

# Market To Open Next Tuesday

## Strong Corps of Buyers Here

### War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

#### Greater Restrictions on Goods For Civilian Use Now Fairly Certain

We are now on the offensive. For the first time in this war American forces have moved against the enemy with the objective of expelling him. The theater of action is the Solomons. The Solomons are a chain of islands, the islands are steaming jungle and abrupt peak and the home of head hunting savages who doubtless have learned new lessons in savagery, lately from the Japanese. For Japan's line of communication runs through the Solomons, and in the Solomons Japan flanks Australia.

From its very start this first American offensive indicated to the Home Front the need for redoubling our production effort. Admiral King, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet, said it appears we have lost at least one cruiser and that other warships had been damaged and he said—"Considerable losses, such as are inherent in any offensive operation, must be expected."

#### Must Prepare For Losses

We must go on from offensive to offensive if we are to win this war, we can win this way only by driving the Japs out from the territory they have seized, by driving the Nazis from Europe and the Near East. To do this we must accept losses on a great scale, and we must prepare for these losses.

We cannot sit smugly back on past performances.

Last Sunday Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information, spoke of the front line of production and said of it that "Generally speaking this line is holding firm." But Davis went on to say that this front line could break unless new lines swiftly are established behind it. "We certainly shall fail," he said, "unless we increase the production of raw materials." He said we must develop new processes, end waste, and something in which everyone can help—"Press for full salvage by every citizen in the land."

Materials and more materials—that is the desperate need. This is a war in which tanks are destroyed by hundreds in a single action on a single sector of one front. And yet into a tank of the General Grant type go about 26 tons of steel, some six hundred pounds of copper, more than five hundred pounds of chromium and more than six hundred pounds of manganese, aluminum, lead and zinc.

#### Salvage Is Paramount

More than ever today the emphasis must be on salvage, and on such further restrictions of an already restricted civilian industry as may be possible. It is possible to tighten up on the civilian economy here and there, and wherever it is possible it must be done. One of our most critical shortages is the shortage of steel and last week the War Production Board ordered the makers of wooden upholstered furniture to stop using iron or steel in springs. WPB launched a drive for metal salvage embracing 37,000 dairy plants throughout the country and appealed to wholesale and retail merchants to "make a clean sweep" of store rooms and shops for critically needed material. There are almost two million retail merchants in the U. S. A. and more than 100,000 wholesalers. And the combined Production and Resources Board, the agency through which Great Britain and the United

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### Attendance Low In Colored Schools

The closing of thirteen colored schools opening the term in this county last Thursday was considered likely as figures showing poor attendance began reaching the office of the county superintendent. Ranging from about 60 to not over 80 per cent, the attendance figures did not come up to expectations, and operation of the schools with that many pupils absent can hardly be justified, it was pointed out.

No action will be taken to close the schools before the latter part of the week, if then, but if no increase in the attendance follows during the next day or two a suspension order is to be expected. Should the schools be closed, they will likely reopen along with the others scheduled to open the term on Thursday, September 3rd.

### MARKET SUPERVISORS



Forming a strong unit and binding the farmer and warehousemen closer together, Messrs. Urbin Rogers, left, and Rossel Rogers, right, are in a position as supervisors of the Williamston Tobacco Market to handle an effective work for the market patrons this season. These young men are well known to the farmers of this section. They know farming, tobacco and the warehouse business, and they are in a position to really help the farmer in the successful marketing of tobacco.

### WEEKLY ROUND-UP

The last weekly week-end round-up of drunks and alleged violators of peace and order fell slightly under the high water mark established the previous week-end. Fourteen, nine of them drunks, were arrested last week-end as compared with seventeen detained and jailed during the corresponding period a week earlier. Eleven of the fourteen were rounded up on Saturday. Nine of them were colored and five were white.

Aside from the cases charging public drunkenness, there were those charging defendants with various crimes from murder on down to non-support.

### Devastating Attack On Germany By Air Is Planned By Allies

#### U. S. Forces Clear Japanese From Solomon Islands in Fierce Fighting

Far-reaching developments on the war fronts of the world are believed in the offing as the Allied commands make ready to take a more active part in the struggle to save Russia from disintegration and to push the invaders back into their territory. There are bright spots in the recent reports coming from the Pacific area, but the situation is still critical in Russia where the Germans continue their push into the Caucasus and are throwing more reserves into the fight for Stalingrad.

Prime Minister Churchill and other high Allied officials just recently concluded a momentous conference with Stalin in Moscow, and much of the world is excited over what to expect. The plans are secret, but there is talk about launching the greatest air attack against Germany ever known in history. The second front question remains unanswered, however, but some action is to be expected within a few weeks in an effort to relieve the relentless pounding directed against Russia.

