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SHARP ADVANCE IN LEAF PRICES MADE THIS WEEK

Prices On All Grades Show Marked Increase on the Border Markets

Florece, S. C., Aug. 22.—The broadest price advance since the opening last Tuesday took place today on the tobacco markets of the Eastern South Carolina and border North Carolina belt.

Not only did prices for lower grades improve, but superior grades, which have remained almost stationary, commanded higher prices.

The United States Department of Agriculture said that on the Pamplico and Darlington markets "quality leaf grades average 30 per cent higher, and lug grades averaged 17 per cent higher."

Sales were not as heavy as had been anticipated.

Growers who sold at Conway expressed general satisfaction following a spurt in prices. Rains held sales to 52,000 pounds, which brought an estimated average of $13.57 per 100, several dollars higher than any previous average of the year. Not a ticket was turned.

Mullins reported an advance in prices on better grades, more noticeable in the ripe, orange types. Prices averaged better than 10 cents a pound.

Fairmont, N. C., reported a sharp advance in all medium and better grades. The official report was sales of 413,458 pounds and an average of $11.69.

Twenty-seven thousand pounds were sold on the Clarkton market at an average of $10.84, the best price of the season. Farmers were better pleased at Lake City, S. C., than at any time this season, when 150,000 pounds were sold at an average of $12.52. Unfavorable weather curtailed sales. Good tobacco sold for as high as 53 cents a pound.

The highest prices of the season were reported at Lumberton, as better grades were offered. Sales totaled 302,744 pounds at an average of $11.29 per 100. The previous high for the season was $10.89.

Number Moving Back to Rural Sections Increases

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that 1,472,000 persons left farms for towns and cities in 1931, and that 1,679,000 persons moved farmward. The gain in number of persons living on farms was 648,000. For the year 1930 it was estimated that 1,766,000 persons moved from cities to farms, and 1,727,000 persons moved from farms to cities—these two movements almost balancing each other. There was a slight decrease in the number of persons going to farms in 1931, and a considerable decrease in the number going to cities.

IS ARRESTED FOR SECRET ASSAULT

Probable Cause Appearing, Case Is Sent To The Superior Court

Dennis Barber, young white man of Williams Township, was arrested last Saturday for an alleged secret assault upon Roy Andrews in the "Islands" section of that district early last fall. Barber is being given a hearing before Judge Bailey in recorder's court today.

Mr. Andrews was huntng squirrels in the "Islands" section when, without warning, he was fired upon, several shot taking effect in his body. Since that time he has been in poor health.

Barber was arrested shortly after the shooting, but the case was nol prossed with leave at that time. Last week certain information was gained by the sheriff's office implicatng young Barber with the shooting. He was placed in jail Saturday and held for trial today.

At the time the shooting took place, it was reported that the wrong man had been attacked, that the shot was intended for a game warden.

Probable cause appearing in the case, the defendant was bound over to the superior court for trial next month. Bond in the sum of $500 was required, the defendant returning to jail unable to raise the amout.

Only Third of Crop Cured In the Jamesville Section

"We have cured a third of our tobacco so far, and we don't know when we will get through," Mr. Ransom Roberson, Jamesville farmer, said yesterday afternoon. "And if the crop doesn't improve, it won't be worth harvesting," Mr. Roberson added.

The farmer predicted not more than a third of a crop of corn will be harvested in the section, which is now experiencing much damage from dry weather.

HOOVER CARS

"I took the wheels from the old car and hitched them behind a hay-burner, but now it looks as if I ain't gonna ride," John Bonds, farmer living near here, said Sunday when he went to a local filling station to repair a tube that had gone flat on him.

Quite a few of the so-called Hoover contraptions are seen daily in this section, the latest models being those with regular wagon or buggy wheels encased in discarded tires.

"LITTLE WORLD SERIES" GAMES START TODAY

Some Doubt As To Who Will Play Williamston In Final Series

The "Little World Series" starts today, bringing to a close a fairly successful season for the Albemarle League, made up of the Elizabeth City Jaybirds, the Edenton Colonials, Colerain, and the Williamston Martins.

Winning over Colerain here yesterday afternoon, 3 to 1, before one of the largest gates reported ths season, Edenton will contest the league pennant with the Martins, winners of the first half back yonder in July. The opening game will be played here this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Tomorrow the locals go to Edenton, the Colonials returning here Thursday. The teams will alternate between the two towns until the winner is determined by the winning of four games.

There was much difficulty in determining just who was going to play the championship series with the Martins. Elizabeth City was eliminated last Saturday, but Colerain and Edenton tied for a place in the finals, and the extra game was scheduled here yesterday afternoon, won by the Colonials, 3 to 1.

