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## "LAST ROUND-UP" IN INTEREST OF SUCCESSFUL OPENING AUG. 23

### Good Reports Continue To Come In From Other Belts Regarding Prices Paid For Golden Weed

## TOBACCONISTS AND BUSINESS MEN EXTEND WELCOME TO ALL PATRONS AND VISITORS

### Announces Plan For Disposing of Excess Leaf

#### Wallace Reveals Arrangement To Take Care of Cooperating Growers; Short Crop Men May Sell Others' Surplus

Washington, Aug. 16.—While the Bankhead cotton control act and the Kerr-Smith tobacco control act are similar in principle, the differences between the two are becoming increasingly apparent now that they have reached the stage of actual enforcement.

Secretary Wallace today formally announced the plan whereby cooperating cured tobacco growers with short crops may sell the excess for other cooperating growers who have signed reduction agreements.

No similar plan has yet been announced for cotton but it is being worked out, but will differ sharply in detail from the tobacco plan.

The differences between the two laws are accentuated, insofar as North Carolina is concerned, by the fact that the state will produce this year well over its quota under the Bankhead cotton act, while its tobacco production will be less than its quota, under the Kerr-Smith act.

#### Different In Purpose.

The differences in the two acts arise out of a difference in purpose. The object of the Bankhead act was to limit the total crop of cotton to 10,000,000 bales and to effect that objective a prohibitive tax of 50 per cent was placed on all cotton produced in excess of quotas, which were set up by states, counties and individuals.

The voluntary reduction plan had proved more successful in the case of tobacco and, instead of the surplus estimated for cotton before the drought got in its work in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, it was apparent when the Kerr-Smith bill was passed that the total crop would not exceed the desired amount. The purpose of that law was not limitation of the total crop but to prevent non-signers from profiting at the expense of signers. Therefore, a punitive tax of 25 per cent was laid upon non-signers.

The Kerr-Smith bill was much more flexible in its provisions and its administration is also much more flexible.

#### N. C. Cotton Quota.

There are no definite required quotas as in the case of cotton. For North Carolina the cotton quota is 528,698 against an estimated production of 608,000 bales.

Secretary Wallace said today that this quota will not be modified, although the total estimated production is more than a million bales under the limit of 10,000,000 bales of 500 pounds each or 10,460,251 bales of 477 pound each.

Secretary Wallace said he had received no letter from W. A. Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, who announced some time ago that he would press for a concession for the state, but that the question of policy raised by Mr. Graham had been definitely determined. The Secretary said arrangements are being made for states with excess production to secure tax warrants from states with under production, but declined to estimate the price at which these warrants will sell. Senator John H. Bankhead, of Alabama, author of the bill, yesterday predicted they will sell for about three cents a pound.

The tobacco allotments are based on the contracts and have no fixed total. Under the original contract allotments were on the basis of 70 per cent of average production for the past five years and totalled 500,000,000 pounds for the entire flue-cured area as against an estimated production this year of 527,000,000 pounds, which is well below last year's consumption of 638,000,000 pounds. However, the department has allowed individual growers to increase up to 80 per cent and growers are expected to take advantage of that privilege to use the full crop, except the one or two per cent by non-signers, on which a tax must be paid.

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that every state in the flue-cured belt will have sufficient quotas with the possible, but not certain exception of Virginia, where farmers may have to send some of their tobacco to North Carolina, to be sold by growers in that state, who have more poundage on their marketing cards than they need.

At the time each sale of tobacco is made, the number of pounds sold is entered on the allotment card. A contracting producer whose production exceeds 80 per cent of his base production may arrange to sell all or a part of this excess production under the allotment card of another contracting grower whose production is less than his allotment.

In such cases, tax-payment warrants will be issued in the name of the owner of the marketing and allotment cards under which the excess tobacco is sold. Any arrangements made between contracting growers to utilize allotment cards other than their own for selling tobacco are private transactions. Contracting growers who produce in excess of their allotment will not be permitted to market this excess tobacco and pay the tax provided under the Kerr-Smith tobacco act but may arrange to sell this tobacco under another contracting grower's allotment card.

#### Adjustment Payments.

Adjustment payments to be made under the voluntary contracts will be based on the number of pounds shown on the marketing cards of each grower as having been sold regardless of whether all the tobacco sold under an individual marketing card was produced by the person to whom the card is issued. Each person to whom a marketing card is issued will be required to certify that all tobacco sold under it was produced under a tobacco production adjustment contract covering his own or some other farm.

