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## New Record Set By Farmville Tobacco Mart

### Largest Break of Weed Sold on Opening of Any in History of Market

The Farmville Tobacco Market, known throughout the world as one of the greatest Tobacco Markets, opened Tuesday, August 22, with several hundred farmers, and many sympathizers on hand, who had anxiously awaited this day and hour.

The two warehouses having first sales were filled for a day's sale, and a considerable amount was placed on the floors of the three remaining warehouses awaiting Wednesday's sale. The total pounds sold amounted to 848,383, bringing \$145,265.15 was the largest amount ever sold here on an opening day.

The average of \$17.12 which slightly less than expected was generally accepted—not with a smile of content, however. There was little evidence of dissatisfaction seen, and the attitude of the farmers as a whole was generally good.

The break of tobacco was not considered up to par for an opening day, due to the recent rains, and the further fact that a large amount of this tobacco was placed on the floors several days prior to the sale. Much of the tobacco was damaged, and in high order, and many of the lower grade tips were in evidence, all of which had a tendency to lower the general average.

The market on Wednesday showed some signs of improvement, and the feeling was better, but there was much tobacco in high order due to the unusual weather we are now having, all of which had to do with lowering the general average for the market on this day.

It is the general opinion of seasoned tobaccoists that when the weather becomes more favorable, and the market congestion clears, and tobacco can be put on the floors in a dry condition, the price average will show some improvement. The market on Thursday morning appeared some stronger.

You will not, from the comparisons of the Big Four Markets, as given below, that Farmville has started at the top, and we have every reason to believe that we will continue at the top throughout the season, and wind up as usual—at the top.

	Lbs. Sold	Avg.
FARMVILLE	848,383	\$17.11
Wilson	1,752,818	17.11
Rocky Mount	1,177,852	16.11
Greenville	1,730,482	16.00
Kinston	1,507,962	15.64

## FERTILIZER DAY SET AUGUST 31

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, announced today that the annual Fertilizer Day will be held at the State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Raleigh, N. C., on Friday, August 31, 1939.



W. H. DARST Marketing Specialist N. C. Department of Agriculture.

## CROP MARKETING WILL BE PUSHED

Raleigh, August 24.—Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott today announced the appointment of W. H. Darst, veteran agronomist, as farm crops marketing specialist for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture "to develop a broad program looking toward better preparation of farm crops for market with emphasis on better handling, storage and grading."

Employment of Darst is another step in the Department's program to increase much-needed services for farmers in the field of marketing. Commissioner Scott said.

Darst has had 29 years experience in agronomic work with state and federal agricultural agencies, having served agriculture more than sixteen years in North Carolina prior to leaving the state two years ago to work on his doctor's degree at Cornell University.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University, B. S. degree in 1910, and received his master's degree from Cornell in 1925. From 1920 to 1937, he served as professor of agronomy at State College and from 1929 to 1937 was director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association and seed certification service.

In addition to his work in the State, he has been Extension agronomist at Ohio State University, professor of farm crops at Pennsylvania State College, executive secretary of the Federated American Farm Bureau at Chicago (seed Service) and senior agronomist with the United States Department of Agriculture.

While at State College as professor of agronomy, he was in charge of farm crop teaching in the school of agriculture, assisting in Extension and Vocational work, and was in charge of the seed certification program.

## All of Benefit Funds Expended

### Only \$722 Left of Half Billion Congress Voted; State Gets Share

Washington, Aug. 24.—Accountants under Secretary Wallace reported today that they had spent or obligated all except \$722 of the \$500,000,000 Congress provided for farm benefit payments under the 1938 crop control program.

The bulky breakdown on agricultural conservation payments listed \$447,130,935 as actual payments to farmers and their county associations. Administrative expenses amounted to more than \$13,500,000, or about 3 per cent of the total. These included \$3,487,472 to operate the Agricultural Adjustment Administration here in Washington; \$3,150,961 to operate state offices throughout the country; and another \$1,085,592 for various Federal agencies both here and in the field.

