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## Officials Assert Tobacco Control Chief Price Hope

### Believe Failure of Referendum Saturday Will Bring Sharp Price Decline; the Conservation Policy Not Sufficient Curb.

Washington, March 8. — Department of Agriculture officials today expressed the opinion that failure of flue-cured tobacco growers to adopt marketing control by a two-thirds vote in the referendum to be held on Saturday will result in the lowering of the average annual income of the 300,000 families engaged directly in the production of the crop from \$500 to between \$200 and \$300.

This opinion was based on the failure of the soil conservation act to secure any material reduction of acreage in 1936 and 1937 and the capacity of the area in which flue-cured tobacco is grown to produce crops far in excess of any potential demand.

The new farm bill really contains two systems, acreage allotments based on voluntary compliance with the soil conservation act, which is continued, and poundage allotments, the latter subject to the referendum to be held on Saturday.

Farmers are offered payments under the agricultural conservation program for planting tobacco in line with the acreage allotments under the agricultural conservation program. If they plant in excess of these allotments, they merely fail to earn the payments offered. The acreage allotments are independent of the marketing quotas, and regardless of whether a farmer plants in line with the allotments, his marketing quota would remain unchanged.

The report reveals improvement in some phases of the industry in 1936-37. Cigarette production reached a new high; cigar production increased for the third successive year; stocks of tobacco in most types were reduced to as low a level as was desirable.

On the other hand, an unfavorable indication is cited in the case of exports. The export trade has always been a major outlet for American tobacco, but greater and greater efforts are being made to duplicate popular American types in foreign countries. "Such efforts," it was stated, "backed by governmental funds and proceeding along scientific lines, will probably bear more and more heavily on the foreign market for American tobacco."

The report contains numerous tables on production, prices and other items relating to tobacco. New data not included in the first annual report relates to tax-paid withdrawals in the United States of tobacco products from the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 1917-37; tobacco acreage and production of the world and specified countries, 1900-34; data indicating use, dimensions and weights of tobacco containers for shipment and storage; and international trade tables by countries or origin and destination for the most important tobacco exporting and importing countries, 1922-36.

## Chinese Guerrilla Bands Claim Further Victories

### Shanghai, March 9. — Chinese reported today that guerrilla bands had recaptured a dozen towns in conquered territory north of the Yellow river while Japanese artillery bombarded strategic cities on the south bank.

Most of the reported Chinese successes were along the Nonan-Hopeh border, 40 to 60 miles behind the Japanese advance lines which were held up by the broad river.

The Chinese also said a Chinese cavalry detachment had repulsed a Japanese drive against Lini, in southeastern Shantung, killing 500 Japanese.

The Japanese artillery attacks were concentrated on Chinese positions opposite Menghsien and Wenhsien, where the Japanese hoped to cross the river and cut the Lunghai railway between Chengchow and Loyang.

Although handicapped by snow, the Japanese continued to pursue retreating Chinese in Shansi province, preparatory to invading Shensi, the Communist stronghold.

Chinese said Japanese in Northwest Shansi had crossed the Yellow river near Paotse and occupied Fuku in Shansi province, but were forced back by a spirited Chinese counter attack.

The Japanese column, driving southward through Shansi, is aimed at Tungkuang, gateway to Shensi, at the "big bend" of the river. This drive centers attention on Sian, capital of Shensi and for 400 years capital of the Chinese empire.

Sian is surrounded by 30-foot walls built by Hung Wu, founder of the Ming dynasty in 1368.

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## Look at Washington

### FOR EDUCATION NEW FEDERAL AID STATES TO CONTROL RE-ORGANIZATION BILL. FIGHT IN SENATE AN EXECUTIVE JOB NAVAL CONTROVERSY BATTLESHIPS SUPREME AIRPLANE ADVOCATES BRITISH DECISION

Federal grants to the States for educational purposes have been hastened by the report recently submitted to Congress by the President who received it from an Advisory Committee on Education. Finding "glaring inequalities in educational opportunities," which "can be adequately corrected" only by Federal aid, the study recommends the contribution of \$855,500,000 in six years, divided into six major funds.

