

Tarheel In Washington

By Lester Baker

Oysters again "R" in season. The traditional oyster-eating season began September 1, with the advent of the "R" months. But

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unless you're a hidebound antiquarian who demands his oysters raw and in the shell. The Fish and Wildlife Service sees no reason to restrict your enjoyment to the luscious, nutritious oyster to the months of September through April, when fishermen harvest America's vast oyster beds.

The tradition of waiting until the first "R"-month before eating oysters dates back several decades, before frozen oysters acquired their current popularity. Today, modern transportation, packaging, and freezing techniques enable people in all parts of the country to eat oysters every month in the year. Hence, oyster fanciers may continue to gratify their lust for oysters even after April, when the harvest ends.

This year's oyster crop is expected to be larger than last year's. However, due to higher costs for seed oysters and higher wages, prices are not expected to drop.

North Carolina has clearly demonstrated to Henry A. Wallace that he can't expect the support of many Tarheels in his efforts to become President. His name will be on the N. C. presidential ticket, but the votes for him will be few.

I am strongly against Wallace.

His sympathetic attitude towards the Communists who are infesting America is positively loathsome to us Americans who are steadfast in our loyalty to democracy. He is a hindrance to the peace and security of our United States.

It is hard to condemn or disapprove of booing and throwing eggs at men like Wallace. But such a manifestation of protest is not a typical example of democracy. It was Voltaire who said, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

The whopping grain crops that now are about ready for harvest have the Government faced with the gloomy problem of storage space. Under the law, Uncle Sam must rent space to store grain taken over as part of the price control system.

The storage problem not only exists with the Government, it also is confronting farmers, grain elevators, and commercial facilities as well. The corn crop is expected to total more than 3-billion bushels, while the wheat crop most likely will yield more than 1,240,750,000 bushels.

The United States probably will export 450,000,000 bushels of wheat from this year's crop. This would be 75,000,000 bushels more than the government had expected this country would be able to spare. On the other hand, unless the government can find a solution to the storage problems, there is grave danger that millions of dollars worth of food will go to waste.

A pamphlet has recently been put out entitled "Communism in the U. S. A., 100 Things You Should Know About." If you aren't well informed on the way Communism works in America, and few of us are, you would greatly benefit from this pamphlet. You may obtain it from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Be sure to mention Catalog No. Y 4, UN 12: C 73 5 no. 1. The price is ten cents.

Lumberton Hits Goal Of 30; Market To Close Sept. 30th

Lumberton. — The Lumberton Tobacco Market, which today reached its pre-season goal of 30 million pounds, will stay open through Thursday, September 30, for the convenience of its customers who have any tobacco unsold.

"This date should give all our customers ample time," Sales Supervisor M. R. Alexander pointed out today, "as we are out of the block and will have room for all comers these last few days."

However, Mr. Alexander urged all growers to go ahead and bring their last grades in as soon as possible—"before the closing rush which usually comes the last few days."

Lumberton's average for the first 7 weeks of the season remained at a near-record \$51.33, or several dollars above any other Belt that has been operating for any length of time, and the market yesterday appeared as strong as ever, grade for grade.

In fact, the common and medium grades appeared up a little if anything, while quality smoking leaf remained firm at 65 to 68, and the few wrappers that appeared on the market soared all the way to 80 and 90.

Some of the prize sales in the last few days include K. M. Biggs and Mr. Bell 852 pounds averaging \$67.02, Carden Sellers 1140 pounds at \$67.46, and Mrs. Mary Mercer 1346 pounds at \$67.41.

The record for the season, how-

ever, went to D. C. McEachern and Wilton Ivey of St. Pauls, who made a whole sale of 1,622 pounds, mainly wrappers, for the unprecedented average of \$71.61. Almost all of the smaller mar-

kets on the Border and South Carolina Belts had closed today, and Lumberton, as usual, was expected to take care of the "clean-up" job for the convenience of the growers in this and the neighbor-

ing counties in the two states.

The sales schedule for Thursday, Sept. 23, will be as follows: First sales—Smith's and Carolina. Second sales—Dixie and Hedgepeth. Third sale—Liberty.

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