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Farmville to Organize Chamber of Commerce

(By R. G. Debnam, Publicity Director) In a called Mass Meeting of all business men in Farmville last Monday night...

The sincere enthusiasm with which the proposed movement was met was thought to justify taking definite steps in the matter. On Wednesday, Messrs. Marvin Lindsay, W. R. Willis, and R. G. Debnam went to Whiteville...

You need this organization; it needs you. Give it your support.



Meet your new Sales Supervisor and Publicity Director of the Farmville Tobacco Market R. G. DEBNAM who took over this work here June 1st.

People Warned Of Soil Misuse

Editor Says America May Eventually Become as Arid as Sahara.

Memphis, Tenn., June 8. — Mrs. Fae Huttenlocker, associate editor of Better Homes and Gardens, warns that the United States eventually may become as much a desert as the Sahara.

Mrs. Huttenlocker predicts that "unless we abandon our program of marsh land drainage and stripping the lands of trees, the natural reservoir of rainfall, the United States will become one of the greatest deserts on earth."

Terror at Canton Mounts as Bombs Cause Huge Fires

Toll of Dead and Injured Exceeds 8,000 Following New Jap Bombardments.

Canton, June 9. — (Thursday) — Unrelenting Japanese bombardment of this once-prosperous south China metropolis has started huge fires, crippled the city's utilities and pushed the toll of dead and injured above 8,000.

Twenty-five Japanese planes struck at Canton last night in the third raid of the day and the city's second successive night raid in 12 days of bombardment.

Farm Youths Hear Speech on Safety

Governor Addresses at Conference Opening of State College.

More than 90,000,000 passenger miles without a single fatality—that is the safe-driving record made by North Carolina's school bus drivers during the past year, Governor Clyde R. Hoey told the Older Youth Conference at State College yesterday.

Speaking on the importance of law observance, the Governor stated that a more careful observance of highway laws would save hundreds of lives in the State each year.

Pay Compromise is Written Into Wage-Hours Bill

Sheriff Whitehurst Re-elected By A Majority of 2,462

Board of Commissioners To Have Four New Members; Corey Defeats Lanier for Senate; Clark Re-elected to Solicitorship.

All county officials now holding office were returned to office in the June primary with the exception of the county board of commissioners, who were all replaced except for David T. House, Jr., who was unopposed.

Conferees Apparently Agreed to Defer Setting 40 Cents Minimum Scale.

Washington, June 8. — Conferees on the wage and hour bill today agreed, apparently irrevocably, on a compromise on the wage question which will result in uniform minimum wages for all interstate industries throughout the country at the end of seven years, except where there are findings that the payment of such wages would cause "substantial curtailment of employment."

This solution caused considerable grumbling among Southern Senators, but it is not expected to lead to a filibuster. However, all plans for adjourning Congress this week have now been abandoned and it is considered very doubtful if the conferees on the wage-hour bill will conclude their deliberations before Saturday, and it may be next week before they report.

Board Gets Blow In Eviction Move

Frizzelle Signs Order Restraining Use of Pitt County Funds in Prosecution.

Greenville, June 7. — Ouster proceedings in Pitt Superior Court against Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst received a blow last night when Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, in Snow Hill, signed an order temporarily restraining the Pitt board of county commissioners and the Pitt ABC board from paying ABC or any other county funds for investigation in the county or to finance the ouster hearing.

Under the order, the defendants—county commissioners—are required to appear before Judge Frizzelle on June 18 to show cause why the order should not be made permanent.

The petition asking return of funds spent in investigation alleges that the county commissioners entered into an illegal and void contract with the National Bureau of Investigation, A. S. Batson, agent, for a crime investigation in Pitt County.

The petition further says that "said commissioners entered into an illegal and void contract with the Pitt County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, whereby the A. B. C. Board financed 40 per cent of the said expenditures from the enforcement funds of the A. B. C. Board, which expenditure was beyond the authority and power which the A. B. C. Board was authorized to make."

The petitioners also charge that the commissioners "have employed private counsel to prosecute said action and incurred enormous expense in court costs, stenographer fees, and other items estimated to amount to as much as \$40,000; and that the petitioners are advised that the commissioners proposed to use county funds to finance their action as individuals; also to avenge their own hurt pride."

The commissioners should be required to pay back to the county the petitioners assert, all such amounts as they already have paid A. S. Batson or for private prosecution of the action against the sheriff.

As a second cause, it is charged that over a period of time the commissioners have paid themselves a larger salary from county funds than is permitted by law, and over a six-month period from October 1, 1937, to April 1, B. M. Lewis overcharged the county \$125; L. W. Cherry, \$31.40; Roy T. Cox, \$11.50; D. T. House, Jr., \$118; and F. M. Kilpatrick, \$99.10. These public funds, the petitioners assert, should be returned to the county.

Chinese War May Lift Flue-Cured Weed Prices

Exports Show Increase; Fine Quality Reported In Border Belt.

The war between Japan and China may mean better prices next fall for the flue-cured tobacco which soon will begin to ripen in the Border Belt, Tobacco Marketing Specialist W. P. Hedrick of the Department of Agriculture, said yesterday.

Japan's war machine has struck the most fertile tobacco section of China and prevented marketing of the Chinese crop with a resulting heavier demand for American tobacco, Hedrick said.

"Flue-cured exports during the first four months of this year have increased 37 per cent over the same period of 1937," he added, pointing out that the Department of Commerce had reported an export increase from 40,000,000 pounds compared with a total of 66,000,000 pounds sent abroad during the first four months of 1937.

He attributed the "export boom" to depleted European markets, increased consumption in European countries, and the war.

Hedrick, who graded and bought tobacco in China for eight years, said that "normally, Chinese tobacco would have already been marketed, and would have permitted British manufacturers to operate smoothly, but because of war conditions and resulting destruction of transportation systems, China's flue-cured crop cannot be secured for world trade."

Along the Lumphai railway, where tens of thousands of troops are reported engaged in bloody conflict, lies the best tobacco land in China, Hedrick said. With Chinese soldiers and civilians fleeing before the invaders, he added, marketing the crop is uncertain.

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