Williamston came out on top in both halves of the split season, taking first place in the last half with 11 victories and 9 losses. Up to yesterday, Edenton and Colerain were even with 10 victories and 10 losses each. Elizabeth City held the cellar position at the close of the half with 9 victories and 11 losses.

Kugler will pitch for the Martins this afternoon, it was announced by Manager V. J. Spivey this morning, and a large attendance is expected at that game and the remaining ones in the series.

SAYS PELLAGRA IS ON INCREASE

Indications Point To Many Cases During Fall And Winter

"Pellagra has just issued its challenge to the people of North Carolina and the fight is on. Already more cases of this disease have been reported to the State Board of Health during the first 18 days of this month that were reported in the State during the whole month of August, 1931, and there is every indication that this dread disease will reach even greater proportion during the coming fall and winter months." Thus briefly Dr. J. M. Parrott, State Health Officer, sums up the present pellagra situation in North Carolina.

Dr. Parrott goes on to say that pellagra is a disease caused by eating a diet deficient in certain food elements contained principally in leafy vegetables, such as turnip greens, collards, cabbage, kale, mustard, lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs, milk, and buttermilk. Other foods also may be eaten to successfully combat the disease, or effect its cure, if it has not reached such an advanced stage that it is incurable.

According to unofficial reports received here shortly after the noon hour, Colerain is contesting the right of Edenton to play in the series, claiming that the shortstop on the Edenton team was a Virginia boy. Colerain representatives are said to have traveled all night last night establishing their claim, and a meeting of league officials was called today. The outcome of the meeting could not be learned here at 1:30 o'clock, and it is not known whether the Colerain nine or the Edenton Colonials will play Williamston. It is assured, however, that one of the two teams will play Williamston this afternoon at the appointed hour, 4 o'clock.

Heavy Receipts at Chadbourn

Chadburn, Aug. 22.—Deliveries to the Chadbourn tobacco market today were the greatest of the season, about 115,000 pounds being offered. Prices were the highest of the year, ranging from $5 to $39 per 100 pounds. Many growers averaged $20 to $30 for their offerings. Selling lasted until late afternoon.

HOPE TO REMOVE STATE LEVY FOR 6-MONTHS TERM

Bonded Indebtedness of the Counties In State Is $99,695,785.00

While it has been reliably rumored that an effort will be made in the next State legislature to have the State take over the bonded indebtedness for roads and bridges now resting on the shoulders of county taxpayers, reports now indicate that an effort will be made to lift the 15-cent tax for the six-months schools also.

Hon. A. D. MacLean, of Washington, Democratic nominee for State Senator from this district, who hinted in a speech before the county commissioners at their state meeting at Wrightsville several days ago has been generally credited with advancing the plan for road bond relief and several other measures. In recent reports he denied that he would introduce a bill in the next General Assembly calling for the state to take over the bonded indebtedness of the schools. The reports did state, however, that an effort would be made at the next session to have the state lift the 15-cent tax now levied as a supplement to state funds used in the operation of the six-months school terms.

The mass report of the state tax commission showed that counties and their subdivisions had $99,695,785 in bonded indebtedness for roads and bridges and that they had to pay about $5,000,000 annual interest on the debt. It is this amount which would be involved in the fight.

Beaufort County, MacLean's home, has $1,782,000 in road debt, and Martin County has about $625,000 road debt, not including the township bonds which are quite an item in some districts.

DEATH OF MRS. MENDENHALL

Died at Home of Daughter In Bear Grass Township Last Saturday Night

Mrs. Alhpia Mendenhall died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Turnis Heath, in Bear Grass Township, last Saturday night at 9 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis suffered several days before. She had been in feeble health for about a year, but up until about a week before her death she was able to be up and visit her children.

Born in Griffins Township 60 years ago, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Annie Coltrain. Early in life she was married to J. D. Mendenhall, who died more than 15 years ago. About 10 years ago she left her childhood community to make her home with her son, Horace Mendenhall, in Bear Grass Township, where she lived until about a month ago when she went to visit her other children. She was a member of the Christian church for a number of years.

One daughter, Mrs. Turnis Heath, and six sons, Walter, Claude, Spencer, Ira, Melton, and Horace Mendenhall, survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon, and interment followed in the Hardison Mill cemetery, Rev. W. B. Harrington conducting the last rites.

