

Tobacco Prices on Georgia Markets Give Rise to Hopes For Better Prices in Carolina

Average Prices Better Than on 1925 Opening

Growers Are Pleased in 22 Towns Where the Markets Opened

On the 22 tobacco markets in South Georgia where openings were held Wednesday, there was a 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco sold with averages on the various markets ranging from 20 to 25 cents. The prices were about twenty per cent in excess of the prices of last year on opening day at those markets.

The growers were well-pleased with the sales. The total crop value of that section is from 10 to 12 million dollars.

Some of the prices and averages on the various markets are given and an idea of the sales may be had from them: The average price paid at Waycross was above 20 cents, 20 cents at Hazlehurst; at Douglas, 23.96 was paid; Tifton averaged 25 cents; Nashville averaged 26 cents and Camilla, 27 cents. The highest was at Thomasville and was 53 cents. Three warehouses were filled to capacity and estimates placed the amount on the floors at 400,000 pounds.

The average price for the first day was \$21.90 per 100-pounds. At Bainbridge, Ga., prices averaged three times more than they did last year.

The Georgia crop is of good quality, generally, but there is no increase in acreage. The type of tobacco probably accounts for the increase in prices and it is expected, in fact already stated by the tobacco companies, that sorry tobacco will be cheap.

A telegram from Herbert Gravely to a Washington paper says: "I believe that ripe and fancy grades will hold up in price. There is so much common tobacco in South Carolina and North Carolina that low grades will be extremely low."

Mother of Dr. Thigpen Died Early Yesterday

Mrs. T. A. Thigpen, 76, mother of Dr. J. F. Thigpen, died early yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Shelton, at Speed. The deceased had been critically ill for several days and doctors were at her bed side most of that time.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Thigpen was Miss Pat Parker, daughter of the Hardy Parker of Pitt county and lived at the homeplace until the death of her husband several years ago. The Greenville Reflector says of Mrs. Thigpen, "She was widely known in the county as a Christian woman who did much good and lived a righteous life."

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. B. F. Shelton of Speed, and six sons, Dr. J. F. Thigpen of this place, L. B. of Boston; A. L. of Conover; Latham of Richmond; Thad of Mt. Olive and Julius of Rocky Mount.

Williamston Tobacco Market Entered Its Twenty-Fifth Year On Wednesday, August 4th

(By W. T. MEADOWS)

As I looked at the calendar before me today, it brought back to me many ups and downs in the Williamston Tobacco market; it also reminded me that it was a birth day for the Williamston Tobacco market, it being twenty-four years old today.

I do not remember but two living men, connected with the market now, who were with it when it opened August 4, 1902. These two are Mr. J. G. Staton and the writer. On August 4, 1902, we started out with two warehouses, the Roanoke which was operated by J. G. Staton and the late J. D. Leggett and the Dixie operated by Mr. E. L. Morgan. Mr. Morgan is still living and continues in the warehouse business in the state of Georgia. Upon the date mentioned, both warehouses were full of tobacco, and they were full of people, too; for I think every one was here from Martin and adjoining counties. A few minutes before the sale started, Hon Harry Stubbs, delivered a speech of welcome, and did so in his usual happy and brilliant style. We then had a few selections from a brass band, and after the band music was over came the musical voice of the auctioneer.

We heard calling for bids and Williamston was put on the map as a tobacco market. The companies and independents all had buyers here, but the majority of the tobacco that was bought that day was bought by guess work as it was almost impossible to reach a pile of tobacco on account of the on-lookers, who had never seen anything like it before.

SHERROD FAMILY HOLDS REUNION AT HOME IN HAMILTON WEDNESDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sherrod of Hamilton was the scene of a pleasant reunion of the Sherrod family on Wednesday, when the very atmosphere was charged with love and affection; the love of brothers and sisters who had parted long ago to battle the high seas of life that so often dash families hither and thither to the four corners of the earth. No mother nor father, when they are kissing and caressing the children around the home fires in the tender years of the children's youth, can tell where the responsibilities of life and the desire for adventure will lead them.

To the reunion were brought all of the living children of the late Henry L. Sherrod and wife, who are Mrs. Z. M. Whitehurst, Greenville; Mrs. Arch Sherrod, High Point; Mr. J. T. Sherrod, Richmond; William B. Sherrod, Nome, Texas; and Mr. B. B. Sherrod of Hamilton; the five representing three states and five counties, only one being found in the old home county; perhaps the best of all places yet.

Mr. B. B. Sherrod and family were hosts at their home in Hamilton. A table was prepared in the yard under the deep shade of pecan trees. It was loaded with barbecue, briswick stew and every other good thing to eat. Everyone assembled in that free and easy picnic style that no one could fail to enjoy.

The most enjoyable feature of the day was the recounting of the events of the times which passed in the years of long ago as they were discussed and linked up with the scenes of the things of today.

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

August 8.—"The giving of manna." Ex. 16:11-18, 35.

(By C. H. DICKEY) The Hebrews made a rapid and glorious exit out of the land of bondage. The triumphant exit should have served to keep their faith high it would seem, for a long time. But it didn't. When they no longer could see where their next loaf was coming from, they lost faith not only in Moses, and their cause, but in God.

The cry of bread! bread! still stirs through the earth. The struggle of the race is a struggle for bread. Without it men die; for it they strive and suffer and war. The economic problem of "what shall we eat and wherewithal shall we be clothed", this is ever staring the race squarely in the face.

