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## Tyson-Mays to Hold Reunion Friday, Dec. 1st. in Chapter House

### Dr. R. C. Deal To Be Guest Speaker at As- semblage Which Is Expected to Number More Than Two Hun- dred

More than two hundred descendants of the Tysons and Mays, pioneer families of this section, are expected to gather from all parts of the State on Friday, following the State's Thanksgiving Day, December 1, for the annual reunion of the two families, which has grown into one of the most active and vigorous family groups in the State.

The guest speaker of the occasion will be Dr. R. C. Deal, a faculty member of East Carolina Teachers College, who believes family life to be the foundation stone of this nation and who is interested in holding the standards of family and community life aloft.

Greetings will be brought by Mayor Davis and Mrs. T. C. Turnage, regent of the Major May Chapter, D. A. R. The meeting will be held in the handsome Chapter House, just outside of the incorporated limits of Farmville, on the Wilson-Farmville highway.

J. S. May, of Kinston, reunion president, will preside and other officers, who will speak briefly on matters pertaining to the organization, will be the vice presidents, Walter G. Sheppard, of Snow Hill, Dr. M. L. Carr, of LaGrange and Mrs. Sidney Eagles, secretary and treasurer, of Saratoga.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn has accepted the invitation to hold the memorial service; Dr. J. Y. Joyner and Andrew Joyner will have charge of the period devoted to family reminiscences, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti will give the genealogy report, and John T. Thorne will introduce the speaker.

The lunch, a basket affair, will be held in the banquet room of the Chapter House.

The local arrangements committee requests that any descendant of the families, who might have been overlooked when invitations were sent take this as an invitation to be present.

## Wife Of Local Man Passes in Wilmington

Wilmington, Nov. 20.—Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Cable Collins, who died Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock at the home of her son, 201 Keaton avenue were held Monday afternoon at 3:00 from the chapel of Andrews mortuary.

Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, officiated. Interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, B. R. Collins, and the following children: two sons, W. H. Collins, of Wilmington, and F. C. Collins, Rocky Mount; four daughters, Mrs. H. H. Bray and Mrs. W. S. Marsh, of Wilmington, Mrs. Z. E. Jordan, of Carolina Beach, and Miss Ida Lee Collins, of Wilmington; two brothers—G. W. Cable, of East St. Louis, Ill., and W. A. Cable of Birmingham, Ala.; one sister, Mrs. P. J. Thornton, of Winston-Salem; several grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## Tarboro Warehouses Will Close Tuesday

Tarboro, Nov. 22.—John Brown, secretary of the Tarboro Tobacco Board of Trade, announced that the two Tarboro tobacco warehouses will close on Tuesday, November 22.

Mr. Brown said that this year had been one of the most successful for the local warehousemen in the number of pounds sold in years.

The Tarboro market passed the 9,500,000-pound mark this week and hopes to reach 10,000,000 by Tuesday—the closing date.

## Red Cross Roll Call Final Total Is \$277

Chairman H. J. Turner, Jr. announced today that the final count of funds raised in the recent roll call campaign was \$277. The roll call was held on Tuesday, November 20, at the home of Mrs. Turner, and was attended by a large number of the community.

## Marshall Club To Hold Thanksgiving Dance

The Marshall Club will hold its Thanksgiving dance on Friday, November 23, at 8 o'clock in the club room. The dance will be held from 10 o'clock to midnight.

## Banks of N. C. In Good Shape

### Have Now Doubled Re- sources of Depression Days

Raleigh, November 21.—The extent to which North Carolina's banks have come back from the depths of the depression is vividly illustrated in the October 2 Abstract of Condition just released by Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood.

This abstract reveals that the total resources of the state's commercial banks are now practically double what they were on October 25, 1933, the third-quarter call showing the lowest total of the last decade.

Resources as of the second month stood at almost \$387,000,000 for 154 state commercial banks and their 116 branches, while in 1933 the figure was just about \$194,000,000 for the state commercial banks then in operation.

