

Brief Review of Tobacco Controls And Big Reason for Farmer's Acceptance

Since March 12, 1938, North Carolina farmers have voted 11 times in flue-cured tobacco referenda. In 10 of these 11 votes, farmers have approved quotas on flue-cured tobacco. Only on December 10, 1938, did farmers fail to approved quotas. This unfavorable vote was for the 1939 crop when only 57 per cent of farmers favored quotas.

The 1939 crop of flue-cured tobacco was grown without acreage allotments and marketing quotas. Farmers boosted their flue-cured acreage by 360,800 acres in 1939. The average price of 14.9 cents a pound for the crop returned growers an average of \$137 an acre. The average price for the 1938 crop was 22.7 cents a pound.

For 1940, quotas and allotments were approved and used, the price average 16.4 cents a pound in spite of the large carryover from the 1939 crop, and growers receive an average return \$163 an acre. By 1964, the total acre grown—625,700 acres—returned to growers an average of about \$1,275 per acre.

Since 1939, growers have approved marketing quotas for flue-cured tobacco every time they voted.

The percentage of North Carolina farmers favoring quotas has run from 87.1 per cent in July of 1940 to a high of 98.3 per cent in December of 1961. The total number of farmers voting has ranged from a low of 103,429 in 1943 to a high of 188,487 in 1952.

One of the big reasons for the high degree of farmer approval of the program is its financial success to the individual grower. A grower with 10 acres in 1940, with an average yield of 1,025 pounds, would have produced 10,250 pounds and at the prevailing price of 16.4 cents a pound, would have received \$1,681 for his crop.

With normal conditions, his allotment in 1964 was 7.11 acres. With average yields of 2,180 pounds, he produced a total crop of 15,499 pounds. At 58.5 cents a pound, his tobacco income would be \$9,066.

Thus, under the production and price stabilization program, the farmer who had 10 acres in 1940 received \$1,681 for his crop, while this year, with his allotment at 7.11 acres, he re-

ceived \$9,066 for his crop—nearly five and one-half times as much.

This points out very clearly that even though acreages have been cut in recent years, the farmer's income has been maintained and increased. It is one of the very few farm commodities that has increase in value as the farmer's cost of living increased.

Any person sharing in the production of flue-cured tobacco may vote in the upcoming referendum for the 1965, 1966, and 1967 crops of flue-cured tobacco. Polling places have been established in each ASCS community.

Local ASCS offices will furnish a complete list of polling places in each county. There are 73 counties in North Carolina with flue-cured tobacco allotments.

LAND TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker during the past week included the following:

From Leslie and Patricia Parker to John and Dollie Avery .245 acre in Trenton Township.

From W. G. Westbrook to himself and wife, Daisy, 315

acres and two other tracts in Chinquapin Township.

From Donald Brock, trustee, to G. W. Wiley .35 acre in Trenton Township.

From G. N. and Jane Noble to Letha Hill a lot in Trenton.

From Raeford and Annie Beeton to Kleber and Brice Bryant one lot in Beaver Creek Township and from the same parties to Albert and Marzella Collins two lots in Beaver Creek Township.

From Nolan and Anna Jones to Everett and Oma Mae Meadows two lots in White Oak Township.

From Leo and Bernice Eubank to Willie Curtis Eubank one lot in Pollockville Township.

From John C. and Sebie Hewitt to Thomas F. Hewitt 66.7 acres in Beaver Creek Township.

From Cicero Lathan Riggs to himself and wife, Josephine, 44 acres in Trenton Township.

From George R. Hughes to himself and wife, Eunice, 250 acres in Pollockville Township.

From Cyrus Thompson to W. B. Hargett one-fourth undivided interest in 185 acre in Trenton Township.

DEATHS

Robert P. Bender

Funeral services were held Monday for Robert P. Bender of Pollockville, former legislator, attorney and Democratic Party official, who died over the weekend after a period of declining health.

Mrs. Robena Jones

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Robena Jones, 80, widow of Zebulon Vance Jones of the Wyse Fork section of Jones County, who died early Monday.

One Killed, One Jailed, One Scared In Weekend Shooting in Lincoln City

A neighborhood squabble between two women erupted into violence Saturday afternoon on Dudley Alley and left one woman dead from a .45 pistol bullet, another woman in jail charged with her murder and a very frightened fruit peddler from Greenville who was last seen heading north, rather rapidly.

According to reports filed by Kinston police Esther Mae Campbell of 706 Dudley fired the shot that instantly killed Gladys Knight of 701 South Davis Street.

Children of the two women had been involved in a squabble and this cause the two women to extend the difference.

The fruit peddler who was in the neighborhood reportedly was also struck by a ricocheting bullet, or at least thought he was, since he took off in a hurry and has not been seen since in that vicinity.

The shooting permanently orphaned the eight children of Gladys Knight and has temporarily orphaned the six children

of Esther Campbell, who is in jail pending trial on charge of murder.

Cop's Car Copped

Sunday morning Kinston Police-man Felix Jarman decided to stand inside the doorway of Branch Bank at Queen and Gordon to escape the chilling breeze. Less than a hundred feet away his 1962 private car was parked while he fought the cold air. After a few minutes he walked around the corner of Queen onto Gordon where his car had been. No car! Thieves had apparently rolled it backward down Gordon until they got out of Jarman's hearing and then cranked it up and took off.

LA GRANGE THIEVERY

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