

A general recommendation which was made included the following suggestions:

More extensive education, demonstration and research are desired and necessary to aid growers in proper culture, curing, stripping and packing of their tobacco to insure the best possible prices for the crop.

Upon the submission of the report of the committee to me, I immediately laid it before the members of the Legislature. It was naturally late in the session when it was possible to submit the report and in the confusion of the legislative mill it was not possible for any special legislation bearing upon the recommendations of the Committee to be enacted.

In the wisdom of the Legislature a joint resolution was adopted as follows:

"To cause a comprehensive study to be made by the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture of the University of Maryland with respect to the marketing of tobacco in Maryland, including the functioning of the State Tobacco Warehouse in Baltimore, the Loose Leaf Auction Markets in Southern Maryland and Transfer Buyers; and to report to the General Assembly at its session in 1943 the recommendations of the Council with respect to tobacco marketing together with any necessary bills to carry out such recommendations."

I hope it will be possible for the Committee, in cooperation with the Extension Service, to make a further study of the problem and to submit recommendations for the consideration of the Legislative Council.

I am glad to report that progress is being made in the control of tobacco diseases resulting from the appropriation of \$4,500 allowed in the first budget under my Administration. The maintenance of the industry is dependent upon the control of tobacco blue mold in the plant beds. I am informed that as a result of this work hundreds of Maryland farmers this spring treated their tobacco plant beds with gas and spray materials which made it possible for them to transplant most of their tobacco crop during the more favorable early season. Demonstration meetings were held in all parts of Southern Maryland and the County Agents and the tobacco disease specialists showed large groups of farmers how to effectively use the control materials.

Over 15,000 square yards of tobacco plants beds were sprayed this year for blue mold control. This means that over one-third of the tobacco crop set this year had been subjected to blue mold control treatments.

I was acquainted with the request for a study of curing tobacco, but in the enormous demands made upon the State for different purposes, it was not possible for us to allow funds for this purpose this year. I am pleased to know that the Experiment Station is endeavoring to set aside some funds to inaugurate this study pending a time when we will be able to supplement it with further funds later on. I realize the problem of curing tobacco is a mighty important one and one that should receive exhaustive investigation.

Your State Administration will continue to give its attention to these important problems affecting so many of our citizens. In addition, we feel the obligation to make other efforts in the interest of the people of Southern Maryland. Good roads are essential for the development of the counties, and for the