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## FARMVILLE TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

### There Were 15,783,142 Pounds Sold Here For an Average of \$30.97 a Hundred

The Farmville tobacco market closed its 1941 season following sales on Friday, October 31st, and according to Sales Supervisor R. A. Fields, it was the most successful season experienced in many years.

## Chamber of Commerce Holds Business Session

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday night, November 5th, it was suggested that Farmville should have a flour mill and a feed mill.

A resolution was adopted requesting Hon. E. G. Flanagan, commissioner of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, to have the road widened to a width of twenty feet, from Farmville to Wilson.

Whereas U. S. Highway No. 264 leading from Farmville to Wilson has the width of only sixteen (16) feet; and whereas said Highway is one of the main traffic arteries of Eastern North Carolina; and whereas it would be a much safer and more delightful highway on which to drive a car or truck if same was widened to a width of twenty (20) feet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville do hereby request Hon. E. G. Flanagan, Commissioner of the State Highway and Public Works Commission to put his influence and efforts to an immediate widening of the aforesaid road.

## CHINA HELPS

New York, Nov. 5.—Roundabout reports from unidentified sources were received in New York tonight to the effect that Chinese troops are going to the aid of Russia against the German invaders.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. Eleven American-owned merchantmen, lost in the present war, went down in what areas?

## MAYOR DAVIS ASKS OBSERVANCE

Monday, November 10th, marks the 166th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps, which is the oldest branch of the Nation's military services.

North Carolina is particularly interested in this event. Many of our sons have served with distinction in the ranks of the Marine Corps in past years. Furthermore, there has been established in the State this year a Marine Base in Onslow County, at which thousands of Marines are already stationed and in training.

And, furthermore, I do call upon all the men of this vicinity between the ages of 17 and 30 without dependants, physically fit for military service and with no military obligations to enlist in the United States Marines that this old and honorable corps may fill its legal quota of trained young fighting men.

## Latest Figures On United States Defense Program

### Defense Production Encouraging But Nation Has Long Way To Go For Real Security

(By H. S. Sims, Jr.) Although the people of Great Britain and Canada are spending 50 per cent of their income for national defense, we of the United States are currently spending only 15 per cent of our total income to arm ourselves and to arm those fighting aggression.

This year, it has been estimated that we will produce 9 billion dollars in defense goods which is over five times the amount that was produced last year. In 1942 defense production is expected to be two and a half times as large as it was this year.

In checking the production records of airplanes in the United States, we find that in July, 1940, we produced 100 military planes; January of this year, military plane production rose to 1,019; last July, we produced 1,460 planes; and in September, the last month for which the Government has released figures, United States aircraft factories turned out 1,914 ships.

## Congress Slated To Stay in Session Indefinitely

### Jap Crisis Given as Reason; Capital Studies Mission of Envoy From Tokyo

Washington, Nov. 5.—Administration leaders have decided to hold Congress in session indefinitely because of the crisis in Japanese-American relations, informed sources said today.

The decision came as a surprise, inasmuch as some House leaders had talked previously of knocking off legislative work for the balance of the year, as soon as the neutrality and price control measures were out of the way.

Influential Democratic legislators who asked that their names be withheld, said that under present plans there would be nothing more than three-day recesses for either the Senate or House in the near future.

The disclosure was made as the Japanese government announced that Saburo Kurusu, former Japanese ambassador to Germany, was flying to Washington as a special envoy in an effort to work out an understanding with the United States.

Ever since the start of the current European war in 1939, Republicans in Congress have opposed extended recesses on the ground that the people wanted their representatives here to guard against the nation being led into war.

The President's action was not entirely unexpected and Democratic leaders in the metropolitan city have long known that Mr. Roosevelt has little love for the Tammany organization. In fact, the President came into political prominence as a young statesman in blocking the election of a Tammany candidate to the United States Senate.

## DEFENSE STRIKES LABOR LOSES GROUND

Labor policies of the United States Government are more out of line with the sentiment of the people of the United States than any other Administration stand. The Gallup poll indicates that 80 per cent of the voters in the United States are in favor of having defense strikes prohibited.

The gains that labor has made in the last decade should certainly be protected, but the Government should strike down on all labor leaders who for selfish reasons tamper with national defense.



## ATTACKS ON U. S. SHIPS OUTSIDE THE WAR ZONES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

The first ten American merchant ships, sunk in the present war, included six vessels flying the flag of Panama and four flying the Stars and Stripes. It might be well for American citizens to consider the location of the attacks upon these American ships.

