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Farmville Market Headed For Poundage Record

The Farmville Tobacco Market for the first seven days of this season has sold 4,572,392 pounds as compared with 2,472,886 pounds for the first seven days of the season of 1938. This as you will note shows a rather good increase in pounds, which increase we hope to carry on through this season. And we will be able to do this if every one interested in the Farmville market will only do their part in boosting and working for the market.

There has been much common tobacco sold on the floors since our last report to you, consisting largely of washed out primings and common tips which has had a tendency to lower our averages some. The break on Wednesday appeared to be slightly better and the buyers more spirited in their bids, all of which reflected in a higher average of approximately a dollar a hundred higher than Tuesday. The feeling on Thursday morning seemed good and we predict a more satisfactory sale today. Good tobacco is selling better. Some selling as high as \$32.00 per hundred this morning.

At this time from what we have been able to get from reports of the other large markets, Farmville is still leading in price averages. We have every reason to believe that when the better grades of tobacco begin to show up on the floors, our averages will pick up considerably. Farmers are advised to keep their tobacco dry, grade closely, and bring it to Farmville, where you will get the highest price possible for each pile. Follow the sale card at all times, as we sell only one day to the home in order to avoid block sales.

Important Triple-A Announcements Made

E. Y. Floyd, AAA Executive officer of State College, made two important announcements this week which vitally affect the Agricultural Conservation Program in the State. The first concerned the rate of 1939 conservation payment on cotton. A tentative rate of 2 cents per pound for the allotted acreage times the normal yield was announced last November. But, when more than 90 percent of the cotton growers in the Nation planted within their acreage allotments, it was found that insufficient funds to make the full 2-cent-per-pound payment were on hand.

The Agricultural Conservation Act allows a deduction, or increase, of not more than 10 percent in the payments when such a situation exists. If compliance had been below the estimated figures, there would have been an increase in payment. Therefore, Floyd said, the rate of payment on cotton will be 1.8 cents per pound for the allotted acreage times the normal yield, a 10 percent reduction in the rate of payment.

The other announcement by the Triple-A officer was the abandonment of the previously announced plan to make hairy vetch and Avena winter peas available to farmers in 41 Eastern North Carolina counties as a grant-in-aid, similar to the lime and phosphate program in the State.

The plan was abandoned, Floyd said, because of a seed shortage in the Pacific Northwest-producing States which caused them to sell 2,512,000 pounds of seed sought by the AAA to be available.

However, Floyd said that county Triple-A committees and farm agents are making arrangements with local seed dealers to supply with Avena winter peas and crimson clover seed to farmers upon payment of their soil-building payments. The seed will be from local sources.

Heavy Registration Reported By E. C. T. C.

Greenville, Aug. 31.—Dr. Howard J. McGinnis, registrar at East Carolina Teachers College, said today that advance registration for the fall quarter, which opens September 29, are the heaviest in the history of the college.

It is revealed that dormitories are practically full, with not more than 50 spaces remaining unoccupied. The statement is believed, however, that some more will be taken in the immediate future.

Business registration will be held September 24 and 25, and applications will register September 25. Classes will begin September 29. A widespread improvement program has been undertaken on the campus during the summer months.

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Japs Are Jittery Over War Threats

Rushing More Troops Into Manchoukuo To Guard Against Russian Move

Tokyo, Aug. 30.—Japan's fears that Soviet Russia, freed from European pressure by her non-aggression pact with Germany, may seize the initiative in the Far East are causing a great flow of Japanese troops through Korea and North China into Manchoukuo.

On a journey just completed through Manchoukuo as far as the Outer Mongolian battle zone border, this correspondent found troop and supply trains chocking the railways. They were being rushed toward vulnerable points along the more than 1,000 miles of frontier across which Japanese troops face those of the Red Army.

Japanese military men are convinced that one of the major considerations of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact was an undertaking by Germany—so recently linked to Japan by the anti-comintern treaty—not to interfere with any Russian moves against Japan.

(Japan and Russia, who fought a major war in 1904-05 with Japan victorious, have been at swords' points since Japan's conquest of Manchoukuo, begun in 1931, drove Russia from her old sphere of influence in North Manchuria.)

