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## Hundreds of Farmers Voted Here Thursday On Control Program

### Vote Expected To Be Overwhelmingly in Favor of Quota; Local Market to Open Tuesday; Tobacco Warehouses Have Large Break Already

Tobacco growers assembled here by the hundreds today to vote in the belt wide referendum of government control for the 1940 flue-cured tobacco crop, and though figures are not available as we go to press, it is believed that only a few votes were cast here against the program.

**FARMVILLE TOWNSHIP HAS ONE BLACK SHEEP**

As we go to press late Thursday afternoon it has been reported that the vote on the Tobacco Control Act in FARMVILLE township was 572 for control and 1 against. This of course did not include the votes placed in envelopes to be sent to county headquarters for verification as to their legality.

Widespread cooperation of all agricultural agencies, warehousemen, bankers and business men was observed throughout the State in aiding the recent educational campaign to explain to growers the need for government action to sustain prices in the current crisis, and the need for restricted marketing next year to reduce the large surplus of tobacco which has piled up.

Farmville township and Pitt county voted for control last year, and it is believed that an overwhelming vote has been cast for it today - Thursday.

Growers were fully informed, it is believed, regarding the present government program for marketing of the tobacco crop. Some changes have been made from the 1938 program, one of which allows the farmer to market all the tobacco which is grown on the allotted acreage, and also the penalty of ten cents per pound for each pound of tobacco marketed which exceeds the quota set by the government.

The allotments for the individual farmer will be set, it is understood, according to the acreage, labor and time recorded in compliance records during the past five years.

The Farmville market, together with other markets in the belt, will reopen Tuesday, and tobacco is already pouring in for the first sale after the holiday.

Overproduction is believed to be the cause for the low prices prevailing prior to the closing of the markets. The withdrawal of British buyers from the American markets has made it compulsory that the farmers be helped in remedying the appalling situation which confronts this entire section.

## MARKETING CARDS MUST BE USED

Cotton marketing cards are required to be used in all cotton growers and they must be presented to ginners and buyers at the time cotton is ginned or sold, it was announced Thursday by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College.

The marketing cards are now available in the offices of the county farm agents, except in a few cases where farmers overplanted their acreage allotments and it has been necessary to recheck their farms, Floyd stated.

Ginners and buyers are subject to a penalty if they do not make proper and prompt reports to the AAA committee in the county from which the cotton came as required under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Triple A official declared. All growers are required to show their marketing cards to ginners and buyers regardless of whether a red, white or blue card was issued to them.

Under no circumstances are marketing cards transferable, and no grower is allowed to sell cotton or have it ginned in his name when the cotton was produced on a farm other than the one for which the particular marketing card was issued, Floyd said. Growers with more than one farm should be careful in reporting to ginners and buyers the cotton produced on each farm.

It was pointed out by Floyd that where growers market and sell their cotton they are not properly shown on the records of the AAA.

## Germans Beaten In Tank Battle

### Driven From Strategic Forest Under Deadly Fire From French Tanks

With the French Army on German Soil, Oct. 5.—The Germans were driven from strategic Borg Forest yesterday in a battle of tanks on the eastern slopes of the Moselle River where several of the steel monsters were wrecked and their crews killed in point blank shelling.

For several hours the tanks battled each other at close range without supporting troops or protecting planes, hammering away with the guns of their revolving turrets until one tank after another fell out of the battle with its armored plates split open and its crew dead.

The battle, in which French tanks attacked and Nazi tanks lumbered into the forest to meet them, carried the French through and beyond the forest a few miles inside Germany in the Moselle Valley.

French Mop Up

Front line dispatches said the Germans were cleared from the east bank of the Moselle in an important triangle formed by the Luxembourg border, the town of Borg and the German customs town of Perl at the tip of the salient. The advance relieved the German menace to the French west wing at the extreme northern edge of the Rhine-Moselle front.

French infantry followed up the talk assault after the Germans had been cleared from the forest and quickly consolidated the newly won positions, mopping up mine-infested slopes and entering several villages said to have been hastily evacuated by the German retreat.

The attack on Borg Forest, a purely local operation, was part of the strategy of General Maurice Gustave Gamelin of straightening out the French advance line and digging in before the Germans can unleash any full-force blow.

As a result of yesterday's advance, French officers said, there is little chance of a surprise enemy drive down the Moselle, a natural corridor into the rich French province of Lorraine.

By a series of what appear to be carefully-coordinated operations proceeding simultaneously at a score of points, the French are biting off bit-by-bit chunks of German territory between the Saar and Luxembourg frontier to add to the 88,000 acres of German territory which the French claim has been occupied in the first month of the war.

At least 50 villages lie within the conquered zone but 100 or more German towns and villages have been evacuated just ahead of the French advances.

