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**W.N.C. Cattlemen's Tobacco Quality Not
Tour Planned Quantity Needed**

Plans for a three state tour by Western North Carolina beef growers on August 2-3 have been announced by Marshall Roberts of Fletcher, Chairman of the Beef Cattle Commission of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

The WNC Cattlemen's Tour is being sponsored by the Council through the cooperation of the Agri-Business Services Department of the Southern Railway System and was arranged with the assistance of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Purpose of the Tour, according to Roberts is "to enable cattle producers and agricultural leaders of this area to observe some outstanding cattle herds and to visit some of the large feed lots which regularly buy a lot of feeder and stocker cattle at the special sales in Western North Carolina."

Traveling by Southern Railway's air conditioned bus, the group will visit east Tennessee and the "southwest valley" of Virginia, observing a 2700 acre livestock farm operated by Valleydale Packing Company, near Wytheville, Virginia. This farm has a feed lot capacity of 5,000 steers at a time.

At Winston-Salem the Tour group will visit Oak Summit Farms, one of the state's outstanding Angus breeding herds with 250 cows, and at Fayetteville will tour Thomason Ranch, a commercial feed lot with a yearly capacity of 9,000 to 10,000 head of cattle. Here they will observe a highly mechanized feeding operation and see a manure dehydration plant.

The WNC cattlemen will visit McNair Seed Company at Laurinburg, which operates about 10,000 acres of seed crops and 3,000 acres of pasture in Scotland, Hoke and Robeson counties. They will see McNair's commercial cattle operation of 1200 brood

Burley tobacco growers should devote all their efforts this year toward producing high quality tobacco rather than toward obtaining maximum yields per acre. The 1965 per acre yields will not be used in establishing tobacco farm poundage quotas under the recently authorized acreage-poundage program.

The tobacco acreage-poundage legislation enacted by the Congress earlier this year provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall, not later than January 1, 1966, consult with representatives of the burley tobacco industry — including growers, farm organizations, and cooperative associations — to obtain their recommendations and determine the need for an acreage-poundage program for burley similar to or a modification of the 1965 flue-cured program. An acreage-poundage program would not become effective for burley tobacco unless favored by more than two-thirds of the burley growers voting in a special referendum.

The acreage-poundage legislation further provides that farm yields used in determining poundage quotas shall be based on the simple average per acre yield for the three highest years of the five crop years 1959-63 or of 1960-64. The law makes no provision for including 1965 yields in determining farm yields under acreage-poundage.

All burley tobacco growers are urged to follow practices recommended by the Extension Service in order to produce high quality grainy tobacco with full flower and aroma — the kind which is in demand by both domestic and foreign users of U. S. tobacco.

cows, will see experiments of grain feeding steers on grass and silage corn tests. Sally-Mac Farm, an outstanding Hereford herd at Monroe, will also be visited.

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