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## Growers Endorse Plan to Bolster Tobacco Exports

Pitt county tobacco growers Saturday voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal to assess themselves 10 cents an acre to support Tobacco Associates in an effort to find new export outlets for tobacco.

The county vote was 589 for and only 15 against. Farmville had a spotless record, voting 550 for and not a single one against.

Flue-cured tobacco growers in North and South Carolina have approved by an overwhelming vote of 117,419 to 1,140—a 10-cent per acre assessment proposed to safeguard and expand export markets through a comprehensive program of education, information and public relations to be administered by Tobacco Associates.

The sweeping acceptance of the self-assessment was registered Saturday in a two-state referendum, called by Legislatures of the two Carolinas, and final returns yet to be made are expected to push the majority even higher. Two-thirds of those voting had to approve the proposal before the program could be put into full effect.

Through the tremendous vote of confidence, Tobacco Associates may go forward with full knowledge that flue-cured producers—landowners, tenants and sharecroppers are backing to the hilt the group's work to stabilize and enlarge foreign markets. J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, who is now in Europe, has been informed by E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, secretary of the referendum's success, a sterling tribute to the efforts of those who formed Tobacco Associates.

The organization was set up by tobacco growers and dealers, warehousemen, fertilizer manufacturers, merchants, bankers and others interested in a prosperous agricultural economy. Need for the group was felt acute because of the decrease in exports of "The Bright Gold Leaf" in recent years. Last year 40 per cent of flue-cured tobacco grown in Southern States was shipped abroad.

In order to maintain and expand this market, which in 1946 returned \$182,000,000 to North Carolina and \$70,000,000 to South Carolina, Tobacco Associates will work here and abroad with government, educational, and trade authorities.

## Eastern Star Leaders Help Present Charter To Mt. Olive Chapter

Miss Elizabeth Lang, Mrs. J. W. Parker and Mrs. O. G. Spell attended an afternoon meeting and banquet of the Mount Olive Eastern Star last Wednesday, at which time the chapter received its charter. Miss Lang was pianist and Mrs. Parker made a talk. Favors given the guests were jars of pickles packed in Mount Olive.

## Farmville Unit TPA Formally Organized

The Farmville unit of the Travelers Protective Association received its charter, was lettered unit PT and elected and installed officers at the first meeting last Thursday evening in the Town hall. Officers are: C. L. Ivey, president; Ronald Nichols, vice president; L. P. Thomas, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Rasberry, C. H. Joyner, Matthew Dail, E. M. Whitehurst and C. C. Joyner, board of directors.

## Doctors, Dentists Have Meeting Airport Inn

Dr. E. F. Brooks and Dr. J. M. Barrett of Greenville were hosts to the Pitt County Medical and Dental society Thursday evening at the Airport Inn. "Best of Wishes" was discussed by Dr. Barrett and Dr. Brooks. The new county health officer, Dr. B. J. Phillips, was elected and Dr. J. M. Barrett was elected as president of the group.

## At The Rotary Club

Miss Pattie Frase, psychiatrist at the pre-conditioning center for the blind in Greenville, spoke to the Rotary club Tuesday evening about her work with the blind. Since 83 per cent of the blind people are adults, her first job is to get them adjusted to their new life emotionally, next to find out what type of work they will be best suited for and from then on she tries to make them happy. In closing she commented that if people would try to understand each other in their homes, their neighborhoods, the state and the nation that they would certainly lead more pleasant lives.

C. L. Langley, who was in charge of the program and introduced Miss Frase, had as his guest, Sam D. Bundy. Bill Creekmur was the guest of his father, George Creekmur. President Jim Monk recognized E. P. Bass, baby member of the club. Mr. Bass was winner of the attendance prize.

## Richard D. Harris Is New President Of Tobacco Trade Board

Election Of Officers, Plans For 1947 Marketing Season Main Items Considered At Meeting; New Sales Supervisor Sought

Richard D. Harris, buyer for the A. C. Monk and Company, was elected president of the Farmville Tobacco Board of Trade Friday afternoon as members of the organization convened in the office of Sales Supervisor Sam D. Bundy and made plans for the 1947 marketing season. Harris, whose election is a popular one, succeeds H. H. Bradham, whose tenure of office was highly successful.

John N. Fountain of Fountain, one of the operators of Farmers Warehouses, was elected vice president. The resignation of Mr. Bundy, who becomes superintendent of Farmville schools, becomes effective August 31. A committee was appointed to confer concerning the appointment of Mr. Bundy's successor.

