

# The Farmville Enterprise

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SELL — BUY AND BANK  
— IN FARMVILLE —  
Not A Small Town Any More!

NUMBER TWELVE

## Tobacco Average Slightly Higher Than Last Year

Average Estimated At Around \$17 a Hundred; Purchase Program Is Offered American Exporters as Well as Foreign Owned Companies

A check up of sales on some of the Georgia and Florida bright leaf tobacco markets early Thursday morning showed an average of around 17¢ a pound was being paid for the first offerings, with tops bringing 27¢ to 28¢ a hundred.

A wire from H. R. Acton at Live Oak, Fla., stated first row sold at an average of \$16.75, with 27¢ as top price.

From Adel, Ga., comes a message from Bob Edmonson saying an average of \$17.00 was paid for the first six rows. The highest price paid was \$28 a hundred.

About 250,000 Southern farmers, with an investment in cash and several months of labor at stake, awaited the opening of the Georgia-Florida tobacco markets to tell the story of profits or losses ahead of them this season.

They looked to the first sales as a fair guide to prices to be expected when the season advances and the buyers move into the Carolinas and Virginia, states producing the bulk of the cigarette type leaf.

Growers hauled the newly-cured yellow leaves of tobacco to warehouses in 17 market towns, where auctions began Thursday morning. Two are in Florida, at Lake City and Live Oak, where tobacco lately was developed as an important crop. The others are in Georgia at Adel, Baxley, Blackshear, Douglas, Hahira, Hazlehurst, Metter, Moultrie, Nashville, Pelham, Statesboro, Tifton, Valdosta, Cidalia and Waycross.

Producers were delighted with the appearance of Imperial Tobacco Company buyers on the various markets, which is a sign that the large portion of the crop usually sold to Great Britain would be reserved for possible future export.

There seemed to be general agreement as to the good quality of the crop this year.

Uncle Sam Again Helps.

A Commodity Credit Corporation loan-and-purchase program on flue-cured tobacco designed to stabilize the market for the 1940 crop and to assist in the financing of tobacco for export to European countries now out of the market because of war, was announced by the Department of Agriculture.

The program provides the flue-cured producers in the United States with an average price equal to or slightly above last year's price level, about 15 cents a pound, the department said. This plan is similar to that used after markets were reopened last year when, in order to maintain prices to producers, companies acting as agents for the Commodity Credit Corporation were authorized to buy tobacco for the British market.

Program Expanded.

The 1940 program is applicable not only to foreign-controlled firms buying largely for Great Britain but also to tobacco companies of the United States which buy for export to countries whose purchases are now interrupted by the war in Europe. The foreign-controlled companies are eligible only for the purchase phase of the program. American companies may either purchase the tobacco as agents for the Commodity Credit Corporation or buy the tobacco at the auctions, move it to storage and then procure a loan from the corporation.

## BUDGET OF COUNTY HAS BEEN ADOPTED

Greenville, Aug. 6.—The County budget calling for a 70-cent tax rate was formally adopted by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners in regular monthly session Monday.

The budget was adopted in virtually the same form as tentatively passed at the July meeting.

Adoption of the budget was the principal business of the session, at which various routine matters were taken up and reports of the several departmental heads read.

E. W. Braxton, charged with the county's campaign to see that unlisted automobiles are placed on the tax books, reported that 390 letters had been sent to persons believed to own automobiles not on the tax books. The report showed that as a result of the campaign 115 cars, valued at \$50,000.00 had been placed on the books. It also disclosed that 68 letters had not been delivered and that 106 had been delivered but no reply received. Mr. Braxton was instructed to continue his campaign and especially "go after" the individuals who had received the letters but failed to reply.

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## City Cafe Holds Reception Tonight

### Building Has Just Been Remodeled and Redecorated; Public Invited To Opening Tonight

The CITY CAFE, on the corner of Main and Wilson streets, a recently modernized restaurant, with facilities similar to those provided in the large cities, will reopen with public reception tonight, Friday, August 10, from 8:00 to 10:00 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

Louis Alex, with twenty-three years of experience in managing restaurants, ten of them spent here, is delighted with the new facilities for serving the public and assures patrons that the food and service will be unequalled in the State. He further states that he is being congratulated upon having secured Nelson Pichetti, (Peach), former chief cook of the Golden Weed Cafe in Wilson, to take charge of the cuisine. Miss Ruby Heath will be hostess.

Farmville citizens will welcome a modern and up to the minute eating place and the owner of the building, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, has responded to the urgent need for a high type restaurant in a fine way. Mr. Alex stated that courteous service will be maintained and that prices will be on a popular scale.

The cafe has individual booths, where diners may look out on Wilson and Main streets from broad windows through Venetian blinds. The entire place has been beautifully decorated and designed to provide every convenience and comfort for guests. The kitchen is modern with ample refrigeration facilities and good ventilation.

