



A STUDY HAVEN - Steve Ratley, eighth grader at Upchurch School, finds the library the perfect place to get to some book reports done for school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ratley.

Hoke ASCS News

BY THOMAS R. BURGESS

STEPPED UP DEMAND BOOSTS SOYBEANS SALES - American soybean producers are selling record quantities of soybeans both at home and abroad this year, according to H.O. Carter, State Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

It is estimated that soybean utilization will increase from 945 million bushels used in 1969 to 1,136 million bushels for this year. This increase in market demand for soybeans represents the production from about 7 million acres.

"In view of the excess production capacity we have in this country, this growth in soybean demand is welcome news to soybean producers and taxpayers," Carter commented. During the period 1966 through 1968 and part of 1969, soybean supplies tended to increase as a result of increased competition from lower priced imports of fish meal, sunflower oil and other competitive protein substitutes.

However, in recent months demand for soybeans has increased substantially as a result of more competitive pricing, a drop-off in supplies of other high protein materials, and continued growth in world demand for protein feeds.

"As a result of the increased demand at higher prices, soybean producers who placed their crop under loan last fall have been redeeming them prior to the loan maturity date and moving them into the open market," Carter pointed out.

In past years, with less favorable markets, farms have tended to leave their beans under loan until the loan maturity date. Reversal of this trend will result in a substantial saving to the Government and therefore to taxpayers.

"Increased exports have been, and will continue to be, the key to large growth markets for soybeans," Mr. Carter pointed out.

"Soybeans supply more than four pounds of meal for each pound of oil, while most other vegetable oil products supply about a pound of oil for each pound of meal. The demand for meal is increasing faster than the demand for oil, and this in turn creates a demand for soybeans both in the U.S. and abroad," he explained.

With soybeans priced more competitively with other high-protein products, overall market demand has increased faster than processing facilities could profitably be developed.

However, with a somewhat improved operating margin, more crushing plants are being built or planned. "This will increase the demand for farmers' beans and eventually provide a greater volume of

soybean oil and meal at more competitive prices," Carter emphasized.

Recent action which resulted in a 50 percent reduction in the soybean levy into Japan, and continued efforts by USDA to discourage an import tax on soybean oil and meal moving into the European economic community, has helped exports.

This action combined with a continued desire by consumers to upgrade their diets, will assist in developing a market for additional supplies of beans.

In anticipation of this improved market demand, soybean growers have reported intentions to plant over 43 million acres in 1970, an increase of almost one million acres above 1969.

"This increase should boost bean growers' incomes around \$100 million next year," Carter estimated.

WHEAT MARKETING QUOTAS MAY BE ANNOUNCED THIS YEAR - Marketing quotas for the 1971-72 wheat crop may be announced in April because of the Agricultural Act of 1965, as amended, ends with the 1970 crop.

The 1965 Act suspended marketing quotas for wheat producers only while the Act was in effect. In the absence of new legislation, wheat programs revert to provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

Under the 1938 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture must determine before April 15 each year whether or not a national wheat marketing quota should be in effect for the following marketing year, in this case, the 1971 crop.

If the Secretary determines that a marketing quota is needed, a referendum of wheat producers would then be necessary before August 1, 1970. Marketing quotas must be approved by at least two-thirds of the eligible producers who vote. Quotas would then limit wheat acreage a farmer can plant for market without penalty.

The last time a similar situation arose was in 1965. That year the Secretary proclaimed a wheat marketing quota referendum on April 14, 1965, but it was delayed by Congressional resolutions and the 1965 Agricultural Act became law the following November.

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WASHINGTON -- Last week I introduced in the Senate a compromise proposal to reform the Electoral College.

Simply put, my proposal would eliminate the "faithless elector," but would insure that a state's electoral votes would be cast for the Presidential plurality winner in the state. Also, it would provide that if no nominee had an electoral vote majority, the deadlock would be broken by a vote taken at a Joint Session of Congress with each Member of the House and Senate having one vote.

While I have introduced for many years a proposal which would provide for a proportional counting of each state's electoral vote, I have offered this modified plan because the Senate will soon consider the direct election proposal along with other electoral reform proposals with the prospect that only two alternatives may have substantial support. These alternatives are "to adopt the direct election plan" or "to do nothing" about electoral reform at this session. These courses are unacceptable to me.

Morever, I have reached the conclusion that two fundamental considerations should govern our deliberations on this matter. First, there are certain acknowledged defects in the present process of electing the President which have undermined public confidence therein and clearly require reform. One is the ever-present possibility of a "faithless elector" who does not cast his vote as the majority who chose him directs. Another is the method for selecting the President in the case of an electoral college deadlock. These defects can be corrected easily under my plan without the danger of effecting a radical change in the Nation's political institutions.

