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BETTER BUSINESS FOR AUGUST

Wheels Of Industry Have Been Oiled Up—Plans Are Being Laid With Decided Caution.

New York, Aug. 3. — The wheels of industry were being oiled and tested last week, for August is a month of normal seasonal quickening. It has marked the turning point in several depressions of the past, and business is preparing for the best, in the hope that it has seen the worst.

The wheels will actually begin to whirl in many automotive plants tomorrow, as suspension of two or three weeks are ended, and workers respond again to the whistle. No considerable change, however, is looked for in the great steel industry. Several manufacturers of smaller products, such as shoes and radio sets, however, are also stepping up their schedules.

On the whole, industry believes it is turning the corner, but having no satisfactory perspective to look around into the new street, it is drawing no conclusions as to how much pleasanter it may be. Most industrialists are planning on no more than seasonal improvement during the next month or two at least, and are laying their plans with decided caution.

With the quarterly reports of the two leading steel producers were issued statements last week expressing the opinion that production would expand during the remainder of the year. The statement of the finance committee of United States Steel gave no indication as to the scope of the expected expansion, and President Grace, of Bethlehem, explaining that things "look a little better," added, "very little."

Analysis appearing from important banking sources at the turn of the month were non-committal, but mildly optimistic. The National City bank found reason to believe that production had been lower than consumption in many lines during recent months, and that increased production would be necessary to take care consumer demand in the near future. The Guaranty Trust company pointed to a disposition on the part of observers generally to look for some progress in autumn, but added, "This expectation, of course, does not imply that good business will return at a bound."

The Guaranty survey pointed out that "Business in the future will not be stimulated by the urgent need for post-war rehabilitation that has been such a powerful influence in the past decade, and indicated that this significant factor must be considered in any appraisal of

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SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 15 AND 29

Asbury May Be Added To List Of Long Term Schools—State Pays Fifty Per Cent Of Cost Extra Two Months.

The long term schools of Stokes will open Sept. 15th, while the short term schools begin Sept. 29th, two weeks later.

The long term schools are Meadows, Germanton, King, Pinnacle, Pine Hall, Walnut Cove and possibly Asbury. The Nancy Jane Cox Reynolds Memorial school is also a long term one, but the expense of the extra two months is borne by Mr. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem. The expense of the Westfield school is borne jointly by Stokes and Surry counties.

About 50 per cent. of the cost of the extra 2 months is paid by the State for all schools operated by the county, and these schools have practically 50 per cent. of all the children in them.

First Married Woman Tree Sitter is Urging Women to Take Rest

National Park, N. J., July 31. — Mrs. Edwin Knight, 35, a mother, of National Park, today was sitting in a Poplar near her home with the announced intention of remaining there until Labor day. She said she is determined to out-sit her son, Daniel, 14, who is perched in a tree nearby.

Proud that she is "the first married woman tree-sitter," Mrs. Knight said: "I'm doing it for a rest. If other married women are wise they will follow my example. They don't know what a relief it is. We women have not asserted ourselves strongly enough in the past. We must rise above ourselves. That's why I climbed into these leafy branches."

Mrs. Knight has been married three times.

Sunday School Class Entertained

Walnut Cove, Aug. 1. — The Euzelian Sunday School Class of the Walnut Cove Baptist church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Marshall on Tuesday evening with six members present.

The vice-president, Mrs. Marshall, conducted the devotionals which was followed with prayer by Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck.

During the business session the minutes of the last meeting were read and a splendid report was given by the personal service committee.

A delightful social hour was enjoyed during which the hostess served a delicious ice course to the following: Mesdames J. D. Johnson, P. G. Helsabeck and R. D. Tuttle.

Mrs. Tuttle will be hostess to the class in August.

TOBACCO MAKES A BAD START

Seven Eastern Carolina and South Carolina Markets Opened Yesterday With Prices Below Last Year's—Average 10 To 11 Cents.

Raleigh, Aug. 5. — Tobacco prices on seven North Carolina markets of the South Carolina belt were lower by several cents per pound average today than a year ago, but in general, warehousemen reported the Tar Heel farmers as being fairly well satisfied.

Figures compiled from an official reports this afternoon indicated that the average for all seven markets would be about 11 cents a pound this year compared to between 14 and 15 last year, an average drop of about 25 per cent.

Fairmont, largest market of the seven in this state, reported less tobacco called back by the farmers after sale than at any previous opening though the average was three cents a pound below last year's on opening day.

Lumberton reported very little dissatisfaction and practically no calling back of the weed. Tabor and Fair Bluff reported that the farmers were not satisfied. The other markets reported about the usual amount of calling off of sales.

Unofficial estimates of the amount of weed sold reached 1,325,000 pounds this afternoon compared to 1,500,000 pounds last year on opening day. Clarkton with 80,000 pounds today, compared to 60,000 last year the first day, was listed as the only market with larger sales this year.

Fairmont reported the highest price of the day when some fancy leaf sold for as high as 55 and 56 cents a pound. This market reported primings up to eight cents a pound selling just as good as last season but slightly higher grades, about 15 cent tobacco, were lower.

Tabo, Chadbourne and other markets reported prices as low as a cent and a half a pound for poor grade primings.

It was estimated that 98 per cent of the tobacco offered on the warehouse floors today was first pullings and plant bed leaves.

Fairmont had 400,000 pounds on the floors today and it brought an average of 10 or 11 cents, it was estimated, compared to 425 pounds a year ago which sold for 14 cents.

Lumberton sold 250,000 pounds today at about 10 cents compared to 300,000 pounds last year at 15.40 cents.

The reason given for the smaller amount offered was that the crop was two weeks later than usual and also that farmers were frightened at the low prices offered in Georgia last week.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSES ADVISED TO SUSPEND

State Official Tells Growers to Protest Against Low Prices Offered—Georgians Aroused.