But man does not live by bread alone; but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God; or, at least, he certainly should; but all men do not. The marvellous leading of God on the first lap of their journey should have given them faith in God and His dispensations; in the fact that faith would work wonders. But it didn't.

We are all like that. Our faith is so dependent on circumstances! If we are well, or prosperous, or happy, or well-fed and content, our faith may be high; if we get ill, lose heart and friends, fail to see where the morrow's rations will come from—even sometimes if we have a mere disorder of the stomach, down goes the thermometer of our faith. But there ought to be within us a faith which is not dependent, but independent of such changing circumstances.

The murmurings and complaint of these migrating Jews grow with time. They complain and accuse. They say that they had rather die in Egypt. They longed to go back to the garlic and onions! Yes, when one leaves off following God and goes back, it is always to the "onions and garlic of sin".

But Moses tells them that their complaining is not so much against him and their leaders, as it is a complaint against God Himself. Moses is not the real author of their expedition—God is. Therefore, any complaint is against God instead of Moses.

Two Negroes Injured, One Probably Fatally, in Grade Crossing Wreck Here Today

Convict Caught Here and Sent Back to Roads

J. S. Williams, Pseudo-Preacher, Escapes; Free for 10 Days

J. S. Williams, who was sent to the Edgecombe county roads from Martin county in March for a term of 15 months escaped from the camps about ten days ago. He had been made a trusty which enabled him to make his getaway. He left a small note stating he would return, but when and how was not written. From all indications, he was not quite ready to turn back.

Williams' whereabouts were not known to officers until last night when Sheriff Roberson was notified to go to the Leggett's mill neighborhood where he was told he would find him. The sheriff and deputies had some difficulty in finding him, finally locating him fast asleep in the open air just behind an unused tobacco barn.

He was placed in the local jail for the remainder of the night, and this morning the superintendent of the Edgecombe roads came for him, taking him back where he has lost his office as trusty.

R. L. Shirley Accepts Selma Church's Call

Will Become Pastor of First Baptist Church There Sept. 1

Rev. R. L. Shirley on last Sunday accepted the unanimous call extended him on Sunday, July 11th by the First Baptist Church of Selma.

Selma is not only an important railroad center but is a thriving community full of industry and activity. Three cotton mills, a brick and chemical factory together with other varied industries make it an important commercial center. It has a population of about three thousand.

The Baptist church there has a membership of over three hundred, with an average attendance of two hundred in the Sunday school. They have a large, substantial brick church admirably located on a choice corner lot and are anxious to build a modern up-to-date Sunday school annex as the next step of progress.

Mr. Shirley's previous experience as a minister and builder fits him for this task. He is a Kentuckian and was ordained to the ministry at Harrodsburg, Ky. June 16, 1907. He graduated from Harrodsburg academy in 1908, Georgetown college, 1912 and Louisville Baptist Seminary 1915. In June 1916 he dedicated a \$40,000 church at Deer Park in Louisville, Ky. where he was pastor for nearly five years. He later was pastor at Bardstons, Ky. and Walton, Ky. where old debts were paid; parsonage and church repaired and renovated and then at Shelbyville, Ind. where a beautiful and large parsonage was built during his ministry. Aside from one year spent on the Chautauqua platform, Mr. Shirley has been in a continuous ministry of eighteen full years. During that time he has held seventy-eight revivals, received over fifteen hundred into the churches and built sixty thousand worth of church and parsonage property. During the past year in addition to preaching every Sunday he has written nearly \$100,000 of insurance.

Mr. Shirley will continue his work with Reddick's Grove Baptist church where he has been pastor for two and a half years, until September 1st, when he with his family will move to Selma. They will occupy a nice new eight-room modern bungalow which will be completed and ready for them at that time.

Windsor Host to Confederate Vets Thursday

Four Veterans of Martin County Attend Celebration

Bertie Confederates held their annual "First Thursday in August" celebration yesterday. The practice of holding this celebration has been going on for many years. Hundreds of citizens assemble and have a season of exercises and a great feast is had for all the ex-soldiers.

The links in the once firm Gray Line were few, having decreased greatly in the past few years. Only seven of the Bertie Boys of the Confederacy were present to answer the call.

Telephone Force Called to New Bern by Trouble

A number of linemen and all of the cable men engaged in the Williamston construction work of the Carolina Telegraph and Telephone company were called to New Bern late last night to repair lines and cable damaged by the storm in that town yesterday.

Many in Hospitals for Appendicitis Operations

Many people from here and surrounding sections are in a Washington hospital undergoing operations. Robert Brown, Jr. was taken there last night and was operated on for appendicitis. He is reported as doing well.

Bathing Contest at Pamlico Beach Sunday

Announcement is made of the annual bathing beauty contest at Pamlico Beach this coming week end. This contest has become an annual event at this resort, and every year large crowds attend to the prettiest girl in Eastern Carolina. Last year Miss Grimes, Robersonville, won first prize.

Beaufort Appoints a County Auditor

Beaufort county appointed a county auditor at the regular board meeting of its commissioners last Monday. The county finds it necessary to have a department with the sole duty of checking up the income and expenditures.

Services at Riddicks Grove Next Sunday

The regular semi-monthly services will be conducted by Pastor R. L. Shirley at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. The attendance upon these services has been most encouraging and the pastor is deeply grateful for the loyalty and fidelity of this small but faithful band. Not only the membership of the church but the citizenship of the community is cordially invited.

STRAND THEATRE
MONDAY
Lon Chaney in "THE ROAD TO MANDALAY"
TUESDAY
"The Song and Dance Man" with Tom Moore and The Baby Show on Both Mon. and Tues.