The Solomon Islands are now the property of the Allies, the Japs having been routed despite their strong fortifications and defenses. The Jap fleet has retreated from the area, and final success of the venture is dependent upon the power of the Allied navies in preventing Jap reinforcements from reaching the islands. No detailed casualty lists have been announced, but the losses have been described as "substantial."

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### Georgia Price About \$7 Higher Than Last Year

Returning from the Georgia markets last week-end, Messrs. Jimmy Taylor and Jack Hardison explained that the price average there this season was about \$7 higher than it was a year ago. The poundage was slightly in excess of that reported last season.

"Some tobaccos that have been known not to sell so well in the past, went for around \$40 this year," Mr. Taylor said.

### Tobacco Marketing Cards Distributed To County Farmers

#### Few Farmers Will Have To Pay Penalty on Excess Acreage

The distribution of tobacco marketing cards to Martin County farmers has been and is progressing rapidly. T. B. Slade of the county agent's office said this morning. Possibly 75 per cent of the cards were placed in the farmers' hands at designated distribution centers last week-end, yesterday and today. Mr. Slade said. Representatives of the office carried the cards to Jamesville, Robersonville, Oak City last week-end and yesterday. Today, they are being distributed to farmers in the Hassell and Hamilton communities. During the meantime, possibly fifty per cent of the cards for farmers in other townships have been distributed by the county agent's office. The distribution of cards for the entire county will be effected from the agricultural building in Williamston after today, and farmers are urged not to wait until the last minute to call for them. No cards will be delivered Saturday afternoon.

A complete check on tobacco acreage compliance is not available, but it is understood that hardly more than half a dozen if that many, will have to pay any penalty on excess production. Starting out last spring, possibly thirty per cent of the farmers in this county planted in excess of their allotments, including the 10 per cent increase allowed by the department. However, nearly all of those farmers destroyed the surplus and brought their plantings in line with their allotments. As a whole, the farmers of this county have cooperated splendidly in the AAA production program, many having willingly decreased their tobacco acreage to boost the production of such crops as peanuts and soybeans.

### Facing Courts On Draft Law Count

William Jasper Page, young Robersonville colored man, is in the county jail awaiting action by the FBI for alleged violation of the Selective Service Act. Page is said to have failed or reported to report for physical examination.

Several other similar cases are pending in this county, and action can be expected sooner or later. It will be remembered that these cases are placed on record, that the prosecution will follow in due time even after the war if they have not been handled prior to its close.

According to unofficial information, approximately 7,000 alleged violators of the draft laws have been arrested and sentenced to military prisons, and that others are being rounded up by the hundreds daily. Ignorance is not accepted as an excuse when the draft laws are violated, and it is certainly advisable for delinquent to report direct to their draft boards at once and see if their cases can be handled with minimum punishment.

### Nearly All The Old Buyers Will Return Here This Season

#### Thomas D. Jeffress, Son of Pioneer Buyer, To Represent The Imperial

Reviewing the list of buyers assigned to the Williamston Tobacco Market this season, local warehousemen said today that the buying combination was the strongest, the best ever to come here. "We are indeed fortunate to have such a fine, able and willing group of men to buy on our floors," a representative of the warehouse said this morning.

Nearly all the old buyers are returning, including Messrs. Jack Buster for Laggit, Dale Harper for the American, A. C. McClure for Reynolds, Norwood D. Thomas for Taylor, Iverson Skinner for W. I. Skinner, Arthur Deal for the Washington Tobacco Company, and others. Thomas D. (Timbo) Jeffress, of Rocky Mount, will represent the Imperial. Mr. Jeffress is the son of Mr. Clarence Jeffress, a pioneer buyer on the Williamston market. He is a promising young buyer who gained a wide experience in the business as a young man.

With this able buying force, the Williamston market has every good reason to anticipate a successful season this year. This buying personnel is certain to complete a well-balanced and effective organization for the successful marketing of tobacco on the local market.

Messrs. Urbin and Rossel Rogers, working as sales supervisors, are expected to do an effective job in advancing the interests of every market patron and in maintaining a close and friendly relationship among buyers, farmers, warehousemen and all other market employees.

### Scrap Drive Slows Down For Harvest

Slowed down a bit during the rush harvesting season, the drive for scrap metals is expected to regain momentum during the next few weeks. The call for the waste materials is being sounded more frequently, and if the production lines are to continue without interruption the delivery of scrap iron must show an increase.

Martin County has delivered possibly in excess of three million pounds during the latter part of last year and so far this year, but if the people are to meet the allotment given this county they will have to deliver that amount and more during the next six or seven months.

Farmers and others, too, are urged to continue their search for the old material and make deliveries as rapidly as possible.

### Street Disturbance Aired In The Court

Joe Wilkins, respected local colored man who admittedly "lost" his head, was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in Justice John L. Hassell's court here last evening for alleged disorderly conduct on the main street last Saturday night.