In addition to the benefit payments and administrative costs, the AAA said it used \$28,800,000 for removal of farm surpluses; \$4,000,000 to establish regional laboratories and develop new uses and markets for farm products; \$5,800,000 for advance payments on the 1939 program for seed, lime and fertilizer; and \$5,000,000 for advances to county farmer committees for administering the 1939 program.

This last item will be deducted from payments under this year's program.

Maryland, \$1,704,391; Virginia, \$4,723,463; North Carolina, \$14,547,216; Kentucky, \$10,962,330; Tennessee, \$11,496,248; South Carolina, \$12,362,544; Georgia, \$18,078,519; Florida, \$3,075,919; Alabama, \$17,761,252; Mississippi, \$21,934,726; Arkansas, \$17,776,308; Louisiana, \$10,592,360; West Virginia, \$1,375,622.

## Young Fountain Farmer Takes Life

Newsday Brass Owens, 23, of the Fountain township was found dead in bed Monday morning about three o'clock by his father, J. E. Owens, who called his three sons, sleeping in the same room, to carry a load of tobacco to market. Upon examination a wound in the forehead of the boy was discovered from a rifle shot, though it is reported that the other brothers stated they had not heard a sound. A jury, acting with Coroner A. A. Ellwanger, rendered a verdict of suicide in connection with the young man's death.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 by Elder Robert Brown, and J. C. Smith, Executive Secretary, officiating, and lasted until 5:30 p. m.

## GAA Investigates Fatal Air Wreck

### Report on Nash County Crash Which Killed Four Expected Today

Rocky Mount, Aug. 24.—Ralph A. Reed, chief Federal investigator for the Civil Aeronautics Authority, arrived here from Washington this morning to study the circumstances surrounding the puzzling airplane crash Tuesday which claimed the lives of four prominent Nash and Edgecombe county residents, but by late afternoon had no report to make.

Reed was assisted in his investigation by J. G. Nall, regional inspector from Atlanta who arrived on Tuesday night and spent some time examining the wreckage by searchlight.

It was reported by an authoritative source that the Federal men would have no report to make before late Thursday morning. The investigators spent the morning today at the scene of the wreck, a tobacco field eight miles west of here in Sandy Cross. In the afternoon they went to Nashville, where they examined eye witnesses and airport attendants who were the last to see the party alive.

Witnesses said that the plane circled the tobacco field once, spluttered loudly and then, as one witness described it, "fluttered like a leaf," before beginning the fatal plunge.

The 31-year-old pilot of the plane, Walter Tharrington of Rocky Mount, has had 10 years experience as a pilot. He was said to have made two applications with private lines as an air pilot, and also hoped to join the Army Air Corps. A friend said that Tharrington thought he would be called by the Army this week.

The ship, a small monoplane, took off from the municipal airport Tuesday afternoon at 12:45, headed toward Raleigh, and the crash occurred scarcely 15 minutes later. At the time the plane was sighted in the Sandy Cross section, it was not flying high, and evidently was in trouble when it circled the field. It appeared that the pilot was searching for a smooth landing place. When witnesses arrived at the scene the plane was in ruins, its motor and passengers in a large hole about two feet deep. The four men suddenly died the instant the plane hit the ground. For their bodies were all thrown together and battered. It took about an hour for the police and ambulance crew to cut through the wreckage and extricate the bodies.

Crowds of thrill-seekers began gathering at the scene a few minutes after the news got out, and the pilgrimage continued last night and all today.

Funeral services for Dr. W. O. House were held this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and rites for Phillip Koomes were held at 5 o'clock. Services for H. H. Hoke will be held Thursday morning at 11. All these are from the home.

## Farmville School Begins Sept. 4th

### Doors to Open Under Most Favorable Condition in Entire History of 36 Years

Superintendent J. H. Moore has announced the high school registration date as set for Friday, September 1, with hours arranged as follows:

Freshmen: 9:00 to 10:15 a. m.  
Sophomores: 10:15 to 11:15.  
Juniors: 11:15 to 12:15.  
Seniors: 2:00 to 3:00 p. m.  
Teachers will assemble Saturday, September 2, at 9:30 o'clock for the first faculty meeting of the new session, which will be formally opened on Monday, September 4, at 8:30 o'clock.

