

Small Reduction Ordered In Leaf Quotas For 1947

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A reduction in the flue-cured tobacco quota for 1947 that will average 14 percent on most individual farms was announced this week as the Agriculture Department laid plans for the July 12 tobacco referendum.

Total reduction will only be about nine percent, however, because of a reserve set up to increase allotments for small farms and to provide allotments for new farms.

The national marketing quotas for 1947 will be 1,148,000,000 pounds, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced. On the basis of 1941-45 yields, the 1947 acreage allotments will total about 1,141,000 acres as against 1,120,000 acres allotted for 1945, and 1,257,000 acres allotted for 1946. The 1947 acreage allotment includes a five percent "reserve" for small farms and new ones.

If 1947 plantings are normal in relation to the quota, the department said, and yields are average, a crop of about 1,080,000,000 pounds would result. Production in 1945 was 1,174,000,000 pounds, with a record high yield per acre. Production on the March 1, 1947 intended acreage would amount to 1,186,000,000 pounds.

"The national marketing quota is set on the basis of the supply and demand picture," the Department said. "The allotments for the 1946 crop were the highest in history after a 10 percent general increase was announced last January. The record 1946 allotment was made to produce flue-cured tobacco required to replenish war-depleted stocks in foreign countries and to provide adequate supplies for heavy domestic usage."

The Department said that presently available information indicates that a somewhat smaller crop will be needed in 1947.

However, the Department pointed out, the Secretary of Agriculture

Summer Schedule For Bookmobile

The monthly visit of the Bookmobile is scheduled for the week of July 8 through July 12. In addition to dozens of old favorites the bookmobile will bring to Martin County readers more than one hundred new books for children. An attractive assortment of recently received books for adult readers will also be available. Examples of recent additions to the book collection are:

Caribbean, Sea of the New World by German Arceiniegas.

Our Own Kind by Edward McSorley.

Then and Now by Somerset Maugham.

The Hucksters by Frederic Wakeman, and

Last Chapter by Ernie Pyle.

The schedule follows:

Monday, July 8

Edward's Service Station, 10; Sherrod Farm, 10:30; Hamilton Bank, 11; Gold Point, 1; Robersonville Public Library, 2:30.

Tuesday, July 9

Hassell, 10; Edmondson Service Station, 11:30; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 1; and Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 2:30.

Wednesday, July 10

Everetts, Ayers' Store, 10; Cross Roads Church, 12:15; House Community, 2; Parmele, Chesson's Station, 3.

Thursday, July 11

Griffin's Service Station, 9:15; and Farm Life, Manning and Gurnin Store, 10; Smithwick's Creek Community, 11; Corey's Cross Roads, 12; Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, 1:15; Wynne's Service Station, 2:30.

Friday, July 12

Dardens, Jordan's Store, 9:30; Browning's Store, 10:45; Ange Town, 11:45; Poplar Chapel Church, 1; Jamesville, 2.

This schedule will be followed throughout the summer months. Many steps will be made between those listed above. If you cannot meet the bookmobile at the stop in your community, please flag the truck as it passes your house or write to the Librarian, Regional Library, Box 65, Washington, North Carolina.

RAINFALL

Following a near record in May, rainfall threw this section slightly on the wet side last month. During last month, 6.07 inches of rain fell here, the precipitation being about one-half inch less than that recorded for June, 1945. However, nearly six inches of rain fell in May of this year to give this section its heaviest rainfall in any two months since June and July of last year. And the rains continue to fall.

During the first six months of this year, 24.77 inches of rain fell here as compared with 17.70 inches recorded in the first six months of 1945. July of last year had 8.20 inches which was one of the heaviest rainfalls for any month since July, 1943.

Propose Rotation Plan For Second Senatorial Group

Martin Would Get Senator
Every Four Years Under
Proposed Plan

Meeting a short time ago the Pamlico Democratic Executive Committee proposed a plan whereby a rotation plan would be observed for the nomination and election of state senators from this, the second district.

