



LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET OPENS AFTER HOLIDAYS

Full Set Of Buyers And Representatives Will Be Back

Closing today for the Christmas holidays, the local tobacco market will reopen during the early part of January, it was learned from the Tobacco Board of Trade yesterday.

Sales have been fairly heavy this week with prices about the same as they have been since Thanksgiving.

While there isn't much tobacco remaining unsold in this belt, the market operators here are reopening after Christmas to accommodate quite a few farmers who have been unable, for one reason or another, to prepare their tobacco for market.

All buyers will return here for sales after the holidays, it was officially announced, and every company will be represented.

The local market averaged well above the parity figure during the past month, and the average trend should continue as high if not higher during January than in the month of November.

AGED PEOPLE TO BE REMEMBERED

Few Helpless Ones Outside C. W. A. Will Appreciate Gifts Christmas Day

While direct relief to hundreds has been made unnecessary by the Civil Works program generally, there are a few individual cases in the county deserving of personal attention, particularly at Christmas time.

Direct relief from the welfare office here has been materially decreased since nearly 200 men were shifted from the relief list to the Civil Works program, Director J. R. Manning said yesterday.

C. W. A. Activities Await Approval of More Projects

An unexpected delay in the advancement of Civil Works Administration activities was experienced in this county this week when the number of projects approved by the authorities was not large enough to accommodate all workers.

Sunday Services Announced For Church Of The Advent

The subject of the sermon at the morning service at the Church of the Advent this Sunday will be "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord."

Holy Trinity Mission

There will be Sunday school and preaching at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass at 3:30 p. m.

C. W. A. Wage Scale Not Fixed by Local Officials

According to information received here there is some misunderstanding about the variation in price paid for labor on Civil Works projects.

Colored Lights Give Streets Holiday Air

After an unexpected delay, the electrical equipment for decorating the town for the Christmas season arrived Wednesday and the work was started immediately.

ing the switches yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Earlier in the week decorations adorned the business section of the town, the Virginia Electric Power Company leading the list with its monogram and initials appearing in lights placed on the front of its Main Street home.

ment, trees and decorations have been placed on either side of Main and Washington streets, and decorations in the stores brightly reflect the holiday spirit at every turn.

was decided there never was and probably never will be a better time than right now to advance the holiday spirit and spread good cheer to patrons and other friends from far and near.

a friendliness that just cannot be surpassed. It is a time for mutual advancement for all that is enjoyable and good! local people and local merchants are anxious and willing to do all that you will let them do in making this one of the most merriest of merry Christmases for every man, woman and child, rich or poor.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS AFTER SHORT SESSION

Case Charging Sam Ayers with Murder Continued Until March Term

Completing one of the smallest criminal dockets before it in many months Monday and Tuesday and after hearing a few civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon, bringing to a close operations of that tribunal for the year.

The case charging Sam Ayers with the murder of Lyman Jones at a Holiness church near the Pitt County line on the night of December 2, was continued, unofficial reports stating that a brother of the deceased was late in learning of the killing and that he wanted more time to investigate the case.

Richard Latham drew the heaviest road sentence of the term, the court sentencing him to the roads for two years when he was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Cliff Bunch, charged with forgery, failed to answer, and the court issued papers for his arrest.

James Henry Brown was sentenced to the roads for 12 months and Tom Perkins drew a six-months sentence in the case charging them with robbery. Rachel Hunter, a defendant in the same case, was ordered to report to the juvenile court.

Two judgments, one for \$119.80 and another for \$199.58, were given the Cox Motor Company against Mrs. Bettie Roebuck. In a third case the company was given a judgment of \$67.50 against Andrew Roebuck and Mrs. Bettie Roebuck.

In the case of Ben Hedgpeh against A. L. Alexander, the court declared the defendant owner of one-half interest in peanuts as alleged in the controversy.

J. W. Bailey was named guardian for Tommie Martin.

Four Fined for Shooting Fireworks in Busy Zone

While the authorities will not interfere with the shooting of fireworks in residential sections, it was proved beyond doubt that the firing of crackers and other fireworks in the business district last Wednesday evening when officers arrested four alleged violators and carried them before Justice J. L. Hassell.

Pre-Christmas Sermons at Baptist Church Sunday

Both the sermons at the Baptist church Sunday will seek to magnify those events in the coming of Christ which the Scriptures set forth with such beauty and charm.

The sessions of the Sunday school will be held at 10:45 o'clock as usual, while the Young Peoples' Unions will meet at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

OPEN NIGHTS

To better accommodate their patrons, local merchants will, next Monday, start keeping their stores open at night, the practice to continue until Christmas eve.

