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## WAREHOUSES READY

### FOR SALE OF 1942 TOBACCO CROP

#### Full Corps of Buyers Assured; Same Personnel at All Warehouses; Hearty Welcome Extended

All is set and ready to go on the Louisburg tobacco market for the new 1942 season to begin on Monday, September 14th, with all three of its large and spacious warehouses cocked and primed for the occasion. Those closest to the market operations inform the TIMES that they have been assured of practically all the old buyers back, and with a Mr. Stovall to represent the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Co. It is also their understanding that there is a big demand for most all grades, including a strong war demand, which assures the growers of a fair price for their efforts. It is expected that the weed this year in Franklin will be above normal in quality and that our farmers can expect good returns.

The new selling system, which slows down the selling speed is expected to give the buyers better chance to judge the weed, the warehouses more time to give personal attention to the sale of the tobacco and the growers more time to get his crop ready for the market, making an all round advantage.

Among the auctioneers on the local market this year will be Asil Battle.

All warehouses will run and all have been cleaned up and put in tip-top condition to give the growers better accommodations.

The only change in personnel this year will be at the Southside where Arch Wilson and Ben Wood will take full swing at giving the growers all they can expect in service. They will be assisted by Sterling Cottrell as bookkeeper, William Boone, pay-off man and Eddie Nelms, assistant sales manager.

Grover Harris and Numa Freeman will operate the Union Warehouse again. Grover is dean of the market this year. Through hard work and personal attention this firm has won an enviable position among the growers in this section.

The Planters will again be run by Charlie Ford, who has built up a big patronage from the fine service he renders and good prices he gets. He will be assisted by John Williamson, bookkeeper, who also knows a big number of farmers and "don't care if he does."

The entire personnel of each of the warehouses is well known to all the growers of this section and needs no introduction. It will assure the very best of personal attention and best price to all growers. This fine group are joined by all of Louisburg's business, professional, social and civic interest in extending to each grower a hearty invitation and welcome to visit our market, sell your tobacco and visit with your old friends.

#### DR. A. PAUL BAGBY RETURNS FROM VACATION

The Louisburg Baptist Church will welcome the return of their pastor, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, next Sunday morning at the usual 11 o'clock A. M. service. Dr. Bagby is returning from several weeks of vacation in Sharps, Va. Sunday School will be held at the usual hour of 9:45 A. M. Vesper services in the evening on the college campus at 7:45.

#### PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Aug. 29th:

Saturday—Charles Starrett and Russell Hayden in 'Bad Men of the Hills,' and Lloyd Nolan and Carole Landis in 'It Happened in Flatbush.' Also Chap. No. 3 'Perils of Nyoka.'

Sunday—Monte Woolley and Roddy McDowall in 'Pied Piper.'

Tuesday—John Carroll and Ruth Hussey in 'Pierre of the Plains.'

Wednesday—George Murphy, Ann Shifley and Freddy Martin and his orchestra in 'Mayor of 44th Street.'

Thursday-Friday—Fred MacMurray and Rosalind Russell in 'Take A Letter, Darling.'

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

## AMERICANS SOLOMONS HOLD

### Inflict Heavy Damage On Japs In Their Attempt to Retake Islands

Washington, Aug. 26.—Hard-hitting American airmen have damaged six more Japanese warships in the big, new battle for the Solomons, and have forced some units of the attacking enemy armada to withdraw, the Navy revealed today in a communique which said results of the fight thus far "are encouraging."

The latest action raised to at least 13 the number of Japanese vessels damaged since Sunday, when the enemy launched a gigantic air-sea offensive in a desperate bid to recapture islands wrested from them earlier in the month by United States Marines.

Twelve more Japanese planes have been shot down, bringing to at least 33 the total of enemy planes bagged since round No. 2 of the latest Solomons struggle started.

American forces have lost a total of only four planes. There has been no mention of American ship losses.