The second fundamental consideration is that despite its defects, the electoral college system has unquestionably provided this Nation with the most successful method of electing national leaders known in modern history. It has brought to the Presidency those of uncommon talent and wisdom. It has been instrumental in creating a stable, progressive and responsible national leadership. In spite of all that can be said about its faults, the system has shown us through crisis after crisis.

To abolish the electoral system and to substitute direct election is not only to substitute one form of election for another, but to affect in unforeseen ways all those other political processes and institutions, at federal, state and local levels, which have developed over the years in response to the present system

for Presidential elections. Any alteration in the institutions and processes of electing the President must be considered with a view as to its possible impact on our two-party system which has made for stability in our nation's government. Harvard Law School Professor Ernest Brown puts this problem simply when he says: "At a time when the country suffers from sharp divisions, we should be cautious lest, though with the best of intentions, we encourage further division and discourage coalition."

Finally, the direct election proposal raises the likelihood that the Federal government would establish a centralized power over Presidential elections. While such implementation of the direct election plan would proceed in the name of "fairness" to all voters, it would also vest control over such elections in Washington rather than in the states. The danger of such concentrated power in a new Federal bureaucracy is obvious.

There are many other reasons why my proposal for reform of the Electoral College is preferable to the direct election proposal. I intend to elaborate on these as the Senate proceeds with this debate.

Vickie Gillis Home Agent For Moore

Miss Vickie Gillis of Antioch will become the assistant extension home economist for Moore County effective June 8.

She was approved by the Moore County commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday.

Miss Gillis was presented and recommended by F. D. Allen, county agricultural chairman to replace Mrs. Emma Jean Wilson who recently resigned.

Miss Gillis will graduate May 31 with a Bachelor of Science in home economics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will take a week's vacation before reporting to work.

As a member of the 4-H club in high school and college and a camper for several seasons as well as a camp counselor, she will be in charge of the county 4-H work with assistant farm agent Paul Seabolt.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Gillis of Antioch and a graduate of Hoke County High School.

With Our Service Personnel

James W. Chambers Jr., son of Mrs. Carrie Chambers, 600 Thomas Ave., Aberdeen, was promoted to Army specialist four while serving with the 4th Armored Division in Germany.

A mortar gunner with Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion of the division's 51st Infantry, he entered the Army in April 1969 and completed basic training at Ft. Bragg. The promotion was made Feb. 27.

U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Thomas L. Amos Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Caldwell Jr., 2300 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton, has arrived for duty at Beale AFB, Calif.

Airman Amos, a photographic specialist, is assigned to the 456th Combat Support Group, a part of the Strategic Air Command America's nuclear deterrent force of long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles. He previously served at Westover AFB, Mass. He is a 1967 graduate of Lumberton High School.

Staff Sergeant Jimmie M. Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hickman of R.F.D. 1, Lumberton, is now on temporary duty at a forward base in the Western Pacific.

Sergeant Hickman, an electronic systems technician, supports B-52 Stratofortress bombing missions against enemy targets, KC-135 Stratotanker missions that provide aerial refueling to the B-52s and fighter and reconnaissance aircraft conducting the air war over South Vietnam.

He is permanently assigned to the Strategic Air Command's 99th Bomb Wing at Westover AFB, Mass.

The sergeant, a 1962 graduate of Littlefield High School, has served in Vietnam. His wife, Jacquelyn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Constantine of 4813 Tarpon Court, Cape Coral, Fla.

Army Private First Class Bobby M. Lowery, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lowery, Route 3, Raeford, recently was assigned as a tank crewman with the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Vietnam.

His wife, Mary, lives on Route 1, Raeford.

Sampson Tech Will Begin Offset Course

An Offset Printing program will be offered by Sampson Technical Institute, beginning in September 1970, according to James E. Vann, institute president. It is located in Clinton.

Sampson Tech is one of the few technical institutes in the state which will be offering a printing program of this kind.

Offset printing, because of its time saving and cost saving characteristics, is rapidly becoming the most popular form of printing in use. One distinct advantage is the employment of women made possible because of the elimination of heavy and awkward equipment.

Graduates of this program may find employment in newspaper offices and commercial printing companies as well as in industry.

Census Takers Are Named

Mrs. Edith Nixon, crew leader for the census takers in this area, said that some complaints had been received about persons posing as census takers.

She listed the names of the census takers for Hoke County they are: Mrs. Christine Croft; Mrs. Kenda Mann; Mrs. Margaret Willis; James McGregor; Miss Eunice McKenzie; Miss Magaline McKenzie; Martin L. Jacobs; Plummer Locklear, Jr.; Mrs. Bessie Strother; Mrs. Lillian Brown; Mrs. Edith Newton and Mrs. Cassie Walters.



