

Local County Referendum is All About; Many Questions Answered

By ASCS Manager
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For the past several weeks quite a number of tobacco growers have visited the County ASCS Office and asked the question, "What will the tobacco farmers be voting on in the referendum to be held December 15, 1965?"

We are listing below the main points concerning the referendum so that everyone will be going in the same direction and have the same understanding.

1. The referendum is on marketing quotas and acreage allotments only, not on any change in the program. Tobacco growers will decide on December 15 whether the present tobacco program will continue in effect for the 1965, 1966, and 1967 crops of flue-cured tobacco.

If at least two-thirds of the voters are "Yes," then we will

have a tobacco program. If more than one-third of the voters are "No," then there will be no tobacco program in 1965. If the referendum carries, then changes can be considered such as acreage-poundage or percentage. If it does not carry, then there will be no program to change.

2. Any major change will require legislation and a new referendum will then have to be held.

3. If the referendum carries, acreage allotments and price support will be in effect for three years, 1965, 1966, and 1967.

4. If the referendum fails, there will be no price support on tobacco.

5. If the referendum fails, the present law would give no credit in computing future allotments for excess acreage grown.

Tobacco Variety Information for '64 Crop Now Available at Agent's Office

By Farm Agent Joe Koonce
Tobacco growers can now get detailed information on varieties available for their 1965 crop from their county agent's office, since results of the 1964 Official Tobacco Variety Tests conducted annually by State College are now completed.

Included in the tests were 14 of the most commonly planted flue-cured varieties plus four new varieties that will be offered for planting for the first time in 1965.

The new varieties are the first varieties ever to be tested under the regional minimum standards testing program started two years to help improve tobacco quality. All four of the varieties have met the standards set forth in the program.

Results of these tests — the Official Variety Tests and the Minimum Standard Tests — are not to be taken as official recommendations. But the results of these tests can serve as useful guides in helping farmers pick a variety for 1965.

Included in the tests were Hicks Broadleaf, NC 95, Coker 319, McNair 10, McNair 12, Coker 111, McNair 20, McNair 30, Speight G-5, Speight G-10, Bell 29, Coker 187-Hicks, Bell 15 and Reams 61. The four new varieties tested were NC 2326, Va. 115, Coker 298 and Speight G-36.

A description of these new varieties as prepared by research and extension workers at State is available from the county agricultural extension office.

Roy Bennett, extension tobacco specialist at State, urges growers to look over all of the varieties that they have available for 1965 planting.

"Keep in mind," Bennett said, "that with the new release of 1962 and 1964 there are disease resistant varieties that are very much like Hicks in field appearance and in the cured leaf, and some are equal to Hicks in chemical composition."

"Growers are now in a position to supply companies with tobacco that is equal to Hicks in quality, yet carrying black shank resistance," Bennett added.

The extension tobacco specialist also pointed out that limited information is available on the new varieties, although they have been through a more extensive testing program than new varieties in history.

"If you are satisfied with your present variety, stay with it until you have had a chance to gain experience with the new tobaccos," Bennett suggests. "It is better to grow a small acreage of new tobacco the first year than to go into large scale production immediately."

December 5th Deadline for Tendering Coast Guard Academy Applications

Eligible young men are reminded that December 5 is the deadline for submitting applications to compete for appointment as Cadet, United States Coast Guard.

The 89th annual competition for admission to the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, will commence with the December 5th administration of the College Entrance Examination Board Tests. Appointments are made solely on a competitive basis, with no Congressional appointments or geographical quotas.

An applicant must be an unmarried high school senior or graduate who has reached his 17th but not his 22nd birthday by July 1, 1965. Applicants must be high school graduates who have earned 15 units by June 30, 1965, including the following units: Three in English, two in Algebra, and one in Plane Geometry. Applicants must be

in excellent physical condition, between 64 and 78 inches in height, with proportionate weight and have at least 20/30 vision in each eye, correctable to 20/20.

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Du Pont Plant Workers Win Safety Award

Du Pont's Kinston Plant has qualified for its 11th President's Safety Award. Assistant Plant Manager J. F. Bowling has announced.

Employees of the Plant qualified for the award at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, after working 240 days, or approximately 3 million exposure hours, with no lost-time injury.

Winning the award entitles Plant employees to select their choice of a gift from among about 60 different items on display at the Plant. The prizes include tools, sports equipment, home furnishings and other furnishings and other homemaker's items.

Bowling expressed his congratulations in a personal letter to all employees. He reminded the Plant's 2,200 employees that proper safety attitude and safety awareness will help the Kinston Plant and the Du Pont Company achieve their ultimate goal — the elimination of all accidents.

He also point out that the Du Pont Company's safety record, by any measure, is impressive. In 1963, Company performance was 12 times better than the entire chemical industry.

August of this year was the safest August in Du Pont's history. Employees in Du Pont plants throughout all of the United States worked through that month without incurring a single lost-time injury.

April, 1961, had been the Company's only injury-free month until then. The Company employs over 100,000 employees.

UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE
Walter A. Moore of 2206 Pink Hill Road was booked in the sheriff's office over the weekend on charge of assault with intent to commit rape upon a 15 year-old girl.

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Well, Thanksgiving is here again, and we really have many things to be thankful for this year. All one has to do is look around at the beautiful fall colors to know that this is true. Fall comes, bringing peace and contentment, and one can not help but be affected by its spell. The serenity of the woods in autumn is so overpowering that one can almost forget that problems exist. But then autumn passes, as all things must, and its passing is felt deeply, like the loss of a dear friend. However, with this passing, there is always the hope that this season, with time of happiness and peace, will return, and the friendship will be renewed.

No matter how hopeless things may seem, there is always something to be thankful for, if we only learn to appreciate the little blessings which we receive day by day.

A portion of the Junior class from Jones Central had a very enjoyable evening last Friday at a special dinner given them for their excellent magazine subscription sales this year. The

group was accompanied by class sponsors Miss Myrtle Brock, Mr. Nimrod Carol, and Mr. Bill Tharrington.

A Rockets Booster Club has been formed at Jones Central for the purpose of helping to support and maintain our fine athletic program at Jones Central. It is composed of interested men in the county who believe in our school program.

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Who Mary Dixon's "idol" is? If Annette Lowery has decided yet? If Betty Becton is happy with her new car? Who our new "Hemingway" is? What Phyllis Eubanks was so mad about the other day after our assembly?

I want to wish for everyone a happy and a safe Thanksgiving weekend.

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