The first of \$40,000,000 in 1939, and increasing \$20,000,000 a year, would be for general aid in the operation and maintenance of public elementary and secondary schools. A second from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually, for improvement in the preparation of teachers; the third, \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 annually for construction of buildings; the fourth, \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, for improvement of State Departments of Education; the fifth, \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000, for civic, general and vocational part-time activities and the sixth, \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for rural library service.

The committee insisted upon State control, plainly and exactly established by law, with the exception of a provision that States maintaining separate schools for Negroes provide an equitable distribution of the funds without reducing the proportion of present funds spent on Negro schools. So complete will be State authority that local authorities will have to decide whether parochial and private schools will share in the benefits.

However, the advisory group held that the largest share should go to rural schools, because the farm population has a disproportionately heavy educational load to be borne on a lower per capita income.

The National Education Association, the largest teachers' organization in the country, gave the report its official commendation after a committee reported that the President favored the main principles, that the money be distributed to equalize educational opportunity for the nation's children and that school control be kept in the hands of the States and local school districts.

It is interesting to point out that Federal grants for educational purposes already exceed \$50,000,000 a year. They include vocational education in public schools, rehabilitation of the physically disabled, instruction at land-grant colleges, agricultural experimentation and agricultural and home economics extension work. The activities would not be interfered with, except possibly to be placed more clearly under State control, and the new grants are to be in addition to the sums appropriated for the purposes mentioned.

The Senate last week debated the administration's reorganization bill with the measure under heavy attack from a group of Senators, loosely identified as the insurgent, or anti-reform. Democrats and Republicans opponents. Several Presidents have attempted to solve the problem of administrative efficiency presented by the 135 separate agencies of the government in Washington. In 1932 Congress gave President Hoover power to rearrange the bureaus but with the provision that changes had to be submitted to Congress, without effect until sixty days, not even then if either house passed a resolution of disapproval.

## Silver Anniversary Observed By Joyner

### Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Joyner Entertain; Literary Clubs Meet During Week.

The largest and most delightful of social events held here during the spring season was that of Friday, when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eli Joyner entertained in observance of their Silver Anniversary.

A profusion of spring bloom, daffodils, hawthorne, snapdragons, roses and camillias, filled the home on North Main street; the rose and gold color note being emphasized in the music room, shades of pink in the living room, white and silver in the dining and gift rooms, and red and white in the sun parlor.

Greeting guests were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barrett, and directing them to the music room were Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Joyner introduced guests to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eli Joyner, their daughters, Misses Verona Lee and Frances, and son, Eli Joyner, Jr., Mrs. Bertha Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Barrett, Roanoke, Va., Mrs. Nonie Barrett, Mack Barrett, Canton, David Barrett and the Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Monk directed the way to the dining room, where Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knott received. The table was centered with a silver bowl of white snapdragons, roses and fern. White tapers in silver candleabra burned on the table and mantel, all appointments of which were silver. Seated at the table were Mrs. Bertha Joyner Gardner and Mrs. Louise Dixon Harris, serving ices in orange blossom and wedding bell motifs. Miss Bettie Joyner, Miss Margaret Lewis, Miss Bertha Lang, Miss Hazel Bass, Miss Geraldine Gardner, Miss Jean Cannon, Miss Lucy Barrow and Miss Nellie Butler assisted in passing individual cakes, iced and decorated with white roses, nuts and mints.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lang were in the hallway, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner received in the gift room, where the register was presided over by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Thorne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Thorne received in the sun parlor, where punch was served by Mrs. Daisy Holmes Smith, Mrs. Kathleen H. Moore, Miss Elizabeth Lang and Miss Bertha Ray Joyner.

Mrs. Joyner is the only daughter of Mrs. Nonie Smith Barrett and the late C. L. Barrett. Mr. Joyner is the son of Mrs. Bertha Barrow Joyner and the late R. L. Joyner, Sr.

## Miss Mable Barrett Crowned Queen By Secretary of State

### Exposition Week, held by Legionnaires and merchants here, came to a brilliant conclusion on Friday night, with Secretary of State Thad Eure conducting the coronation ceremonies, crowning Miss Mable Barrett, attractive and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Barrett, as queen and presenting her with a lovely diamond ring.