## Nazi Troops and Planes Rushed to Western Front

### Germany Prepares To Strike If Allies Turn Down Peace Proposition

Berlin, Oct. 4.—Germany last night was reported rushing all available troops and warplanes to Western Front in anticipation of the western Allies' rejection of a "last concrete peace proposal" which Fuhrer Hitler will announce in a speech to the Reichstag today.

Within the next two or three days, it was said, in greater part of Field Marshal Hermann W. Goering's six forces that engulfed Poland will be poised in the west, awaiting Hitler's word to unleash devastating attacks on the enemy.

Depends on Allies

The order from Hitler, according to well-informed Nazis, depends entirely upon the reaction of Great Britain and France to his Friday speech.

Threats arriving in Berlin tonight from the West told of long tank and motor convoys moving toward the front.

## Daladier Spurns Nazi Peace Move

### France Wants Permanent Peace, Premier Says in Backing Great Britain

Paris, Oct. 5.—German peace maneuvers were spurned yesterday by Premier Edouard Daladier in a hearing of the Chamber of Deputies Foreign Relations Committee, it was announced tonight.

Officially endorsing the stand of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain, the French premier who also is minister of war and foreign affairs, was said in an official committee communique to have "explained the reasons why we have an imperious duty to pursue in the most fraternal solidarity with our British allies, which the war imposes on us."

"France no longer wishes to live in the state of insecurity of these past years," the communique asserted. "France refuses to bow to violence and the fait accompli."

(The French announcement followed the assertion of Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, before the House of Commons that neither threats nor assurances of "the present German government" would influence the British in their prosecution of the war.)

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In investigating, a private Farmville citizen was detailed by the FBI agents to deliver the package at the prescribed time and to the designated place as allegedly demanded in the letter to Cannon. Meanwhile, the G-Men, assisted by the Farmville police surrounded the bridge after covering the highway in each direction from the designated bridge with concealed cars and armed men.

About thirty minutes after the package had been delivered to the prescribed bridge, a car bearing two men allegedly passed the bridge at a slow rate of speed several times and was finally brought to a stop.

It was said that one of the occupants of the car allegedly emerged from the auto, and by means of a flashlight, located the package which had been planted on the bridge. With this alleged occurrence, the officers who had been concealed about the bridge commenced firing while the pair fled in the auto.

The firing served as a signal to the men who had been stationed along the highway, and after a short time, the fleeing car was overtaken. The capture allegedly revealed the identity of the pair as Farris, a relative of Cannon, and Fisher.

It is alleged that Farris assumed all responsibility for the letter which had been sent to Cannon, exonerating Fisher.

At the present, Farris has been released under a bond of \$500.

## SERIES OF MEETINGS TO CLOSE SUNDAY

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the series of meetings being conducted at the Christian Church this week, by Rev. John Barclay, pastor of the Wilson Christian Church, the services being well attended and the inspirational sermons well received.

Having consecrated his life to emulation of his Master's example of compassion and service to humanity, Rev. Mr. Barclay speaks with great power and magnetism, and his daily messages have been uplifting and helpful to the entire community.

The meetings will continue through Sunday, according to the pastor, Rev. G. B. Mauburn. Charles F. Baumco is in charge of the fine song service, which has been featured with special selections by Mrs. Harper Holliday, soloist, of Wilson.

days and designed to prevent a frontal assault on Saarbruecken, its many bridges, great railroad yards and industrial plants.

In the Saarbruecken defenses the Germans were said to have used only steel barriers taken from nearby industrial plants because there was not time for concrete to dry. The steel cupolas of the Nazi defense works hide eight-inch guns and howitzers, protected by a wide ring of barbed wire entanglements and tank traps.

## F. B. I. Agents Uncover Alleged Extortion Plot

### Mitchell Farris and W. H. Fisher of Farmville Arrested Monday on Charges of Alleged Extortion Against Nassif Cannon

Mitchell Farris, manager of the Anchor Store, and W. H. Fisher, manager of Rose's 5c and 10c Store, of Farmville, were arrested Monday night by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on charges of an alleged extortion plot against Nassif Cannon, manager of N. Cannon's Department Store in Farmville.

According to reports, Cannon allegedly received an unsigned letter during the past week, which demanded \$500 with the alternative that the writer of the letter would expose his knowledge of recent bankrupt proceedings.

The unsigned letter allegedly demanded that the requested money be delivered to a bridge located about a mile from Farmville on the Fountain highway.

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## Donald Dickson In Concert at E. C. T. C.

Greenville, Oct. 4.—Lovers of music radio fans and people interested in celebrities in any field have a treat in store for them next Monday night, October 9, when Donald Dickson, the young Metropolitan Opera Star and special singer on the Chase and Sanborn Sunday night radio hour, will give a concert at East Carolina Teachers College here.