Growers who have not signed contracts should make application for tax-payment warrants at the office of their county agent. The Kerr-Smith tobacco act provides that in each county tax-payment warrants, covering an amount of tobacco equal to six per cent of the total number of pounds covered by warrants issued to contracting growers, may be issued to non-contracting growers who were unable to obtain an equitable base under a contract. Warrants issued under this provision may cover all or only a part of a grower's production.

Non-contracting growers, unlike contracting producers, may sell tobacco produced in excess of any allotment given them under this provision, if they pay the tax of 25 per cent of the market value provided in the tobacco act. They will not, however, be permitted to sell tobacco under the market card of a contracting grower.

### Carl Goerch Rote Speaker

#### Raleigh Magazine Publisher Speaks At Inter-City Meeting At Bayview

Greenville, Aug. 16.—Carl Goerch, Raleigh magazine publisher and former Washington, N. C., newspaperman delivered the principal address at the Inter-City meeting of Rotary at Bayview last night.

Mr. Goerch, referring to the possibilities of North Carolina, said the people did not realize the potentialities of their own State. He declared North Carolinians have every reason to be proud not only of their progress in various fields of endeavor, but because of the fact that they are not troubled by storms, drought and other disasters affecting other parts of the nation.

The address of welcome was made by John Bragaw, member of the Washington club, and the response was made by F. C. Harding, of Greenville. Edmund Harding, of the Washington club, was in charge of the singing.

Attendance from some of the towns was described as good, while others failed to live up to expectations.

### 100 Men Needed By The Town of Farmville

#### County Tax Rate Raised 3 Cents

#### Rate This Year Will Be 86 Cents on \$100 Valuation Compared With 83 Cents Last Year

Pitt County people will pay a higher tax rate this year than they did last year as a result of adoption of a boosted schedule by the Board of Commissioners in special session at the court house Friday night.

The rate this year will be 86 cents on the \$100 valuation compared with 83 cents for the previous year. The Board levied four cents directly for relief work this year. Last year this was contained in a 5-cent levy for the county home.

The recommended health department budget carrying appropriations of \$9,980 for the county, \$1,500 for the State and \$400 from the Rosenwald Fund was accepted by the board.

The increased health budget figure it was said by members of the department, will enable the employment of a full-time sanitary inspector and additional nurse this year to combat the serious outbreak of disease in several parts of the county.

#### MASONS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING HERE THURSDAY

The district meeting of the Masons, comprising the towns of Greenville, Ayden, Grifton, Grimesland and Farmville, was held here on Thursday with J. B. Eure, District Deputy Grand Master presiding, and Atty. John Hill Paylor, master of the Farmville lodge, acting as host.

The well planned program was featured by the exemplification of the third degree by the Greenville lodge, of which W. J. Bundy is the master.

A sumptuous barbecue dinner was served at the picnic pavilion at the swimming pool.

### United Textile Workers Vote for General Strike

#### Approve Walkout Affecting Half Million Textile Workers On or Before September 1

New York, Aug. 16.—A nationwide strike in the cotton textile industry on or before September 1 was voted today at the annual convention of the United Textile Workers of America.

The strike will affect 500,000 cotton textile workers, leaders said, particularly in the South and in New England. The union has a total membership of about 300,000.

The strike resolution approved by all but 10 of the 571 delegates, empowers the incoming executive council of the union to call a strike in the cotton textile industry on or before September 1.

#### Short Notice.

The council, which has yet to be elected, will meet Saturday at the close of the convention, but announcement has already been made that the date of the strike will be kept secret and employers given no more than 12 hours' notice.

The vote on the strike was taken after hours of warm argument, most of it favoring a strike, and amid intense excitement. It was taken, too, after Thomas F. McMahon, president of the union, had admitted in answer to a question that the organization had no money to finance local unions through the strike.

Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, was one of those who urged the textile workers to "fight for justice."

McMahon said the present executive council of the union had discussed the strike proposal for three days before urging it on the convention.

"We are not desirous of creating chaos," he asserted. "I would like to give my consent to anything like

#### For A Special Meeting Scheduled for Monday Night, August 20

Final plans for an extensive and intensive advertising campaign in the interest of the tobacco market and general trade here, will be held in the City Hall, Monday night, August 20, at 7:45 o'clock.

