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SMITHFIELD MARKET LEADS EASTERN CAROLINA

Local Market Doubles 1928 Sales On Opening With Average \$13.92

NEARLY ONE CENT UNDER PRICES OF LAST YEAR
Kinston, Sept. 4.—The official average price for tobacco here yesterday, opening day of the season, was 12.19, not quite one cent under last year's opening price of 13.17. Breaks were smaller today, as usual on the day following the opening, and prices manifested upward tendency.

Over 31,000 Pounds Government Graded Tobacco Sold Opening Day At Average of \$15.02

With more than twice the amount of tobacco sold on the two warehouse floors at the opening sale of the market Tuesday than was sold here opening day of last season, and with prices that are leading all of the markets in Eastern North Carolina, the efforts of the tobacco interests here and of Smithfield and Johnston county citizens have not been in vain. The offerings for the first two days of the market totaled 371,948 pounds.

Parents To Pay For Extra Session

Corinth-Holders Citizens To Meet September 13 To Arrange Subscription School

Last Friday night about seventy-five parents of the high school and seventh grade pupils of the Corinth-Holders school district met at the school house to consider ways and means of getting these children taught in an eight months school. Failure of an election held last May left this district with only enough money for a six months school, which is not a high school.

The meeting was permanently organized with Julius Williamson as chairman and B. W. Hinnant as secretary. The following committee was appointed to canvass the district and see how many parents would be interested in sharing the expense necessary to run the high school and seventh grade eight months: S. B. Strickland, Albert Whitley, J. T. Batten, D. E. Narron, B. W. Hinnant, Alfred Tippet and Howard Boyette.

GIVE BRIDGE PARTY

Misses Virginia Williamson, Delia Ellington and Ellen Patterson were joint hostesses at bridge at the home of Miss Williamson last Monday evening. Four tables were in play amidst a setting of attractively arranged flowers.

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Fulghum announce the birth of a daughter, Edith Neil, on Saturday, the 24 of August.

Moves Back To Raleigh.
Mr. A. E. Hoffmeister and family have moved back to their home in Raleigh. They have lived in Selma for two and a half years and while here have made hosts of friends who regret to have them leave. Mr. Hoffmeister was editor of the local paper while

The Banner warehouse drew first sale Tuesday, and 131,400 pounds were sold on that floor. Late in the afternoon the sale began at the Planter's warehouse and before night 62,654 pounds were sold. The average price of the tobacco sold on the first day was \$13.92 per hundred. Wednesday the remainder of the first day's offerings on the Planter's warehouse floor was sold together with what came in on Wednesday, bringing the total for the two days to 196,654 pounds. Then the auction scene changed again to the Banner where 44,412 pounds were sold. The average price for the first two days of the tobacco market here was \$13.45 per hundred. These figures obtained from the warehousemen are official. Sales were lighter yesterday but with favorable weather conditions, today's break is expected to bring the week's sales close to three-quarters of a million pounds.

The first Federal-State tobacco grading service in North Carolina was inaugurated on the Smithfield market Tuesday. On that day, over 31,000 pounds of government graded tobacco was sold at an average of \$15.02 per hundred. Two government graders, Edwin D. McDowell and Thomas Woods, one stationed at each warehouse, are in charge of the system which seems to be having a favorable reception among the farmers. This service may be obtained for the small charge of five cents per hundred pounds, and farmers desiring it are asked to request the weighers to put government tags on their piles of tobacco. The only difference between the government tag and the warehouse tag is that there are blanks in one corner of the government tag to be filled out by the government grader, this being done with a red pencil.

Offerings on the first day were for the most part primings, though the quality was considered somewhat better than last year. In spite of better grades, however, the surplus is being returned.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"Have your tobacco government graded so the price won't be graded."
"P. S. Hurrah! for Smithfield tobacco market."

Selma And Smithfield Schools Not to Open Mon.

