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## Senate Votes to Assist Dependents of Soldiers

### Would Ease Financial Burdens Of Drafted Men

Washington, Sept. 18.—Seeking to ease the financial burdens of men drafted for military training, the Senate today voted to amend the bill to provide broad authority for the President to establish allowances for dependents.

He also would be empowered to establish an insurance system for the men and make modifications in the present social security regulations for their benefit.

It acted while the War Department, waiting for President Roosevelt to sign executive orders establishing the machinery, rules and regulations for conscription, reported that numerous states were announcing progress on preparations for their part in the draft.

Many governors, it was said, have been selecting men for the local draft boards and arranging for regular election officials to handle the gigantic task of registering 16,500,000 eligible young men on October 16.

The provisions adopted by the Senate were purposely vague, so that Senate and House conferees may work out more explicit language later on. They were adopted as a substitute for an amendment by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) designed to continue old-age pension and unemployment credits for draftees and national guardsmen, called into active service.

The outlay for dependents is expected to be comparatively small at the start inasmuch as the general policy is not to draft men with dependent relatives at present, but to place them in a deferred classification. However, they may be drafted later.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt just back from attending the funeral of Speaker Bankhead at Jasper, Ala., prepared to sign tomorrow the first of a series of executive orders governing the administration of the draft, and the enrollment, classification and selection of conscripts.

In addition, he is expected to appoint a director of the draft within a few days. Probabilities point toward Lieutenant Colonel Lewis B. Hershey for the job. At present he is executive officer of the point Army-Navy committee which has spent 14 years perfecting plans for conscription.

Preparations of the War Department, it was said, have progressed to a point at which money still to be appropriated had been tentatively allocated to the states for the printing of forms incident to the registration. The money actually is included in a \$2,000,000,000 appropriation bill now pending before a House committee.

It was announced, too, that the department shortly would order some 300 additional National Guard officers to active duty as advisors to state officials in connection with the draft, with two or three each assigned to the smaller states, and as many as ten to the more populous states. They are not to serve on the draft boards. The latter are to consist entirely of civilians selected by the governors and recommended to the President for those posts.

## VOLUNTARY

New York, Sept. 18.—First steps toward voluntary mobilization of industry for national defense were taken today when key executives from several hundred manufacturing plants in the New York region gathered here.

The convulse, sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, discussed current defense legislation, taxes, newest defense developments, and war conditions in Europe. "Some industrialists as far back as two years ago saw the need for stronger national defense coming," said William B. Warner, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and an N. A. M. director, who presided.

"A year ago many concerns began active production of defense items on what were called 'test' or 'educational' orders. We know adequate defense requires mobilization of machines as well as men, and today's roll call in substance marks the first step in organization of nearby plant facilities for cooperation with the government."

## LABOR

Beneficial County farmers have received 50,000 pounds of Austrian winter wheat, probably the largest single shipment of winter wheat seed ever distributed in the county.

## CORN

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has reported this year's corn crop at 1,778,214,000 bushels of 56 pounds per bushel, on conditions

## Salos Totals On Farmville Market

### Prices Continue At Recent Levels; Tips Predominate In Offerings Of Week

More than 1,474,544 pounds of tobacco has been disposed of on the Farmville market this week, bringing up the total poundage auctioned here since the opening of the current season to 4,778,214, the receipts to \$754,297.55, and the season's average, to \$16.00.

Tobaccoists say that prices continue at recent levels with tips predominating in the offerings, and with very few good primings and lugs showing up as yet.

According to the U. S. Agriculture, 12 of the 14 Eastern Carolina markets reporting had gross sales for the week ending September 13 of 28,791,580 pounds at an average of 16.05 cents per pound.

Farmville welcomes every tobacco farmer, and every grower is guaranteed highest prices, and courteous treatment on this friendly market.

## Pitt County Health Report For August

The chief activities of the Pitt County Health Department for the month of August consisted of maternal and infant welfare clinics, V. D. Clinics, school sanitation, dairy, cafe, and meat market inspections.