Miss Barrett wore a pink lace dress with blue accessories and a shoulder corsage of roses and valley lilies.

The Queen's Ball was formally opened by the Queen herself and Manager Grey. The ball attracted more than two thousand people from this community and nearby towns. Music for the event was furnished by Hod Williams' orchestra.

The Exposition was regarded as among the most successful benefits ever staged here, and partons were apparently delighted with the featured attractions and the good, clean entertainment provided throughout the week by exhibitors and circus performers.

## Clean-Up Campaign To Begin March 15th

As Pitt County Health Officer I wish to heartily endorse the county-wide "Clean Up Campaign" under the chairmanship of Miss Ethel Nice, Pitt County Home Demonstration Agent. This campaign is to be carried on in connection with "Better Homes in America" week. It is planned that the campaign begin Monday, March 14th and continue until all communities have been reached.

There are several reasons for a Clean Up Campaign:

1. It improves the looks of the home and the grounds.
2. It increases one's self-respect.
3. It increases the value of property.
4. It boosts the pride of the community.
5. And most important of all, it promotes good health.

Weeds in the yard, clogged up gutters, and old tin cans holding water are favorable breeding places for mosquitos and of course mosquitos carry Malaria. Unclean stables and garage are favorable breeding places for flies. Flies are dangerous carriers of Typhoid and other filth diseases.

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## Here Are Chief Points In Marketing Proposal

Raleigh, March 10.—The proposed marketing quotas for cotton and tobacco would:

1. Endeavor to keep production in line with consumption so as to protect growers from ruinously low prices on glutted markets.
2. Give each cotton and tobacco grower his fair share of the total crop to be produced this year.
3. Encourage growers to participate in the agricultural conservation program and receive payments offered for limiting the acreage of soil-depleting crops and for carrying out soil-building practices.
4. Provide penalties for farmers who exceed their cotton and tobacco quotas.
5. In brief, the cotton and tobacco quotas would be determined for each farm thus:
6. Farms growing more than five acres of tobacco would make adjustments of about 30 per cent from their normal acreage, which is about the same as the old "base acreage."
7. Farms with 3.5 acres or less would make about a 10 per cent adjustment from their normal acreage.

and 5 acres would make adjustments ranging from 10 to 30 per cent.

Then the farmer's marketing quota would be calculated by multiplying his allotted acreage times the average number of pounds grown per acre.

## Farmers Vote On Each Crop Separate Ballots For Tobacco and Cotton Growers.

Raleigh, March 8. — E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, issued a warning today in which he reminded farmers that the vote on cotton and flue-cured tobacco March 12 will be separate.

"From many reports which have reached me, I gather that a large number of cotton growers are depending on the tobacco producers to do the deciding, either one way or the other," Floyd stated.

## Diggers Find Gold

Bloomington, Pa. — Workmen deepening the cellar under the house of Elmer R. Beers found several gold coins. Excitedly, they began to dig for more and when finally they concluded they had found them all, there were 57 in all, of \$1,140 worth, and a collar that was two feet deep.

The Beers, the owner, divided \$200 with the workman, and kept the balance for himself.

## New Threat In Flooded Area

Los Angeles, March 8. — Hail and lightning ushered in a new storm today as rain-plagued Southern California struggled to bring order out of last week's flood chaos.

Lightning fired a Pasadena home during the night and extinguished the lights in an Altadena residence. Damage was slight.

## Filed Your Income Tax Return Yet? Here's How

Washington, March 8. — Have you made out your income tax return. There's only one week left.

1. Is 1938 considered a grass-hopper year?
2. How many persons will make income tax returns this year?
3. Do blood tests reveal the existence of the germ of syphilis?
4. When was the Labor Department created?
5. How many physicians are there in the United States?
6. What portion of the population is dependent upon governmental aid?
7. What percentage of railroad mileage is being operated by recidivists?
8. How many persons are on the relief rolls of WPA?
9. What is the largest airplane hanger in the world?
10. How much do American sportsmen pay each year in hunting licenses?

## WHO KNOWS?

As your personal exemption. Married men get a break and can take off \$2,500. Every child or other dependent necessarily supported by you counts for another \$400 exemption.