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GROWERS ON FARMVILLE MART PLEASED AT PRICE AVERAGES

Auction Sales Open At Highest Prices Since The World War; General Atmosphere Of Satisfaction Prevails

With prices ranging anywhere from 10 to 14 cents higher than it did last season on the opening and an average of from $27 to $29 each day of this week on the Farmville market, satisfaction is being expressed by farmers in general and optimism reigns throughout the Brigat Leaf Belt, comprising the towns of Farmville, Greenville, Wilson, Kinston, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Washington Williamston, Robersonville, Smithfield, Ahoskie, Tarboro, Wallace and Wendell, among which are to be found the world's largest tobacco markets.

The warehouses and streets here were filled to overfowing on opening day with a crowd of jubliant farmers and their families, who met the scarcity of man power on the farms, occasioned by defense activities, with an almost superhuman effort during the blistering heat of the housing season. And so the advance in price was gratifying and heartening to them..

The Georgia-Flordia Belt brought prices of $23.06 the first week, $4.71 above last year's levels, and the Border Belt has brought an average of $28.12, whi'h is way ahead of the $16.14 record of last season.

The 235,200,000 pounds estimated as produced in this Belt for the 1941 season will in all probability bring the highest prices since the World War. Though not as high in comparison, the offerings are believed to be selling 60 per cent higher than last season. Few tags have been turned this week.

The opening break on the Farmville market was placed at 650,000 pounds by Sales Supervisor R. A. Fields, who reported that this market's new sales system, which provides a sale every day for both of the warehouse firms, is operating to the general satisfaction of patrons of this market, since they are assured a sale every day.

Observers state that the breaks this week hav been composed of 78 per cent lugs, the best of which showed an advance of 10 to 12 cents over last year and the choice primings even better in proportion.

Farmers have hurried home after their sales each day to speed the grading of their weed and tobacconists are looking for a large volume of sales during the next week with better grades predominating in the offerings.

REV. MR. ROYAL VISITOR BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. W. C. Royal, pastor of the Baptist Church, Frederick, Md., will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service at the Baptist Church, Sunday morning. The Rev. Mr. Royal held a meeting in the local church in the Spring and will doubtless be cordially received at this time by the many warm friends he made while visiting here.

Courtesy is just about as important in solving the problems of life as intelligence but you can't make some people believe it.

Gas Quota Revision In Farm Area Urged

Cooley Says Tobacco Farmers Will Meet Hardships Unless The Quota Is Raised

Washington, Aug. 27.—Increased gasoline quotas for the flu-cured tobacco belt to avoid "undue hardships" during the marketing season were urged today by Representative Harold D. Cooley.

Following an extended conference with Acting Secretary of Interior John J. Dempsey, Cooley wrote Senator Francis T. Maloney, chairman of the special Senate sub-committee investigating the gasoline shortage and asked "immediate consideration of this situation" confronting tobacco growers.

Quotas based on July consumption, Cooley asserted, will "seriously handicap" the tobacco area as farming activities that month seriously restrict all travel and result in the lowest gasoline sales of any month in the year.

Unless the rules provide for a 10 per cent reduction in gasoline sales on the basis of July consumption in marketing the tobacco belt will have some will actually experience a reduction of 40 to 50 per cent in the consumption of gasoline," Cooley warned.

Farmville Schools Prepare For a Record Enrollment

Formal Program of Opening Exercises To Be Held at 8:30 Daylight Savings Time on Wednesday, Sept. 3

Prepared for a record enrollment, the Farmville schools will open on Wednesday, September 3, with a formal program of exercises at the chapel hour, which will be held at 8:30 Daylight Savings Time, according to Superintendent J. H. Moore.

More than 1300 students were enrolled in the white and colored schools here last year, which has been termed as one of the most successful in their history.

High school pupils and those of the elementary grades above the first who were not enrolled last year, will register today and the other elementary pupils will follow the regular customs of registering in their respective rooms on opening day.

