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## Farm Group Supports Tobacco Control Plan

### Secretary Outlines Necessity of Quota System For Future

#### Tobacco Farmers Income Has Jumped From 35 to 309 Million Dollars

By R. FLAKE SHAW, Secretary North Carolina Farm Bureau

In 1932 the tobacco farmers were all broke. We had no program. In 1933 an attempt was made to produce and market tobacco in an orderly manner. Since that time, except for one year (1939), we have had some wind of a tobacco program supported by quotas either on acres or pounds and price support. In a ten-year period, the income of tobacco growers was advanced from approximately 35 million to 309 million dollars. Statistics will also show that similar gains were made in food and feed crops and living conditions were improved in a like manner throughout the tobacco producing states, much of which was made possible by the extra income from this crop.

In compliance with the request of many of the leading tobacco farmers who pioneered with the quota provisions of the law when it was an unpopular issue and had to be sold and proved to many of our leaders, Congress has seen fit to grant a special privilege to this group by the passage of a Joint Resolution No. 144. The responsibility rests with the tobacco grower to reaffirm his faith in the quota provisions of the tobacco act. This is considered the most important referendum ever held, since the government has forced abandonment of quotas on all other crops except tobacco, and unless a large percent of our tobacco growers go out and express their approval in this referendum, in my opinion, Congress next year will fail to give us the privilege of voting for quotas for 1945.

The Food and Feed Program is Item No. 1 in our defense program. I realize that the tobacco farmers of North Carolina are as patriotic as any other group in the nation, but if we sell our 1943 tobacco crop for an average of 40 cents per pound and quotas at the same time are taken off of tobacco for 1944, there will be a large number of our farmers who will transfer from food and feed production into the wholesale production of flue-cured tobacco. Another contributing factor to this switch has been the collapse in price of most perishable food crops in the State this year.

Price support means to the tobacco farmers exactly what the Minimum Wage and Hour Law means to the laboring man. We know now that regardless of what happens to the war or anything else, the 1943 tobacco crop cannot sell for less than 90 percent of parity. This guarantee perhaps will not mean much to us this year, but within a short time after the end of this war, it will very likely be the economic salvation of the tobacco farmers in this section. Price support by the Government on flue-cured tobacco is absolutely contingent upon controlled production and the very day that we suspend quotas we automatically waive our right as producers to ask the Government to guarantee our price.

The purpose of quotas on flue-cured tobacco is to limit the production to its proper relationship to the demand and to avoid huge surpluses that will hang over the heads of the farmers and necessitate heavy expenditures on the part of the manufacturers in the form of processing, storage, insurance and interest on their investments. Quotas at the same time guarantee a fair income to the farmer for his labor year in and year out. Quotas are democratic in that all producers of the commodity affected are entitled to an equal vote regardless of whether he produces 1-2 acres or 100 acres. We realize that in order for quotas to be effective we must have the overwhelming approval of the producers. Therefore, we require a two-thirds majority before quotas are declared law. Tobacco quotas are not monopolistic because we have always made ample provision for adjustments, elimination of inequality, and even permit two per cent annually to go to new growers of flue-cure tobacco, thereby showing that the people who have built the industry and developed the trade are not selfish in the process of its

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### Lightning And Heavy Rain Reported Sunday

A rain storm, accompanied by lightning and some wind, was reported in the Oak City area Sunday afternoon. General rains were reported, but they were fairly light in most sections.

Some corn was blown down, and lightning "knocked" the lights out in parts of Oak City late that afternoon.

## School Authorities Fill Seven Faculty Positions in County

### Nineteen More Teachers Needed in Schools

The teacher shortage in this county, aggravated by a flood of recent resignations, was partly relieved last week-end when seven positions were filled. School authorities, despite nineteen vacancies now existing, are more hopeful following the last week-end sign-up. They believe that there is some doubt if all the positions can be filled in time to start the new term in September with a full teaching force.

The Jamesville committee made some progress last evening when Otis C. Freeman was elected to succeed P. B. Britton who resigned to accept a position in the Northampton schools. Mr. Freeman, a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers' College, taught at Jonesboro and served as principal of the Newland school in Pasquotank and the Dover school in Craven County. Mrs. Freeman, formerly of Rocky Mount, was also elected to the Jamesville faculty, and she will succeed Miss Parks, resigned. The elections leave three places, second and fifth grades and mathematics in the high school, to be filled there, it was learned.

There are four openings in the Farm Life school, first and second and sixth and seventh grades, home economics and English and French. It is admittedly doubtful if elections will follow immediately.