COLORED MAN IS HURT IN WRECK

Charlie Jackson Suffers A Broken Leg When His Truck Turned Over

Charlie Jackson, colored truck driver for the L. A. Slade Lumber Company, suffered a broken leg and minor injuries Wednesday morning when the truck he was driving turned over into a ditch on the Washington Road near Old Ford school.

Jackson, driving behind a school bus, started to stop when the bus came to a stop just ahead of him. He applied the foot and emergency breaks, causing the truck to swerve into the ditch and turn over on his leg.

The wreck was one of the first of any consequence reported in this immediate section in several weeks.

Jamesville Pupils Present Play There Next Tuesday

"A Prairie Rose," a comedy-drama in four acts, will be presented by the senior class of Jamesville High School there on Tuesday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock.

An admission fee of 10 and 20 cents will be charged. The proceeds will be used for school equipment and supplies.

Serving Very Few Claim and Delivery Papers Now

That business activities are fast gaining a favorable equilibrium in this county is evidenced by the small number of claim and delivery papers placed in the hands of the sheriff for handling.

No matter how good times are or how freely money flows, there are a few people who meet with ill advantages and are the victims. And then there are still others who know not how to meet obligations unless the sheriff or some other collection officer is on their trail.

Carstarphen Store To Be Moved by C. W. A. Group

The old Carstarphen store building, recently purchased by the Sinclair Refining Company, has been given to the town, it was learned this morning. Plans for tearing the building down and building a gymnasium on the high school property are now before Civil Works authorities in Raleigh for consideration.

OFFICIAL POINTS OUT ADVANTAGE OF FARM SURVEY

Frank Parker Declares the Survey Will Be of Much Value To Farmers

The farm survey, conducted annually during the past several years throughout North Carolina, will prove of great value to farmers this year and the years to come, Mr. Frank Parker, statistician for the State and Federal Crop Reporting Service, said yesterday while on an official visit to County Agent Brandon's office here.

With a spirit of cooperation prevailing among all farmers, prospects are bright for agriculture next year, Mr. Parker said. He added, however, that without cooperation prospects for next year will hardly be bright.

While here, Mr. Parker who has carried on a valuable work in compiling records and establishing basis for farm relief, said that the survey in Martin County had been handled very successfully, and he took time to express his thanks to the county through Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger.

Organized recently under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Rodman, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Miller, of Washington, the John Walton Hassell American Legion Post Auxiliary will hold its first meeting in the home of Mrs. H. L. Swain here Friday, December 29, at 3 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. J. A. Ward, secretary of the local unit.

LEGION FORMS AUXILIARY HERE

First Meeting Will Be Held With Mrs. H. L. Swain Friday, Dec. 29

Present indications point to a marriage license issuance this month in Martin County as large as the record-breaking one last month. In November J. Sam Getsinger issued 44 marriage licenses. Up until yesterday noon, he had issued 21, five to white and 16 to colored couples, and the month is not half spent.

Marriage License Bureau Enjoying Good Business

Christmas week or a few days before Christmas generally prove a busy time in the marriage bureau, and it might be that the record this month will reach a new high peak.

A Sure Sign That Business Conditions Are Improving

While the incident can only be considered of minor importance, it certainly is an encouraging sign that conditions are improving.

A farmer, paying for a haircut and shave in a local barber shop day before yesterday, tendered a \$20 bill, stating that was the smallest change he had. Well, it is admitted that \$20 are common in the hands of many farmers in this section just now.

JUST 7 MORE DAYS

Just seven more shopping days, then Sunday and then CHRISTMAS!

It's too late almost to shop early, but it is never too late to trade with your home merchants, who continue to receive Christmas goods daily.

Glance over the shopping lists carried in the various advertisements appearing in this paper, and you will be surprised how easily you can complete your holiday shopping.

DARDENS NEGRO SERIOUSLY CUT

Hoyt Smith Not Expected To Survive Attack Made By Gattis Peel Yesterday

Hoyt Smith, Free Union Negro, was dangerously and probably fatally cut by Gattis Peel also colored, at a Free Union church not far from Dardens early last night.

Smith, 23 years old, and Peel, 19, are said to have quarreled over a girl about a month ago, and threats had been made against the lives of each other. In church last night, the two exchanged a few blows while inside the house of worship and they went out. Peel ran around a corner, and as Smith approached him, the young Negro started his slaughtering attack.

Smith was carried to Plymouth for treatment. Peel is in the county jail awaiting developments in the case.