One of the largest consolidated and most modern schools in the county, the Farmville graded school has 12 grades and a 9 months term, and the honor of being among the 45 schools of the State, which holds a membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which privilege was extended this branch in November of last year.

The teachers are scheduled to arrive during the week end or the first of the week and will be in readiness when the first gong sounds Wednesday morning.

HOOKERTON DISTRICT UNION TO CONVENE HERE SATURDAY

The annual union meeting of the Hookerton District, comprising of around 26 churches in this section of the State, will convene in the Farmville Christian Church, Saturday, August 30, at ten o'clock with Heber Cannon, of Ayden, presiding. Rev. C. B. Mashburn is pastor of the Farmville church.

Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, and Rev. J. Wayne Drash, of Kinston, will be among the featured speakers, the latter being scheduled to deliver the annual sermon during the morning session. Dinner will be served in the churchyard.

The Woman's Council of the Christian Church will have charge of the afternoon program.

'Fair' Gas Scale Set For Dealers

Maximum Prices Proposed for East; N. C. Cities Not Included In List

Washington, Aug. 27.—Leon Henderson, price administrator, made public tonight a table of what he said was fair maximum retail prices for "regular" gasoline in 40 cities in the Eastern States.

Henderson said the prices were designed to serve as a guide to motorists. Officials explained that it was not a mandatory price ceiling and that vendors were not under compulsion to observe it.

Four Cents Profit

"They are the maximum prices which motorists should pay," Henderson said.

The retail prices range from 20.1 cents, including tax, in Manchester, N. H., to 16.5 cents a gallon in Washington. The prices, Henderson's office said, were based on the tank wagon price now being charged by major oil companies, State and Federal taxes, and a uniform dealer margin of four cents a gallon.

Henderson said that the list was made public because of "widespread variants in retail prices."

"For most of the cities the prices are those which prevailed August 4," officials said. The prices for Richmond, Philadelphia, New York City, Boston and most other Massachusetts cities are lower than those being charged by most dealers.

"In those cities motorists may properly expect service station operators to bring prices down to those listed and should urge the operators to do so," Henderson said.

Somebody wants to know when people do when they have too much money; so far, nobody has ever had any such.

Judge Saves Youth, 17, From Stigma of Prison

Chapman Was Made To Realize The Seriousness of Taking The Property of Others and That Crime Does Not Pay

Greenville, Aug. 27.—Judge O. K. Nimocks today decided in a criminal term of Superior Court that school would be more benifical to Louis Chapman, 17, than a road sentence so he offered a verdice that will keep the boy in school for the next two years.

Some time ago, Louis acquirred a dislike for learning and quit school to find his place in the world, but things didn't go so well. Recently he was arrested on a charge of temporary larceny of an automobile and drew six months for the offense in today's proceedings.

It developed that his character had been good until he became involved in the automobile theft; that he is a conscientious youngster and really wants to find his place in life. In view of this, Judge Nimocks ordered that the sentence be suspended upon the condition that Chapman go to school for the next two years and be placed on probation for a period of four years.

Before leaving the court room Louis was made to realize the seriousness of taking the property of others, and that crime does not pay. He learned, too, that a fellow has a much better chance to get ahead in the classroom than he does in a prison camp.

Tonight, Louis was at home with his people instead of rubbing elbows with law-breakers. School starts next week and Louis will be engaged in beneficial activities just like the other fellows his own age.

He thinks that Judge Nimocks is a splendid man for giving him another chance and that going to school won't be as bad as a road sentence.

PITT DRAFTEE DELINQUENTS

Farmville Enterprise:

Please publish this list of delinquents in your next publication stating that these are the last addresses given us and any person knowing where these people are to please get in touch with Local Board No. 1, Greenville, N. C., These people will be reported to the District Attorney if we cannot find them.