Mrs. Ethlyn Jackson, of Atlanta, Ga., has been named first grade teacher in the Bear Grass school to succeed Mrs. Ben Courtney, resigned. Mrs. Jackson has taught in the schools of Florida and Georgia for sixteen or more years, and is a very capable teacher. Four positions, third, fourth, fifth and seventh grades, are yet to be filled. A contract has been mailed for a seventh grade teacher, and an appointment is expected for the fourth grade position, but teachers for the other two positions are not immediately available.

Three contracts have been closed with teachers for positions in the Williamston school. Miss Lamina Baker, of Washington, is succeeding Miss Clarine Duke as first grade teacher. A graduate of East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, she has taught in the schools at Knightdale and Apex for the past eight years. Her sister, Miss Evelyn Baker, is succeeding Mrs. Bill Forrest, as commercial teacher. Also a graduate of East Carolina Teachers' College, she comes from the Apex school. Miss Flora Bethune, of Lumberton, has been named to succeed Miss Emma Hall Baker as fourth grade teacher. Two positions remain vacant, one in the first and the other in the English department. The first is virtually filled and applications for the remaining position are being considered by Principal Hix, it was learned.

The three positions now vacant in the Everetts school will be filled shortly, it is understood.

The Robersonville faculty is complete. No changes are being made at Gold Point, Hassell and Hamilton.

Miss Frances Hemby, an honor student at A. C. College where she was graduated this year, is succeeding Miss Lucy Pat Meads, of Weaverville, in the English and French department at Oak City. Miss Meads resigned to enlist in the Waves. Three positions, home economics, fourth and sixth grades, are yet to be filled there.

## Vacation Travel On "A" Card Explained

Recent information released by gas rationing administrators has been a bit confusing to motorists in this area. It has been pointed out that the information applies only in the critical area in which the pleasure driving ban is effective. Since the pleasure driving ban is not effective in this area, persons are allowed to drive in this area without restrictions on vacation or other purposes to the extent that their "A" rationing will allow such travel. No supplemental rationing is to be issued for vacation travel under any circumstances.

It was also pointed out that if a person uses all his "A" card gas to travel to the beach, he is not entitled to extra rations to drive on personal matters such as shopping, attending church, visiting and so on. It means that the motorist has 360 miles of travel allotted him for four months, that he may use it in any way he wishes. However, there is some doubt if he is at liberty to drive for pleasure in the restricted areas or in those areas where pleasure driving is under ban.

### County Girl Instructor In Army Radio Telephone

Aux. Effie Sparrow, a member of the Woman's Army Corps who returned to the county for a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Griffin Stone, states that she is finding her duties very interesting. Stationed at Orlando, Florida, she is an instructor in radio telephone in the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics.

## TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from)

### RATION REMINDER

Gasoline—"A" book coupons No. 7, good for four gallons each outside East coast shortage area, must last through September 21. Within the shortage area "A" book coupons No. 6, good for three gallons each, are valid July 22. "B" and "C" coupons are good for one-half gallon each.

Sugar—Stamp No. 13 good for 5 pounds through August 15. Stamp Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 pounds each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local ration boards for more if necessary.

Coffee—Stamp No. 22 (1 lb.) good through August 11.

Fuel Oil—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones through Sept. 30. Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rationing zones are good for four gallons each.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) is valid through October 31.

Meat, etc.—Red stamps P, Q, and R good through July 31.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps N, P, and Q remain valid through August 7th.

### Marvin Jones' Crop Report

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said recently that, on the average, farmers are meeting this year's production goals for field crops. Earlier reports indicated that livestock and livestock products also will reach production goals. Mr. Jones said: "We will have enough food in this country—given at least average weather for the rest of the year—to give civilians adequate and healthful diets, in addition to meeting military and other essential wartime requirements. This does not mean, of course, that there is any better chance than appeared earlier for having all the food that civilians would like to buy, or that civilian supplies for some individual items will not be far below the demand."

"For some important crops—including rice, oats, flaxseed, and potatoes, estimated 1943 acreage is well above the year's goals."

"Acreage of corn, hay, barley, grain sorghums, cotton and tobacco is about at the goals. Acreage of sweet potatoes, dry field beans, peanuts and sugar beets is below 1943 goals."

### Soldiers' Life Insurance

Soldiers—at home or abroad—are reminded that less than three weeks remain in which they can get National Service Life Insurance without a physical examination. Until August 10, 1943, every application will be accepted regardless of the individual's medical condition. After August 10 a rigid physical examination will be required.