Almost the same picture is presented by the Abstract for Industrial Banks, though the percentage of increase has not been quite so large. Here the report shows that the state's 32 industrial and one branch have resources of slightly more than \$19,500,000 as compared with just above \$11,000,000 at their lowest third quarter ebb which was reached on October 17, 1934. Here the increase of \$8,000,000 over \$11,000,000 does not quite hit the hundred percent mark.

Accompanying the detailed abstracts Commissioner Hood released a statement calling attention to certain outstanding points; but the whole situation is summed up in his happy almost lilting concluding paragraph: "Everything in this report indicates a continued increase in the volume of business being transacted in North Carolina."

Incidentally the resources for the commercial banks were the highest ever attained on a corresponding date in any year of the state's history, while the industrial figures set a new high water mark since September 29, 1931. All bank abstracts of recent years have indicated that the industrial banks were slower to feel the terrific punch of the depression, and have been correspondingly slower to reflect the increase of business under the New Deal.

Getting around to more recent increases in resources—those shown since the third-quarter call report of last year—Mr. Hood points out that for commercial banks loans and discounts have gone up more than \$2,372,000, rising from \$118,299,821.14 on September 29, 1933, to \$120,671,630.71. U. S. bonds jumped \$1,488,224.08 from \$66,416,387.88 to \$67,904,611.88.

## Episcopalians Hold Annual Dinner-Meet

The annual dinner meeting of the congregation of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was held Wednesday evening in the rotatory rooms, with the Rev. J. R. Rountree presiding and Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James, Wilmington, as speaker of the occasion.

The Rev. Mr. Glover told of the General Church program and how it related to the church members as individuals and collectively from the four point axis of Know, Go, Pay and Pray.

J. W. Joyner, treasurer and Sunday School superintendent, gave a report; Miss Helen Smith, president of the Women's Auxiliary, told of activities and accomplishments in her branch; Dr. D. S. Merrill, senior warden, and Marvin Lindsay, clerk, of the vestry, read prayers, and the rector, after an impressive appreciation for the loyalty and zeal of his flock, made an appeal for an even more consecrated service and devotion to the cause of Christ in the New Year.

A turkey dinner was served by members of the Women's Auxiliary.

## Santa Claus To Visit Farmville Friday, Dec. 8th

### Will Be Met at Landing Field by Mayor Geo. W. Davis and Committee; Fire Department Will Assist in Bringing in Gifts for The Little Folks

Santa Claus has accepted an invitation to visit Farmville Friday night, December 8th, and is expected to arrive around 7:45 or 8 o'clock. He will be met at the landing field by Mayor George W. Davis and the welcoming committee. The Farmville Fire Department has kindly consented to assist Santa Claus in bringing in his thousands of tokens to the little folks.

While Santa Claus is getting ready for his visit to Farmville various committees of the Chamber of Commerce and others are working at top speed to prepare for a rousing welcome.

Merchants, city officials and other groups will vie with each other in the decorating of the stores, streets and public buildings, and a real ushering in of the Christmas season is expected.

Farmville's Christmas season will be formally opened with the arrival of Santa Claus December 8th, and a hearty invitation is extended every resident of this entire section to come and enjoy this big holiday event to the fullest extent.

The Committee on special events has other surprises in store which will be announced at a later date.

Make your plans now to bring the little folks to Farmville Friday night, December 8th. Santa Claus will have a token of his love for each and every one of them.

## Invite Legislators Opening Building

### Special Arrangements Completed to Provide Meals, Rooms, Foot- ball Tickets for Pitt County Officials

Chapel Hill, November 23.—Lieut. Gov. Wilkins P. Horton, presiding officer of the state senate, and Speaker D. L. "Libby" Ward of the House of Representatives today extended personal invitations to members of the North Carolina General Assembly from Pitt County to join with them and with city councilmen, county commissioners and other city and county officials to meet and hear Speaker Bankhead at Chapel Hill, on Wednesday, November 29.