Edla Taylor, Asst. Clerk

Henry Edward Bowie, Rt 2, Farmville, N. C. (col); Richard Stevens, 315 Berry St., Farmville, N. C. (col); Gene Staton, Rt. 3, Bethel, N. C. (col); Nathan Fenner Hokes, Rt. 1, Farmville, N. C. (col); Spencer Brown, RFD, Robersonville, N. C. (col); Junis Taylor, Bethel, N. C. (col); Woodrow Wilson Clark, Rt. 3, Grimesland, N. C. (wh); George Miller, 406 1st St., Greenville, N. C. (col); Johnnie Junior Hemby, 1317 W. 3rd St., Greenville, N. C. George Costandi Akle, 243 N. Main St., Greenville, N. C. (wh); Charlie Knight, 217 Center St., Greenville, N. C. (col); Jacob McCathey, Farmville, N. C. (col); Major Johnson, 405 Bonners Lane, Greenville N. C. (col); Montie Barnes, 406 W. 1st St., Greenville, N. C. (col); Gus Brewer, Rt. 2, Robersonville, N. C. (col); Robert Kornegay, 308 Walnut St., Farmville, N. C. (col); Rufus Mooring, Bethel, N. C. (col); Eddie Carr, Rt. 1 Stokes, N. C. (col); William Allen Edwards, Rt. 5, Greenville, N. C. (wh); Bennie Roy Harrell, Rt. 5, Greenville, N. C. (wh); Levi Butter Smith, Box 427 Belle Glade, Fla. (col); Calvin Rasberry, Barnett St., Farmville, N. C. Ben McCutchen, 312 1st St., Greenville, N. C. (col); Matthew Williams, 204 E. 1st St., Greenville, N. C. (col); Ola L. Phillips, Rt. 1, Ayden, N. C. (col); Otis Tank Gooden, Greenville, N. C.(col); Elmer Lee Gibbs, 105 Brooklyn Ave. Farmville, N. C.(col); William Lamb Emerson, Rt. 4, Greenville, N. C. (wh); George Allen Butts, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C. (wh); James L. Harbes, W. Perry St., Farmville, N. C. Charlie Mooring, Rt. 4, Greenville, N.C. (col); James Wooten, Rt. 4, Greenville, N. C. (col); Luther Mc Pherson, Gen. Del., Bethel N. C. (col); Alfred Gibbs, 219 E. 1st St., Greenville, N. C. (col); Henry Price, Bethel, N. C. (col); Sam Fleming, George St., Farmville, NN. C. (col); Leroy Bethel, Rt. 5, Greenville, N. C. (col); Jasper Lee Cox, Pacolus, N. C. (wh); Fred Barnes, 207 Proctor St., Durham, N. C. (col); Theodore Phillips, Rt. 1, Farmville, N. C. (col); Reddie Maxwell Squires, 3210 Huntington Avenue, Newport News, Va. (wh); Ford Edwards, Rt. 1, Stokes, N. C. (col); Henry Woodrow Hardy, Rt. 5, Box 210, Greenville, N. C. (col).

By HUGO S. SIMS
(Washington Correspondent)

U. S. NEAR WAR WITH JAPAN JAPS MAY SEIZE U. S. SHIPS

The beginning of actual hostilities between the United States and Japan may occure any day. It is no exaggeration to state that relations between th two countries will reach a crisis when American steamers, enroute to Vladivostok, appear in Japanese waters.

The seriousness of the situation is hardly appreciated by the American people. Japan finds herself in a precarious position, due entirely to a long series of aggressive moves in the Far East. Many experts in Washington, Tokyo and elsewhere believe that the steady flow of war supplies to Soviet Russia from American industry will inevitably shatter Japanese ambitions.

It is officially admitted that steamers have departed from the United States loaded with supplies destined for Vladivostok, where presumably, they will be trans-shipped to European Russia for the use against the German invading armies. Every shipload which reaches its destination will strengthen the Soviet and increase its fighting power against Japan as well as Germany.