(During the last eight years there have been hundreds of clashes along the Manchoukuo-Siberia frontier, culminating in the fighting along the border of Manchoukuo, Japan's protectorate and Outer Mongolia, under Soviet Russia's wing. This has been continuing intermittently since May 11, Japanese and Russians battling each other ostensibly on behalf of their protectorates.)

Hitherto most Japanese have felt that in a new Russo-Japanese war they believed bound to come they could choose the time and place for its opening. The Moscow-Berlin pact, however, has changed this confidence into anxiety expressed to me by Japanese in all walks of life throughout Japan, Korea and Manchoukuo.

No estimates are available for the Kwantung Army (Japan's powerful garrison in Manchoukuo). Its strength has been estimated at 500,000, approximately equal that of all Russian forces in Far Eastern Siberia. But all indications are that reinforcements are very large.

Japanese expression concerning prospects of a war with Russia vary. Army officers naturally express confidence in Japan's ability to win, although some admit that the necessity of keeping large forces in China might prove an important difficulty (Japan has about 1,000,000 men engaged in her two-year-old effort to conquer China.)

Lieut. Gen. Hensuke Isogai, chief of staff of the Kwantung Army, told me he did not believe a full dress war was imminent. He and other Kwantung Army officers pointed to the difficulty of supplying major Russian armies at the end of the long Trans-Siberian Railway, in spite of recent completion of its

Road Damage from Rains Estimated At \$1,500,000

Four Main Eastern Rivers Overflowing, White Lake Residents Complain

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Rain-swollen rivers and lakes of Eastern North Carolina rose still higher yesterday, keeping pace with the mounting estimate of damage done to the State's system of roads and highways.

Director H. E. Kichline of the Raleigh weather bureau said overflows had developed on all four of the section's principal rivers much more rapidly than expected.

W. Vance Raine, State Highway engineer, said the most serious overflow had brought to \$1,500,000 the damage done this summer to unimproved roads, shoulders and ditches. His estimate a week ago was only \$1,000,000.

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Farmville Schools Start Fall Term Monday, Sept. 4

Members of Faculty Arriving Daily; Principals Complete Routine Matters At County Meet

Superintendent J. H. Moore said today that preparations are nearly complete for the opening of the Farmville graded school on Monday, September 4, and that he has been advised that school buses will be ready for distribution by today.

A principal's meeting was held in Greenville Thursday night, at which time the school heads worked administrative details and routine matters relative to the opening of all Pitt County Schools.

School buses will be released from the Pitt County garage in Winterville, according to County Superintendent D. H. Conley, but unless a driver who operated a bus last year can produce a driving certificate, which will be checked by the Pitt grand jury and State Highway Patrol, he will not be permitted to drive.

Mr. Conley states that school bus routes have been laid out according to the 1939 law and can be altered only through provisions set forth by the State School Commission, and warn that any violation of the bus routing, as laid out by the Commission, will be charged to local school authorities.

The attention of mothers, who have children expecting to enter school Monday, is again called to the ruling which prohibits a child being entered unless he is six years old on or before October 1, and further rules that they must be enrolled for the first month of the school term.

The new heating system installed in the graded school building; the recent renovating of the Home Economics Cottage; a new unit, the Agricultural and Manual Arts building and gym recently completed at a cost of around \$70,000, together with a 12th grade and a nine months term offer opportunities for making this year the most successful in its history of 36 years.

The only addition and changes from the list of faculty members printed in our Tobacco Edition on the 18th of August are: Miss Mary Harding, Wilson, will teach English and French, and Miss Alice Beaman, English and Latin.

NEW SPEED RECORD

Paris — Major Maurice Rossi claims to have established a new world's air speed record of 311,621 kilometers (193,622 miles) an hour average over a close circuit of 10,000 kilometers (6,218.7 miles) in a bi-motored Amiot 379 type plane. The former record was held by four Italians who averaged 286,970 kilometers an hour in a flight made on August 1.

double-tracking, in support of this view. (It is known, however, that the Red Army has done all it could, by establishing arsenals and supply depots in the Far East, to make its forces there self-sufficient.)

