

Republican Congress May End Leaf Control

RALEIGH—The death knell of tobacco acreage control and a 10-year era of farm prosperity in North Carolina may have been sounded with the recent election of a Republican Congress.

This opinion has been expressed by agricultural leaders in several sections of the state during the past few days.

In discussing the tobacco acreage control program which was approved for the next three years by tobacco farmers of this and other tobacco-producing states last summer, former Governor J. M. Broughton, who is connected with several tobacco groups, said recently that, in his opinion "Congress could not abrogate this three-year contract which it now has with the tobacco farmers."

However, some agricultural leaders—and other attorneys—are not so sure. Broughton pointed out that he didn't know "what may happen after 1949—you just can't tell."

As it now stands, North Carolina and five other Southern states enjoy a virtual monopoly in the production of flue-cured tobacco.

In other words, if you lived in Oklahoma, for instance, and decided to grow tobacco, you could grow it all right, but 40 per cent of the 1946 average price received by farmers would have to be sacrificed by you for every pound sold. If this average price was 50 cents, then you would pay a penalty of 20 cents for each pound marketed.

Of course, the same situation would hold if you were a new

grower in North Carolina or any other state.

And that's how the tobacco-producing states have something near a corner on the market.

On December 1 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture makes a study of tobacco conditions—and if the supply for tobacco exceeds the demand, he calls for quotas for the following year and sets them up for the tobacco growers. Since 1940, he has called for a quota each year.

In 1939 there was no control. That year tobacco averaged in this state \$56.66 per hundred pounds. The tobacco crop that year was the largest up to that time.

In 1940, tobacco had been back under control, but we were still suffering from over-production in 1939, and tobacco averaged \$17.27 per hundred pounds that year.

For the 1941 season, tobacco averaged \$29.51 per hundred pounds; 1942, \$38.40 per hundred; 1943, \$40.20; 1944, \$13.06; 1945, \$43.83.

Had there been no ceiling for 1943, 1944, and 1945, tobacco would have gone to a much higher price.

G. T. Scott, director of the Production and Marketing Administration in North Carolina, believes that "Congress could pull tobacco from under acreage control, but I doubt that this will be done before 1949, anyway."

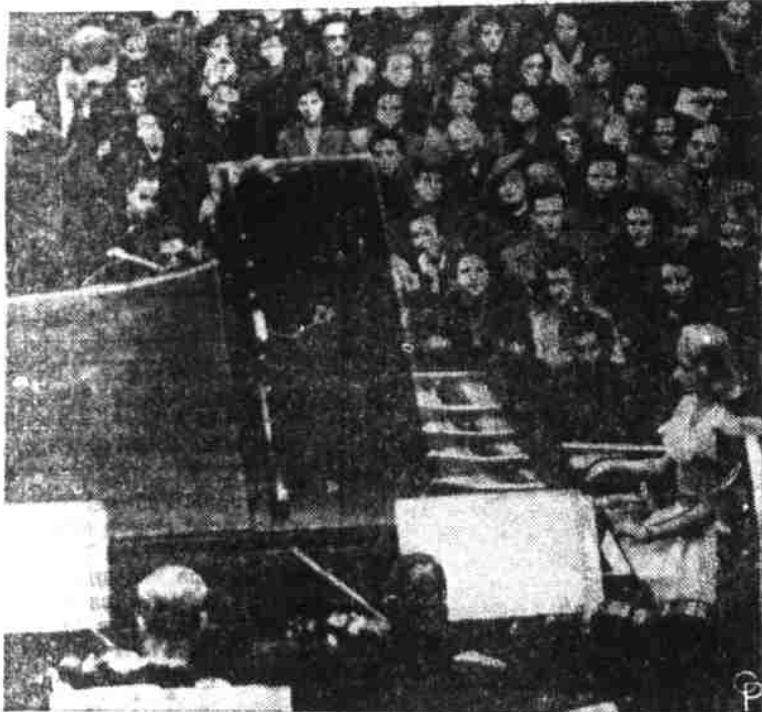
Many agricultural leaders feel that any attempt to repeal the tobacco acreage law would run into the troubles from the White House, which would require a two-thirds vote for passage.

That's why they talk emphatically of 1949. If the recent trend continues, the Republicans will be in control of almost everything in Congress by that time.

The Republicans can't say that the tobacco acreage control program is one of the more expensive items of government, for only about \$600,000 was expended for measurement of flue-cured tobacco land this year in the states producing this type of tobacco.

However, as one agricultural official remarked last week, "the

PIANO PRODIGY AMAZES LONDON



ACCORDED AN OVATION by a British audience, Elizabeth Powell, 12, is shown as she appeared in Albert Hall with the London Symphony Orchestra. The child prodigy had written her own cadenza for the Mozart C-Major concerto, with which she made her important debut. Elizabeth has been playing the piano since she was four. (International)

Now You Tell One

DINNER BANDITS TO GET DESERTS

CHICAGO — (AP) — A pair of "dinner bandits" have been turning up as uninvited guests at south side homes.

Three times within a month the gunmen interrupted evening meals, and walked out with \$723 in cash and \$1,200 worth of jewelry.

The police are after them with the intention of giving them a generous helping of their just deserts.

