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Chain Store Order For 2,500,000 Cotton Bags Is Hailed By Industry

Change by A & P From Jute to Cotton Flour Sacks Called Example of How Business Can Help Move Big Sur- plus Crop

New York, August 2.—(Special)—A "major victory in the 1939 campaign to boost domestic consumption of cotton" was hailed today by Paul B. Halstead, secretary and treasurer of the Cotton Textile Institute, with the announcement of an order for more than 2,500,000 flour bags by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

The A & P order, which will require an estimated 5,000 acres of cotton and provide a full week's work for approximately 18,000 persons, is one of the first of many which cotton producers and processors hope to obtain from American industry this year, Halstead said. Firms changing from the use of jute and other materials to cotton, he pointed out, "not only help reduce our national surplus, but fulfill an additional patriotic purpose in providing jobs for thousands of workers in the American textile industries."

"The A & P order is a dramatic example of how 'this works,' Halstead continued. "Henceforth the company will use cotton instead of jute bags for the 1,500,000 barrels of flour consumed annually by its bakeries. This involves more than 2,500,000 large bags, made from over 2,100 bales of cotton, which in turn are the product of approximately 5,000 acres of land. The labor required for this order, including that of raising the cotton, making it into cloth and making the cloth into bags, totals about 725,000 hours—or, on a 40-hour week basis, a week's work for approximately 18,000 persons."

The order follows intensive sales aid given cotton producers by food chain stores and other retailers during National Cotton Week last May, Halstead added. Extensive newspaper advertising, window and interior displays and other sales efforts were utilized by the participating stores to emphasize the importance of cotton in our national economy, he said. A & P and other food chains Halstead explained, featured merchandise made from cotton and cottonized products, or packaged in cotton cloth, and "brought home to consumers the fact that wider use of this product means increased employment and greater prosperity."

"As an effective and appropriate climax to the National Cotton Week campaign, this present action by one of the nation's leading chain store organizations deserves highest praise," he said.

While cotton bags such as those to be used for A & P flour cost more than ones made of burlap and other materials, they have several advantages which offset higher initial outlay, he commented. Halstead pointed out that cotton bags are easier to handle, cleaner and have a higher re-use value.

1940 PROGRAM

No fundamental changes from the existing program are proposed in the AAA program for 1940, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

Near 10 Per Cent Crop Now in Fields

Tobacco Continues To Cure With Good Color, Best Crop in Years

Crop condition reports in this section reveal that planters have cured about 90 per cent of the tobacco, with the color reported as good, and the quality as very good, with the curing as a whole said to be one of the best in years.

Due to excessive rainfall of the past several weeks the tobacco ripened very rapidly and growers were up and curing it for some time, much of the work being done in the fields before it

Housing Measure Called Suddenly For House Action

However, Economy Coalition Claims Bill Will Suffer Defeat On Floor; Adjournment Plans Made for Sat- urday

Washington, Aug. 2.—The drive toward sine die adjournment of Congress was halted momentarily today when House leaders suddenly decided to call up President Roosevelt's new \$800,000,000 housing-clearance program which they had junked earlier in the day.

The measure, an integral part of the administration's lending program killed in the House yesterday, would authorize the United States Housing Authority to increase its bonded indebtedness to \$1,600,000,000. The President defended it as an aid to recovery.

Approved weeks ago by the Senate with virtually no debate, the proposal is being fought by conservative Democrats who want to curb Federal spending; by agrarian Democrats who protest that the money will be spent in urban communities and none will go to aid farmers, and by Republicans.

The same coalition scrapped the lending bill yesterday by voting down the rule under which it would have been considered. Experts tonight believed the housing rule would encounter the same fate.

A check by house leaders several days ago forecast defeat of the rule. Some believed that this was the only reason the hostile rules committee, which is dominated by anti-New Deal Democrats and Republicans, allowed it to go to the floor.