U. S. WITHIN ITS RIGHTS AGGRESSION CHALLENGED

Americans should understand that the danger does not arise from any unneutral act of this country. The United States has a perfect right under International Law to send supplies to Vladivostok for the use of the Russian army. When its ships leave the United States with war supplies to the Soviet, the Japanese have no right to complain, much less to seize the supplies en route.

Nevertheless, to understand the gravity of the present situation it is necessary to consider the position in which Japanese expansionints find themselves. Their program has been pushed as far south as possible without inviting actual warfare. Doubt exists as to whether the Japanese are ready to invite hostilities with Great Britain and the United States by continuing a southward push.

In Toyko, the ry of encirclement is raised as Western nations get together for the defense of their interests in the Far East. This defense will be greatly strengthende if the Japanese are convinced that the Soviet is maintaining a Far Eastern force of sufficient striking power to actively intervene in that area.

FEAR U. S. AID TO SOVIET TOKYO FACES DECISION

In other words, the Japanese find themselves blocked in the Southern Pacific by the determined attitude of the United States and Great Britain. They have probably harbored the hope that Germany's attack upon Russia will cause the Soviet to weaken itself in the Far East, thus opening the way for Japanese expansion insting Soviet influence and pressure from Manchukuo and, certainly, elim- against the Japanese in relation to the Chinese campaign.

Obviously, if immense supplies of war materials reach Vladivostok the Soviet will continue to be a menace to Japan, able to block expansion on the continent and, because of air bases close to Japan, to threaten the islands in the event of hostility.

It seems to be no exaggeration to say that the Russians will effect ually challenge the continuance of Japanese policies in the Far East.

Adroitly, the United States, without direct hostile act, puts Japan to the acid test and unless the Japanese are willing, tentatively at least, to suspend their aggressive program, there is more than a possibility of offensive Japanese naval action against American ships.

Whether the Japanese will go so far as to seize American ships is uncertain. If they do, they pass the buck to the United States and this country must decide whether to abandon its pronounced policy of extending assistance to nations fighting Hitlerism. Moreover, the United States must surrender, almost without reservation, its favored "freedom of the seas" policy and back down in the face of hostile action on the part of the Japanese.

HEAD ON COLLISION JAP SITUATION SERIOUS

We do not believe that the United States will surrender under pressure and we expect that the Japanese will take drastic action to prevent

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Laval is Badly Wounded By Young Gunman

Former Premier and Three Others Injured In Outbreak At Versailles; Youthful Assassin Jailed

Vichy, Aug. 27.—Pierre Laval, France's leading champion of full collaboration with Adolf Hitler, was shot and seriously wounded at Versailles late today in what was described officially as part of a "vast nationwide plot" by Communists to turn France into chaos with assassinations and terrorism.

The terrorism climaxed by the attempted assassination of Laval, only a few days after the murder of a Verman naval ensign in a Paris subway, was "fomented on Moscow's orders," it was alleged by the Vichy government's envoy to Paris.

Others Hit

The 58-year-old former premier and three others, including two prominent pro-Nazi Frenchmen, was shot by a French youth identified as a confessed Communist as they watched the formal mobilization of a French volunteer legion ready to leave for the Russian front to fight alongside the Germans.

A number of high German military and political leaders narrowly missed the assassin's bullets during the formal ceremony at historic Versailles just outside Paris.

Although Laval, who had received death threat almost daily because of his Nazi views, was shot in the abdomen and in the arm he told his wife over the telephone from his hospital bed: "Don't worry. . . I'll recover."

Doctors said he appeared to be out of danger after an emergency operation but late tonight the condition of one of the other three victims, Marcel Deat, was said to be growing worse.

Deat, collaborator of Laval and violently pro-Nazi editor of the Paris newspaper L'Oeuvre, was shot in the stomach as he stood near Laval.

Also shot were Major Durvy of the Nazi-sponsored French party of Popular Union in Paris and a youth among the 1,200 anti-Communist volunteers who will start for Poland Saturday night to join the war against Russia.

Shot Three Times.

