

## STATES FARM INCOME AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Washington.—Income of North Carolina farmers is well ahead of a year ago, the department of agriculture stated last week in reporting a gain of 23.6 per cent in July over the same month a year ago.

Total income to North Carolina farmers for farm marketings during July stood at \$7,412,000. This gain of 23.6 per cent placed the month's total at the highest level since 1937. Of this amount, \$3,168,000 came from crop produce and \$4,251,000 from livestock and livestock products. This compares with \$3,416,000 from crops in July last year and \$2,598,000 from livestock.

During the first six months of the year, total income to the state's farmers registered a 21.2 per cent increase, the department announced. In that period, \$54,158,000 went to North Carolina farmers for their marketings, compared with 44,827,000 in 1939. This was furthermore only slightly short of the 1937 high, at was said, \$32,976,000 of this came from crops and \$21,182,000 from livestock.

Simultaneously, government payments to farmers dropped off by 65 per cent in North Carolina, as compared with July of 1939. This July government payments stood at \$549,000—a year ago it stood at \$1,445,000. For the first half of 1940 government payments totaled \$9,913,000 as compared with \$14,688,000 in 1939.

Total farm income in North Carolina from January through July

### Miss America—1940



Atlantic City, N. J.—Patricia Donnelly of Detroit, Mich., Miss America of 1939, does the honors in crowning her successor, lovely Marie Burke of Philadelphia, Pa., Miss America of 1940.

stands at \$64,071,000. In this period of 1939 it was \$39,485,000.

In addition, the dollar of the North Carolina farmer continued to rise during August until its value at the first of September was 79 cents, the department of agriculture reported.

It was pointed out that this was a value five cents higher than during August in 1939. Values are based on the ratio of prices received to those paid.

The 79-cent August average, increasing the 70 cent value for July, brought the Tar Heel farmer's dollar to an eight-month average value for 1940 of 79.6 cents—the highest in three years for that period.

### Rome, Berlin, Tokyo Form New Alliance

Promise World War On United States If America Joins Britain Or Opposes Japan

London, Sept. 27.—Germany, Japan and Italy banded together their totalitarian arms and the energies of their quarter billion people today in a 10-year pact of military and economic character which means plainly that all three will help each other against the United States if any one of them becomes involved with America.

The thunderbolt of authoritarian diplomacy, conceived and stage-managed down to the names of the dotted lines by Adolf Hitler, was signed this afternoon in Berlin's sumptuous new chancellery by the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy and the ambassador of Japan.

The treaty itself does not mention the United States. But this much is clear: No European power, save Soviet Russia, can ever think of attacking the signatories.

Soviet Russia, however, is specifically named in the treaty's article five, which says carefully that the "political status which exists now" between each of the contracting powers and the Soviet Union is in no wise affected. Germany now has a nonaggression pact with Russia.

### REPUBLICANS IN NEW YORK DRAFT BARTON

White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 23.—The selection of Bruce Barton as Republican senatorial candidate to oppose James M. Mead, incumbent, in November, and a keynote speech by Thomas E. Dewey, New York county district attorney, in which he listed seven counts against the Roosevelt administration, featured the Republican state convention here yesterday.

Mr. Barton, who is up for re-election to the house of representatives, came into the senate race by way of a draft move. He refused the senatorial nomination when he was soundly out on the month ago, but in search for a candidate who had a comparable chance of defeating Senator Mead with his Democratic machine support and strong labor following was unsuccessful.

Wendell L. Wilkie, G. O. P. presidential nominee, urged Mr. Barton to make the race for the senate.

### FISH RECEIVED AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, Sept. 27.—A shipment of rainbow trout has been received here from the federal hatchery at Waynesville and will be placed in Elk River and tributaries. The fish, averaging approximately two inches in length, have been placed in rearing pools where they will be fed for a time before being used to restock Elk River.

The recent floods killed many fish in this vicinity, and efforts are being made to replace those destroyed. Elk River is widely known as one of the finest trout streams in the state, and two clubs controlling much of its fishing privileges have carried on a program of conservation and restocking over a period of years. Its waters contain both rainbow and brown trout.

