

Imperial Buyers To Be On Markets In Georgia Next Week

Plan Being Made To Finance Purchase of Tobacco For Export

An encouraging note in the tobacco marketing outlook was heard here this week, an unofficial report stating that representatives of the Imperial Tobacco Company have been instructed to report for duty on the Georgia markets next Thursday. It could not be learned whether the company is operating on its own or whether the government is using the Imperial Tobacco Company's organization to operate under a plan similar to the one followed after the markets re-opened last season. It is quite evident that the machinery is well oiled by the government to live up to its promises to the farmers.

In addition to the return of the Imperial buyers there is another encouraging note in the marketing outlook. Plans are being advanced whereby independent dealers handling a large export trade can be financed.

Under this agreement export dealers will be financed by loans from the Commodity Credit Corporation to the extent of about 70 per cent of their average exports (to countries now closed by war) for the three years of 1935, '36 and '37. This will mean approximately two hundred million pounds.

Lee Gravelly, Rocky Mount exporter, vice president of the American Tobacco Association, and J. S. Ficklen, of Greenville, immediate past president, have devoted a lot of time and thought to working out the plan in cooperation with J. B. Hutson, tobacco division head in the Triple-A. Final approval of all the major points was obtained this week.

Each company which has supplied any tobacco to any of the presently closed European countries during the three year period mentioned will enter an individual contract with the government agency under which the company will be allowed to buy 70 per cent of its normal average shipments to Europe.

In the redrying and processing of this leaf, the government will stand 70 per cent of the cost, and the dealer 30 per cent. For that 30 per cent investment the dealer gets a limited option on the tobacco until July 1, 1942. That is, any time prior to that date the dealer may (if he can) sell any or all of the tobacco, provided it is sold only to countries not closed against its import and that it is not sold below cost.

When such sale is made, the money borrowed from the government is paid, and the dealer gets the profit. If the tobacco is not sold before July 1, 1942, then the option expires and the government asserts title and all restrictions are off.

Explaining the practical effects of this scheme, Mr. Gravelly points out that it helps everybody. First of all, it assures a reasonable market for the farmers' tobacco this fall. Without some assistance from government market prospects are very slim for export types of tobacco. It offers the dealer a chance to stay in business and preserve his organizations and contacts, but also requires investment of thirty per cent of handling charges. At the same time, there is the profit motive incentive for the dealer to sell his holdings to the best possible advantage. In this respect the plan is an improvement on previous government-loan purchases where often there was no inducement for the dealer to put forth energy to protect the government investment. Finally, the plan assures an adequate supply of American tobacco ready to move as soon as the market opens, obviating necessity of European buyers looking to other sources for their needs.

"It's sort of a proposition of growers, dealers and government all gambling that the present situation will clear up within two years," Mr. Gravelly said. "If it does the plan will work out all right. If it doesn't—well in that case, it won't make much difference who owns the tobacco."

John Exum Meeks

Dies Near Conetoe

John Exum Meeks, Edgecombe County farmer and brother of Mrs. James E. Harrison, Jr., of Williamston, died at his home near Conetoe Wednesday morning following a long illness. He was 61 years old and had never married.

Besides his sister here, he is survived by a brother, Charles Meeks, of Edgecombe, and three sisters, Mrs. Mamie Bottoms, of Tarboro; Mrs. S. M. Harris, of Pitt County, and Miss Ora Meeks, of Edgecombe County.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from the home.

Among those from here attending the last rites were Mrs. B. B. Rogerson, Mrs. Theodore Roberson, Mrs. Lewis Cheek, Mrs. Mary Coltrain, Mrs. Ira Harrison, Mrs. J. E. Harrison, Sr., Mrs. Marvin Baker and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrison, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett, Misses Hattie and Margaret Everett and Mrs. J. Eason Lilley were among those from this county who attended farm-and-home week in Raleigh this week.