Of the four ships flying the American flag, one struck a mine and sank in Australian waters in November, 1940. Another was torpedoed and shelled in the South Atlantic in May, 1941. The third was attacked from the air and in the Gulf of Suez on September 5th. The fourth was sunk by a torpedo off the coast of Africa on October 19th.

The pattern of attacks indicates a widespread offensive against shipping being conducted by Germany. Not one of the vessels was destroyed in belligerent waters of the war zones, as proclaimed by the President. Every ship had a right to be where it was destroyed, under International Law, and the ships flying the American flag were proceeding in accordance with our law.

Eliminating the ship which struck a mine in Australian waters we observe that the three ships destroyed while flying the American flag went down in the South Atlantic, the Gulf of Suez, and off the coast of Africa. Regardless of their cargoes, or their destinations, it is obvious that no self-respecting nation can permit another nation to sink its ships with impunity.

## F.D.R. FOR LA GUARDIA AGAINST TAMM MAN

An interesting situation has developed in the City of New York where Mayor Fiorella La Guardia, seeking re-election, is opposed by District Attorney William O'Dwyer, who is running as a Democrat.

## BIRD CLUB

Claude Tyson read about the white-breasted Nuthatch. Its gray blue color is almost the shade of the uniform of the Confederacy. It has a glossy black cap. It can run up and down the trunk of trees in almost every conceivable position where it hunts for insects under and upon the bark.

## PLUG DATOBES TONGUE

New Orleans.—While pulling an extension cord carrying 100 volts of electricity from an overhead socket, the plug prong caught the lip of Archie Richardson, 22, lodging against his tongue.

Medical men are puzzled by the case of a girl who has been unable to move three years. If the operation will come to Farmville, it will be a great relief to the family.

## New Tax Boosts Requested On Incomes, Payrolls

### Treasury Asks Immediate Action on Proposal to Add Nearly Five Billions to Tax Burden

Washington, Nov. 5.—The Treasury tonight proposed that Congress start work immediately on a gigantic tax program which would yield an estimated \$4,800,000,000 through still higher Social Security taxes and a new income tax levy to be deducted from payrolls by employers.

A member of the House Ways and Means Committee said the Treasury proposed a 16 per cent rate for the new at-the-source income tax. He said the levy would not be applied on the total wage or salary, however; instead, normal personal income tax exemptions would be deducted before the tax is computed.

The program, as revealed by Congressional sources, calls for: 1. The at-the-source income, or withholding tax. Its yield was estimated at from \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000, depending on the rate finally adopted.

2. Imposition of a 1 per cent payroll tax on employees, to be withheld and paid by employers, for the Social Security system's unemployment compensation fund. This would bring in \$450,000,000.

3. A 1 per cent increase in payroll taxes on both employers and employees for the old-age pension fund. The tax now is 1 per cent on each; the program would raise the rate to 2 per cent, on each. The yield was estimated at \$900,000,000.

## State's Income Shows 35% Gain Over Last Year

Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Gains by more than a million and three quarters, \$1,772,455.73 to be statistical, are announced by Revenue Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell, the upping over October, 1940, amounting to 35 per cent increase in the state's rising revenues.

The commissioner, now watching the first four months of sales tax exemptions for table foods, is astounded as the approximate million dollars gain on those items in these four months go recklessly to new highs. The conservative commission-er expected a loss at home, but there has been none and the October 1941, sales taxes, \$1,860,943.14, top the 10th month of 1940 by more than a quarter of a million. October of that year raised \$1,195,637.83.

The gasoline division, with all the current operations, has \$2,353,553.64 for October against \$2,463,605.01 a year ago. The general revenues went to \$3,883,213.22 for the month, against \$2,470,552.23 a year ago. In the four months, total revenues have risen to \$27,730,251.97 to compare with \$23,815,502.51 a year ago, making a gain of \$3,914,749.46.

## RUSSIANS SAY NAZIS HALTED IN PUSH ON MOSCOW FRONT

### Rites Held Sunday Late Wesley Swain

Henderson, Nov. 4.—Funeral services for Wesley Young Swain were conducted from Holy Innocents Episcopal church, of which he had been a life long member, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Rev. L. W. Hughes, rector, officiating. Commitment rites followed in Elmwood cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: F. B. Roberts, Joel Carroll, M. C. Miles, J. M. Hughes, R. E. Crowder, R. F. Thompson.

