

Tobacco Market To Open Coming Season Here On August 26

Opening Is One Week Earlier Than the One in This Belt Last Year

The local tobacco market will open Tuesday, August 26—one week earlier than the opening last year. The date was fixed by the Tobacco Association of the United States in annual convention at Virginia Beach last week-end. Dates for the openings in all the belts were advanced over those of a year ago. Down in Georgia, the first sales will be held on August 6th. South Carolina and the Border markets open six days later on the 12th, the local market and others in this belt opening on the 26th. Last year the East Carolina markets opened the season on September 3rd. The crop last year was much later than the one this year, and it was pointed out that East Carolina farmers will be further advanced with their work on August 26th, this year, than they were on September 3, 1940.

J. W. Dunnington, of Farmville, Va., was re-elected president of the association.

A resolution proposed by tobacco exporters and approved unanimously by the convention called upon congressmen from the tobacco states to seek legislation for relief of ocean freight conditions; and a second resolution, also adopted unanimously, pledged the association's support of the national defense program.

Dunnington told the convention there was possibly of "serious shortage" in storage space for the 1941 crop and reported that a survey was being made of available facilities in North Carolina and Virginia.

Good storage space available or in buildings which could be converted to such use was listed for about 240,635 hogsheds, with other space shown by the survey thus far for 159,365 hogsheds, he said. Further details will be made available to tobacco companies cooperating with the Commodity Credit Corporation in the current year's program.

The survey of storage facilities, Dunnington informed the association, was begun by W. D. Reed of the Richmond laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture, on April 1.

Never in the history of the tobacco association, the president said, have shipping conditions "been so chaotic as they have been during the past year."

"The number of ports to which our exports may go has been curtailed and even on the ships that go to these ports it has been more difficult to get room for tobacco than for many other commodities," he reported.

Learning the dates last Friday, Williamston tobacco warehousemen immediately took steps to make ready for the opening. The crop prospects are very bright at this time, and all indications are pointing to a successful season for the Williamston market. Harvesting of the crop is already underway and farmers will be ready for the opening on August 26th.

July 4th Week-end Is Accident Hazard

With North Carolina already well on its way toward the worst traffic accident record in its history, the Fourth of July week-end this year looms as a potentially murderous three-day period on the streets and highways of this State, the Highway Safety Division warned this week.

Ronald Houtt, director of the division, pointed out that the celebration of Independence Day always brings about abnormal traffic conditions which result in many fatal accidents. Six persons were killed in this State last July 4th.

"This year however, we may expect a heavier traffic toll than usual because the Fourth falls on a Friday, and thousands of people will take advantage of the long week-end holiday to make motor trips," he said. "Then, too, the general traffic situation is much more acute this year. Already traffic deaths in North Carolina are running around 50 per cent above last year. This, together with the Fourth of July celebration and vacation travel, threatens to bring the greatest July traffic death toll in the history of the motor vehicle."

The safety director pessimistically stated that he fears a toll of 15 to 20 deaths from traffic accidents in this State during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4-5-6.

"Think of it," he continued, "15 to 20 of the worst tragedies that can befall us threaten to mar a joyous holiday—unless every person who drives makes it a personal and constant responsibility not to have an accident and not to cause others to have one."

"This shameful situation need not be," he declared. "Human actions—actions that we can control—are basic cause of nearly all our fatal accidents. I appeal to the motorists of this state to exercise a rigid control over these actions—thoughtlessness, carelessness, and recklessness—not only during the week-end of the Fourth but throughout the remainder of the year."

County Red Cross Chapter Is Making Plans To Start Work

Delayed in its plans for one reason or another during the past several months, the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross is now just about ready to launch a fairly extensive production unit. Mrs. A. R. Dunning, production unit chairman, announced yesterday. A call for volunteers to aid the work will be issued shortly by the chairman. Mrs. L. B. Harrison is cutting out the material recently received from the National Red Cross, and knifiters and seamstresses are asked to make plans for aiding the work.

