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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

The Navy announced the destroyer Kearney was torpedoed while on patrol duty near Iceland. The boat was able to proceed under its own power and no casualties were reported. The President told his press conference the vessel was clearly within American defensive waters when attacked.

Arming of Ships

The House passed a bill modifying the Neutrality Act to permit arming of merchant ships. Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference the Navy is ready to put guns aboard American merchant ships as soon as Congress authorizes the action. He said there are sufficient guns for all merchantmen although not all can be used against both airplanes and submarines. He said arming merchant ships will slow down submarines and impair their marksmanship because they will have to stay below the surface and use their limited supply of torpedoes instead of attacking with shellfire.

Lend-Lease Aid

Navy Secretary Knox announced two overage submarines are being transferred to Britain under the lend-lease program. The President announced lend-lease transfers during September reached a record \$155,000,000 in equipment and services—about three times the monthly average of the past six months. The President said aid is going to Britain, China, South America, and the refugee Polish and Norwegian governments. Russia, he said, is paying in gold and strategic materials for supplies sent to that country. The President reported only 5 percent of the original \$7,000,000,000 for lend-lease activities.

Production

Price Administrator Henderson, speaking in Detroit, said although the U. S. is producing 35 percent more than ever before—45 percent more than in 1929—only 12 to 14 percent of national income is going into defense. He said America is giving one hour of eight for defense work. Although OPM schedules show this will be increased to two out of eight hours using five of every eight hours by next June, he said, Hitler is for German war efforts.

OPM Research Chief Stacy May, speaking in New York, reported spending for defense in September rose to approximately \$1,347,000,000—\$203,000,000 higher than August. He said Hitler could be beaten if the U. S. shifted 50 percent of its productive capacity to armaments and suggested a \$50,000,000,000-a-year defense program.

The War Department announced medium tank production almost doubled in September as compared with August, and light tank production showed a "good gain." Congress passed legislation

authorizing a \$1,500,000,000 increase in RFC borrowing and lending power to be used partially to expand steel producing facilities by 10,000,000 tons at a cost of \$1,000,000,000. OPM ordered auto production for January, 1942, cut "at least" 51 percent below last January levels.

The Navy instructed its officers to impress on companies behind schedule on ordnance contracts the necessity of speeding deliveries even if it means working three shifts, seven days a week until caught up. The Department asked manufacturers who can increase production by revising their contracts to start new negotiations at once.

Priority Unemployment

The Federal Security Agency asked all employes who anticipate layoffs due to shortages to report their problems at once to the nearest State Employment Office—the first step in obtaining Government action to give plants defense orders. The Agency said State Employment officers have already surveyed 200 plants threatened with shortages and made reports which may result in placing of defense orders to prevent unemployment.