Budget Still In Controversy Goes to Superior Court; School Committeemen of 9 Months Schools To Meet at Once To See What Can Be Done

The two nine month schools in the county, at Selma and Smithfield, the opening dates of which have been tentatively announced as September 9, will not open next Monday, due to adverse decision of the county commissioners at a meeting held here Monday, concerning the school budget which has been now in controversy. The matter now goes to Superior court which convenes here September 23.

The public will recall that the school budget which was presented to the county commissioners on June 20 was not accepted, and after a mass meeting of school committeemen of the county the budget was referred again to the board of education for a reduction in the budget. The education board then presented a proposition to the county commissioners which if accepted would be about \$16,500 less for operating expenses of the schools than last year. The commissioners held out for a cut of around \$25,000, and the matter was referred to the clerk of the court for arbitration. A hearing was held before Clerk H. V. Rose who rendered a decision approving the amount designated by the board of education as necessary to operate the schools of the county without impairing their efficiency. The commissioners were then allowed by law thirty days in which to accept or reject this decision, and at their meeting Monday they voted to reject it, which action throws the matter into Superior court.

Since the school budget which is in controversy has to do only with the six months constitutional term for which the county provides funds, patrons in the Smithfield and Selma districts are asking why the three months for which the districts levy taxes, cannot start on September 9 as tentatively announced. The law states that the first six months of every school shall be the county six months term. Even the extended three months term is dependent to some extent upon the six months term, since the State Equalizing board contributes to the operation of the extended term upon a basis of what is done in the six months term. An amount from the state equalizing fund will be given to the county for its six months budget, provided it meets the standards set out by the board which controls that fund. The extra amount for the extended term is for the encouragement of districts making an effort to provide a longer term than six months. For this reason the six months term would have to be a certainty before help for an extended term would be available.

The school boards of the Smithfield and Selma districts are having meetings at once for the purpose of going into the matter further and to ascertain if the schools can be opened before an agreement is reached in court.

Tantalizer
There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Buck Marrow deciphered his name last issue.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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Regular Session Recorder's Court

Heavy Docket of Criminal Cases Disposed of Here Tuesday of This Week

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's court here this week:
Bill Parrish, a white farmer, was found guilty of the manufacture and possession of wine and was sentenced to the county roads for a term of 90 days. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost.

Lennie Sanders entered a plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The road sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and cost.

Ezra Byrd received a four months road sentence for forcible trespass. He was also taxed with the cost.
Ed Strickland was charged with assault and cursing on highway. Not guilty of assault. For cursing highway he was sentenced to the roads for 30 days. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

Eddie Polo Mials, charged with assault, trespass and posting indecent placards, was not convicted of trespass. He was sentenced to the roads for six months and taxed with the cost for assault and posting indecent placards. He took an appeal.

Parker Norris, aged 34, a white farmer, received a 90-day road sentence for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost.

The state took a nol pro with leave in the cases against Nathan Lee, charged with violation of the prohibition law, and High R. Radford, charged with forgery.
Lee Barefoot was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for aiding and abetting in the manufacture of whiskey.

T. M. Johnson was convicted of possession and transportation and was sentenced to the roads for a period of four months. The sentence is to be suspended upon condition that he report to the court on the first Tuesday in November and show to the court that he has provided for his children. The defendant is to pay the cost and is to be released provided the cost is paid.

Hallie Johnson was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and was given 18 months on the county roads. He is to be discharged at the end of 15 months provided the cost is paid. He appealed to Superior court.

John McLeod and Minnie Pargent were found guilty of fornication and adultery. Each was sentenced to jail for a term of 60 days and assigned to work as the sheriff sees fit. Capias is not to issue until after Saturday, September 7, and the defendants found in Johnston county are to be committed to jail and required to serve their sentence in full. Each defendant is to pay half the cost.

Millard Pilkington, charged with non-support and abandonment, was not convicted.

Florence Lassiter, convicted of cursing on highway, is to be discharged upon the payment of the cost. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

Mattie Williams, guilty of fornication and adultery, was sentenced to jail for 30 days to be worked as the sheriff sees fit. The jail sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of the cost.

