

Quarter of a Billion Pounds of Leaf in Old and Middle Belts

This Year's Tobacco Crop in North Carolina the Largest on Record

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Tobacco growers in the old and middle belts anticipate the harvest of 254,700,000 pounds of leaf this year, an increase of about 60,000,000 pounds over the 1933 crop, according to crop reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington. Part of this large increase in production is due to more acreage devoted to flue-cured tobacco, and part to a sizeable increase in yields. Aberdeen is in the middle belt.

Last year growers of the old and middle belts, where Type 11 tobacco is produced, planted 246,000 acres to the crop; this year they planted 283,000 acres in North Carolina. In 1938 the average yield per acre was 795 pounds; this year it is expected to be 900 pounds per acre. The total production in the old and middle belts last year was 195,570,000 pounds.

The average production in the North Carolina sections of the belts during the period, 1928-3, was 18,371,000 pounds, and the average yield per acre during that time was 720 pounds.

The Virginia portion of the old belt is expected to yield 93,775,000 pounds in 1938. The acreage planted in that state this year was 121,000; last year it was 101,000. The 1939 yield in Virginia is expected to be 775 pounds per acre, as compared to 710 pounds per acre in 1938, and a 1928-37 average of 657 pounds.

North Carolina, as a whole, anticipates a crop of 715,540,000 pounds of tobacco. The 1933 production in this state was 516,850,000 pounds. This year's crop is the largest on record for the state. The acreage planted was 38,000, as compared with 611,700 acres in 1938 when control was practiced under the Triple-A. The average yield per acre in the state this year is expected to be 970 pounds; it was 845 last year, and the 1927-37 average was 766 pounds.

A billion-pound flue-cured crop was forecast in the nation by the federal crop reporting board. All belts showed a marked increase in acreage and anticipated yields. The board reported 1,103,000 acres planted to flue-cured tobacco, and an anticipated production of 1,025,460,000 pounds.

In 1938 the 912,100 acres planted to flue-cured tobacco in the United States yielded an average of 861 pounds. The estimated acreage yield for the 1939 crop is 932 pounds as compared to the 1928-37 average of 760 pounds.

Stutts-Taylor Co. Moves Into New Store in Vass

Adds Dry Goods and Notions To Its Stock of Groceries in Attractive Building

A fine addition to the business district of Vass is the new home of the Stutts-Taylor Store Company, into which the stock of goods has been moved this week from the small location next door.

The building is of stucco construction, with inside ceiling of insulite. It is 32 by 80 feet in size, with two elevated offices.

Modern lighting fixtures add greatly to the appearance of the interior. The firm has increased its stock since moving into larger quarters, adding to the grocery and meat line, which it has carried, a nice line of dry goods and notions.

F. L. Taylor and R. A. Stutts are active members of the corporation, Stutts-Taylor Lumber Co. Mr. Stutts handles the sawmills and planing mill operations and Mr. Taylor manages the mercantile end of the business.

RECKLESS DRIVERS ARE SENTENCED BY ROWE

Fred Blue, white, of Aberdeen, was sentenced to 30 days by Judge J. Vance Rowe for careless and reckless driving, this to be suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine and the costs. The sheriff was ordered to destroy the whiskey, the seal on the bottle having been broken.

Guy Thomas, white, of Aberdeen, pleaded guilty to drunken driving. His 30-day sentence was to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and the costs and upon further condition that he pay an old balance of \$26.05. His license was revoked for 12 months.

CHURCHES

"To No God," will be the subject of the sermon of the Rev. J. Fred Stinson on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Southern Pines Baptist Church.

At the Church of Wide Fellowship this Sunday, services will be as follows: 9:45 a. m., Church School; 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship service with sermon by the pastor; 7:30 p. m., Vesper service in the Church garden.

"Substance" is the subject of the lesson-sermon at the Christian Science Church this Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. Sunday School convenes at the same hour at the church.

6,000 Fewer Deaths From Tuberculosis

But in Spite of Big Decrease Disease is Still No. 1 Killer of Young People

In spite of a phenomenal decrease in the number of deaths from tuberculosis in 1938, the disease still ranks as the Number one killer for people between the ages of 15 and 45, Dr. Kendall Emerson, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, said this week.