Bear Grass Girls Raise Funds for Their Club

The club girls of Bear Grass raised \$165 Thursday night selling candy and peanuts. This amount was divided with the school, the school receiving 50 per cent.

Joshua Warren Died at His Home in Oak City Tuesday

Joshua Warren, respected farmer of Oak City, died at his home there last Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted yesterday by Rev. Tom Harris of Williamston. Interment followed in the Williams burial ground near the Warren home.

Christmas Rush Now In Full Swing Here

Although the climax has not been reached, the usual Christmas rush is underway here. Mail deliveries are increasing in size, and there are more packages being handled.

With favorable weather prevailing, one of the busiest holiday seasons in years is predicted for the town during tomorrow and next week.

EXPECT PAY FOR TOBACCO DURING EARLY JANUARY

Equalization Payments For Carolina Farmers Will Be Over \$1,500,000

Equalization of more than \$1,500,000 to North Carolina farmers who sold tobacco this year before prices reached parity will probably be made early in January, according to E. Y. Floyd, director of the AAA tobacco program in this State.

The estimated amount of the payments was based upon the government report on tobacco sales issued recently and upon the assumption that all eligible growers will apply for their share of the payments.

Mr. Floyd called attention to the fact that the payments will be made only to growers who sign contracts to reduce their production by 30 per cent next year. He called upon all growers to sign as soon as possible.

The money value of the contracts to farmers was brought into prominence by the request of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank for 1,500 contracts for land under its control, said Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the college extension service.

He pointed out that the AAA program is designed only to boost future prices but also help the farmers now for reducing their overproduction.

The first help will come through the equalization payments, which will be at the rate of 20 per cent of the value of tobacco sold before the marketing holiday.

After the holiday and until October 7, the payments will be figured at the rate of 10 per cent for bright belt farmers. Those who sold on border markets will have their 10 per cent payments expanded to include weed sold up to October 28.

Furniture Truck-Trailer Wrecked Near Bethel

A truck and trailer, belonging to the VanDyke Furniture Company here, was struck and wrecked by a Chevrolet, driven by a Negro named Smith near Bethel last night.

Pre-Christmas Sale In Full Swing At Darden's Store

While there is a unanimous offering of countless bargains in all local stores, Darden's Department Store here is calling attention to its countless ones in advertisements appearing in this paper today.

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COMMITTEES FOR SIGN-UP NAMED IN THIS COUNTY

Early Reports Indicate Reduction Plan Will Meet With Success

The campaign for a reduction of one-third in the tobacco crop is now fully underway in this county, early reports indicating that the sign-up will meet with marked success.

Committeemen in the various districts are mailing appointment cards to their farmers, instructing them to call on certain dates. The farmer is asked to bring his record of sales for the current year as a means of assisting the committeemen in preparing the contracts.

County Agent T. B. Brandon this week announced the following committeemen to handle the sign-up in their respective districts:

Jamesville, Clarence Stallings, Williams, Joshua L. Coltrain, Griffins, James L. Coltrain, Bear Grass, Walter Rogers, Williamston, Urban Halberstadt, Cross Roads, J. S. Ayers, Robersonville, A. R. Osborne and J. L. Taylor.

The contract, while very long and detailed throughout, is not very complicated. The main thing is the acreage reduction, the grower having the right to choose from four methods, as follows in determining his base tobacco:

Eighty-five percent of the average of any two years in the period 1931 to 1933, inclusive;

Eighty percent of the year 1933;

Seventy percent of the year 1931 or the year 1932.

Tobacco plants grown on a farm in 1934 shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of to any person not operating a farm subject to a tobacco production adjustment contract with the Secretary.

No tobacco producer not operating a farm subject to a tobacco production adjustment contract with the Secretary shall be allowed the use of the tobacco buildings of the producer for the curing, storing, or grading of tobacco.

In the event that all, or any part of, the tobacco on a farm was grown by share tenants and or share croppers in 1933, the producer shall not reduce the number of such tenants and or croppers so engaged in growing tobacco on the farm in 1934 below the number so engaged in 1933 because of the reduction in the tobacco acreage and tobacco production or because of other provisions in the contract.

For the purpose of supervision and investigation of the performance by the producer of the terms, the Secretary or his authorized agent shall at all reasonable times have access to the farm and the producer shall furnish to the Secretary or his authorized agent such information relating to the farm as may be requested by the Secretary or his authorized agent.

If the base tobacco acreage is four acres or more, the payment shall equal twelve and one-half percent of the net market value of the tobacco grown on the farm in 1934 for market, up to an amount equal to the initial production allotment for the particular farm.