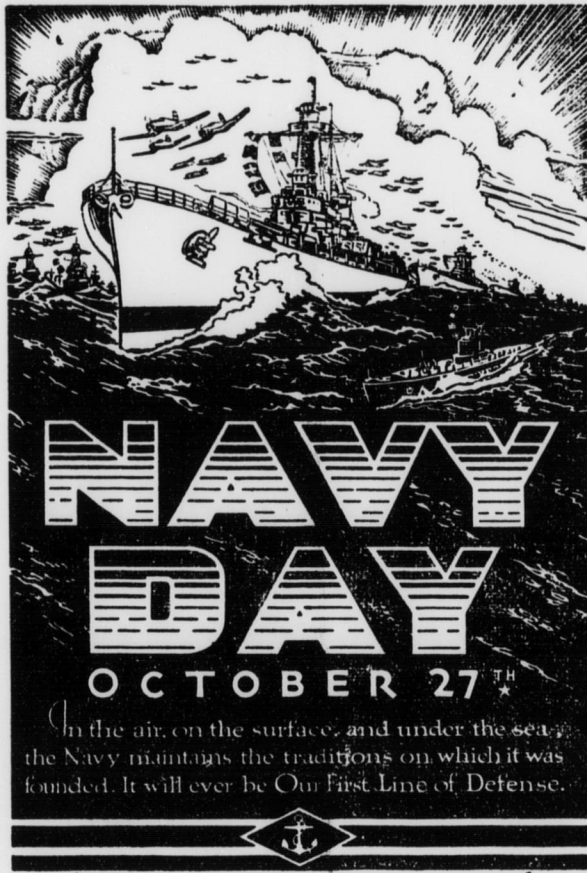
Agriculture

The Agriculture Department reported the farm labor supply at 64 percent of normal and 25 percent below last year, and said farmers have been able to keep their hired men from taking industrial jobs only by sharply increasing wage rates. The Agriculture Department announced national prospects for all crops improved about two per cent during September, indicating one of the largest total farm yields on record. The Department said farmers do not need priority orders to purchase farm machinery except special classes, because ratings are assigned to manufacturers and warehousemen who supply farmers.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics index of 900 wholesale prices remained unchanged during the week ended October 11 although in the past year average wholesale prices have risen 17.3 percent and are the highest since early 1930. Price Administrator Henderson notified tire manufacturers he "would not object" to advances in consumer list prices on tire tubes to not more than nine percent above June 16 levels. He also announced an investigation of crude oil prices because of suggested price increases.

Ships and Oil

The Maritime Commission awarded contracts for construction of 49 tankers which it said will be part of the largest and most modern tanker fleet in the world. Including those building or ordered by the Commission and private interests, 208 new tankers of 2,196,300 gross tons will be finished by the end of 1943, bringing the total available to 568. The Commission reported launching this week of two more of these



County, State, Nation To Celebrate Navy Day

Monday, October 27th, is Navy Day.

The Navy is our first line of defense, and this day is set aside to recognize the public's indebtedness to the Navy for what it has done in the furtherance of our governmental institutions principally.

Throughout the nation plans are being organized for the celebration of this great day. There will be radio addresses by Franklin D. Roosevelt, the commander in chief of the Navy, and Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy.

Governor J. M. Broughton will also deliver an address on this occasion.

Committees have been appointed in each county to conduct these celebrations, and particular attention is being given the schools in the county for their part in the celebration.

H. H. Brown was a recent visitor from King.

J. G. H. Mitchell of Walnut Cove was here a short while Tuesday.

tankers and also adopted a program calling for construction of 15 reinforced concrete barges suitable for carrying oil.

Army

War Secretary Stimson announced the Army has adopted a new semi-automatic carbine to replace the present .45 calibre pistol. The new weapon will allow 32 percent additional firepower. Mr. Stimson also announced 2,000 junior officers of the National Guard will be transferred to the Air Force for ground duty to free flying officers for air duty. The Army announced formation of four new Coast Artillery Barrage Balloon Battalions, each with 1,257 men.

Lump-Sum Payments Made To 956 North Carolinians

Lump-sum payments made under the Social Security Act in cases where an insured worker died leaving no family member entitled to monthly survivors' insurance benefits went to 956 persons in North Carolina during the first six months of 1941, according to James N. Freeman, Manager of the Social Security office at Winston-Salem. These payments totaled \$90,095, he said, adding that the number of persons receiving payment is greater than the number of deceased wage earners, with respect to whose wages payments were made, since on the death of some injured workers more than one person may be entitled to share in the lump-sum payment.

The size of the lump-sum payment is six times the worker's "primary benefit, which is an amount figured on the basis of his past wages in exactly the same way as monthly retirement benefits. Such payments are made to the widow or widower, a child or children, or to a parent of the deceased worker—in the order named. If no such relative exists, other persons who assume responsibility for burial expenses may be reimbursed up to an amount equal to six times the primary benefit.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. W. E. Joyce was hostess at two tables of bridge last Thursday evening at her home.

High score award went to Mrs. Thurman Martin, second high to Mrs. J. C. Wall. Mrs. R. J. Scott received consolation.

Those invited were: Mrs. R. J. Scott, Mrs. Charlie Martin, Mrs. Thurman, Mrs. Robah Smith, Mrs. J. C. Wall, Miss Ellen Kate Pepper and Lo's Stephens.

