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Serious Market Situation Faces Tobacco Growers

Hutson Reviews Issues Involved and Agriculture Leaders Urge Sign Up For Three Years Control, Saturday, July 20

In reviewing the serious situation facing tobacco farmers J. B. Hutson, Assistant Administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture said this week:

"With the large 1939 crop and the effect of the war on export markets, flue-cured tobacco growers are facing a serious market situation—worse even than the situation from 1930 to 1932. Fortunately, the marketing quotas can be used to prevent extremely low prices and severe losses such as those suffered by growers in 1930, 1931, and 1932.

"Recent amendments to the tobacco quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 authorize a referendum on quotas for a period of 3 years. The referendum will be held July 20 before the opening of the markets, and any loan arrangements to support the market will depend upon a decision by growers to regulate marketings.

"The amendments also provide that if quotas are in effect for 3 years no farm allotment (except in case of violation of the quota law) may be reduced during the 3 years below the 1940 allotment for the farm by more than 10 percent; and that no farm allotment which is 2 acres or less in 1940 may be reduced at all during the 3-year period. It is hoped that a sufficient part of the export market can be maintained so that no downward adjustment will need to be made from the 1940 allotment during the 3-year period. Every effort will be made to keep our export market and it may be possible to increase the allotment during the latter part of the 3-year period.

"One of the recent amendments makes adequate provision for full collection of penalties on any tobacco marketed in excess of quotas. Under this amendment, which goes into effect for the 1940 crop, any farmer who markets tobacco from an acreage in excess of his allotment will have the penalty of 10 cents per pound on the excess marketings collected beginning with the first sale of tobacco from the farm. Since the quotas are on acreage basis and farmers can sell without penalty all of the tobacco produced on their allotted acreage there will be no transfers of quotas or sales of marketing cards.

"I hope that each tobacco grower will consider carefully the issues involved and vote his conviction in the July referendum."

I. What are important facts in the present flue-cured situation?

- A.—Supply and Price.
 1. 1939 supply, including stocks, in U. S., 2,105 million pounds. 20 percent above previous record.
 2. 1939 price per pound, 14.9 cents. Previous 5-year average 22.9 cents.
 3. 1939 United States Crop, 1,159 million pounds. 34 percent above previous record.
 4. Estimated current world consumption U. S. flue-cured, 775 million pounds. Near previous record.
 5. Probable United States stocks 1940, 1,425 million pounds. 50 percent above previous record.

The huge 1939 surplus of around 400 million pounds will continue to depress prices until eliminated. Even before the European war started last September, average prices to growers had already fallen 8 cents per pound below the average of the previous five years.

With consumption at present levels, with allotments equal to those for 1940, and with normal yields per acre, it will require THREE more years to eliminate the 1939 surplus.

B.—War and Exports. Exports during the 5-year period 1934-38 represented approximately 50 percent of the United States production for those years. If the same proportion, that is 50 percent, of the 1939 crop had been exported, it would have amounted to a total of 590 million pounds. Instead, however, 1939 exports during the current year will not be more than 275 to 300 million pounds.

In recent years exports to Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, and Norway have represented from two-thirds to three-fourths of the total exports from the United States. Usually one-third of the crop is sold to the British trade. As the British buy the better grade nearly one-half of the total income is from this source.

The Commodity Credit Corporation financed the purchase of 175 million pounds of export grades from the 1939 crop.

THE SITUATION AFFECTING PURCHASES FOR EXPORT NOW IS WORSE THAN AT ANY TIME LAST SEASON.

L. How will the situation be affected if marketing quotas are NOT voted?

1. There will be no Government loans on flue-cured tobacco.
2. The prospect of further excessive production would lower prices to growers.
3. Both old and new growers would expand production and this would later require further cuts in allotments for old growers.

III. How will the situation be affected if marketing quotas ARE voted?

1. If quotas are voted for 3 years, domestic manufacturers can pay fair prices for their tobacco without fear of excessive production during the period.
2. If quotas are voted for 3 years, the export trade will be more likely to make purchases at reasonable prices, and the Government can better give maximum support to prices for the export grades.
3. Under 3-year quotas growers could make their plans without fear of drastic changes from year to year.
4. Noncooperators could not profit at the expense of cooperating growers.
5. If quotas are approved for only 1 year rather than 3 years, allotments would be less stable, prices would be strengthened less and the support given to the export side of the market would be less.