A report from the steering committee, composed of D. E. Oglesby, J. Y. Monk, R. H. Knott, L. R. Bell, J. Branch Bobbitt, T. E. Joyner and Alex Rouse, will be heard, together with suggestions from those in attendance, and definite action will be taken to launch a booster campaign.

As stated previously in these columns, financial aid will not be solicited as sufficient funds have already been subscribed to provide for the advertising program, but the presence of every business man, tobacconist, and all others interested in the progress and development of Farmville, as a marketing and trade center, is greatly desired by those sponsoring the campaign. "United we stand" is the slogan of the committee, which wishes supporters who will lend their efforts for the betterment of Farmville.

### Preacher Kidnapped

Goldsboro, Aug. 16.—The Rev. R. H. Askew, Goldsboro evangelist, disappeared late yesterday while on an automobile trip to Smithfield and today his wife received a letter demanding ransom for his return.

The note received, by Mrs. Askew through the mails this morning, said: "Have \$25,000 in cash at once or you will never see your husband alive again. Instructions will follow."

The note was not signed. It was typewritten on cheap paper and mailed in a plain envelope. The stamp was canceled by the Goldsboro post office at 8:30 p. m. last night.

### Farmville Is A Steady And Dependable Tobacco Market

#### 'Chisellers' Will Have To Reckon With Government

#### Roosevelt Says There Is Plenty of Food for The Nation and There Is No Excuse For Profiteering

Washington, Aug. 15.—President Roosevelt gave notice today that "chisellers" seeking to profiteer in food prices as a result of the drought would have to reckon with the federal government.

Speaking at his regular newspaper conference Mr. Roosevelt in response to inquiries asserted there was plenty of food for the nation and no excuse for any profiteering or any alarm by customers.

He expressed little concern that there would be profiteering, but made it plain that all such cases would be met by government action.

He also said federal agents were intensifying vigilance over the grain and produce exchanges to prevent undue speculation in food stuffs which might jeopardize natural prices.

### Leaf Cards Now Ready

#### Farm Department Mailing Out Notices Telling Farmers To Come For Cards

E. F. Arnold, director of the Pitt County Farm Department said the first of the week that tobacco marketing cards were ready and that notices were being mailed out telling the farmers to come and get them.

Mr. Arnold made it clear that it is necessary for farmers to sign for the cards. He also said it was necessary that all growers bring their contracts for identification.

In case it isn't convenient for a grower to go to the office to sign his card, he may obtain same by sending somebody else with a written notice and his contract.

Farmers whose acreage measurements have not been completed were urged to speed up their work, obtain their certificates and apply at the Farm Office for their marketing cards.

With the tobacco markets scheduled to open August 23, Mr. Arnold said it was imperative that delivery of the cards be speeded up as much as possible so growers may be in readiness to market their tobacco when the market swings open.

### To Decide Future Policy on Cotton

#### Must Also Decide Part It Will Play In World Market, Declares Tugwell

Clemson College, S. C., Aug. 15.—The South itself must decide future policy on cotton including the part it will play in the world market, Rexford G. Tugwell, under secretary of agriculture, said here today.

The temporary acreage reduction program must be transformed into something of a permanent policy, he asserted, and the decision must be made in time to influence 1935 spring planting.

As to the part the south may play in the world market in the future Tugwell said "I doubt if you will care to enter into world competition against six cent cotton," adding "But that is a problem for the future."

### Crop This Year Estimated Much Smaller Than 1933

#### Farmers Await Opening With Belief Tobacco Price Average This Year Will Exceed Last Year's Price

Warehousemen are making their "Last Roundup" this week for the scheduled opening on Thursday, August 23, noting personally that everything has been done that would be conducive to orderly marketing of tobacco in the three huge warehouses here; that all facilities used in handling, weighing, placing and sale of the golden weed are in perfect order; farmers are standing in line daily in front of the County Farm Agent's quarters to secure their tobacco marketing cards, and the business men of Farmville are making extensive preparations for extending a hearty welcome, and making the visit of customers and visitors to their establishments pleasant and mutually profitable.

Preparations are being speeded up and everything put in readiness for the flow of the golden weed into this, one of the principal marketing centers of East Carolina, and indications point to the most satisfactory and successful opening of many years.

#### Opening Gala Event.

Opening day is always a gala event here and the usual crowd, which runs into the thousands, will doubtless be augmented by hundreds of new patrons and visitors this year, all of whom will be keenly interested in the prices of their main money crop. Sales are expected to be heavy and the Farmville market will have need of its improved facilities and increased floor space, which enables it to handle a tremendous sale with all ease.