The contagious disease situation throughout the County for August of this year is decidedly better than for August of last year; for example, in August of last year we had four cases of scarlet fever against two for this year, eight cases of whooping cough against none for this year, and eleven cases of tuberculosis against five for this year.

In the matter of tuberculosis, we find that in the first months of last year, this is, for January 1st, to September 1st, we had 47 cases reported against 34 cases for the first 8 months of this year, or a decrease of 38 percent. We hope that these case report figures represent a true picture of the actual incidents of the disease in our County. If they do represent a true picture of the tuberculosis situation, it should be a great satisfaction to the physicians of the County to know that with their fine cooperation, it appears we are making progress in our fight against tuberculosis.

In connection with this report, I am pleased to inform you that Dr. P. P. McCain, Supt. of the North Carolina Sanatorium, has agreed to give us a one week tuberculosis clinic, beginning December 2nd. Please keep this in mind and make this clinic of maximum use to you and your patients.

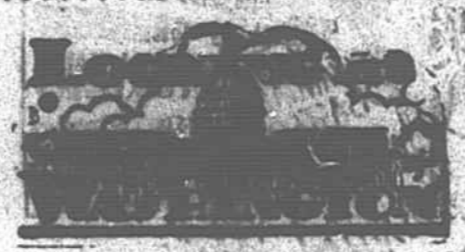
The maternal and infant clinics continue to grow. The total attendance for babies and mothers in August of last year was 127, while for August of this year it was 236, or an 80 percent increase. The biggest maternal and infant welfare clinic in the history of the work in Pitt County was held in the Health Department Offices in Greenville Monday, August 26th, when we had 93 patients. The growth of this work must also be a source of pride to the clinic physicians for it is the careful, competent, and patient work of these physicians, more than any other factor, which is responsible for the remarkable growth of these clinics.

The V. D. Clinic attendance continues to drop. For July the attendance was 1786, while the attendance for August was 1502. Work in tobacco is a probable factor in this decreased attendance.

The State-County Orthopedic clinic held every first Friday in the month at the Health Department Offices and conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, continues to run at full capacity. The work of this clinic is one of the outstanding health services rendered the poor patients not only in Pitt County but several of the adjoining Counties as well.

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## REVIEWING THE CAMPAIGN. WILLKIE STARTS SLOWLY. RUNS HIS OWN CAMPAIGN. SPEAKS OUT ON DEFENSE. OUTLINES HIS POLICIES. OUTCOME UNCERTAIN.

With less than two months to go before the voters of the United States go to the polls in the 1940 Presidential election, there is a natural tendency everywhere to assess the campaign up to this time.

The writer of this weekly column, which is published in newspapers of every political complexion in the United States, has no desire to take the side of either candidate. Naturally, it is impossible to please all readers and all editors. Consequently, he does not make the effort. An objective study of the development of the campaign up to this time reveals some interesting facts and, for what they are worth, they should be recorded.

The reader should understand that this estimate of the campaign is written before Mr. Willkie began what he considers his campaign. It is written before there is much opportunity to appraise the efforts of the President's radio talk of last week. Consequently observations and comments which are made are based upon signs which have appeared before the middle of September.

Following his nomination at Philadelphia, Mr. Willkie took an extended vacation and while he was undoubtedly proceeding with necessary conferences and lining up certain factions in his support, he had few occasions to make the news. In fact, he busied himself "whipping into shape" the organization, consulting with party leaders and dissenting Democrats, and, no doubt, preparing himself mentally and physically for the campaign ahead.

Early in September, there appeared indications that the campaign was not going along as smoothly as many Republican leaders had hoped. Party spokesmen referred to "crossed swords" and outlined plans to develop proper liaison work in order to prevent undue emphasis upon differences of opinion between the nominee and some members of the party. A conference at Rushville, Indiana, is said to have smoothed out these wrinkles and spokesmen of the party, buoyed by the Maine election, appeared to regain much of their optimism.

