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WEEK OF JUNE 15, 1962

BAWA Elects Clay To Seventeenth Term

LEXINGTON, KY.—Albert G. Clay, of Mount Sterling, Ky., was elected to his 17th term as president of the Burley Auction Warehouse Association at the group's annual convention here this week.

Other officers re-elected were Reynolds Bell, first vice president; J. C. Dean, second vice president; Herman Robinson, secretary-treasurer, and J. R. Poland, sergeant-at-arms.

New directors elected by the BAWA members were Charles Marshall, Paul Little, W. G. Wigglesworth, Ansel R. Herndon, William S. McGoodin, E. O. Walker, Charles P. Clarke, Paul Carraco, Lawrence M. Russell, Ben D. Russell, R. L. Trogdon and Park Bernard.

Old Crop Flue-Cured Begins to Move Abroad

HENDERSON, N. C. — Old crop tobacco held by the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation is gradually beginning to move under the United States Department of Agriculture's tobacco export payment program, the corporation revealed in its June News Letter, recently released.

As of May 24, it was stated, applications had been approved by USDA for 5.2 million pounds of leaf under the export program, whereby funds from Section 32 of Public Law 320 may be used to subsidize up to twenty per cent of the sales price.

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TAUS, LTEA Convention To Hear Hodges and Hanes

GREENVILLE, N. C.—Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges will address a joint meeting of the Tobacco Association of United States and the Leaf Tobacco Exporters' Association when the two groups hold their annual conventions the latter part of this month.

J. Con Lanier, retiring executive secretary and general counsel of both groups, announced recently that the Cabinet member would address the leaf

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Clay at BAWA Conclave Asks Industry Teamwork

By Russell Rice
"Tobacco's" Editor in Lexington

LEXINGTON, KY.—Burley warehousemen from seven states were told by their president, Albert G. Clay, Mt. Sterling, that "tobacco growers, industry and government must continue working together to keep the nation's tobacco economy healthy."

Mr. Clay's remarks were made in his annual report, which opened the annual convention of the Burley Auction Ware-

house Association at the Phoenix Hotel here Monday.

Election of directors and adoption of resolutions followed Mr. Clay's address.

The BAWA president told the group: "As the tobacco industry celebrates its 350th anniversary, all segments seem to be setting new records. Growers are receiving better prices; industry is sell-

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Allen Says Industry Hails Smoking-Health Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The tobacco industry will welcome the plan of the Surgeon-General of the United States to appoint a committee to study smoking and health, a spokesman for tobacco products manufacturers asserted here last week.

George V. Allen, president of the Tobacco Institute, issued the statement after the announcement by Surgeon General Luther L. Terry, director of

the United States Public Health Service, that the USPHS would set up an advisory committee drawn from recommendations by other federal agencies, non-governmental professional groups, health organizations and the tobacco industry.

The committee's objective would be to make a comprehensive review of the tobacco-health situation and come

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Burford Tobacco Co. Merges with Dibrell

BOWLING GREEN, KY.—Formation of new leaf tobacco firm here, Dibrell-Burford, Inc., as successor to Burford Tobacco Co., was announced last week.

The Burford firm, which has headquarters here, will be affiliated with Dibrell Brothers, Inc., of Danville, Va., one of the largest dealers in and exporters of bright tobacco.

Ownership of the new firm is split 50-50 between Dibrell Brothers and stockholders of the outgoing Burford firm.

Herbert J. Smith, president and

treasurer of the new firm, said he anticipates a large increase in the amount of tobacco handled here. The plant now handles approximately 15 million pounds of leaf during a season.

Mr. Smith said employment will be increased during tobacco season from about 400 at present to between 550 to 600.

Other officers of the new firm are Noble Burford Jr., chairman of the board and secretary; John H. Logan, E. Wallace Barr Jr., and J. L. Carter, vice president.

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forward with proposals for specific government action, if needed.

The formation of the committee was endorsed by President Kennedy at his press conference the same day as the surgeon-general's announcement was released. It is expected that the committee's work will extend over a period of months and its recommendations will not be made until early next year.

In 1959, the USPHS head (Surgeon-General Leroy Burney) said "the weight of evidence" implicates smoking, particularly cigarette smoking as the principal factor in the increasing incidence of lung cancer.

The text of Mr. Allen's statement follows:

"The tobacco industry welcomes the announcement that the U.S. Public Health Service plans a full study of the facts about smoking and health.

"Such an impartial study is both timely and appropriate in view of the recent flurry of attention to the subject.

"No one has a greater interest than the tobacco industry in helping medical science find solutions to the health problems of our country. The industry has been supporting an extensive scientific research program on tobacco and health since 1954 when the Tobacco Industry Research Committee was established to provide grants to independent scientists.

"The suggested panel, composed of qualified scientists, could render a highly valuable service by a thorough and objective study.

"It seems clear that such a study group will want to examine all the possible factors that may be involved in the health problems in question.

"The answers to our health problems will be found in the scientific laboratory, since continued research is the only route to scientific truth."

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This program was approved last February, and was designed to encourage and develop new markets by providing for payments from funds authorized for this purpose. Section 32 funds can be applied only against 1956 and earlier crops of tobacco.

Stabilization reported that all flue-cured stocks were 2,368 million pounds as of last April 1. That was an increase of four million pounds from holdings of

2,364 million pounds a year earlier.

The 1961 crop of 1,258 million pounds was substantially the same as that grown in 1960, which was 1,251 million pounds.—HAD.

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dealers and exporters at 10 A.M. Monday, June 25, in the Chesapeake Hall Auditorium of the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

The annual meeting of the TAUS the same morning will be addressed by John P. Duncan, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. This will be followed by a meeting of the TAUS board of governors at noon.

On Tuesday morning, the annual meeting of the Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association will hear Spencer Hanes, executive vice president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The LTEA executive committee will meet at noon.

The joint conclave will open Sunday evening, June 24, with a presidential reception tendered by A. C. Monk, Jr., and John D. Palmer, heads of the two groups. There will be another cocktail party Monday evening tendered by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, of Winston-Salem, N. C., a golf tournament for the men on Tuesday, a ladies bridge tournament also on Tuesday and a joint banquet that evening, featuring entertainment by Michale McDougall.

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