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TOBACCO VOTE TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY 12

Tobacco Growers to Vote On Marketing Quotas 12

No Price Supports Will Be Effective In 1947 If Quota Plan Is Not Approved

Tobacco growers will be given an opportunity to vote in a referendum Friday, July 12, to determine whether they want quotas on the 1947 crop of flue-cured tobacco. The marketing quota, the only plan that has ever been devised to furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply and demand, is the only one now that can help provide fair prices to growers for the tobacco they produce.

Referendum Called

The referendum has been called by the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the law which provides for quotas in 1947 on flue-cured tobacco. However, quotas will not be in effect for 1947 unless approved by at least two-thirds of all flue-cured tobacco growers voting in the referendum. Any person who has an interest in the 1946 crop of flue-cured tobacco as owner, tenant, or share cropper is eligible to vote in the referendum being held July 12, but no person is entitled to cast more than one vote even though he may be engaged in producing flue-cured tobacco in two or more communities, counties or states.

Approximately 6,000 Pitt County growers are eligible to vote in the referendum on marketing quotas on flue-cured tobacco, according to J. V. Taylor, Chairman of the County Agricultural Conservation Committee. Mr. Taylor said Pitt County's 1946 crop of flue-cured tobacco is indicated at approximately 45,295 acres.

Three Proposals

As in the past, growers will vote on three propositions: (1) do you favor marketing quotas for three years, 1947, 1948 and 1949?; (2) are you opposed to quotas for three years but favor the quota for one year?; or (3) are you opposed to any quota?

Supply and Demand

At the present time, flue-cured tobacco growers are producing above world consumption levels to build up depleted stocks in foreign countries. Marketing quotas afford the opportunity to adjust this supply to meet demand.

Marketing quotas furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and can help to provide fair prices to growers for the tobacco they produce.

If quotas are approved acreage allotments will be set and there will be small acreages available for adjusting old allotments and establishing allotments for farms on which no tobacco has been grown during the past five years. Individual farm acreage allotments for 1947 will not be less than 80 percent of the 1946 allotment for any farm which has grown up to 75 percent of its allotted acreage in any one of the past three years. Allotments may be increased any time up to March 1, 1947, if the supply and demand situation warrants.

The legislation authorizing quotas on the 1947 and subsequent crops also provides for a loan of 90 percent of the parity price. No loans or other price supports will be effective in 1947 if growers disapprove marketing quotas.

The Federal government is no longer acting as agent for foreign governments in purchasing tobacco, and in the future loans can afford a real protection to growers against drastic price declines or losses.

Local Voting Place

The polls will be open at 7:00 a. m. and close at 9:00 p. m. Voting places in Farmville and nearby towns will be as follows:

Farmville, Carl Tyson's Office.
Fountain, Town Hall.
Falkland, Dr. Morrill's Office.

President Says U. S. Meeting Food Goals

Washington. — President Truman said today the world food crisis "is not over," although the United States is abreast of its goal in the shipment of grain.

The President said in a statement that the country must continue to share its food "during the coming months of hunger abroad."

He released this statement to his news conference, asserting that the United States "will fully meet its half-year goal of 6,000,000 tons of food grains, but that final shipments to complete the total will not leave American ports until after the first of July."

Things not done in Iowa in order of importance—soft jobs come first.

Rites Wooten Trio Held Here Tuesday

Death Caused By Head-on Crash In Rain Near Richlands

Last rites for Staff Sgt. David T. Wooten, 31, son of Bennie T. Wooten and the late Mrs. Mamie Williford Wooten; his wife, Mrs. Lucy Cross Wooten, 26, and Sgt. Wooten's sister, Miss Ethel Mae Wooten, 20, were held from the home of the parents here, Tuesday afternoon, at 5:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, minister of the Farmville Christian Church, in charge, and the Rev. E. R. Clegg, Methodist pastor, and the Rev. E. S. Coates, of the Presbyterian Church, assisting. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery beneath a lovely floral tribute.