No unusually large work quota has been assigned the county chapter, and with a loyal response it can be handled easily and without any great trouble to anyone. According to Mrs. Dunning the chapter is being asked to make the following articles: eight men's sweaters, 16 wo-

men's sweaters, 32 children's sweaters, 24 shawls, 12 pairs of men's socks, 48 mufflers, 12 caps or beanies, 24 bed sheets, 50 girls' skirts, 12 boys' shirts, 15 convalescent robes, 10 pairs of hospital pajamas, 16 girls' skirts and 20 layettes. Articles, similar to the ones to be made in this county, are already being distributed to the destitute in Britain and subjugated countries. With neighbors and friends embroiled in war, the unfortunate across the seas are more than ever looking to America for help. Local people are urged to make ready to answer the call when it is issued by the production unit chairman. Several busy farm women have already offered their services, and it is sincerely hoped that young girls and others who are not pressing at home and other duties will take part in the program.

Tri-County Library Service Is Created

HOLIDAY

A fairly "tight" holiday is scheduled in the business world throughout the nation on Friday of this week, but there will be no long holiday in effect here. Banks and stores in many towns and cities will suspend business Thursday and will not reopen until the following Monday. Only one day will be observed as a holiday here.

Making ready to harvest their tobacco crop, few farmers will observe the day as a holiday, but many of them are expected to take time out and see the ball game here that afternoon.

Several Are Hurt In Series Of Auto Wrecks In County

Child Suffers Broken Leg When She Dashes Into Street Here Saturday

Three persons were hurt, two of them badly, in a series of automobile accidents in this county Saturday evening and Sunday. While all of the victims are expected to recover, Patrolman Whit Saunders stated last night that several of them were fortunate in that they escaped with their lives. Property damage in the three wrecks was estimated at approximately \$600.

Christine Wynne, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wynne, suffered a broken leg and minor injuries when she dashed into the path of a car driven by Miss Mildred Purvis near the town limits on North Houghton Street early last Saturday night. The victim was carried immediately to a Washington hospital where she was reported today to be getting along very well.

Within a few hours following the accident, a child barely missed being struck by a car when he rode a bicycle into the street or road not far from where the little girl was struck.

Sunday morning about nine o'clock Charles E. Mizelle, of Columbia, lost control of his car when a tire blew out, the machine turning over into a ditch near Bethlehem church on Highway 64. Miss Gertrude Parker, also of Columbia, suffered a broken collar bone, and Miss Alma Gray suffered a fracture of the hip. Mizelle was not hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 by Patrolman Saunders.

Sunday night about 11:30 o'clock, Rosebud J. Hardison plowed his practically new Pontiac sedan into a car driven by Clarence Hill King just a short distance beyond the highway radio station on the Everett Road. No one was hurt, but Edward Gupton, a passenger in the King car, had a mighty sore neck.

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BOND QUIZ

Q. What is the price of a Defense Savings Bond?
A. For the smallest bond, you pay \$18.75. The bond will increase in value in ten years to \$25. For \$75, you get a bond which will increase to \$100; other bonds are in proportion.
Q. What will the Government do with the money I pay for my bond?
A. Your money will be put to work at once in the National Defense Program to protect the freedom and safety of the United States, and of all its people everywhere.
Note.—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Hyde, Beaufort And Martin Counties In New Library Set-up

Bookmobile Will Start Operating In Three Counties Within A Short Time

A meeting of considerable interest to the citizens of Martin County was held in the Washington Public Library on last Friday. Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary and director of the North Carolina Library Commission, met with the library committees of Hyde and Martin Counties, and since the Beaufort Board of County Commissioners had not appointed such a board, they were present in full force.

Miss Beal presented the outlines for a permanent organization, but owing to Beaufort not being represented by an appointed library board the permanent organization will not be perfected until the next meeting on July 10th. Upon request, the chairman of the Beaufort Board of Commissioners, Mr. Moore appointed a temporary board to act until the next regular meeting of the commissioners.