### Program to Avoid Clothes Rationing

A program to make clothes rationing unnecessary, recently announced by Donald M. Nelson, chairman of WPB, contains these six points: (1) increased production, (2) orderly and adequate distribution, (3) more "volume" merchandise, (4) allocation of materials to essential needs, (5) increased imports of burlap, and (6) proper care of clothing by consumers. There is an adequate supply of textiles to meet civilian needs, the WPB has determined.

### Farmers Will Get Gasoline

Farmers are entitled to first call in receiving motor fuel when they present valid "E", "R" or bulk coupons or ration checks which are issued pursuant to Ration Order 5-C of the Office of Price Administration. Dealers (whether retail or wholesale) must accord them this privilege. This means, that if necessary, the dealer shall not deliver any motor fuel for any non-agricultural or non-military use until these preferred demands have been "satisfied"—statement by Acting Petroleum Administrator for War Ralph K. Davies.

### Lairy Products Supplies

Civilians will get 8 of every 10 pounds of butter produced in the year which began July 1, the War Food Administration has announced. The Armed forces will get 1-2 pounds, and the Russian Army will get 1-2 pound. Civilians will also get 5 1-2 of every 10 pounds of cheese, and 4 1-3 cases of evaporated milk out of every 10.

### Dry Beans for Civilians

Civilians will get more dry beans and peas this year than they consumed in 1942, said the WFA in announcing allocations of these foods. More than half of the 22,200,000 hundred pound bags of beans will go to civilians, who will also get 1,624,500 bags of dry peas—more than were eaten in 1942, and 76,000 bags more than the 1935-39 average civilian consumption.

### Canned Vegetables and Fruits

Nearly 70 per cent of the canned vegetables, and 53 per cent of the canned fruits and juices available in the next 12 months will go to feed civilians. These quantities, allocated by the WFA for the 12 months (Continued on page six)

## Report a Growing Opposition To Tobacco Control in South

when they see and feel it, that they will turn out in large numbers and support the quota system in the tobacco referendum, next Saturday. But reports reaching here directly and indirectly from Georgia and South Carolina clearly indicate that the opposition to the plan is growing by leaps and bounds.

Anderson and Gray, Martin County, were the first to voice their opposition. They were contacted for past few days very displeased. Hundreds of them will vote against the program. Similar reports are coming out of South Carolina. And there is an apparent indifference right here in this belt. R. Flake Shaw, North Carolina Farm Bureau Secretary, Extension leaders, State Department of Agriculture leaders and

year, perhaps, but for future years. Martin County farmers will vote on Saturday of this week between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. at eleven places as follows: Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Hassell, Dalton and Oak City. Poplar Point farmers will vote in the agricultural building in Williamston. The voting places will be located as near as possible to the regular precinct polls. Regular community committeemen will conduct the referendum in the various districts. Farmers who are short of gas or who have no way of their own to ride to the voting places are urged to catch a ride with someone else, ride a bicycle, walk or by any and all means participate in the referendum.

## Man Is Fined \$500 for Liquor Law Violation

### BOARD HOURS

Beginning next Monday, July 25 the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board office will be closed each Monday, Tuesday and Saturday afternoon. The employees will continue their work during those afternoons, but their attention will be centered on reports and record filing. It will be impossible to keep the office open to the public during those afternoons if the records and other work are to be properly handled with the present force, it was explained. The general public is asked to note the change in the office hours and act accordingly when planning a trip to the board. The offices open each morning at 8 o'clock, close at noon for one hour, and reopen at 1 until 5 p. m. except on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

## St. Sgt. Dan Peele Writes from Pacific

Writing from the far Pacific area, St. Sgt. Dan Peele, popular Martin County young man and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Peele, states that he is feeling fine, sends greetings to all the folks back home and adds, "I'll be home when it is over." Dan said in his letter under date of July 9, "I want to write and tell you how much I enjoy The Enterprise. I always look forward to it, and even if it is a little old before it reaches me there's still a lot of news in it for me, and things I like to know. It helps me to keep up with a lot of the boys too and how they are doing."

"I read Jimmy Watts' letter and I greatly enjoyed it. But tell him that it is nothing compared with what I saw one time. I guess it's pretty rough where he is though. Sammy Taylor wrote a good letter, too, and all of them are enjoyed."

Before leaving home in April, 1941, Dan was asked if he was going to join the mule division. Not knowing much about the Army, he asked just what he was supposed to do. When advised that he would be required to lead a mule 15 miles a day if he signed up for that division, he readily allowed that that would be a promotion for him since he had been following the mule all his life. But the young man comes a long way and says that even following a mule was the real life compared with what he is now doing. In his own words, he said, "Remember what I said about following that jackass before I left home. Well, that was the real life. There's nothing better and I should know for I have done a little of practically everything now."