Favorite hymns were sung by a mixed quartet, composed of Mrs. Vernessa S. Townsend, Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt, Elbert C. Holmes and Chas. F. Baucom.

The trio were victims of a head-on automobile collision near Richlands, Saturday afternoon. They were enroute from their home in Wilmington to Farmville to attend a birthday celebration of an elderly aunt, and to visit their son, David Lee, six, who was visiting his grandfather and his stepgrandmother here. Wooten, who was stationed at Fort Bragg, was driver of one car. He was killed instantly. His wife died a short while later in Onslow County Hospital. Miss Wooten died at the scene of the accident.

The Wooten car was in collision with a surplus Army reconnaissance car driven by James Jarman, 17, of Comfort. Jarman was reported as failing to have a State motor vehicle license by investigating officers and was held pending a coroner's inquest. He suffered a dislocated shoulder and was treated for shock in a Kinston hospital.

T. L. Griffith, of Jacksonville, who said that he was driving behind the Jarman auto, stated that Jarman was driving not in excess of 40 miles an hour in the rainstorm. Griffith said that Jarman suddenly made a left turn, and his car then swung in the path of the Wooten vehicle.

Cpl. H. C. Johnson of the State Highway Patrol made the investigation.

Staff Sergeant Wooten is survived by his father, Bennie T. Wooten; his stepmother, Mrs. Bettie Lovic Wooten; a son; two sisters, Miss Mamie Ruth Wooten, of the home, and Mrs. W. H. Crocker, of Camp Lejeune; a brother, Pfc. William W. Wooten, of the United States Army at Alamogordo, N. M.

Surviving Mrs. Wooten are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clyde Cross, of Portsmouth, Va., her son; five brothers, George H., Ernest and James Cross, of Portsmouth, Clyde B., of Joplin, Mo., and John C. Cross of the Navy, at San Diego, Calif.

Active pallbearers were H. O., William, Harry Lee, Walter, and Lynn Lovie, Otis Baldree, W. C. Wooten, Jr., Roland, Manly and Abe Wooten, F. LeRoy Rollins, W. J. Rasberry, Dr. Paul E. Jones, Roland Quinn, William B. Gardner, Paul Davis, Roy Lee Allen and H. P. Norman.

At The Kiwanis Club

President Charlie Hotchkiss presided at the Kiwanis meeting, Monday evening, and introduced four guests who are active on the proposed zoning of Farmville, George Franklin and Guy Whitney, of Raleigh, LeRoy Rollins and Dr. John Mewborn, of Farmville. Mayor Jim Joyner announced that the zoning meeting would be held at the City Hall at 8:00 P. M., and urged everyone to attend. Charlie also announced that the club would sponsor a program at the Kiwanis Club of Swansboro on July 25th.

Frank Allen suggested an exchange of programs with a club in another division and since there had been some correspondence with the Smithfield club, it was decided that programs would be exchanged with them in the month of August.

J. T. Windham was a guest for the evening.

Ford Satterthwaite will be in charge of the program next week.

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Mrs. Emily L. Smith Passes After Illness Of Several Months

Mrs. Emily L. Smith, 76, of Bell Arthur, a highly esteemed citizen of Pitt county, and a former resident of Farmville, succumbed, Monday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Robert Lee Corbett, to a critical illness of several months duration.

Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs. Corbett, Wednesday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, pastor of the Christian Church in charge. The Rev. J. C. Moye, of Snow Hill, Free Will Baptist minister, assisted. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery beside the grave of her late husband, Francis Marion Smith, and beneath a lovely floral tribute. Favorite hymns were sung by a trio composed of Mrs. J. C. Moye and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Moye Clark, of Snow Hill, and Mrs. J. D. Wilson, of Greenville. Members of the Woman's Loyal Class of the Christian Church were flower bearers.

Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Nelson and Emily L. Nichols. She had been a loyal and faithful church member for many years. Of a gentle nature, motherly and kind, she exemplified the Christian way of life to a high degree. She had many friends in the Bell Arthur section as well as in this community, and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are five sons, W. Leslie, of Raleigh; Guy, of Macclesfield; Mack, of Bell Arthur; Jack and Ned Smith of Farmville; five daughters, Mrs. Ellen Leggett, of Washington; Mrs. Robert Lee Corbett, of Farmville; Mrs. Garland Duke, of Kinston; Mrs. Russell Perry, of Wilson, and Mrs. Mercer Tatum, of Norfolk, Va. Another daughter, Mrs. Walter Gay, of Farmville, died recently. Surviving also are 17 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were D. S. Nichols, of Raleigh, Nash and Roy Joyner, and J. V. B. Tripp, of Greenville, C. H. Flanagan and Thad Nichols, all nephews.

New Canning Sugar Stamp Is Now Valid

Housewives will get more canning sugar now that spare stamp 10 is valid for five pounds.

This is the final stamp of the year for canning sugar, as no easing of the sugar situation is expected before 1947.

Although it is expected that 750,000 tons of sugar will be available this year for home canning sugar, compared with 500,000 tons during 1945, housewives are urged not to use spare stamp 10 unless the sugar is actually needed for home canning.

A recent report was circulated that coffee stamp 49 had become valid for sugar purchases, but this is completely erroneous. Sugar stamp 40 became good on May 1, and the next regular stamp for table sugar will not be valid until September 1.

Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association Directors Ask Membership and Others To Cooperate

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, through its Board of Directors, on Tuesday of this week, adopted a resolution calling on the merchants and business men of Farmville to accept the following pledge:

1. That we will endeavor to maintain a reasonable price level.

2. That as new goods come in at higher costs, we will mark them at the lowest price possible consistent with a reasonable profit.

3. That we cooperate by withholding purchases of merchandise that is out of reason.

4. That we urge those not affiliated with the association to cooperate in this most important endeavor.

The Directors also approved a resolution favoring the Tobacco Quota System and called on merchants to display cards in their windows calling attention to the July 12th vote and to speak personally with tobacco growers concerning voting for the retention of the allotment program.

Both actions were taken because it was felt that both of these programs are directly concerned with the welfare of the farmers and business men.

SAM D. BUNDY, Secretary

Congressmen Promise Sec. Bundy Their Help

Sam D. Bundy, secretary of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, wired North Carolina Congressmen, last week, advising them of the present acute meat and lard shortage in this area, and appealing for help in getting these necessities diverted to this section during the tobacco housing season when those laboring in the tobacco fields must have sufficient strength-giving and sustaining food.

As a result, Bundy has stirred up considerable interest and concern throughout the State and in Washington, and is in receipt of the following messages of June 27, in reply to his appeal:

"Your wire of June 26th has been received. You may be assured of my interest in seeing that meat and lard are diverted to Eastern North Carolina if it is possible to do so. With all good wishes, Very truly yours, J. W. Bailey."

"I have your telegram June 26 informing me of the acute meat and lard situation in and around Farmville. I have been in contact with Mr. George A. Salles, Production and Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture, and he advises me that he will have their state man, Mr. G. T. Scott, Production and Marketing Administration, Raleigh, make a survey and report to him before July 1st. The meat and lard situation is acute all over at the present but I want to assure you and the people of Farmville that I shall do everything I can to alleviate the situation that now exists. With best wishes, I am, Sincerely yours, Herbert C. Bonner, M. C."

GIRL SCOUT CAMP

The following girls left Friday, June 28, for the Girl Scout Camp, Camp Hardee, at Blount's Creek: Carolyn Roebuck, Barbara Greene, Jean Cayton, Shirley Newton and Jessie M. Carraway.

NO PAY BOOST FOR TEACHERS

Raleigh.—No salary increases for school personnel are provided in the $42,676,129 budget which the State Board of Education adopted Saturday for the nine-months public school system for the next fiscal year. However, the budget sets an all-time high for North Carolina and is $1,500,000 higher than the record budget for the last fiscal year.

The increases are to take care of 602 additional teachers, higher transportation costs, increased costs of plant operation, and to buy coal usually ordered in the spring but unavailable this year.