Simon Daniel was sentenced to the roads for four months for fornication and adultery. He is to be discharged at the end of 90 days if the cost is paid. The defendant was also found guilty of assault and was sentenced to the roads for four months on this

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POMEGRANATES ATTRACT GOOD DEAL ATTENTION

Mr. E. R. Norton, one of the city mail carriers, was called to Laurinburg Saturday on account of an accident to his father, Mr. D. N. Norton, who fell and sustained a broken arm and sprained hip.

While away Mr. Norton visited his 84-year-old uncle, Mr. Hiram Norton in Hoke county, who is a typical Southern farmer with a large crop of cotton in which not a single boll weevil is reported. Mr. Norton upon his return home brought the Herald two beautiful pomegranates, which have been the subject of considerable comment by those who have seen them. The pomegranates are larger than an ordinary apple and have a rich color. Mr. Norton pulled them from a tree in his father's yard. He stated that the tree was higher than his head, and that it was hanging full of the luscious fruit.

Boll Weevil Plays Havoc With Cotton

Test On Farm in Wilson's Mills Township Shows Only 56 Per Cent of Crop

There has been considerable talk concerning the damage which the boll weevil is doing the cotton. W. M. Gaskin, of the Smithfield Herald, and Harry P. Stevens, who represents a New York cotton firm, decided to make some investigations for themselves this week and went to the farm of Lindsay Williams, colored farmer of Wilson's Mills township. They selected what in their opinion was an average row of cotton. They stepped off twenty-four feet and counted the stalks of cotton to the number of seventeen. They then cut off all tops and limbs on which there were no bolls, and counted the bolls which totaled 187. Of these bolls the following is a complete classification after cutting all bolls that appeared to be damaged:

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SEVEN MILE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The next session of the Seven Mile Primitive Baptist Association will convene with the church at Hickory Grove in Johnston county on Friday, Saturday and the third Sunday, September. The church is situated at Meadow (Pencecock's Cross Roads). The public is cordially invited to attend.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

There will be services at St. Paul's church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

MYSTERY ANIMAL AGAIN ON EXHIBITION HERE

Mr. Ben Reichbach who showed here last year has a new show all around except "Maxy", the equated monkey. This season they have a grave robber. This animal has a shell that folds up like a telescope and a tail like a cow's horn. It is gray in color, and weighs about 35 pounds. It is the custom for this animal to ramble at night in search of dead things. It sleeps in the daylight. It has not been known to attack human beings. The show has an exhibit a highland turtle weighing 165 pounds and this turtle is reported to be 400 years old. Also an animal from Georgia that the owner offers anyone \$100 to name. A baboon from Africa, a baby gorilla born in Kinston, having only four fingers. Included also are monkey-faced owls from China and a bear from Panama. They also have two prairie dogs.

The show is located on North Third street.

Messrs. William and Tom Lassiter returned home Tuesday from Hendersonville where they spent two months playing with "Jelly" Leftwich and his University club orchestra.

Reports Of Sales Leading Markets

Smithfield Leads Wilson Which Averaged \$12.11; Greenville \$11.85; Kinston Averages \$12.19

No official report, so far as we have been able to learn, from any warehouse in Eastern North Carolina has exceeded the prices being paid for tobacco on the Smithfield market, which averaged \$13.92 on opening day and \$13.45 for the first two days. News dispatches carried in yesterday's daily papers from the leading markets give the reports as to how tobacco is selling elsewhere.

AVERAGE AT WILSON \$12.11 PER HUNDRED

Wilson, Sept. 4.—Prices failed to rally on the local tobacco market today and it was estimated that growers received an average of about 12 cents per pound for the 1,250,000 pounds sold. Yesterday's block was sold off today and indications were for light sales again tomorrow as a storm this afternoon prevented the growers from bringing their offerings to the market. Official sales figures made public today by Bennett Hooks, supervisor of sales, revealed that yesterday's opening was the biggest ever experienced, but that the average was considerably lower than was predicted. Growers received an average of \$12.11 per hundred pounds for the 1,510,546 pounds sold yesterday which was about a cent a pound lower than the estimated figures of yesterday. The amount sold exceeded by more than 100,000 pounds the previous record opening. Yesterday's average was more than a cent lower than the \$13.28 average of last year's opening day.

