

Local Market Nears Six Million Pound Mark in Sales of "Golden Weed"

Second Block of Season Came Last Wednesday, 180,000 Pounds Here

Tobacco sales on the local market during this week have been most irregular in size. The market had its first block sale Wednesday since its opening early in September. The day following, there was a marked decrease in the number of pounds put on the market. Prices are ranging in the main from 20 to 35 cents, with few piles going over 37 cents. The drop is general on all the markets in this belt, according to information gathered from those visiting a number of the markets.

Wednesday the sale was started here at 8:30 and in the later afternoon all of one house was practically unsold. Wednesday and yesterday's sales totaled 278,570 pounds, the average price paid being near 30 cents. The number of pounds sold on this market up to and including yesterday's sales amounted to 5,501,608. The price paid out to farmers for this amount of tobacco is more than a million and a half dollars, and gives this market a season average of about 28 cents.

Ahoskie Defeated by Locals Tuesday Night

Showing a complete reversal of form displayed in the two practice games with Jamestown and Everetts, the Williamston town basketball team showed the Ahoskie town team under an avalanche of field goals to win the first scheduled game of the season here Tuesday night with a score of 35 to 10. The local guards, Anderson and Margolis, held the visitors to two field goals in the first three quarters. In the last quarter, the visitors, in desperation, after failing to solve the defense work of the two substitute guards, Phillips and Franks, took to long shots at the basket and counted twice more. This was the extent of their scoring with the exception of two foul goals.

On the offense, Britt and professor Davis showed up well for the first game, with "Bud" Orleans feeding the ball to them. Britt was high scorer with 8 field goals. Professor Davis was right on his heels with 7. "Bud" contributed two goals for 4 points and Hugh B. Anderson shot the odd point on a free try. Professor Davis was a revelation at center. His height was a decided advantage to the home team, as he either secured the tip-off or the ball on every jump. His passing was a little erratic, but will doubtless improve with practice.

The whole team showed up well, the score not being indicative of the fight put up by the visitors. The home team had a scrap for every point, and though the result was not in doubt after the first quarter it was a very interesting game from a local standpoint.

To show the close guarding, neither side scored in the first quarter, and the visitors didn't count a point until after the half.

A return game is being played in Ahoskie tonight with the same team. A number of games for the locals are pending, but a definite schedule has not yet been made.

The game Tuesday night was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Siedoff, Mrs. J. H. Britt and Mrs. C. H. Dickey spent yesterday afternoon in Tarboro with Mr. H. M. Britt who is ill in the Edcombe General hospital.

STRAND THEATRE

TONIGHT

"ELLA CINDERS in the MOVIES"

Always a Good Show

Negro Clears up Mystery of Shooting Scrap

Cherry Brought Here By His Father; Placed Under a \$500 Bond

Mack Cherry, colored, of near Oak City, was brought here this week by his father and turned over to Sheriff Roberson. He was given a hearing and released under a \$500 bond. Cherry was wanted for shooting Dawson Council and George Staton both colored, last Sunday night at a wine party at Stinky Point.

The shooting was investigated, Cherry escaped, and no one would offer any reason for the happening. It remained a mystery until Cherry was brought here to Sheriff Roberson. Cherry stated that it all happened when the three were testing their strength. One would "muscle out" a weight, then another would do the same thing. Everything was all right until one held out a very large weight one that the other companion could not manage; and, according to Cherry, the companion said, "I don't have to do it." An argument followed, and it became so warm that Cherry began running around the house, with Council in pursuit. There were very few trips made when Cherry drew the line, and taking no aim whatever, he fired and hit Council and Staton.

This was the first given here when the hearing was held, but the correctness of it will be determined next Tuesday when the trial will be thrashed out in recorder's court before Judge Smith.

J. B. Nicholson Dies at His Home

James B. Nicholson died at his home last night from the general infirmities of old age, he being 86 years old.

Mr. Nicholson was born here and lived in and near this place all his life. He married three times, and outlived each of his wives. He had 12 children, six are dead. Those living are Joseph Nicholson, James Nicholson and Mrs. D. O. Brown of Williamston, Mrs. W. A. Clark of Everetts, M. L. Nicholson, of Baltimore and John L. Nicholson, of Los Angeles Cal.