Farm News about the AAA and other EXTENSION WORK From the County Agent



The Stokes county U. S. Department of Agriculture Defense Board will ask Stokes county farmers in company with producers in all parts of the nation to adjust their 1942 food and feed crop production to help meet the food for freedom goals established by Secretary Wickard in the defense emergency.

Goals for the county were announced at a district meeting at Lexington, attended by members of the county USDA Defense Board. Each farmer in the county will have an opportunity to indicate on a plan sheet how his 1942 food production can be brought into line with the desired needs, it is explained by Jacob Fulton, Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the AAA county committee.

"For years the national farm programs have been used by farmers to tackle the most pressing of agricultural problems," Mr. Fulton said. "Now in time of national emergency these programs are brought into focus on one object—essential food products to insure the production of sufficient food to defeat Hitlerism, while continuing to hold in check the production of commodities of which we already have large reserves.

In keeping its part of the goal program, the U. S. Department of Agriculture will support the price of hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, dry skim milk, cheese and chicken at not less than 85 per cent of parity until December 31, 1942."

Educational meetings will be held in the county community centers as follows:

Saturday, October 25—7:30 p. m. King School.

Monday, October 27—4 p. m.—A. M. Carroll Store,

7:30 p. m.—Pine Hall School.
7:30 p. m.—Meadows School.
Tuesday, October 28—1:30 p. m.—Coy Doss' Store.

3:30 p. m.—Willis Moore's Store.

7:30 p. m.—Germantown School.

7:30 p. m.—Dillard School
Wednesday, October 29—2 p. m.—Mt. View School Building.

3:30 p. m.—Smith Service Sta.

7:30 p. m.—Lawsonville School.

7:30 p. m.—Pinnacle School.
Thursday, October 30—2 p. m.—W. S. Hart Store.

4 p. m.—P. E. Gray's Store.

7:30 p. m.—Reynolds School.

7:30 p. m.—Francisco School.
Saturday, November 1—10 a. m.—Danbury Courthouse.

A free picture show of Stokes farm scenes will be given. The pictures will show agricultural progress being made by Stokes farmers and will be of interest to our farmers. All farmers are urged to attend these meetings.

In recognition of the excellent work done by 4-H club members in Stokes county, a 4-H Club Achievement Day will be held at Danbury, November 1 at 10 a. m.

Those club members who have corn as a project and want to compete with the 4-H club corn that was carried to the State Fair are asked to select ten of the best ears and bring it to Danbury that day along with their project record books.

At this time the pig, calf and corn prizes will be awarded. In some cases, prizes have already been awarded. These and other outstanding 4-H club members will be recognized at that time. We hope that you will attend the Achievement Day and get a sample of just what Stokes county 4-H youths are doing. We need your support and cooperation.

Tobacco Grading Schools For Stokes County

On Wednesday, October 29, Mr. W. L. Bradsher of the Agricultural Marketing Service will be in Stokes county to conduct two tobacco grading demonstrations. These demonstrations will be of great interest to farmers and growers in the communities in which they will be held are urged to attend one of the following:

10 a. m.—R. C. White's Farm in King, N. C.

2 p. m.—Mt. View School Building.

Nellie Louise Taylor spent the weekend with Angela Taylor at Salem College.

Ray Slak spent the weekend with friends at E. C. T. C., Greenville, N. C.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Gordon

Tobaccoville.—Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia Rebecca Gordon, aged 92, of Tobaccoville, Route 1, who passed away at her home Monday were held Wednesday afternoon from the home at 10:30 o'clock and from Mount Pleasant Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

Rev. I. L. Sharpe was in charge of the services and burial was held Wednesday morning from Cemetery. Nephews were pall bearers.

Rev. R. L. Buchannon and J. H. Robertson of Pine Hall were business visitors at the courthouse Tuesday.

Miss Margie Petree had as her weekend guest here Miss Geraldine Denny, a classmate at Lenoir Rhyne College.