Mr. Willkie, it is plain, intends to be the master of his own campaign. Despite advice from many quarters, he does not hesitate to speak his views upon important issues. His views, in their entirety, it is plain, do not suit all members of the Republican Party. Just the same, Mr. Willkie feels certain that the Republican opposition to President Roosevelt has no alternative but to support him, and this, he believes, permit him to be himself, reveal his views and direct not only the campaign, but the issues upon which his candidacy makes its appeal to the people of the United States.

Readers should also take cognizance of the fact that Mr. Willkie has carefully refrained, for the most part, from all adverse criticism of the foreign policy of the President. While it is true he vigorously criticized the method of handling the destroyer-bases swap with Great Britain, he also took positive stand in favor of selective service and against postponing the effectiveness of the draft law as well as the Senate provision, generally referred to as the conscription of industry.

The positions taken by the candidate on these issues were in opposition to Republican members of Congress, who voted 10 to 8 against the draft bill in the Senate and 112 to 52 against it in the House. On the Fish Amendment to postpone the effective operation of the draft law sixty days, which Mr. Willkie opposed, there were 140 Republicans in the House in favor of the Amendment and only 28 against it.

The Overton-Russell provision in the Senate bill, referred to as the conscription of industry, was supported by nine Republican Senators while only eight were in opposition to it. This is what Mr. Willkie said would impose "absolute and arbitrary control of virtually the entire economic system of the United States."

Frankly, there is no way for a newspaper commentator or anybody else, to know how his campaign is developing. At best, one can discern only certain surface indications. The

## Loan Announced For 1940 Cotton

### Government Loan To Pitt County Growers Is 9.85 for Middling 15-16

The government loan approaches so nearly the market price of cotton that all indications point to a large percentage of the State crop going into the loan, M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, said today on the basis of a survey just completed.

"There is no hope for the farmer who sells now ever to get anything else from his cotton," Mr. Mann said, "but the farmer who takes the loan will be in position to profit from any rise in the market—and in present conditions anything may happen."

Mr. Mann pointed out that the loan this year is again figured on the basis of gradeandstaple location. The loan for middling 15-16 is 9.85 for Pitt county growers, while premiums for better grades and staples increase this to a high of 15.50 for strict middling inch and one-quarter.

The Cotton Association, Mr. Mann said, has placed its facilities at the service of growers in helping them get the loan with the least possible delay or trouble.

He announced that the Association has arranged to make its own advances of 7 1/2 cents a pound to growers immediately upon delivery of the cotton to any of its official warehouses or receiving agents, and then the difference between this and the full government loan will be mailed to the grower as soon as the cotton has been classed.

The following warehouses and receiving agents have been appointed in Pitt County by the Association: Farmville Bonded Warehouse; Farmville; R. L. Moore, Ayden; G. W. Bethel Bonded Warehouse, Bethel; Lane, Jr., Fountain; Pitt Co. FCX Service, Greenville; C. E. Gardner, Grifton; Stokes and Congleton, Stokes; and A. W. Ange, Winterville. The grower who gets his government loan through the Cotton Association also will receive the advantage of the "Re-Purchase Pool" plan in marketing his crop.

## SHOULD BE FIRST

Washington, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today that when, and if, married men are drafted for military service, her own four sons should be called in preference to men whose families are entirely dependent upon them for support.

Her sons' families, she said at a press conference, "would not starve" whereas less fortunate families might be disrupted. All of her boys—John, Franklin, Jr., Elliott and James—are within the draft's 21 to 35 age bracket. Like 16,000,000 other men, they will register on national registration day October 16.

Mrs. Roosevelt urged that local draft boards, still to be selected, be chosen with great care so that every draftee's civil rights will be protected. She pointed out that responsible administration officials have pledged that existing social gains will be maintained and that civil liberties will be preserved.