Among great numbers of Japanese, however, there is genuine dread of the Russian conflict they believe is eminent.

War Board Progressing

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Louis Johnson, assistant Secretary of War; Charles Edison, assistant Secretary of the Navy; Earl D. Crompton, Walter S. Gifford, Harold G. Madison, John Lee Pratt, Dr. E. K. Rutherford and Gen. Robert H. Wood. All but General Wood were present today.

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Roosevelt Sees New Ambassador

Lord Lothian Pledges Britain's Cooperation in Working for World Peace

Washington, Aug. 30.—At the height of the European crisis, American and British aims for peace were declared identical today in an unusually cordial exchange of greetings between President Roosevelt and the new British Ambassador, the Marquess of Lothian.

"It is the first purpose of the government I have the honor to represent to do everything in its power to maintain peace and to bring about whatever political and economic adjustments reason and justice may require by pacific means and so help to bring the nations back to stable prosperity and table peace," Lord Lothian told the President.

"They (the British government) are confident that in this search for peace they are only pursuing the same ends which you, Mr. President, and the American people also have at heart."

In reply, the President asserted that it was "the sincere desire of the American government and people that the relationship of mutual cordiality and mutual respect now happily existing between our countries shall continue to prevail as one of the cornerstones upon which the structure of peace shall be founded."

"The principal task of international statesmanship," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "is to effect peaceful and constructive solutions of controversies between the nations and thus to obviate the folly of war, which unhappily seems to overshadow the world today."

"The American government and people have consistently, over many years, devoted themselves to the search for permanent peace and an end of the fear of aggression. In this effort, I am happy to record, they have always found that the British government and people were pursuing the same ends."

Meanwhile, the President received a cablegram in which King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy asserted that his country has been doing and is doing "whatever is possible to bring about a peace with justice."

The message was in response to Mr. Roosevelt's appeal last week that Italy take the lead in a movement to assure a pacific solution of the present crisis. The King's brief reply declared that he was "grateful" to the American President for his "interest." The monarch added that he had immediately transmitted the presidential communication "to my government."

The exchange between Lord Lothian and President Roosevelt was made in connection with the Ambassador's presentation of letters of credence in the course of a day in which the President also received a report of satisfactory progress from the War Industries Board, and studied successive dispatches on the progress of events abroad.

In contrast with the stiff formalities, high silk hats and striped trousers which usually attend such occasions, Lord Lothian appeared at the White House in a blue business suit and even without the tightly rolled umbrella he carried when he arrived in Washington yesterday. He was in conference with Mr. Roosevelt almost an hour and a half.

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Key To Country Club House Turned Over At Formal Opening

WPA Officials Honor Guests at Event Marking Opening of New Recreation Center

The formal opening of the spacious new Country Club house was held on Friday evening with around 275 members and visitors in attendance, including Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bobbitt and O. M. Carpenter, of the Raleigh WPA office, and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Shepard and Mrs. McMullen of the Weldon office, all of the temporary members of Farmville's "tobacco colony", and a number of guests from nearby towns.

Prior to the sumptuous barbeque dinner, served at seven o'clock, Mr. Bobbitt, of Raleigh, made a presentation address and turned the key of the club house over to Mayor George W. Davis, who accepted the new recreational center in behalf of the town of Farmville. Brief remarks of mutual admiration and appreciation were made by other WPA and town officials relative to this and preceding cooperative projects undertaken for this community.

The sum of \$13,000 has been spent jointly by the Works Progress Administration and citizens of Farmville since the golf course was started in the spring of 1936, the new club house being constructed at a cost of \$7,600.

The new building, ornate and spacious, has a center lodge or lounge 32x48, with locker rooms, a kitchen and ladies' powder room. It is finished in rustic style with cypress paneling; has a large fireplace in either end of the lounge, and is well lighted and ventilated. The floors are hardwood. A veranda, broad and running almost the length of the entire building, faces the links.

The grounds will be landscaped at an early date and by next fall should present a beautiful setting for the building.