The Navy said it "is still too early to estimate the outcome of the battle"—perhaps the decisive struggle for the Solomons and ultimate domination of the Southwest Pacific.

But, the communique added, reports thus far reveal that American forces at Guadalcanal "are holding their positions in the face of strong enemy thrusts and in each action have inflicted heavy damage on the attacking Japanese forces."

Then it injected this optimistic phrase: "The results to date, of the battle for the retention of our foothold in the southeastern Solomons are encouraging."

This was perhaps significant, since the Navy has not been in the habit of making optimistic statements while a battle was in progress.

(London dispatches from Sydney, Australia, said reports from the vast air-sea battle "show very clearly that Japan has finally lost naval supremacy in the Southwest Pacific." The Navy communique made no such claims.)

Latest victims of American air power—dive bombers, torpedo planes, bombers and fighters—were two destroyers and four unidentified vessels. Five of these, including one destroyer, were left burning.

The Navy yesterday had reported at least seven other ships damaged—two aircraft carriers, a battleship, three or more cruisers and one transport.

The transport, hit in the first phase of the battle, subsequently was abandoned "as the enemy force withdrew."

The size of the retreating Japanese force was not disclosed, but it was revealed to have consisted of transports, cruisers and destroyers which approached Guadalcanal from the northward on August 24 (Washington date) and "was attacked by United States Marine and Naval aircraft based at Guadalcanal."

#### BILL BOYCE LEADS IN PLAY FOR JOHNSON TROPHY

The loving cup offered each year by Dr. Harry H. Johnson to the player making the lowest net score will be awarded after Saturday, August 29. At the present Bill Boyce has the lowest score with a net of 87 and apparently will receive this beautiful loving cup for the ensuing year. There are a few who have not played their rounds yet but will have to before the 30th.

Those who have played are as follows, with their net scores: Bill Boyce 67; John Williamson 68; Joe Barrow 69; John Tucker 70; Arch Wilson 70; Dr. J. B. Whelless 72; Ed Owen 72; N. Williamson 73; Blair Tucker 74; P. P. Pernell 74; Dr. Eagles 75; Ed Cobb 75; Wm. Barrow, Sr. 76; Ed Collier 76; L. Henderson 76; Charlie Ford 79; G. M. Beam, Sr. 80.

#### PEOPLES-PLYLER

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Plyler, of Columbia, S. C., announce the marriage of their daughter, Cornelia Inez, to Staff Sergeant Avery G. Peoples, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Peoples, of Louisburg. Sergeant Peoples is now stationed at Fort Jackson with the 113th Field Artillery.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

## Dr. A. H. Perry Dies

Interment at Maple Springs Cemetery Tuesday Afternoon

Dr. Archibald H. Perry, died at a hospital in Rocky Mount Monday morning about 4 o'clock following a short, but serious illness. He was 43 years of age and besides his wife is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Louisburg, and five sisters, Miss Mariah Perry, of Louisburg, Mrs. Frank Reed, of Wood, Mrs. C. E. Griffin, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. B. E. Barnes, of Berkeley, Va., and Mrs. T. B. Wilder, of Clingman, Ariz. Following his graduation and internship, Dr. Perry soon returned to his native County and located at Wood, where for years he has served that community, administering to their physical needs, most generous and untrifling. He has done a great humanitarian work for his clientele who are deep in their grief in the loss of so great a friend.

Dr. Perry was a member of the Littleton Lodge of Masons and his remains were laid to rest with full Masonic honors by his lodge and visiting members.

Funeral services were held from the home at Wood at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Charles B. Howard, of Campbell College, and John Edwards, of Centerville, and interment was made in the family square at Maple Springs Church near Louisburg.

The popularity of the deceased both as a citizen and a physician was attested in the large number attending each of the services and the large and pretty floral offering.

The bereaved wife and relatives have the deepest sympathy of host of friends.

## Brazil Joins War Against Germany

United States State Department Formally Notified 'Brazil Recognizes That A State of War Exists' With Germany And Italy.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Brazilian Ambassador Carlos Martins officially notified the State department today that his country was at war with Germany and Italy.