The library boards of Beaufort, Hyde and Martin then went into session as a temporary regional board. Rev. John L. Goff was voted chairman, pro tem. The first item of business to be considered by the board was the purchase of a bookmobile offered this regional board by the North Carolina Library Commission. A very attractive price for the bookmobile was made because the Beaufort, Hyde and Martin County library board was the first to be actually organized in the State. The bookmobile will be delivered shortly when new lettering will be done on the body. The purchase of this bookmobile is most fortunate with defense and school truck demands so heavy on body builders.

Mr. Goff appointed a committee to consider the applications for a librarian. Mrs. Luella Swindell, of Swan Quarter, chairman of the Hyde board, was named chairman, along with Mr. Paul Roberson, of Martin, and Mrs. Roth, of Beaufort. All qualified librarians from the three counties will be given a chance to apply for the position.

A tentative budget for the Regional Library Service permitted the operating expense to be covered by the fund donated by the State allowing the county money to be used for books. The Washington public library, through its chairman, offered the use of the library for meetings and any other service that it could render.

The interest manifested by all present was such that the longed-for library service for every section of our several counties will surely be realized if the patrons of the several counties avail themselves of the service that will be rendered.—Reported.

"Borrowed" Car Is Found In County

A car "borrowed" from Joe Tungstall in Washington Sunday was found in a woods in Poplar Point Township, this county, yesterday by Patrolman Whit Saunders and Sheriff Roebuck.

A man named Byrd, a parolee, "borrowed" the car and was said to have gone to Greenville where he was joined by an escaped convict. The two abandoned the car and got Jasper Roebuck to take them to Hamilton. Roebuck reported to Constable Harper Peel who found Byrd and his companion. While in the custody of the constable, Byrd was recognized by Buster Anthony, and Peel released the boys. Byrd and his companion accompanied Anthony to Washington where police missed them by a few minutes.

This Week In Defense

Civilian Defense Director La Guardia announced plans for a nation-wide Fourth of July celebration, with a radio address by President Roosevelt at 4 p. m. EST) to be followed by the singing of the national anthem simultaneously throughout the nation.

Commenting on the arrangements, the President said, "... it is altogether fitting that we should rededicate ourselves to defend and perpetuate those inalienable rights which found true expression in the immortal declaration. Those words never had a deeper or more solemn meaning for America than they have in this hour of anxiety and peril."

Foreign Affairs

President Roosevelt told his press conference the U. S. would give all possible aid to Russia in its war with Germany but that no list of Soviet needs had been submitted yet. The Treasury Department announced it had licensed Russia to use its \$40,000,000 in frozen funds here. Acting Secretary of State Welles announced the Neutrality Act, which prohibits American vessels from combat areas, would not be invoked in connection with the Russian conflict.

Aid To Democracies

The President endorsed the British recruiting drive for 15,000 to 30,000 American technicians to aid in air raid detection in England. He also pointed out that American youth can join British or Chinese armed forces if they do not take an oath of allegiance to any country other than the U. S.

He told a press conference the possibility of sending rifles to Eire is being considered if the Eire government gives assurance they would be used against Germany in the event of a German attack on Ireland.

Production Progress

The President said the over-all defense production picture is not discouraging although there is a serious lag in munitions production because entire plants have to be built before quantity production begins. He said, however, production of some items is already at peak.

Army

The War Department announced total strength of the Army as 1,441,500 officers and enlisted men, including: Regular Army, 505,700; National Guard, 288,800; Selectees, 594,000; Reserve Officers, 53,000. Army Chief of Staff Marshall announced that Congress will be asked for funds to add 100,000 more men to the Regular Army to replace those sent to outlying bases. The Army also announced it has recommended to the President that steps be taken to obtain authority to continue the National Guard and Reserve Officers on active duty for more than one year.

