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## Quarter Million Pounds Here Average \$28.52

### Official Figures Show But One Market Higher Than Williamston Opening Day

#### Producers Well Satisfied With Prices Received

#### Lower Grades of Weed Are Way Above Last Year Prices

Eastern Carolina is again feeling the inspiration that money affords human beings. Tuesday was the day that throngs of people; farmers who had grown tobacco, merchants who had furnished goods, doctors who had treated the sick, lawyers, insurance men, automobile dealers; in fact, all the folks, even the bankers, were anxious to see opening day.

For once, the people were pleased; they were well pleased, fully satisfied, because they were getting more than they expected.

The Williamston market had one of the greatest throngs that ever attended an opening here, and more tobacco than has ever been officially recorded for the first day's sales. A total of 224,796 pounds of the golden weed was sold on the three floors for \$64,084.00, making an average price of \$28.52 per hundred pounds.

The prices on types of tobacco called the better grades, that sold in 1920 and 1921 for around 25 to 45 cents were about the same; prices on the 20 to 30 cent grades for those years were up around 33 1-3 per cent. The prices on the 10 to 20 grades were up about 60 per cent, while the grades below 10 cents were up from 100 to 250 per cent, making the opening this year much ahead of those years and at least 65 per cent above last year.

The averages for a number of the leading markets in the eastern Carolina belt, as given out by Associated Press reports were as follows:

- Wilson, 650,000 lbs. at \$24.50.
- Goldsboro, 310,000 pounds at \$25 to \$30.
- Greenville, 835,126 lbs. at \$25.98.
- Wendell, 80,420 lbs at \$25.50.
- Washington, 200,000 pounds at \$26.
- Rocky Mount, 332,120 lbs. at \$25.01.
- Kinston, 700,000 lbs. at \$26.
- Enfield, 97,282 lbs. at \$28.61.
- Warsaw, 100,000 lbs. at \$22.50.
- Farmville, 250,000 lbs. at \$25.
- Zebulon, 125,000 lbs. at \$23.50.
- Williamston's 224,797 pounds sold for \$64,084, making an average of \$28.52, which is the highest average of any of the markets given above except Enfield, which is given at \$28.61, or 9 cents per hundred pounds above Williamston.

The Greenville average was \$25.98, which was \$2.54 lower than the Williamston average.

Wilson gave her average at \$24.50, four cents below the Williamston average.

Washington was \$26, being \$2.52 below Williamston.

The local market will sell in the first three days just a small fraction under a half million pounds, with an

#### "Listen Lady" Cast Rehearsing Daily

Next Tuesday evening at the city hall the Woman's Club will sponsor a play entitled, "Listen Lady." Miss Margaret Hendrix, of Tifton, Ga., is here directing the play, which is a farce on the real-estate boom in Florida. The play is up-to-date, full of humor, and the characters are all good.

There are numbers of choruses by groups of young people and these always appeal to the local community. The play opens with a street scene in Walla Walla, a small country town from where goes one of the town's young men to make his fortune in real estate.

Miss Hendrix appears to be a very capable young woman who will put enough spirit and pep in the performance to make it highly enjoyable.

#### Sunday Services at Memorial Baptist

At this season of the year, a considerable number of people have taken up temporary residence in Williamston for the fall season. And not only the town, but the churches welcome them here.

The churches of Williamston are doubly anxious that these temporary residents avail themselves of the opportunity of attendance upon the services of their choice.

To any who are Baptist, and to all those not affiliated with other churches, the Memorial Baptist Church wishes to say that you are invited to make our church your spiritual headquarters while in Williamston. This church is easily accessible from all points of the town, and situated near to both hotels.

The preaching services are at 11 o'clock of mornings, and 8 o'clock of evenings. These services begin promptly, and close at the expiration of one hour.

School begins Monday. Thus, is brought to or town and community the men and women who for the coming year will be engaged in the training of our children. The churches are vitally interested in these teachers. Their work goes hand-in-hand with that of the churches.

This church and the others welcome to Williamston this fine group of teachers.

It is hoped that they, every one, will immediately unite with the church of their choice, and throw in, at once, their influence, not only for educational betterment, but for religious and moral betterment.

To those of the group who are Baptist, and those belonging to any church not represented in Williamston, the Memorial Baptist Church wishes in this way to extend to them the cordial wishes of the congregation that they unite with us, and avail themselves of the privileges of worship and service upon their arrival.