To Receive Applications for Cotton Parity Payments Soon

Applications for cotton price adjustment payments will be received from Martin County farmers in the agricultural building beginning next week, Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant, announced today. Farmers will be notified directly when to file formal applications for their payments. Mr. Slade added: It will be necessary for both the landlord and tenant to sign the application, it was pointed out.

Announcing that the applications would be received next week, Mr. Slade pointed out that prompt action on the part of the farmers and tenants would hasten the receipt of payments which will follow within four or six weeks after the proper forms are executed and forwarded to the department in Raleigh and Washington.

It is estimated that cotton farmers in this county will receive approximately \$25,000 in cotton price adjustment payments this year or about the same amount received by them a year ago.

Preliminary reports from the compliance check indicate that nearly every one of the approximately 800 cotton farmers in the county will be eligible for the parity or price adjustment payments this season.

With prospects favorable for a good crop and with the price adjustment payments expected within the next month or six weeks, Martin farmers are looking to cotton as one of their main sources of income this year.

Mysterious Lull Now Exists On War Front

COMMISSIONERS

A calendar carrying little business of any importance awaits the attention of the Martin County commissioners in their regular session here next Monday.

The board is expected to formally adopt the tentatively proposed tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 assessed property valuation and draw a jury for the two weeks' term of Martin County Superior Court convening in September.

Judge H. O. Peel

Hears Eight Cases In County Court

Centering around eight cases, the proceedings in the Martin County Recorder's Court attracted a larger number of spectators than is normally the case for this time of the year. In fact, the docket was larger than the average for July when farmers are busy and peace and quiet generally reign over the county, as a whole. It is apparent, however, that no matter what season it is or how hot the weather may be, there are those who must have their liquor. And then there are those who have to fight a little and steal a little can.

Hardly a week passes but what someone is called into the court to show why he should not meet his obligations to his family. The record was maintained this week. The session, presided over by Judge H. O. Peel, lasted more than the customary two hours. Solicitor D. E. Johnson prosecuted the docket.

Proceedings in the court: Entering a plea of not guilty in the case charging him with an assault and forcible trespass, Robert Barnes was adjudged guilty of simple assault. The court suspended judgment upon payment of the case costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with non-support, A. W. Davenport was directed to pay \$5 each week for the support of his two children during the next six months and reappear at the end of that time for further judgment and orders of the court. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required to guarantee compliance with the judgment.

Lawrence Williams, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of sixty days. He was also fined \$10 and taxed with the costs, the road sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time.

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Delay Expected In Naming New Police Officer

That the local town commissioners will delay naming an officer to the post made vacant by the death of Officer E. Ramey was expressed as a possibility today by Mayor John L. Hassell. "We are going to try to get along with the present force," he said.

At the present time there are only three active members on the force, including Chief W. B. Daniel, J. H. Allsbrooks and John Roebuck. A fourth member of the force, John Gurganus, is recovering from a major operation in a Washington hospital.

While several have inquired after the job, no formal applications have been filed. The commissioners are expected to discuss the vacancy at their regular meeting next Monday night but delay an appointment for the present time.

Statement Issued By Candidate For Seat In Congress

Herbert Bonner Is Quick To Line Up Support in Most Of Fourteen Counties

Learning Tuesday night that his old boss, Lindsay Warren, was resigning his post in the National House of Representatives, Herbert Bonner, the genial congressman's secretary, was quick to make a bid for the seat. By early Wednesday afternoon Bonner had unofficially gained the support of twelve of the fourteen members of the First District Democratic Executive Committee leaving only Pitt and Beaufort unheard from. Bonner is the member from Beaufort and chairman of the committee, which chairmanship he has held for four years.

In connection with his candidacy, Mr. Bonner made the following statement just before leaving Washington Wednesday:

"I did not know until yesterday of the final decision of my dear friend, Lindsay Warren, to retire from Congress. I have strongly urged him not to do it but I realize it is something that he alone must decide. His retirement will be regarded everywhere as a great calamity to his district, state and nation, which he has so honorably and brilliantly served for 16 years.

