

Local Mart Looks Much Better Than The Reports Sound

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way around and are making good sales on the market. In fact, any grower with tobacco of fair quality is receiving a fair but not extremely high average.

Preliminary reports coming in from other markets point to a fairly uniform price throughout the belt, excepting the extremes which are common in the early market reports. Averages, ranging from \$15 to \$21.60 per 100 pounds, were reported with the general price figure standing close to \$15.94 for the belt, as a whole, according to reports reaching here.

Greenville was averaging right at 16 cents up until noon, according to the Daily Reflector in a report released early this afternoon.

Wilson, with three million pounds on its floors, reported a similar average for the first 89 piles sold. A price average on such a narrow base will likely vary.

Goldensboro reported an average of 19.9 for the first 3,625 pounds sold. Washington with 410,000 pounds on its floors reported a price range of 6 to 28 cents with the average standing at \$18.05, a press report maintains.

First sales at Kinston averaged 14 cents.

Rocky Mount, with no sales ranging over 25 cents during the early marketing period, reported an average of 17 cents.

Farmville said its prices ranged around 18 cents.

The high peak in the belt was claimed by Smithfield where an average of \$21.60 was reported.

A late report, officially checked against sales made on two rows in a Williamston warehouse between 12 o'clock noon and the lunch hour, shows that 11,866 pounds were sold for \$1,985.21, a resulting average of \$16.73. Tobacco of better but still only fair quality was still ahead of the buyers at that time. This latest figure as compared with the opening sales a year ago is about \$1 per hundred lower.

Farmers were quick to compare their personal observations of the markets, and it was the general opinion that prices, grade for grade considered, were just as high on the Williamston market as they are anywhere.

Coordinate Forces To Speed Up Work On Repair Project

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fill to the other by the early part of next week. It is thought that regular traffic will follow within a few days. The engineers have not yet mentioned any definite date for reopening the causeway to highway traffic, but it is an established fact that the barricades will not remain up as long as many first predicted. The progress, schedule, tentatively announced yesterday, is dependent upon weather conditions and other factors. Sight-seers have retarded activities on several occasions, but for the most part the operations are being advanced on a smooth schedule. Anxious to see the route reopened, Williamston people have interfered very little with the progress. Patrolman Whit Saunders said.

Additional forces are being assigned to the project, and today four bridge units and ten prison groups were making progress.

The three-quarters of an inch of rain falling here last evening had a tendency to pack the dirt, reports stating that none of the new fill was washed. It was also pointed out that the rains "pepped up" the workers.

Past Due Accounts To Be Advertised In Early October

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An adjustment in the property valuation of Joseph Davis in Jamesville Township was ordered, the board placing the value at \$600.

Resolutions expressing the appreciation of the board in behalf of the people of the county, were prepared and ordered sent to the United States Coast Guard and the National Red Cross.

An appeal to the State Highway Commission, humbly urging that body to rush repairs on the Roanoke River fill, was ordered by the commissioners with instructions for its immediate submission.

Local Schools Are Ready For Opening

Preparations are about complete for the opening of the Williamston schools on Thursday, September 5th. Registrations have been completed for high school students, and an enrollment equal to that of last year is expected in both high and elementary departments when students report at 8:30 on opening day. Faculty members are arriving in Williamston today to prepare for the new term. Conferences are scheduled for tomorrow morning and afternoon at which times details of school organization will be discussed and plans made for the year's work.

Mr. Lacy McGuire, of Paintsville, Kentucky, will head the new Industrial Arts department in Williamston High School. Mr. McGuire attended Berea College and Morehead State Teachers College, of Kentucky, and has eight years' experience in public school work. It is expected that Mr. McGuire's work will be a valuable addition to the local high school. While the details of the Industrial Arts courses await the arrival of Mr. McGuire, plans are being made to offer the work to a group of eighth and ninth grade boys and to a group of older boys who have dropped out of school.

As children return to the classrooms next Thursday, motorists are urged to exercise special care in driving. Motorists are usually adults, usually parents, and the reminder of school opening should serve as a note of caution to them. Fresh from vacation, the hundreds of youngsters will cross Williamston's streets and may not be as alert as at a future date. The School Boy Safety Patrol will be reorganized within the next few days, but old members will be at their posts Thursday. Children and parents are urged to cooperate in making this a safer school year.

Prominent County Farmer Dies Near Here Last Sunday

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ern area of Bear Grass Township, a short distance from Commissioner R. L. Perry's home on the Washington Highway. As a small-scale farmer, he gave his work personal attention and in the course of years was ranked among that group of citizens who lived at home, met their obligations promptly and contributed to the welfare of society. Mr. Rogers, highly respected by all who knew him for his sincerity of purpose, was one of the founders of the Hayes Swamp Church in Griffins Township. In its service he was faithful, giving both of his time and means for its support.

