

SUMMARY OF SOME OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN N. C. DURING 1941

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In many important respects the year 1941 has been one of the most notable in North Carolina history. Many new records have been made, and foundations have been laid for even broader and greater attainments. Our state, which already leads the entire South in the field of industry, has experienced during this year its highest peak of industrial growth and expansion. Production has reached an all time high; more plants are operating at full time and more people are employed than at any previous time in our history; and the many new plants established together with expansion of existing industries, added to enormous increase in electric power production, give promise of greater things yet to come. Agriculture likewise has felt a quickening impulse. Intelligent regulation of major crop acreages, wider diversification, a tremendous increase in the production of hogs, livestock and poultry, together with improved prices for all commodities, have given to our farmers the most hopeful position and prospect that they have experienced in many years.

The outstanding event in North Carolina during 1941 has been the State's participation in the Defense Program. Few states in the American Union have had a larger part than North Carolina in the military aspects of this nationally important undertaking. With Fort Bragg, the largest artillery post in the world, as a starting point, the Government has enormously increased the military establishments in this state. Over thirty million dollars was expended at Fort Bragg by the Government this year, and employment for a considerable portion of the year was given to nearly twenty-five thousand workmen, practically all of whom were North Carolinians. The Post now quarters nearly sixty-five thousand officers and enlisted men from practically every state in the Union. Subsequently, Camp Davis the first anti-aircraft establishment to be constructed in the country, was built at a cost of approximately 25 million dollars, giving employment throughout most of the year to about twenty thousand of our citizens, and now quartering about twenty thousand soldiers. A great marine base, destined to be the largest and most complete in the world, is now under construction on New River in Onslow County and is now nearing completion and already accommodating a large number of Marines in training. Fifteen thousand or more North Carolinians have received employment in connection

with this construction; and, likewise, the supplement to and companion air arm of the Marine Base is now under construction at Cherry Point on the Neuse River, to be completed at a cost of 21 million dollars and giving employment to thousands of our people. Not only have these great military establishments been outstanding in their proportions, but the record of construction, with North Carolina contractors and architects in supervision of all of them and North Carolina labor almost wholly employed in the construction, have set the pace for the nation in respect to the speed and manner of construction. All of them have come well within the scheduled time; not one of them has had a day's interference or delay on account of strikes or other difficulties; and no workman has had to pay a cent for the privilege of working on any one of these projects. Nowhere else in the entire nation has such a record been attained; and North Carolina has every right to be proud of these achievements. It is a record that has been acclaimed by high military authorities and by the President of the United States himself.

In addition to these larger and prominent military establishments our state had the good fortune, along with South Carolina, to be included as the area for the largest and most complete military maneuvers ever undertaken in this country. At one time during the months of October and November, nearly three hundred and fifty thousand soldiers, drawn from the entire United States, were engaged in active and broad tactical maneuvers, covering about eight counties in North Carolina, and including nearly every form of modern military equipment. The state responded to this new opportunity in a manner that was in keeping with the highest traditions of our people. County, municipal, civic and religious organizations cooperated magnificently in giving to this great army of men the most courteous and hospitable treatment. Every single land owner, including thousands of farmers in the counties affected, gave written consent to the use of their land in the area. No complaints have been registered. There was the finest spirit of cooperation between the military organization and the civilian population. When the maneuvers were completed Lt. General Hugh A. Drum, the great General of the First Army, in charge of the maneuvers, issued a statement praising the people of this state. Many Governors from other states whose citizens were

included in the military outfits involved in the maneuvers, have written expressing the highest praise and commendation for North Carolina's part in this undertaking. The good will thus established will be of incalculable value to our state for many years to come.

Also included in the general program of defense are the shipbuilding enterprises at Elizabeth City, New Bern and Wilmington. Sub-chasers are being built at Elizabeth City, mine sweepers at New Bern and at Wilmington a great new shipyard has been constructed with nine ways, and contracts have already been let for the construction there of thirty-seven steel cargo vessels of above ten thousand tons capacity. The first of these, the Zebulon B. Vance, was launched just a few weeks ago, and Wilmington has already taken rank as one of the great shipbuilding ports of the nation. At Charlotte great storage warehouses have been outfitted and constructed, and a base for Army bombers established. Naval repair stations are in process of establishment at Morehead City and at Southport, and indications now are that a great new military camp will be constructed in the state within the next few months.

While North Carolina has no distinctively war or munitions plant, such as airplane or tank factories or powder plants, it does have hundreds of industries that were found capable of turning out essential defense and war material in enormous quantities. Blankets and other woollen goods, towels, hosiery, clothing material, work suits, uniforms, textiles of all kinds, army trucks, woodwork, and numerous other essential articles are being produced by our North Carolina industries at an almost unbelievable pace. Practically every industry in the state is working full time, three shifts, and many previously abandoned or inactive plants have in recent months been rehabilitated and put into full production.