The burial will be at the family plot on his farm, this afternoon at three o'clock.

During his life Mr. Nicholson gained an exceedingly large number of friends, and it was his sincere pleasure to assist any one of them at any time he was able. His last request was that his body be placed to rest by Mr. W. H. Gurkin, one of his best friends.

TO ATTEND WEDDING OF SON IN WINSTON-SALEM TOMORROW

Mrs. Justus F. Randolph of Washington left for Winston-Salem to attend the wedding of her son, Justus F. Randolph, Jr., to Miss Reby Brown Nissen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Nissen, which will take place Saturday morning of this week at 9 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Justus F. Randolph, Jr., after a southern tour, will be at home in Washington on or about December 10th.

Mr. Randolph is the grandson of Rev. J. B. Haughton and Mrs. Susan Lamb Haughton, who were residents of Williamston for many years, Rev. Haughton being rector of the Church of the Advent. Mr. Randolph's marriage will be of interest to Williamston and Martin County people, where his people are well known and connected.

Parents-Teachers Meet At Robersonville

Robersonville, Nov. 18.—(Special to The Enterprise).—The regular meeting of the parent-teacher association was held on Monday evening, November 15, rather than on the Thursday evening preceding. The eleventh grade, having more parents and friends to represent it in the voting contest, won the picture for the month. After the business meeting the following program was enjoyed: Song, "An Auto," eighth grade girls. Talk, "Why We Celebrate Armistice Day," Rev. E. W. Mason. Play, "The Month of November," elementary and high-school pupils.

Potato Storage House Built by Martin Farmer

\$500 a Year is Return on \$800 Invested by Mr. Griffin

Mr. W. W. Griffin, of Williams township, has just filled his potato storage house with 1200 bushels of nice sweet potatoes. Of the 1200 bushels, Mr. Griffin raised 1100, while a neighbor raised and is storing a hundred in Mr. Griffin's storage house.

The curing house, belonging to Mr. Griffin, is approximately 16x28 feet, having dead air walls. The house is heated by a small wood stove placed in the top of the building, about a cord of wood being required to run the stove during a season. When the potatoes are first placed in storage, the heat is run until small sprouts are noticed on the potatoes, at which time the temperature is allowed to drop and remain down for the remainder of the season, just enough heat being kept to prevent the potatoes from freezing.

The cost of the house was \$800, which runs the housing cost for the first year up to 66 cents per bushel. The plant will last for at least 25 years, and when the housing cost is figured on that basis, it will amount to about 3 cents per bushel each year. To this cost there will be added time and work required in the handling of the building, but even with this, the cost for storing will be most reasonable.

Mr. Griffin will get 25 cents more per bushel than the farmer who places his in a bank. This will be a profit of \$250 a year on 1000 bushels of potatoes for Mr. Griffin. Another \$250, it is estimated will be made when almost 100 per cent of the potatoes are saved. A business paying \$500 a year when there is only \$800 invested is bound to be a good one, and that more farmers might enter into.

Mr. Griffin is besides a good potato grower, a great hog raiser and poultryman. He kills thousands of pounds of meat each season and hundreds of chickens fill his coops all the time.

With potato houses, hogs and chickens to attend to, it would seem that Mr. Griffin would have little time for anything else, but yet he finds time for many other things. Each season he hunts and kills deer, turkeys, squirrels and coons. He follows the diversified system of farming, taking good prices for some of his products and poor ones for his others, but always sure that he will have something that will bring a fair price.

Manning-Peel

Mr. Elbert N. Manning and Miss Virginia Peel were married Thursday evening at 6:30, at the home of the bride, near Macedonia.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Manning. Only a few relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. Manning is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Manning, of Jamestown, and has been employed by the Harrison Oil Co., for several years.

Mrs. Manning is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Slade Peel. They will make their home in Williamston at the Roberson home on Watts Street.

Embroidery Club Met With Mrs. P. B. Cone

The Embroidery club met with Mrs. P. B. Cone at her home on Church street last Tuesday afternoon.

For the occasion, Mrs. Cone had used vases of yellow and white chrysanthemums in the reception hall, living room and dining room very attractively.