Martins said he had delivered a note from his government declaring that "Brazil recognizes that a state of war exists with Germany and Italy."

The ambassador, who remained with Secretary of State Hull and Undersecretary Welles about 20 minutes, told reporters: "I am very proud to be the Brazilian ambassador here at this moment."

There was no immediate comment from the State department although some expression from Secretary Hull was expected later in the day.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 22.—Argentine Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu announced today that the Brazilian ambassador had informed him a state of belligerency exists between Brazil and the axis.

Diplomatic reports from Montevideo, Uruguay, said Brazil had declared a state of war against Germany and Italy.

The Brazilian embassy in Montevideo reported: "The Brazilian government communicated to the governments of Germany and Italy through the Spanish embassy in Rio de Janeiro and the Brazilian legation in Switzerland that it considers Brazil in a state of belligerency with the axis countries as from today."

"The Brazilian government also informed the axis governments its reaction in the face of recent attacks on Brazilian shipping would be made in measure with its forces."

## Attend Bar Meeting

Messrs. John F. Matthews, G. M. Beam, James E. Malone, E. H. Malone, W. L. Lumpkin, William M. Jolly and Hill Yarborough attended a meeting of the 7th District Bar Association in Raleigh Monday. At this meeting Clem E. Holding was elected President to succeed G. M. Beam, retiring President, and John Mills, Jr., was elected Secretary-Treasurer, to succeed James E. Malone, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer.

They report a most interesting and valuable meeting.

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## MILLS SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPT. 3RD

The Mills School has been allotted the same number of teachers as were assigned last year. However, we regret having to lose by resignation Mrs. George Ford, Mrs. Harvey Bartholomew and Mr. W. A. Huggins, who served efficiently and faithfully a number of years in the Mills High School. Miss Marjorie Gardner, a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, who is highly recommended by the State Supervisor of Home Economics, will replace Mrs. Ford. It is possible that a third year of Home Economics will be offered to the tenth grade students, Miss Mary Edwards, a graduate of Duke University, who has had extensive training in English and Vocal Music will teach English and have charge of the High School chorus work. The Glee Club will have two lessons regularly each week.

The course is Religious Education, which proved to be so popular last year, will be continued under the direction of Dr. Kent, Dr. Bagby and Mr. Hedden this year. We are fortunate to have the services of these three ministers in that capacity. They gave their time and energy gratis and for these services the school is indeed grateful.

The school is very grateful to Mrs. J. A. Turner for the splendid service that she has rendered in the capacity of manager of the cafeteria. We are glad to announce that she will manage the cafeteria again this year. Mrs. W. J. Cooper has been our faithful and efficient P. T. A. President for the past two years will be succeeded by Mrs. F. L. O'Neal.

The school sustains another loss in the person of Mr. James E. Byerly, who has done an exceptionally fine job with our band for the past two years. He has been a diligent and persistent worker, and his going is a loss to the community. However, Mr. Gupton, of Raleigh, who is a competent band director, will come to Louisburg twice weekly to give band instruction.

The school is very grateful to Mrs. James Malone, Mrs. Robert Smithwick and Mrs. Earl Murphy for the splendid work which they did in equipping and supporting our high school band. The band would never have succeeded as it did without their efforts.

The rental fee for high school books and for the new incoming eighth grade will be \$2.40 for the school year. In some cases there will be an extra fee for some needed workbooks, but the amount will be small. Books cannot be issued to pupils until fee is paid. Typing fee \$1.50 per month payable in advance.

Supplementary Reader rental fees for the first and second grades will be \$5.00 per year. Third, fourth and fifth grade pupils \$6.00. Sixth and seventh grade pupils \$7.00 per year. Some workbooks may be needed but the amount will be small.

All beginners must have reached their sixth birthday on or before October 1st, 1942. Pupils will be assigned to teachers by alphabetical arrangement.