Laval, was shot three times, twice in the right arm and once in the abdomen where a bullet entered the right side of the liver and imbedded itself just under the heart.

Surgeons, including German army doctors rushed to Versailles, performed a 40-minute operation but decided it was too dangerous to remove the bullet lodged near the heart and it was left there.

The 20-year-old confessed Communist who said he joined the anti-Communist Legion and went to Versailles armed 'to kill someone," will be tritd within 10 days before the new French "terrorist court" in Paris and the death penalty probably will be demanded.

The German authorities have made no move to intervene and the assassin, red-haired Paul Colette from Caen, remains a French prisoner, it was stated.

An announcement a few minutes before midnight, as Mrs. Laval and her daughter, Countess Joe de Chambrun, left Chateldon near Vichy for Versailles by automobile, said that Laval, was out of danger but would remain in the hospital several days "in event of complications."

REPRISAL

Berlin, Thursday, Aug. 28—Several Cuban citizens have been arrested in "occupied territories" for committing "hostile acts directed against the security of the German Reich," DNB announced early today.

The Cuban Federal authorities on August 8 arrested eigh persons in Havana suspected of activity in a Cuban branch of the German-American Bund. Today two of them were sentenced to six months imprisonment and to be deported as undesirables when their sentence is served.

TO BROAD CAST IN SERIES OF PROGRAMS OVER WGTM

Friends here will hear with great interest of the series of radio programs to be presented by Mrs. B. R. Fields over W.G.T.M., Wilson, each Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 Daylight Saving Time. This program is to be designated as "Miss Linda's Reading Circle." Mrs. Fields is especially gifted in reading and will be heard with much pleasure in this series.

Advertising knows little modesty.

HULL ASSERTS THAT U. S. STANDS FIRM ON POLICY OF FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Statement Made At The Press Conference In Reference to Shipment of War Material To Russia Thru The Pacific; Question of Formal Nippon Representations Left With U. S. Tokyo Office

Washington, Aug. 27.—Secretary of State Hull made plain today that the United States stood on a freedom of the seas policy in connection with shipments of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

He was asked at his press conference whether the United States would insist on freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections.

His reply was that until this policy was revoked, it could be assumed that it was in effect.

As to whether Japan had made formal representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Hull said he would leave any statement on this at the moment tn the foreign office in Tokyo.

He said that the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, had asked for an appointment with him. There was no immediate information at to Nomura's purpose.

The Japanese news agency, Domei, had reported from Tokyo earlier, however, that the Japanese government had made representations to the United States and Russia against shipments of American aviation gasoline to the Russian port of Vladivostok.

The Soviet government also had let it be known that it had informed Japan that it would regard as "an unfriendly act" any attempt by Japan to interfere with "normal trade relations between the Soviet Union and the United States via Far Eastern Soviet ports."

Nomura's appointment was made while Hull was conferring with the Soviet ambassador, Constantine Oumansky.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The United States, by announcing a military mission to Chungking gave Japan tangible proof today that this country intended no change in its attitude toward the so-called China incident.

The announcement that the mission would depart in two weeks also was apparently calculated to reassure the government of Chiang-Kai-Shek that the lend-lease program would continue unchanged in its efforts to supply ill-armed China with the sinews of modern war.

Secretary of State Hull acted promptly to spike reports that the United States was negotiating with Japan in hopes of "a fair and amicable settlement" in the Orient, that uneasy fears were being voiced that some sort of appeasment deal might be under discussion. Any Far Eastern settlement, he said, would have to be based on the fundamental principle long asserted by the United States—non-recognition of aggression and respect for international law.

GERMANS CUT VITAL RAILWAY

Germans Claim Russian Army Wiped Out; Reds Say Lines Are Holding

Berlin, Thursday, Aug. 28—German troops striking east 35 miles from captured Novgorod were reported early today to have reached the Leningrad-Moscow railway, cuting off the main supply route of the menaced Baltic port.

The report was issued by DNB. No details were given immediately.