The United States is well-defended, according to plans that will become effective in a year or two.

## Pitt Battery Left Monday Morning

### Annual Encampment To Take The Guardsmen Thru Six States; Will Return August 25.

Captain Worth Wicker, of Greenville, and seventy-nine enlisted men and four officers of Battery A, 113th Field Artillery, National Guard, left Monday morning at 6 o'clock for their annual encampment that will take them through six states.

Members of the Pitt Battery drilled every night last week except Saturday night and confined their activities that day to making last-minute preparations. After leaving North Carolina the men will go through South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and stop in Louisiana for their final maneuvers.

Officers and guardsmen assembled at the city-county armory in Greenville early Monday morning, afterwards leaving the city on trucks. Three large guns mounted on pneumatic tires were taken on the trip for the "peace-time" activities.

Captain Wicker said all mail to members of the Battery from Monday through August 14 should be sent to Battery A, 113th Field Artillery, A. P. O. 30, Hattiesburg, Miss. From Aug. 14 to Aug. 18, the same address will prevail, except that it should be sent to Alexandria, La.

The guardsmen are expected to return to Greenville, August 25th.

## Stadium Tickets For UNC Grid Game Sold

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—All of the 24,000 or so seats in the concrete Kenan stadium at Chapel Hill have been disposed of for the Duke-Carolina game, which doesn't come along until November 16, Dean R. B. Bouse said today.

The University authorities are now working on plans to provide emergency seats in case additional thousands and have reservations already in hand for several thousand of them.

Business in FARMVILLE should be better this Fall than last year; advertising might help you land more business.

The Japanese are evidently determined to convince the western powers that they have no rights in the Far East.

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## Rural Electric Lines In State Worth \$22,000,000

### Pitt County Has 496.34 Miles of Lines Serving 1,946 Customers; Guilford Leads With 797.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Rural electric lines in North Carolina have a value of slightly above a thousand dollars a mile, and have an average of five and a half customers to the mile. Every one of the hundred counties in the state has some REA line mileage, although Tyrrell county has only a mile.

Guilford county has the most lines with 797 miles, and Davidson is a close second with 706. Durham tops the list in customers per mile and Pamlico is at the bottom. Durham's 199.05 miles of rural power lines serve 2,803 customers, an average of 14 per mile, while Pamlico's 14.6 miles has only 26 users, about 1.7 per mile.

Lines built membership co-operatives through loans from REA amount to 80 per cent of the total, serve 21 per cent of the customers and represent 27½ per cent of the total cost of all rural lines.

Public utility companies, privately owned, are responsible for 14,195.43 miles of all lines, representing an investment of \$14,789,676.90, and serving 92,365 customers.

Municipalities, which have extended lines into surrounding country, have built 1,232.6 miles; at a cost of \$978,000.00 and serve 7,337 patrons.

The Rural Electrification Administration has constructed 6,317.2 miles of lines, costing \$5,995,450.00, and serving 19,573 country homes and small industries.

These figures are taken from the annual report of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, which for the first time includes total rural mileage in its report. Heretofore the Authority has covered only rural line construction for the five years of its own existence. Nearly half of the utility country service was inaugurated prior to that time.

Previous reports, while accurate so far as operations of the REA itself were concerned, did not present a true picture of rural electrification in this state. This report does give the full picture, and also is fairer to privately owned public utilities.

Figures quoted in foregoing paragraphs include line under construction or authorized, while the county figures following show only lines completed and in use as of July 1st, 1940. This occasions a minor discrepancy in totals, but does not seriously affect the results.

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## Applications For Work Heavy

In Pitt county records of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission show that 1034 new applications were filed for jobs for the first six months of this year.

Month-by-month registrations were as follows: January, 387; February, 213; March, 163; April, 73; May, 106, and June, 112.

Placements on jobs of the residents of Pitt County in the first six months of this year numbered 179, while the bi-monthly placements follow: January, 16; February, 39; March, 41; April, 23; May, 28, and June, 32.

## Britain Seeks War Supplies

### Negotiations Begun For Purchases of Artillery, Tanks and Other Supplies From U. S.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The British government started negotiations here today for the purchase of "hundreds of millions of dollars" worth of tanks, artillery and other war supplies in addition to all previous orders.

Arthur E. Purvis, chief British purchasing agent, who presented the program to Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, told reporters that his government was now seeking the purchase of many types of supplies not previously purchased in this country.

He emphasized tanks and field artillery.

The British had previously bought some old artillery that the United States army had left over from the World War, but the new program calls for new weapons.

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## Farmville Takes The Air In Weekly Radio Programs

### Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association Sponsors Program Over Station WG TC, Greenville.