Institute plans for the opening include: registration of officials and inspection of the building—which will contain many and varied government exhibits—on Wednesday afternoon between 4 P. M. and 7 P. M.; a joint supper meeting at 8:30, followed at 9 P. M. by a discussion of changing relationships of federal, state and local governmental units, at which time Speaker Bankhead will make the principal address. North Carolina Congressman, who will accompany Speaker Bankhead to Chapel Hill, will preside over Thursday morning meetings.

The Institute of Government has arranged for visiting officials to secure three meals—Wednesday evening, Thursday morning and Thursday noon—on Wednesday night, and a ticket to the Carolina-Virginia football game on Thursday, all for free dollars.

"I am glad to see several hundred University students, forming student units of the Institute of Government, visiting our counties, cities and towns during the state meet on Tuesday and Wednesday. Director of the Institute of Government, and completed plans to provide complimentary rooms for the local delegation of county city and town officials expected to attend the opening in Chapel Hill on Wednesday and Thursday.

## Cotton Ginned Prior Nov. 14th

10,681,907 Bales

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Census Bureau today announced that cotton of 1934 was ginned prior to November 14th to the amount of 10,681,907 bales, including round and square bales, according to the report.

## EUROPEAN SUMMARY

London — German "wild" mine sinks British destroyer Gipsy with probable loss of 40 lives; another badly damages Italian steamer; Nazi planes again raid Shetlands and English east coast, but damage is slight; British planes reconnoiter German cities.

The Hague — Dutch ships are ordered to remain in port because of British blockade plans and the danger of "wild" mines; Holland and Belgium are expected to protest British blockade of German exports carried in their ships.

Berlin — Nazis indicate two British intelligence agents held here will be tried publicly in order to prove the British government ordered an assassination attempt on Hitler.

Paris — Government announces sinking of two U-boats by French torpedo boat within three days.

Western Front — British and French claim eight Nazi planes are shot down as rains cease and air and artillery activity intensifies along entire 100-mile front from Moselle to Rhine.

## Tactics of Japan- ese Will Decide Policy of America

### Welles Indicates Trade Pact Hinges on Treat- ment of Americans in China

Washington, Nov. 22.—Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles indicated strongly today that future trade relations between Japan and the United States will be predicated upon cessation of Japanese interference with and harassment of American commerce and nationals in China.

The present trade pact between the two powers expires on January 26, 1940. This government gave notice last July of a desire to cancel its provisions. Its action was a sharp reprimand to Japan for a number of incidents involving American citizens and interests which have occurred in China since the Sino-Japanese war began.

Expiration of the treaty will leave this country free to impose embargoes, discriminatory tariffs and other economic reprisals against Japan. There has been considerable agitation in Congress for invoking economic sanctions against the Japanese, but no responsible administration official thus far has indicated that such a step is in the immediate picture.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are involved in the dispute. Japan is this country's third best customer. In 1933 she bought \$239,575,000 worth of American goods and products, while American imports from Japan totaled only \$126,820,000. More than one-half of the Japanese exports to this country consist of silk.

In addition to this, Americans hold \$117,600,000 worth of Japanese bonds, which experts say ultimately would be hit hard in the event of a complete trade rupture, and United States citizens wholly own or have substantial interests in Japanese enterprises valued at \$46,700,000.

Welles went to unusual lengths today to blast reports emanating here and in Tokyo to the effect that representatives of the two powers are active in seeking to prevent a rupture of trade relations. Usually, the tall, scholarly official does not permit himself to be quoted directly in his observations to reporters.

Today he did. Reading from a prepared memorandum, an indication to some that he had studied carefully the import of his statement, he said that Ambassador Joseph Grew in Tokyo is and has been for many days in constant communication with the Japanese foreign office on the subject of Japanese-American relations.

"There are not going to be either in Tokyo or Washington negotiations in regard to commercial treaty relations between the two countries," the statement said. "The government has not instructed Ambassador Grew on the subject of any specific feature of possible future treaty relations."

"The government of the United States has repeatedly made clear that such matters as tariff and trade agreements, giving attention to every development and every fact bearing on relations between the two countries and known to us, and is carefully studying all angles of the various problems presented."