In a letter released under a recent date, A. Hugh Harris, chairman of the Pamlico Democratic Executive Committee, explained that such a plan had been proposed by his group, that support for the plan was being solicited. Under the plan, Martin County would be entitled along with Beaufort County a senator every four years, and each of the other five counties would be entitled to a senator every ten years. Chairman Harris, apparently apprised of the break-down in the rotation plan in effect, pointed out that Pamlico had not had direct representation in the State Senate in 46 years.

His letter reads, in part: "At the last meeting of the Pamlico County Democratic Executive Committee, I was instructed to contact each county democratic chairman in the second State Senatorial District and attempt to work out a rotation agreement whereby each county in the district could place a representative in the State Senate at regular intervals."

"No citizen of Pamlico County has represented the District in the senate in 46 years, even though we have been ably represented during this period. However, we feel that we should furnish a more frequently than we have in the past."

"It has been suggested to me that the district be divided up as follows: Beaufort and Martin Counties furnish one senator for each term, and the remaining five counties (Pamlico, Washington, Tyrell, Dare and Hyde) furnish one senator for each term; and that the counties in each subdivision of the district rotate the privilege of furnishing the candidate. In this way Beaufort and Martin counties would each get a senator every four years and each of the other five counties would get a senator every ten years."

"It is felt that such a method of cooperation would result in more democratic representation and greater general satisfaction as well as add potential strength to the Democratic party throughout the district."

No Peanut Quotas For the Year 1947

In accordance with a resolution passed by the National House of Representatives a short time ago, no quotas will be voted on for peanuts for 1947.

The action had the blessings of the Department of Agriculture.

It has been indirectly admitted that some of the new producing areas are not interested in establishing quotas until they build up acreage claims, meaning that when quotas are established again the old producing areas very likely will be called upon to make up the loss by surrendering some of their acreage.

County Hotel And Cafe Ratings Are Figured By Board

Report Shows Five Cafes
And Six Markets With
Grade A Ratings

Completing recently an inspection of cafes, markets, hotels and tourist homes in this county, Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord stated that most of the institutions were well kept. Five cafes, six meat markets and four hotels and tourist homes rated Grade A. According to the report no institutions were ordered closed on account of insanitary conditions.

Institutions with 90 or more points were graded A. Those with 80 to 90 points are listed B and those 70 to 80 are placed in the C group.

Cafe ratings were listed by Sanitarian Gaylord, as follows:

Griffins, Williamston, 92; Swanee River Club, Robersonville, 91.5; City, Robersonville, 91; Wilson Hotel Dining Room, Robersonville, 90.5; Central, Williamston, 90; Friendly Coffee Shop, Robersonville, 87.5; Roberson's, Williamston, 87; Pulp Mill, Plymouth, 85; The Martin, Williamston, 85; Clark's, Jamesville, 82; Duk-Inn, Williamston, 81; Big Apple, Robersonville, 80; Harris', Williamston, 77.5; Washington Street, Williamston, 75.5; Farmers', Robersonville, 74.5; Little Savoy, Williamston, 72; Andrews', Williamston, 71; Rogers', Williamston, 71.

Meat market ratings:

D. L. Hardy, Williamston, 92.5; Ward's, Williamston, 92; McClees, Williamston, 91.5; Colonial Stores, Williamston, 91; Everett's and Warren, Robersonville, 90; Page's, Robersonville, 90; H. Johnson's, Hamilton, 89; Bryan's, Robersonville, 86.5; H. S. Hardy's, Everett's, 85.5; B and B, Hamilton, 84.5; Williams', Robersonville, 83.5; Andrews', Williamston, 82.5; Sexton's, Jamesville, 82.5; Brown Brothers', Jamesville, 82; A. Johnson's, Hamilton, 82; Cherry's, Everett's, 81.5; Ayers', Oak City, 80.5; Daniel's, Oak City, 80.5; Robertson's, Williamston, 80.5; Edmondson and Cherry, Hamilton, 78; E. L. Brown's, Williamston, 77.5; Shaw's, Williamston, 75; Rogers', Williamston, 71; Sunny Side, Williamston, 70.5; O. S. Cowen's, Williamston, 70.