This committee is composed of Mr. Bradham, L. R. Bell, James Y. Monk, Jr., and Grover Webb. Tobaccoists are anticipating another successful sales season. Last year the market sold more than \$1 million pounds. Greatest need at present is another set of buyers.

## Local Tobacconists Leaving For Florida, Georgia Markets

By Saturday the majority of Farmville's tobacco colony will have gone to Florida and Georgia to buy the golden weed on the markets which open Thursday, July 24. A list of companies, representatives and the markets to which they will go appears below:

Imperial Tobacco Company; Pat Ruffin, Jimmie Stocks, Live Oak, Fla.; Willie Edwards, Lake City, Fla.; Harold Rouse, Vidalia, Ga.; Homer Spell, W. M. Palmer, Blackshear, Ga.; James Corbett, Meadow, Ga.; James Johnson, Tifton, Ga. Farmville Leaf Tobacco Co., Inc.: H. N. Howard, Ben A. Smith, Joe Summrell, Sonny Bradham, Robert Teel, R. C. Copenhaver, Arthur Joyner, Jr., Robert Allen, T. K. Kimbrough and Tom Buckner. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.: R. E. Pickett, Waycross, Ga. Liggett-Meyers Tobacco Co.: W. S. Royster, Lake City, Fla. Falls City Tobacco Co.: R. S. Scott, Valdosta, Ga. A list for the A. C. Monk company is not available as The Enterprise goes to press.

## Wilson Man Joins Local Police Force

W. F. Miller of Wilson has joined the Farmville police department and has already taken up his duties as law enforcement officer. At present he is occupying a room at the home of Mrs. George Burnett.

## Greene County Casts Only 1 Vote Against Assessment

(By A. J. Harrell) Farm Agent, Greene County

Greene county farmers last Saturday voted overwhelmingly for the assessment of 10 cents an acre on their tobacco. Only one vote was cast against the measure. The money will be used to support the Tobacco Associates program for education and information to the growers. The vote was 1,140 for and 15 against.

## Final Rites Held For E. S. Coates, III Tuesday Morning

Farmville Presbyterian Church on Tuesday morning was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends, who assembled there at 11 o'clock for final rites for Edwin S. Coates, III, 30, who succumbed Sunday evening, in a Greenville hospital, to a critical illness of only a few hours duration. The young man was the only son of the Rev. Edwin S. Coates, Jr., Presbyterian pastor, and Mrs. Coates.

Dr. J. W. Hassell of Greenville, executive secretary of Albemarle Presbytery, was in charge of the service. Assisting were the Rev. C. A. Lawrence, pastor of the Falkland Presbyterian Church, a former pastor here; the Rev. M. Y. Self, of St. Paul's Methodist Church; the Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor of the Farmville Methodist Church; the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox and the Rev. W. I. Bennett, pastors of the Farmville and Walstonburg Christian Churches.

The Presbyterian choir, augmented by the Rev. E. W. Holmes, pastor of the Baptist Church, and Elbert C. Holmes sang "He Hideth My Soul and Nearer, Still Nearer during the service and Come, Ye Disconsolate at the graveside. Elbert C. Holmes rendered "No Night There as a solo.

Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery beneath a handsome floral tribute.

Born in Timmonsville, S. C. July 7, 1927, "Bubba," as he was familiarly called by scores of friends in the community, came with his family from McColl, S. C., to reside here, in 1943, in the Presbyterian manse, when his father took over the pastorate of the Farmville, Carraways and Ballard's Presbyterian Churches.

Young Coates was graduated from Farmville High in 1945. He was popular with his classmates and an outstanding member of the school's basketball, baseball and football teams. He was active in Youth Fellowship work, the Beta Club and other school organizations in McColl and was president of his Sunday School class at the time of his passing. He had been connected with Dupree's Department Store for the past several months.

Survivors are his parents, a sister, Miss Margaret Coates, of the home, and his paternal grandfather, Edwin S. Coates, Sr., of Angler.

Active pallbearers were Frank Gerald Dupree, Alvie Melton, James Bennett, Frank Baucum, Bobby Smith, Dickie Thornton, Ferd Satterthwaite and Edward Beckman.

Honorary pallbearers included former classmates and other friends. A large number of friends from McColl attended the funeral.

