

# Keep The Axis On The Run By Buying War Bonds



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## AMERICANS IN BLOODY BATTLE AT NAPLES TOBACCO AVERAGES 38-40 CTS. ON OPENING

### Quality Of Offerings Fair And Growers Mostly Pleased

### Short Hours Cut Sales For Opening

#### Large Crowds Attend Opening Auctions on All Warehouse Floors

Observing its seventy-fifth anniversary as an auction center, the Henderson tobacco market got under way today for the 1943 selling season, with an average price for the day's offerings estimated at 38 to 40 cents a pound.

The highest price reported was six cents a pound. There were many piles in the 40 to 45 cent range, and a few at the minimum price reported.

While there was general satisfaction on the part of the growers, under the circumstances, there was considerable complaining and dissatisfaction with what growers considered the muddling of the situation by government authorities in the ceiling manipulation.

The market started the new season on restricted sales hours, operating from 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., but with two separate sales periods within that range, from 9:30 to 11:15 a. m., and from 11:15 a. m. to 1 p. m., closing. The shorter hours schedule was adopted because of labor scarcity and inability on that account of buyers to handle larger quantities.

Offerings for the day were estimated at 400 to 500 thousand pounds, much smaller than last year's opening of 700 to 800 thousand pounds, because growers had been urged not to glut the market on account of difficulties buyers were experiencing in handling their purchases. It was thought that probably 200,000 pounds of leaf was on floors of warehouses where no sales were conducted today and where first sales will be

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### Tobacco Men From Old Belt Protest Delayed Opening

Raleigh, Sept. 13—(AP)—Governor J. M. Broughton said today he had received a large number of protests from tobacco farmers and warehousemen against a proposal to delay the Old Belt market opening for a week.

The protests were transmitted to the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States, which meets here later today.

The Old Belt is scheduled to open next Monday.

### U. S. Bombers Attack Jap Kurile Islands

New York, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Japanese Domei agency said in a broadcast today that 18 American bombers attacked Japanese installations in the northern Kurile islands yesterday. The broadcast was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Kurile stretch northward from Japan and include the principal north Pacific naval base at Paramushiro.

Domei admitted that two Japanese transports were set afire but said damage to land installations was "extremely light." Land batteries and army and navy airmen shot down many American planes, the broadcast said, adding that Japanese losses consisted of one plane.

### Congratulations Sent By Governor Broughton

Governor Broughton today wired congratulations to the Henderson Tobacco Board of Trade on the start of the seventh-five marketing season on the local tobacco auction center. The message, which came to Fred S. Rostler, president of the board, said:

"I understand that Monday, September thirteenth, marks the

opening of the seventy-fifth Henderson tobacco market. This great market has served the tobacco farmers in its area faithfully and well since the days of the War Between the States. This is indeed a great record, and I wish to express to you and your associates of the Henderson Tobacco Board of Trade my heartiest congratulations and best wishes."

### Middle Belt Prices Estimated 35-41c; Leaf Quality Fair

The Middle Belt cured tobacco belt opened its 1943 sales today with unofficial averages that ranged from 35 to 41 cents for mostly medium grade leaf, an abundance of which had been damaged by continued dry, hot weather.

The opening was somewhat shaky. From the State Agriculture Department had come a recommendation that growers move slowly in placing their offerings on the floors. The average on the big Eastern Belt had nose-dived to about 36 cents and there was little hope of the Middle Belt equalling the 40.20 a hundred average recorded on last year's opening.

Only last week, Governor Broughton advised farmers to retard the movement of their crop to market, both to allow labor for food and fiber crops ready for harvesting and to prevent weed damage by long waits on the floors.

Reports from the nine markets today indicated, however, that farmers for the most part were satisfied, even though efforts had failed to get the Office of Price Administration to increase its 41 cents a pound weighted average ceiling.

About 500,000 pounds were on the Henderson floor, where an unofficial average of about 40 cents was reported during the first sales. Approximately 700,000 or 800,000 pounds were on the floor there on opening sales last year, but the price for the average today was believed better on a grade by grade basis. The lowest recorded sale was six cents and the highest was 50. Quality mostly was medium.

