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## Tobacco Control Bill is Passed in House, 206-144

### All Amendments Voted Down Except One Limiting Life of Measure; Vote Is Much Closer Than on Bankhead Bill

Washington, June 6.—Substituting speed for past delays, the House of Representatives today voted down all amendments to the Kerr tobacco control bill except one which limited the bill to two years and passed the measure by a vote of 206 to 144.

The fact that the vote was much closer in the House than on the similar Bankhead Cotton bill raises considerable doubt as to the outcome in the Senate, where the Bankhead bill passed by a margin of only eight votes.

Democrats furnished a third of the opposition, but only one Democrat raised his voice against the measure, Carpenter of Nebraska. In fact, the extent of the opposition did not become apparent until the roll was called on final passage, after a division vote of 66 to 44 had been objected to because it showed the lack of a quorum.

The Republican opposition was somewhat half-hearted, with passage of the bill conceded. Representative J. Baynard Clark secured adoption of the rule on the measure without any debate whatever and neither side used the full hour allowed for general debate on the bill itself.

But when the time came to vote, a number of Democrats from the North and West joined an almost solid Republican minority in voting against the bill and the opponents also included such Southern Democrats as Rankin, of Mississippi, Taylor of South Carolina, Terrell, of Texas and a few others.

But although the Senate outcome will be watched closely, Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate committee on agriculture, is still confident that the Senate will pass the bill. Senator Smith will get action from his committee within a few days, thus placing the bill on the Senate calendar.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, whose attitude on the bill may be decisive in the Senate, still refuses to discuss the matter, although Senator Byrd, of Virginia, a foe of regimentation, has indicated that he will support the Kerr bill. Senator Reynolds has also indicated support of the bill, but is not expected to be very active in its behalf.

The amendment limiting the life of the bill to two years was offered by Representative Marvin A. Jones, of Texas, chairman of the House committee on agriculture.

All other amendments were voted down except one which was offered by Representative Deen, of Georgia, authorizing the secretary of agriculture to establish a uniform system of grading tobacco and to employ inspectors and graders.

This amendment, which had a great deal of support on its merits, was ruled out of order by Representative Umstead, of North Carolina, who was presiding over the House as chairman of the committee of the whole.

The point of order, which was raised by Representative Hope, of Kansas, ranking Republican member of the agriculture committee, provoked considerable debate. Representative Byrns, of Tennessee, Democratic floor leader, introduced an even more drastic grading bill early in the session, but he has since repudiated his own bill as he found many of his constituents did not want it. He joined in the appeal to the chair to rule the amendment out of order and asserted he would never favor a provision leaving the making of rules and regulations for grading to the secretary of agriculture.

With the Kerr bill under continuous consideration for five hours today was North Carolina day in the House and few members of the State delegation secured any lunch.

Representative Umstead, who was having his first experience as presiding officer in the House, received a round of applause when he relinquished and reported the bill back to the House.

Representative Clark had charge of the rule and Representative John H. Kerr, as author of the bill, shared responsibility for floor management with Representative Hampton P. Fulker, of South Carolina, chairman of the sub-committee which reported the bill. Representatives Warren and Hinescock, of North Carolina, were among the speakers for the bill and both of them were active in rounding up the necessary votes for its passage.

Proponents of the bill had not hoped to get action before tomorrow, but Representative Clark

found that he was blocked as to tomorrow and secured permission of Mr. Byrns to take it up today.

The bill as passed by the House provides a tax of not less than 25 per cent nor more than 33 1-3 per cent on all tobacco not produced under reduction agreements. This is a lower rate than the 50 per cent tax in the Bankhead Cotton bill, but under the Kerr bill the tobacco grower not coming under the reduction agreement would have to pay a tax on all of his tobacco while under the Bankhead bill both signers and non-signers are allowed quotas.