The tide was running so strong against the measure that it was decided at a conference among Democratic leaders this morning to abandon it. Chairman Adolph Sabath, Democrat, Illinois, of the rules committee, announced he would report in a bitter attack on "the forces of reaction which are drunk with power."

"If the President does not become a candidate for a third term, it just means that all of the achievements of the last eight years in behalf of the common man will be killed as soon as the reactionaries can get in their work," he said.

This was interpreted as the death knell for the housing program, but late in the day reports circulated that New Dealers were trying to pump new life into it. They succeeded. Shortly before the chamber adjourned for the day, House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, said the rule would be called up. It was apparent to newsmen who interviewed him later that he was not optimistic over its chances.

Proponents of the measure, it was understood, expect it to lose by 40 votes or more.

"We will try to adopt the rule," Rayburn told reporters. "The city boys and a lot of other people want to vote on it."

The same situation, Rayburn said, applies to the wage-hour law. The rules committee gave the amendments a green-light several days ago, but Sabath had not filed his report, without which the rule could not be called up. He did this today at the personal request of Rayburn, who had been important to intervene by conservative Democrats backing the legislation.

Pitt Auditor Reveals 1938 Budget Facts

Record of Appropriations for Past Year Reveals That Collec- tions in Pitt County Ex- ceeded Expenditures

Greenville, Aug. 1.—J. H. Coward, Pitt County Auditor, revealed yesterday that in the county budget for the year 1938-39, the appropriations exceeded the actual expenditures by \$16,942.27, and the collections exceeded the actual expenditures by \$6,508.27.

The budget for the past year included: General fund, appropriation, \$111,676; expenditures, \$100,754.31; collections \$117,937.53; County Home—appropriation \$10,100; expenditures \$7,773.17; collections \$12,168.63; Outside poor and relief \$11,491; expenditures, \$18,238.95; collections, \$13,338.50; pension appropriation, \$34,226; expenditures, \$32,449.48; collections \$28,189.87; Pitt Health Department appropriation \$17,159.79; expenditures \$16,353.18; collections \$14,618.02; and bonds and interest appropriation \$190,020; expenditures \$176,160.83; collections \$177,993.74; in the general fund, the collections exceeded the expenditures by \$7,132.22; County Home collections exceeded the expenditures by \$4,945.46; outside relief and poor, collections exceeded expenditures by \$149.55; pensions, expenditures exceeded the collections by \$4,230.11; health department, expenditures exceeded collections by \$1,960.16, and in bonds and interest expenditures exceeded the collections by \$9,157.09. The total appropriations for the past year were \$374,832.79; expenditures \$357,690.52; and collections \$364,195.79. The general fund is derived from fees, collections and the ABC Board; county home, sale of produce; pensions, four cents tax levy; health department, state and federal aid and the ABC, and bonds and interest from a 58-cents tax levy.

In school maintenance a supplementary items budget, derived from poll and dog taxes, court fines a seven-cents tax levy, and state aid to vocational education, the appropriations was \$49,469.40; expenditures \$51,221.93; collections \$48,772.56. The state aid amounted to \$18,395.41. The 7-cents tax rate was derived from the 7-cents, 55-cents and 8-cents levies.

SLEEPS BETWEEN RAILS

New York—Tired of waiting for a subway train, after a night spent in Brooklyn, a sailor, Seaman Paul W. Worahan, 22, lowered himself from the station platform and started to walk down the track. After walking a short distance, however, he became fatigued and went to sleep in a depression between the rails. At least two trains zipped over him before he was noticed and awakened, unharmed.