FIELD DAY FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Will Be Held at Home of Mrs. Will Taylor, Near Here Thursday

The home demonstration clubs will hold their annual field day at the home of Mrs. Will Taylor on the Washington road Thursday of this week. The council of home demonstration clubs for the past two years has held open meetings in August for the benefit of all club members. The meetings thus far have been held at the home of Miss Hattie Everett and Mrs. Dora Bowers, of Parmele.

The Macedonia club will be the hostess for this meeting, and it is hoped many club members will attend the meeting and enjoy the business program being planned and the picnic supper. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p. m., with a short business session, followed by a Washington program. The entire program will be in charge of the home demonstration clubs. A picnic supper will conclude the program. All club members are asked to furnish fried chicken, sandwiches, cake, and this will be supplemented by iced tea, stuffed eggs, and pickles.

Agent Cuts Cost of Food Bill Half in Moore County

The County Agent of Moore County has aided the authorities of the local county home to cut their grocery bill in half this year by a planned system of food and feed production.

TAX LEAGUE

A Martin County tax league with one purpose only—that of lowering taxes—was formed here yesterday morning following a meeting of the county board of education, school committeemen and taxpayers in the courthouse. E. P. Cunningham, large-scale farmer, called the meeting to order, and R. W. Salsbury, of Hamilton, nominated J. G. Staton for the league presidency, Mr. Staton accepting after much deliberation. E. P. Cunningham is secretary and any taxpayer, large or small, is eligible for membership because he is a taxpayer, it is understood.

SCHOOL OPENS AT OAK CITY SEPTEMBER 5TH

Teachers Will Hold Meet There On Saturday of Next Week

By H. M. Ainsley

Oak City, Aug. 22.—The Oak City public schools will open Monday, September 5th at nine o'clock. General enrollment, classification and lesson assignments will take place in each classroom beginning promptly at that hour. All pupils are requested to bring any old text books which were used last year except arithmetics from 3rd through the 7th grade which have been changed. Second-hand text books may be sold to pupils coming up from lower grades also high school texts may be exchanged at quite a saving in cost.

There will be a general teachers' meeting of the Oak City faculty on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, September 3 in the Oak City school building for organization of work. General memorandum for teachers will be distributed to each teacher, room assignments, daily schedule and plans for immediate work on Tuesday will be discussed.

The object is to do away with so much formality and get to real facts as pertain to the promotion of the pupil. Since teachers do not measure the same traits in pupils we find it necessary to have a uniform system of marking and grading pupils. Objective marking will be used, based on two principles; pupils' power to do, and rank of pupils on objective basis. Report cards ought to furnish information for parents, school and child and in the simplest way possible. Percentage marks will not be used. Qualities of work of the greatest importance in the development of the child will be considered. The greatest improvement must be through the cooperation of the school and home. Health, thrift, reliability, social attitudes and clear thinking contribute to good citizenship and should have a definite place on the daily class schedule.

To eliminate failures in the public school system, it is necessary to change our way of thinking. An article in the Pictorial Review, September issue by Victor Shawe, illustrates this viewpoint. "By reducing the time the pupil spends in school, several hundred million dollars could be saved to the taxpayers of the nation." Present less facts and be more thorough in the ones taught will aid in establishing the habit of recall and add to mental efficiency.

The Oak City school is for the development of the pupil morally, physically, and mentally and such activities as may be considered best to interest, hold and train the child will be followed. The full cooperation of parents community, county and state is necessary for the training, at this critical time, of every individual in the school districts.

WINDSOR MAN IS ARRESTED HERE

Perry Tadlock Is Placed Under $100 Bond On Assault Charge

Charged with assault and battery, using profane language, being drunk and resisting an officer, Perry Tadlock, well-known Windsor man, was arrested at the Colerain-Edenton baseball game here yesterday afternoon and placed under $100 bond by Justice of the Peace John Hassell for his appearance in recorder's court here next Tuesday.

The happening was cause for much excitement at the game, and the hearing attracted much attention.

It was said that the man was asked to cease his unbecoming remarks, and the request infuriated him. He started an attack upon Deputy S. H. Grimes and made uncalled-for remarks to Sheriff Roebuck when he tried to quiet him.

An effort to compromise the case later is said to have failed.

Eight-Months School Term Is Approved at Meeting Monday

STATE FARMERS AND WOMEN TO MEET AUGUST 29

More Than 2,000 Persons Planning To Attend In Raleigh

With an advanced registration of some 2,000 persons indicated, the annual State Farmers' Convention which opens at State College on Monday, August 29, bids fair to be one of the most interesting of recent years, announces Charles A. Sheffield, secretary.