A decrease of almost 6,000 deaths for the entire country was announced by Dr. Emerson. Based on data supplied by state health departments to Miss Jessemine S. Whitney, statistician for the association, figures show that 63,332 persons died from tuberculosis in 1938 compared with 69,292 in 1937.

The national death rate for each 100,000 population was 48.6 for 1938, a decrease of 9.3 per cent from the 1937 mortality rate of 53.6. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia reported fewer fatalities from the disease, while Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Montana and Wyoming showed a slight increase over the 1937 figures.

"A growing appreciation on the part of the general practitioner of the importance of finding people in the early stages of the disease and the prompt segregation of all those infected have done much to bring about the decline in mortality figures," Dr. Emerson said. "However, public apathy continues to be the primary deterrent in bringing nearer to realization the goal of scientists and voluntary health workers in the tuberculosis field—the eradication of the disease.

"Forty years ago when tuberculosis was taking a yearly toll of more than 150,000 lives it shocked the nation," Dr. Emerson continued. "Tuberculosis is still a major menace but as science pushed the death rate lower and lower, the public became increasingly indifferent to its threat.

"Tuberculosis remains without question one of the most expensive of the ills which beset mankind. Tuberculosis still leads all diseases as a cause of death in the United States in the age group from 15 to 45. In this age group are many heads of families. Because treatment is prolonged, the economic burden of caring for the affected families devolves often upon the community. And yet the individual and community alike apparently choose to spend thousands of dollars for cure rather than invest tens of dollars in prevention."

Dr. Emerson pointed out that there were only 90,000 sanatorium and hospital beds for the care of the tuberculous in the United States in 1938. North Carolina now has 30 sanatoria, private, county and state, and these have 3,022 hospital beds for the care of the tuberculous. Under the proposed National Health Act, providing federal grants-in-aid to states, additional beds could be made available. This would help greatly in the drive toward the eradication of tuberculosis.

North Carolina, one of the states with a higher than average mortality rate, showed a percentage decline between the two years, amounting to three per cent. Its rate dropped from 54.8 for 100,000 population to 53.4.

TEN MONTHS FOR PASSING BAD CHECK, STEALING WATCH

In Recorder's Court Monday, Kelly York, colored, of Southern Pines was given six months on the roads for giving a worthless check, and for the larceny of a watch he drew four months, this sentence to begin at the expiration of the worthless check sentence.

Friends Surprise Couple on Golden Wedding Day

Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Bartlett of Southern Pines Unexpected Host To Large Gathering

Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Bartlett of Southern Pines, much to their surprise, were hosts to a house full of friends on last Thursday evening, their 50th wedding anniversary. The Willing Workers and the Adelaide King Bible Class of the Baptist church were sponsors of the celebration.

The house was well filled with young folks and elderly ones who joined in the singing of old songs led by a quartet from the church choir. During the course of the evening Mrs. Bartlett told several entertaining little incidents in connection with her wedding day and a telegram of congratulations from D. C. Phillips, who happened to be in Richmond, was read. Mrs. Bartlett then cut her beautifully decorated wedding cake crowned by a miniature bridal couple, which together with ice cream made up the refreshments.

It was an exceptionally pleasant evening and everyone joined in to show their appreciation of these two people.

Dr. and Mrs. Bartlett came to Southern Pines one year ago from Pittsfield, Mass., and have been occupying the Peter Nielson house in Finedene. They have made a host of friends in the Sandhills and have already become an indispensable part of its community life.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN IN ABERDEEN ON MONDAY

Aberdeen schools will open on next Monday morning, September 11th, with the new auditorium in the rear of the Grammar school being thrown open for the first time. A very large attendance of pupils is expected for the opening day and the parents, county commissioners, and friends of the schools are most cordially invited.

Prof. Dawkins wishes to emphasize the fact that all children entering the first grade must be six years old before October 1st to be eligible to enter, according to the State School laws, and must have been previously vaccinated against smallpox. School books will be obtainable for a rental fee of \$2.40, which includes the use of a dictionary.



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