

# Huge New Tobacco Variety Threatens Entire Program

An enormous new variety of tobacco is looming high above the fields of Tobaccoland, USA and threatening to destroy the entire tobacco program as it is presently constituted.

For some over three years this tobacco has been known, but until this year there has been no commercial production—or at least no known commercial production.

The mammoth breed had been seen as long as two years ago by numerous tobacco farmers who visited the experiment farm of the Coker Seed Company in South Carolina. Growing from 15 to 18 feet high, carrying from 60 to 80 leaves this plant gave thoughtful farmers much concern and gave greedy farmers the itch to get their hands on some of the seed.

The story coming out of South Carolina says that two years ago

a farmer bought some regular "Hicks" seed, but when these seed began to grow after having been transplanted a few hills in the field proved to be this huge new variety.

This farmer very carefully cultivated the few hills he had of this skyscraping tobacco and saved all the seed he possibly could. He got enough seed, so the South Carolina story goes, to plant one tenth of one acre in 1958 and again he very carefully collected all the seed from this mountainous-nicotina tabacum.

As any farmer knows, the seed from one tenth of an acre of tobacco will plant a great many acres. This year there seems to be pretty strong evidence that the vast majority of those seed—and possibly others have found their way into commercial production.

One South Carolina farmer with 8.82 acres of this huge breed of tobacco says he "chickened out" and didn't put all the fertilizer he originally intended but even with that he is expecting to get between 3,500 and 4,000 pounds to the acre. He bemoans the fact that he missed the boat by not putting all the fertilizer to his tobacco, and claims that he would have had 6,000 pounds to the acre if he had.

Tobacco buyers who have seen the early curings of this particular grower say the tobacco is of average quality. The South Carolinian has had eight croppings and still had more left on the stalk than he had pulled.

He says his only problem is cropping the upper leaves and he is working on a rig to put the workers up in the air high enough to get the "tips".

When Editor Jack Rider mentioned this South Carolina tobacco Tuesday on a radio program he was surprised to learn quickly that there is some of the same stuff in Eastern North Carolina.

Robert E. Lee, manager of the Parrott Farms west of Kinston, has about 15 to 20 stalks of this variety in a five-acre field. He says it was mixed in with his regular seed purchases.

But in other areas further west in Lenoir County, in Greene County and in Pitt County there are estire fields.

Just how much havoc this new king-sized tobacco is capable of doing to the tobacco program is impossible even to imagine. Unless immediate legislation is had to either ban its use or control its use the burdensome surplus of flue-cured tobacco is bound to in-

crease, and suddenly.

All the complications do not come merely in the field of tobacco legislation and surpluses. Consider: All present harvesting machines will be made useless by tobacco 15 feet high and it will likely be impractical to build a machine tall enough to straddle tobacco of that height. The length of the growing season will enforce new cultivation techniques. Greater curing barn capacities will be needed.

There's no way to register even a wild guess on how widespread this tobacco is this year, but the germination processes and seed producing ability of tobacco are well known and it is possible to say that there will be far, far more of this tobacco next year than this year.

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## Jones Home Clubber Enjoys Workshop at Woman's College

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It was, at first, just an idea—music education for rural people, but Miss Ruth Current not only thought about it—she did something about it.

Needing help to get started, Miss Current went to Chapel Hill, and talked with Russell Grumman, head of the University Extension Division. They mapped out the booklet "It's the Songs Ye Sing". This contained lists of songs suitable for gatherings, various programs and encouraging words.

This was a good beginning but it was found that some organization with definite plans was needed. In 1951 during Farm and Home Week Miss Current invited seven friends, all lovers of music to have dinner with her, and the first State Music Committee was formed.

Out of this meeting grew some definite attainable goals which were: to compile and distribute an inexpensive song book; to improve the music of our rural churches; encourage the formation of choirs and choruses; to secure for our children a general music education and to develop a training program for potential leaders.

The outstanding activity of the Home Demonstration music program is the annual workshop. It is held five days each summer on a college campus in the state. The program is administered and supervised by six district chairmen. The faculty has served loyally from the beginning. They are Dr. Arnold E. Hoffman, Miss Bobbie Pritchard, Miss Ruth Jewell, Miss Doris Kimmel and Miss Sallie Whitaker.

We were happy to be at Woman's college for our sixth annual Home Demonstration Music Workshop June 28-July 3.

There were 110 of us from all parts of the state. Of these were twelve young people and eighteen adults on scholarships.

The days were filled with classes, demonstrations and conferences. We learned something of the folk music of many lands, we saw and heard that art and music are the natural products of a people at work or play, in joy or sorrow; we studied about jazz—its many sources, rhythm, melody, tone color.

We were taught conducting, reading score, voice, correct enunciation, music in worship, history and art in music, music apprecia-

## Seeks Collect Debt From Tenant With Attachment

Mrs L. L. Mattocks of Maysville this week filed an attachment proceeding against Harold Woodley and his wife, Bernice.

The civil action attempts to attach a television set, radio, electric clock, vacuum cleaner, sewing machine and an electric iron until the Woodleys pay an accumulated rent, electrical and telephone bill.

The defendants are currently listed as residents of Jacksonville.

meeting was followed by a reception in her honor in the main ball room of Elliott Hall.

Perhaps the main highlight of our week was a concert in Library Auditorium. This was followed by a broadcast on TV from Chapel Hill.

