button which when pushed will convert the sofa into a regular bed.

Whitley Furniture Company, Inc., will have one of these electrically operated hide-a-beds on display very soon.

Plastics, they found are still in vogue. Although the non-reinforced type plastic is well on the way out. They also found that plastics are becoming more with a cloth-type texture effect.

Fruit woods, such as cherry, maple, and walnut, are still going very good. Wrought iron is holding its own, too.

The building that houses the exposition has 25 acres of floor space, and every inch of this space is filled. During the two weeks' show, more than 6,000 buyers are expected.

### Wakelon Splits Twin Cage Bill

By Leary Davis

The Wakelon boys lost to Wendell by a score of 68 to 63 in a basket ball game here Friday night. The 3 point edge Wendell had was largely because of the ratio of fouls called in the game. Wakelon had 20 fouls charged against them to a scant 7 called against Wendell. Only 1 foul was called against Wendell in the first half, but despite this, Wakelon had a 12 point halftime lead.

Brodie Baker scored 37 points for Wendell, 17 of them free throws. Carlton Debnam had 20 points for Wakelon while Robert Jenkins and Tony Pearce donated 12 and points.

The girls white-washed the Wendell girls by a 62-43 score. Peggy Richardson again led the Wakelon scoring with 33 points. The Wakelon girls have lost only 1 game in conference play.

The Junior Varsity won 16-14 to gain their sixth straight victory and gave them a 6-1 won-lost record. Wawelon plays Wendell there tonight.

### UNITED FUND

Unless you desire to remain on the Board of Directors of the United Fund for 1956, please attend the Board meeting to be held Thursday night, Feb. 2, in the Municipal Building. Mrs. Ferd Davis, secretary, has announced.

## Steering Committee Is Named for Finer Carolina Project

### HERE'S HANK



HANK KITCHINGS

### Wakelon Grad Leads AF Team

Hank (Henry B.) Kitchings, athlete par excellence, led his team to victory in the hoop tourney at Tachikawa Air Force Base, Japan.

The Aircraft Repair club emerged winners at the East side pre-season I-M hoop tourney by defeating a stubborn equipment Repair quint 34 to 31 in the championship game.

Kitchings led his team in scoring and rebounding. The club has previously lost the opener but bounced back to win eight straight and the title.

Hank is a graduate of Wakelon (See GRAD, Page 8)

### Chairman Frank Kemp Includes Leaders From All Civil Clubs

Frank Kemp, General Chairman, Finer Carolina Community Project for 1956, announces the appointment of the following members to the Steering committee:

Mrs. Doris Privette will represent the school and recreation; Melvin Massey will represent the American Legion; The Town of Zebulon and the Lions Club will have as its representative Wilbur Debnam; Ed Hales will represent the Merchants and the Farm Bureau; Ferd Davis is appointed from the Rotary Club; Mrs. Irby D. Gill from the Senior Woman's Club; Mrs. George Tucker will represent the Garden Club; the Chamber of Commerce will have Aaron Lowery as its representative; Rev. Troy Barrett will represent Church and Community; and Mrs. Gilmer Parrish, President of the Junior Woman's Club will com- (See PROJECT, Page 8)

### Mothers' March Nets Fifty Dollars Thursday

Fifty dollars was collected Thursday night when the Mothers Marched on Polio. Collections were made at the sign of a light burning on the porches of contributors.

Those participating in this drive were Mrs. George H. Temple, Mrs. Armstrong Cannady, Mrs. Marguerite Jones, Mrs. Stephen Blackley, Mrs. Exum Chamblee, Mrs. Wallace Chamblee, Mrs. Fred Page and Miss Frances Walser.

## Tractor Schools Planned Here on Monday, Feb. 6

Two Tractor Schools are scheduled for this area on Monday, February 6. The first one will be held at Wendell High School Agriculture Building at 10:00 a.m., according to H. H. Boling, Agriculture teacher at Wendell School. The second one will be held at Zebulon at 2:30 p.m. at the Wakelon High School Agriculture Building, according to Mr. E. D. Ellington, Agriculture teacher here. One of these is the school that got snowed out about two weeks ago and has been re-scheduled, and the other has been added.

Mr. J. C. Ferguson and John W. Glover, Agriculture Engineering Extension Specialists will hold the schools. Mr. Boling and Mr. Ellington stated that they will try to reach as many people who actually operate tractors as possible and stated that a good program of daily maintenance by the operators, sometimes doubles or triples the life of a tractor and they felt that with farm costs going up and farm prices remaining about the same or on the decline, it was necessary for the farmer to take

all steps possible to reduce his cost of production. As was stated in this paper about two weeks ago, the school will cover operator care and daily maintenance of the farm tractor, dealing chiefly with the following topics:

1. General principles of the internal combustion engine.
2. Tractor fuels and carburetor adjustment.
3. Air cleaners and importance of service.
4. Lubricants and lubrication.
5. Oil filters, their importance and function.
6. Cooling systems, care and cleaning.
7. Ignition systems, spark plugs and correct engine timing.
8. Tire care, wheel weighting, and hitching.
9. Tractor safety.
10. Operation and storage.

They will have sectioned air cleaners, oil filters' ignition assemblies, engine charts, etc., for classroom discussion. Two or three farmer-owned tractors of different makes will be used in demonstrating engine tune-up and emphasizing the importance of good maintenance.