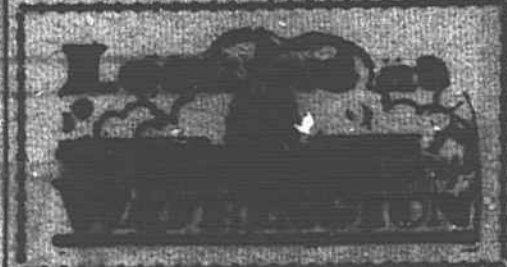
Wilson Chosen for Tubercular Sanatorium

Proposed Institution To Cost About \$450,000; City of Wilson Had Agreed To Donate Land and Provide Wa- ter and Sewer Con- nections

Rocky Mount, Aug. 1.—Lee Graves, chairman of the State Sanatorium Board, has announced that Wilson has been selected as the site for the proposed \$450,000 tubercular hospital for Eastern North Carolina.

Graves said the site committee in a letter to him announcing the place, said the sanatorium would be situated on the 10-acre T. H. Woodard farm, about 200 yards north of the Wilson county limits on roads 301 and Harding avenue.

The report described the site as "readily accessible to the people of Eastern North Carolina."



(Huge S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

MAYORS FOR RELIEF WARN CONGRESSMEN F. D. R. AND FARLEY THE HATCH BILL THE KELLOGG PACT UNDECLARED WARS WATCHING THE SAPS A SAMPLE CENSUS

The United States Conference of Mayors, in a report sent to each member of the House and Senate, declares that the whole WPA program will "collapse" unless Congress appropriates additional funds and modifies the requirement that local governments assume twenty-five per cent of the costs of projects by the end of the year.

The Mayors' Association has been vigorous in urging large appropriations for relief. The chief executives of some of the largest cities in the nation assert that the relief quotas are too small and that many, eligible for work relief, cannot get jobs. The cities, they explain, are unable to take care of the unemployed or to provide the twenty-five per cent of the cost of projects, as required under the recently enacted measure. The mayors, it is understood, did not ask for abandonment of the stipulation that all WPA employees work 130 hours a month for their security pay.

It is easy to understand the interest of the mayors in relief appropriations. In large cities, the unemployed constitute a serious problem. If the Federal Government provides adequate appropriations to give them employment, the city officials are relieved of a threatening problem. Not only will they face the necessity of taking some steps to provide food for the unemployed, but they do not relish the idea of having thousands of disgruntled inhabitants within their boundaries. Faced with the alternative of bearing the expense of relief or of appealing to the Federal Government, it is easy to understand the fervid appeals made by the mayors.

President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General James A. Farley held a much-publicized conference at Hyde Park last week, but when the parley was over, there was no news. Persistent reports of a rift between the two men, said to be caused by Mr. Farley's reluctance to support a 3rd term and his alleged political ambitions, have led many to believe that a break between the President and his campaign manager is imminent. So far as surface indications pointed last week, the relationship between the President and the Postmaster-General remained cordial and, after the conference, the Chief Executive seemed to emphasize that their discussion on public issues had been on the same basis as their previous get-togethers.

The Hatch Bill, publicly endorsed by Vice President Garner, provides penalties varying from fines and imprisonment to removal from office if those on the public payroll, except elected officials and executive policy-makers, are guilty of the following activities: threats, intimidations or coercion of voters in a Federal election; promises of jobs or other compensation as a reward for political aid; threats to deprive or actual deprivation of work relief to anyone for political activity; discrimination in relief because of race, creed or color; disclosure of relief lists to candidates or their managers; the use of relief funds or relief authority to influence voters; activity in political campaigns on the part of Federal employees.

The bill is an aftermath of the charges in connection with campaigns last year in certain states and is aimed, many suspect, at office-holders who seek to perpetuate themselves through exercising control of political activities. Anti-New Dealers generally approved the measure which, they believe, might prevent the President from easily securing control of the Democratic Convention.

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Senate Moves To Aid Farmer

Acts To Provide Imme- diate Tobacco Refer- endum

Washington, Aug. 1.—The Senate acted quickly today to give flue-cured tobacco growers in the southern states an opportunity to hold an immediate farmer election on invoking marketing quotas of their 1939 sales. It approved without debate, and sent to the White House, amendments to the 1938 farm act which would authorize Secretary Wallace to call a referendum at any time during the marketing season instead of waiting until November 15 as provided in existing law.