Navy

Navy Secretary Knox announced the U. S. fleet expansion program is "setting records every day." He also announced revision of enlistment contracts for the Marine Corps Reserve to provide service for the duration of the national emergency, and asked Congress for authority to continue all naval enlistment personnel in service for the duration.

Air

The War Department announced unification of its air activities in a new unit known as the "Army Air Forces," consolidating present units in a single command under Major General Arnold, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Secretary of War Stimson said the air forces are now independent within the department.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority announced a \$95,000,000 program to complete work on 250 airports now underway and to construct or improve 149 additional airports.

Aluminum Collection

Civilian Defense Director La Guardia announced July 21 as the date when governors, mayors and other officials, local defense councils and such organizations as the American Legion, Boy Scouts, women's clubs, labor, farm and religious organizations will cooperate in collecting unneeded aluminum from every home in the land. Mr. La Guardia estimated that 20,000,000 pounds of aluminum—enough for 2,000 fighter planes—would be collected.

Nurses

Medical officials of the Army, Navy, and Public Health Service, (Continued on page six)

Worker Attacked Former Employer

Eddie Watts Brown, operator of the "Little Savoy" cafe on Washington Street, was attacked and badly cut by Erasmus Lloyd, former employee in the establishment early last evening. Brown received an eight-inch gash across the muscle of his right arm.

Said to have attacked and cut several other persons in past months, Lloyd was discharged by Brown a short time ago following some trouble originating between the two. Lloyd returned to the cafe last evening and when Brown ordered him out he drew his knife and launched the attack.

Running from the establishment, Lloyd escaped arrest, reports stating he left town.

Young Men Of County Register Here Today

Many Youths Turn To Vital Statistics For Correct Ages

Draft Board Office To Remain Open Until 9 P. M. This Evening

The United States Government is building up a greater reserve of its armed forces with a second draft registration underway throughout the nation today. It is estimated that approximately 750,000 men will register throughout the country before closing time at 9 o'clock this evening, the local draft board stating that approximately 130 men will register in this county.

The first of the young men to register in this county this morning was Howard Edwin Whitehurst, of Parmele, who became 21 years of age just a few days ago. The young man was at the office of the draft board before 7 o'clock and had signed his cards a few minutes later. Asked if he was ready to go, Whitehurst said he was not at all anxious to join the ranks, but that he would be ready to answer when Uncle Sam called. Whitehurst is not married, and reports shows that he is without dependents. Benjamin Barber was the second to register, and he explained to the board that limited education would likely keep him out of the draft. Oscar Cherry, who came here from Henderson to work, was the third man to register. He missed the first draft by only a day, his birth anniversary falling on October 17, 1919.

Quite a few young men, not certain of their ages, were busy during the early part of the day searching the vital statistics records in the courthouse. One or two were caught in the registration ages by as few as two days.

No blood tests were called for this time, and the registration is attracting very little attention as compared with the rush and accompanying excitement that featured the first registration last October 16th.

On or about the 9th of this month, the registrants will get their serial numbers, and a short time later a national lottery will be held to determine the order numbers.

At two o'clock this afternoon seventy young men had been registered and fifteen or twenty were waiting for the over-taxed registrars. The little draft board office was crowded and hot, but the work was being advanced as rapidly as possible. Estimates were revised, and it is now considered likely that the registration will reach 150 before the day is spent. The white registrations up until 2 o'clock this afternoon were far outnumbering the colored, Draft Board Clerk Marion Cobb stating that 53 white young men and only 17 colored boys had registered up until that time. When the registration rush pushed toward a climax this afternoon, Draft Board Chairman R. H. Goodman immediately took steps to relieve the situation.

It is estimated that 27,000 young men will register in the State before the registration places close tonight.

Nine Colored Men Entering the Army

Nine young colored men, eight of them volunteers, left the county on Monday for service in the Army at Fort Bragg. A tenth one, Randolph Ormond, was temporarily detained on account of a physical defect. He is expected to go later.

