

578 MILLION LBS. TOBACCO ALLOTTED FOR DOMESTIC USE

In Increase Over Amount Previously Allowed for Public

The State Department of Agriculture has reported that manufacturers and dealers have been allotted 578,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco for domestic use instead of the 482,000,000 pounds previously quoted.

The new quota represents an increase of 118 million pounds over last year's allotment. Other claimants on the 1944 flue-cured crop including the nation's allies, will receive an additional allotment of 19,000,000 pounds, increasing the total for this purpose

to 597,000,000 pounds, the department said.

The increased allotments resulted from an increased over-all poundage production forecast by the crop reporting services of the nation. Latest estimates of total flue cured production included an increase of 150,000,000 pounds over the July forecast, made during a severe drought which existed at that time in the flue-cured belt.

CHEAP PRODUCTION OF COTTON URGED

Competition Keen with Synthetics

The keen competition between synthetic fibres and cotton demands that everything possible be done to produce cotton on a cheaper per pound basis and that both grade and staple of cotton be

improved, says Director L. O. Schaub, of the State college extension service.

He points out that both growers and cotton ginners have a part to play in the program for better cottons. He urges the formation of ginners associations in every one of the cotton producing counties of North Carolina, and that these ginners work for better ginning practices and cooperate with the program. "It seems to me that all agencies having to do with cotton need to be brought together in a coordinated program," says Dr. Schaub.

He issued an appeal to the growers to pick their cotton as soon as it becomes well open and fluffy, and that they deliver it to the ginner only when well dried out and in the right condition for good ginning.

Most gin damage to cotton occurs early in the season and after rainy conditions during the harvesting season. If the moisture

content of the cotton is relatively high a good job of ginning cannot be done, regardless of how good the ginner is in handling the cotton or how good the gin machinery is. Mechanical driers cannot take care of the situations that often arise in ginning damp cotton but they do work to improve the grade of average cotton.

LEAF PRODUCTION FORECAST UPPED

661,370,000 Lbs. Is New Estimate

North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco crop this season will total 661,370,000 pounds, 22 per cent more than last season and 107,000,000 pounds more than was indicated on July 1, the crop reporting service of the state department of agriculture estimated

in the August release. The report said that prospects point to a yield of 1,000 pounds to the acre, 160 pounds more than was indicated July 1 and seven per cent more than the 1943 yield of 935 pounds to the acre. Despite the quick growth of tobacco during the past six weeks, leaf weight and quality are expected to be considerably better than last season's light weight crop.

"Although growth was slow during the dry period plants at that time were developing extensive roots and the response to moisture was highly gratifying—even amazing in some instances," according to J. J. Morgan, crop statistician.

He asserted that prospects on July 1 were gloomy, many tobacco farmers facing near-failure with their crop, following a difficult and strenuous transplanting season.

Barring of tobacco said the release, is running around three weeks late in the border belt and in the eastern Carolina belt and many farmers will be forced to cure a portion of their crop in September—the latest date in many years. Although the old belt tobacco is normally later than the eastern crop there is little difference in the progress of curing in the two belts this year.

The estimate of yield per acre and production for the eastern belt, compared with last year, is as follows:

Yield 1,040 pounds, up five per cent; production, 344,240,000 pounds up 22 per cent.

The border belt figures were: yield, 1,100 pounds, up 17 per cent; production, 86,900,000 pounds, up 42 per cent.

Harvey Kelly, 9 Years Old, Died Tuesday

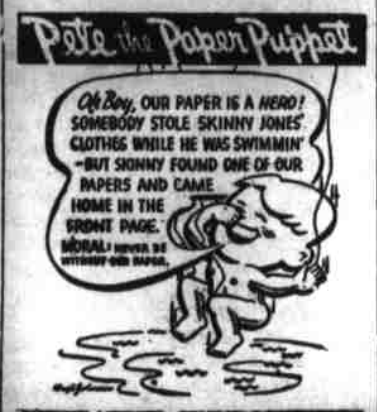
Master Harvey Kelly, 9 years old, died in the Goldsboro hospital Tuesday morning about 8:30 after a short illness. Funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly of route 1, Mount Olive.

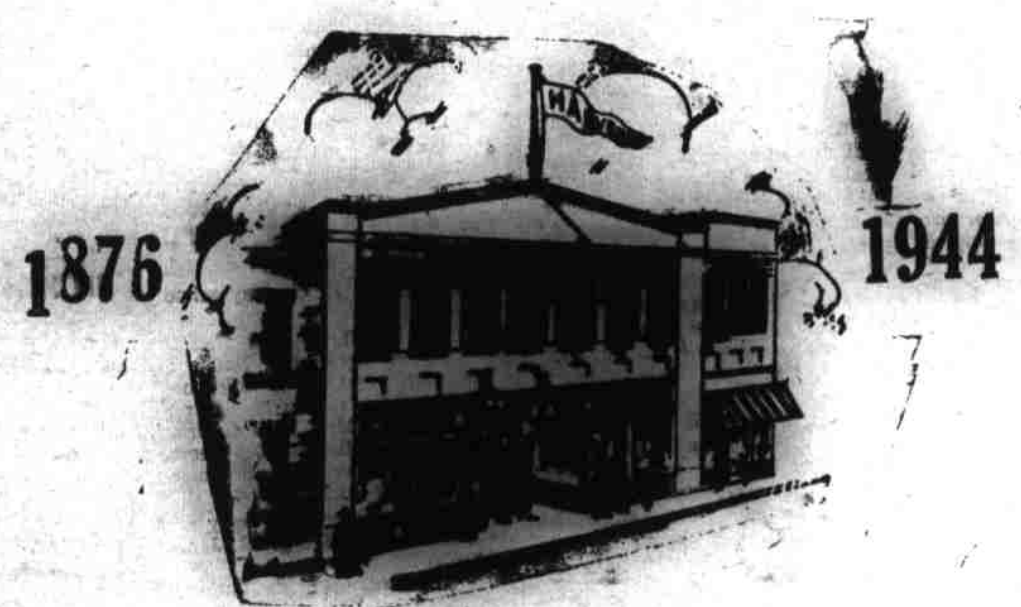
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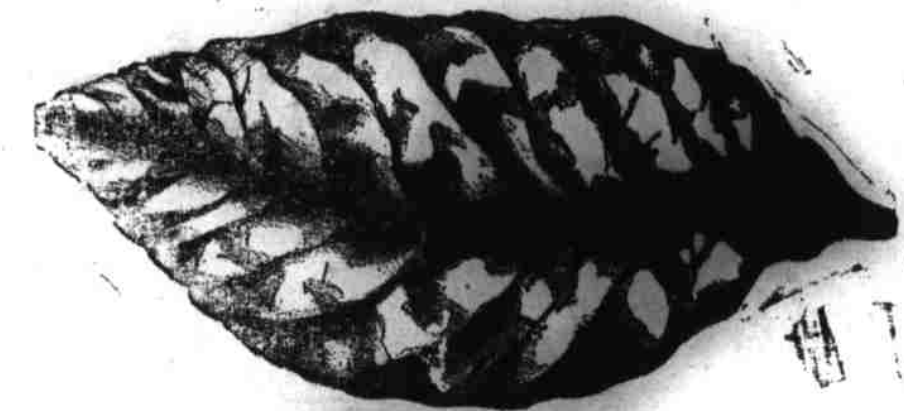
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