"I shall be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to succeed him. I have a large acquaintance in every county in the district and I am familiar with the problems of every section. I am also thoroughly familiar with the vast files in Mr. Warren's office and the status of every matter pending in them. No one can know what it means to represent our district unless they have been in such an office as I have for the last 16 years.

"On account of my long experience, my close contact and intimate knowledge of all government departments and my friendship with a large majority of the House of Representatives, I believe that I am equipped and qualified to carry on the superior service the district and state have been receiving from this office. During the term of my service with Congressman Warren it has been my good fortune to share his confidence in dealing with some of our greatest national problems and I feel without egotism that I have become acquainted with the leaders in the several departments and am familiar with the great issues involving the Department of Agriculture and kindred subjects. I mention this because our congressional district is one of the greatest agricultural sections of the nation and the office of Mr. Warren has been one of the intelligent meeting places for the promotion, planning and aid to farmers in North Carolina.

"If this nomination should come to me, I will have no other interest than to devote every minute of my time and energy to this great and responsible position."

Marriage License Bureau Has Small Business In July

Seven marriage licenses were issued in this county during the past month, the issuance being the smallest for any July since 1931 when only three couples dared to brave the economic storms and set sail on the sea of matrimony. Considering the weather conditions, it can be said that the county marriage license bureau did a good business during the period. However, the volume was considerably below the average.

Strange as it may seem, more marriage licenses have been issued in this county in the month of July on an average than in the month of June over a ten-year period. December is the most popular month for marriages, while June hardly maintains an average as compared with the other months.

Five of the seven licenses issued last month went to white couples. It was the first time this year that the number of licenses issued to white couples was greater than the number issued to colored couples.

Licenses were issued last month to the following:

White
Johnnie Robert West and Minnie Ray Fillingame, both of New Bern.
J. Phillip Keel and Doris Malone Jenkins, both of Robersonville.

John William Tulose and Rebecca Harrison, both of Williamston.
Harold Brinkley Lilley, of Williamston, and Ruby Dare Bennett, of Oak City.

Daniel Gurganus and Frances Whitaker, both of Williamston.

Colored
James William Roberson and Ernestine Knight, both of Williamston.
Alexander Hodges and Gladystine Williams, both of Williamston.

Mrs. B. S. Courtney and Mrs. Charles Rogers and children are visiting in Roanoke Rapids.

Florida Motorist Hurt In Accident

Homer L. Roberson, Florida man and farm produce broker, was slightly injured when his car skidded on wet pavement and turned over two miles south of here on U. S. Highway No. 17 yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. Although bruised and shocked he was able to be up and return to his temporary headquarters in Washington, Patrolman Whit Saunders, who investigated the accident, said.

Roberson was driving at a moderate speed as he rounded the curve near the Ira Rogerson home. A heavy sower had fallen and the road was slippery. The car skidded, struck a ditch bank and turned over. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$300.

Lindsay Warren Gets Comptroller's Post; Bonner Seeking Seat

Strong Support Is Pledged Bonner By District Committee

Pitt County Balks in Lining Up For Candidacy of Washington Man

Lindsay C. Warren, for sixteen years representative of the First North Carolina District in the National Congress, Wednesday resigned his seat to accept the post of Comptroller General of the United States tendered him by the President, his resignation having the effect of a bursting bombshell on district politics. Even before Mr. Warren's resignation was publicly known politics warmed the wires throughout the district, reports stating that Herbert Bonner, the congressman's able secretary, had pulled a majority of the district congressional committee's support. The Bonner candidacy ran into opposition over in Pitt, and Mr. Warren's successor will not be named until the committee meets next week.

News of Mr. Warren's resignation which becomes effective some time during the latter part of September, was received here with regret. During the sixteen years he has represented this district in the National Congress he proved himself an able legislator and ably served his constituency. He endeared himself to the people especially during the past eight years when he worked hand in hand with President Roosevelt in the advancement of humanitarian thoughts and acts.

