

## Tarheel In Washington

By Lester Baker

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in voicing the opinion of its 1,325,000 farm family members, has told Congress that it is opposed to President Truman's compulsory national health program.

The federation gave four specific reasons as to why it opposes the program. These reasons were:

"First, there are no facts to prove there is a definite need for such a program. Second, no country operating under a compulsory health program has as high a

health standard as has this country. Third, such a program would be prohibitive in cost. Fourth, the people have not asked for such a program."

The federation did recommend, however, that the government take steps to extend voluntary health plans. In addition, it suggested federal aid for the promotion of medical research and education, federal aid for medical schools, and increased government aid for maternal and child health, crippled children, and the blind.

North Carolinians are greatly proud of the fact that Gordon Gray—who is a true, full-fledged Tarheel, if ever there was one—has been accorded the honor and token of success which he so rightly deserves. I'm referring of course, to his appointment as Secretary of the Army.

No doubt Secretary Gray is one of the hardest working men in Washington. He is at his desk by 7:30 a. m., and he doesn't go home until night. But hard work is no stranger to him. He has always been active, and has vigorously applied all his efforts to make full use of his abilities.

For instance, from the University of North Carolina he went to Yale, choosing it because it was "tough". After that he worked for a while with a New York law firm, and then went home to Winston-Salem to practice law. He also bought two newspapers, and won a seat in the North Carolina State Senate.

When World War II broke out, Mr. Gray declined a commission in the Navy, preferring rather to enlist in the Army as a private. In his estimation, his military career was "utterly worthless". However, he worked up to the rank of Captain, and served overseas under General Omar Bradley.

But North Carolinians are not alone in their admiration of Secretary Gray. A few days ago one Major-General remarked: "Getting Gray in that job is even better news than passage of the pay raise would be."

HERE GOES: Last year only 11 of the 48 States spent as much as 2 percent for education. Only one of those 11—North Carolina—was a Southern State — Private sources have predicted that the total of jobless is almost certain to reach 5-million and may go as high as 8-million by the end of this year. It is now approximately 3-million — Did you hear about the man out in Iowa who is raising chickens without wings? In the place where the wing bones would be, this man's chickens have only a thick layer of white fat. If his object is good eating, someone has suggested that he

work next on eliminating the neck. Our Congressmen here sometimes speak of a billion dollars as though it were only piggy bank change. How long do you think it would take a man to count a billion dollars in silver dollars? Maybe it sounds unbelievable, but, if he worked eight hours a day seven days a week it would take him 19 years.

## State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

A wise homemaker in these days will get slip-cover material that is washable, for the fresh clean look of a slip-cover enhances its appeal. She will also follow suit in color-fast bindings, thread and linings. She will read labels to know what is pre-shrunk and color-fast. When she does laundress her slip-covers, she will be happier if she knows a few basic rules.

Vacuum thoroughly first, especially around seams and bindings. Beate pleats in place, close zippers, wash only one large piece at a time. If arms or back are heavily soiled, rub first with soap jelly. Wash in medium warm water using mild soap or detergent, rinse well.

Use a thin starch for cotton slipcovers. Put covers back on furniture as soon as possible after ironing to retain their fit.

Even with good manners and careful service a dining room rug is due for various stains. Try clear, lukewarm water first on the stain, sponge it into the rug. If this does not do the trick, add a little soap or detergent to the lukewarm water - work it lightly to avoid a too clean spot. Or, try a regular cleaning fluid with a light touch.

You can make soap jelly yourself, by merely saving the chips and ends of all bar soaps that are no longer large enough to handle. Melt all the remains of the soap bars together and store in a jar. If you have no available chips and ends, simply make jelly by adding a little water to a cupful of soap flakes.

It Pays To Advertise

## Specialist Prepares Insect Folder

A new publication listing recommended treatments for some 15 different tobacco insect pests was released this week by the State College Extension Service. The folder entitled "Tobacco Insect Control in North Carolina" was prepared by Dr. Henry K. Townes, entomologist for the Agricultural Experiment Station.

"In formation provided in the tables of this folder," says Townes, "brings recommended control measures for tobacco insects up to date insofar as experience, and research findings will justify as of May, 1949."

There are three tables—one for insects in the plant bed, one for insects attacking newly transplanted tobacco, and one for those attacking older tobacco. In each case the author gives the name of the insect, the recommended poison, formula, dose per 100 square yards or per acre, and appropriate remarks.

Persons desiring a copy of the publication may obtain one from the local county agent or by writing to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, and asking for Extension Folder No. 76.

## Tobacco Shipments Now Going To Western Germany

Arrangements were completed recently for the shipment of "approximately 15 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco to Western Germany," J. B. Hutson, president

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of Tobacco Associates has reported in the organization's June report.


"Some Burley and cigar leaf tobacco was also included in this purchase," Hutson said. "During the past 12 months (since June, 1948) about 55 million pounds (redried, weight of U. S. flue-cured tobacco) have been sold for use in Western Germany. The recent sale includes all of the unsold stocks of the 1948 crop held by the Stabilization Corporation."

Hutson said that he expected on a proposal for further sales for use in Western Germany "prior to the opening of the 1949 marketing season." He added that during the 1949 marketing season German manufacturers and dealers are expected to make purchases on the warehouse floors through U. S. dealers.

"Stocks of tobacco are still low in Western Germany," Hutson said, "but retailers now have moderate quantities of cigarettes of fair quality available. Sales of cigarettes is being steadily shifted from black market operators to regular trade."

"More than 90 percent of sales are now being made through regular trade channels. The taxes collected on these sales make an important contribution to the balancing of the internal budget. Obviously no taxes were collected on the sales in the black market."

The report also pointed out that Tobacco Associates' Board of Directors has set Saturday, July 23 as the date for the flue-cured growers in North and South Carolina to vote on continuance of the Associates' program through 1950, 1951, and 1952. The voting places and hours in both states will be the same as those for the Marketing Quota referendum, which will be held the same day throughout the flue-cured areas.



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