The course is now in excellent shape and the Pollard, secretary, reports that the club is meeting all expenses, is free of debt, and has a surplus in the treasury, though furnishings for the club house is expected to cause a shrinkage in this particular.

Warren To Address War Veterans in Pitt

Greenville, Aug. 30.—Congressman Lindsay C. Warren will be principal speaker at the annual meeting and barbeque to be held in this city on November 11, Armistice Day, for all ex-service men.

Acceptance of Congressman Warren to deliver the address was received today, stipulating that if Congress was in special session, he would be unable to fill the engagement.

Details of the affair have not yet been worked out, but all ex-soldiers in Pitt County, members of the Greenville and Farmville Posts; non-legionnaires and men who have participated in any war, will be invited.

Canada and the U. S. reach a reciprocal agreement on commercial air transport services.

Small Salary Increases Are Voted for Teachers

More Experienced White Teachers Get \$18 a Year; Negroes Get \$117,000

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—The State Board of Education voted yesterday to give North Carolina's most experienced white teachers a raise of \$18 a year.

The Board, in approving a schedule adopted by the State School Commission, also voted to give the State's most experienced Negro teachers a pay raise of \$32 a year.

For white teachers, that means that instructors with eight or more years' experience will receive \$136 a month for eight months during the coming term instead of \$123.75, the former top. The total yearly salary for such teachers now is \$1,009, compared with \$980. For Negro teachers, that means instructors with 8 or more years' experience will receive \$150 a month for eight months instead of the former top of \$135.

34,000 Teachers Affected. In terms of lump sums, the State's action means:

A total of \$234,000 was distributed to the counties from among more than 34,000 teachers. The total will depend on final action of the State Board.

Nazi Fuehrer Snubbed On His Demand for Visit By High Polish Official

SUMMARY

London — Diplomatic circles say British-German secret exchanges failed thus far to produce anything like solution of European crisis; Chamberlain sends new note to Hitler; reply expected; Britain rushes war preparations at top speed.

Berlin — Hitler establishes special cabinet council "for defense of the realm"; confers with top ranking military leaders and cabinet members; reported holding firm on demands; optimism continues.

Warsaw — Large scale "partial mobilization" ordered simultaneously with reports no immediate settlement foreseen; Foreign Office spokesman says Hitler's latest note to Britain "even more bitter" than Sunday communication to Dalsager; new order expected to swell armed forces to more than 2,000,000.

Paris — France requisitions all railroads; puts finishing touches to war preparations; General Maxime Weygand, World War hero and former army commander, flies to Syria reportedly to assume command of French-British-Turkish forces in Near East if war comes.

Rome — Informed Italians say Mussolini putting whole weight behind comprehensive settlement of German and Italian claims; "Out With Versailles!" says Il Duce's newspaper; King Vittorio Emanuele replies to Roosevelt peace appeal, saying Italy doing "whatever is possible to bring peace with justice."

Bratislava — Slovak government surrenders powers to German army; neutral observers say 300,000 German troops concentrated at strategic passes on Polish frontier.

Berne — Swiss Parliament creates post of general and commander of the army; move taken only in event national emergency.

Washington — American, British peace aims declared identical in unusually cordial greeting between Roosevelt and Marquess of Lothian; new British ambassador; War Resources Board tells President it rapidly perfecting plans for mobilization of industry in case of war; War Department ready to lay in reserves of essential war supplies.

New York — German liner Brenna sails but Normandie postponed; departure indefinitely on orders from Paris.

Tokyo — New Premier declares Japan determined to "deal firmly" with nations failing to "understand our position" or "cooperate" in China; rushing troop reinforcements to Manchoukuo in fear of Soviet Russian drive against Far East.

ATDEN CHAPLAIN GETS FEDERAL RECOGNITION

Washington, Aug. 30.—The War Department announced today that Federal recognition had been given the following officers of the North Carolina National Guard: Capt. William H. R. Jackson of Ayden, as chaplain of the 120th Infantry, and Second Lieutenant Harmon H. James of Lenoir County, Co. D, 106th Engineers.

A. F. of L. asks Government to start a cooperative effort for recovery by business and labor.

Small Salary Increases Are Voted for Teachers

the current differential of between 25 and 30 per cent between salaries paid Negro and white teachers.