## Activities Of Local Church Organizations

**Baptist** Regular services will be held at the Baptist church, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The pulpit will be supplied by visiting ministers while the pastor, Rev. E. W. Holmes, is on vacation, which begins after July 20.

**Episcopal** Mrs. John D. Dixon, directress, led the devotional and presented the sixth chapter from "Everyman's Book," which was entitled "You Can't Black Out the Stars." Committee and treasurer's reports were heard. Prayer adjourned the meeting. Mrs. Jack Lewis who was hostess to the Altar Guild, Tuesday evening served refreshments afterwards.

**Methodist** Circle Four met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Carr Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. Harris giving the missionary topic on "Stewardship or Perfection." The members decided not to meet during August. Ice cream, cake and nuts were served in a social period.

## Good Opening For Someone

A good job—better still a position—waiting for some wide-awake person who can handle the drive.

With Mr. Noll Bolton, agricultural agent for the State Water Power Company, the agent and county agent have been visiting the Farmville area. They are looking for a person to handle the drive. The position is a full-time one and offers a good salary and benefits. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bolton at the State Water Power Company.

## Alton Bobbitt's Father Died Monday Night

Palmer Springs, Va. — Edward Fletcher Bobbitt, 89, died Monday night. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Grays Episcopal Church. Interment was in Union Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. I. Rex of Richmond, Mrs. Jesse Cunningham of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. C. P. Byrley of Durham, and Mrs. R. S. Bryant of Winston-Salem; four sons, J. Branch Bobbitt of Warrenton, N. C., A. W. Bobbitt of Farmville, Brame E. Bobbitt of Hellam, Pa., and George J. Bobbitt of Palmer Springs; one brother, Fletcher Bobbitt of Macon, N. C.; and six grandchildren.

## Shirley's Fine Hurling Gives Farmville 6-0 Victory In Game Here

(By Jackson Butts)

Carl Shirley pitched beautiful baseball Sunday afternoon in the local stadium to shutout Macesfield, 6-0, allowing only eight hits and fanning six.

Horace Tugwell led the way in hitting, getting two doubles and a single in four trips to the plate. Shirley and Frank Corbit had two hits in four trips.

Farmville scored twice in the first inning. Brock gained life on an error, took second base on C. Little's sacrifice bunt, and tallied on Tugwell's double. Two Macesfield errors allowed Tugwell to score.

Stewart, with two for five, led Macesfield. Farmville plays Saratoga here tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Sunday's attendance was one of the largest of the season and the entire community is urged to turn out for the game with Saratoga.

Line-ups:

Farmville	Macesfield
Brock, cf	Webb, R, lf
Little, C, rf	*Ayers
Moore, rf	Phillips, 2b
Tugwell, c	*Crisp
Stuart, 1b	Stuart, 1b
Little, lf	Herrenden, F, ss
Stell, G, 2b	Herrenden, C, 3b
Corbit, J, 1b	Webb, O, c
Morgan, 3b	Lamb, J, cf
Corbit, F, ss	Allen, rf
Shirley, p	Ellis, p
	Lamb, C, p

\*Batted for Webb in 9th. \*\*Batted for Phillips in 9th.

## Army Air Forces Will Be Forty Years Old Friday, August First

Governor Cherry last week proclaimed that August 1, 1947, would be Air Force Day in North Carolina. Witnessing the signing of the proclamation were: Col. Paul H. Prentiss, commanding officer of Pope Field; Major T. F. Corrigan, special project officer at Pope Field; and Ben R. Rudisill, president of the Air Force Association—the organization that is sponsoring this, the third, official observance of Air Force Day, which marks the 40th anniversary of the AAF.

The proclamation follows: "Now, therefore, I, R. Gregg Cherry, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in order that we may honor the men and women of the Army Air Forces who have given their lives in the defense of the United States and that we may recognize the service of those who, in the armed forces, or in the civilian centers of science, research and production, have contributed to the building of our air strength, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 1, 1947, as Air Force Day, in North Carolina.

"I urge all citizens to join in the observance of this, the 40th anniversary of the Army Air Forces, with ceremonies appropriately expressing their gratitude for its past contributions and their hopes for its future continued growth and development."

## This Proves Female of Species More Deadly Than the Male

Female black widow spiders literally are more deadly than the male, although very few deaths are credited to their bite.