An interesting group of speakers has been secured among whom are Dr. R. B. House, of Chapel Hill; United States Senator J. W. Bailey, Representative Lindsay Warren; Hon. David R. Coker, of South Carolina; Mrs. Ethel J. Hammond, of Massachusetts; Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva; Dr. E. C. Brooks, of State College, and a number of specialists for the sectional programs. A larger number of North Carolina farmers and farm women have been secured for places on the program to give practical suggestions about improved farm and home methods.

Mr. Sheffield says there will be a general meeting for men early each morning, followed by a general meeting for women. The joint meetings will be held each evening on the campus after supper. At these joint meetings, no dry technical subjects will be discussed, but the delegates will enjoy a period of recreation and community singing, followed by inspirational addresses from the invited speakers.

The convention opens formally on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, with the presidential addresses by W. Warren Watson, of Hyde County, president of the convention, and by Mrs. D. A. McCormick, of Robeson County, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. The annual short course for farm women will be held as usual with presentation of certificates on Friday morning. A number of interesting contests, demonstrations, and trips have been arranged for the visitors.

A special feature this year will be the study of small farm organizations, especially mutual exchanges.

MAN CONFESSES SERIES THEFTS

Stolen Goods Found Here Belonged To Store In West Virginia

A gang of thieves and robbers operating in Eastern North Carolina, parts of Virginia and West Virginia were arrested in Suffolk a few days ago, one Eugene Lassiter, supposedly of Virginia, describing in detail the many thefts and robberies made by the gang during the past several months.

About three months ago a Chevrolet car loaded with stolen goods was abandoned on Watts Street here. The car was returned to its rightful owner, and the goods were held in the mayor's office here until last Friday when they were recovered by a small merchant operating a store in Lasker, N. C.

Chief of Police H. W. Chures, of Suffolk, Va.,; Sheriff E. B. Rawles, of Nansemond County, Va., and W. S. Hogehome, Seaboard Air Line Railway agent, were here last Friday when several thefts were traced to Lassiter and his gang. One theft was reported in the lower part of Washington County. A rifle found in the abandoned car belonged to a hardware concern in West Virginia, and other articles were described by merchants in several places.

When caught, Lassiter was traveling in a car stolen in Rocky Mount a few days before.

Meeting of Town Fathers Is Again Postponed Here

A meeting of the town commissioners scheduled for last night was postponed when the mayor and members of the board were unexpectedly called out of town. It could not be learned today just when a meeting would be called for the discussion of the 1932 budget and the fixing of a tax levy for the current year.

Several taxpayers went down for the meeting last night.

Macon Farmers Sell Car of Lambs In Atlanta, Ga.

A truck load of lambs shipped to Atlanta, Ga., last week by the farmers in Macon County sold for an average of 4 1-2 cents a pound.

OPEN OFFICE HERE

The North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank will open a branch office in the Bowen Building on Washington Street here this week. The office will make collections, look after rentals, and sell farms. Mr. C. V. Cannon and a man from the home office will be in charge, and a stenographer will be employed.

FARMERS STRIKE FAST SPREADING IN MIDDLE WEST

Farmers There Refuse To Sell Products Unless Assured Profit

Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 22.—The farmers' holiday movement picked up today a cyclone-like momentum which carried it into many part of the middle west.

In Iowa, where the strike for higher produce prices originated, a host of mass meetings, parades, attacks on trucks and blockades occurred. Officials of the National Farm Holiday association reported growing strength in other centarl and western states.

In Minnesota, Governor Olson declared his willingness to join governors of other states in a plan, "even martial law" to stop farm marketing until prices rise.

Successful in curbing all truck shipments in Sioux City, leaders of the strike turned their attention to the nation's second largest livestock market and set up a barricade across the two main highways from Iowa nto Omaha.

More than 400 farmers near Lewiston, Idaho, agreed not to sell any of their 5,000,000 bushels of wheat for 60 days except at a profit.

Strikers re-established picket lines on all roads into Spencer, Iawo, no trucks, wagons or automobiles bearing farm products were allowed to enter.

There, as in other places, law enforcement officials said they were powerless to interfere.

Possibility that the United States government migh take action was forseen by Assistant United States Attorney A. O. Epperson at Omaha. He said intervention might result on the grounds the farmers have entered a conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce by hindering, delaying or preventing shipments." He said the farmers also might be charged with operating a combination n restraint of interstate commerce.

Two hundred and fifty farmers halted two trains here Sunday night and held one of them for an hour. Torpedoes and danger signals were used to stop the trains. One was allowed to proceed when the farmers found it was hauling only milk, but the other, carrying livestock, was held an hour.