Not only have North Carolina industries been found capable of responding to the highest demands of the Government for increased production, but there has been demonstrated in this period of our most intensive industrial activity a rare spirit of cooperation on the part of labor and capital. North Carolina is the only industrial state in the American Union where no strikes have occurred affecting essential defense materials, during the year 1941. In fact, there have

been no strikes of any sort of any consequence in the state during this record year of industrial production.

Notwithstanding our unprecedented industrial growth, North Carolina still must be classified as predominantly an agricultural state. According to latest available figures, we rank third in total acreage in cultivation, and are not lower than approximately third or fourth among the states of the Nation in the total value of our agricultural products. Gratifying improvement has been experienced in the price of those major crops in which North Carolina leads, and the farmers of our state are in a better position than they have been in many years. Sound diversification is not simply being preached; it is being practiced. Approximately one hundred thousand farm families during this year pledged themselves to support the food and feed program that was initiated during the year, and a great majority of them have made good on these pledges. This has been one of the best feed years in our history. There has been a great increase during the year in the purchase and distribution of good livestock. There are more first class cattle in our state at the present time than ever before in our history. In a program inaugurated this spring, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Prison Department, a revolving fund of \$25,000.00 was established for the purchase of pure bred livestock in the cattle-grazing counties of the West and the distribution of this cattle on a virtually cost basis to the farmers in the East. Under this plan nearly 1,000 high grade cows, steers, bulls and heifers have been acquired by Eastern North Carolina farmers. While the operation was not intended as a money-making plan, it has been soundly handled and has shown a net profit of 1900.00 for the year. The plan will be continued and enlarged in its scope during the coming year. The effort is to make pure bred, high grade cattle available to small farmers throughout the state.

The General Assembly of 1941 enacted a broad program of progressive legislation beneficial to agriculture. It has been hailed by agricultural leaders and farmers generally throughout the state as the most comprehensive and progressive program ever enacted in the state. The serpieces of the experiment station, the extension service and of the Department of Agriculture were broadly expanded and improved under this program. For the first time in our history an adequate marketing system was set up and is now in successful operation. The influence of these wise enactments is being felt by farmer in every section of North Carolina.

The program of rural electrification in North Carolina has been greatly expanded. This expansion during 1941 has bene so rapid that the state now ranks fourth from the top among the states of the Union in the rate of increase. The total allotments and applications during this year amount approximately to \$7,500,000.00 for rural electrification projects, which is nearly \$1,500,000.00 above the total amount shown for such projects during the previous five years of existence of the Rural Electrification Authority in North Carolina. Our slogan is: "Electric light and power for every farm in North Carolina."

Contributing enormously to our industrial and agricultural expansion has been our great highway system. The Highway Commission in keeping with the traditions and achievements of that body during the last twenty years, is carrying forward our high grade program in a creditable manner. Notable improvements have been made in broadening and straightening many of our most important highways; and the program of building and improving secondary roads and farm-to-market roads is being greatly increased. Many difficulties are being experienced in the matter of getting essential materials owing to war conditions. This will make it difficult to build new primary roads except those that are

considered by the Government of strategic importance in the Defense Program. Such will be built as fast as approval can be obtained. In the meanwhile, the program of improving and enlarging our vital and important secondary roads will go forward unabated. Fortunately, highway funds are at the highest peak since the establishment of the Highway Commission in 1921, and the Commission is in position to carry on a great program of construction and improvement. During the year the Commission has wisely exercised its power to improve the beauty and safety of our highways by removing from the rights of way advertising of all sorts. Under this program more than one hundred thousand unsightly and unsafe advertising signs have been removed from our highways in the state.

In this period of agricultural and industrial expansion the State is not neglecting the fundamental needs of education. The General Assembly of North Carolina of 1941 made the most ample provisions for public education in the entire history of the state. A wisely designed teacher retirement fund, including also other State employees, has been set up, and is functioning well. Foundations were laid for adding a twelfth grade to the course of instruction in our public schools. Competent studies are now being made with a view to installing this addition or sup-

plement to the school system at the beginning of the next school year. Substantial additions were made to teachers' salaries, and the largest appropriation in the history of the state was made for (Continued on back page)

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List your property at once with List Takers in the township where you reside.

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Farm Census

Each farm owner or his agent is to come prepared to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested on his or his tenants farm this year. Prepare your list now. The farm census is required by State Law. The farm census is of great value to each farmer in Halifax County. Please come prepared to give this information.

C. S. VINSON
Tax Supervisor

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Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$1,357,531.96
Stocks and Bonds	373,665.88
Banking Houses	17,345.23
Furniture - Fixtures	5,886.95
Other Real Estate	.50
Cash on hand and amounts due from Banks	1,176,093.01
Accrued Bond Interest	3,293.55
Other Assets	25,299.33
Total	\$2,959,116.41

Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided Profits	31,254.97
Reserve for Retirement Preferred Stock	10,687.00
Deposits	2,600,708.18
Other Liabilities	16,466.26
Total	\$2,959,116.41