Tobacco Workers To Get Social Security Card

Every man or woman who is planning to work in a tobacco factory or warehouse this season should check up right now to see if he still has his Social Security Account Number Card. This is most important because every employee must show his account number card to his employer in order that he be properly credited with all the wages he earns, according to a statement made today by Marshall H. Barney, Manager of the Rocky Mount Field Office of the Social Security Board.

If a worker finds he has lost his Social Security Card, he should immediately apply for a duplicate. This is done by filling out an application blank and sending it to the Rocky Mount Office, located in the Post Office Building in Rocky Mount. The new card will be mailed to the address given by the applicant.

If a person has never had a Social Security Account Number before, but intends to start to work this tobacco season, he may obtain an original account number card by filling out an application blank which he may obtain at any Post Office, or from the Rocky Mount Office. This should be attended to right away to avoid delay.

C. C. Hedgepeth Funeral Held Here Saturday

Well Known Leaf Buyer Dies From Auto Accident; Interment Made In Knoxville, Tenn.

Final rites for Clarence Calvin Hedgepeth, 29, a well known local tobacconist, who died in a New Bern hospital, Thursday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident, early Wednesday morning, were conducted from the Farmville Methodist Church, Saturday morning, at 10:00 o'clock, by the pastor, the Rev. E. R. Clegg, assisted by the Rev. Marvin Y. Self, of Mt. Olive. Interment was made in the Lynn-Hurst cemetery, Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock, with graveside services conducted by the Rev. W. M. Seymour, pastor of the First Methodist Church, in Knoxville. Masons took part in the final rites.

A full choir sang Asleep In Jesus, Peace, Wonderful Peace and Abide With Me, and other hymns were played on the carillonic bells by the organist, Mrs. Haywood Smith, as the body was taken from the Church.

Mr. Hedgepeth, succumbed about 3:00 o'clock, Thursday afternoon at a New Bern hospital, as a result of injuries sustained Wednesday morning about 2:00 o'clock in an automobile accident on Highway 17, near Vanceboro.

He was a buyer for the A. C. Monk Tobacco Co., and had spent a week in New Bern to help in supervisory work at a redrying plant of the Monk company there. He planned to return to Farmville, Tuesday night, on account of his child undergoing an operation the next day.

According to an investigation by State Highway patrolmen, Hedgepeth lost control of the company car he was driving when he passed another automobile traveling in the opposite direction. The car apparently swerved on a shoulder of the road and turned over several times. Taken to a hospital when found several hours later, his condition was described as critical from the first.

Mr. Hedgepeth, an active Methodist and Mason, was a son of Mrs. L. B. Jackson, of Stem, and the late William Thomas Hedgepeth, of near Durham.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Miss Mildred B. Taylor, of Knoxville, Tenn., are two small children, Don-Eita and Winston, his mother, two sisters, Mrs. Lillard Sharp, of Sparta, Tenn., and Mrs. Elmo Leggon, of Oxford; two brothers, William T. Hedgepeth, Jr., of Varina, and Oliver C. Hedgepeth, of Stem.

Mr. Hedgepeth was an independent leaf tobacco buyer on the Farmville market for eight years prior to July 1943, when he became associated with A. C. Monk & Co., representing the company here and on the Blackshear and Waycross Markets since that time. During the burley season, he was associated with the Austin Tobacco Co., in Knoxville, Tenn.

Active pallbearers, all members of the A. C. Monk & Co., organization, were; A. C. Monk, Jr., T. S. Ryon, W. R. Burke, G. E. Beckman, Jr., James R. Lang, Lath Morriss, R. V. Fiser, and R. S. Johnson, of the New Bern branch.