## By Scouts To Hold Benefit Dance

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## U. S. Housewives Plan Economical Holiday Spreads

### Find Ample Stocks On Grocers and Butchers Shelves at Prices Gen- erally As Low or Lower Than in Similar Period Since 1934

Chicago, Nov. 21.—American housewives are swarming shopping centers for the "makings" of one of the most economical holiday spreads they've assembled in five years.

In contrast with homemakers in Europe, who carry ration cards, American women with bulging dinner budgets found ample stocks on grocers and butchers shelves today at prices generally as low or lower than in any similar period since 1934.

A survey of Chicago wholesale and retail markets showed housewives can satisfy Thursday's menu requirements today or tomorrow (or a week hence in some states, including N. C.) at about the same prices paid a year ago.

Some items, headed by the roasted bird in the center of the table, were lower.

Turkey prices were a big factor in enabling the housewife to trim her Thanksgiving budget without any sacrifice of individual helpings around the feasting table. Wholesale prices in the dressed market ranged from 6 to 20 per cent lower than a year ago. Ducks were 5 per cent lower. Chickens also were lower while geese were little changed.

## NEW PROGRAM

### May Be Allowed To Sell All Cotton Raised On Allotted Acreage with- out Penalties

Farmers of Pitt County have been allotted 15,592.7 acres on which to grow cotton in 1940 under the Agricultural Conservation Program, and if they approve quotas for next year they will be allowed to sell all the cotton they are able to produce on their allotted acreage without penalty.

The cotton marketing quota referendum will be held on Saturday, December 9, and all farmers who produced cotton in 1939 will be eligible to vote.

In announcing the county quotas, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, said that every grower will know his individual cotton acreage allotment for 1940 before he votes. Farmers are being notified of their quotas at the present time, and all should be reached within the next two weeks.

The quotas for 1940 are substantially the same as they were for 1939. This is divided among 79 counties, where cotton is produced. Robeson County received the largest allotment, 64,614.9 acres, followed by Cleveland, with 61,091.1 acres; Johnston, 44,949.7 acres; Union, 42,802.2; Sampson, 39,468.7; Halifax, 39,248.0; and Anson, 38,082.4 acres.

Floyd pointed out that the allotments will be in effect in connection with the soil building program whether quotas are approved or not. Allotments of other counties in this section include: Beaufort, 6,938.6 acres; Edgecombe, 26,341.1 acres; Greene, 9,321.0 acres; Lenoir, 9,710.5 acres and Wilson, 19,392.6 acres.

## DRIFTING MINES

Washington, Nov. 22.—Warnings went out from the Navy today that 39 mines had been sighted drifting off the English coast where explosions have played havoc with British and neutral shipping this week.

The mines were sited by the Spanish-Torpedo Squadron of the Argentine naval squadron in European waters. Thirty-one were sighted today in the North sea, and eight in the English Channel.

Previously drifting mines also were sighted in the Bay of Biscay, and in the Atlantic and Spanish waters. The mines were sited by the Spanish-Torpedo Squadron of the Argentine naval squadron in European waters. Thirty-one were sighted today in the North sea, and eight in the English Channel.

## Another British Warship Sent To Bottom By Mine; Aerial Warfare Growing

### American Linked With Bomb Plot

### Hitler's Paper Says Exe- cuted Helmuth Hirsch Was An Agent of Otto Strasser

Berlin, Nov. 22.—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's own newspaper today linked a 21-year-old American citizen, executed in Berlin on June 4, 1937, to a series of bomb plots against the Fuehrer's life, culminating in the Munich beer-cellar bombing of two weeks ago.

The American citizen, Hemuth Hirsch, was said to have worked with Otto Strasser, refugee leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" who is accused of organizing the Munich bombing under instructions of the British secret service.

The disclosure by Hitler's newspaper, the Voelkischer Beobachter, coincided with indications in authoritative Nazi quarters that two captured Britons, Sigismund Payne Best, 54, and Capt. Richard Henry Stevens, 46, were part of the brains behind the November 8 bombing of the Burgerbrau beer cellar in Munich.