His standing in the district was established during his first term in the House. His candidacy has been unopposed by other members of the party, and only last May he was renominated without opposition, the nomination virtually being equal to election. He gained recognition early as a parliamentarian in the House, and is held in high esteem there. He now holds the important position as chairman of the Accounts Committee.

Several times Mr. Warren has been mentioned for the Comptroller's post, but not until this week did he seriously consider the offer which carries a tenure of office of fifteen years and annual salary of \$10,000 with the possibility of an increase.

His nomination confirmed by the Senate yesterday, Mr. Warren is slated to enter upon his new duties next October, succeeding Fred Brown of New Hampshire, who resigned recently on account of poor health. The Comptroller General checks all governmental expenditures and sees that the money is spent for those things designated in the appropriation bills.

Bonner Active

Coming into the district about the time Warren released his statement announcing his acceptance of the high governmental post, Herbert Bonner, the popular Beaufort County man who has served as Mr. Warren's secretary for 16 years, apparently lined up a strong following among the Democratic Congressional Committee. Mr. Warren's announcement was accompanied by pledges of support from ten of the 14 committee members, including J. B. Flora, of Pasquotank; Emmett Winslow, of Perquimans; Dudley Bagley, of Currituck; W. O. Crump, of Gates; Roy Davis, of Dare; M. A. Matthews, of Hyde; Mrs. O. D. Reynolds, of Camden; C. Earl Cohoon, of Tyrrell; W. L. Daniels, of Hertford County; A. E. James, of this county. As far as it could be learned today, Bonner, chairman of the committee, has not set a date for a meeting of the committee.

As the campaign got underway for Mr. Warren's successor, opposition to Mr. Bonner's candidacy began taking shape over in Pitt where M. (Continued on page six)

Office Of Sheriff Active During July

It was a quiet dry month on the business and agricultural front in this county, but the sheriff's office reported more activities than usual for the particular period. No glaring violations of the peace and order were recorded in the crime books, but the officers were kept fairly busy handling the varied list of duties.

The sheriff and his force did quite a bit of investigating, most of which was centered around small-time stealing and various attempts to commit crimes.

The sheriff's detailed report for the period follows:
Amount of taxes collected, \$1,041.25; warrants served, 28; capias served, 5; subpoenas served, 28; civil papers served, 17-29 copies; claim and delivery proceedings, 1-3 copies; ejectment proceedings, 5; investigations made, 12; number of arrests on county jail record, 42; miles traveled, two cars, 4,216.

Tribute Is Paid To Lindsay C. Warren's Record In Congress

Popular Legislator Releases Statement in Washington Wednesday

Walter Brown, Washington newspaper correspondent, paid Lindsay Warren a fitting tribute yesterday, as follows:

North Carolina lost one of the ablest and most effective legislators it ever has sent to Congress as Representative Lindsay Warren accepted President Roosevelt's call to become Comptroller General of the United States, a position he twice had declined.

While messages of congratulations flooded into the office of the First District Congressman from colleagues from North Carolina and from all sections of the country, regret rather than rejoicing reigned on Capitol Hill as this realization spread that Warren's abilities would be lost to Congress.

Effective October 1, Warren, himself, almost shared this attitude, for he is deeply devoted to his work as a legislator.

He announced that he could continue as Congressman from the First District until October 1. On that day he will take over his new job, but not until then will he relinquish the work he has carried forward during his 16 years in the House of Representatives.

Warren's Statement

In his statement "to the people of the First District," Warren said:

"The President has nominated me for Comptroller General of the United States and I have accepted, feeling that it is a high call for further public service, and that I should comply with his request. I give up my work in Congress with much reluctance and with a heavy heart. I would have liked to have discussed this matter with many friends, but after all it was a decision for me alone to make."

"Sixteen years ago the people of the district selected me as their representative in Congress, and only recently they nominated me for a ninth term. Prior to that there was a service in the North Carolina General Assembly for three terms. All of this came to me without opposition in my party, except for the first term in the House. No one at a time like this can properly express himself. I shall forever remember and treasure the friendship, loyalty and cooperation that I have received."