Ratings for tourist homes and hotels:

Dunning Place, Williamston, 93.5; The Oaks, Williamston, 93.5; Traveler's Rest, Williamston, 93.5; Wilson Hotel, Robersonville, 92.5; George Reynolds Hotel, Williamston.

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Town Board In Short Meeting

With very little business on their calendar, the local town commissioners were in session only a short time last Monday evening. Clerk G. H. Harrison who has attended the sessions with almost unflinching regularity for many years, was absent on account of other business.

A tree expert appeared before the board and reviewed a proposed contract whereby he would trim, "doctor" and fertilize all trees on public property for an estimated daily sum of \$48. He explained that the job would require about three months. No action was taken, the officials expressing the belief that it would be difficult to include the price in one year's budget.

Going before the board without a written application and references, Watsy Brown was denied a license to sell wine.

Their attention called to several street intersections where traffic is endangered by shrubs and trees on the corners, the commissioners directed the superintendent of streets to discuss the dangers with property owners and see if the obstacles could be removed. Several accidents have been reported on one or two of the corners.

Signs with speed limits printed on them were ordered placed at the town limits on the five highways leading into town.

Walter Johnson, his application properly prepared, was granted license to sell beer and wines, the latter for off-premises use.

No action was taken on the request of John S. Gurganus for a franchise to operate a bus service in the town.

WARNING

In accordance with instructions from Selective Service, the Martin County Draft Board is reviewing all cover sheets of registrants between the ages of 19 and 44 years. It has been pointed out that many of those in the group have become fathers since they registered but have not informed the board. They are urged to have birth certificates filed with the board immediately, because it is possible that some of the fathers will find their way into the service unless they bring their registration information up to date.

Upward Trend In Number Marriage Licenses Issued

Issuance Last Month Largest For Any June In Five Years

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by Register J. Sam Getzinger, the issuance maintaining an upward trend in the number of marriages reported since the war. While the issuance last month set no new record, it was the largest for any June since 1941. It was the second time this year that the issuance of licenses to white couples was greater than the number going to colored couples.

Licenses were issued, ten to white and nine to colored applicants, as follows:

White
Jodie D. Woodard, Jr., and Julia Clyde Waters, both of Williamston.

Aaron Brown and Dolly Biggs, both of Greenville.

Paul Winfred Melson of Williamston and Margie Ellen Wayne of New Bern.

William B. Clifton and Eleanor Peters, both of Plymouth.

Thomas Taylor and Janie Roberson, both of Williamston.

William Ward of Williamston and Helen Cherry of Washington.

William E. Rogers and Ela Faye Rogerson, both of RFD 2, Williamston.

Frank Caporale of New Britain, Conn., and Mamie Coburn of Williamston.

Leslie Ray Manning and Melba G. Freeman, both of Greenville.

Leo N. Atamanchuk of Plymouth and Margaret Ann Stotesbury of Pike Road, N. C.

Colored
James Edward Williams and Emma Lena Clemmons, both of Williamston.

Gaston Carr and Cora Little, both of Robersonville.

Lucas Williams and Leola Williams, both of Williamston.

Phillip Bazemore and Pearl Bazemore, both of Bertie County.

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Minor Highway Wreck Reported

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted in a freak highway accident near Parmele last Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Driving L. H. Rawls' 1936 Ford west on the highway, Francis Egan came up behind Geo. Washington McNair who was operating his 1936 Chevrolet without a tail light, one report stated. Egan turned but not in time to miss hooking fenders. Before the minor accident could be cleared, David W. Brown came along and struck the McNair car.

Damage was estimated by Patrolman W. E. Saunders at about \$55 to all three cars, \$25 to Rawls', and \$15 each to the McNair and Brown cars.