All children, six years of age prior to October 1, may enroll on the first day of school, according to the ruling in this connection, and parents having children, who do not meet this requirement, are requested by County Superintendent D. H. Conley to refrain from presenting them for enrollment.

Pupils expecting to enter the first grade this term, should be vaccinated for smallpox and diphtheria at once in order that they may be enrolled.

Mr. Conley stated today that three textbooks for those in elementary school will be provided by the State of North Carolina as last year, though the high school students will be required to furnish their text books. Certain supplementary fees will be requested from all students this session to provide work books and art materials. Information in regard to this will be given by Superintendent Moore.

Bus routes have been mapped and approved by the school commission and are subject to a few minor adjustments due to road conditions and increased enrollment.

Requests for changes in the bus routes should be made in writing to the County Board of Education, which will be forwarded to the State School Commission.

With the new heating system installed in the graded school building this summer at an approximate cost of \$10,000, the interior painted, new desks, chairs and library tables throughout; the Home Economics Cottage newly painted inside and out; a new unit, the Agricultural and Manual Arts building and gym recently completed at a cost of around \$70,000, filling a long-felt need for adequate facilities for vocational industrial arts classes and a suitable place for athletic activities; together with a 12th grade and a nine-month term the Farmville School is opening under the most favorable circumstances in its entire history and a successful year is anticipated.

## GOING UP

J. T. Daniel, Oxford, Route 1, made 104 bushels of corn on his demonstration acre in 1938, but this year, with continued favorable weather, he expects to make 125 bushels.

How many of an acre should be planted in corn? This is a question that has been asked many times, and the answer is: as many as you can get.

## Britain Prepares For War After Angry Hitler Snub; Nazi-Soviet Pact Signed

### CRISIS IN BRIEF

Berlin—Hitler stands firm on Polish demands reported now to include acceptance by Poles of Nazi protectorate government; British ambassador re-states Britain's determination to aid Poland and tells of Chamberlain's continued peace efforts but reported to have been told in effect "too late."

London—Britain moves toward wartime footing; Hitler demands stagger peace hopes; naval reinforcements speed to Mediterranean; East coast shippers cancel sailings due to leave for Baltic or German ports.

Brussels—King Leopold makes dramatic peace plea on behalf of seven neutral states for major powers to "open negotiations in spirit of cooperation."

Paris—France orders partial mobilization, bringing forces to around 2,000,000 men; official fear war almost certain if German-Russian non-aggression pact signed, regardless of contents.

Moscow—Germany and Russia sign non-aggression pact agreement after speedy negotiations among von Ribbentrop, Molotov and Stalin; British-French mission marks time on disrupted negotiations for three-power mutual assistance pact with Soviet; two members of British delegation prepare to return home.

Washington—Roosevelt speeds back to Washington after curtailing vacation cruise; capital speculates over whether intends another peace plea; Americans advised to stay out of Europe.

Rome—Italy apparently standing firm with Germany; reports from other European capitals indicate a showdown before weeks end.

Warsaw—Hope prevails that Western powers will find way out of crisis.

## PITT NEGRO FIREMEN VICTORIOUS IN MEET

Pitt county Negro firemen garnered honors in the 49th annual North Carolina Colored Volunteer fire tournament held at Elizabeth City August 15, 16 and 17.

Farmville was first and Greenville second on the foot race, while Farmville was at the top in the truck race. Greenville's entry emerged with first-place honors in the hose reel race, with Warrington second. Other towns participating in the tournament were Tarboro, Oxford, Wilson and Elizabeth City.

## FOOD

It is estimated that for every increase of \$100 in the income received by families whose yearly income is \$1,500 or less, from 25 to 30 per cent of the increase would be spent for food.

## PROFITABLE

From a recently completed project begun with 200 baby chicks, James Lee, 4-H Club member of Four Oaks in Johnston County, made a net profit of nearly \$35.

## WALSTONBURG NEWS

Miss Ruth Jenkins, of Fairmont, spent several days of this week with her sister, Miss Clara Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Fields visited relatives in Morehead City Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Gardner and Miss Lillian Corbett were Wilson visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Holloman and children of Moultrie, Ga., are spending some time with Mrs. Holloman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Corbett.

