

TOBACCO

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per 100 pounds. At last year's opening, 1,205,854 pounds were sold for an average of \$54.84.

Opening sales on the five Middle Belt markets which opened Tuesday, also largely without buyers, averaged \$52.15. This was \$2.53 under the opening average of the Middle Belt last year. Sales on Middle Belt markets also have been suspended until Tuesday.

Years ago Wilmington was one of the leading cotton export centers of the country; now the North Carolina State Ports Authority is planning to once again develop the port at Wilmington as the import cotton center of the South.

Policeman Takes Custody Of Resident Found Wandering With Bottle In Hand

A young fellow of about a year and a half, wearing a diaper which drooped lower with every step and waving a nursing bottle in his hand, strolled along the middle of New York avenue near the town park Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock.

He didn't pause for traffic, but traffic paused for him, as he wandered alone and with apparent unconcern, headed for the railroad track.

When he got across from the police station, Officer Malcolm Stout took over, entering on a period of involuntary nursemaid-ing and of wondering where the heck Mamma was. That, also, was what the blonde little boy began to wonder. Sitting on the steps of the police station, his bottle empty, feeling suddenly lost, he opened his mouth in a wail for her—but since he couldn't tell her name, or his home address, it didn't help much.

Station WEEB aired the news, but nothing happened for a while—then, around the Ashe

Street corner, came two young women looking wildly for something—someone—yes, a baby! And there he was! It was a happy reunion.

Mrs. Edward Browning, who was being assisted in her search by a friend, reclaimed her 19-month-old, AWOL Bobby. While she was fixing breakfast for another child in the kitchen of their home at Broad street and Indiana avenue, she said, Bobby had pushed on out the kitchen door. She didn't worry, because the door opened into his penned-in play-yard. She didn't know, though, that Bobby had gotten big and strong enough to open a beaverboard closing in the fence. When she looked out, he was gone.

"Mama," said Bobby, snuggling against her contentedly, and displaying that empty milk bottle, as if to say, "Let's go home and fill 'er up again."

Bobby's daddy, Airman 1c Browning, is on the staff of the Air Ground school.

Adams Horse Is Destroyed After Racing Injury

A brilliant winning streak reached a tragic climax last Friday morning at Saratoga Springs when Mrs. C. E. Adams' five-year-old gelding Escargot broke down on the race track and had to be mercifully destroyed.

Escargot was a nose behind the leading King Commander in the 55th running of the \$7,500 added Beverwyck Steeplechase Handicap when, just short of the eighth jump, the stern below his right ankle snapped. The trainer's son F. Dooley Adams, who was up, tried to hold him back but could not do so. The horse of mighty spirit took the eighth jump on three legs, evidently in severe pain. It was his last.

Purchased by Mrs. Adams last fall for only \$3,000 and trained at her stables in Southern Pines, Escargot had won seven straight races before his fatal mishap, for a total of \$24,515. It was one of the longest winning streaks in recent racing history.

King Commander, who was leading steeplechaser of 1953, went on to win the Beverwyck. Owned by L. R. Troiano, he was trained by Michael G. Walsh at Stoneybrook Stables, adjoining the Adams place in Southern Pines.

Just the week before, on Thursday, August 12, Escargot had won the North American Steeplechase Handicap, for a purse of \$5,925. Leaders in the field were an all-Southern Pines lineup. King Commander was second by a nose, and third was Sun Shower, owned by Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy of Ste. Marguerite, Quebec, Canada, and Vernon Valley Farms in Southern Pines.

Sun Shower, also trained by Mickey Walsh, led in winnings at Saratoga Springs last year, as Escargot bade fair to do this year.

Mrs. Adams is known as the best woman trainer of jumpers in the country, and her son has been for years officially the leading steeplechase jockey. As Escargot was dominating the August racing season at Saratoga Springs, the Adams-trained Extra Points, owned by Col. L. H. Nelles, dominated the forepart of the June season at Belmont Park. He was the winner of the International Steeplechase Handicap and other major races.

Escargot entered the season at Belmont Park in undistinguished fashion, and in two claiming races could have been bought for \$3,500. No one, apparently, had a crystal ball.

Mrs. Adams, who possibly did, bought him from F. Ambrose Clark 10 or 11 months ago.

County departments of public welfare make their services available to people in need, with a view to helping them attain independence, according to the stated purposes of the State Board of Public Welfare.

Neal G. Graham, Brother of Local Residents, Dies

Neal Gilbert Graham, 69, of Charlotte, Route 8, died at 12:30 a. m. Sunday in a Charlotte hospital after an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Monday in Hickory Grove Methodist Church, where the body lay in state for an hour prior to the funeral. The Rev. R. P. Gibbs, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Harold Simpson. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were Lloyd Culbertson, J. W. Biggers, Luther Taylor, Herman Little, Alvin Dean and Grady Knotts. Honorary bearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of Hickory Grove Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a member.

Mr. Graham was born March 18, 1885, son of the late John and Mary Thompson Graham of Cameron, Route 1.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Lelia Autry Graham; one daughter, Mrs. Homer W. Baucom; two sons, Neal Gilbert Graham, Jr., and Richard Graham, all of Mecklenburg County; three sisters,

Boy Hangs Self After Being Sent Home From Church

A 13-year-old Negro boy, who had been sent home from church last Sunday evening for getting into a fight, was found dead, hanging by a rope from a tree close to the house, by his mother when she returned from the eve-

ning service. The boy's home is about a mile from Eastwood, toward Pinehurst.