Wilkins' arrest followed a minor disturbance on the street a short time earlier, and charges growing out of that disturbance will be aired in the county court next Monday. David Holliday has been booked for allegedly assaulting a female, and Allege Wilkins and Hansy Hart are facing assault with deadly weapon charges.

### MIGHTY SLOW

The sale of war bonds in Martin County is progressing mighty slow, according to a fairly complete report just received and covering the first fifteen days of this month. Through last Saturday, \$8,000 worth of the bonds had been bought in the county, the amount being \$49,200 short of the August quota.

There's no doubt but what the current period offers a financial problem, but the opening of the markets next week should relieve conditions and open the way for extensive bond purchases.

## Operating Personnel of Four Big Warehouses Strongest in 40 Years

### Rationing Board Will Observe New Schedule of Office Hours

Effective this week a new schedule of office hours will be observed by the Martin County Rationing Board, Chairman Martin explaining that the office would close each Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon, and each Saturday at 12:30 p. m. The change will make it possible for the employees to prepare certain weekly reports, file applications and catch up with the board correspondence. The office opens each morning at 8 o'clock and closes at 5 in the afternoon except on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The big rush for sugar for canning has dwindled considerably during the past few days, but not until 3,020 applications had been received during the months of June and July. During that period, the board issued certificates for the purchase of more than a quarter million pounds of sugar in excess of the regular consumer allotments or 237,045 pounds, to be exact. There is little doubt but what more food has been preserved in Martin County this season than ever before despite the dry weather and the resulting poor gardens and crops. While some of the sugar was used illegally, no doubt, most of it was used for the designated purposes.

Public attention is now being centered on the tire rationing system, and that system is about to bog down. Reliable reports state that the September allotment will be 28 per cent under the August quota. The decrease is coming when nearly 150 applications for more than 300 tires are pending. It is apparent that the transportation business is pushing toward a serious climax much faster than many people realize it is.

### Rejected Number of Men In Last Group Of County Draftees

#### Twenty-seven Others Pass The Examinations for Service In The Army

The last group of young Martin County men reporting for service in the armed forces reflected better health than the preceding group, according to unofficial information gained last week-end. Twenty-seven men were accepted the first day out of the group. Thirteen are said to have been rejected outright and several others were held over for further examinations. Of the six held over, it is understood that five of them passed. Garland Barnhill, undergoing a more detailed examination, was physically disqualified the second day.

Out of the 27 men passing the first examinations, six were placed in a group for limited military service only, indicating that less than half of the contingent did not measure up to 1-A specifications. These men returned home late the same day they left and are to report back the latter part of this month for definite assignments in the armed forces. According to present plans they are to catch a 11:20 bus out of Williamston on the day of their departure.

Speaking about health, an examining officer was said to have told one of the Martin boys, Lyman Britt, that he (the officer) wished 5,000 men as sound as he was could be had immediately.

The names of the men who were examined the first day and are to return to the induction center follow: Jim B. Holliday, Donnie H. Folson, Harvey H. Yates, Henry H. Pope, Jr., Dennis M. Harrison, Rupert R. Rawls, William A. Harrison, Howard E. Whitehurst, Chester W. Edmondson (1-B), Heber J. Coltrane, Ellis S. White, Dayton Bryant, Verner W. Harrison, Lyman L. Britt, William C. Whitley, Willie Whitfield, Charlie B. Wynne, Robert U. Gurganus, Lester S. White, Alonza Hassell (1-B), Clyde Hugh Hines (1-B), John B. Hardison (1-B), Edwin H. Carson, Leandrew Hardison (1-B), Frank S. Cherry (1-B), Luther G. Leggett, Jr., and Jesse W. Curtis.

### Few Positions Now Vacant In Schools

Executing contracts with several teachers during the past few days, school authorities stated this morning that the number of positions made vacant by resignations had been reduced somewhat and that by the week-end nearly all of the positions will have been filled. However, there is still the strong possibility that some departments will not be filled by that time or by the time the term gets underway two weeks from this Thursday.

Mrs. Gale White Lucas, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, has contracted to teach the eighth grade in the Oak City schools. Mrs. Lucas is from Plymouth. Miss Marjorie Stone, of Sparta, Ga., has been employed to teach the third grade at Bear Grass, the office of the county superintendent listing these two contracts among the late ones to be executed.

### Able Warehousemen Offer Best Service To Tobacco Farmers

#### Entire Personnel of the Local Tobacco Market Was Never Stronger Than Now

Ready for the day of the year outside Christmas—the opening day of the tobacco market—Williamston, with four acres of floor space and the strongest and most able warehouse proprietors ever announced, is launching out on one of the most promising selling periods in all its history. It is true that the quality of the crop is hardly as good as it was last year and it is apparent, also, that the quantity will not come up to expectations, but despite those two adverse factors the outlook is promising because one of the strongest selling and buying forces to ever walk a tobacco warehouse floor will be on the market this season, ready and raring to go next Tuesday morning, August 25th.