She had as her special guests for the afternoon, Mesdames C. H. Dickey, J. S. Early and Clayton Moore. Nearly the whole membership of the club was present and they spent a very delightful hour with their hosts.

Refreshments served were chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, wafers and coffee.

Dance Well Attended Here Last Evening

The dance held here last evening at the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse was well attended when couples from as far away as Rocky Mount appeared on the floor.

The dance as far as could be learned was orderly, there being no disturbances whatever. Several, during intermission, felt, through force of habit probably, that they had to run to the bottle. But with this there was nothing so bad that a charge could be placed against anyone.

Small Blaze at the Theatre Wednesday

A small blaze caused when the film caught in the moving picture machine at the Strand Theatre Wednesday night frightened the fans greatly. The greatest commotion took place in the balcony when several colored people made a lunge for the stairway. Their fast stepping, heard below, caused an immediate exit of a large number who were watching the show from below.

The damage was negligible, and the fire was out before the crowd could get to the door. Only a few seconds passed before the show was peacefully going again.

Propose New Phone System

Subscribers To Decide Type of Equipment To Be Used Here

At a recent meeting of the local chamber of commerce, Messrs. J. R. Porter, executive vice president, C. P. McClure, general manager and W. M. Hines, district manager of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company submitted a proposition to install a common battery telephone system in the town provided they are permitted to make a new schedule of rates. The new schedule calls for a rent of \$3.50 on special business telephones; special residence phones, \$2.25. For duplex service, that is where two parties are on the same line, the rent would be for business \$3.00, the same it now is, for residence it would be \$1.75, a reduction of 25 cents.

A petition was suggested, with it agreed that it be submitted to all subscribers in town. The petition is to determine whether or not the old present system shall continue in use or shall it be replaced by a more modern one, the common battery system.

The matter is left entirely with the subscribers and it is they who will decide the nature of the equipment to be used here after the first of 1927.

No action has been taken in the matter up to the present time, but steps to prepare a petition and have it circulated are being taken, according to the best information to be had regarding the matter.

Big Day For Hyde County Yesterday

Hyde County had its biggest day yesterday, when thousands gathered at its capital city, Swan Quarter, to celebrate the completion of highway No. 91, which links it up and ties Hyde to all parts of the world, and incidentally gets it out of the mud.

Hyde County voted last year on the question of building this road, which extends from Pungo River at Leeville to Swan Quarter, a distance of 19 miles. The measure for the road carried by a good majority, and it is said those who did not vote for it are now sorry they did not.

At any rate 5,000 assembled yesterday to celebrate the opening of the road and to get a royal feed. They had everything good to eat, even to roasted oysters by the wagon loads.

Governor A. W. McLean, Hon. Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Frank Kugler, highway commissioner for the first district, were the speakers. They had to speak in the open air, in the school campus, as no building in the county would hold half the folks.

L. B. Culpepper Has A Narrow Escape

A bullet fired from out of the night crashed through the weatherboarding of the home of Luther B. Culpepper, a member of the firm of Culpepper Hardware Co., which has a store here, in Elizabeth City Sunday night, lodging in the plastering about eight inches below a window at which Mr. Culpepper was standing, listening to a radio program. It was about 8:45 o'clock at the time.

"If the bullet had gone through the window, it would have got me," Mr. Culpepper said yesterday, with a smile, in telling of the incident. "He was of the opinion that it was fired by joy riders passing the house in an automobile, and though he was in a middle room, the bullet struck the house diagonally."

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Manning and children were in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Javan Rogers of Bear Grass were shoppers here Wednesday.

Misses Hattie and Margaret Everett and Mrs. Don Harrison of Palmyra were shoppers here yesterday.

Train Schedule Change Affects Local Travelers

Cannot Leave Here In Afternoon and Reach Raleigh that Night

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has just announced changes in the schedule of two of its trains running between Wilmington and Norfolk, the new schedule to go into effect Sunday, November 21. The new schedule while it does not affect passenger travel in this immediate section, will be felt when travel goes beyond Tarboro. As it now stands, it is possible to leave here at 4:50 p. m., and reach Raleigh about midnight, but once the change takes place, this will not be possible. The train leaving Norfolk will arrive in Rocky Mount at 4:50 and will leave at 5:50, preventing connection with the Plymouth-Tarboro train by approximately two hours time.