Coroner Ralph G. Steed rendered a verdict of suicide in the death of Curtis Goins, probably the first case of the sort in Moore county involving one so young.

The coroner said that information from members of the family was that Curtis and Clifton Little, normally good friends and playmates, had been found by their mothers in a fight on the church grounds before the service began. Mrs. Goins sent her son home, accompanied by an older brother.

The brother said that when they reached home Curtis "got hold of the rifle," but, he said, he took it away from the younger boy. The brother then lay down on a bed to read, and Curtis went outdoors. His body was found by his mother about an hour later.

-- In and Out of Town --

Mrs. J. A. McKenzie of Salisbury is spending several days as the guest of Mrs. S. O. Nicholson and her mother, Mrs. R. L. de Milhau, at their home on East New York Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Patterson left last week on a vacation trip to New York City.

Mrs. David McCallum, secretary of the Southern Pines Building and Loan Association, was on vacation last week. She visited her sister, Mrs. James F. Teabeat, in Fayetteville, and together they went to Washington, N. C., to visit a third sister, Mrs. J. D. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moore had as their guest from Sunday until Wednesday their grandson, Cadet David Reed, who had just completed four weeks' training in the Air Corps at Tampa, Fla., and was on his way home to Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Teabeat of Fayetteville spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. David McCallum, and family, and with them attended the morning worship service at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. John D. McLeod of Keyser, W. Va., nephew of Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Teabeat, was guest minister.

Lt. and Mrs. John B. Timmons and baby, Deborah Jane, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are expected to arrive next week to visit Dr. and Mrs. Wofford C. Timmons, parents of Lieutenant Timmons.

Mrs. Frank Welch and Mrs. Garland Pierce are in New York City this week on a buying trip for Welch's Gift Shop.

Mrs. James S. Sikes, who has been staying in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Olive, for several months, left Sunday night for Salzburg, Austria, to join her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Sikes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Block have as their house guests his sister and niece, Mrs. Robert Clark and Miss Catherine Clark, of North Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flory returned to their Weymouth home last Friday after a month's stay in New England. They spent some time in the Adirondack Mountains, also in Boston, Mass., and Old Greenwich, Conn.

Visiting Mrs. Melissa Hodnett last week were her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ernest M. Aiken, also her sister and nephew, Miss Leonora Aiken and Jesse E. Aiken, all of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Johnson and children, Ruthie, Raymond and David, of Glennville, Ga., spent a few days this week with Mrs. Johnson's father, S. B. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard A. Caulfield and children, Barbara Ann and Jerry, of Teaneck, N. J., arrived from Florida on Monday of last week and remained in town until Thursday, visiting Mr. Caulfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Caulfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Buffaloe and daughter, Linda, of Atlanta, Ga., visited Mrs. Buffaloe's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Campbell last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bailey and small children, Mary T., Dempsey and Sue, left Wednesday morning on a 10-day trailer trip. They plan to visit Washington, D. C., Warren, Pa., and Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Smith and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Snuggs, of Albemarle, Mrs. Smith's sister and brother-in-law, at their summer place at Crescent Beach, S. C., over the weekend.

T. L. Campbell has returned home after visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. W. D. Matthews was a patient at Moore County Hospital from Saturday until Tuesday.

Miss Eva Graham fell last Saturday while at the Hopkins place near Cameron and painfully injured her right arm, although no bones were broken.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Matthews and children, Sara Dee, Buddy and Emily, went to New Bern Monday to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hubbard and daughter, Cynthia, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens and sons, David and Mark, spent last week at Cherry Grove Beach, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gillis and family of Mount Olive spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. R. M. Gillis, of Manly, and called on other relatives, also. Little Kay Honeycutt of Niagara, niece of Mrs. Gillis, returned to Mount Olive with them for a week's stay.

Mrs. W. E. Hughes re-entered Moore County Hospital early last week after being at home one day. She is reported to be showing satisfactory improvement.

Mrs. Tom Vann and daughter, Ann, and Clara Hopper went to Cherry Grove Beach, S. C., last Saturday for a week's vacation.

Janie Honeycutt is spending this week in Asheboro with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hall and children, Jo and Mary Reid, are expected home today after a visit of a week and a half in St. Petersburg, Fla., where they were guests of Mrs. Hall's father, Albert Eberle.

Mrs. Amelia Schmidt, Mrs. Amelia Crain and Miss Louise Crain will return this weekend after visiting relatives in Cooperstown and Buffalo, N. Y., for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stubbs and Miss Milburn Stubbs of Greensboro were here Sunday to attend the tennis tournament.

Miss Nancy Wrenn and Miss Ruth White of Swannanoa were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Clark.

Miss Johnsy Massenburg of Raleigh visited her grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Eastwood, and the Culbreth family from Sunday until Friday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Massenburg, brought her down and remained for the day. Johnsy and her cousin, Tommy Culbreth, will go by train today (Friday) to Raleigh, where he will visit until Tuesday.

M. G. McRae came home Saturday from St. Joseph's Hospital, where he underwent surgery the preceding Monday. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haines and daughter, Wally, spent Sunday in Winston-Salem and attended a Haines family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Plyler.

Mrs. Walter Edwards and John S. Ruggles went to Chapel Hill on Wednesday of last week, where they and Mrs. John S. Ruggles, who was attending the Institute of Insurance at UNC, were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Ruggles' cousin, Mrs. David Orr. Mrs. Orr is employed at the N. C. Memorial Hospital there and Mr. Orr is an instructor at the University.

Miss Grace Campbell of Pittsboro was a weekend guest in the home of Mrs. S. D. Fobes.

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