C. W. Allen, Oxford sales supervisor, estimated his average at 39 or 37 cents and the poundage at 400,000. The range was six to 48 cents, mostly for poor quality.

The quality at Aberdeen was reported to be poor.

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### Japs Face Annihilation In Salamaua-Lae Areas

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Japanese garrison at Salamaua today made desperate attempts to keep open a trail to Lae, its only chance of escape, so tight was the Allied surface and aerrart blockade along northeastern New Guinea's coastal barge route.

Australian pioneers who swam the flooded Francisco river Saturday had overrun prized Salamaua airdrome two miles from the city without encountering resistance.

Amazee troops who followed the pioneers' craft across the river were last reported pushing Japanese remnants holding a ridge one mile and a half northwest of the air strip.

In a drive around the outskirts of Salamaua, Australians saw no Japanese except the fallen, abandoned and decomposing amid the ruins of a stronghold virtually obliterated by hundreds of tons of bombs since the first Allied air attack on April 1, 1942.

Even if the survivors of Salamaua garrison succeeded in reaching Lae, their fate was sealed. For Japanese failure to offer serious resistance to the Australians landing from American naval craft on the Huon gulf September 4 and the apparent inability of the enemy to smash an Allied bridgehead on the Lae side of the wide, swift flowing Buan river seemed a clear demonstration of the decisive success of the Allied command's strategy.

### Sweeping Price Rollback Subsidy Now In Process

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—General Manager Chester Bowles of the Office of Price Administration today announced a sweeping price reduction program designed to lower the cost of living to consumers by 2.5 per cent to effect substantial savings in retail prices of potatoes, lard, apples, oranges and other products.

The rollback would be accomplished through a \$100,000,000 government program of transportation subsidies, government crop purchase and resales as in the case of peanut

butter and probably lard, rollback subsidies, within the financial limits set by Congress.

Partial effect of the program will be felt by mid-October or November, Bowles told a press conference. It will be followed up with a price program on winter fruits and vegetables, which Bowles said would bring prices down to "about 15 per cent less than last winter."

The \$100,000,000 now is available, but additional funds from Congress will be necessary, Bowles said, in order to hold down the price of milk.

### FIRST PRISONERS TAKEN BY ALLIES IN ITALY



Standing behind looselystrung barbed wire, these smiling Italians were among the first prisoners taken by the invading Allied forces. They were captured and rounded up at Gallico-Marina by Commando units of the British Eighth Army shortly after crossings had been made from Sicily to the Italian mainland. This is an official U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto.)

### Men, Money Big Problem Of Congress

#### Body Returns Tuesday With Outlook Better In Operation of War

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—Congress returns from a summer recess tomorrow to work for the war and prepare for the peace.

International and domestic problems of historic import confront the refreshed law-makers as they resume their legislative chores in an atmosphere brightened by the surrender of Italy.

Immediate congressional attention was focused upon the direct problems of war and their impact on the domestic economy—problems of raising revenue, or rationing, of increasing manpower for production and for the military forces.

Ahead are questions of long range legislation—issues and controversies which may shape American foreign policy in the post-war world and blueprint the pattern of economic life at home for years to come.

And from the decisions and the controversies of Congress in coming months may come the issues of the 1944 presidential campaign.

Men and money appear likely to precipitate the first of two debates, but perhaps before either issue—the father draft and taxes—is settled, Congress will turn its attention to

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### U-Boat Skipper Who Sank Carrier Is Prisoner Here

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Navy announced today that the skipper of the German U-boat which sank the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal had been captured by a United States plane which bombed and sank the enemy undersub boat off the coast of Brazil.

Captain Friedrich Guggenberger, who was decimated by the sinking of the British carrier in 1941, was one of the seven survivors picked up after a duel between the Navy plane and the U-boat in which bombs finally shattered the submarine.

Guggenberger, the Navy said, "is now a prisoner of the United States." The date of the action in which the submarine was sunk was not disclosed.

### Bryansk Is Now Menaced By Rapid Russian Gains

#### Red Army Troops in Twelve Miles Of Key German Defense in the East

London, Sept. 13—(AP)—Bryansk, big German base and key to the Nazi defense position on the central front, was menaced by Russian heavy artillery today as Red army troops drove to within twelve miles of the city from the east.