Work is begun immediately on the choral numbers which have been selected with great care by Dr. Hoffman and as the teaching rehearsals unfold, this music becomes an outstanding and inseparable part of the workshop experience.

We could not attempt a finished performance in the short time we had but we did strive for perfection of interpretation and expression.

A wonderful week was completed when "goodbyes" were said after breakfast Friday morning and each one left for home with high hopes of helping to develop a greater love for music and to encourage more and better singing in an effort to see a great music education program flourish.

Each day after the evening meal, vespers were held on the lawn in front of Weil Dormitory.

Sunday evening was used as a "Get Acquainted" meeting and for the singing of church music.

On Monday evening we heard the Greensboro Chapter of "The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing of America". This is a wide spread organization throughout the United States and Canada. There were twenty six in the group which came to sing for us. We thoroughly enjoyed it!

A number of our club members and 4-H boys and girls gave a talent show on Tuesday night.

Miss Current was with us for our Wednesday evening program and gave a most inspiring address. This

## Divorce Suit Alleges Infidelity; Supported By Excellent Evidence

A suit asking "absolute divorce" has been filed in Jones County Superior Court by Charles P. Phillips, a native of Jones County, against Edna M. Phillips of Georgia.

Phillips says in his suit that he left the United States while a member of the armed forces on April 14, 1958 and did not return until May 19, 1959.

Phillips further alleges that when he got back he found his wife 8½ months pregnant. This he alleges is sufficient evidence to award him a divorce on the grounds of adultery.

## Two Divorce Suits

Two actions for divorce on grounds of two year separation were filed in Jones County Superior Court this week. Joe R. Spencer was seeking to get rid of Corrie Dobson Spencer in one suit and Frank Green was seeking to legally split asunder the ties that bind him to Annie Bell Green of Phoenix City, Alabama.

## Senator Ervin's Weekly Report From Washington

WASHINGTON—The McClellan Committee of the Senate, upon my recommendation, voted last week not to investigate the strike at Henderson, North Carolina.

HENDERSON INQUIRY OFF  
My suggestion as a member of the McClellan Committee was based on these events:

(1) The Regional Office of the National Labor Relations Board at Winston-Salem has handed down a decision in a proceeding initiated by the Union under the Taft-Hartley Act rejecting the Union's claim that the management of the mills at Henderson has failed to bargain with it in good faith, and the Union has announced its intention to appeal this decision of the Regional Office to the NLRB at Washington.

(2) Three Union officials, including the official having general supervision of the strike, and five strikers have been tried, convicted and sentenced in the Superior Court of Vance County, upon an indictment charging them in substance with conspiring to disable the mills by the use of explosives. These officials and strikers, who refrained from testifying on the

## Murdered Man's Wife Asking \$125,000 Damages From Man Charged With The Killing

A civil action was instituted this week in Jones County Superior Court by Mrs. Eula H. Mercer, widow of Preston Mercer, asking \$125,000 damages from Belvey M. Langley of Craven County.

Langley is waiting trial in Richmond, Va. for the June 26th shooting of Mercer.

The suit brought by Mrs. Mercer points out that her husband was being paid \$90 per week at the time of his death and had a life expectancy of more than 30 years. She sets out that she has two minor children.

Langley, a Craven County garage and junkyard operator, shot Mercer in the head with a .25 caliber automatic pistol just before midnight June 26th at the Richmond filling station where Mercer was employed.

Mercer had worked for some time with Langley at his place on US 70 east of New Bern, and Langley accused him of "taking his wife away from him" and rode to Richmond "to talk it over". On meeting Mercer, Langley let the single shot from the pistol do his talking.

## Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of one marriage license in the past week and it went to Samuel L. Roberts, 23, and Fannie Bell Jones, 21, both of Lenoir County.

## Painting Court House Boiler Repairs for Two County Buildings

Among other activities Monday at the regular monthly meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was an authorization to secure bids for painting the interior of the court house and necessary repairs to the boilers in both the court house and the agricultural building.

The board took no action on the third request from the Farmers Home Administration and Soil Conservation Service for part of the cost of installing air-conditioning in those two offices in the ag building.

## Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week included:

One tract each to Norman E. Eubank and Earl Bender in White Oak Township by George R. Hughes, commissioner.

## THURSDAY WRECK

At 12:45 p. m. last Thursday at the corner of Heritage and Glenwood in Kinston cars driven by Josephine R. Moore of Trenton route one and William J. Thomas of "Wilkinson's Wilderness" collided and suffered an estimated \$350 damage.

## LESSON IN LENDING

Young Bobby Gene Hobbs of Kinston route six complained last Friday night that he had loaned his car to a Marine who had not brought it back when he promised. Hobbs didn't even know the Marine's name. He didn't get a great deal of sympathy from officers.

Officials and the five convicted strikers are at full liberty to testify concerning all matters within their knowledge incident to the strike. The Committee took this action on my motion and without any request whatever from the Union or the management of the mills.

## BASIS FOR PROBE

The basis for a probe of the strike was to determine whether the occurrences incident to this strike indicated a need for further Federal legislation. The Union made a request of the Committee for an investigation. I took the position that, as a Senator from North Carolina and member of the Committee, the circumstances were such that the Committee should not reject the request for a probe. I so recommended to the Committee.