

South Boston Plans Elaborate Festival Program

South Boston, Va., (Special to Times)—Visitors to the fifth annual National Tobacco Festival to be held in South Boston, Va., September 7 and 8 will receive souvenirs to Tobaccoland in the form of beautiful 32-page programs of the celebration. Announcement was made this morning after the contract for the programs had been given to Brown-Morrison Company of Lynchburg, Va.

The booklet, which will be 9x12 inches in size, will include a complete schedule of events to take place during the two days of festivities. It will also include numerous photographs of the celebration.

A synopsis of "TOBACAROMA," mammoth dramatic production depicting the story of tobacco, which will be enacted by a cast of over 500 upon a stage 150 feet in length, will also be in the program. The natural amphitheatre, in which "Tobacaroma" will be staged, is situated, within the corporate limits of South Boston amid towering virgin pines, and will seat approximately 15,000 people.

A full page photograph of Regina Tobacco V, who will rule over the celebration with medieval pomp and ceremony, will appear as a frontispiece to the booklet.

The cover for the program will carry out the theme of the Festival, an attempt being made to catch the mood of the celebration in a symbolic photograph. Although color will not be used on the inside pages of the booklet, Festival officials said that the cover would appear in four colors.

Amendments May Interfere With Merit Rating

Raleigh — If the amendments now being considered to the Social Security Act are adopted by Congress as they have already passed the house of representatives, the new legislation would interfere with the merit rating provisions of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Law, as provided in the amendment adopted by the recent session of the General Assembly, Chairman Charles G. Powell, of the State Commission, told a group of employers in Gastonia recently.

The North Carolina amendment meets the requirements of the Social Security Act as now written, but does not meet the requirements in the amendment being considered. The State law includes a maximum 2.7 per cent of the payrolls of North Carolina employers, with reductions for stable employers who meet the requirements after four years of experience. The Federal amendment requires an appropriate average of 2.7 per cent, which could not be achieved under the State law. An alternative in the proposed amendment is a standard for the states, which requires that a minimum of \$5 a week be paid eligible claimants for total unemployment. In most other respects the State law meets the proposed standards, although the law would have to be changed to make it conform.

"It is a question of whether we need the amount in our fund that would be produced by the approximate 2.7 per cent of the payrolls subject to the tax. Washington officials think it is required.

ed. We doubt that, and feel that our law will produce income sufficient to keep our fund solvent," said Chairman Powell. (The Senate Finance Committee, at this writing, has struck out these amendments.)

Unemployment Fund Has Nice Balance Now

Raleigh—Receipts of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Fund have exceeded \$25,000,000, while benefit payments exceed \$11,000,000 Chairman Charles G. Powell, of the State Commission, reveals.

Receipts through July 6, amounted to \$25,039,594.05, including \$24,628,441.48 in contributions from liable employers and \$411,152.57 in interest on the balance in the United States Treasury. Benefit payments to unemployed and partially unemployed workers through July 6 in about 18 months, reached \$11,009,045.90, Mr. Powell said. This leaves a balance in the State fund of \$14,030,548.15 as of July 6, which includes the pooled fund and the amount being credited to individual accounts under the merit rating plan.

95 Percent State Textile Students Get Jobs

Raleigh, N. C. — Dr. Thomas Nelson said today that at least 95 per cent of the 60 Textile students in the 1939 graduating class at North Carolina State College had secured positions. He also said that the others have been in communication with prospective employers and may already be at work as several requests for Textile graduates have been received since commencement. Thus the Textile school of North Carolina State College maintains its enviable record of being able each year to place all graduates.

Dr. Nelson said that the success of the Textile School in this respect was due to the fact that textile employers had found that its graduates could go into the textile industry and with a certain amount of practical experience fill executive and technical positions in practically any phase of it. Many textile plants now make it a practice to employ textile graduates each year so as to have a trained man ready for any opening which occurs in their organization.

In view of the success obtained by Textile graduates of North Carolina State College, Dr. Nelson believes that the textile industry is a fertile field for technically trained young men and says that it is one vocation which offers North Carolina boys an opportunity to win success and remunerative employment in their own state.

Of the 57 American boys in this year's graduating class, at least 44, or more than 77 per cent, will be located in North Carolina, 6 will be located in South Carolina, 2 in New Jersey, and 1 each in New York and Tennessee. One Mexican and two Chinese graduates have already returned to their native countries where their fathers are officials in textile organizations. Annually, the Textile school draws students from Canada to Mexico and from other foreign countries, but about 75 per cent of the enrollment is from North Carolina.

PRICES

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SUMMARY OF UNIFORM ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE
of Person County, North Carolina
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1939, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1940
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General	\$24,355.74	\$11,031.48	\$13,324.26	\$2,664.85	\$15,989.11	\$10,750,000.00	.15	.15
County Home	5,011.00	2,231.56	2,779.44	555.88	3,335.32		.03½	.03
Court and Jail Operations	6,046.42	1,076.42	4,970.00	994.00	5,964.00		.05	.05
Health	3,875.00	1,125.97	2,749.03	549.80	3,298.83		.03	.03½
DEBT SERVICE:								
Bond Interest	36,822.50	9,534.60	27,387.90	5,457.58	32,745.48		.31	.55
Courthouse and Jail Bonds	10,520.00	1,812.14	8,707.86	1,741.57	10,449.43		.10	.11
Refunding Bonds	8,613.50	336.77	8,276.73	1,655.34	9,932.07		.09½	.00½
SCHOOLS:								
Debt Service	30,898.14	4,971.22	25,926.92	5,185.38	31,112.30		.29	.31
Capital Outlay	7,653.85	3,976.26	3,677.59	735.51	4,413.10		.04½	.07½
Current Expense	20,405.03	20,405.03						
SOCIAL SECURITY:								
Old Age Assistance	7,837.50	2,428.40	5,408.67	1,081.73	6,490.40		.06	.05
Aid to Dependent Children	3,705.00	1,508.83	2,196.17	439.23	2,635.40		.02½	.03
Dept. Public Welfare	6,530.49	630.45	5,900.04	1,180.00	7,080.00		.06½	.05½
							\$1.25½	\$1.45

ment to other departments. It is the policy of North Carolina State College to keep its Textile School thoroughly modern and provide its students with the best instruction obtainable in the textile field. Consequently, as soon as the new building is completed, a unit of woolen machinery will be added, the research facilities increased, and considerable new equipment for weaving, knitting, and processing rayon and cotton yarn and fabrics will be installed. North Carolina high school graduates who are seeking for a vocation that affords them unlimited opportunities for success in pleasant surroundings should investigate the possibilities in the

various phases of the textile industry, for there is room for executives, technicians, chemical research workers, as well as for those of artistic temperament who can create new designs.

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