Declaring his sympathy with the strikers, Governor Olsonfi only farmer-labor governor in the nation, said: "I would be willing to join with the governors of the other agricultural states in any plan, however arbitrary, which would tend to raise the prices of farm commodities."

Meanwhile the striking farmers were planning to increase the effectiveness of their embargo here by picketing all railroad loading docks throughout the territory.

Oak City Ladies Can for School Children There

Oak City.—The Oak City canning club with ladies representing the Williams Chapel Club, met at the school building Friday, August 12, and spent the day canning vegetables to aid in the hot lunch for the coming school term. Corn, tomatoes, and beans were collected and made into a soup mixture, making 47 quarts, which also equals the set goal of 100 quarts which have been canned this summer. It is expected to have another day before school opens. The ladies brought sandwiches and watermelons for lunch, and Mrs. W. D. Smith made a delicious cake and the club served iced lemonade, which added very much to the picnic dinner served in the home economics room. All were pleased with the results, and dismissed about 4 o'clock in the afternoon with a kind cooperative spirit in trying to aid the school and less fortunate pupils.

$12.93 at Loris, S. C.

Loris, S. C., Aug. 22.—The Loris tobacco market sold today 59,000 pounds of tobacco at an average of $12.93 per 100 pounds. Most of the offerings were lugs. The better grades sold high. The warehousemen are looking for heavy sales to follow.

THINK COUNTY SHOULD FARE AS WELL AS OTHERS

Better Understanding Of School Problems Gained At Monday Meeting

Martin County citizens meeting in the county courthouse here yesterday with the members of the board of education and the various school committees expressed themselves as favoring an eight-months school term, provided other sections and counties continued to enjoy the long term. And while some of the districts represented favored the extended term upon certain conditions, representatives of other districts expressed the belief that 80 per cent or more of their people would vote for the extended term should an election be arranged.

A better understanding of the problem confronting the school heads was gained at the meeting when it was learned that the county and local school authorities were required by law to provide for the extra two months, that only the people themselves could abolish the extended term or have it done by an act of the General Assembly.

The problems facing the taxpayers were considered, but none of the property owners, as far as it could be learned, was in favor of lowering the educational standards below those enjoyed by children in neighboring counties. In fact, Mr. Jim Staton, numbered among the leaders for cutting the budgets, expressed himself as favoring the continuation of the eight-months school term for Martin County children as long as those in other counties had the opportunity of enjoying the extra period.

Special tax levies were not mentioned, the meeting agreeing that nothing could be done about the extended term, and that the authorities were compelled to make provision for the seventh and eighth months, whether they wanted to or not.

Committeemen from eleven of the twelve districts in the county enjoying the extended term were present for the meeting, and they expressed themselves before the body.

"While I have no children, I favor schools, and while I would be suited with a six-months term, I do not want the children of my community to drop below the level of others," Mr. J. R. Knowles, property owner and school committeeman of Dardens, said.

Mr. Plenny Peel, Farm Life committeeman, said he believed 75 per cent of the people in that district would vote for a short term. He later qualified the statement by saying that if it would be in keeping with the standards of other schools.

Mr. C. A. Harrison, Williamston committeeman, reported his committee 100 per cent in favor of the 8-months term, adding that he believed 85 per cent of the people in the district wanted it.

The Everetts committee was reported by Mr. L. A. Clark as favoring the long term 100 per cent.

"Our committee is 100 per cent in favor of the extended term, and I believe 90 per cent of the people are for it," Mr. H. C. Norman, Robersonville committeeman, reported.

Mr. J. M. Dixon reported that the Parmele committee would contend for the eight-months term.

Hassells was reported by Mr. E. R. Edmondson as favoring the longer term.

Mr. B. M. Worsley reported the Oak City committee 100 per cent in favor of the longer term.

"Bear Grass wants the longer term provided all other sections have it," Mr. Edmond Harris said.

Four of the five committeemen attending from the Jamesville district were heartily in favor of the longer term.

Hamilton favored the 6-months term but wanted the extra two months if other districts were to have them.

Gold Point was not represented.

While a few expressed themselves as favoring the 6-months term, provided it was general, other committeemen were out-and-out in their expressions for the extended term.

Martin County will proceed to levy a sufficient rate to operate the extended term, the levy varying from 15 cents in some districts to 21 in others, it is understood.

Sales Alfalfa To Rabbit Breeder Near Charlotte

A Lincoln County farmer sold 80 bales of alfalfa last week to a rabbit breeder near Charlotte. The alfalfa acreage in Lincoln is being steadily in creased. One cooperative carload of limestone was recently ordered for the crop.