WHY MOTHER EVE HAD NO WRINKLES

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — (AP) — Russell C. Hawes likes apples. On the occasion of "Apple Week" in Maryland, the marketing specialist of the University of Maryland wrote: "It is said 'three apples a day keep the wrinkles away.' Ap-



ples help to firm up the body tissues. So ladies who are worried because the skin of your face may tend to sag had better eat plenty of apples and, of course, that goes for you who are reducing. Your grandmother in the Garden of Eden chose an apple. For health, nutrition, and economy, eat more apples. Help utilize our large crop of "Earth's Loveliest Fruit."

WHOLE BARNYARD WILL BE HAPPY, SOON

ATHENS, Ga. — (AP) — Happy hens help the farmer, too.

Says Arthur Gannon, state extension service poultry specialist:

"We've heard a lot about contented cows. The same thing holds true for chickens. Pullets kept in cold drafty laying houses will produce fewer eggs than 'contented

GOP's could toss tobacco control out of the window and never lose a vote."

chickens' in comfortable houses."

MOOSE MOOS TO AMUSE YOUTHS

DARBY, Mont. — (AP) — Moose are traditionally tough customers and are treated with respect even by hunters armed with heavy rifles, but here's what happened here the



other day when a big cow moose wandered into town: First she amused children by cavorting among swings and teeter-totters in a school play yard. Then she jumped a fence to mingle with domestic cattle only to be put to flight by the charge of a Jersey heifer.

SOMEWHERE AN OAK IS HOMELESS TONIGHT

ATHENS, Ga. — (AP) — Athens' famed "tree that owns itself" soon will have an heir—an Athens garden club hopes.

The original oak to which William H. Jackson deeded the ground on which it grew, died presumably without a will. So the junior ladies garden club is looking into a report that a local citizen has a seedling grown from an acorn of the old tree. If they can verify it, the little tree will be legal heir to the property.

IT'S AN ILL WIND

NEW YORK — L. F. Lozon, of Burlington, Vt., wasn't as unlucky as he had first supposed when, after completing a phone call in a telephone booth in an airline office, he attempted to leave. The inside doorknob came off and fell to the floor. Lozon, a rather large man, found the business of stooping and groping for the knob in the booth a difficult one. At last he found it, fixed it in place and emerged, flushed and irritated, only to find that during his confinement, five men had held up the office, taking \$1,000 from the till and all the cash in the pockets of other prospective passengers. Lozon still had his \$600 in his wallet.

Hair brushes, tooth brushes and scrub brushes should not be turned on their backs to dry, as is the common practice.

HINTS

To Farm Homemakers

As nylon fabrics become more numerous, questions as to proper laundering are also increasing in numbers. Clothing specialists give you these hints to help get your nylons clean safely and with little work.

Use lukewarm water and a mild soap, the same as you use for any washable, fine fabric. Rinse well without wringing or twisting and your fabric will last longer.

Do not force-dry or hang colored fabrics directly on or above a radiator. They may fade if you do. Direct sunlight may also fade such material.

Properly finished nylon fabric is

highly resistant to wrinkling and only requires touching up with a warm iron. Do not use a hot iron. Ironing the wrong side when your garment is slightly damp helps to take out wrinkles.

You can use most cleaning agents on nylon. Because of the nature of some dyes, it is a good idea to try a bit on an inconspicuous part of the garment first. If there is any doubt, send your garment to a reliable dry cleaner.

The careless use of non-perspirants or deodorants may do as much or more damage to garments than perspiration, according to textile and clothing specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. When a good dress goes to pieces under the arm or changes color, even skillful patching may not make it wearable again. In using these

chemicals women should be careful to follow directions on the label. Any chemical strong enough to stop perspiration may rot fabric or cause the dye to fade or change in color. Cotton and rayon fabrics especially are likely to be rotted by preparations that have an acid reaction.

Good grooming is a part of happy and successful living.

GETS LICENSE JUST IN TIME

MT. CARMEL, Ill. — Driving home from town, after buying his duck hunter's stamp at the post office, C. M. Follis, of Keensburg, Ill., had the experience of having a mallard duck to fly through his automobile windshield and fall dead on the front seat beside him.



Tragedy. Years overseas and then home, home—to this! Familiar forests and woodlands destroyed, old fishing streams swollen and muddy, wildlife gone.

You know the reason. Forest and woods fires. Last year they blackened an area the size of New York State. Last year they killed billions of little trees—tomorrow's timber—and enough big ones to build 215,000 five-room homes. And vital watersheds were crippled, Nature's beauty scarred.

What about this year? It will be the same old story unless Americans—including you—wake up to the big cause of forest fires. Arsonists don't start most of them. Nor does lightning. Nine out of ten are caused by good, law-abiding citizens like yourself!

America's forests are therefore in your hands. Please learn to be careful. Read the rules on this page. Read them again. Memorize them. Do your part . . . always!

- REMEMBER THESE RULES**
1. Hold your match till it's cold—then pinch it to make sure.
 2. Crush out your cigarette, your cigar, your pipe ashes. Then, when there's an ash tray, use it!
 3. Drown your campfire and warming fire, then stir and drown again. If no water is available, cover with clean earth.
 4. If you must use fire: Ask if the law requires a permit; burn only on still evenings; have help handy; kill every spark.



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