Golden Weed To Merit Name.

The golden weed is in a fair way of meriting its cognomen this season, following a depressive siege of several years duration, and farmers of this belt, all of whom have kept in close touch with prices prevailing in other belts, are on tip toes and breathless with expectation and wonder as to just what opening prices will be here, as they grade their first offerings.

Reports from the Georgia and border markets are most encouraging, and a display of samples with attached selling price, placed in the window of a local grocery store, by some visitors to the nearest markets recently, are being viewed with great interest, much comment and comparison by passersby.

#### A Steady And Dependable Market

Fluctuation is a term peculiarly applicable to tobacco markets in general, but Farmville, with its many selling facilities, unmatched situation and untiring efforts of its warehousemen, has attained a reputation throughout the State of excelling as a steady, dependable market.

Organization Of Farmers On Trial

Organization of tobacco farmers has been perfected to a higher degree than it was thought possible last year this time. The situation has been almost miraculously changed and under the "New Deal" as inaugurated by President Roosevelt, and brought to a culmination in the Agricultural Adjustment Act, growers have an exceptional opportunity—and the first in the history of agriculture, of receiving equitable treatment.

The problem of organization, which at first seemed very difficult, was really achieved with great ease. For when the farmer, being made to realize his position last fall in such a tragic way, had his confidence renewed in his government by the meritorious way in which it speedily swung into action in dealing with his emergency, created order from chaos and obtained a fair exchange for his tobacco, he sensed the importance of cooperation.

The importance of working in alliance with the government became strikingly clear at this time, when

the wrecking of the entire agricultural structure was threatened, and the farmer discovering the mighty influence brought to bear on his behalf, decided that the program of this administration deserved his respect and admiration. And so the production adjustment plan, worked out by government officials, in conjunction with an advisory committee of representative flue-cured tobacco growers, met with the immediate approval and loyal support of the farmers, as evidenced in the ready response to the sign up campaign and proved in the strict manner in which the agreements were observed. And they are expecting a continuation of their cooperation to result in ending their long struggle of years with low prices.

#### Farmville Market Increasing in Popularity.

Outstanding and extensive improvements have been made in tobacco town this summer and the increasing popularity of this market will have an opportunity of further development when newcomers witness the manner and ease with which heavy sales are managed and realize the benefits of attentive and courteous treatment, which they receive from the warehousemen, buyers and sales forces of the warehouses. These facts, together with the consistent consideration shown the customer and the obtaining of high prices, are constantly drawing customers for this market from a wider area.

#### Knott's Warehouse.

Knott's warehouse, operated by R. H. Knott and J. M. Hobgood, both experienced and popular warehousemen, has with the addition last year of 75 feet, an added space of 12,000 square feet, enabling them to handle a full day's sale without being crowded, and causing it to be numbered among the largest of the warehouses in the Bright Belt. The interior has recently been painted white as a means of securing the best light possible and everything has been done to the end that the highest dollar may be obtained for the customer.

#### Monk's Warehouse.

Monk's warehouse, the largest of any of the houses here, has recently undergone extensive repairs and every convenience and comfort, including a rest room for the ladies, awaits its patrons. The proprietor, J. Y. Monk, well known in the tobacco industry, has done business at the same stand for the past 21 years, and is entering his 28th year as an outstanding successful warehouseman.

#### Planter's Warehouse

L. R. Bell, prominently connected with the warehouse business here for a number of years and J. Branch Bobbitt, experienced warehouseman and tobacconist, will operate Planter's warehouse again this season. This house of modern construction throughout, has been recently renovated and is entirely ready to accommodate its many customers.

The daily poundage per warehouse is an index to the warehousemen's business, and the Farmville market ranked second in this belt in the average of turnover per day during the first week of the past season, when a check was kept for the purpose of noting this feature of marketing. The average sale per house per day in the new bright belt was 64,560 pounds and in the border belt, 66,144 pounds, the Farmville market with three houses averaging 102,891 per house.

#### Crop Best In Years.

Curing results are declared as excellent by farmers in this section, which with the improvement in price and the good quality of the weed this year should make this season the best in years.

#### WATERMELON PARTY

Mrs. S. A. Roebuck entertained on Saturday evening, honoring her guests, Misses Nita Grimes, of Titusville, Fla., and Edith Ward Roebuck of Robersonville. Games, swimming and a watermelon feast was enjoyed during the evening.