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PMA Committee Sticks To Its Guns On Baker Tobacco Acreage Cuts

INCOME TAX LAW AS IT AFFECTS FARMERS HAS BEEN CHANGED

Income tax time soon will roll around again for the nation's farmers, reminds C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of farm management extension at State College.

Two important changes in laws relating to filing returns and paying tax on farm income have been made during the past year, says Ratchford. He explains these changes as follows:

In past years farmers have been required to file an estimate of their income by January 15, pay on the basis of this estimate by the same date, and make final return and payment by March 15. They still will be able to do this for the current income year. If they prefer, however, they may wait until January 31, making final return and payment at that time.

Another change is that if the farmer's business year does not end on December 31, he may file his return and pay his tax any time within 31 days after the close of his business year, or he may file an estimate within 15 days and make his final return and payment any time within

The Production and Marketing Administration Committee of Lenoir County stuck to its guns against pleading on Monday of two Kinston attorneys for John Baker. Baker planted 49.3 acres of tobacco in 1949 against a quota of 23.4 acres, and did not furnish the committee satisfactory proof of disposition of the surplus. His tobacco allotment will be cut to 1.6 acres for 1950.

The acreage cut will only last for one year under the law interpreted to the committee by James H. Potter, head of the state PMA marketing quota division, and John Bryan, state field officer. In addition to the acreage cut, however, Baker has remaining a marketing penalty of \$2,707.02 due for unlawful sale of the overplanted crop. He has already paid \$1,762.73 for the sales listed on his red marketing card.

The committee's decision was announced by Chairman Whitford Hill at the opening of the three-hour Monday meeting. There immediately followed the presentation of a suggested resolution for the committee's action by Attorneys F. E. Wallace and George B. Greene. The resolution called for acceptance of a figure in acreage and dollars more favorable to Baker, Kinston undertaker. It pressed also for the reduced production estimate of

the 1949 crop. Baker and the committee's arbitration was rejected by the committee in the face of the facts.

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HEADS 1950 DRIVE

The 1950 annual fund-raising drive of the American Red Cross in Jones County will have as its chairman, Mrs. Rom W. Mallard, of Trenton, Route 1. The effort will take place during the month of March. No county quota has yet been set by the national and state officials.

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ATTACK WITH KNIFE ONLY CRIME CHARGED IN JONES FOR WEEK

There was only one serious crime committed in Jones County this past week, that of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, for which Magistrate J. K. Dixon found probable cause against Leo Jones. Jones was required to post bond of \$150 for appearance in the April term of Superior Court.

It was alleged that Jones stabbed Levi (Rabbit) Perry in the lung and inflicted other wounds in an affray near Wese Forks. Evidence introduced before Magistrate Dixon tended to show that the pair had been drinking and that the argument developed over a woman. Perry is recovering from his wounds after treatment in a Kinston Hospital.

The worst insect enemy of alfalfa is the grasshopper.

SUCCESS AND TRAGEDY LIVED HERE



This gracious home was built just 100 years ago, and it has seen war, happiness, tragedy, and national success. It was built by Furnifold Green Simmons, descendant of one of the seven families which settled Jones County in 1707. It is located in a grove of massive, moss-draped oaks in the Oak Grove section of the county.

War swept around the home in the Civil War, and in the woods nearby the builder buried

gold monies and silver which later educated one of the most colorful figures of the Senate of the United States, Furnifold McLendall Simmons. The family of the builder grew up and moved away, leaving him lonely. Then tragedy struck.

That tragedy struck in the woods near the home. In 1903, at the age of 80 years, Furnifold Green Simmons was shot and killed by a poacher. His grave is in the family cemetery nearby.

The home remains in the position of the family, now in the name of John Parks of Raleigh, who married one of the Simmons women. The home is in an excellent state of restoration. The major change has been on the front of the house. The large porch, deteriorated by age, has been replaced by the smaller stoop.

Living there now is Earl E. Bell, a young World War II veteran with his wife and son.

U. S. vs Umstead-Graham Race Is On Tap When Spring Primary Gets Underway; Interesting Contest

"Reliable Rumors" from Raleigh say William Umstead will oppose Frank Graham for the United States Senate in the Democratic Primary next spring. Conjecture on the kind of race the two men will make is rampant in every nook and corner of the Capitol City. Nearly all agree the race will be extremely interesting in that it will pit what might be termed an able "old line politician" against a member of the first team from President Truman's "Fair Deal College".

Umstead is a man of proven ability, understood by the politician and liked by a great many of these professional vote persuaders.

Graham is also a man of great native intelligence, but his name is not so acceptable among the precinct boys. All agree he is a great intellectual, but many ponder on his practicality as a politician of the firing line type.

The gap between the men is much the same that existed between Greenville's brilliant Robert Lee Humber and Washington's prosaic Herbert Bonner, who were contesting four years ago for the Congressional seat from the First North Carolina District. People went to hear Humber and went away thoroughly charmed and impressed. But outside the speaking hall one could hear, "What does Humber know about peanuts?"

Most folks who go to the polls, go there for personal reasons of one kind or another. The percentage who approach the ballot box with nothing more than a desire for good government is pitifully small, unfortunately. Many will ask, "What does Graham know about peanuts, tobacco, cotton?"

Balanced against his lack of

experience in the professional political ring Graham has such assets as one of the world's most sparkling and sincere personalities, a corps of devoted alumni from the school he taught in and headed for so long.

Conjecture last week in Raleigh was rife on the subject of what percentage of the UNC

SAVE YOUR MONEY

Two American Legion post commanders, William J. Heard in Kinston and Robert Bruce Johnson in Trenton this week are urging World War II veterans in Jones and Lenoir Counties to save their money. The money to save is the flood of dividends to be paid by Uncle Sam on their National Service Life Insurance, beginning in January. More than \$50 million will be paid to some 350,000 World War II veterans in North Carolina alone. The savings method suggested by the two post commanders is by the purchase of Series E Savings Bonds, which will pay off four dollars in 1960 for every three invested now. The dividend checks themselves will have imprinted on their backs "USE IT WISELY—BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS."

BACK ON DUTY

State Highway Patrolman Lem S. Meigs of Maysville is back on duty after being laid up for more than a month with a stomach ailment. During his illness he underwent an operation and treatment at the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville. Since his return home he has added five pounds to his weight to indicate the progress of his recovery.

alumni would support Graham. One man in a position to make a competent comment, says the folks who have graduated since 1930 would almost be 90 per cent behind Graham, and he adds that the further one goes back the further away the adulation of Graham becomes.

Graham also has the blessing of Scott. Whether this will be a blessing or a curse is difficult to say at this point. Many people who voted for Scott are now chilly when Scott's name is mentioned. There are several thousand ex-Scott men who supported and voted for him in his race for governorship because he was opposed to a road bond issue as proposed by his opponent Charles Johnson.

Among Scott's heavy rural following is perhaps the lowest percentage of UNC alumni and if the "Communist" angle is dragged into the campaign it will be among the people who supported Scott that this line of attack will find the most credulous ears.

Umstead has, of course, all the anti-Scott folks tentatively on his side, but this again is a matter of guesswork and not votes in the box.

Many UNC alumni of influence who turn pale and shiver at the mention of Scott's name are 100 per cent dyed-in-the-wool Grahamites.

Graham has industriously and wisely made many public appearances over North Carolina since his appointment to fill the Senate post and it can be guaranteed that each public appearance has gained him some votes.

Graham can talk a squirrel out of his last nut and if he talks to enough North Carolinians it is safe to predict that he will talk them out of their vote.