Misses Ernestine and Christine Gardner of Saxatoga, were week-end guests of Miss Dorothy Gardner.

Clyde and Virginia Fields are spending this week with their brother Roland Fields in Morehead City.

Misses Rosalie and Laura Blanche Gay of Princeton, are spending some time with their aunt, Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Miss Beattie Harrell of Abockle is visiting friends here.

Mrs. W. E. Lang has moved to her new residence on Main Street.

Misses Ruby and Janie Marlowe had as their dinner guests Monday evening, Miss Mary Carolyn Haddock of Fountain, Miss Juanita Haddock, Cameron West, Carter Smith and Cecil Lang.

Trade in Farmville; you make your money here and it belongs here.

## All of England Put On War - Time Footing After Receiving Hitler Threat to Destroy Opposition

London, Aug. 24.—Britain tonight warned her civilians to prepare immediately for the eventuality of enemy air raids and started actual mobilization after receiving a threat from Fuhrer Adolf Hitler to "despoil with the sword" and nation resisting his demands against Poland.

Hitler's threat was revealed on high authority to have been delivered to Prof. Karl J. Burckhardt, League of Nations high commissioner for Danzig who communicated it to the British government.

The Burckhardt report of his conference with Hitler ten days ago greatly influenced the British Cabinet's decision to send the British ambassador to Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, flying to Berchtesgaden today to deliver a last warning and appeal to the Fuehrer.

Henderson failed as Burckhardt failed, returning to Berlin tonight with Hitler's blunt answer that the British armed pledges to Poland cannot swerve him from his insistence upon an imminent "settlement" with the Poles.

Hitler Looks Ill  
Burckhardt, it was revealed, reported that Hitler had told him Germany will not allow the Poles to continue their "provocation to war."

If the Poles remain defiant, Hitler was quoted as saying, Germany will "destroy them with the sword," along with Britain, France and any other nations that fight on Poland's side.

The Fuehrer looked pale and ill, the League commissioner said.

Hitler's defiant attitude, as conveyed to the British ambassador and to the League Commissioner for Danzig, brought Europe face-to-face with a showdown on Germany's territorial demands against Poland.

The British government, although not despairing of hopes that a peaceful settlement might yet be achieved—mustered men, money and materials and prepared to resist any Nazi aggression against Poland "to the utmost."

France swung into step beside Britain, matching defense measure for defense measure and bringing the two nations to a war footing.

The British people were warned that they must be ready to face the eventuality of an enemy air raid "to-night or any night hereafter."

Air raid wardens were ordered to "stand by."

Troops on March  
Britain's air raid alarm system went on a 24-hour basis.

Large bodies of troops were moving throughout the British countryside in fighting kit. Anti-aircraft units took up their station. Obstructions closed the entrances to vital ports.

Informed quarters said British mobilization actually was underway although it is not being called that yet.

King George VI was rushing back to London from Scotland and a meeting of the Privy Council was summoned for Thursday morning an emergency session of Parliament has been called for today to hear Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax explain the situation.

Poland defensively prepared for war, her newspapers declared, in unison today as British and French announcements were received that those nations would fulfill their obligations to the Poles.

Col. Josef Beck, Polish foreign minister, was reported to have told envoys of friendly nations that Poland regards the European situation as fundamentally the same as before the announcement of Nazi-Soviet non-aggression negotiations.

The importance of any treaty, it was emphasized in political quarters must depend not only upon its political content but upon the good will felt on both sides.

In Warsaw there was the feeling that it would be difficult for Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia to reconcile their political ideologies to an extent that would issue good will.

In political quarters there was even a tendency to describe the Nazi-Soviet agreement as a maneuver of a propagandist nature designed to shatter the democratic "peace front." This attitude was taken generally in editorial comment of Warsaw evening newspapers.

In any case, the press stresses, the pact can make no difference to the Polish attitude nor to Polish military and strategic plans for the eventuality of conflict with the Nazis.

Poland has an estimated 1,000,000 men under arms and expects to mobilize in event of war, to mobilize 1,000,000 men.

The cabinet council was revealed to have taken extremely strong