### FOOD PRICES STABLE

American food prices held remarkably stable during the first year of the European war, showing little change, reports the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics.

Brazil was named after the dye-wood which was the early settlers' chief export.

### Governor Hoey Urges Co-operation in N. C. Draft Registration

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—Governor Hoey in a statement last night urging North Carolinians to co-operate "with characteristic patriotism" in the draft registration on October 16, said that negroes possibly should be appointed to certain draft boards.

Consideration should be given to the wisdom of providing representation on the draft board of the negro race in counties where there is a large negro population and where worthy representatives of that race can be procured to serve, he said.

"About 29 per cent of the population of this state is composed of negroes, and the selective service act applies to them equally with the white race, and they have always shown a patriotic spirit in all war service."

"This should be wisely and fairly determined by the local committee in each county."

The governor asserted that no board member should be selected because of political or religious affiliations, but added:

"Wherever feasible it would probably make for more satisfactory administration of the selective draft act if the two major political parties should be represented in the board membership."

Hoey said that three men would serve on each of the 155 draft boards in the state, and that the men would serve without pay. The 61 smallest counties, from a population standpoint, will have one board each; 37 counties will have two boards each; four counties will have three boards each; three counties will have four boards each, and two counties will have five boards each.

Letters were sent out yesterday to the 61 counties which will have one board each, asking the clerk of court, county elections chairman and county school superintendent to recommend board members. The officials also were asked to recommend a doctor to examine registrants and a lawyer to advise the board.

### HERSHEY IS NAMED TO HEAD DRAFT

Washington, Sept. 30.—President Roosevelt has signed an executive order giving Lieutenant Colonel L. B. Hershey power to carry on administration of the selective service system pending designation of a draft director, it was learned last night.

Hershey, executive officer of the joint army-navy selective service committee which has been drawing plans for the draft, has been mentioned frequently as a possible choice for the post of draft director, as has Major General Allen W. Gullion, judge advocate general.

A tax was laid on funerals in England in 1793.

## Independent Voter

### On the National Debt



MONROE ADAMS  
Candidate for Congress

### Monroe Adams Says...

The gross Federal Debt on July 31, 1940, was \$43,883,027,833.35 and the end is not yet in sight. Latest figures show that the Roosevelt Administration will have spent in eight years, ending July 1, 1940, almost 66 billion dollars. The same amount of money as was spent by 23 preceding Presidents from Washington to Wilson.

Based on Treasury estimates of tax yields, and estimated expenditure, the National Debt will have increased 25 BILLION DOLLARS (exclusive of 1940 Special National Defense Appropriations), with the ending of the eight NEW DEAL years ending July 1, 1941. THINK OF IT—if all the property listed for taxes in entire Ninth District were sold at tax valuation you could not raise enough money to pay ONE PER CENT INTEREST on this increased debt.

The tax valuations of all property according to the 1933 tax listing are as follows:

Cabarrus	\$43,049,110.00	Caldwell	\$21,000,915.00
Stanly	23,627,722.00	Watauga	7,619,017.00
Rowan	59,867,183.00	Ashe	3,457,589.00
Alexander	7,315,490.00	Alleghany	3,947,447.00
	Iredell	\$33,203,931.00	

The total valuation of the above nine counties is approximately 203 million dollars—but 250 million dollars will be required to pay ONE PER CENT INTEREST ON 25 BILLION DOLLARS for one year. These counties include such important cities as: Concord, Kannapolis, Salisbury, Spencer, Albemarle, Badin, Statesville, Mooresville, Taylorsville, Stony Point, Lenoir, Granite Falls, Boone, Blowing Rock, Jefferson, West Jefferson, Sparta and Laurel Springs.

Mr. Doughton has had charge of the responsibility as chairman of the ways and means committee and has got behind the eight ball with a 25 BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT in his eight-year New Deal Program for the National Government.

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