However, the Bankhead bill left out in the cold, as far as rental and other benefit payments, all those who had not signed reduction agreements during the campaigns for signatures and the Kerr bill permits any tobacco grower to come in and sign an agreement within 30 days after passage of the bill. The Kerr bill also contains an exemption of 2,000 pounds for each grower, which was opposed by the Department of Agriculture and by Judge Kerr, but which the committee insisted upon.

For the most part opposition to the bill, led by Representatives Hope, Wardsworth of New York, Taber, of New York, and Carpenter, was against such legislation in general rather than against the specific provisions of the Kerr bill, but Representative Dowell, of Iowa, declared that the real trouble with the tobacco farmers was the greed of the tobacco companies and called attention to the \$2,500,000 salary paid in one year to George Washington Hill, president of the American Tobacco Co. He said that this salary and others comparable to it were paid for buying tobacco as cheaply as possible.

Proponents of the bill stressed the fact that there has been no opposition from the tobacco belt and said that the measure was necessary to protect those who have signed and are living up to the agreements. One of the strongest speeches for the bill was made by Representative Boileau, Republican, Wisconsin, but he was almost alone on his side in voting for the bill.

## Seek Settlement Of Rural Debts

### Governor Names Committee to Aid in Adjusting Farm Mortgages

Raleigh, June 7.—A committee to aid in adjustment of farm debts was named yesterday by Governor Ehringhaus and will meet here next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock to begin consideration of its problem.

The group was appointed at request of the Federal Farm Credit Administration.

The principal function of the committee will be to "get debtors and creditors together" and work out settlements for farm mortgages.

The first cases to be considered will be those in which loans have been made by federal land banks to farmers but where the loan is not large enough to allow the farmer to lift his mortgage entirely.

Cases of that nature will be the center of its work at first but it is planned to broaden the field to debt settlements of other nature in rural areas. It is planned to name local committees in each county.

Members of the committee are: Julian Price, Greensboro, from insurance group; M. O. Blount, Bethel and Lionel Weil, Goldsboro, farmer and merchant group; J. A. Allen Taylor, Wilmington, wholesale merchant; R. A. Doughton, Sparta, lawyer; H. A. Mills, High Point, manufacturer; John L. Skinner, Littleton, president of the State County Commissioners Association; Millard F. Jones, Rocky Mount, president State Bankers Association; and Dr. G. W. Forster, economist, State College.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF FARMVILLE PRECINCT

I wish to express to all voters of this precinct, and especially to those personally interested in the election of certain candidates to office in the recent primary, as well as to those who assisted in official and unofficial capacities, my appreciation and gratitude for their cooperation in giving to the balloting and counting of votes the dignified and orderly procedure, which is so greatly to be desired throughout the State of North Carolina.

Eva Horton Shackelford, Registrar.

## Farmville Falls In Line With Larger Towns In Observing Half Holiday On Wednesdays During the Summer

Farmers, housewives and others of the community are urged to cooperate with the business houses of Farmville, which will fall in line, beginning next Wednesday, with other towns and cities of the State in giving their sales people a half holiday, in a praiseworthy effort to afford them some time for recreation and pleasure during the summer months.

## Record Vote Cast In County Primary

Run-Off Election to Determine Winner In Contest for County Treasurer and Possibly for the House of Representatives is Now in Prospect; Incumbents for Sheriff, Senator, Register of Deeds and Coroner All Re-elected; Farmville Candidate Received Heavy Vote.

Pitt county voters went to the polls Saturday in record numbers to choose candidates for the various offices of the county and legislature; also to help choose a State Public Utilities Commissioner and a District Solicitor.

More than 8,100 votes were cast at the county's 14 precincts from sunrise to sunset, with chief interest centering in the contests for State Senator, Sheriff, House of Representatives and District Solicitor. There also was much interest in the race for Treasurer.

For Senator, Arthur Corey, the incumbent, defeated Mrs. J. B. Spilman by a majority of only 245 votes. The figures were: Corey, 4,093; Mrs. Spilman, 3,848.