Atlanta, Ga., July 31. — A suggestion that tobacco warehouses close in protest against prevailing low prices came today from Eugene Talmadge, state commissioner of agriculture, as growers continued to voice vigorous dissatisfaction.

Hope for assistance from the federal farm board was dissipated with receipt of a message by Congressman W. G. Lanford, of Georgia, which said the board was unable "at this late date to aid the unorganized growers."

Messages from growers and warehousemen alike poured into the office of Commissioner Talmadge, all protesting against the prices and requesting aid in the solution of the problem.

Commissioner Talmadge said farmers told him they were being forced to sell at a price below the cost of production.

A dispatch from Cairo, Ga., said an indignation meeting was held this morning by tobacco farmers just before the market opened for the day. The meeting was orderly but strong appeals were prepared for submission to the domestic cigarette manufacturers, who purchase most of the leaf sold in Georgia. A concerted movement to withhold tobacco from the market was instituted.

An optimistic note, the first since the opening day, came today, from Thomasville, where somewhat better prices were prevailing when the market opened. The prices on 40,000 pounds were better than yesterday. The average today was better than 12 and 13 cents. Bidding on the market at Adel today was the liveliest since the opening day, said a report. Approximately 400,000 pounds was on the floor with prices ranging from 4 to 30 cents per pound.

Ford Plant at Barcelona, Spain Has Been Shut Down

Barcelona, Spain, July 31. — Six hundred men, representing the entire production staff of the Ford assembling plant here, were dismissed today. The management gave as its reasons general business depression and uncertainty as to how badly the new Spanish tariff would hurt.

Germanton Section Has Good Rain

Supt. of Schools J. C. Carson here today from Germanton said that section was visited by a good rain last night and that crops were greatly revived.

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STATE SPEED LAWS TO BE ENFORCED

State Highway Patrolmen Will Start Arresting Speedy Drivers At Once Lieutenant Early Announces.

Autosists who have been taking the 45-mile per hour speed limit established by the State as a joke will be reminded that it is a real law from now henceforth, one learns from the fifth district highway patrol leader, Lieutenant T. A. Early, who is just back from a conference with Captain G. D. Farmer, head of the state patrol.

Mr. Early says that up to the present the patrol has been lenient in the enforcement of the speed law, concentrating on recklessness and other provisions of the highway safety legislation.

That day has passed, the patrol leader said. Hereafter all drivers who are found operating their machines more than 45 miles an hour will be promptly arrested and prosecuted.

It has been shown to the patrol's satisfaction, declared Mr. Early, that many of the costly wrecks that are occurring, accidents costly in life, limb and money, are the result of speeding. The campaign against speeding as well as the drives against other forms of bad driving will be carried forward at once. — Elkin Tribune.

Preaching Dates For Elder Atkinson

Elder W. H. Atkinson expects to preach at the following times and places:

Piney Grove church on Monday after the second Sunday in August.

Tuesday following at Snow Creek.

Wednesday at North View.

Thursday at Wilson.

Friday at Clear Spring.

Saturday and Sunday at Walnut Cove.

Sunday night at Winston-Salem.

Monday after the 3rd Sunday in August at Saints' Delight.

Tuesday at Bunker's Hill.

Wednesday at Abbott's Creek.

Thursday night at High Point.

Friday night at Salisbury.

Then to the Abbott's Creek Association.

Work Progressing On School Houses

Work on the school buildings at Lawsonville and Francisco is moving along at a good rate. Foundations of both buildings are finished and it is learned that the laying of brick will be started this week. Work is also progressing nicely on the Reynolds school building annex.

Alberta Shearon, 15, of Marked Tree, Ark., who has led her class during her entire school career, has won six scholarships and music medals, besides other honors.

ADDITION TO PINNACLE SCHOOL

Six Rooms Will Be Added To Present Structure In Time For Opening Of School In the Fall.

The Stokes Board of Education will receive bids on Sept. 15th for an addition to the high school building at Pinnacle. The addition will consist of six rooms and will be added to the rear of the present building. It is expected to have the work completed in time for the opening of school.

The Pinnacle school building is of brick construction and one of the handsomest in the county. The addition will be of the same construction in every particular as the main building.

Jerry Mitchell Dies After Year Illness

Pilot Mountain, July 31. — Jerry Mitchell, 70-year-old prominent farmer and citizen of Stokes county, died in Memorial hospital, Mount Airy, at 7 o'clock this evening after a year of failing health.

Funeral service was held at Brim Grove church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, who was Miss Edna Carson, one daughter, Mrs. E. H. Parks, of Pinnacle; three sons, W. R. Mitchell, of Pilot Mountain, Howard and Ralph Mitchell, of Pinnacle; one brother, J. A. Mitchell, of Lima, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. R. W. Hill, Winston-Salem, Mrs. W. R. Lawson, of Pinnacle; and nine grandchildren.

Galax Fair Will Not Be Opened

Hard on the heels of an announcement by the Galax Fair Association that there would no fair in the Virginia city this year comes a statement from John H. Midkiff, treasurer of the Mount Airy Fair, that the Granite City's Fall Festival would be bigger and better than ever this year. Beginning Tuesday, September 30, the Mount Airy Fair will hold forth through five days of festive gaiety and instructive exhibits with a premium list totalling around \$4,000 offered to lure the best in every line of farm products and local industry to enter. — Mt. Airy Times.

Marion Stephens Held For Superior Court

Charged with driving a car on two occasions while under the influence of whiskey, Marion Stephens, of Danbury, has furnished bond in the sum of \$300, after a preliminary hearing before Justice Frank Tilley, at Lawsonville, for his appearance at the next term of Stokes criminal court.