

Continued support at stake . . .

Cotton vote is set Tuesday; White Cross is polling place

How farmers vote in the cotton marketing quota referendum to be held throughout the Nation's cotton-growing area on next Tuesday will determine whether quota penalties will apply, the kind of allotment program in effect, and also the level of price support for 1960-crop cotton.

The referendum therefore is of vital concern to every grower, says W. M. Snipes, Chairman of the Orange County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, farm operators will have an opportunity to elect a choice between (A) complying with their "regular" farm allotments—with price support available at not less than 75 percent of parity for the 1960 crop of upland cotton, or (B) complying with an increased farm allotment, 40 percent larger than the "regular" farm allotment—with support at a level 15 percent of parity lower than under the first choice; quota penalties will apply to any cotton produced in excess of the chosen allotment.

If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, there would be no quota penalties, only the "regular" allotments would be available, and the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 percent of parity. All farmers who were engaged in the production of cotton in 1959 will be eligible to vote in the referendum.

The referendum will be held between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. next Tuesday at Whitfield's Service Station in the White Cross Community, located six miles west of Carrboro on Highway 54. Only one voting place will be designated for cotton farmers to vote at in Orange County because there are less than 100 eligible farms. All eligible voters are urged to cast their ballot in this important Cotton Referendum.

Coenen Graduates

Navy Ens. Walter D. Coenen, Supply Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic E. Coenen of 407 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, graduated Nov. 19, from the Basic Qualification Course at the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga. Graduates of this 16-week course are qualified for supply corps duties ashore and afloat.

'As soil goes, so people go,' says Hubbard at Neuse conservation district observance

"As the soil goes, the people go," Rev. Charles Hubbard, pastor of the University Church, Chapel Hill, said in an address at the Schley Grange Hall last Thursday night.

At the meeting sponsored by Orange County's Supervisors of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District, agricultural, business, religious, educational, and other leaders reviewed the activities of the District during its 20 years of operation.

Henry S. Hogan, Chairman of the Orange County Supervisors, presided.

Don S. Matheson, a leader in the organization of the District in 1939, was master of ceremonies. He presented a specially prepared report of the accomplishments in the conservation of soil and water resources by the people and agencies in the District.

Rev. Steve Kimbrough, pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Church, accompanied by Mrs. Harry L. Brown and by Quentin Patterson sang a number of Christmas songs.

Charlie Hubbard in his talk traced the decline of many civilizations that followed the impoverishment of their natural resources.

"Of the once vast forests of

Lebanon," he pointed out, "there are now exactly four acres left. These four acres remain because a group of monks fenced out the goats that browse on the scant vegetation struggling on the eroded slopes that once supported magnificent forests.

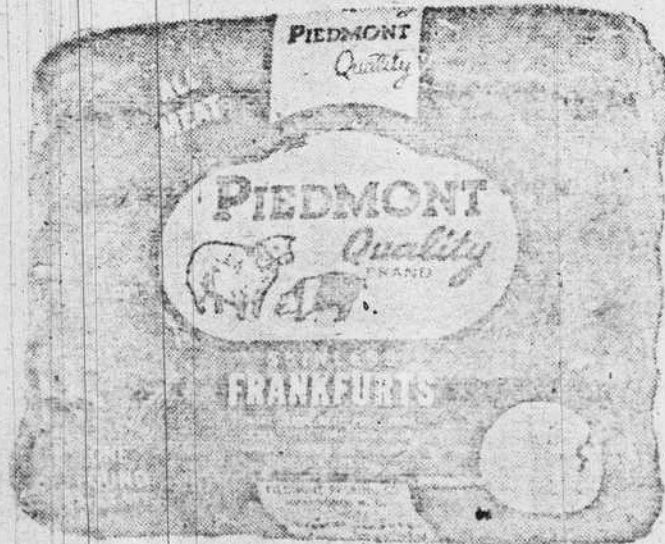
"In this country, too," he said, "we have our problems. Recreation is a vital part of human conservation. But today from Maine, along the eastern seaboard,

around the Gulf of Mexico and up the West coast to Washington, there now remain only 150 miles of open beach. Along the rest you have to pay a fee, or you are trespassing.

COMING

Mrs. Roxie Greeson of Whitesett is planning to come here this Sunday and spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. O. L. Thomas.

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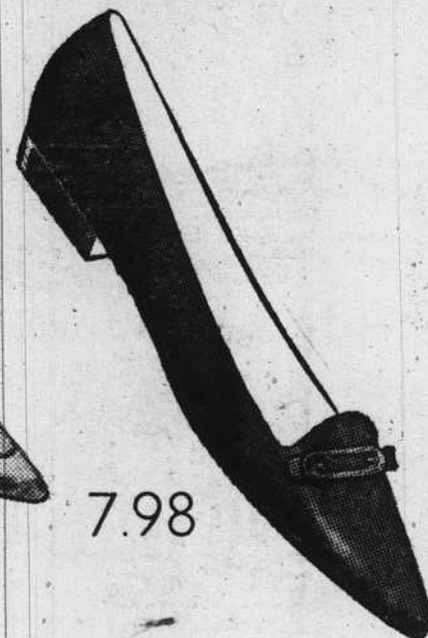
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PLAN AT ST. MARY'S — Ted Martin, Chairman of St. Mary's Soil and Water Conservation Committee and Reid Roberts, sponsoring supervisor, plan some of the activities that won St. Mary's, along with five other Orange County Communities, Superior Results Awards in the Carolina Power and Light Company's Finer Farms Program.



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