The race for Representative resulted in the election of M. O. Blount of Bethel. A run-off primary to determine the winner of the second seat is in prospect between John Hill Paylor, second high candidate, and Jack Edwards. Mr. Edwards was an incumbent candidate. J. B. Eure, Ayden attorney, was eliminated. Following was the vote in this contest: Blount, 5,185; Paylor, 3,525; Edwards, 3,371; Eure, 2,844.

## TOTALS FOR COUNTY OFFICERS

For Register of Deeds  
J. Claude Gaskins 7,118  
Mrs. J. P. Moss 954

For Sheriff  
S. A. Whitehurst 4,899  
R. W. King 2,654  
S. I. Dudley 814

For Treasurer  
George L. Rouse 1,260  
Vance Perkins 1,691  
W. E. Warren 907  
Charles C. Martin 950  
A. T. Moore 2,649  
C. W. Willard 801

For Coroner  
A. A. Ellwanger 4,181  
S. G. Wilkerson 3,891

For County Commissioner  
Roy T. Cox 5,366  
Frank M. Kilpatrick 3,134  
J. Noah Williams 4,448  
G. S. Porter 4,579  
B. M. Lewis 4,878  
W. Jasper Smith 3,788  
J. K. Barnhill 3,043  
Walter Cherry 4,563  
R. Herman McLawhorn 3,590

## VOTES FARMVILLE PERCENT. 814 VOTES CAST

State Utilities Commissioner—Winborne, 549; Macon, 148.

Solicitor—Thomas O. Moore, 410; D. M. Clark 385.

State Senator—Arthur B. Corey, 392; Mrs. J. B. Spilman, 360.

House of Representatives—John Hill Paylor, 749; M. O. Blount 460; Jack Edwards, 146; J. Bruce Eure, 68.

Register of Deeds—J. Claude Gaskins, 736; Mrs. J. P. Moss, 42.

Sheriff—S. A. Whitehurst, 631; R. W. King, 148; S. I. Dudley, 22.

Treasurer—A. T. Moore, 365; George L. Rouse, 174; Vance Perkins, 95; W. E. Warren, 67; Charles C. Martin, 38; C. W. Willard, 26.

Coroner—S. G. Wilkerson, 389; A. A. Ellwanger, 371.

County Commissioner—E. M. Lewis, 722; Roy T. Cox, 544; Walter Cherry, 435; W. Jasper Smith, 401; R. Herman McLawhorn, 366; Frank M. Kilpatrick, 356; J. Noah Williams, 332; G. S. Porter, 319; J. K. Barnhill, 215.

## Weed Growers Are Paid Six Millions

### Nearly Four Millions of Amount Due in Rentals Have Been Disbursed

Raleigh, June 7.—North Carolina tobacco growers who signed contracts to reduce their production have received approximately \$6,000,000 in rental and equalization payments. The \$2,000,000 equalization payment on the 1933 crop has almost been paid in full and \$3,992,507.23 of the amount due in rentals has been disbursed, according to information in the office of E. Y. Floyd at State College, director of the tobacco program in this State.

Floyd said that practically all the flue-cured and burley contracts have been adjusted satisfactorily so that the past production figures of all counties are in line with statistics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A few contracts, however, have not been accepted yet by the secretary of agriculture on account of incomplete information in the contracts or minor errors made in filling them out. These contracts are being corrected and returned to Washington for approval.

The planting season has about closed and Floyd predicted for this season the best quality crop in years unless adverse weather conditions impair it later in the summer.

Meanwhile, preparations are being made to measure accurately the acreage of all growers who signed contracts. Those who have planted slightly more than the 70 per cent allotments will be given the privilege of taking a 20 per cent reduction instead of the original 30 per cent, Floyd said. Or if they wish they may play up their excess.

He pointed out that when growers choose to reduce only 20 per cent, the will lose one-third of the rental and benefit payments. In this way, they run the risk of losing more on their reduced rental and benefit payments than they will make in extra profit on the increased production.