"It has been a hard, arduous work but I think not without results. I have devoted every day in this period in trying to honorably and properly carry out this trust. I have never known a county line, or showed preference to one locality over another, but I have looked upon the district as one great community which I have constantly endeavored to weld closer together. At the same time I have always tried to regard our district in relation to the national welfare and to view the country as a whole. Anyone who would do otherwise would be unworthy of this great office."

"There was a challenge for constructive effort in this section of North Carolina and I gladly accepted it. Whatever has been accomplished will either stand or fall on the record. The human interest in this work has also gripped me tightly. It has been my constant endeavor to make my office a clearing house for those in need and distress and to utilize my office and influence in (Continued on page six)

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After sixteen years of faithful service as a Member of the House of Representatives, Lindsay C. Warren resigned this week to accept the high post of Comptroller General of the United States, his resignation to become effective the latter part of September.

Spider Is Causing Great Damage To The Cotton Crop

Sulphur Dust Recommended As Measure For Controlling The Pest

Blessed with a virtual absence of boll weevils this season, North Carolina cotton farmers have now run into the greatest invasion of red spiders in years, reports J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist of State College.

Already damage has been widespread and severe in many of the eastern counties. Spider injury usually occurs from the middle of June until the middle of September, but considerable damage was reported this year as early as June 1.

Rowell explained that in heavily infested fields the damage consists of rusting and dropping of the leaves and sometimes complete defoliation and death of the plants in affected portions of the field.

The presence of the pest is first evidenced by the appearance of reddish spots on the upper surface of the leaves. As the attack increases, the leaves become rusty brown, curl and finally drop. This injury results because the insect extracts juice from the plant leaves.

Where red spiders have gained entrance into cotton fields, control can be secured through the use of several applications of dusting sulphur. This material should be applied to the underside of the leaves with any convenient rotary-type hand duster or machine duster that can be regulated to direct the dust on the under surface of the leaves. From 10 to 12 pounds of dust are required per acre of application. Two treatments at weekly intervals are usually sufficient to wipe out the insects.

When heavy, beating rains occur within 24 hours after an application has been made, the treatment should be repeated as soon as the weather permits.

Will Not Donate Peppers To New England Brokers

(Robersonville Herald)
S. L. Roberson shipped 450 baskets of peppers to the Boston produce market yesterday. This is the second or third shipment of produce sent to the New England market by Mr. Roberson.

The peppers were returned here early this morning for when they reached the Boston market, an offer of 20 cents per basket was made by the produce brokers. Mr. Roberson ordered his truck to return with the peppers and today and tomorrow the 450 baskets will be given away free to the housewives throughout the county. If you want peppers for table or canning purposes all you have to do is get you a container and go to the store of A. O. Roberson and Company. They'll even help you load up.

The baskets cost 15 cents and when Sherwood was made an offer of 20 cents per basket, he stated that he would throw them in the local lake before he would give them to the New England brokers.

July Dry Month In This Section

A new dry record is well in the making in this section, the rainfall during the past seven months approximating hardly two-thirds of the average for the past ten years. Through last month a total of 18.40 inches of rain had fallen at this point as compared with 34.87 inches during the first seven months of last year. Only once in the past ten years has the rainfall been under 25 inches and that was in 1932 when the precipitation for the period under question totaled 21.15 inches.

Even though July had a rainfall of 4.56 inches, the month was recognized as a dry and hot one, the precipitation being only two-thirds the total recorded for the same month a year ago. The dry season got its start back in December when there was a deficiency in the rainfall. During each month since that time, the rainfall has been less than for the corresponding month, a year ago. The climax was reached in June of this year when hardly a fourth as much rain fell in this section as was recorded in June, 1939.

A comparison of the rainfall for the first seven months of last year with that recorded during the corresponding period this year follows:

Month	1939	1940
January	4.63	2.80
February	7.07	1.99
March	5.16	2.74
April	3.31	3.81
May	2.26	1.98
June	5.40	1.82
July	7.64	4.56
Total	34.87	18.40