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Tobacco Markets of Eastern Carolina To Open Aug. 26

R. A. Fields, Sales Supervisor of Farmville Market, Reports Best Crop in Many Years in This Immediate Section

Opening dates for the 1941 sales on each of the tobacco marketing belts throughout the South were announced last Friday by the sales committee at the association's annual meeting held at Virginia Beach, Va.

The opening day for each belt was advanced eight days from the 1940 opening except the Georgia-Florida belt, whose opening date was advanced three days.

The full list of the opening dates: Georgia-Florida Belt, August 5. North Carolina - South Carolina Border Belt, August 12. Eastern North Carolina New Bright Belt, August 26.

North Carolina Middle Belt, September 9. North Carolina Old Belt, September 16.

According to R. A. Fields, sales supervisor of the Farmville Tobacco Market, prospects in this immediate section are better than he has known in years.

Mr. Fields reports many farmers have been putting in their first primings this week, with a few having already killed out with excellent cures.

Mr. Fields states that unless something unforeseen happens, the crop in Eastern Carolina, and especially within a radius of 15 miles of Farmville, will be the finest produced in many years.

Farmers Have Equity In Stored Loan Cotton

Farmers who stored cotton under government loan in 1938, 1939, or 1940 still hold an equity on cotton which has been kept in storage and they may stand to receive more than the original loan for the cotton, it is announced by G. Tom Scott of Johnston County, Chairman of the State AAA Committee.

Prevailing market prices now are several cents a pound higher than the loan rates for any of the past three years, and if the Commodity Credit Corporation, holder of the loan cotton, should find it necessary to market some of the stored lint to keep domestic prices from rising too high, farmers who stored the cotton on loan would share in the proceeds of the sale on the basis of the difference between the sale price and the original loan.

Pitt's Record

Encouraging

33rd Man is Held In Anti-Spy Drive

German-Born Draftsman for Power Plants Is Arrested in New Jersey

New York, July 2.—Federal agents today made their 33rd arrest in a counter-espionage cleanup started Monday by taking into custody William Gustav Kaercher, 45, of Westwood, N. J., on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Federal code.

Kaercher, described as being of German nationality but a naturalized United States citizen, was employed by the American Gas and Electric Company, as a draftsman for power plants.

Kaercher pleaded innocent and two others arrested earlier—Adolf Henry Walischewsky, a steward aboard the liner Uruguay, and Conrad Otto Dold, a steward of the Excelsior—pleaded guilty to charges of transmitting information concerning the United States to a foreign power.

Renee Nezenen, 36, a clipper steward, at the same time changed his plea of innocent to guilty.

All four were held in \$25,000 bail. Of the 33 arrested, 10 have pleaded guilty, 18 pleaded innocent, and five are being held for arraignment.

A Federal grand jury yesterday began an inquiry into the suspected espionage.

Knox Denies U. S. Patrols Used In Convoy Activity

Sticks By Statement Regarding Nazi Sea Menace

Washington, July 2.—Secretary Knox flatly stated today that no American vessels on Atlantic patrols had engaged in convoying, had become involved in combat, had suffered any loss of life in their crews or any loss of equipment.

The question of patrol was raised at a press conference at which the navy chief also was interrogated about criticism in Congress of his demand this week that the United States seize on the present moment to sweep "the German menace" from the Atlantic.

Repeatedly, the secretary declined to reply to the criticisms or to say whether the speech in which he made the demands had presidential or cabinet approval.

At length, however, when asked whether it would be fair to say that you are sticking by your guns on the speech, Knox answered: "Yes, sir."

Senator Whelan (D-Mo.) said yesterday that Knox should be relieved from office for making such a speech.

Speaker Wayne Says U. S. Needs A Billion A Month

L. E. Walston, of Farmville, County Chairman, To Announce Committee Appointments Soon

Greenville, July 3.—Edwin A. Wayne, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Bankers Association, told defense savings staff members of the city and county in an address here last Friday morning that "more than a billion dollars a month, of one dollar out of every eight of the national income is needed to perpetuate the defense program."

He based this assumption on observations he has made in his recent travels from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and conferences with officials of the Treasury Department in Washington. He said that \$400,000,000 in new defense securities were sold in May, the first month of existence of the government's educational program to stimulate interest in the sale of defense bonds and defense savings stamps.

"All of us can't fly an airplane, command a battleship, or operate a tank, but there is a definite part for us to play in the nation's efforts to protect our political freedom, preserve the purchasing and spending power of tomorrow, and to convert a hundred million Americans to say 'my government,'" said Wayne.

The speaker emphasized the necessity of keeping America economically free and preserving the American system of free enterprise, which exists on the basis of working, producing and saving.

L. E. Walston, of Farmville and W. H. Woolard, of Greenville, chairman of the county and city staffs, respectively, will announce committee appointments in the immediate future.