Marketing of flue-cured tobacco started last week in Georgia and Florida, and begins Thursday in South Carolina, and a few North Carolina markets.

Tobacco growers meeting here yesterday expressed belief an early referendum would help bolster depressed prices on the Georgia markets.

Flue-cured growers in an election last winter rejected imposition of marketing quotas on their 1939 crop, the largest on record.

The amendment also would change the basis from sales quotas from pounds to acreage and increase penalties which may be imposed for selling in excess of allotments from three to 10 cents per pound.

Douglas, Aug. 1.—Georgia bright leaf tobacco growers were cheered today by a possibility of a conference of buyers and producers next week to seek better prices for this year's billion-pound bumper crop.

Growers at the 15 Georgia market centers last week sold 27,024,786 pounds of bright leaf for an average of 14.75 cents.

First week sales last year brought farmers a 26.75 average for 14,097,850 pounds.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—Growers of flue-cured tobacco looked today to the possibility of a meeting with buyers to seek an agreement which might increase the price being paid for the crop this year.

Representatives of growers in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida unanimously approved such a course late yesterday at a meeting with AAA officials.

Claude Hall of Roxboro, N. C., chairman of a growers' advisory committee, expressed hope a conference could be arranged with buyers for Wednesday or Thursday of next week to determine whether prices might be boosted if farmers agreed to withhold some of their tobacco from the market.

Farm Folk Told To Improve Their Families' Diet

Urged by Dietary Ex- pert to Produce Their Own Food Supply and "Eat What You Want After You Eat What You Should"; Malnu- trition Menace to Na- tional Safety

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—Dr. E. V. Collins, food chemist at Johns Hopkins university, urged North Carolina farm folk yesterday to produce their own food supply "and improve the diet of their families."

"Eat what you want after you eat what you should," consisted the dietary expert.

Foreign nations are more and more specializing home production of "cash crops" such as wheat and cotton, Dr. Collins said. They especially are trying food crop production because malnutrition is a menace to national safety.

Special School Election Being Held Here Today

Germany Boasts Of Armed Power On War Birthday

Nazis Tell World They Can Strike With Un- dreamed of Speed and Strength; Berlin Pa- per Takes Fling At Roosevelt

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Germany is prepared to strike "with lightning speed and undreamed of force" if she is driven to war again, the army, navy and air force were told today in proclamations marking the 25th anniversary of Germany's entry into the World War.

The proclamations were issued by Field Marshal Hermann W. Goering, commander-in-chief of the air force; Admiral Marshal Eric Raeder, commander-in-chief of the navy, and Col. Gen. Walther von Bruchitsch, army leader, as the Reich's 2,000,000 men under arms observed a nation-wide holiday.

"Born of the spirit of the German fighters in the World War and sworn to the ideals of our Fuehrer and commander-in-chief, the German air force stands today ready to carry through with lightning speed and undreamed of force every order of the Fuehrer," Goering's manifesto said.

Meanwhile, the air force which World War Ace Goering built to what he contends is the greatest aerial strength possessed by any nation, carried out large-scale maneuvers over northwestern Germany across 15,000 square miles of territory.

The maneuvers, described officially as having revealed "an enormous degree of efficiency," were in the form of an imaginary war between an invading "Blue" force and its defeat by a "Red" force east of the River Elbe.

Playing War
Between the two aerial forces, bounded by the rivers Weser and Elbe, is a neutral "green" state whose neutrality thus far has been respected by both combatants in the maneuvers to continue until Thursday. A "neutral yellow state" in Schleswig-Holstein, however, was flown over by the defending "Red" forces and as result the "Blue" planes also flew over it.