LENNON PICKS AIDES - Congressman Alton Lennon, at a breakfast meeting Tuesday in Raeford, announced his campaign co-chairmen for Hoke County. They are Younger Snead, Jr. and Clayton Buoyer. "I am grateful that these gentlemen who have the respect and esteem of the people of Hoke County have accepted these duties," Lennon said. Shown with Lennon (center) are Younger Snead, Jr. (left) and J.D. McMillian (right)

Lumber Bridge

By PAM SUMNER

ACI Glenn Taylor of Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, South Carolina spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Taylor and his sisters Judy and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walters of St. Pauls and Miss Bobbi Pate of Lumberton were dinner guests, Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton of Lumberton visited her mother Mrs. A.F. Tolar, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schell and children Sherry and Michael of Charlotte spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Schell and Mrs. Ellis Jackson in Red Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hough of Greensboro spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hough.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Johnson, Sunday were Andy Zetrou of Columbia, South Carolina, Mrs. Myrtle Geddie and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Townzen and son Edwin of Fayetteville.

Miss Elizabeth Sumner and Sidney Sumner visited their sister Mrs. H.K. Crawford in Rowland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb of Raeford visited their brother Marvin Jones at McCain, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Elliott visited his father Tillman Elliott at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and children Angela and Shane of

Azaleas Still In Bloom

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Intense color is expected in Charleston's Famous Gardens for the weekend of April 10-12. Azaleas will provide multi-hued vistas at Cypress, Magnolia and Middleton Place.

Charles Duell, manager of Middleton Place, said:

"The rain and cool weather has actually helped the flowers. Earlier azaleas are holding their own and will be joined by later varieties. The hills above the Rice Mill Pond and other key azalea areas at Middleton Place will have reached their apogee of color. Visitors who enjoy brilliant hues will really have something to look forward to this weekend."

Norwood Hastie, owner of Magnolia Gardens, reports that both Magnolia and Cypress will be in brilliant bloom.

"This will definitely be a brilliant weekend. Early azaleas are still creating a show and the mid-season reds and purples are popping out."

Sarasota, Florida spent from Thursday until Tuesday with his mother Mrs. Ida Smith and his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and children and Mrs. Ida Smith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Naylor and daughter Judy in Autryville, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and son Shannon of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Smith and son Mark of Lumberton joined their mother, Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family for supper, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adcox of Hope Mills visited Mrs. Janie Furrage, Saturday afternoon. Robbie Hall of Huntsville, Alabama returned home Wednesday after spending several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell and Mrs. Maggie Covington and other relatives.

Mrs. W.G. Marley returned home last week after spending nearly 6 weeks with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wright and daughters in Yuma, Arizona.

The young people of the Primary Dept. of Presbyterian Church were given a cook out last week at the Fellowship Hall by the teachers, The Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Cook and children, Angela and Helley of Parkton, Sean and Scot Dail of Raleigh and J. Mary, Sheila and Janet McKenzie of Shannon attended from out of town. There was about 35 present. Mr. and Mrs. George Shook did the cooking. Others assisting with the cook out were Mrs. Fred Russell, Mrs. Bille Troutman, Mrs. John Balfour, Mrs. N.H.G. Balfour and Mrs. C.W. Jackson.

Col. and Mrs. F.R. Weber and family attended the Stoneybrook Steeplechase at Southern Pines Saturday. The Webers received word last week that their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Irvin and family of Bueyrus, Ohio are moving to Gaffney, South Carolina with the Timken Bearing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Crenshaw, Mrs. Jenella Dearen, Mrs. Mary Emma Kennedy, Miss Julia Melver and Miss Allene Shaw attended the Estazie Music

Concert at the Presbyterian Church in Raeford, Sunday night.

Circle No. 1 of Presbyterian Church met Wednesday night with Mrs. John Balfour, Mrs. Jerry Cook gave the Bible Study.

Circle No. 11 met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Maggie Covington.

Miss Mamie Livingston and Wilber Spears visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cashwell in Garland, Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Brock of Hope Mills and son Junior of Norfolk, Virginia visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livingston and children Wayne, Charles and Tammy, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russ and son Garrett Wayne and daughter Mrs. Bruce Willoughby visited his mother Mrs. Isabelle Russ in Bladenboro, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie Gannis of Stanley visited Mrs. Daisy Sykes during the weekend.

Miss Cynthia Brown and Bill McConley attended the Beta Convention at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh over the weekend.

The Girl Scouts and Mrs. Rene Landreville picked up the trash on the streets and around stores in Lumber Bridge last Friday. It sure looks much better and I think the Scouts should be praised for their effort. So we say thank you to them for helping to make our town look a little cleaner.

There will be a covered dish supper Friday night at the Stamps Fellowship Hall. After the supper there will be a cake sale. All funds are for the Cancer and Heart Fund Drive.

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