He estimated that fewer than 10 per cent of the growers have decided to reduce 20 instead of 30 per cent.

## Western Drought Is Helpful Here

Raleigh, June 8.—The drought that is burning up crops in the West will solve one of the problems of North Carolina growers at loss to know what to do with land retired from production under government contracts.

All restrictions on the planting of forage crops, including corn, has been removed from the non-contracted acres on farms whose owners have signed tobacco contracts, E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College, has been notified by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington. In addition to allowing as much food and forage crops as is desired to be planted on the acres not rented to the government, tobacco growers are also permitted to plant and harvest all forage crops, except corn and grain sorghums, on the rented acres.

Heretofore, Mr. Floyd said, the ruling has been that only one-half of the rented acres could be put to forage crops for food and feed under the terms of the tobacco contract. Now the entire acreage rented to the government can be planted to forage crops, except corn, and the retired acres also may be pastured or hay may be harvested from them.

"This new ruling has been established because of the prevailing drought in the mid-west and other parts of the nation," Floyd said last night. "At first the ruling applied only to the drought designated territory but now it has been extended to apply to the entire country. This will greatly increase the possible use of the contracted acres since the original contract permitted only one-half of the acres to be used for the production of food and feed. Those who might wish to grow such crops as cowpeas and soybeans on their rented acres may do so in conformance with the ruling."

Mr. Floyd said he had prepared a letter to county farm agents explaining the new uses to which the general contracted acres on tobacco farms could be put.

Approximately \$50,000 in tobacco rental and parity payments are scheduled for Bertie county growers. More than \$35,000 of the amount has been paid already.

## Farmville's Municipal Pool Opened Wednesday

### Pitt County Man Is Held Up By Negro

#### After Being Robbed Is Taken to Horse Lot and Tied to Post

Greenville, June 6.—Peter Brown, who resides about four miles from Greenville, was held up and robbed of \$17.50 Monday night by a young Negro named Frank Harris, Jr., and left tied in the horse lot. Brown later freed himself.

Harris went to Brown's home about 10 o'clock and told him he would like to buy some candy and cigarettes. Mr. Brown told the Negro he had gone to bed and did not wish to get up. The Negro insisted that he let him have the candy and cigarettes as he was going to a party. "You know me," the Negro said. "It is no one to hurt you."

Mr. Brown got up, went to his shop, got the candy and cigarettes, whereupon the Negro leveled a revolver and said: "Hands up. I want your money. Give it up or I shall kill you."

Mr. Brown said: "Don't do that. I'll give you my money if that is what you want."

"Talk in a whisper or I'll kill you," the Negro said. Then he made Brown turn his back to him while he took the money from his pocket. The Negro still holding the gun on Brown, marched him to the horse lot, made him untie a rope from a bridge, tie a loop in both ends of the rope, then made him stick his hands into the loop. He then led Brown to a post, tied him there with both hands behind him.

## Opening of Park Is Made Possible

### Senate Passes Bill Reducing Number Acres For Area

Washington, June 6.—Formal opening of the Great Smoky mountain national park was made possible today when the Senate passed the bill already passed by the House reducing from 430,000 to 400,000 acres the minimum area for the park thus conforming to the area already in the possession of the government.

The act also passes to the park all lands heretofore purchased in the area for conservation purposes with funds which were not available for park purposes.

One dispute between North Carolina and Tennessee as to the park was settled today when A. B. Cammerer, chief of the park service, announced that there will be not one but two headquarters for the park, one in each state.

It was also announced that the location of the highway connecting the park with the Shenandoah Valley National Park will probably be announced next Tuesday by Public Works Administrator Harold Ickes. Each state has a route.

## Bible School To Close Sunday Eve

### Commencement Exercises Will Be Held In Christian Church

Commencement exercises of the Vacation Bible School, conducted here during the past two weeks, will be held in the Christian Church, Sunday evening at 8:00.

The school, which has this year been under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Lang, will doubtless prove of inestimable value, as in the past, to the sixty-four pupils enrolled, as great interest has been manifested.

