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## Vote Secures Tobacco Economy

Flue-cured tobacco growers in North and South Carolina have approved—by an overwhelming vote of 117,419 to 1,140—a 10-cent-per-acre assessment proposed to safeguard and expand export markets through a comprehensive program of education, information and public relations to be administered by Tobacco Associates.

The sweeping acceptance of the self-assessment was registered in a two-state referendum, called by legislatures of the Carolinas, and final returns yet to be made are expected to push the majority even higher. The two-thirds of those voting had to approve the proposal before the program could be put into full effect.

Through the tremendous vote of confidence, Tobacco Associates may go forward with full knowledge that flue-cured producers—landowners, tenants and sharecroppers are backing to the hilt the group's work to stabilize and enlarge foreign markets. J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, who is now in Europe, has been informed by E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, secretary, of the referendum's success, a sterling tribute to the efforts of those who formed Tobacco Associates.

The organization was set up by tobacco growers and dealers, warehousemen, fertilizer manufacturers, merchants, bankers and others interested in a prosperous agricultural economy. Need for the group was felt acute because of the decrease in exports of "The Bright Gold Leaf" in recent years. Last year 40 per cent of flue-cured tobacco grown in southern states was shipped abroad. In order to maintain and expand this market, which in 1946 returned \$182,000,000 to North Carolina and \$70,000,000 to South Carolina, Tobacco Associates will work here and abroad with government, educational, and trade authorities.

The tremendous vote cast Saturday is felt to be more than mere sanction of the program. It is taken as a directive to Tobacco Associates to use every available means to reach the goal of a secure tobacco economy.

## Umstead And Taxes

We confess to having read with interest Senator William B. Umstead's statement of why he reversed himself on the taxation bill and voted to sustain the President's veto. The vote suits us, if it does

him; for we didn't like the tax bill in the first place and we knew all along that Senator Umstead did not like it either. Not that we started from exactly the same viewpoint; he was ready almost to loathe it from the outset as a bit of Republican partisanship, which we would have been inclined to accept it on trial as a first fruit of a change in administration of the nation's affairs.

That's the difference between a statesman who got that way by directing the Democratic party's North Carolina strategy and a simple private in the rear ranks who is capable of falling out to nurse a stone-bruise or charley-horse.

But really, if Senator Umstead who should be better informed than the majority of his constituents, feels that in view of the world situation, and especially in the face of Russian contrariness, it is unwise to let go of a dollar of the nation's income, we think he is amply justified in refusing responsibility President Truman seems glad to accept.

No primary votes, we think, will be lost to the state's junior senator by reason of his own vote on taxation. When it comes to his stand on the Taft-Hartley labor bill that is another and a far different matter.

## Sales Resistance

Sometimes the people of community, county or state have more reason to place their confidence in a public official because his sales resistance than his willingness to go along with the procession. We think this is decidedly true in the case of Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture of North Carolina, in his refusal to permit the marketing of medicated poultry foods in this state although no other state bans them.

Approximately 40 feed manufacturers, poultrymen, hatchery operators and specialists attended a Raleigh meeting on Friday and on a motion that the state continue its policy there was not a negative vote.

There had been, reports Tom Bost, veteran correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, requests from the outside, but there was good representation from Alamance and Guilford standing squarely against a change. Assistant Commissioner D. S. Coltrane called the meeting, for the Department of Agriculture is at all times willing to hear what is on the minds of its clientele; but the results, as usual, proved that the department was out in front and had

informed the citizenship of what it was doing and why.

The foregoing has not been said in an effort to set Commissioner Scott against the rest of the United States. He isn't hunting trouble or striving to be different, but he runs his job as if it were first of all, by and for North Carolina and when it comes to poultry-raising, as with any other farm production problem, he would seem to believe that the first thing for the producer to do is to raise his own feed, and thereafter to medicate it if medication proves necessary.

## Preparing For War?

One of the features of the North Carolina Press association's annual convention, held a few days ago at Atlantic Beach, was an afternoon's tour of huge Camp Lejeune Marine base. Members of the press enjoyed a delicious luncheon on the base, after which they were conducted by the bus over the almost 200-square mile reservation, the largest marine base in the world.

We came away from the base with a very distinct impression that the United States is fast preparing for another global war, if this modern military reservation is any criterion of the present troubled situation.