The \$117,000 will be distributed among all Negro teachers with "A" certificates, with those with eight or more years' experience being raised from \$93 to \$100 a month.

The remainder of the \$234,000 was distributed among white teachers with "A" certificates and having 8 or more years' experience. The teacher with five years' experience was raised from \$132 to \$145; with six years from \$145 to \$158; with seven years from \$158 to \$171; and with eight or more years from \$171 to \$184.

Two Postmen Had Over. Not solved yesterday by the Board was what to do about county school superintendents and district school principals. Both groups had delegations present for hearings yesterday and the Board and the Commission will meet jointly next week, probably Thursday, to decide about the matter.

Hope for the year 1940-41 was laid out for teachers in a brief statement made Governor Hoy and Dr. Cyril Erwin, State Superintendent of Schools, to the State Board of Education.

Oscey Poles Decline to Risk Situation Such as Confronted Austria and Czechoslovakia; British Determination To Fight for Poland Again Emphasized; Responsible Quarters Say Europe Continues in Full Crisis with Situation Still Critical as Result of Hitler's Unqualified Demand for Return of Corridor and Danzig; Britain Flatly Refuses to Put Pressure on Poles to Accord to German Demands; and Warsaw Indignantly Flouts Proposal to Send High Ranking Embassy to See Hitler

London, Aug. 30.—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler failed tonight in an effort to induce Poland to send an emissary to Berlin immediately to receive his full demands and negotiate on surrender of Danzig and the Polish corridor, and Europe's great powers brought their armies to a new high pitch.

The British government sent a message to Hitler, answering his request that it try to convince the Poles of the advisability of sending one of the heads of the Warsaw government to Berlin.

Even before dispatch of the British note, Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson in Berlin had advised the German government that Britain would not make such a direct recommendation to Poland.

In Warsaw, an official government spokesman said Hitler's latest proposals to Britain were "even cruder" than his statement to France and were unacceptable.

Poland was reported in Paris to have informed both the British and French governments that none of Hitler's latest demands were acceptable.

Thus, it seemed apparent that Poland would not agree to a situation reminiscent of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg's visit to Hitler just before the Nazi absorption of Austria or the urgent visit to Berlin of President Emil Hacha of Czechoslovakia before the little republic was taken over by Germany.

Instead of approving Hitler's recommendations to Poland, the British government merely passed it on to Poland, "for the purpose of information."

Tonight's British message to Germany was understood to have stated again in forthright terms Britain's determination to fight for Poland if the Poles go to war over Danzig, the Corridor or upper Silesia.

At the same time, Germany was told that Hitler's "observations" for direct Polish-German negotiations in Berlin had been communicated to Warsaw and that Poland had been asked to send her own observations to Berlin.

Crisis Continues. Britain was said to have told Germany that there can be no question of British pressure against the Poles and that both the procedure and agenda of any negotiations can be decided only in consultation between Warsaw and Berlin.

British government quarters said that Europe was "in full crisis" tonight, but some authoritative observers saw a slight ray of hope in Hitler's latest communication speaking of direct German-Polish negotiation.

Convict Is Sentenced For Slashing Foreman

Greenville, Aug. 30.—A sentence of from two and a half to five years today was meted out to Sam E. Shaddix, Pitt convict, after he had pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and larceny of an automobile in midweek proceedings of a criminal session of Pitt Superior court.

G. C. Turner, foreman at the State prison camp in Pitt county was slashed on the neck with a straight razor after Shaddix had fazed an illness. Shaddix, who was raised from a prison camp barber and attempted to take Turner's life after calling him "This is your last."

Shaddix was given from eighteen months to two years on the assault charge and an additional one to two years for the automobile theft. He stole the automobile two years ago in an effort to avoid arrest. The terms are to run consecutively.

After tendering a plea of guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, Shaddix was sentenced to two to three years. He assaulted his wife with a gun three years ago. Acquittal of a leg was announced. He was apprehended three years ago in Maryland.

Reports of plans and books are valued at \$207,750,000 and \$111,111,111, respectively.