Assisting Miss Lang in the various class work of the school, which has been held in the basements of the Christian and Methodist churches during the two week period were: Mrs. Florence Thorne, Mrs. Ed Nash Warren, Mrs. W. A. Pollard, Jr., Misses Mae and Frances Joyner, Rachel Monk, Mary Louise Runley, Dorothy Smith, Bertha Joyner, Eva Mae Hardy, Helen Willis and Albertine Barrett.

Most Wilson county farmers have finished setting their tobacco and are not considering a 10 per cent increase in their acreage now.

## Large Crowds In Attendance Daily; Beautification Movement is Begun

### Lacking in organized playground facilities for these many years, the problem for suitable recreation for children of this community, rendered more pressing by the shortened school term, has been solved to a great extent by the splendid municipal swimming pool, which was made possible by the CWA, and formally opened to the public on Wednesday, June 6.

While primarily planned for the youth of the community, the pool will doubtless prove popular among the adults, as swimming is invigorating and healthful to young and old alike, not only developing practically every muscle in the body of the child, but exercising and keeping those of the older person in excellent trim.

Farmville's dream of many years has been realized at last, and the opening, with its scheduled exhibition diving and swimming contests, brought many swimmers and visitors from other towns. Jack Horton was announced winner of the swimming contest, and was presented with a week's privilege ticket.

Among interested out of town people in attendance on Wednesday were: E. B. Roush, of Raleigh, representing the State Board of Health; Dr. McGeachy, County Health Officer, Mr. Putrell, Welfare Officer, the State's Federal Auditor of the CWA, Wayne county's Health Officer, and several from Tarboro and Rocky Mount.

W. A. McAdams, who has had the supervision of the building of the pool and the installation of the filtering plant and other equipment in charge, together with Mayor Lewis, R. A. Joyner, Dr. W. M. Willis, J. W. Joyner and George W. Davis, the last three named being the committee from the town board, all working untiringly in coordination with Federal forces for the successful culmination of the project, express themselves as well pleased with results and feel a justifiable pride in the achievement, which was largely the outcome of Federal funds, and which in providing employment for many jobless men during the winter and spring, has furnished the municipality with a fine recreational center.

The possibilities for a beautiful park about the pool are there, awaiting development into a playground and beauty spot for the entire section, and a movement for beautification is already under way.

The pool is equipped with modern filtering plants, and the 191,500 gallons of water therein is purified every eight or nine hours, there being a continual flow of water through the filtering tanks. The pool and bath houses are constructed to conform, in every particular, with the specifications and requirements of the State Board of Health.

The expense has been necessarily heavy, but those in charge had the future in mind when purchasing the best grade of equipment, and it is hoped that every person, who has any interest at all in the swimming pool will purchase, immediately, a season ticket for all members of the family, who enjoy this sport, in order that some ready cash may be available for its operation. Charges for use of the showers, bath house and pool will be 10c an hour for adults and 5c an hour for children under 12 years of age; towels 2 for 5c. Those having season tickets may use the pool at all times when it is open, the cost of same being \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Every summer the people of Farmville have found it necessary to take their children to some other town or bathing place for the advantages of a swim; the convenience, the cleanliness, and the conservative charges of the municipal pool bring the finest opportunity for advancement of the health and happiness that has ever been offered to citizens here.

The cooperation of the workers, the CWA officials and citizens of the town has been very fine and it is believed and hoped that the continued cooperation between the town officials and citizens will make the swimming pool one of the greatest assets in Farmville, not only to the boys and girls, but also to the men and women of this and nearby communities.

## COOLEY ELECTED TO CONGRESS IN THIRD

Harold D. Cooley, young attorney of Nashville, won the Democratic nomination for Fourth District Congressman over a field of five candidates by a good majority. George Ross Pou, son of the late Representative Henderson third; Bailey of Raleigh, fourth; and W. F. Evans, fifth.