Surprisingly enough, Dickson is only twenty-eight years old. It is less than ten years since he began in earnest to train his voice, and only seven years since he made his first public appearance. Yet in that time he has won his spurs in opera and become a member of the Metropolitan Association, and has made his voice known to millions through his appearance on the popular Sunday night radio hour.

This year he is making his first real concert tour. While he is on tour, his substitute on the radio hour is Nelson Eddy, whom he followed as the featured singer on the hour and whose popularity he seems to be rivalling.

Donald Dickson first secured recognition when he won the Atwater Kent auditions prize for unknown singers in 1922. His ability was so apparent that he was at once given roles in grand opera in Cleveland, Ohio; and in 1927 he sang his first role in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, which is, of course, as Dr. William Lyon Fisher reminded him E. C. T. C. audience the other night, truly the musical center of the world.

The concert of this popular young artist will be given in the right building on Monday, October 9, at 8:30.

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## Embargo Debate Embroils Senate

### Connally Says Present Law May Lead To Sinking of U. S. Ships By Nazis

Washington, Oct. 4.—The momentous Senate debate as to whether repeal of the arms embargo would lead this country into war or keep it out produced these opinions today:

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan: The arms embargo is an "indispensable symbol" of non-involvement in Europe's war.

Senator Connally (D-Tex): "Keeping the embargo is helping Hitler, Stalin and all the others spreading fire and the sword through Europe."

Senator La Follette (Prog.-Wis.): "Once we have taken sides through action by our government in order to make arms available to England and to get us into the war."

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.): "If the American people will accept the great sacrifice called for in the Pittman bill (the administration's measure to repeal the embargo and require that all goods sold to warring nations be shipped in non-American vessels), a long and lasting peace will be the reward."

Packed Galleries

Senator Tobey (R-N.H.): "By extensive debate on the arms embargo repeal section of the bill we are holding up passage of those sections designed to keep our ships out of the danger zones. We must put first things first."

Vandenberg, Connally and Tobey talked before packed galleries in the Senate, the others over the radio.

La Follette said those advocating repeal of the ban against arms sales to warring nations were "flinging a little plunge into war, partly for the 'gold' it will bring, partly because they are willing to take sides."

"But you cannot take sides and then pull back," he added. "That was the lesson of the last war for us."

The Wisconsin Senator referred to Great Britain and France as "these partners who will soon be asking us to join them in another wait of death and destruction," and said these countries had helped to strangle every effort toward democracy in Germany and thus became "the illegitimate parents of Nazism."

He mentioned their conduct concerning Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia and Poland and said it was not a record to inspire confidence and trust.

Connally gave the packed Senate galleries a taste of desk-pounding oratory in support of the administration's neutrality revision bill.

Vital Question

Taking the floor after congratulating the Texan on his address, Vandenberg closely followed his prepared manuscript. The subject before the Senate was a "desperately vital" one, he said, and he wanted to make no unprepared observations.

Sensors Nye (R-N.D.) and Overton (D-La.) opponents of repeal, and Schwelblich (D-Wash.), an advocate of repeal, were scheduled to continue the discussion on the Senate floor today. Many Senator predicted it would take two or three weeks at least to reach a vote. Even if the Senate passes the bill then, further House action will be required to make it law.

Cardomy returns 5,000 PWA applications to permit local bodies to finance the projects.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Fifty-three of the biggest men in American industry and finance enlisted today in the administration's campaign against "unwarranted price increases."

They are the members of the Commerce Department's Business Advisory Council. Specifically they agreed to act as a liaison between the government and business in keeping watchful eyes on the price situation.

The members include W. A. Harriman, chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad and chairman of the Council; E. B. Stebbins, Jr., chairman of United States Steel Corporation; S. C. Williams, chairman of R. J. Rynolds Tobacco Company; James D. Mooney, vice president of General Motors Corporation; Charles E. Hoel, president of the American Rolling Mill company; D. M. Nelson, vice president of Sears, Roebuck and Company; Paul W. Litchfield, president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company; L. F. Rogers, president of the North American Company; and others of similar prominence.

## Hitler Calls Reichstag To Assemble Tomorrow For Policy Declaration

### EUROPEAN SUMMARY

Berlin — Hitler summons Reichstag for Friday noon to hear new declaration of policy; expected to put war or peace issue up to Britain.

Riga — Russian-Latvian pact reported concluded giving Russia more air and naval bases on Baltic.

Paris — Premier Daladier declares France will fight until victory in war for "durable peace" with "security for all nations."

Rome — Italy announces that "under present circumstances" she will refrain from peace initiatives.

London — Peace issue occupies Parliament; Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax says government would examine "peace" proposals "with care" and "measure them against principles for which we have taken up arms."