## Excessive Rains Mar Cotton Seed Quality

Heavy rains about the middle of August and frequent showers since then have caused considerable damage to open and cracked cotton bolls, according to P. H. Kime, agronomist of State College Experiment Station.

As a result, it is anticipated that seed from the first picking will be of poor quality in the southern and eastern parts of the State. Seed from bolls which have been open for several days will germinate poorly. Where the bolls cracked, the damage has been much worse.

Kime recommends that where cotton is badly damaged the crop be picked over as soon as it is dry enough. After ginning the seed should be sold to the oil mill, since the risk of their germinating properly is too great.

If the farmer wishes to save seed, he should wait until bolls are produced that are not weather-damaged. Handling seed cotton after it leaves the field is also important. Care exercised in harvesting, and storing seed cotton or seed will prevent much damage caused by heating.

A large acreage of this year's crop is eligible for certification by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. Kime explained that cotton grown from seed of approved varieties secured direct from breeders is eligible, provided it meets the requirements for certified seed.

Seed certified last year are also eligible for certification this year if they pass requirements. Varieties which may be approved are: Coker 100, Coker 200, Farm Relief No. 5, Mexican Delapine, and Stoneville in the non-wilt-resistant group.

## Nazi Air Raiders Stopped Again By British Fighters

### Britain's Fliers Attack Italians Bombs Dropped Over Wide Area In Africa; Italians Establish New Base

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 18.—British airmen heavily attacked Fascist desert troops at Sidi Barrani, 6 miles inside the Egyptian frontier today, military headquarters announced.

The British aerial counter-attack extended from that newly-won Italian base clear along the Mediterranean coast into Libya, it was said officially.

Singled out especially for bombardment were heavy artillery and other equipment which the Fascists had moved into Sidi Barrani.

Italian planes lifted to meet the British, but were ineffective in the series of raids, the British said.

The British said the Italians were busy attempting to get their cannon into position when bombs rained among them.

At least ten fires were started in attacks on Italian transports at Buhaq further west, the second city the Italians occupied in the Egyptian offensive.

At Begazi, Libya, about 350 miles west of Sidi Barrani, the British said Italy's biggest military airbase in North Africa went up in flames after British fliers swept down upon that point. The fires could be seen 70 miles away, it was said.

In other Mediterranean operations the R. A. F. announced four planes were shot down, two of which were Junkers participating in an attack on the British sea base at Malta.

The Egyptian government, which still has not declared war on Italy, watched the developing desert war closely. Her Premier declared him-

## WHO KNOWS?

1. When did the United States acquire the Louisiana territory?
2. The mother of what prominent British leader was an American?
3. King Carol, of Rumania, recently abdicated. When did he become King?
4. Where is the Great Smoky Mountains National Park?
5. When was the first TVA dam constructed?
6. What change will take place in the "work-week" next month?
7. What language is spoken in Switzerland?
8. What is the name of the calendar now in general use?
9. What is the meaning of "quid pro quo"?
10. Did National Guardsmen participate in the 1916 expedition into Mexico to suppress Pancho Villa? (See "The Answers" on page 4)

## Fair Will Show Burning of City

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—A sweeping river of lava, flowing from a giant volcano erupting to destroy a huge city will be depicted in the fireworks display, entitled "The Earthquake," to be presented nightly at the State Fair at Raleigh, October 8 through 12; Manager J. S. Dorton, announced today.

The fireworks display will be seen following the grandstand performances, which include nine thrilling acts and a colorful revue presented under the direction of George Hamid of New York City.

"The Earthquake" setting will be 200 feet long and 30 feet high, and in addition special set-pieces from three sections of the field will be seen in three-ring circus fashion with hundreds of bombshells being fired continuously from the start of the display to the grand finale.

One of the most spectacular scenes of the display will be the destruction of a city, sound effects and the rumbling of the lava stream being furnished with the firing of huge bombs from the field.