The pastor will preach at both the morning and evening hours, Sunday. The people in general are invited to these services.

#### Telephone Building Going Up Rapidly

Messrs. D. J. Rose & Son are making rapid progress on the telephone building now being constructed on Smithwick Street.

The building will be of the stucco bungalow type, which will be Williamston's first stucco building. They expect to have the building completed and ready to be occupied by November 1.

average above the opening day's prices.

All three of the Williamston warehouses so far are running close together in both pounds and prices. The auctioneers here this year average better than we have ever had on the market. The buying squad stands a long way ahead of any year that we have ever had, taking them as a whole. They are young men who can see quickly and know tobacco at a glance. With this line-up the prospect for highest prices on the Williamston market is very good.

#### The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Sept. 12: "Gifts for the Tabernacle."—Exodus 35: 20-29.

By C. H. DICKEY

The place of worship of people has been called by many and various names. But the central meaning has always been the same; namely, a place where God met with the people in a special way, and a place where they met with Him, in a like special way.

Thus, it has been called the Tent of Meeting, the Tabernacle, the Temple, the Synagogue, the Church, the Cathedral, and so forth.

In all ages, it has been the custom of people to lavish their wealth upon the structures which were sacred to their religion. This is rightly so. Religion represents the best of all civilizations; and it is altogether fitting that the building dedicated to their God and to their religion should make a mighty attempt to bear some relation to the importance both.

Whether in heathen or civilized countries, it has been the delight of the people to adorn and beautify their places of worship. And whether in Christian or non-Christian countries such exalting of the places of worship has always been costly. To support their worship has always been one of the undertakings of the worshippers.

Thus, in our lesson for Sunday, we see the people making their gifts for the Tabernacle, for their church. A few things are noticed, which strike us in the main:

There was a free-will offering. There was no compulsion. They did not have to give, they wanted to do it. It was not so much a duty as it was a privilege.

Only those did this whose hearts were willing—only those whose hearts were stirred in them. This in the point. These are the people who always give and get under the load—not those upon whom pressure has been brought to bear—but those whose hearts have been stirred—whose hearts have been burned within them as they have seen the gracious benefits of religion and have experienced, in their hearts, its matchless blessings.

"Everyone"—this, too, is the natural order. Not few—not the wealthy; but the men and women, as well as the children—the young, the old—"everyone." So long as any member of Christ's Body refuses his reasonable support, he is not living up to his high privilege. And the church suffers today, not because many people fail to rally, but because those who do rally, have to carry the burdens of the slackers.

They brought of their own toil. This is reasonable. A farmer cannot be expected to bring factory products, nor women the products of the field. But each can convert that which he does have, and pass it through the regular channels of his house of worship. Every one has something, and be it large or small, there is a place for it in the order of worship.

Systematic, in the manner in which gifts should be made. A dollar placed in the church treasury will not suffice until the next tobacco crop is sold. The Lord's work goes on twelve months—fifty-two weeks. Somebody must support it each of these weeks.

#### Service Barber Shop Rapidly Expanding

The Service Barber Shop is announcing in this issue an increase and expansion of business since the first of September. Two extra men have been secured to take care of the trade and Mr. Jenkins wishes to assure the public that all customers will be taken care of promptly.

Mr. Jenkins came to Williamston several months ago from New Bern, and since being here has experienced a steady growth in business.

#### Plymouth Man Runs Into Fish Wagon Here

Mr. H. H. Gurkin, of Plymouth, ran into Sam Faulk's fish wagon Wednesday and tore it up. Leon Purvis, the colored driver of the wagon, succeeded in jumping out just as the Jordan automobile, driven by Gurkin, struck the wagon.

The horse ran away, but was not hurt; and the damage to the wagon was not very great in dollars, as it was an old one.

The driver of the car was attempting to pass another car at the time of the accident. All were going in the same direction, and it appears that Gurkin was careless or reckless in his manner of driving.

#### Robersonville School Opened Past Monday

Robersonville, Sept. 9.—(Special to the Enterprise).—From the standpoint of students enrolled, optimism, and fine school spirit of student body, teachers, patrons, and friends, the Robersonville High School has had the most auspicious and promising beginning in the history of the institution. The past Monday morning, September 6, at 8.30 o'clock, the doors were opened and students began pouring in. For two hours the work of classification and assignments were made.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, students, teachers, and patrons assembled in the auditorium for the chapel exercise. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. W. Mason, after which the chairman of the school board, Mr. J. H. Roberson, Jr., Rev. Mason, and Mayor Cox, who has recently been made a member of the school board, made short and interesting addresses.