A Soviet communique, broadcast from Moscow, disclosed that Russian troops were at Belye Berega after a four-mile drive which resulted in the capture of 40 villages in bitter fighting. The advance was ground out in a sector notable for stubborn German resistance since the fall of Orël a month ago gave the Red army its first major victory of the summer offensive.

Elsewhere the Russians were meeting with success in their campaign to push the Nazis to the Dniester or beyond before winter, gaining up to 18½ miles

and wresting 240 towns from German control in heavy fighting which resulted in the death of 3,700 German troops and the destruction or capture of 67 tanks, 210 trucks and 62 guns of various calibers, the Soviet war bulletin said.

The stab at Bryansk threatened to unseat the entire, northern end of the 600-mile active Russian front. Other Red army columns cut the Bryansk-Vyazma railroad at Bitosh, 40 miles north of Bryansk, leaving only the railroads through Roshavl, 20 miles northwest, and Gomel as possible avenues of escape for the Nazis. Roshavl already was menaced by another Russian column. Capture of that city midway between Bryansk and Smolensk would place heavy pressure on Smolensk, which is the main German base in the central front.

### Germans Shout In Glee Of Mussolini's 'Rescue'

### More Italian Warships In Allied Hands

### Berlin Radio Hails Parachuters' Exploit Audacious Venture

London, Sept. 13—(AP)—The German radio chortled today over the Nazi-reported rescue of former Premier Benito Mussolini and some of his lieutenants.

Twelve hours after his release by German parachute troops and elite guards was announced by Berlin, broadcasts recorded by The Associated Press began a still hot exploitation of the incident. It was hailed as a master stroke and "an audacious venture."

The German broadcast attempted to spread intriguing mystery over the incident, however, by declaring official quarters were tight-lipped over the whole occurrence.

A DNB broadcast said "competent circles in Berlin state that other fascist leaders were freed with Mussolini."

(The Office of War Information noted that while the Nazis were boasting about "Mussolini's capture" they hadn't seen fit to have him broadcast, and weren't even quoting him today.)

Details of the reported rescue were still lacking, but a Berlin communique last night said that he had been

Wounded in the North African area (including Sicily).

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Smith, Pvt. Frank—Mrs. Mollie L. Smith, mother, route 1, Lambertton. Wounded in the Southwest Pacific area.

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### Fifth Army Is Meeting Resistance

#### British Advancing in Southern Italy; Enemy Fighting for Salerno

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 13—(AP)—A bitter and bloody battle raged into its fifth consecutive day around the American Fifth Army's Salerno bridgehead today with growing German forces resisting desperately the determined penetration into their hill position gridding the plain and protecting the broad part of Naples.

The British Eighth Army, speeding steadily southward from the Italian toe against little or no enemy opposition, cut off the southern tip of the peninsula, and found that harbor in good condition for allied use, a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced.

The British force landed at Taranto—the eastern leg of the Allied invasion which had been thrown across the saddle of the Apennines—swiftly expanded its hold on the entrance to the Adriatic after the capture of Brindisi. While reinforcements poured ashore to strengthen this right wing of the Allied assault, small German forces left in the vicinity were being pushed back rapidly.

The British radio broadcast that British had captured Alamura, 22 miles west of Bari. Bari is approximately 50 miles north of Taranto and an important port on the Adriatic. It is 65 miles up the coast from Brindisi. The broadcast was heard by NBC.

Previously elements of the first German parachute division had been encountered in the push up the Adriatic shore and whether those were the force remaining to oppose the advance was not stated.

The main body of enemy troops in southern Italy were still converging toward the big Naples-Salerno battle, however, and it was there that the crucial action was being fought.

"Very heavy fighting continues in the area of the Fifth Army at Salerno," said the communique. "The Germans are resisting desperately our determined thrusts to break through their positions."

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark is chief

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### Benjamin Aysecue Reported Wounded In Sicily Sector

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—The War Department announced today the names of 430 United States soldiers wounded in action in the European, North African, Pacific and Southwest Pacific areas. The list included:

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Continued cool this afternoon,  
tonight and Tuesday forenoon.