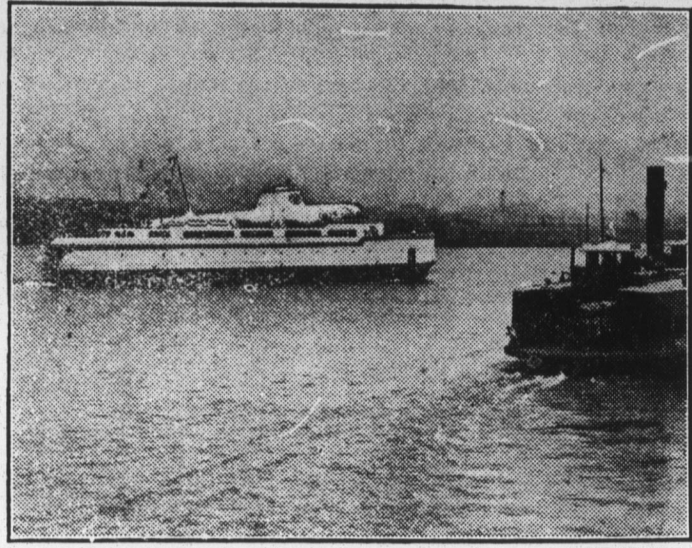


TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM RESULTED FROM LOW PRICES
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the foreign countries. Unless we use these factors to the best of our ability, instead of our export markets increasing, we will find them on the decline. As I have illustrated above, nothing can aid the growers of our state to better continue this progress made toward increasing yields and quality, than a control program. Using the base years 1931, 1932, and 1933, the base years established for flue-cured tobacco, if planted could normally produce 20 to 25 per cent more tobacco than the trade will consume at a reasonable price to the producer.

On January 6, 1936, the tobacco production adjustment contracts, which were an agreement between the producer and the United States government, were declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States. This locked the wheels of progress for continued cooperation of the growers with their government for the year 1936. It was our representatives in the national congress that got together and studied the situation with all expert advice at hand and on February 29, 1936, the soil conservation and domestic act was signed by the President. This showed the world through our representatives that the farmers were not willing to continue in an unorganized way. To date 131,000 farming units of North Carolina have grouped themselves under the soil conservation and domestic act.

It is true that the soil conservation program is a voluntary program but it offers to tobacco growers a greater assurance of reaching the objectives in the problems limited to farm income. The act recognizes the right of agriculture to keep pace with the rate of progress made by the nation as a whole. The soil conservation program has the bases of payments which are measured by (1) their treatment or use of land for soil restoration, conservation, or erosion prevention, (2) changes in the use of their land, (3) a percentage of their normal production of one or more designated commodities equal to the normal national percentage required for domestic consumption. The tobacco producer has the assurance of the participation of the administration in Washington during the temporary period of needed aid. He also has the assurance of cooperation with states. It has the interest of the share-croppers, tenants, and



THE OLD AND THE NEW IN FERRY SERVICE

The "Princess Anne," just launched, is a new type of streamlined ferryboat that will handle the water-link of the North-South Ocean Highway, across Chesapeake Bay between Cape Charles and Norfolk, Va. She is 250 feet long and carries 80 automobiles.

small producers protected. It also has the interest of the consumer protected. It has as its objective the further expansion of markets and the removal of surplus, which is so necessary in the continued growth of agriculture.

Realizing that the soil conservation program would offer to the tobacco growers of the state, and other states, a greater flexibility than any type of control program that has been proposed up to the present time, it will be very desirable if all of the growers would cooperate with the soil conservation program to the fullest extent, without having a control program. However, the leading tobacco growers, the representatives in federal congress are of the opinion that there should be at hand a control program that would be operative by a coordination of similar state acts that would permit and add in the enforcement of a control program at and when such time should arise that such program was needed. The advantages in this control program, better known as the state compact, would be designed to control the production only, then those cooperating with the soil conservation program would be in line with production, and at the same time receive what payments would be offered by the soil conservation program and not have to pay the tax above the allotments assigned, as

those who disregard the soil conservation program

The state compact as suggested would be administered through committees as the Kerr-Smith allotments were. The enforcement would be made effective by the regular state enforcement and officers on a board set up for that purpose only.

From indication of expression coming from the farm organizations; namely the grange, farm bureau, and other farm organizations, the tobacco growers will not be asleep at the switch and when indications are that their interest is not being protected, they will be heard from in no uncertain terms. If I can read correctly, the growers as a whole are demanding reasonable satisfactory prices, for an amount of tobacco no greater than the trade can consume at a reasonable price. From this date on farmers realize the importance of raising their income to compare favorably with incomes of other business with a like investment of both capital, skill, and experience. The tobacco farmers of this state and other tobacco growing states do not ask any special favors of anyone. They do ask the support of both state and federal governments in the necessary laws to have equal rights with industry.

PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER WORK

Growers Should Check Over Farm at Once to See What Else They May Do.

Under the soil-improvement program, payment will be made for a number of soil-building practices that can be carried out during the month of October.

These practices will be especially helpful to farmers who must do more soil-building work if they are to receive the full amount of payments for which they are eligible, said Dean I. O. Schuab, of State College.

Over the State, he added, there are many farmers who have acreages of soil-conserving crops that make them eligible for more payments than they have yet earned with soil-building practices.

These growers should check over their farms at once to see what else they must do to obtain the full amount of their payments, the dean pointed out.

He also stated that the payments are only an additional inducement for growers to do those things which improve their land. The soil-building value of these practices is worth far more than the payments.

For this reason, he said, growers will benefit themselves by carrying out more of these practices than

they will be paid for.

The rates of payment for practices that may be conducted up to October 31 are as follows:

Seeding alfalfa, \$2 per acre. Seeding red or mammoth clover, \$1.50 per acre. Seeding Alsike, white, or crimson clover, Austrian winter peas, or vetch, \$1 per acre.

Plowing or disking under the following crops as green manure, after at least two months' growth: soybeans, velvet beans, cowpeas, sweet clover, lespedeza, or crotalaria,

\$1.50 per acre.

Terracing with a sufficient amount of properly constructed terraces to give adequate protection against erosion, 40 cents per 100 linear feet of terrace, but do not to exceed \$2 per acre. Liming \$1 per 1,000 pounds up to \$4 per acre.

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