It was announced that students coming from any county other than Martin would be obliged to pay \$5 per month for high-school instruction, and \$1.25 in addition for instruction in home economics. It was also announced that all students 6 years of age, who desire to enter the first grade shall enter within two weeks from the beginning of school or wait until January to enter.

The enrollment for the day was very gratifying. In the first grade room, 47 students were enrolled; second grade, 36; third grade, 34; fourth grade, 33; fifth grade, 33; sixth grade, 42; seventh grade, 37; eighth grade, 45; ninth grade, 39; tenth grade, 30; and eleventh grade, 21.

Immediately after the chapel exercises the boys met and made a tentative organization for a football team. Irving Smith was elected coach, R. L. Leake manager, and Alton Rodgers captain. The business men of Robersonville are financing the team. This one fact shows that Robersonville folks are squarely behind their school.

#### Everetts School to Open Monday, 13th

Everetts, Sept. 9.—(Special to the Enterprise).—The Everetts Graded and Junior High School will open next Monday at 10 o'clock. All of the teachers have been secured, and a successful year is expected. All patrons and friends of the school are asked to attend the opening exercises. Teachers for the year are: Misses Martha Baldrée, Elizabeth Burras, Mary Bonner Gurganus, Rebecca Bonner, Opal Warren, and Iris Longmore, and Mr. David N. Hix.

#### Little Bill Roberson Returns to Hospital

Last night, little Bill Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Roberson, was taken to a Washington hospital for the second time this week. He was operated on Tuesday for removal of tonsils and adenoids, and had a hemorrhage yesterday from his throat, which appeared rather dangerous, so he was rushed back to the hospital. This morning he was getting along fine and will return home today.

#### Sunday Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector

- 10.00 a. m.—Church school.
- 10.00 a. m.—Adult Bible class.
- 11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.
- 3.30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission Sunday school.
- 7.45 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

### The Business of Completing an Education

#### Those Who Finish High School and College Have Advantage

The enthusiasm of school promotion is past. Removed from that occasion by a three-months' period, parent and child face a new school year. There arises the alternative, back to school or get a "job." If the child is young, there is no choice; if older, and beyond compulsory attendance laws, then the question of returning to school is before them. Such considerations as additional income for the home, inclination and capabilities of the child, the general value placed on education, the accessibility of school privileges, on the one hand, and the cost of going away to school, on the other, and such items will be determining factors.

History might record many a story of the parting of chums. One goes to work, the other continues in school. One follows the lure of 'ready money' the other the investment of time for future returns. The one has a set vision and uninspired hope; the other an enlarging horizon and increasing appreciation of service. The one may be held by the deadening influence of routine, the other moved by a desire for greater initiative, the satisfaction of independent thinking and the thrill of being creative. Their parting, based on similar hopes, may lead them poles apart.

Every community boasts one or more large industries—factories for building citizenship. This business is somewhat seasonal, running at capacity usually from 9 to 10 months in the year. Sometimes, unfortunately, operations are as low as four, five, and six months.

With the beginning of the year come promotions in business. Similarly, with the beginning of the new school year, the schools pass around their opportunities for a higher grade of learning. In business there is a ceaseless evolution to produce men and women of training and experience for higher places of leadership in that business. It is so in the schools.

With the promotion in business comes added earning power. Figures are not wanting to demonstrate the same results from increased school training. Dr. Everett Lord, of Boston University, "Labor begins its activities at the age of 14 and arrives at its maximum earning power at 30. This average is \$1,200. From this point on it dwindles and falls below the point of self-support at 50 years. A high-school graduate begins activities at the age of 18 and catches up with the laborer in seven years. At the age of 40 he has an earning power of \$2,200. The college graduate begins activities at the age of 22. In six years, or at 28 years of age, he equals the earning power of the high-school graduate at 40. The average earning power of the college graduate at 60 is \$6,000."

Parents owe it to their children to set a proper valuation on the advantages that adequate education bestows and to exercise care in the selection of the type of schooling that will best fit their needs. No effort should be encouraged to get away from the discipline resulting from work, but to get back to it. Idleness and misdirected energy are a menace to development. Education acquired at the expense of the will to work is superficial, a handicap. That schooling which is well spiced with a liberal supply of toil as an avocation will prove the most effective.