The names of those leaving yesterday, Ben Bennett, Doc Perkins, S. T. Jenkins, J. E. Clark, J. T. Wilson, L. Rodgers, Lonnie Woolard, Wilson Williams and Woodard Collier.

Perkins, anxious to get into the Army a few days ago, was not so eager to leave this morning, but he joined the group, offered a pugilistic pose and boarded the bus inwardly hoping that he would fail to pass the physical tests at the Fort today.

Vacation Bible School Ends Term

The colored Vacation Bible school closed Friday night, June 27, 1941, with commencement exercises at the Shiloh Baptist Church.

A very enjoyable program was rendered by the Bible school students.

During the two weeks of the Bible school the enrollment was 382, and the average daily attendance was 256. A total collection of \$10.15 was raised. This money will go to the Red Cross fund for refugee children. The pennies brought by the children during the two weeks amounted to \$6.51. This amount was increased to \$10.15 at the commencement program.

Appreciation was expressed to the friends who helped to make the Bible school a success.

Fierce Fighting Is Reported Along the Russo-German Front

Battle Continues To Rage in Poland With 4,000 Tanks In Deadlock

Hitler may successfully invade Russia, but when he does he will well know that he has been in a big scrap. Conflicting reports are heard from Berlin and Moscow, but it is apparent that the Russians and Germans are locked in one of the greatest battles of the war in Poland today. A battle of 4,000 tanks started a few days ago is still in progress with both sides admitting terrible losses in men and equipment.

Gains claimed by Germany have been refuted by Russia, and neutral reports would seem to support the Russian rather than German claims. Moscow has admitted withdrawals in some sections, but the withdrawals have been in territory outside of Russia proper, for the most part. Minsk, capital of White Russia, was still offering resistance according to last reports despite German claims that it had been captured over the week-end.

On paper and "according to plan," German forces are on the road to Moscow, and some German papers are pointing out that Britain will fall via Moscow. The following report from Russia, would seem to refute Hitler's paper claims:

Russia has fallen back to a new battle line in the Lwow sector of the European-wide battleground because of a flanking threat from Hungary but the Red Army is stubbornly and tenaciously resisting fierce attacks from Minsk to the Arctic Ocean, it was reported.

It was announced that the Russian soldiers retreated from Lwow, in old Poland, in a delaying action since the entrance of Hungary into the war opened a possibility of a move to outflank that former Polish city and the western Ukraine.

Of Germany's claim that the Nazis have occupied Minsk, White Russian capital 20 miles within the old Russian border and some 450 miles west of Moscow, the Russian communique said:

"In the direction of Minsk and Baranowicz, our forces are waging a tenacious fight with numerically superior mobile troops of the enemy, checking their advance at intermediate positions."

The German have claimed their Panzer units are thrusting beyond Minsk but the communique gave no indication where the checking action occurred.

Russia went on an all-out basis at home as well as on the fighting front.

Because of the seriousness of the war situation, a defense council headed by Premier Joseph Stalin was announced. It took over powers of the government and all Russians were told they must carry out the mandates of the committee.

The Russian communique dealt with the action by fronts.

A fierce clash is in progress with German soldiers in the Murmansk

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Two Dangerously Assaulted Sunday

Walter Hester and Joe Henry Brown, young county white men, were dangerously attacked and cut by Ben Rogers at Hollis' mill on the Hamilton Road last Sunday afternoon. Officers, investigating the case, are still baffled to find a motive for the attack, the victims and the attacker offering different versions.

His arm cut from the wrist to the elbow and with cuts on his back and side, Brown was carried to the local hospital where doctors closed the wounds with 36 stitches. Hester suffered a five-stitch gash in his hand, and was able to leave the hospital soon after he was treated. Brown continues in the hospital.

Rogers, arrested shortly after the attack, declared that Hester and Brown were going to beat him, and he attacked them. After the attack, Rogers jumped into the mill pond to escape others in the group.

