

MIDDLE BELT TOBACCO MARKETS CLOSE

Overall Value, Volume Increase

Volume of sales and value received for the 1964 crop of Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco were the second largest of record. The Federal-State Market News Service reports average prices by grades and quality of marketings were better than in 1963. As a result, the general average price showed a gain and was the fourth highest ever recorded. Receipts under the Government loan program differed little from that of the past two years. Auctions were held on a five-day week basis only once this entire season. First sales were held September 10. Suspension of sales on Fridays was started on October 2, due to congested conditions in some processing plants. Markets began closing on November 10 and the season ended December 3 after 48 sales days. Gross sales (includes resale) totaling 188,888,864 pounds returned \$110,832,050 for an average of \$58.68 up \$1.65 over the 1963 level. Volume of sales and value increased 11.2 million pounds and \$9.5 million respectively. Only the 1946 volume of 189.3 million pounds and the 1962 value of

\$111.7 million top this years figures. Last season 177,729,278 gross pounds averaged \$57.03.

Moore County Markets
According to the final report of the Federal-State Market News Service, the two Middle Belt tobacco markets in Moore County—at Aberdeen and Carthage—each showed a slight decline in average prices paid in the 1964 season, as compared to 1963. The News Service, however, labels these figures as: "preliminary — subject to revision."

According to the report, Aberdeen's average declined from \$57 in 1963 to \$56.44 this year. At Carthage, the drop was from \$58.29 last year to \$57.83 this year.

In terms of volume (pounds of tobacco sold), the Aberdeen market declined by 91,440 from 10,686,858 in 1963 to 10,595,282 this year.

Carthage, on the other hand, registered a large gain of more than a million and a half pounds in volume—from 5,207,916 in 1963 to 6,753,418 in 1964.

Other markets in the middle belt are Durham, Ellerbe, Fuquay-Varina, Henderson, Louisburg, Oxford, Sanford and Warrenton.

Heaviest volume on any of the Middle Belt markets was handled at Durham—43,950,224 pounds. Lightest volume was at Ellerbe—2,229,678.

Highest average price paid at any of the Middle Belt markets this year was \$60.18 at Fuquay-Varina. Lowest was \$56.17 at Warrenton.

Increases In Average Prices
over 1963 levels were recorded for about two-thirds of the grades. Gains ranged up to \$10 per hundred pounds but most were \$1 to \$3. The larger gains were more prominent for leaf of fine quality and of red (R), walnut (D), and variegated greenish (KV) color, and nondescript on the poorest (N2) and dark leaf side (NIR). Some losses of \$1.00 to \$3.00 occurred, principally for unripe grades. Tied tobacco averaged chiefly \$4.00 to \$6.00 above untied. Auction bid averages exceeded their respective support rates by \$1.00 to \$5.00 per hundred pounds in a majority of cases—a few averaged even

with or below. Quality Of Offerings improved

over that of 1963 due principally to a decline in the percentage of nondescript and poor leaf. The ratio of smoking leaf and lugs was greater this year but there were less cutters and primings. Variegated tobacco, of which a

good part was ripe and desirable, increased sharply and accounted for nearly one-half of volume while lemon color showed a decrease. Also, less green was sold. Bulk of sales consisted of poor to fair leaf, nondescript,

and fair lugs. Stabilization Corporation receipts this year totaled 39.0 million pounds, or 21.7 per cent of turnover, were placed under Government loan. The support level for all tied tobacco offered

this year in this belt, regardless of whether placed under loan or not, averaged \$55.11 per hundred pounds. The untied level was \$32.40. These figures compare with \$53.23 for tied and \$35.56 for untied last season.