It was announced that anti-aircraft guns had downed, theoretically, large numbers of the "enemy" planes. Today's anniversary was celebrated in cities, towns and villages and at garrisons with parades, tattoos and hand concerts. The orders for the celebrations came directly from Fuehrer Adolf Hitler.

While the proclamations to the army, navy and air force bitterly denounced the attempts of the Western powers to "encircle" the Reich, the newspaper Lokalanzeiger attacked President Roosevelt for what it called his "impertinent arrogance" fit of the people of the dictatorships the United States position in world affairs, the newspaper said.

"What impertinent arrogance lies in Roosevelt's assertion that well-organized nations have not been given a true picture of the policy of other states! Nowhere is the truth so unscrupulously distorted as in the United States."

"What Britain on account of her better organized routine does cleverly in the war of nerves, the United States clumsily and boorishly. Nevertheless, it is easy for us to understand this veiled declaration of war" by Roosevelt in the war of nerves. It affords new proof of the German conception of his attitude and also it is an additional incentive for hatred against the totalitarian states."

Tar Heels Will Get Farm Tenancy Money

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—North Carolina tenant farmers will receive \$2,700,000 in their share of the \$5,000,000 available for the 1938-40 program under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant act, the Farm Security Administration announced here.

The act provides for long term loans to be used by tenant farmers to

Qualified Voters To Be Given Opportunity Of Deciding On Twelfth Grade and 9 Months Session in Local School

Citizens of the Farmville School District of Pitt County, who are qualified voters, having registered anew, will go to the polls here between 7:30 A. M. and 7:00 P. M. and vote on the two proposed additions to the Farmville graded school, namely, a twelfth grade and a ninth month.

The twelfth grade will necessitate the levying in this District of a special tax of not to exceed 8c on the \$100 valuation, which will be used for supplementing State and County school standards in providing for the expenses of the proposed addition.

To meet the expense of a ninth month for the Farmville School, a special tax will be levied not to exceed 12 1-2c on the \$100 valuation; the proceeds of which will be used for supplementing State and County school standards.

The proposal will require a separate vote and one may be favored and the other disapproved if the voters desire.

If both propositions shall carry, a tax not to exceed 20 1-2c will be levied on all taxable property within this School District sufficient for the payments of the costs.

A new registration was ordered for the election to be held between July 8-22, with exception of Sundays and holidays, and no one will be permitted to vote unless registered during that period. All persons failing to vote after registering will be counted against both proposals.

The store formerly occupied by the Pitt Furniture Co. will be the polling place, with W. M. Rollins as Registrar, and R. A. Fields and C. A. Tyson as Judges.

The election was called after the Farmville School Board had petitioned the County Board of Education, which in return secured and gained approval of the State School Commission. The Board of County Commissioners then authorized the special election.

Huge Loss To Growers In Wilson Is Reported

Wilson, Aug. 2.—Non compliance of about 50 per cent of Wilson County's tobacco farmers this year with the soil conservation program of the government, coupled with overplanting is costing farmers around \$200,000 this year, it was estimated by officials of the office of Farm Agent J. O. Anthony yesterday.

Though about 37 per cent of the cotton farmers of the county are signed for the soil conservation program, only about 50 per cent are doing so, it was said.

This means, it was estimated, that about \$200,000 in parity money will be lost to Wilson County farmers this year.

It was also estimated that farmers in the county planted some 4,000 more acres this year than they did last year. Last year's planting was about 21,000 acres.

14.75 Average In First Week

Compares With 26.75 On Georgia Markets Last Year

Atlanta, Aug. 1.—Tobacco sales totaled \$5,985,576.52 at Georgia's 15 market centers last week, averaging 14.75 for 27,024,786 pounds.

The official figures on 64 warehouses in the state, compiled by the State Department of Agriculture, covered four days of the 1939 marketing season.

They compared with the two days of sales in the first week last year when 14,097,850 pounds sold for \$271,492.55, or an average of 26.75 cents per pound.