IV. Who is eligible to vote in the referendum and what questions will be voted on?

1. Any farmer who will share in the proceeds of the 1940 tobacco crop.
2. There will be three questions on the ballot used in the referendum and each eligible farmer will vote by marking only one of the questions.
- Any eligible farmer who is for quotas for 3 years will mark Question 1.
- Any eligible farmer who is against quotas for 3 years but for the quota for 1 year will mark Question 2.
- Any eligible farmer who is against any quota will mark Question 3.

V. If marketing quotas are voted for a 3-year period will allotments be stabilized?

1. Farm allotments for each of the 3 years will be moved up or down by the same percentage that the National quota goes up or down from the quota for the preceding year. No farm allotment, however, can be cut more than 10 percent from the 1940 allotment during the entire 3-year period and no reduction will be made in any allotment which was 2 acres or less in 1940. This guarantee does not apply to those growers who violate the marketing quotas.
- Up to 2 percent of the 1940 allotment for each State can be used in each year for adjustment of individual farm allotments which are low as compared with the allotments for similar neighboring farms. This would be in addition to the National and State allotments.
- Any new farm allotments will be limited primarily to farms operated by old tobacco growers who have lost their farms, and only a very small acreage will be available for this purpose.

VI. What are the provisions for enforcement of the marketing quota?

1. The penalty on tobacco marketed in excess of the farm quota is 10 cents per pound. Collection of penalties will begin with the first sale of tobacco from the farm.
- There will be no transfer of marketing quotas among farms nor sale of marketing cards.
- If one farmer sells, or permits to be sold, on his marketing card tobacco grown on another farm, the allotment for each farm will be reduced in the next year by the amount of tobacco so marketed. Also, the farmer marketing the tobacco becomes liable for the penalty.
- If a farmer fails to account for disposition of any amount of his tobacco, the allotment for his farm will be reduced in the next year by such amount of tobacco.
- If any farmer falsely identifies or fails to account for disposition of tobacco, he becomes liable for a penalty of 10 cents per pound of the normal production on the entire acreage harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment in addition to any other penalty.
- Adequate penalties are provided in the case of any warehouseman, dealer, or buyer who fails to keep proper records and make proper reports.

IMPROVEMENT

Industrial conditions affecting the domestic consumer demand for farm products are expected to continue the improvement in evidence since April of active warfare in Europe continues.

The Republic of South America, for all their fear of Hitler, have a wary watch upon the United States.

Pitt Retains 70-Cents Levy For 1940-1941

\$100,000 ABC Funds Will Be Transferred; No Taxes For General Fund

The county-wide tax rate of 70 cents on the \$100 valuation in effect last year again is provided in the tentative budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners in session Monday night.

The seventy-cent rate was made possible through the anticipated transfer of \$100,000 of ABC funds. None of the 70 cents will be used for the general fund, county home, outside poor and relief or health department. ABC funds have been allotted to help finance these departments. The 70 cents will be divided as follows: pensions, 10 cents; schools, 10 cents; and bond and interest payments, 50 cents.

The total budget, including every county-wide item, calls for \$481,499. Of this amount \$100,000 is to be derived from the transfer of ABC funds, \$22,269.50 from current taxes and \$189,229.50 from old taxes, outside income, miscellaneous revenue, fees, commissions, costs and penalties and poll and dog taxes and \$45,000 already set aside in sinking funds.

These figures do not include debt service funds for township road and district school bonds. The general fund calls for expenditures totaling \$108,049.50, against a 1939-40 budget of \$105,215 and expenditures for that year of \$95,926.97. An item of \$5,000 for revaluation was added in this year's budget which was not required last year, but \$2,000 of this was absorbed in other items. The funds will be raised as follows: miscellaneous income, commissions, fees, license taxes, etc., \$36,650; ABC transfer of funds \$64,799.50; payment of cash advanced to Swift Creek drainage district, \$6,600.

The county home budget calls for expenditures of \$9,615, the same as for last year. Of this cost \$500 will come from the sale of surplus product. \$800 from the collection of old taxes and \$8,315 from ABC funds.

The outside poor and relief item calls for expenditures of \$14,917, compared with a 1939-40 budget of \$13,371, and actual expenditures for that year of \$14,973.31. The increase was deemed necessary to provide for greater hospitalization needs, including an increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for maintaining patients at the Sanatorium, a boost from \$600 to \$1,300 in the WPA sewing room fund, from which only materials are purchased to provide clothing for charity cases. A greater increase in the outside poor and relief fund is reflected through the transfer of \$1,100 in blind assistance to the pension fund. Funds for the item will be raised as follows: collection of old taxes, \$760; ABC funds, \$14,221. Appropriations of \$24,896.50 were provided for the health department, compared with an appropriation of \$22,521.50 and actual expenditures of \$21,447.49 for the last fiscal year. The increase was to provide an expansion in the venereal clinic program. ABC funds totaling \$12,611.75 will be used by the department, with the remainder coming from outside help and collection of old taxes.