Last year's seventh grade students will be given an additional year of Elementary School work, which will make them thoroughly prepared for high school a year later.

Notwithstanding changes in the faculty and other problems, every effort is being made to offer new courses and better opportunities to students and to make the school function as normally and efficiently as possible.

W. C. STROWD, Principal.

## Held For Stabbing

Maxton Jones, negro of near Pearce's store, was brought to Louisburg Monday and placed in jail to await a hearing on a charge of having stabbed Howard Lee Jones, another negro, to death on Sunday night near Pearce's store, by Sheriff J. P. Moore and his deputies.

The cutting occurred near Pearce's store, but Howard Lee Jones died in an automobile near Zebulon while being taken to a hospital.

The arrest of Maxton Jones was made by Wake County officers and taken to Raleigh and placed in jail from which the Franklin officers received the prisoner.

No hearing had been given Maxton yesterday.

## PROMOTED

Fort Sill, Okla., Aug. 25.—(Special)—William H. Galloway, son of Mrs. Bessie Galloway, of Bunn, N. C., has been promoted to be a Technician 4th Grade Sergeant in the Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Sill, Okla.

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## AVERAGE \$37 A HUNDRED

Prices Comparable to 1919 Paid; Quality Rated Inferior; Sales Heavy

(News-Observer)

A war-born demand and a depression-born supply came together on Eastern Carolina tobacco markets Tuesday and sent prices for the golden weed spiraling upward to a \$37 per hundred average.

Bulging pockets and laughing faces gave emphasis to the fact that not since 1919—the golden moment in the long life of the tobacco grower—has returns from this section's biggest crop been so great.

Some 10,000,000 pounds went under the auctioneer's hammer on the 14 markets of the Eastern Bright Belt yesterday, and the results, at least \$10 higher than last year, were highly pleasing to the several thousand farmers who brought their offerings to town.

### Quality Inferior

Anything that came from a tobacco barn was the target for bid, and prices ranged from five cents to 50 a pound. Quality was spotted, and definitely inferior to opening day's offerings a year ago. The amazing part to growers and warehousemen were the prices paid for nondescript leaf—the trash of a few years, back that would have gone into the stables or onto the fields for fertilizer.

Lugs and primings constituted the bulk of the top-heavy offerings, with a sprinkling of cutters and quality grade leaf appearing at intervals on the warehouse floors. On some of the markets the quality was considered fairly good, but practically every auction center had a great deal of common leaf.

Dry weather that lasted too long in most sections resulted in poor quality tobacco. Such conditions appeared to exist in practically every section.

But there was little complaint from the growers. They had not seen such prices since the halcyon days of 23 years ago, and their only comment was: "If we only had last year's quality with this year's prices."

### All Grades Up

The greatest price increase was for low quality grades, with all grades being up from \$6 to \$10 per hundred over last year. The bulk of the offerings sold in the \$33 to \$46 per hundred pounds range, with the top prices paid in the neighborhood of 46, 47 and 48 cents a pound.

In only a few cases were any tags turned. Some of the markets reported no rejection of bids, while others said that at the most only 13 or 12 tags were turned during the day's sales.

Comments from farmers as they walked out of the warehouses with three-figure checks varied according to the individual. The more cautious remarked that their tobacco sold "tolably good" and the optimist beamed his "never seen better" on all who would listen.

### War Demand Great

Another war had come to Eastern Carolina yesterday, but the influence of the world struggle was the accent on demand for tobacco—a demand that is sure to set an all-time high in the amount of money paid for this section's crop. For while the price of the weed may fluctuate from day to day, the war has been a stimulant for the demand.

It was the same story back in World War I. The long days of fighting brought increased consumption of America's native plant. Women began to smoke and when the war was over and 1919 rolled around, an unprecedented average of \$49.15 per hundred was recorded.