The fireworks for the 1940 exposition will be presented by Tony Vitale of New Castle, Pa., who last year offered "The Men From Mars."

"Based on the compliments we have had in connection with the 'Men From Mars' presentation last year, we are again offering a production of 'Tony Vitale for we believe his displays will be in keeping with the unusual entertainment program this year," Dr. Dorton said.

Farmville may not be growing as fast as some other places but we are at least sure that it is growing into a better place for home life.

## Defense So Effective Not One Bomb Fell On London Yesterday; New British Air Day; Defense Weapon Reported; Nazi Channel Targets Bombed Heavily Again

London, Sept. 18.—Hurling back five massive waves of Nazi raiders totalling nearly 600 planes, the Royal Air Force completely crushed Reich Marshal Herman Goering's effort to blast a path to London yesterday, the Air Ministry reported.

So complete was the victory of the R. A. F., in blazing air battles, it was said, that not a single bomb fell on London from dawn to dusk despite eight air raid alarms—the first bombless day of Germany's 12-day aerial siege.

But the more than 15 bombless hours for London ended shortly before midnight when the Nazi raiders, in the eighth attack since dawn, smashed through a ring of murderous anti-aircraft fire from several directions and began scattering bombs.

Terrific bomb explosions shook London's fashionable and already battered West End at midnight and the slamming barrage of hundreds of anti-aircraft guns was ferocious.

Both high explosives and incendiaries smashed upon the West End which had been blasted heavily in attack of nine hours and 53 minutes, the previous night's record-breaking.

In the northwest part of London, three bombs crashed into a large block of apartments, demolishing a house and broke gas mains of the area.

New Weapon. The air expert of the Evening Standard reported that London has found "a new defense against the bomber" and suggested that the new mysterious weapon was so simple that scarcely anyone would think of it.

The weapon has not been developed on a large scale, he said, but is being used to "defend small, vital sites."

The Air Ministry, in an unusually worded statement, chided Reich Marshal Goering for the failure of Wednesday's repeated mass assaults in which at least 46 German planes were shot down against the loss of only nine British fighters and four pilots.

"If Goering hoped to make the path to London easier, he was disappointed," the Air Ministry said. "In attacks beginning at 9:30 a. m., when the third London alarm of the day was given, and continuing until darkness, the Germans tried vainly to wear down our fighter defenses," it was stated.

"Each wave, whether bombers or fighters, was met by Hurricanes and Spitfires ready to harass and destroy the enemy."

"It was just when Goering's air effort was the strongest that our pilots won their biggest successes."

"All five attacks followed the same course, crossing the Kentish coast between Dungeness and North Foreland. About 100 Nazi fighters staged the first mass raid at 9:30 a. m., it was said, followed by a second attack shortly before noon "when five groups of bombers and fighters crossed the Kentish coast, but only one of their formation was able to reach the London area; the others were all turned back."

## DRAMATICS CLUB

The Farmville high school Dramatics Club met on Thursday for a re-organization of this group. Plans for the coming year were discussed and the following staff officers were elected:

Bobby Rouse, president; John Parker, vice president; Dorothy Lewis, secretary and treasurer.

The following committees were appointed at this time: publicity, Dorothy Clarke; Boots Thomas, Alice Harper; costume, Dorothy Lewis; Frances Howard; Loretta Holloman; make up, Mary Frances Greene; Rachel Dixon, Cornelia Knott; stage, Tommy Lang, Lester Earl Turnage; Bill Carr, John Parker; Bill Raspberry; and Tyson Taylor.

The Dramatics Club, now a member of the North Carolina Dramatics Association, is planning to enter the District Contest, to be held November 16, and to present a Christmas Pageant. Members of the Club at this time pledged their efforts to make this the best year in the history of the organization.

## ORGANIZED

A one-variety cotton community has been organized in the J. P. Beasley community near Dunc, with 20 members, reports J. E. Gouley, assistant farm agent of Harnett County.