Mayor B. R. Sugg, honorary chairman of the city staff, who addressed the session briefly, declared: "We've got to stop just singing, 'God Bless America,' we must also get out and do something about it. A job is facing us and we must do it, irrespective of sacrifices."

Leaf Producers To Hear Cooley

19th Annual Farmers' Field Day to be Held at the Tobacco Test Farm Near Oxford On July 10th

Raleigh, July 1.—Representative Harold D. Cooley, member of Congress from the Fourth District, will be the principal speaker at the 19th annual farmers' field day to be held at the Tobacco Test Farm near Oxford on July 10. Commissioner of Agriculture W. Ray Scott announced today.

Other speakers will include Robert H. Satter, director of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and other officials of the Department of Agriculture. The following items will be featured: a display of the latest in tobacco growing and curing; a display of the latest in tobacco processing and marketing; a display of the latest in tobacco research and development.



By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

U. S. TO AID SOVIET, "BEAT HITLER" MAIN END, RUSSIAN RELUCTANT ALLIES.

Not long ago, the United States, like the British, regarded the Russians as almost equal enemies with Germany. Now that Hitler has attacked the Soviet, which is engaged in a desperate battle against Nazi armies, the two democracies find themselves on the "same team" with Russia. Naturally, there will be strains and stresses until the new conditions adjust itself.

So far as the United States is concerned, our policy has been announced by Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, speaking for the President. Mr. Welles made it plain that between a Communist dictatorship and a Nazi dictatorship, the people of this country make no distinction and have no choice.

Communism and Nazism he condemned as "intolerable" but nevertheless emphasized that the greatest task facing the world, including the United States, is the defeat of Hitler's attempt at world conquest. Mr. Welles asserted that the "irresponsible attack upon Russia" disclosed the real purpose of Germany to acquire complete world domination.

Determined to resist the Nazi plan for "universal conquest, for the cruel and brutal enslavement of all Peoples, and for the ultimate destruction of the remaining free democracies," which Hitler is desperately attempting to carry out, the United States takes a realistic position, accepting "any defense against Hitlerism, and rallying of the forces opposing Hitlerism, from whatever source these forces may spring," that will hasten the downfall of Germany and therefore "redound to the benefit of our own defense and security."

The attitude of the British and American Governments are identical. It appears, in regarding Hitler as the main threat to world peace and security. Consequently, there will be cooperation with Russia in prosecuting the war.

Assistance rendered the Russians, however, will be based upon interest in keeping the Slavs fighting Germany. It will be given in spite of our inability to place much dependence upon the good faith of Stalin and his associates. Russia, it will be remembered, fights Germany, not through choice, but through necessity, and is a reluctant and somewhat unwilling ally.

SEIZURE BILL MODIFIED, PROPERTY AFFECTED, EMERGENCY POWER.

A modified version of the property seizure bill was submitted to the State Military Affairs Committee last week by Robert C. Patterson, under Secretary of War, who promoted the original bill which aroused considerable opposition through the fear of legislators that it might adversely affect small manufacturers and give the government power to seize property of individuals without compensation.

American Fliers Are Credited With Downing 3 Nazis

Eagle Squadron Takes First Big 'Outing,' Aids Raid in Northern France

London, July 3.—R. A. F.'s Eagle Squadron, all American volunteers, downed three German planes and damaged two others today in its first big "outing"—a doop daylight drive over northern France as far as Lille.

British-manned planes participating in the same extended air offensive over German-held territory were credited officially with bagging 15 additional German craft while the British acknowledged loss of two bombers and eight fighters. It was learned that two of the British fighter losses were caused by a collision. It was not stated whether any of the Eagles was killed.

Escorted Bombers The Eagles got into action as they escorted a strong bomber formation. About 60 Messerschmitt 109s attacked them and a series of twisting dogfights developed, continuing until the bombers had completed their mission and headed back home.

One veteran British flier said the Eagles' air battles reminded him of "the old Dunkerque days." The youngest of the Eagles, tackling two Germans, was caught by a burst of bullets which mangled his plane. He hung on the tail of one of the Germans, however, and shot off the Messerschmitt's ailerons.

As a wing crumpled and the cockpit hood blew off, the German bailed out. The Eagle climbed back to rejoin his squadron. The American bag in today's fight, the first large-scale engagement over occupied territory in which the Eagle Squadron has taken part, almost equaled the score of four American pilots lost thus far in the war. Much of the fighting was near smoky French factory town of Lille, in skies where American aces of the Lafayette Escadrille fought the Kaiser's air force 25 years ago.

If somebody doesn't stop Hitler, the American isolationists will win their struggle—Hitler will isolate us.