The Federal-State Market News Service reported an increase of from \$6 to \$10 on all grades. Average prices on a limited number of U. S. grades compared with averages for the same grades on opening day of 1941 were as follows:

Orange Leaf—Good \$42 and \$36, fair; \$40 and \$31, low \$34 and \$24; lemon cutters—good \$46 and \$40, fair \$46 and \$39, low \$44 and \$38; lemon lugs—\$38; good \$43 and \$36; lemon primings—choice \$45 and \$39, fine \$45 and \$38, good \$42 and \$36, fair \$36 and \$28, low \$27 and \$19; nondescript—best thin \$11.75 and \$8.50, best heavy \$9.75 and \$8.50.

### Sold by Markets

Rocky Mount—929,634 pounds for \$363,481.77 or an average of \$39.10 per hundred. Ed Johnston, Jr., sales supervisor, said a great quantity of common grades were on the market, but that all growers were pleased with prices and no tags were turned.

Wilson—1,200,418 pounds sold for \$456,862.40 or an average of \$37.23 per hundred. N. G. Blackman, Jr., sales supervisor, said the bulk of the offerings was of

## WAR NEWS

### FIRST BALE COTTON

Mr. A. M. Shearin, a tenant of Mr. G. W. Ford just west of Louisburg, brought the first bale of new cotton from the 1942 crop to Louisburg yesterday morning. The bale weighed 674 pounds, graded middling 15-16, and was bought by Mr. A. W. Person for 20 cents a pound or a total of \$134.80. The cotton was ginned by F. H. Allen.

### Rationing Board Meets

Tucker and Dickens Resign and P. R. Insoce and A. F. Johnson Appointed—J. L. Brown Elected Chairman

At a meeting of the Franklin County Rationing Board held in its offices in the Opera House building Monday night the resignations of Chairman W. B. Tucker and L. H. Dickens was confirmed and the appointment of Phil R. Insoce and A. F. Johnson was announced. The Board, in its changed personnel, elected J. L. Brown Chairman to succeed Mr. Tucker.

After discussing the system of Rationing and the many rules governing it, and transacting a few matters of business the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday night.

### Rationing

Beginning with this week all of the six High Schools in Franklin County will be open from nine in the morning until one in the afternoon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for the purpose of receiving applications for Sugar and for Gasoline Ration Books. If all the readers of this paper will spread the news abroad in their communities it will help everyone to conserve tires, gas and time.

In each one of the High School District there has been appointed a School Site Administrator. These Administrators will have charge of these School Site Offices of the Rationing Board. The list of the School Sites are as follows:

Epsom: Mr. J. T. Griffin.  
Gold Sand: Mr. Henry F. Marshall.  
Edward Best: Mr. W. C. McClure.  
Bunn: Miss Lucy Wiggs.  
Youngsville: Mr. Elton Mitchell.  
Franklin: Mr. Crawford Kearney.

Everyone desiring Sugar or Gasoline Rationing Books should go to these School Sites rather than come to the office in Louisburg.

There have been a few applications for second B Books. The Franklin County Rationing Board wishes to point out that no extra Books can be issued before the date of expiration on the first B book, unless the reasons given by the applicant are exceptionally good.

### PEEPING TOM

William Lewis, colored, was brought to Louisburg Monday and placed in jail to await a hearing on a charge of "Peeping Tom." He was caught peeping in the window, at night, of Mrs. Lancaster, near Youngsville. Upon ascertaining the boys age to be 14 he was turned over to Juvenile Judge W. V. Avent, who sent him to Morrison Training School at Hoffman, as a delinquent.

The American bombers dropped more than 50,000 pounds of bombs on objectives in the Corinth Canal and in Suda Bay in dawn foray involving a round-trip flight across the Mediterranean of nearly 1,400 miles, a dispatch passed by United States military censors said.

### PROMOTED TO CAPTAINCY

Information received by his mother, Mrs. W. J. Cooke, states that James Arthur Mitchiner has been promoted to Captain. He is attached to the 29th Infantry, and was commissioner as Lieutenant following his training at State College in June, 1940. He is now at Fort Benning, Ga. His many friends delight in his advancement.