Moscow — Russia may make proposals to Afghanistan to push influence to middle East; continues negotiations covering Baltic and Near East.

Stockholm — German navy seizes Swedish freighters, one bound for the United States.

## INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT ENDS IN TIE

The Lindsay-Lilly golf teams are deadlocked in a 19-19 point tie. After carefully feeling out what every member of both teams wanted to do, it was decided by both captains that the majority of the players had rather replay their matches than to let it stand as is.

In view of this fact, Sunday, October 8th has been decided on as the day to replay the match.

Any people that are members of the club and did not play last time and would like to play in the play-off may register at the Golf Shop and will be chosen by one side or the other by the opposing captains.

## Tar Heels Ordered To Air Duty in Navy

Washington, Oct. 4.—The Navy today designated 33 naval aviators to a commission as ensigns in the Naval Reserve and ordered them to active duty with the fleet.

The group, home addresses and assignments included: Charles M. King, Greenville, N. C.—Scouting squadron 42, U. S. S. Ranger; David A. Ratley, Red Springs, N. C.—Aviation unit, U. S. S. San Francisco; Robert W. Robbins, High Point, N. C.—Patrol Squadron 33; Cecil Solo, C. Z.

The department also announced that John C. Ewary, Jr., of Lexington, N. C., was among a group of Class A ensigns; U. S. Naval Reserve, designated as naval aviators and ordered to active duty with the aircraft squadron of the fleet. Bowers was ordered to the U. S. S. Wasp.

## A KNITTING TEACHER

Falls City, Neb. — For five days a week, Mrs. Raymond Dunn, of Shubert, goes to the schoolhouse and knits from 8:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. She's the regularly elected teacher, but there are no pupils to teach.

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## Fuehrer May Decide Not to Enter Warsaw with German Troops in Victory Parade; German Believes British Populace Doesn't Want War

Berlin, Oct. 5.—Adolf Hitler last night summoned his Reichstag for a meeting Friday noon to hear a new German declaration of policy in the European war.

Speculation centered on the possibility whether Hitler in one of his stirring addresses would disclose any new chance to end the conflict.

The German point of view remained that the action in Poland is ended and that action in the West has never started.

Indications late last night were that Hitler would decide not to go to Warsaw today for a triumphant parade of German troops into the Polish capital.

Guessing Hazards

The need for giving the closest attention to the latest international developments which "might" have a bearing on his Reichstag declaration was said to be the impelling reason for a decision to stay in Berlin.

While Hitler will talk to the Reichstag, his remarks will be intended for the whole world. In official circles it was emphasized that guessing what he may say was "hazardous and a disservice to everyone."

Neutral observers, however, looked for no great departure from the frequently asserted German statement that "Germany is ready either for peace or war" and that responsibility for the decision is up to Great Britain.

There were increasing indications that Germany regarded neither Prime Minister Chamberlain's address yesterday nor Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax's comment today as "conservative."

(Chamberlain said "mere assurance" from Germany were not enough and Lord Halifax asserted Britain would examine any peace proposals "with care and we shall measure them against the principles for which we have taken up arms.")

DNB, German official news service, observed that Lord Halifax "stirred up the past" but had "nothing concrete" to offer concerning the future.

"Cold Reception"

The semi-official Deutsche Diplomatisch - Politische Korrespondenz, which usually reflects Foreign Office opinion, asserted that British arming of merchant ships was "a transparent effort to continue the war under all circumstances."

The commentary said that Premier Mussolini's speech September 23 and German Ambassador Joachim von Ribbentrop's declaration in Moscow September 28 offered foundation for discussing peace which received a cold reception in Britain and France.

It observed that the possibility of the United States becoming involved in the war had diminished in the past few days.

The call for the Reichstag meeting said merely that it was for the purpose of hearing a government declaration.

Political circles said they did not expect Hitler to repeat the peace proposals made in the German-Soviet Russian statement from Moscow last week, as they were considered sufficiently clear, but they did believe Der Fuehrer would assert against that Britain could have peace or war as she desired, that Germany would prefer peace, but is ready to continue the war.

Informed quarters said Prime Minister Chamberlain's statement in the English House of Commons yesterday contained nothing to cause Hitler to change his tenor of his Reichstag address.

## Eye Disease Prevalent Throughout County

The health officer stated today that pink eye is prevalent in the city schools.

All children in the elementary schools were inspected this morning by the health officer and the majority and all pupils found in the infection stage were sent home.

The health officer requests that parents keep children home who appear to have pink eye. He says that this should be done for the children's own sake as well as for the protection of other children. Also that hands, handkerchiefs, and towels contaminated with the eye secretion are common ways by which the disease is transmitted.

German that causes rheumatic fever, killer of children, is carried by a British ship.