And men seem to be bitten far more frequently than women. These interesting facts and many others are contained in a new illustrated circular written by Frank B. Meacham of the State Museum. The museum has a limited number of copies available to adults on request, as long as the supply lasts.

While the bite of the black widow spider is extremely painful and distressing, some authorities report only about a half hundred deaths recorded as attributable to the ornery spider with the red hour-glass on its stomach. It is the only North American spider poisonous to man. Meacham says the male black widow is smaller than the female, is half as large, and has a much less powerful bite. The female, however, is more deadly than the male. The circular is available to adults on request, as long as the supply lasts.

## Farmville Gave 1418 lbs. Relief Supplies in June

1418 pounds of relief supplies from Farmville were received during June at the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. The shoes, clothing, bedding and other relief materials included in this contribution have already been sorted and packed for shipment and are on their way abroad. Overseas they will be distributed through our church channels to those in most need. All Church World Service relief supplies are given out without discrimination of any kind.

With the flood of materials being received for overseas in the last few weeks, the workrooms at the New Windsor Center are buzzing with activity. New workers have been added to make sure that the goods will be ready and overseas for use this fall. Packing goes on eight full hours a day, with more than 100 96-pound bales being completed in a day. Shoes are repaired, inspected and packed into burlap bags lined with water-proof paper. To make preparation for shipment easier, all donors are urged to tie the shoes in pairs and to make sure packages are boxed and tied firmly shut.

Word from relief workers abroad declares that the clothing shortage will reach a peak this winter. With no factories operating to produce new garments in practically all of Europe for seven years, none are available in the stores. What little clothing is to be had is out of reach in price. The ordinary workman, earning \$2 a day, cannot afford to feed his family, pay rent, buy fuel and spend \$20 to \$40 for a pair of shoes.

The war brought untold damage to textiles. Factories were destroyed and remain in ruins. Homes were burned or looted with a resulting loss of all spare clothing, shoes, bedding or valuables. Millions of people have had to wear the same outfit for a year or more. Letters from abroad tell that most people have no underwear left; stockings are worn out; shoes are in shreds. Many children have outgrown the clothes they had and have nothing to replace them. It is to meet these needs, to supply new garments in place of rags, to restore self-respect, health and comfort, that the thousands of pounds of donated goods from North Carolina and every other state in the nation have been given.

North Carolina now leads the nation in the amount of goods given by her citizens through Church World Service in 1947. She also leads in the per capita giving of her people. To July 5, 514,122 pounds of relief goods from the state had been given for overseas relief in 1947.

## NEW BOOKS GIVEN TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Several books have recently been donated to the Farmville public library by individual members of the Literary club.

The title, author and donor are: "Woman as Force in History," Beard, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti; "Delta Wedding," Nulty, Mrs. A. B. Moore; "Eride's Way," Malloy, Miss Annie Perkins; "The Snake Pit," Ward, Mrs. H. Neal Howard; "The Autobiography of William Allen White," "Change of Heart," Baldwin, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," Smith, "Blue Marigolds," Miller, Mrs. J. H. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith are visiting in Lenoir and Black Mountain this week.

## At The Kiwanis Club

President Alex Allen and Secretary John Parker, who attended the International Kiwanis convention in Chicago as delegates from the Farmville club, Monday night submitted reports on the convention and made the rest of the members realize what they missed by not being able to take in the annual get-together. Seth Barrow and Sam D. Bundy also attended the convention. Their reports were saved for a later meeting because there simply wasn't time for four summaries in one night.

Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald was the guest of Bill Garner. Also welcomed were two Kiwanians from Greenville, Glasgow Smith and Ted Ashworth, Jr.

The board of directors will convene Monday night for a business session but the club is foregoing its regular meeting in order to assemble with the Rotarians Tuesday night, at which time Col. H. J. Hatcher of the State Highway Patrol will address the club.

## New Stop Signs Erected At Several Dangerous Crossings

Police Chief Lucas Warns Against Reckless Driving At Intersections On Streets Recently Paved; Cooperation Sought

The temptation to speed on newly paved streets and to whiz past dangerous street intersections has become so great, since the town's improvement program has been completed, that Chief of Police L. T. Lucas, with the approval of other Farmville officials, has placed stop signs at crossings he considers more dangerous than the others.

In announcing the erection of these signs, Chief Lucas asks Farmville motorists to cooperate with him in seeing that the law is enforced, thereby minimizing the possibility of serious accidents, with perhaps loss of life, occurring within the city limits.