#### W. K. Parker Goes to Hospital for Treatment

Mr. W. K. Parker left Wednesday afternoon for Lake City, Fla., where he will enter a Government Hospital for treatment of injuries received in the World War. Mr. Parker was in the Thirtieth Division, which took so prominent a part in the last French campaigns. He was caught in a machine-gun fire, and had one of his arms shattered. After some time in a hospital he was able to return to his outfit at the front, and was again wounded by machine-gun fire, almost exactly as at first except on the other arm. He was also wounded in the throat.

#### Williamston Motor Co. Makes Number Sales

Probably the opening of the tobacco markets in this section affected the automobile business more than any other when sales increased by a large percent. The Williamston Motor company where it had been selling two or three cars, increased its sales over fifteen. This increase in sales is said to be as great in neighboring towns, and in one or two of them it is reported to be even greater, size of business being considered.

Information from the dealers point that cash is being paid in most cases with the credit companies enjoying an increase in business, but which is not to be compared with the increase in car sales.

The local salesmen stated that their task was greatly lightened when customers would come and make known their wishes. With Fords going at this rate, shipments coming here from Norfolk and amounting up to hundreds weekly will be inadequate to care for the demands, and it is generally thought that additional means will be provided to get them here.

#### Beaufort Farmers Have Some Fine Tobacco Here

Messrs. R. R. Jones, J. T. Jones, M. Jones, Claude Doughty, and Eddie Edwards, of Blounts Creek, were all in the Williamston market today with some fine tobacco. They say they have fine crops of tobacco in lower Beaufort, as well as most other crops. Williamston sold a good part of the tobacco of that section last year and is glad to see them back again.

#### Hamilton Schools Will Open Monday

Hamilton, Sept. 9.—(Special to the Enterprise).—The Hamilton Graded School will open its fall term 9.30 Monday morning, September 13, with Prof. W. W. Clark, of Morganton, N. C., in charge, with the following assistants:

- Miss Pasco Davidson, of Tyner, N. C., teacher of first grade.
- Miss Gladys Phillips, of Rowland, N. C., teacher of second and third grades.
- Miss Myrtle Dixon, of Rose Hill, N. C., teacher of fourth and fifth grades.
- Miss Blanche Poe, of Apex, N. C., teacher of sixth and seventh grades.
- Miss Cornelia Ayers, of Rowland, N. C., and W. W. Clark will teach the high school grades.

All trucks will run on same routes as last year. All pupils are requested to come in promptly at the beginning of the term, so as to get books and all start together.

Patrons and friends are cordially invited to be present at the opening and meet the teachers.

#### \$315,000 Being Paid to Cotton Co-op Farmers

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Association is distributing \$315,000 to cotton farmers this week. This amount comes from the reserve fund, which has been set up from year to year.

About a half million dollars will be left in reserve to be used as a basis of credit to be used in handling the 1926 crop.

Meetings will be held in Martin County at Williamston Tuesday, September 14, at 8 p. m., at the courthouse; and at Robersonville September 14, at 2 p. m. at the school auditorium, where they will pay the 1922 reserve and the interest on the reserve for each year since.

#### 130 Fords Unloaded at River This Week

One hundred and thirty Ford cars and trucks have been unloaded this week at the river wharf here. The cars were loaded in Norfolk and were shipped here over the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina Boat Line, several boats being required to bring them here.

Last week there were over a hundred unloaded here, and according to boat-line officials, approximately this number will continue to be shipped here each week for the next several months.

To see a string of cars numbering thirty to forty go through the streets here, one would think that the Ford plant must be near here. While the plant is in Norfolk, the large boats make it appear even closer when they leave 80 cars at one time for distribution. The cars are driven from here to surrounding towns, and leave here in squads of 30 and 40.

The opening of the eastern Carolina tobacco markets causes a large demand for these cars, and large shipments are necessary to handle the orders of the several dealers of this section.

#### Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

Everetts, Sept. 9.—(Special to the Enterprise).—There will be a regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America at Everetts Monday night, September 13. All members are urged to be present and are promised a good time. This is the first meeting of the big season, and all who fail to attend this meeting might miss something very important.

Refreshments of some kind will be served the members after the meeting.

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THEATRE

FRIDAY (Tonight)

"JOANNA"

A Jazz-Mad Picture

Friday Shows free to all those who attend Wednesday.