The pension fund calls for expenditures of \$7,891 for the current fiscal year, compared with a budget increase for this year \$1,100 was the transfer of the aid for blind to the department and also the transfer of the county's part of the salary and travel expenses for a child welfare worker amounting to \$620.40, for a total of \$1,720. The remaining increase in the budget was made for increases in salaries to case workers and office help. The pension funds will be provided as follows: state and federal funds \$3,896.25; ad valorem taxes \$90,784.75; and collection of old taxes \$3,200. A ten per cent tax was levied for the pension fund, as compared with 8 cents last year when the department received \$5,000 from the ABC fund.

Bonds and interest will claim \$29,930 of the total expenditures of the county for the current year. Of this amount \$16,698 will be derived from current taxes; \$17,500 from collections on old taxes and \$5,000 from the sinking fund. The school budget of approximately \$23,000, about in line with last year's figures, will be raised from a ten-cent levy, compared with a seven-cent levy last year. The increase in the levy was deemed necessary because of the low collections on dog and poll taxes and fees and penalties. Last year's collections on these items were budgeted at \$3,957 as against \$4,000 collected.

The tax rate was maintained at 70 cents when it was discovered that the two cents levied for the health department last year could be eliminated by the transfer of ABC funds from the general fund, and substituting \$3,900.00 expected payment of funds advanced to the Swift Creek drainage district.

Vote Saturday 20

It is important that every eligible farmer go to the polls and vote on Saturday, July 20, in the tobacco referendum. The polling place for Farmville Township is next to Rollins Cleaners in Farmville. The polls will open at 6:00 A. M. Saturday morning and close at 7:30 that evening. Full information regarding tobacco situation given on back page of this issue.

Nazis Held Back By Bad Weather

Berlin, July 17.—Bad weather temporarily wet-blanketed Germany's air war against Britain, but authoritative sources said tonight that preparations for a pitiless mass onslaught on the island kingdom are practically complete. Speculation as to when Fuehrer Adolf Hitler will unleash the grand attack was discouraged. Nazi spokesmen pointed out, however, that it was so thoroughly organized and the outcome so confidently awaited that Germans could turn their minds to another problem—a new order in Europe.

Criticism Hull. Authorized sources commented ironically on Secretary of State Hull's protest against closing of the Burma supply route into China as a British gesture of conciliation toward Japan. If Hull meant what he said, they asserted, he must also logically condemn the British blockade against Italy. Secretary Hull asserted yesterday that the United States "has a legitimate interest in the keeping open of arteries of commerce in every part of the world."

Hull contended today that there is no parallel between the Burma road question and the British blockade of Italy and Germany. Other officials pointed out that no formal state of war exists between Japan and China.

Although weather prevented large-scale air operations against Britain it did not prevent some effective bombing, the Nazi high command said. A merchant ship was reported set afire in an air raid on a northern Scottish port and troops were bombed at Scapa Flow, in the Orkneys. "There were no enemy flights to Germany" during the 24 hours covered by the communique.

Balkans gloomy over invasion; see spread of war eastward.

4-H Short Course Opens At N. C. State College July 22nd

Twelve hundred rural boys and girls, representing the 50,000 members of the 1,500 4-H Clubs in the State, will gather at N. C. State College on Monday, July 22, for their annual State Short Course. They will spend a week at the college in study and recreation and in receiving inspiration to take back to their total clubs.

Among the speakers they will hear during the week are: Governor Clyde R. Hoey; Dr. Clarence Fos, editor of the Progressive Farmer; Dr. W. C. Jackson, administrative dean of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, at Greensboro; and Salom Riaz, a young foreign-born American citizen who is known as "the Syrian Yankee."

The five days of education and fun will cost each club member \$5.50, which will include registration fees, a room in a college dormitory, and all meals in the college cafeteria. The annual State 4-H Health contest, culminating in the crowning of the king and queen of health in colorful ceremonies, will be one of the features of the program. Three daily contests will be held, with the winning teams in each receiving a free trip to the National Dairy Show to be held in Pennsylvania in October. County teams of boys will compete in dairy production and dairy cattle judging contests, and girls teams will compete in a dairy foods contest.

A Citizenship Ceremony will be held following Salom Riaz's address on Thursday morning. L. R. Harrell, State 4-H Club leader, and Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant State leader, are co-directors of the Short Course.