Mr. Swain was born February 8, 1862, at "Castalia" the ancestral home of the Youngs. He was the son of Whitall Rhodes Swain and Mary Catherine Young. He was the last of the generation of the Youngs and of the Swains. He was a prominent farmer in Vance county, his home, "Pinecrest" on the Dabney road, being a center of activity in his community.

Mr. Swain is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Tyson Swain, a son, Thomas Tyson Swain, of Raleigh; and a daughter, Miss Mary Catherine Swain, of this city.

Among the out of town friends and relatives attending the funeral rites are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor, Frank Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shinn, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Creech, Mrs. George Wynne, all of Raleigh.

Misses Pearl Ray, Mariotte Credle, Evelyn McPheters and Catherine Lee, of Wake Forest; Mrs. T. C. Beaman, Mrs. Lucy Raspberry, Misses Gladys and Mary Barrow and Seth Barrow of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Creech, Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lumpkin, of Norfolk, Va.; E. C. Swing and Miss Annie Fuller Young of Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Turner Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Weisiger, Mr. and Mrs. C. Daughtry, and Mrs. Lizzie Bragg, all of Rocky Mount; Mrs. A. B. Perry, Louisburg; J. P. Tyler, Richmond, Va.; Miss Ethel Tyler, Durham.

## Maxwell Astounded As Approximate Million Dollars Gain in Taxes On Table Foods Go Recklessly To New High; Even Gasoline Taxes Up

The Russians were silent about the Crimea fighting, but the German attempts completely to encircle Leningrad in the northwest had failed and that Red troops were counter-attacking on all approaches to that beleaguered city.

The high command reported that Russia's defense line through the Yalta mountains along the southeast coast of Crimea had been breached, and commentators said the Red armies on the peninsula thus had been sliced into three groups which were too hotly pursued to dig in for another stand.

year collections amounted to \$1,821,175.32 compared with \$768,728.71 in the period last year. October income tax collections were \$243,220.21 compared with \$126,655.71 and collections for the fiscal year totalled \$1,567,811.94 compared with \$1,625,810.65.

The motor vehicles Department license, license, drivers license, title fees, bus and motor line franchises brought in \$218,756.59 during October last year, and fiscal year collections amounted to \$274,729.03 compared with \$715,537.27 in the same period last year.

## Claim Germans Burying Tanks for Use as Pillboxes and Digging Trenches to Withstand Red Counter-Attacks; Nazis Report New Success in Crimean Push

Moscow, Nov. 5.—The German drive on Moscow has been stopped dead everywhere and in at least one area of the Donets basin the Nazis are in retreat, "leaving behind them heaps of dead and many guns," the Russians announced officially tonight in a broadcast.

The Germans now are burying their huge tanks for use as pillboxes to counter a big Red counter-drive, the Moscow radio said. Trenches also are being dug for Nazi infantrymen, it added.

Two-Day Red Attack This development followed a big two-day Soviet land and air attack which it was said destroyed 176 Nazi tanks, 25 field guns, a long supply convoy of 350 ammunition and infantry trucks, and 30 tank trucks, the Soviets said.

At Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, the Russians said the fighting was continuing, too—"but the enemy is not fighting with the same ardor as when he began the offensive."

The official radio announcement summed up the military situation thus: Three days ago a big Red counter-offensive began on the right flank, presumably in the Kalinin area 95 miles northwest of Moscow, after stopping a German drive which left hundreds of Nazi dead on the field.

The Red tank forces then destroyed 15 Nazi tanks and cut through the German ranks to mow down 800 more Nazis in one engagement and 600 in another.

Nazis "Mauled" In the Maloyaroslavets sector, 65 miles southwest of the capital where the German drive now has been halted for a month, the Russians claimed to have "severely mauled" a number of German divisions.

Smashing 97 German tanks in the Mozhaisk area, 57 miles west of Moscow, during last night's operations, the Nazis were said to have gone on the defensive and the Russians recaptured a village where heaps of Germans lay in the streets.

The 68th and 69th German regiments were declared to have suffered severely in the Volokolamsk area.

Twenty-seven German airplanes were shot down near Moscow itself during the day.

German losses in the Donets basin fighting far to the south during the first two days of November totaled 960 German trucks, 14 tanks, 16 field guns, 10 anti-tank guns and two tank trucks. This was scored by Red air-planes alone, the Russians said.

## BIRTHS CHEAP

Shanghai, China.—A Chinese mother is required to pay only a registration fee of 10 cents in Chinese currency or one-half cent in American money to bring her baby into the world at Taimo Hospital, an American Red Cross institution. The hospital is a gift from a philanthropy and has a maternity ward.