### Ration Board Panel Case Pending In This County

The case charging Rowland Holliday with speeding is still pending before the rationing board panel in this county. Calling the case last Friday night, the board learned that the defendant received his "C" gas book in Edenton and his "A" book in Burlington. The case was turned over to the State office for assignment.

### Waive Preliminary Hearing In Assault Case Monday

Columbus Daniel, colored, charged with seriously assaulting Griffin Taylor, white, with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, waived his rights to a preliminary hearing here yesterday and Justice J. L. Hassell sent the case to the superior court. Bond was required in the sum of \$250, but the amount was not raised immediately.

## Late Reports State Sicilian Defenders In General Retreat

### Artists Preparing for War With Japan To Last Until The Year 1949

As the second week of fighting in Sicily nears a close, Allied forces on land, sea and in the air have many accomplishments to add to their noble war records, late reports state that the island defenders were in general retreat. Not all the fighting is over there by any means, but the Axis forces are having the land bombed from under their feet and the complete fall of Sicily is believed now to be a matter of time. There are growing signs of mutiny among the Italian soldiers, one report declaring that they are surrendering in organized groups. American forces have driven past Enna in central Sicily, and the invaders now hold a sizable portion of the island. General Montgomery's men have driven into Catania and are less than 65 miles from Messina, important base just across from the Italian mainland.

Mussolini hasn't been seen in some time, and unrest is growing in Italy which the Allies could now invade with telling power, it is believed. The Italian fleet is bottled up, its destruction having been staid possibly with the idea that it might fall into Allied hands, sooner or later. The Allies have the sky to themselves, they have control of the sea in that area and there is adequate shipping. Only time will reveal the plans.

The air attack on Rome yesterday was like a thunderbolt. The Vatican was said to be disgusted with the raid, but important war movements and equipment were wrecked, saving lives of Americans, Canadians and British over in Sicily. Jimmy Doolittle was congratulated today, but it could not be learned if he led the 500 planes over the big target. Five Allied planes out of 500 were lost.

In Russia, the Red Army is resulting a trap around Orel, and its results are expected to equal those of Stalingrad. Fighting is progressing all along the 1,800-mile front, especially in the South. Germany is admitting to its people that the strength of the Russians had been grossly underestimated. An alleged attempt to negotiate a peace with Russia is said to have failed, the Russians making fools out of the peace negotiators.

Good news also comes out of the Pacific, but observers here offer a long and dark picture of the war with Japan. Military observers stated today that the Pacific war will likely last until 1949. At any rate, preparations are being made at that estimate. Navy Secretary Knox today said that complacency resulting from the good war news was unwarranted in the face of what was yet to be accomplished.

The war news from the Pacific stated that the Americans were on the outskirts of Munda on New Georgia island. In the north Pacific, American bombers have again pounded the Japanese "Pearl Harbor," about 765 miles from Attu. Possibly the most encouraging bit of news from the Pacific is that telling of the increasing strength of Allied airpower. Recent raids on Japanese shipping in the Solomons area were made by as many as 200 planes. This number, while small compared with the raids in the European theater, is large when it is remembered that the scrap was carried on by the Americans with as few as a half dozen planes at times.

### Urges Support for Canning Project In Oak City School

Club members and patrons and friends of the canning project, it is time to can if we expect to save vegetables during this rainy period. Please notify Miss Hattie Everett, Palmyra, just what you can do and how many vegetables you can donate for the school lunch room in Oak City. This will, at least, be a small part for us during this war period in helping out those who cannot help themselves. The following have made a beginning in canning: Mrs. J. A. Rawls, 6 quarts of pickles; Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, 8 quarts of beans; Mrs. H. M. Ainsley, 6 quarts of pickles; and Mrs. L. J. Davenport, 8 quarts of beans. It seems that six quarts have been selected as first donation. We understand others will be ready this week and Miss Everett will be glad to get in touch with you and arrangements will be made for the distribution of jars.—H. M. Ainsley, principal.

### Colored Man Charged With Selling Liquor

Willie Clifton Davis, colored, was formally charged with selling liquor in a warrant this week after Officers Joe and C. B., and John Roebuck and Roy Peel raided his home on Washington Street last Saturday afternoon. When the raid struck, an alleged customer had just laid 50 cents on the table and was taking a drink. Another potential customer was in line. Davis was said to have counteracted with a claim declaring he was giving the man a drink, that the fifty cents was waiting to be changed as just a matter of friendly accommodation.

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