R. V. Fiser and Allen Drake accompanied Mrs. Hedgepeth and family to Knoxville, Tenn., for interment rites.

Report Of Seal Sale Made By Treasurer

A total of $676.52 has been received by Donald H. Conley, Treasurer of Pitt County League for Crippled Children from the sale of Easter Seals, according to an announcement made this week by K. T. Futrell, County Chairman. The amount raised by each community is as follows:

Farmville, directed by J. H. Moore, $92.70; Farmville (colored) by H. B. Sugg, $30.34; Bethel, $30.29; Ayden, $45.00; Greenville, $119.57; Belvoir, $20.00; Winterville, $25.20; Grifton, $18.20; Arthur, $15.68; Stokes, $15.64; Chicod, $19.00; Falkland, $20.00; Pactolus, $12.00; Grimesland, $22.68; Fountain, $16.50; the County Colored Schools, directed by Prof. H. B. Sugg, $209.74.

The Pitt County League Committee for Cripple Children requests that expression of its appreciation of efforts expended and contributions made towards the Easter Seal Sale be printed with the above information regarding the success of the sale.

Often the most helpful thing you can do is to keep out of the way.

Tobacco Mart To Be Opened On August 19

Opening Dates For All Tobacco Belts Announced At Annual TAUS Meeting

The Farmville tobacco market will open its 1946 selling season on Monday, August 19th, according to announcement made relative to this belt, at the recent annual meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States, held in Raleigh.

Opening dates for the belts are as follows:

Georgia-Florida—Wednesday, July 24th.

South Carolina-North Carolina border belt—Thursday, August 1.

Eastern North Carolina—Monday, August 19.

Middle Belt—Monday, Sept. 9.

Old Belt—North Carolina-Virginia, Monday, Sept. 16.

Dark Fire-Cured of Virginia—Monday, December 2.

The Association set a 200-pound limit on the size of piles and set the rate of sales at 400 piles per hour. The markets will be allowed to operate from 9:30 a. m., to 3:30 p. m. daily with one hour for lunch. All piles sold, including those sold to speculators and warehousemen, will be included in the day's count. Tabulators are to be furnished by the Tobacco Board of Trade.

These regulations apply to all of the different belts.

Weather Causing Tobacco Troubles

Weather conditions are chiefly responsible for tobacco plants having narrow, thickened leaves and premature buttoning of the crop, according to R. R. Bennett, Extension specialist at State College.

A number of farmers from various sections of the state have been reporting such conditions and have become alarmed, thinking some disease may be responsible for the condition.

"I have just returned from a trip through many of the tobacco counties," Bennett says. "In Wilson I found tobacco plants scattered over the field with narrow, thickened leaves and this premature buttoning. In one end of the field about one-quarter of an acre was shaded by several large water oaks. Under the shade, where it had been unusually dark, cool, and damp, every plant showed the described conditions.

"Whereas in the open field, where plants could get some sunlight, a small percentage of the plants were abnormal. Most of the buttoning and the narrow, thickened leaves is due to lack of warm sunlight, excess rain, cold nights and days.

"Plants generally have started off with a poor root system because of the presence of abundant moisture after setting.

"I would advise frequent cultivation to aerate the soil and the putting of all the dirt around the tobacco that the crop will stand."

At The Rotary Club

Bill Duke, newly elected Rotary president, was handed the gavel by Frank Williams, incumbent, at the meeting, Tuesday evening, the latter reviewing some of the achievements of the club during his administration and commenting on the loyalty and fine cooperation he had received, and the former pledging himself to lend his efforts to make Rotary ideals and principles even more significant in the life of the community during the coming year. A total net gain of 4 members was reported for the past year. President Duke appointed committees and outlined immediate objectives at this time.

Paul Ewell, of the fellowship and attendance committee, gave an encouraging report and John Mewborn, vice president, made brief remarks regarding the place of Rotary in the community.

Rotarian George Davis, who had just returned from the Baptist assembly at Ridge Crest, spoke of activities there, the outstanding endeavor at the present being that of raising three and a half million dollars for the starving people of other nations.

The attendance prize, given by Walter B. Jones, was won by R. A. Joyner.

Dr. A. F. Hammond, Jr., of La Grange, guest of Ed Nash Warren, Bernice Turnage, Joseph Joyner and R. L. Lang was accorded warm welcome as visitors at this meeting.