Yes, we know we should be doing something patriotic but darn it, we can't knit.

low-type leaf. Farmers were well pleased with returns.

Wendell—271,362 pounds sold for \$109,700.91 or an average of \$40.42. Jackie May, sales supervisor, reported.

Blocked sales—a result of the "speed limit" on selling—were reported from practically all markets, and late yesterday and last night more tobacco continued to roll in. Trucks and trailers were lined up before warehouse doors for half a block on several markets late yesterday afternoon.

Moscow, Thursday, Aug. 27.—A Red Army counter-attack northwest of Moscow to relieve pressure on imperiled Stalingrad was reported officially early today to have killed 45,000 Germans in a 15-day push that recaptured 610 localities and regained from 25 to 30 miles of territory.

Soviet troops under General Gregory Zhukov, who turned the Germans back from Moscow last fall, were reported fighting at the gate of Fzhev, 130 miles northwest of the Red capital, after retaking the towns of Karmanovo, Pogoreloye-Gordishche and Zubtsov.

Five German divisions were reported to have suffered heavy losses and nine others were routed by the Red Army.

It still was too early to determine the effects of this huge drive on the still sorely critical Stalingrad front, where a million-man Nazi army was assaulting the approaches to that vital Volga city from two directions.

A midnight communique, issued after the special announcement telling of the drive on the Kallinin and western fronts, said:

"In the area northwest of Stalingrad intense battles continue. The enemy has concentrated large forces of tanks and infantry and, under cover of his air force, is continuously attacking our positions.

"Our troops are repelling enemy attacks as well as launching counterattacks upon the German Fascist troops."

Chungking, Aug. 26.—Chinese troops are storming the walls of Chushien, one of three "Bomb Tokyo" air-base towns to which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has laid siege in his Central China offensive, it was announced officially tonight.

Another Chinese force captured Tunghsiang, 37 miles southeast of the important railway center of Nanchang, where 50,000 Japanese troops are dug in for a last-ditch stand.

The Central News Agency said the Japanese put the torch to Chushien Monday night and the town now is "engulfed in a sea of flames, which is in full view of Chinese troops in a Southwestern suburb, indicating an early collapse of resistance."

Chinese intelligence sources reported meanwhile that when United States Army planes bombed Yochow in Hunan Province on August 11, between 400 and 500 Japanese troops were killed or wounded, and barracks and warehouses hit by incendiaries burned for 12 hours. Earlier intelligence reports said 2,000 Japanese troops were killed when a big bomb hit a barracks at Hankow on August 9.

Cairo, Aug. 26.—New Zealand troops routed an Italian division on the El Alamein line and United States bombers blasted Axis shipping in Suda Bay, Crete, and the Corinth Canal in Greece today as the Allies lashed out to break up Marshal Erwin Rommel's preparations for a new offensive in Egypt.

The New Zealanders, backed by a terrific artillery barrage and spear-headed by native Maoris, attacked the Italian Bologna division in the center of the line to break the month-long desert lull, front dispatches said.

The Italians were surprised and terrified. Some fled, but many were reported killed or taken back as prisoners when the New Zealanders returned to their original positions.

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Washington, Aug. 26.—The Selective Service System's move to draft workers from vital war industries, at a time when the War Manpower Commission is trying to keep skilled men on production lines, brought from Senator Reynolds (D-N.C.) today a call for a definite determination on who must work and who must fight.

The chairman of the Senate Military Committee told newspapersmen, "We've got to eliminate the confusion. Nobody knows what to expect—whether they are going to be drafted or not", he added.

"I think the Selective Service and Manpower Commission ought to get together to see if they have sufficient powers to work out a definite plan to apportion men between the armed services and war industries; and if they haven't the powers they need, then they should come to Congress with recommendations for new authority. This should be done immediately to remove the public confusion."

"We've got to have some rule as to who is going into the Army and Navy, and who is going to do the war work."