Mr. Rogers was a valuable neighbor, a thoughtful husband and respected father. He walked humbly in the sight of his maker and held a clear heart before his fellowman. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the home at 2:30 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin, A. B. Ayers and W. E. Grimes. Interment was in the family burial ground at the home place.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his widow and five sons, Hammond, Pearly, Johnnie, David R., and William, and two daughters, Mrs. Dalton Robinson and Miss Nellie Rogers, all of Martin County.

Former Resident Of County Passes In Lynchburg, Va.

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thers, Dr. W. S. N. Calhoun, Judge Nathan M. Calhoun and Dr. Leonidas F. Calhoun, all of Louisiana, preceded her in death. Among the relatives surviving other than her granddaughter are, two nephews, R. D. Calhoun and W. F. Calhoun, of Louisiana.

Mrs. Yarrall is remembered in this community as a Christian woman, possessed of a sweet character and understanding. She numbered a large circle of friends among the old and the young in this community, and she was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Church for a long number of years, and her high Christian ideals and culture had a marked effect upon those with whom she came in contact. After she moved her residence to Greensboro, Mrs. Yarrall enjoyed her visits back to Williamston and renewing acquaintances.

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Thirty-Four Schools Have A Total Of 201 Teachers This Year

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peak was reached last term," J. C. Manning, superintendent of the county system, said this morning.

Last year 3,286 children enrolled in the ten white schools as follows:

School	Ele.	High	Total
Jamesville	325	116	441
Falm Life	150	58	208
Bear Grass	226	65	293
Williamston	385	207	592
Everetts	253		253
Robersonville	311	297	608
Gold Point	64		64
Hassel	55		55
Oak City	232	165	397
Hamilton	175		175
Total	2378	908	3286

Approximately 3,750 are expected to enroll in the colored schools, the superintendent explaining that every one of the twenty-four school plants would have as many as it can handle, and that some would have more than they can handle.

There have been quite a few changes in the teaching personnel, but the number of teachers remains virtually the same with some schools losing a teaching and others gaining one.

Several new courses of instruction are being offered in some of the schools this term for the first time, the new curriculum including a manual arts department in the Williamston plant.

Teacher assignments were announced complete last week-end when Miss Hodges, of Asheville, accepted a position made vacant by a last-minute resignation in the Robersonville school, and when Professor Lacy McGuire, of Paintsville, Ky., agreed to take over the new manual arts department in Williamston.

Propose Decrease In Train Service

Kinston and other points along the route to Rocky Mount and those between Washington and Parmele are about to lose their passenger train service, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company having applied to the Utilities Commission for permission to discontinue the trains. A mixed service between Parmele and Washington will also be discontinued if the company's request is granted.

Kinston recently notified the authorities that the proposal would be contested.

Possibly passenger service on the Coast Line's Plymouth branch would have been discontinued anyway, but it is recalled how the towns in this section were literally "sold out" by a certain organization working out of Kinston. And now it is Kinston's fight, and if the same arguments are advanced there as were advanced by the Coast Line on this route, Lenoir people will have to depend entirely on Highway Commissioner Webb's new roads.

Seed Is Available For Flood Areas

The State College Extension Service has compiled a list of sources of surplus legume and small grain seed available for the drought and flood stricken areas of North Carolina. A copy of this list has been placed in the hands of every county farm agent in the State.

John W. Goodman, assistant extension director, acted promptly when it was evident that the dry weather in July and the heavy rains and floods in August had destroyed thousands of acres of food and feed crops, and many bushels of stored seed. He called upon extension agents to report on seed surpluses in their counties.

The survey showed that there are available: 124,835 bushels of oat seed, 61,232 bushels of wheat, 18,500 bushels of barley, 1,000 bushels of rye, 30,000 pounds of crimson clover, 17,000 pounds of Italian rye grass, and 5,000 pounds of vetch.

"Farmers who have lost a part of their corn and hay crops should immediately communicate with their county farm agent and learn the sources of this surplus seed," Goodman said. "This is the planting season for small grains and winter cover crops in most of the State, and even in areas where the drought and floods did not cause any damage, it is wise to have some of these crops growing to protect and enrich the soil during the winter months."

The extension leader said that 11 varieties of oats, three varieties of wheat, three of barley and Abruzzi rye are available.

Farm Life School Set For Opening

The Farm Life school will open Thursday, September 5th, for the 1940-41 term.