## Oliver Murphrey Has Narrow Escape As Truck Is Wrecked

Lady Luck was riding with Oliver Murphrey, Farmville trucker, and his load of cucumbers last Thursday as his truck ploughed into another that was parked, with lights off, at Holland, Va. Murphrey escaped unhurt; his "cukes" were not damaged. The cab of the truck was pancaked as if it had come in contact with a mammoth pile driver. Parked in the lot beside B & W Chevrolet Co., the "remains" attracted a great deal of attention from local persons who agreed that the driver was fortunate to escape with his life.

## Cecil Winstead Has Two Stories Published

Cecil Winstead, Farmville man who writes criminal and detective stories, has had two of his articles published recently in magazines with nation-wide circulation. His version of the Dallas Carrol murder in Raleigh last year appeared in the new issue of "New MacFadden Detective." He also has an article in the "Detective World."

So far this year, Winstead reports that he has sold eight of his stories, although not all of them have yet been published.

## School Board Seeks Commercial Teacher

Miss Harriet Chestnut of Snow Hill has tendered her resignation as teacher of commercial subjects in Farmville school. Supt. Sam Gundy and the local board seek a replacement.

## VFW Meets Thursday At Municipal Park To Plan For Carnival

The Barnette-Rouse post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will have an important meeting Thursday night in the municipal park. A supper will be served.

Officers of the post have been announced over the failure of members to attend meetings and are about to meet as many as possible present for Thursday's session.

Chief among the business items slated for discussion is the carnival which the members are planning to have at the park in the first week of September. The post's plans are being discussed with the city officials.

## National Trend For Prohibition, Say Dry Forces

Is prohibition coming back? The answer depends on whom you ask. The temperance people say the country is slowly drying up again. And they have a mountain of statistics to prove it. The wets insist the dries aren't getting anywhere, and they have a mountain of statistics to prove it.

You can take your choice. But justified or not, the morale of the enemies of "John Barleycorn" appears higher now than at any time during the 15 moist years since repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The dries claim that one third of the territory of the United States, with almost 30,000,000 persons, already is legally dry to some extent, largely as a result of local option elections. The dries also are encouraged by more recent developments.

President Truman's Advisory Commission on Universal Training recommended that the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors be made a Federal offense. Throughout the war, temperance groups fought vainly for legislation outlawing sale of liquor to servicemen.

Additionally, a bill introduced by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas to outlaw interstate shipment of liquor advertising has come before the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Similar bills have been offered, hopefully before, but previously were pigeonholed.

Whether the Capper bill reaches the Senate floor—and the prospects seem doubtful—organizations such as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Antislavery League, the Methodist Board of Temperance, and National Prohibition Party feel they have won some kind of moral victory in that it finally received a public hearing.

But a more consistent source of joy and hope to the dries has been the results of local option elections—local referendums to consider drying up all or a given part of the traffic in hard liquor, wine and beer.

The scope of the elections varies from county to precinct and, and the issues vary widely, too—from complete prohibition to ending the sale of only one kind of intoxicant or sales in a particular kind of place. Thus, when the dries speak of one third of the nation's territory going dry, they don't mean it's dry for every kind of drink.

Since repeal, says the League, temperance groups have won 11,617 of 20,468 local option elections. Fourteen of the states remain completely wet. State-wide prohibition against hard liquor and wine exists only in Kansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi. No state has outlawed beer.

The League says that net local option gains by the dries in 1946 were twice as great as in 1945. Last year the dries made a net gain of 263 voting units while the wets picked up only 51.

One dry group which still uses the word prohibition is the WCTU, whose national president, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, says: "You can't have real state or local prohibition without the Federal Government supporting it. National prohibition is coming. But right now there aren't enough people in Congress who believe in it, although public support for our cause is greater than at any time since repeal."

On its side, the \$5,000,000,000 liquor industry, which last year enjoyed the greatest sales in its history, professed to be only annoyed, not frightened, by the dry fireworks. spokesman for Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., and the United States Beverage Foundation battle the results of local option results. They say that the great majority of dry gains were won in the South and Southwest, in traditionally dry areas.

"Where the losses can be fought on a factual basis," says Edward V. Lehey, chairman of the Foundation, "the legal sale of alcoholic beverages can win every time—it takes sometimes in rural sections, where the issues are settled on emotional grounds."

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