Hester and Brown told officers they were at a loss to explain the attack, and declared that Rogers opened his knife and moved on them without warning.

According to rumors, the trouble is believed by some to have started over a poker game held the Sunday before at the mill. County officers raided the game, and Rogers was quoted as saying that the others grabbed the money from the table, including some of his. Officers are of the opinion that there was another motive for the attack, but they have been unable to determine that motive.

Chet Taylor, Wheeler Beach and Alvis Curtis were said to have been in or close by when the attack was made, reports stating that they left the scene with their clothes bloody and with skinned spots on their anatomies. They have not been questioned.

Sheriff Roebuck said yesterday that Brown and Hester were not in the game when the raid was made the Sunday before, that none of the young men was drinking last Sunday.

FIRST DRINK

Robert E. Manning, superintendent of the town's water department, took the first drink of water from the new deep well being installed by the Layne-Atlantic Company's representative, C. H. Brown, here this morning at 10 o'clock. But for a little iron pipe taste, the superintendent said that he could not tell the water from that now flowing through the town system.

The taste was determined just after the well had been pumped free of muddy water. A test for quantity will be made shortly, and if 300 gallons or more of water can be taken from the well per minute, permanent pumping equipment will be installed.

All Foods Are Now Exempt From Tax In North Carolina

New and Broader Use Tax Will Affect Mail Order Purchases

North Carolina's sales tax, enacted as an emergency measure to bolster the State's finances and credit nearly ten years ago, has been broadened to include, it is understood, merchandise bought from mail order houses and other firms outside the State doing business inside the State.

The major change in the sales tax law becoming effective as of today is the amendment extending the exemptions to sales by retail merchants from ten (10) specifically named and defined—conditionally exempt articles of food, namely, flour, meal, meat, lard, milk, molasses, salt, sugar, coffee, bread, and rolls to complete exemption for sales by retail merchants of food and food products for human consumption.

As defined in the law "food and food products for human consumption" shall be given its usual and ordinary meaning. It shall not include, however, malt or vinous beverages, soft or carbonated drinks, sodas, or beverages such as are ordinarily sold or dispensed at stores, stands or soda fountains or in connection therewith, candies or confectioneries, medicines, tonics, etc., sold as dietary supplements; nor does "food and food products for human consumption" include prepared meals or food sold or served on or off the premises by restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, hotel dining rooms, drug stores, or other places where prepared meals or foods are sold or served.

Generally speaking, the exemption will extend to all sales of food or food products sold by grocery stores. Sales of all articles of merchandise by grocery stores which cannot be classified as food or food products sold by grocery stores. Sales of all articles of merchandise by grocery stores which cannot be classified as food or food products including bottle drinks, sodas, and beverages, and candies and confectioneries, will be taxable at the same rate and in the same manner as in the past.

The principal changes in the Use Tax Law to become effective as of today are the changes in the definitions and the amendment making it mandatory for the retailer to collect the use tax for and on account of the State and report same in accordance with requirements of the law.

"Every retailer engaged in business in this State shall collect the tax from the purchaser or consumer notwithstanding how or in what manner the order is placed or accepted, either by mail, agent or solicitor or as a result of acceptance from an established place of business in this State. The tax shall be collected for and on account of the State by the seller as trustee and submitted to the department monthly in accordance with the requirements of the law," a review of the new law says.

TOBACCO CURING

A busy season, requiring 24 hours of work each day, is being launched on Martin County farms today as a few farmers start harvesting the first of the 1941 tobacco crop. Farmers Jim Staton of Williamston, and Robert Long, of Oak City, are pulling the lugs from a few acres today to start the harvesting work. S. L. Ellis, of Jamesville, plans to barn his first tobacco from the current crop later in the week. As far as it could be learned here, Messrs. Staton and Long are the first Martin farmers to start housing the 1941 crop.

Farmers who are starting the harvesting work and whose lands have not been measured to determine compliance, will find it advisable to get in touch with the agent's office.