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THE ASSESSMENT

There has been little razzle-dazzle or fanfare about it, but from the standpoint of real economics the tobacco referendum on Saturday, July 12, will be one of the most important elections that has ever been held in the flue-cured belt.

In simple terms, what the election will decide is whether or not growers will assess themselves 10 cents an acre for a fund to be used in protecting and developing the export market for American grown tobacco.

Traditionally, the flue-cured tobacco grow on our Carolina farms has had a big demand in other countries, and normally 40 per cent of our total crop is exported. This meant a total of \$182,000,000 was returned to North Carolina farmers last year on flue-cured exports and \$70,000,000 to growers in South Carolina.

The coming referendum cannot be tossed aside as just another balloting—or the mere assessment of about 45 cents per farmer annually for the next three years. It goes far beyond that. It is a vote on whether growers are concerned enough to protect the \$200 an acre they received from exporting tobacco in 1946.

If there is a good turn-out at the polls, the effect will be felt both in Washington and in the capitals of foreign countries where matters of world trade are decided. If the vote is weak, then we may be headed back toward 1932, when according to economists, world trade was at a standstill. We know only too well first hand what prices were here at home.

And, with the increasing yield per acre from tobacco, it will be difficult if not impossible to maintain a fair price if our domestic supply is loaded down with the 40 per cent that normally goes for export.

The job of maintaining our export market is a big one. It is something that will have vital effect not only upon the prosperity of tobacco farmers, but also upon the people living in our cities and towns. We hope that the four dimes and a nickel that the average grower puts in, when they are all added together for administration by Tobacco Associates, will be enough to do the job.

Looking at this program philosophically, it has several encouraging aspects. For one thing, it is home-grown and stemmed from discussions among leading farmers right here in our flue-cured belt. For another, it is a move on the part of growers in cooperation with allied interests, to take a firm step to solve their own problems in their own way. And finally, the complete control of Tobacco Associates is vested in the hands of a board of directors whose very records are proof that they will see to it that every penny paid in by growers is made to do full duty in protecting and developing the foreign market for American grown leaf.

Every grower of flue-cured tobacco—regardless of how busy he may be—should take time out Saturday to go to the polls and vote.

THE HERO AS ALCOHOLIC

(Christian Science Monitor)

There used to be a time when the hero of the dime novel tended to be handsome, brave, Nordic and upright. A new Book-of-the-Month-Club choice presents many of the elements of the old dime thriller in pretentious modern dress, but the "hero" is that newly fashionable type, the alcoholic.

Through how many recent works of fiction has the alcoholic hero realized his sadly riotous way. The disconcerting part of it is that he is usually presented as the sensitive victim of society, not of his own weakness. The modern "realistic" novel, like the rose-colored romances of yesteryear, hesitates to call "a man a sot or a drunk a drunk." It calls him an idealist.

We would not deny the gain in modern society which has led the alcoholic to be considered a subject for helpful compensation rather than righteous condemnation. But we are interested in his tipsy self-pity, with its attempt to shift the blame for his plight to "some person or circumstance of our whole existence," and to help him to be

**Driving License
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Motorists Whose Surname Begins With 'A' Or 'B' Must Have License Renewed Prior Jan. 1

A driving license examiner from the State Highway and Public Works Commission is being stationed in Farmville each Wednesday for the purpose of giving driving license tests and enabling motorists whose surname begins with "A" or "B" to renew their operators' permit as required, by law before January 1. The examiner, Mr. Featherstone, has his headquarters in the Farmville Municipal Building from 9 o'clock each Wednesday morning until 5 in the afternoon.

Legislation passed by the 1947 General Assembly requires all motorists to have their licenses renewed every four years. The task is being undertaken in alphabetical order, and those whose names begin with the first two letters of the alphabet must comply with the statute between July 1 and January 1.

State Highway Patrolman L. F. (Larry) Taylor, stationed in Farmville, calls attention to the severe penalties imposed on drivers convicted of recklessness or operating an automobile while they are under the influence of liquor. Those convicted of drunken driving, for the first offense, will be fined at least \$100 and costs, with their license revoked for one year. On the second offense, the fine is stepped up to \$200 and the revocation period is lengthened to two years. On third offense cases, the fine is \$500 and the license revoked for an indefinite period.

Those convicted of reckless driving, on the second offense, will have their permits suspended for a period up to one year. The same penalty will be imposed on those convicted of one charge of reckless driving and a second charge of speeding more than 75 miles an hour.

Sharper teeth placed in the laws governing the operation of automobiles on the highways also make it mandatory that a minimum fine of \$25 be imposed on those convicted of driving without a permit.

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**CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM
NOT AFFECTED, SAYS MANN**

There is no pending legislation that will affect the Federal Crop Insurance Program for 1947, according to information received by Julian E. Mann, North Carolina State Director, from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation in Washington.

Contracts already signed to cover 1947 crops were written under the existing law and will be carried out

on that basis, Mr. Mann said.

More than 540,000 farmers in all parts of the United States have insured their 1947 crops according to present estimates of the Corporation.

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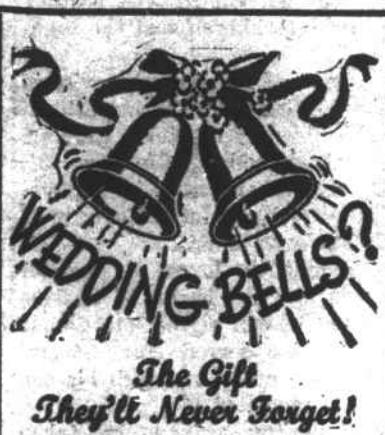
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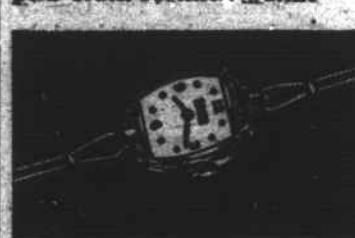
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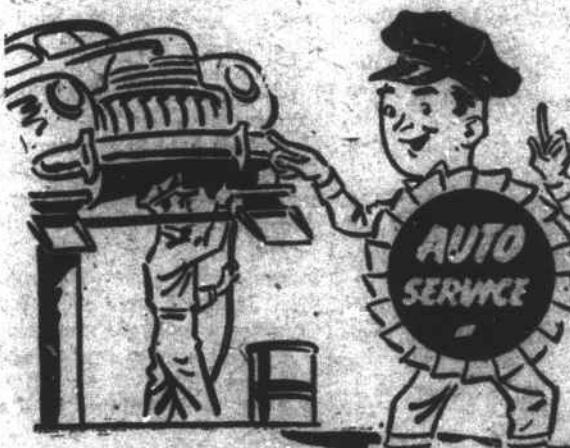
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