The change of schedule for the train from Wilmington to Norfolk will cause a later arrival in Norfolk by an hour and ten minutes.

Passenger traffic from Norfolk here will be affected in that the train running from Norfolk to Wilmington will leave Norfolk before noon not after, as has been the custom. Since the establishment of the Washington-Williamston-Windsor-Aulander bus line, many of our people have been leaving Norfolk in the afternoon and going to Aulander, where they would take the bus and reach here that evening. It is not known whether the bus line will alter its schedule to meet that of the Coast Line or not. The trip by train all the way from Norfolk here will not be affected.

The new schedule, making it impossible to reach Raleigh from here in the evening will be much felt by many people in this section.

New Livestock Firm Is Organized Here

A new livestock firm, operating as the Williamston Livestock Co., has been organized here and will open for business around December 6. Buyers for the firm will leave for the largest stock markets in the west within the next day or two, and the first carload of mules shipped to this firm is expected not later than the 7th of next month.

The business of the company will be located at the Brick Warehouse, where the stables are now under construction.

Mr. W. T. Ward, long in the livestock business here, is the senior member of the firm. Other members of the firm, Messrs. T. C. and S. C. Griffin and C. J. Roberson, will take an active interest in the business. The company, with these four partners in charge, promises to do a big business here this season.

Sunday Services at Church of the Advent

(Episcopal)
Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
Sunday, November 21:
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.
10 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.
3:30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.
7:30 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

W. K. PARKER ATTENDS FUNERAL OF UNCLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Parker attended the funeral of Mr. Parker's uncle, Mr. W. M. Parker, of Bertie County, Wednesday. Mr. Parker was 63 years old, and died as a result of pneumonia. He was one of the leading farmers of the county, also a surveyor by profession, having at one time served as county surveyor. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Rosa Parker, but no children.

Windsor Girl Found Dead in Pullman Car

Miss Fanida Goldstein, 22, of Windsor, was found dead in a Pullman berth at Washington D. C., early Thursday morning, apparently from natural causes. She with her brother, Benjamin, were en route from Southern Pines to Baltimore. Miss Goldstein was well known in Williamston, where she had often visited.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Brandon were in Robersonville for a short while yesterday.

Mr. Durward Gurganus was here Wednesday visiting his father, Mr. Eli Gurganus.

Complete Plans For Red Cross Drive

A committee composed of Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. C. R. Fleming, and Dr. John D. Biggs, met this morning and completed their plans for the Red Cross Roll Call drive which will be started right away.

The town has been divided into sections and there will be a captain for each section. There will not be much work for any one to do, as the work has been well proportioned.

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

November 21—"Joshua Renewing the Covenant."
—Joshua 24:14-25.

By C. H. DICKEY

Events are moving rapidly here, as these lessons are laid out. Last Sunday we had the rewarding of Caleb's faithfulness; and this lesson passes on to a time after the division of the land had already been made. Joshua is the Grand Old Man of the nation, and the time of his departure is near at hand.

Of course, the people and their destiny is near to his heart. He must give great thought to them. Indeed, there was nothing else to think about. Many, many people have no fear at all of the future, and when the summons to go has come, find themselves engrossed not in the contemplation of what awaits them in the future but of what shall become of their people when they are gone. Many a parent has felt like this; also many a preacher—many a statesman.

The attention of the people was called to the marvelous dealings of the Lord with them. His matchless blessings and His Providential dealings with them were brought to the front; and then Joshua set before them a choice—a great and definite choice—a choice big with destiny.

They were to definitely choose whom they would serve. This is an irreducible minimum in Christianity. What is Christianity? That would be difficult to answer—many different people would have a multitude of differing answers. But all would agree that it involves a choice.

Now, Joshua set a choice before his people. It was clear cut, definite and unmistakable—they were to choose between Jehovah and idolatry.

That same question confronts us today. Each individual—every new generation must make this same choice. Jesus is inevitable—we must deal with Him whether we will or no. Choose, says Joshua; Choose, says Jesus.