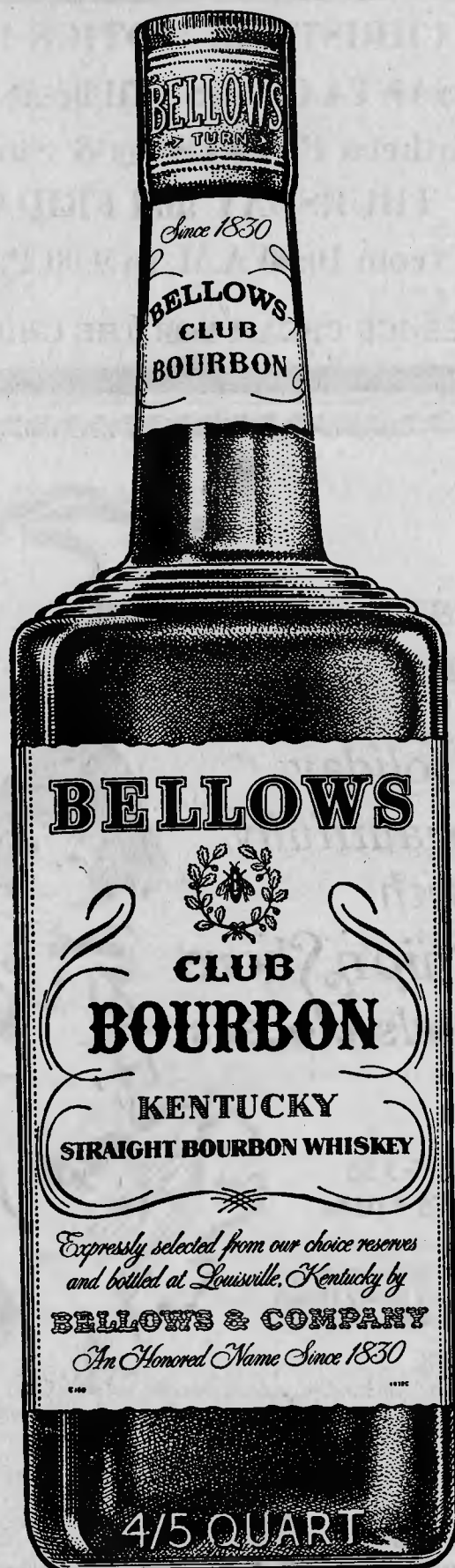
CORRECTION

In the December 3 issue of The Pilot, it was reported in the story on the first Mid-South Horse Show, that one of the judges, Charles L. Harper of Southern Pines, was a former Master of Fox Hounds of the Rosetree Hunt. This was an error; Mr. Harper was a member and former MFH, of the Whiteland Hunt in Pennsylvania. The Pilot regrets the error.

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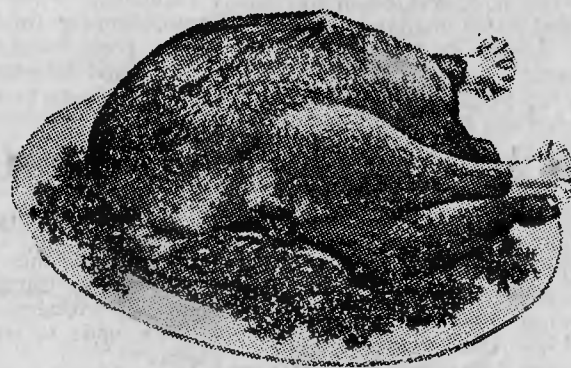
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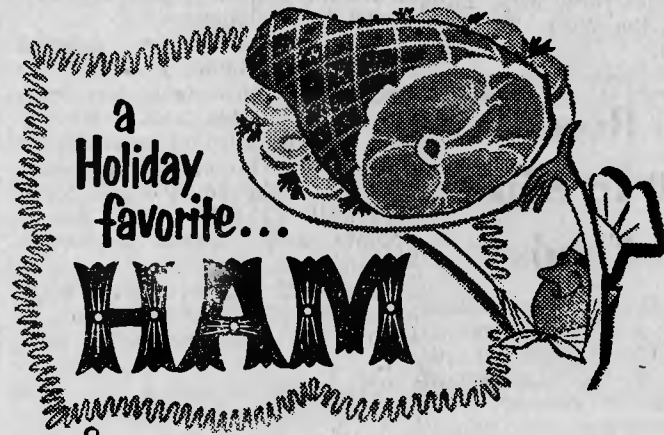
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