Cotton Stamp Plan Started

Merchants Are Advised How To Redeem Certificates

Greenville, July 3.—Merchants selling 100 per cent American grown, processed, and manufactured cotton products to Pitt county will shortly be in line for increased business from farmers' participation in the Supplementary Cotton Program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In pointing this out, Mr. O. P. Matlock, Chairman of the Cotton Industry Committee, advised that all merchants should be thoroughly familiar with the rules and regulations governing the operation of the program before accepting or shipping cotton bales.

Final payments handling cotton programs in Pitt county will be completed today, and the program will be in full operation from that date.

NAZIS REPORT 500,000 REDS ROUTED IN TRAP NEAR MINSK

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the request of the Treasury Department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Bond Quiz, and start in next week's issue.

The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most Bond and Stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the Nation.

Thanks For The Baby Increases

Traffic Accidents Continue to Claim a Large Percent of the Grown-Ups

Raleigh.—From January first, through May, this year, there were 34,444 babies born in North Carolina, which was just 1,973 in excess of the number born during the corresponding period of 1940, the State Board of Health reports.

Furthermore, births during that period exceeded the 14,424 deaths in the State by 20,020. Maternal deaths were shown to be on the decrease, there having been only 161 during the first five months of 1941, as compared with 188 for the same period last year, a decrease of 27.

But the mounting toll of deaths from preventable accidents also comes in for consideration. From January through May, vital statistics figures show, 709 persons in North Carolina were accidentally killed, as compared with 648 for the same period a year ago—an increase of 166. Most of these deaths resulted from traffic accidents.

There were, during the period of the compilation, 104 fewer deaths from pneumonia than occurred a year ago, 39 fewer deaths from tuberculosis and 25 fewer from diphtheria. Up to June 1, there had been only 28 diphtheria deaths in the State. Last year there were 51 during the first five months, 27 of these occurring in January alone, as compared with only 3 in January this year.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Who was known as the "Blood and Iron" Chancellor?
2. Is Japan under agreement to go to war with the United States if Germany declares war upon us?
3. What was H. R. 1776?
4. Has the Red sea area been open to American ships since the war in Europe began?
5. How do American armament expenditures compare with Germany's?
6. Which cost the largest amount a battleship or an aircraft carrier?
7. How many trained glider pilots do the Germans claim?
8. In what body of water did the German battleship Bismarck sink the British battleship Hood?
9. Can you name five nations that lie between Mexico and Panama?
10. Who was Nathan Bedford Forrest?

(See "The Answer" on Page 4)

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Chaos Overtaking Remains Russian Armies Defending Road To Moscow, with 100,000 Captured and More Slain

Berlin, July 2.—The German Army tonight proclaimed a virtual slaughter of the Russian armies trapped east of Bialystok, announcing a complete victory with "unbelievable chaos" overtaking the remnants of 500,000 Red soldiers.

"Because of the stubborn Soviet Russian defense and the embittered attempts to break out" of the German-aided trap, said the high command, "the bloody losses of the enemy exceed the number of prisoners by several times."

There was no authorized interpretation of the communique, but some informed quarters believed its reference to the event as of "world historical proportions" possibly meant that the backbone of the whole Red Army is considered cracked.

German dispatches said the trapped Red soldiers, tried four times to break out, but failed each time.

A total of 160,000 Russian prisoners has been taken on all fronts since the beginning of the war a week ago last Sunday, the army stated. Of these, 100,000 were said to have been counted so far in the Bialystok trap.

German losses, on the other hand, "in all are gratifyingly small," a communique said.

The slaying of the encircled Russians between Bialystok (in north-central old Poland) and Minsk, who were defending the highway to Moscow, has resulted in a decision of history-making proportions, in the words of the high command.

The fate of these troops, trapped quickly in huge numbers in a typical Blitzkrieg maneuver, had been a matter of keen speculation for days. The fate of Minsk itself remained obscure, with the high command not mentioning earlier German claims that it had fallen. (The Russians admitted Nazi penetration beyond Minsk.)

Cantaloup Crop To Top Records

Raleigh, July 1.—North Carolina cantaloupe producers expect to harvest their largest crop on record this season, Russell P. Handy, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, reported today.

A production of 722,000 crates, 27 per cent above last year, was indicated in the June 15 summary of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

"Of significance is the trend in cantaloupe acreage in the State which has gradually increased since 1930. The increase in production over last year is due primarily to the larger acreage planted for harvest plus a small increase in yield per acre."

Record Set In State Income

Total of \$87,392,256 Collected in Fiscal Year

Raleigh, July 1.—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported today that the state collected a record total of \$87,392,256 in taxes during the fiscal year just ended.

The 1940-41 collections were \$1,574,150 more than the previous record set in 1934-35. Last year's total was, in fact, \$1,033,792 above 1939-40.

"These rapid increases in the volume of state revenue are all the more gratifying because they are a direct reflection of increased business activity in the State and do not result from increased tax levies," Maxwell commented.

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