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Chamber Of Commerce and Merchants Meeting

S. A. Garris Chosen As New President; Rev. D. A. Clarke Speaker At Annual Meeting

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held its annual meeting on Friday evening at the municipal pool. Around fifty-five members and guests were present for the barbecue supper served in the outdoor dining room and for the meeting, which followed.

T. E. Joyner presided and the invocation was offered by Rev. D. A. Clarke, pastor of the Methodist church, and speaker of the evening. The Rev. Mr. Clarke spoke on the subject "Is Our Organization Vital To The Community?" saying in part: "It seems to me that we have reached the point of saturation today, in that we are reluctant to give of our time and talent to something which after all does not seem vital to our chief interest in life. We are asking ourselves, 'Does it count for something worth while?' What do we hope to accomplish? and what kind of fruit do we bear?"

"To illustrate: I need a machine, the type of which is clearly in mind and plans are ready for its production. The proper tools are made with which to create this machine and the parts are turned out according to plan. Soon it is assembled and ready for use. I might want this machine to travel thru the air at a certain speed per hour or to go thru the water with a certain degree of safety or to move by land and finally place me on an island, in a desert, in a jungle or a great metropolis of the world. "Now, the wisdom of giving my time and talent to this matter will depend solely on what is to be accomplished in the general scheme of things. It will depend upon the need which is to be served. It will depend upon the goal, the purpose, the ideal back of it all.

"Is this Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association then, vital to the community of Farmville? This cannot be answered by the number of members enrolled nor by the efficiency of its officers. This organization has talent, intellect and is created for a purpose. When this purpose is clear in the mind of each individual member and is coupled with personal interest, enthusiasm and devoted service, then it will be a vital factor in promoting the business interest and life of the community."

Mayor George W. Davis reviewed the accomplishments of the organization and its present activities, and W. S. Royster, president of the Tobacco Board of Trade and a guest at this meeting, spoke briefly in commendation of the work being done by the group. S. A. Garris, treasurer, made a financial report. L. E. Walston, cashier of the Bank of Farmville, who returned recently from a bankers school at Chapel Hill, gave some interesting sidelights on banking.

President T. E. Joyner in his address expressed appreciation for the expressions of guests and for the cooperation of members of the Board of Directors during his term of office. The organization elected as a Board of Directors for the ensuing year: J. I. Morgan, Jr., A. C. Monk, Jr., Roderick Harris, S. A. Garris, John B. Lewis, Wesley R. Willis, Frank A. Williams, H. M. Winders, L. E. Walston, T. E. Joyner, Sr., George W. Davis and C. Hubert Joyner.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held Tuesday evening of this week at the Farmville Funeral Home, the following new officers were elected: S. A. Garris, president; H. M. Winders, vice president; John B. Lewis, executive secretary; Miss Gene Horton, acting secretary; Roderick Harris, treasurer. The organization passed a resolution favoring the adoption of the three year tobacco control program as proposed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Army Recruiting Party To Visit Farmville Monday, July 22nd

An Army Recruiting Party will visit the following towns in the county on the dates specified below, for the purpose of obtaining applicants for the U. S. Army: Monday, July 22, Farmville, Fountain, Falkland, Grifton and Ayden. It is requested that young men interested in enlistment in the Regular Army report at the nearest city or town on the date mentioned above and secure their enlistment. As there are many vacancies for various branches of the service and you can get a good choice of assignment.

Roosevelt Drafted By Convention at Chicago

Japs Plot Empire's Path To South On Nazi Lines

Reported Deal With Great Britain Calls For Peace Pact With China By October 18

Chicago, July 18.—The Democratic party early today rode rough-shod over American political precedent and nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt to run for a third term in the White House. With a first ballot rush that overwhelmed remnants of opposition, the party's 1940 convention named Mr. Roosevelt to carry its standard in November against Republican Wendell L. Willkie. Certain of Acceptance. The convention acted without specific word from the President that he would agree to the race and break virtually the last precedent of politics which he has not challenged in seven years of office. But the convention seemed certain that Mr. Roosevelt would not refuse. The nomination was made in the same sweltering Chicago sports arena where Mr. Roosevelt was put up to the country for the first time July 1, 1932. It was the decision of the 1,094 delegates who sat through the night under the hot light of the Klieg lamps while a crowd estimated by police at close to 30,000 stomped and cheered at each mention of the name of Roosevelt.

Other Names. The nomination followed the traditional procedure of a Democratic convention despite early talk of nomination by acclamation. Three other names went before the convention. By a quick of the political fates two of them were men who rode with Roosevelt to triumph in 1932 and again in 1936. One of these was James A. Farley—"Genial Jim" the smiling smooth-working political organizer who pledged for him until he was elected. The other was John Nance Garner, the sage Texas veteran of politics who switched his votes to Roosevelt in '32 to insure the New Yorker the nomination and then took the No. 2 spot on the Roosevelt ticket as Vice-President.