Operating the four big warehouses the members of three firms are well known to farmers throughout northeastern North Carolina, and in a number of counties over in Virginia. They are men who have gained their experience down through the years, not by the theoretical method but by and through diligent practice beginning at the plant bed and following through all the difficult and trying processes of cultivation, harvesting and curing and grading and until the books are balanced following the sale. They are tobaccoists in their own right, and they are men who are dependable, well met and friendly in all their dealings with their fellowman.

Combining their operations, Messrs. John Gurkin, Sylvester Lilley, Carlyle Langley and John A. Manning will be at the New Carolina and the Planters' Warehouses this season. These men invite you to either of these two houses.

Messrs. Claude Griffin and Jimmy Taylor are returning to the helm at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse this season.

Over at the Farmers, Messrs. Lemman Barnhill and Joe Moyer will be joined by Mr. Edward Corey in the operation of that house.

Strong and experienced auctioneers have been employed, and able supporting forces, including floor managers, book men and bookkeepers will be at their respective posts in each of the houses.

The entire personnel of the Williamston Tobacco Market is pledging its best efforts in serving the patrons this year, and a successful season, mutually advantageous to all, is predicted.

Sales, limited to five hours a day, will get underway next Tuesday morning promptly at 9:30 o'clock and continue until 12:30 p. m. They will be resumed at 1:30 to continue until 3:30. Sales will be limited to 300 piles an hour, and it has been suggested that farmers can without sacrificing grading standards make larger piles and save excess floor charges and, as a whole, receive more money than they can by "running" too many grades with only a few pounds in each pile. So often there are grades of tobacco that cannot be distinguished one from the other.

No record break is expected next Tuesday as many farmers are still occupied with the harvest work, but large crowds are certain to come here to observe the sales for themselves.

### Well Represented In Armed Forces

At least four families in Martin County are well represented in the Nation's armed forces. No complete record could be had immediately, but it is understood that there are at least four families with three sons each in the service. That hardships are following the withdrawal of three sons from single families is certain, but there's been little or no grumbling heard in those quarters. A fourth son has been called in one of the families, but deferment was granted, temporarily at least.

Mr. L. R. Everett, of Hamilton, has three sons in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gurganus, of Williams Township, have three; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Harden, of Dardens, have three and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Coltrane, of Griffins Township, also have three young men in the service.

### REFRIGERATOR

There was a time when people lowered milk into the well to keep it cool. Then the ice box came along to better man's lot, and it is a great help today, too. The mechanical age followed and electric refrigerators came into their own. Kerosene refrigerators solved the problem in many farm homes. But the greatest refrigerator ever heard of is the one owned and operated by Mr. Leon Henderson, of the Office of Price Administration. Waving something even better than a magic wand, Henderson can and has actually frozen prices from coast to coast. He has frozen this article and that article, and apparently he did a good job for there is no likelihood of a general thaw anytime soon.

### School Authorities Are Still Searching For More Teachers

#### Positions in the Elementary Department All Filled With One Exception

Despite six vacant positions in its faculty, the local schools, Principal D. N. Hix pointed out yesterday, will in all probability be ready to open the term on Thursday, September 3rd. It is quite possible that two positions, one in the commercial and one in the manual arts departments, will not be filled, but contracts are expected to be closed within the next few days with applicants for the other jobs.

Athletics are almost certain to take a back seat during the coming term, Principal Hix explaining that no coach is to be had, but that possibly a limited program would be planned.

"We have been very fortunate in filling several positions made vacant by resignations, several by the war itself, and we have every reason to believe that the approaching term will be a very successful one for the school," Principal Hix said yesterday while on a week-end leave from Duke University.

The faculty line-up while incomplete at this time is, as follows:

First grade: Miss Grace Talton and Mrs. Rebecca Knight Crockett.

Second grade: Misses Estelle Crawford and Mary Benson.

Third grade: Miss Ruth Manning and Mrs. Lela Brown Bunting.

Fourth grade: Misses Katherine Bradley and Margaret Jordan Elliott, of Edenton. Miss Elliott, a new member of the faculty, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

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### Youth Recaptured After Break From Road Prison

Arna Wallace, youthful Martin County lad who drew a five-year term back in 1940 for robbing a local hardware store and who escaped from a Northampton road prison camp last week has been recaptured along with most of the other sixteen men who made a successful dash for freedom. The 18-year-old boy was taken in Rocky Mount and returned to prison. A parole for the boy was pending when he broke from the camp.