Farmville citizens "tuned in" on

Station WGTC, new Greenville Radio station, Thursday afternoon, at 3:30, and listened for thirty minutes to a varied and interesting program, which marked the beginning of a series to be sponsored by the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association. The announcement of the broadcast schedule during the fall and early winter is as follows:

August 8-22; September 5-19; October 3-17-31; November 14-28 and December 12-26. These dates fall on Thursday and the time is 3:30 to 4.

Mayor George W. Davis, the first speaker on the program, brought greetings to the radio listeners and spoke briefly on the assets of Farmville, including the civic, religious, recreational and business institutions of Farmville.

Stanley A. Garris, president of the sponsoring organization, pointed out some of the advantages offered by Farmville in relation to the selling of farm products and buying of supplies for the home and farm.

John B. Lewis, secretary of the sponsoring group, traced the development of the business life of Farmville, the organization of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and its objectives.

The Skinner sisters, Misses Geraldine and Dorothy, delighted the radio audience with vocal solos and duets, with Miss Mary Thorne Tyson as accompanist, and Vernon Edwards "ticked the ivories" in original interpretation of popular dance music.

The promoters of these radio programs wish to give their listeners an entertaining and helpful half hour in the time assigned to Farmville, and have expressed themselves as anxious to receive any suggestions and recommendations that will provide variety and interest.

A number of telephone calls during the program assured those taking part of the pleasure they were giving the audience.

## Shakeup Seen In Diplomatic German Corps

### Authorities In Germany Said To Be Perturbed Over Concern Felt In American Republics

Washington, Aug. 7.—A shake-up of German diplomatic and consular staffs in the Western Hemisphere was forecast in reliable quarters today as a result of measures adopted at the Havana Pan-American conference against fifth column activities.

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A possible withdrawal of a considerable number and their replacement by diplomatic officials less active as Nazi party members was expected by some well informed persons.

Washington developments relating to foreign agents' activities included: Critic demanded an investigation of what it termed "Nazi-Fascist" use of attaches of legations and consulates for subversive propaganda and other fifth column activities."

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced its field offices would go on a 24-hour daily schedule to expedite investigations of fifth column suspects.

3. The House passed and sent to the Senate a measure to permit the FBI to tap wires in investigations of sabotage, treason and espionage.

One German agent in the United States believed listed for early recall to Berlin was Dr. Gerhard Westrich, the commercial counselor of the German embassy, whose operations in New York have received wide-spread publicity.

Unselfish work for the common benefit is somewhat rare in this day of looking out for selfish profits but it pays big dividends in the long run.

There are people in every section of the world who measure men and things by the size of cash reserves.

The people of the world are divided into two classes: (1) those who get the publicity they desire and (2) those who do not.

## John T. Thorne Elected Head of State Cotton Group

### Prominent Farmville Elected To Again Head N. C. Cotton Growers Association.

Announcement of the election of John T. Thorne to the presidency of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, was made recently. Mr. Thorne, who is widely known throughout the State, in South and in the National Agricultural groups, is a progressive farmer and owner of Pease Grove Dairy, and is also prominent as a banker, business man, educator and churchman.

Presiding over the board meetings is a new experience for Mr. Thorne, as he served as president for four years prior to the election of Dr. Pete. For many years he has taken a keen interest in the production of cotton and in improvement of the financial conditions faced by the cotton farmer, and has been very active in the State Cooperative Association, and in the work of the National Cotton Council as well.

Last month directors of the Association met for the first time since the new board was inducted into office. George L. Pace, of Raynham, and A. V. Cobb, of Windsor, were new directors present at the first meeting of the new board. B. C. Mayo, of Tarboro, was welcomed back into the director's circle after an absence of a year.

Other officers reelected were: L. Bruce Gunter, of Fuquay Springs, vice president; M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, general manager; G. D. Arndt, of Raleigh, treasurer and assistant secretary.

Forces Destroy Two Whiskey Still In Pitt

Pitt county ABC officers, assisted by Constable Jasper Lee mills, of Chico township, Wednesday morning located and destroyed two distillery plants in the county, one near Black Jack and the other in the Penny Hill section of Belvoir township.

The first still was located about three miles southeast of Black Jack. It was a 50-gallon steam plant composed of a 50-gallon drum used as a boiler, a 50-gallon doubler, another 10-gallon doubler and a 50-gallon condenser.

The other still was composed of a 50-gallon steel drum used as a cooker and a 50-gallon condenser.

Neither still was in operation, but beer was found at both places; 150 gallons at the one near Black Jack and 25 gallons at the plant in the Penny Hill section.

J. H. Moore, Superintendent of the Farmville Public School, recently announced the members of the faculty for the 1940-41 term, which opens Monday, September 2, as follows:

J. H. Moore, Farmville, Superintendent.

Miss Russell Ward, Sunbury, Mathematics.

Mr. W. C. Harrell, Eure, Science.

Miss Ellen Lyles, Darlington, S. C., English and Latin.

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