The third name presented was that of Maryland's favorite son, Millard E. Tynjans, a corps commander in the anti-Roosevelt and anti-third term forces. Earlier, Senator Wheeler of Montana had withdrawn his candidacy for the nomination. The Chief Executive's name touched off a monster demonstration that had almost every state banner in the aisle within 30 seconds. Once upon a time there were statesmen in the United States who asserted that there would be no war in Europe; they are still delivering their opinions with pomp and ceremony and getting them printed in the newspapers.

Looking to South. Political circles regarded it as a foregone conclusion that the Prince's choice for foreign minister would be Yosuke Matsuoka, former president of the South Manchurian Railway whose bristling reply in 1933 to League of Nations censure of the Japanese seizure of Manchoukuo was a sensation. The new policies are expected to pivot around Japan's moves in the South Seas, which the army is advocating as the future field of action. French Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies, British Burma and Siam may be concerned in these policies. Premier Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai was forced to resign Tuesday by army leaders who resigned his foreign policy as too cautious in the face of the French Netherlands collapse in Europe.

Japanese determination to press on was evinced yesterday by the announcement Britain has agreed to close the Burma route to the Chinese government at Chungking for three months and has forbidden export of useful supplies from Hong Kong to China. Prince Konoye conferred with the war and navy ministers immediately after his prolonged audience with the emperor last night. The 48-year-old prince, who springs from the nation's oldest aristocracy held the reins during Japan's most successful war activity in China. The foreign office said Great Britain had agreed to close the Burma road for the next three months and to stop traffic in gasoline, trucks, railway equipment and other vital supplies from Hong Kong effective Thursday. Arms traffic has been prohibited from Hong Kong since January, 1939. A new agreement will be discussed concerning the Burma route at the expiration of the three months.

REPORTS OF JAP DEAL. FIX CHINA PEACE DATE. London, July 17.—Japan promised to attempt to reach a general peace settlement with China before October 18 as part of the agreement reached today with Great Britain to close for three months the Burma supply route to China, it was learned authoritatively tonight. British quarters reaffirmed their readiness to offer their good offices to end the long Chinese-Japanese war, provided their services were desired by the governments in Tokyo and Chungking. Announcement in Parliament of the Anglo-Japanese agreement forced by Japan, caused an uproar and the deal was called "shameful." It was consummated despite the declaration of Cordell Hull, American Secretary of State, that it would be considered by the United States an unwarranted obstacle to world trade. The imminence of a German onslaught by sea and air against the British Isles was described as the paramount reason for Britain's important concessions to Japan.

Marine Recruiting Offices To Be Opened In Kinston, Tarboro

The Officer in Charge of Recruiting activities of the Marine Corps for the State of North Carolina with Headquarters Office located in the Post Office Building in Raleigh, has announced that temporary offices will be established at the Post Office Buildings in both Kinston and Tarboro, from the 22nd to the 25th of July, for the purpose of examining and accepting young men for enlistment in the Marine Corps. The United States Marine Corps is recognized the world over as one of the really versatile military organizations; no matter how difficult or unusual their mission may be, it is safe to count on it being successfully accomplished, as their unbroken record of success will attest. Any young man who is accepted for enlistment in this famous branch of the armed services may count himself fortunate, especially now that the Marine Corps is again being increased in strength. Over 4,000 promotions will be made as a result of the increase in strength, and those enlisting now will have every opportunity to go to the top. Young men who apply and are accepted for enlistment will be furnished transportation to Raleigh for final examination and, if found qualified there, will be enlisted immediately. For full information, those interested should see the recruiting officer at the Post Office Building in either Kinston or Tarboro from the 22nd to the 25th of July. Young men who apply and are accepted for enlistment must be: white, single, of good moral character, in sound physical condition, 18 to 30 years of age, 64 to 74 inches in height, and without any dependents. Consent of parents or guardian is required for boys under 21 years of age.

TURNING UNDER GREEN SOYBEANS ON HIS LAND LAST YEAR HAS RESULTED IN TWICE AS MUCH WHEAT ON THE LAND THIS YEAR FOR S. H. HINES OF SNOW HILL, REPORTS GREENS COUNTY ASSISTANT FARM AGENT J. W. GRANT.

DEMONSTRATION

T. S. Miller, demonstration farmer of Stony Ford township in Wakeham County, believes that a good demonstration program should include the appearance of the farm home and its surroundings. When some people go to see they get mad all the way and stay put.