Earlier the high command had announced that the 22nd Russian Army had been annihilated in a tremendous battle in the Nevel area on the northern wing of the front. The Wehrmacht advanced 40 miles, captured the roundhouse and airport town of Velike Luki, killed 40,000 Russians and took 30,000 prisoners, Adolf Hitler's headquarters announced.

Bloody Fighting

The report of this new step toward the Fuehrer's avowed goal of crushing the Red army said the Soviet troops were encircled and annihilated in several days of bloody fighting.

Velike Luki is a railroad center of 30,000 population 275 miles west of Moscow and 250 miles south of Leningrad. Before the war, Velikie Luki was the ariel crossroads of northern Europe. Its field served Russia, Germany and the Baltic countries.

Capture of the town put German troops on the north central front 40 miles deeper into Russian lines from Nevel, where they had been reported preivously.

The high command made no reference to German losses, which generally have been reported as "comparatively low." A glimpse into one hospital train, given by German war correspondent Hans-Joachim Volland, indicated the Germans were not escaping unscathed.

Steady Work

The chief surgeon aboard the rolling hospital Volland said, told him that "except for short rest periods we are always under way from the front to hospitals in the Rumanian hinterland and then back to the front.

On the Leningrad front, the high command said, operations "proceeded successfully."

On the lower Dnieper the Germans were said to have captured the town of Berislav after working their way through minefields on the front.

SUBMISSION OF IRAN IS NEAR

Iran Reported on Verge of Meeting Demands As Allies Continue Thrusts

London, Aug. 27.—Shah Riza Khan Pahlevi of Iran tonight was reported "on the verge" of submitting to Anglo-Soviet demands and halting the invasion of British and Russian armies driving deeper into his desert kingdom on the north, west and south.

Negotiations continued in Tehran seeking a concrete gharantee that German agents will be ousted from Iran but an authoraive spokesman said that all of the wealthy Shah's proposals thus far have been unsatisfactory and that 'something more than promises" is required to halt the invasion.

Ready To Oust Nazis

The Shah was understood to be ready to order the expulsion of 80 per cent of the 3,000 to 5,000 Germans alleged to be in Iran and thus meet the conditions laid down by Britain and Russia before they sent their troops into the country at dawn Monday.

The British said tonight, however, that the actual expulsion must be carried out and that the Russian trans-Iranian route for supplies from Britain and the United States must be "wholly secured" before military operations cease.

The British Ministry of Information reported an outbreak of rioting in the Iranian centers of Shiraz, Ispahan and Yezd as result of disclosure that the Shah's government, tempted by favorable Nazi credit terms, was holding out virtually the entire grain harvest and stocks of tea and sugar for shipment to Germany.

The British and Russian armies were barely 70 or 80 miles from a junction along Iran's western frontiers as the Soviet forces drove to the important town of Sharpur (Dilman), at the northwest side of Lake Urmia only about 10 miles from the Turkish frontier and 90 miles from Iraq where one British force entered Iran at dawn Monday.

EAGLE GETS TWO

London, Aug. 27.—Pilot Officer William Robert Dunn of the American Eagle Squadron, former airline flier from Houston, Tex., shot down two German fighters today and is suffering from a bullet wound in his foot, the air ministry reported.

Dunn's wound was not serious and he was able to bring his plane down safely, it was said. The two victories today brought his total to four.

The Air Ministry said two Eagle squadrons participated in the day's offensive operations in which ten German fighters were reported destroyed. The British used "many squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes," it was stated.

Two R. A. F. fliers collided over the French coast, the ministry disclosed. One pilot managed to fly back to his station but the other had to bale out.

TWINS BAFFLE JUDGES

St. Louis—Beauty contest judges had a hard time of it recently, when after all but two of the beauties were eliminated, they had to make a choice. The last two were identical twins—Betty and Barbara Wallis. They finally awarded the prize—jointly.

Farmville is your town and it's going to be the kind of a town you want it to be.