Makes Report On Tax Collections

Making his monthly report to the county commissioner this week, Tax Collector M. Luther Peel stated that all but \$6,689.33 of the \$182,362.47 tax levy for 1946 had been collected.

Of the \$194,361.51 levy for 1944, the collector stated that there was an uncollected balance in the sum of \$1,995.56. All but \$1,187.80 of the \$201,167.05 levy for 1943 had been collected, it was reported.

Warehouse Head Urging Support For Leaf Quotas

Program Has Increased the
Income From 112 To
513 Million Dollars

Describing as "most democratic" the National Referendum to be held on July 12, to determine whether marketing quotas will be continued on flue-cured tobacco, beginning with the 1947 crop, Fred S. Royster, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, urged all growers in the six flue-cured tobacco States to go to the polls and vote according to their own convictions.

"The referendum gives all growers affected the privilege to an equal vote regardless of whether he produces one-half acre or 100 acres," Royster declared. "Every tobacco grower should make a thorough study of the favorable prices received for his crop since quotas have been in effect to keep production in line with the demand."

Royster said that quotas have increased the tobacco growers' income from an approximate 112 million to 513 million dollars. He pointed out that in 1932, before marketing quotas were in effect, flue-cured tobacco sold for an average of only 11.6 cents per pound and when quotas were voted out in 1939, the price dropped from 22.2 cents for the previous year to 14.9 cents. The 1945 crop sold for an average of 43.7 cents per pound.

Approval of quotas will assure continuation of loans at 90 percent of the parity price to protect growers in the event tobacco does not bring a higher price. If quotas are not approved, the Government is not authorized to provide loans for the 1947 crop.

As to the present supply and demand picture, the 1946 crop is expected to supply enough tobacco to equal world consumption and to replenish a substantial part of the present foreign shortage. The future sales of our tobacco will depend upon the availability of dollar exchange which foreign countries can use to buy tobacco produced and also upon our success in selling our tobacco in competition with tobacco produced in other countries.

In voicing his approval of the continuation of quotas, Royster said that "marketing quotas will maintain sound production policies and should place the tobacco industry in a better position to develop the largest possible outlet for tobacco that will maintain fair

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Officers Destroy Two Distilleries

Raiding along the Williamston-Bear Grass Township boundary last Tuesday, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel destroyed two illicit distilleries. One of the plants, located just across the line in Bear Grass, was equipped with a 50-gallon capacity drum, a fifty-gallon cooler and one fermenter. No beer was found at the plant.

The second distillery, located in Williamston Township, had a 50-gallon copper kettle, two worms, two oil burners and six barrels of honey beer.

In Chicago's cash markets, which are not limited to the 5-cent advance, No. 2 yellow corn sold at \$2.10 to \$2.15 a bushel, compared with the OPA \$1.46 1-2 cent ceiling; oats were up 10 to 12 cents above OPA maximum. Egg futures opened from 8 to 1.1 cents higher. Onions were up 3 cents. No quotations were announced on butter because the market was confused.

Wool top futures opened at an advance of 4 cents a pound in the New York market, the equivalent of 40 points against a permissible rise of 100 points in a single session.

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At Philadelphia, one tenant reported his rent had been upped from \$70 to \$150 monthly.

At Kansas City, a landlord, describing a tenant as "an OPA pet," raised rental from \$47.50 to \$75 a month.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County's highways rounded out the first six months of 1946 with an all-time record for accidents. There was an average of nearly three accidents each week during the period, the count of injured running up to 60, the dead to three and a property damage in excess of \$18,000.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Twenty-Sixth Week
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1946 2 4 0 \$ 400
1945 0 0 0 000
Comparisons To Date
1946 69 60 3 13,070
1945 29 13 3 7,000

No Great Change In Local Price Figures

Food Costs Move
Upward Slightly
In Few Instances

General Increase Is Almost
Certain To Follow In
Short Time

No marked change in prices to consumers was noted locally during the first several days following the expiration of price controls administered by the Office of Price Administration. However, costs were increased in some few instances. Meats started moving back into the market the second day after price controls were allowed to die a natural death, but the prices averaged from a few cents to ten cents a pound higher than they did a week ago. Prices on staple items continue at the old levels, but they are likely to advance just as soon as the manufacturer's and wholesaler's increased costs are reflected in future purchases.