The faculty will be as follows: Miss Betty Haywood, first and second grades; Mrs. B. T. Woolard, third grade; Miss Dorothy Whitehurst, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Marguerite Cooke, sixth grade; Mrs. Frank Wilkens, seventh grade; Mr. J. C. Perry, of Chesterfield, S. C., will replace Mr. D. T. Ward, former coach and high school teacher; Mrs. R. P. Martin will teach English and French in the high school, and Mr. R. P. Martin, principal.

There will be a meeting of the teachers Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. Farm Life school is looking forward to a most successful year.

THE EDUCATIONAL MONTH On The Farm and in The Home



September came and Pete and Polly were somewhat at a loss to know if they should feel cast down or jolly. For back to school they both must go. At that they knew they should be turning their intellects to thoughts of learning.

With summer on the wane, State College specialists recommend the following good farming practices for September, the first autumn month of the year:

Plant winter grazing crops now, says Earl H. Hostetler, professor of animal husbandry. Italian rye grass or any of the cereal grains make excellent grazing for all kinds of livestock during the winter and early spring. The grazing will be improved and the period extended if white Dutch clover or crimson clover is seeded with the grain or grass.

Ellis Vestal, extension swine specialist, says many pigs are farrowed in September. But before farrowing time, put the brood sow in a field that has been cultivated since any hogs ranged over it. Never let pigs go to old hog lots or pens. Keep them on clean land until they weigh at least 100 pounds. Vestal also says a sow worth feeding should have a good farrowing house. County agents have blueprints of these houses which any grower may obtain.

September is a good month to plant pastures, recommends John Arey, extension dairyman. It is one of the most favorable months of the year, since seedlings made now will get off to a good start during the fall and winter. This will enable them to withstand better the droughts of summer, a fact which is not always true of pastures planted in the spring. In planting, Arey recommends good land with the seed bed pulverized to a depth of three inches, 300 to 400 pounds per acre of a high grade fertilizer mixture, and grasses and legumes suited to soil and climatic conditions.

Cotton should be picked just as

soon as it dries out, says Paul Kime, Experiment Station agronomist, in a bit of timely advice at the beginning of "cotton-pickin'" time. The first open bolls usually contain much moisture and if picked before the lint is fluffy, the seed cotton will heat. After picking, the cotton should be sunned or spread out in the cotton house and stirred with a fork each day if possible, hold from one to two weeks, since green cotton gin-cuts easily.

September is the beginning of the annual season for fairs, so H. R. Niswonger, Extension Service horticulturist, advises farm families to get their exhibits of fruits and vegetables ready now. He says fruit to be exhibited should be picked and handled with extreme care, keeping in mind that the best fruit for show purposes is found near the top of the tree. Don't pick the largest specimens but those which are typical of the variety. Then wrap each one in paper and pack snugly. Vegetables for exhibit should be free from blemishes, clean and fully matured.

Jack Rowell, extension entomologist, adds this suggestion to the September list: Tobacco fields should be plowed and planted to a good cover crop to aid in the control of tobacco insects. This will prevent the development of tobacco suckers which furnish a food supply for hordes of flea beetles, horn worms, bud worms, and other insects until frost. If the development of suckers is prevented, most of the tobacco insects will go into hibernation so weak they cannot emerge the following spring to lay eggs for a crop of new pests to harass growers in 1941. Cotton farmers should follow the same practice to fight boll weevils.

Anticipate Large Cotton Crop Gain

Cotton, ranking at the bottom of all crops in value during the past decade in this county, is regaining a strong foothold in agricultural circles this season, according to a report coming from Johnny Eubanks over in Hassell.

According to estimates offered by Mr. Eubanks his section is making preparations to gin just about six times as much cotton as was ginned last season. In 1939, 143 bales of cotton, about one-fourth produced in the county, was ginned in Hassell. This year the production will approximate 800-1000 bales.

While there has been a slight increase in acreage planted to the crop, Mr. Eubanks says that the large yield is attributable to three factors, a cold winter, a dry June and molasses mopping.

Business Continues To Show Increase

Pick-ups in employment, due to defense work getting underway, continue to produce larger and larger "reflections" in increased sales. After four weeks in which national department store sales averaged six per cent over corresponding weeks of 1939, the gain moved up to 10 per cent two weeks ago—and last week went on up to 15. Indications are the months of August, as a whole, will show the widest margin of gain over 1939, of any month this year. If it hits 10 per cent, the Federal Reserve Board's adjusted index of such sales would be 97 per cent of the 1923-25 average—and that would be the highest for any month since way back in the spring of 1931. Total revenue freight loadings for the nation's railroads hit a new high mark for the year last week—a fraction better than 10 per cent above the same week last year.