The people were loud in saying that their choice was already made up—they said, and affirmed it, that they would serve Jehovah. Well, no doubt they were temporarily honest in their intentions. Peter was doubtless honest when he told Jesus that if everybody else should deny Him that he (Peter) would never do it. Thomas was doubtless in earnest when he told Jesus that he was ready to die with Him. And so we may suppose that on this memorable occasion these people were in earnest when they all affirmed that they would serve Jehovah.

One had better always be careful in saying with too great finality what one will do. A man thinks—nonetheless—that he will do so and so. But when the testing time comes, he frequently does the unexpected thing—does right the opposite of what he said and thought he would do. "Know thyself" is an injunction that we should ponder.

The future events of the Scripture will indicate to us how well these people carried out their high and noble determination.

CAKE DEMONSTRATION AT DRUG STORE TOMORROW

A representative of the National Biscuit company will be at the Clark-Bennett drug store tomorrow and give a cake demonstration. The representative will be there for the day and will cut, give samples and demonstrate the cakes made by his company.

"CAROLINA BLACK AND WHITE REVUE" HERE THANKSGIVING

The "Carolina Black and White Revue" has been booked for an engagement at the Strand theatre, and will give its performance Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day. The revue is under the management of Bob Hoggard, who is well known here by many of our people.

Negro Is Foiled in Crude Check Flashing Stunt

Is-Questioned When He Attempts to Get Check Cashed

Louis Windley, colored, failed to get \$22.50 when he attempted to get a check cashed for that amount at the Planters and Merchants bank at Everetts, yesterday.

Mr. Roy T. Griffin, when he finished making checks for the tobacco sale at the Brick warehouse Wednesday, placed the check book to one side. Some one slipped a check from the book, wrote it for \$22.50, making it payable to cash and signed George Shelton's name to it. Windley appeared at the bank and asked for payment of the check. Cashier Paul Bailey called the Brick warehouse and asked if George Shelton had authority to sign checks belonging to that warehouse. No such authority had been given, and Mr. Bailey refused to cash the check. Windley was questioned, and he stated that Shelton had given the check for fish sold him by the Pamlico Fish company of Washington.

Windley claimed he was a representative of the Pamlico Fish company, and that he was making collections for that firm.

The man was held for a while, but escaped before officers arrived to make an arrest. No one by the name of Shelton is known here, and it is thought that Windley slipped the check form, and wrote it with the intention of getting easy cash at the bank in Everetts.

Many methods have been followed this season by various crooks in securing money from warehousemen and farmers selling tobacco, but this is the first time that such an awkward attempt as this has been made here.

Sunday Services at Memorial Baptist

The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, using for his text, Mark 12:41-44, which is an account of a certain poor widow and her last penny.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the pastor will preach a special sermon before the young people of Beaufort County, as they meet in special convocation in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church at Washington.

There will be no preaching services in the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday night, and the pastor very fervently desires that all members of his congregation will employ this time in attending the other churches in Williamston. These good people have come to our church in great numbers, and it is greatly to be desired that we show our appreciation by going to their services every time we have opportunity.

The last Sunday in this month at 11 o'clock we shall have in our church another special service for children, at which time announcements of the Christmas exercises will be made, and one of these children will be baptized.

Feeling that the people would like to have Thanksgiving Day free, the ministers of the town have decided to hold the Thanksgiving service the night before, which will be November 24th. That service will be held this year in the Christian Church, with Rev. Pardo preaching the sermon.

Methodist Church Program for Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Services, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Junior Epworth league, 2:30 p. m.
Intermediate league, 3:00 p. m.
Services at Holly Springs, 3:00 p. m.
Senior Epworth league, Monday at 7:30 p. m.
Woman's Missionary society meets, Monday 3:00 p. m. at the church.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday night 7:30 o'clock.

ASSISTANT STATE HOME AGENT IS VISITOR HERE

Miss Maude E. Wallace, assistant State home demonstration agent, of Raleigh, spent several days this week visiting the county with Miss Anna Trenham, the county agent. Miss Wallace found the work of Miss Trenham in fine shape and well organized.

CALLED HOME ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS OF FATHER

Mr. W. L. Nicholson, of Baltimore, was called home Wednesday on account of the serious illness of his father, Mr. James B. Nicholson. His father is 88 years old and has been quite sick for several days.