Milk prices, advanced locally to eighteen cents a quart a short time ago, are going to 21 cents a quart the middle of next week. Most of the newly proposed price increase will only offset a subsidy of approximately two cents a quart received by the producers in recent months but which expired along with the OPA last Sunday midnight.

While business and industrial leaders were giving "hold-the-line" pledges to consumers, and retailers generally held prices at OPA ceilings while sweating out the uncertainty of whether OPA will be revived, these things were happening in the markets:

In Chicago, cattle reached an all-time high of \$22 a 100 pounds, compared with last week's \$18 OPA ceiling. In Omaha, the price went to \$22.50.

Hogs went to \$20 in Indianapolis, highest in 27 years. In Chicago, top price was \$18.50, compared with last week's OPA \$14.85 ceiling.

Two-dollar wheat returned to this country for the first time since 1925.

Official quotations on some wholesale live poultry quickly matched previous black market prices in New York, with some advances as high as 22 cents a pound over previous ceilings.

The commodities markets were roaring with spectacular advances to the limit. In New York, cotton futures reached extreme gains of \$4.16 a bale, highest price since 1923-24. Prices slumped later in the session. Corn and barley advanced 5 cents.

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FIRST BLOSSOM

The first report of a cotton blossom for the 1946 season came from Mr. J. W. Cherry of the Hassell section. The blossom was found on the farm of Mr. Cherry early Monday afternoon.

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**Third Of Million
Britishers Killed**

A total of 357,116 Britons were killed in the war, according to a White Paper presented by Prime Minister Attlee to Parliament a few days ago. Of these, 264,443 were in the armed forces and 60,595 were civilians. The army lost 154,079, the R. A. F. 9,606, and the navy 50,758. In addition, 30,248 were killed in the merchant navy and fishing fleets, 1,206 in the home guard, and 624 in the women's auxiliary services.

One report states that a man in a distant state was building something or other, and he ran out of lumber. Unable to get any that would match the first, he took his family and started a search. Some days later and several hundred miles from home, he found what he wanted on a Williamston lumber yard a short time ago and started the return trip home.

There are two brothers operating a lumber mill in the county, and each of them will do all in their power to accommodate people. One of the brothers sold a bill of lumber to a customer, but before the customer called for it, the other brother, thinking possibly the lumber had been sold but in the absence of certainty, listened to the pleadings of another purchaser. "We'll have to load it fast so we won't encounter trouble," the second brother explained. Just as the last board was being placed on the truck the first brother returned to the mill and explained, "That lumber has been sold." The other brother, making the best of the situation, said: "It certainly is, and I've the money in my hand."

Builders are seen together consulting one another and comparing notes. In some instances lumber meets lumber on the highway, one buyer making a purchase here and hauling it there, while another purchaser buys there and hauls it here. And prices, according to compared notes, vary as much as 75 and 100 percent in some instances.

**Courts Turn Over
\$869.88 to County**

In his monthly report to the commissioners, Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne, turned over to the treasurer a total of \$869.88 in court fines, forfeitures and costs for the month of June. Most of the amount, or \$780.25, was collected in the recorder's court, the superior tribunal handing over \$89.63.

Although it was in session only three times during June, the county court had an unusually high income rate.

**Good Return From
Forest Acreages**

Forty acres of pine forest have been under intensive management for eight years at the Cross-t Experimental Forest in south Arkansas, the project recently reporting that it has yielded posts, fuel, pupwood and sawlogs valued at \$14.55 per acre each year. It was pointed out that the farmer, after expenses, had an income of \$1.13 per hour for his labor in his woods.

Judge Smith Calls Sixteen Cases In The County Court

Fines Collected In Amount
Of \$430