Here is a base capable of training 100,000 men, is now manned by cadre units numbering 14,500 marines and sailors. However, nothing has been deactivated. The delicate firing pins and firing mechanisms still remain on well-oiled heavy guns. Miles upon miles of practically bombproof warehouses are rising in the southern portion of the camp to house marine equipment for the Atlantic Seaboard. Instead of junking or selling equipment, as they did after the first World War, it is being housed here and new equipment added to it daily. The entire base is activated. Instead of drawing the cadre units into a central point and operating from there, they occupy their respective areas in the same manner as if 100,000 men were in training. Their big job is at present the maintenance of the base on a full-time mobilized basis.

Military activities now being conducted at Camp Lejeune indicate the marine corps and their attached naval units are not only ready for any emergency, but are keeping abreast of the times with the addition of new training tactics and military equipment.

—The Forest City Courier

## By The News

VACATION WORRIES... Ernest Wilkins, proprietor of Wilkins Jewelry store in Hillsboro, won't forget for many years to come the vacation he took last week... He probably will forget where he went and what he did, but he won't forget calling his brother, Odell Wilkins of Durham, from somewhere in the far reaches of the Virginia mountains to send him some money... Shortly before leaving, Ernest was in the Wilkins Jewelry store in Durham and left his pocketbook on his brother's desk... Next morning, came the phone call and the request from Ernest for funds to complete the vacation trip.

BOBBY PARLIER, printer's devil and general handy boy in THE NEWS' back shop, planned a trip Friday, Saturday and Sunday to Nag's Head and a look-in on Paul Green's Lost Colony... Dick Kenion, 1947 graduate from Hillsboro high school, was to make the trip with Bobby... Bright and early Friday morning, Dick showed up with an infected thumb and cancelled his plans for the trip... After

a lengthy search, Bobby uncovered Jimmy Richmond who made the trip with him.

JUST ONE COAT of paint certainly has made a big difference in the appearance of the American Legion house. Further painting of the structure is being held up until the carpenters do some work. Investigation of the porch columns showed that they needed some work. Fact of the matter is, one of the columns fell over when weight was applied to it... The Legion is making plans for repairing the house and really putting it in condition for use by the organization... Included in the plans is lottery of another car... The Ford car is now on display in the showroom of Richmond Motor company...

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was actually a Frenchman named Succat.

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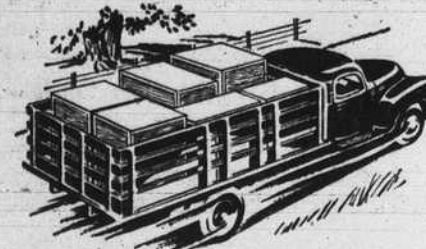
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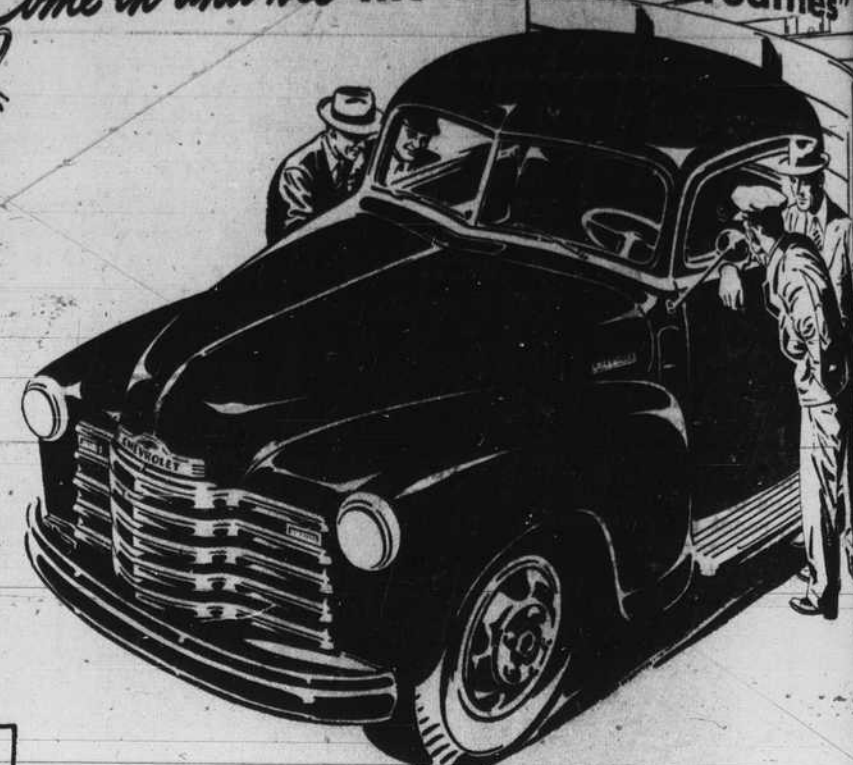
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