Hitler escaped the bomb blast by barely 10 minutes. Eight persons were killed and 62 wounded.

Hirsch, a Jewish student who had American citizenship, although he never had been in the United States, was said by Hitler's newspaper to have participated in a plot to assassinate Hitler during the Olympic Games in Berlin in the summer of 1936.

Working with Strasser and a Fritz Beer, alias Heinrich Grunow, Hirsch was said to have been delegated to place in position a 20-pound bomb controlled by a clockwork mechanism.

He was arrested by the Gestapo while crossing the frontier and was condemned to death on March 8, 1937, on charges of high treason before the people's court. He was beheaded at Berlin's Plötzensee prison.

Another Italian Ship  
The Italian steamer Fianona, 6,660 tons, struck a mine three or four miles off the southeast coast today, but did not sink immediately. The Fianona was the second Italian ship to hit a mine off England, the freighter Grazia having gone down over the week-end.

When the news of the explosion and wrecking of the Gipsy reached the public tonight, Chapelle of the Exchequer Sir John Simon was making a radio broadcast condemning Germany's alleged resort to the use of magnetic mines, which he called "the latest abomination of German savagery."

"Germany's mining is a breach of the rules of war which Germany only two months expressly promised to obey," Simon said.

"All that science and skill can devise is being devoted to meeting this new danger."

There were reports that the British navy was about to introduce new "non-magnetic" mines sweepers made almost entirely of wood to remove the German magnetic mines, lying far below the surface and exploded by the magnetic attraction of the hulls of approaching ships.

Of the approximately 145 officers and men aboard the Gipsy, 21 were injured, the Admiralty announced.

A large number of the survivors were landed at an East English port Tuesday night after crowds on shore had watched the rescue operations, so close at hand they could hear the shouts of those aboard the rescue ships and see searchlights trained on the crippled and sinking destroyer.

Nazi Plans Down  
Meanwhile, a German plane was shot down at sea along the English coast tonight after daylong air battles near the Thames estuary and a bombing and mine-laying raid on the Shetland Islands by six Nazi planes.

### Destroyer Gipsy, Victim of "Wild" Nazi Mine As Seventh British Na- val Vessel Is Sunk Since War Began

### Admiralty Reports 40 Men Likely Lost Lives in Disaster; Another Italian Steamer Strikes Mine in North Sea; German Freighter Also Added to List of Mine Sinkings; British Reiterate Charge That Germany is Violating Inter- national Law in Sowing Mines in Shipping Channels; British Bring Down Nazi Plane Off East Coast; German Warplanes Raid Shetland Islands and Set Royal Air Force Flying Boat Afire; Allies Report Eight German Planes Downed in France in 48 Hours

London, Nov. 22.—The Admiralty announced tonight that a "wild" mine had sunk the British destroyer Gipsy, seventh British naval vessel lost since the start of the war, within sight of the English east coast, with possible loss of about 40 lives.

The 1,385-ton Gipsy went down about 9:35 p. m., Tuesday in the North Sea region that has become a graveyard for British and neutral shipping because of Germany's alleged sowing of mines in violation of international law.

The Admiralty's announcement said the Gipsy struck a mine "and subsequently was beached," but eye-witness accounts said that immediately after the explosion the warship settled on the shallow sea-bottom within plain view of shore.

The 40 men estimated to have been lost with the Gipsy, beached offshore with bridge and mast above water after the explosion, brought to more than 1,500 the number of lives lost by the British navy in the sinkings of the seven warcraft.

The Gipsy was the second British destroyer to be sunk by a mine, the loss of another with one life lost having been announced on November 14th.

No Reply  
Before announcement of the sinking of the Gipsy tonight, an Italian steamer and a German freighter had been added during the day to the rapidly mounting toll of the war at sea.

Since last Saturday 18 ships, many of them neutral vessels, have been sunk off the English coasts and British naval authorities have blamed most of the disasters on Germany's mines alleged to have been sowed in "brutal and utter disregard" of international law.

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DEFENSE  
National defense expenditures for the first four months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$44,500,000, according to the Treasury Department today.