Farmers generally are discouraged with the prices being paid for their tobacco and are freely voicing their opinions. Many assert that the higher grades are not bringing half what they did last year. Numerous growers removed tags on their offerings and removed them from warehouse floors.

OFFICIAL AVERAGE AT GREENVILLE \$11.85 HUNDRED

Greenville, Sept. 4.—With a half million pounds of the bright leaf on the floors of the nine warehouses here today, sales were completed by noon. According to official figures of K. W. Cobb, supervisor of sales, the market sold yesterday 986,008 for an average of \$11.85 per hundred.

The quality of tobacco offered yesterday and today was inferior to that sold on the opening here for several years. The color was all that could be desired, but the tobacco lacked the rich, waxy appearance.

The price situation which was yesterday and is still today discouraging to the growers, showed improvement with some grades with the opening of sales this morning.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45. The pastor will be away in a revival meeting assisting Rev. H. Reid Miller, pastor at Littleton, and it is understood Mr. Miller will preach here at 11 a. m. At 7:30 Rev. J. M. Page, the Baptist "Building Evangelist" for North Carolina, will preach. After the service he will meet the building committee and any others interested in the new building enterprise of the church. The public is cordially invited to the services. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

HAS 3 NEW BALES GINNED

The first new bale of Johnston county cotton was ginned at R. W. Sanders' gin in Clayton Monday and was sold to J. G. Barbour & Sons. The cotton graded strict middling and brought twenty cents a pound. It belonged to J. L. Myatt of Cleveland township. On Tuesday Mr. Myatt had another bale ginned, (this one being ginned by E. S. Stevens of this city. It was sold to Mr. Stevens at twenty cents a pound. Mr. Myatt's third bale was ginned here Wednesday by Austin & Ogburn. These bales weighed 426, 511, and 470 pounds respectively. Mr. Myatt had the first cotton ginned in Johnston county last year.

S. S. Attendance Shows Decrease

Selma Churches Aroused Over Low Percentage of Citizenship Enrolled; Other Selma News

SELMA, Sept. 5.—Are we awake to the conditions of our Sunday schools? For quite a while it has been apparent to thinking people that our Sunday schools were retrograding.

In the town of Selma on Sunday, September 1 the total attendance in eight Sunday schools was only 734. This included Selma proper, the mill villages, and the colored population. With a population of approximately three thousand, where do the remainder of the people spend their Sunday mornings? Quoting from the North Carolina Christian Advocate, "Back of this retreat are many and complex causes. But the fact remains that the people are still there and the obligation of the church still remains to reach these people with the gospel. What are we going to do about these areas and these groups of people which the church of Christ is not reaching? It is imperative that religious instruction and training be given the entire population of our country, and that everything that can be done to enlist those of the oncoming generation in participating in a program of Christian religious education shall be done."

Back From Northern Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Diehl and children, Dorothy and Jack, have just returned from their motor trip north. They had a wonderful trip, first visiting Mr. Diehl's parents at Hazelton, Pa., later going on up into New York state where they visited West Point, Newbury and other places of interest. They also visited that wonderful summer resort, Eagles Mere, on the summit of the Allegheny mountains, and coming through the Shenandoah Valley via Lynchburg, Natural Bridge and Oxford on the return trip.

Entertains For House Guests.

Mrs. G. M. Willetts entertained Friday evening complimentary to her house guests, Misses Marjorie Forrell and LaRue Williamson, of Wendell. Games and music occupied the evening and every one had a delightful time. Miss Elizabeth Parrish rendered several piano solos. At the close of the evening the hostess served dainty refreshments. About 35 young people were present.

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Fulghum announce the birth of a daughter, Edith Neil, on Saturday, the 24 of August.