Funeral Held Monday For Father Of Local Teacher

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Benson Methodist Church for George Monroe Benson, father of Miss Mary Benson, a teacher in the Williamston schools for the past several years. Mr. Benson, 67, died at his home in Benson Sunday morning.

Revival Begins Wednesday Evening At Vernon Church

Revival services will begin Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock and extend through the following week at the Vernon Methodist Church, Rev. Daniel Boone has announced.

FLOOD WATERS

The old Roanoke continues in flood stage at this point, but its fall of nine and one-half feet since August 22 reduces its current news value to a low point. The stream, now six inches over its banks, frequently rises to that point and higher levels nearly every month in the year.

During the past 24 hours the river has been on a stand at 10.5 feet, the stream falling only three inches in the preceding 48 hours, Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill said today. No high water has been officially reported at Weldon recently.

Income Of American People Shows Rise

According to official estimates by the Department of Commerce, the income of the American people during the first seven months of the year was two billion dollars higher than for the same period in 1939. In fact, it was the highest for any comparable period in the whole decade of the '30's. At the same time the cost of living, taking it on a national average, has not risen at a comparable rate. That means, other things being equal, the average housewife today can spend a larger proportion of her income on non-essential consumer goods. She can have some costume-jewelry doo-dads for her winter coat—or get a couple of extra permanent waves—or an extra bottle of milk daily—or thick cream on top of the apple pie on Sunday.

"Wallop" Index Is Introduced In U. S.

Most of us are familiar with the Gallup Poll, but now we have the "Wallop" Index. Wallop is not the name of a man, however, as is Gallup, but the word used last week by Publisher Willard Chevalier, of Business Week magazine to describe the punch which a nation's citizens collectively pack. And America's Wallop Index, based on its capacity to produce the goods essential to carry on a modern war, is nearly two and half times that of Germany, even with all the Nazis' conquered territories. Col. Chevalier said, "Stacked up against the totalitarian powers, the United States still has the edge despite the recent industrial and agricultural acquisitions of Hitler and his axis partners," is his reassuring message.

Twenty-five per cent of the persons killed in traffic accidents in this state from January to July, 1940, were driving at the time they were killed.

Building And Loan Association Opens 47th Stock Series

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the association. The office is located in the Branch Banking and Trust Company building.

In the series which will open next Saturday, 12 1-2c, 25c, and 50c stock will be issued. An individual need not be the recipient of a large salary to carry building and loan shares. The installments can be paid weekly or monthly and those with a limited income can purchase as few as five shares.

Since the association was conceived and organized in 1914, not one penny has been lost by a stockholder. Few losses have been sustained by the association. Very few homes have been foreclosed since 1914 and these small losses were absorbed by the association without even affecting the interest rate on running or paid-up shares.

The interest rate paid by the Martin County Building and Loan Association is one of the highest in the state and according to the State Department in Raleigh, no association in the State has shown a more commendable progress and has had a higher earning rate than the local institution.

Contrast School Bell With Raid Warnings

By D. N. HIX

While the people of our great nation consider the task of uniting to preserve the first ramparts of democracy, the ringing of bells—long a symbol of liberty in America—begins calling all boys and girls back to school. Old school bells were patterned after the famous bell which pealed out the birth of a nation 164 years ago, a nation where a free speech, a free press, and religious freedom were destined to become the basis for a more abundant, a happier life. The old bells have been replaced with modern signals but the call is still heard, and September sees millions of children happily entering the portals of our schools in search of knowledge. Ours should be a solemn realization of the contrast between the peaceful call of school bells and the wail of air raid sirens which frighten the children of many lands by night and by day. Ours should be a heartfelt thankfulness and a resolve by young and old alike to make the most of our opportunities.

Taxpayers, and school authorities have made every effort to provide and plan a more adequate educational program. Parents and teachers are approaching the new year with a keener sense of responsibility toward the younger generation. Children are eager for new experiences. Let us dedicate the younger generation to a physical, mental and moral rearmament in the end that freedom shall not perish from this earth.

Latest Additions To The Enterprise Mailing List

Listed among the recent additions to the Enterprise mailing list are the following: A. Fant, Rocky Mount; J. H. Roberson, Williamston; Elijah Fields, Palmyra; J. T. Nicholson, Norfolk; R. A. Haislip, Oak City; F. F. Haislip, Hamilton; W. D. Gurganus, Williamston; Mrs. Jim Rollins, Gassville, Ark.; E. K. Garrett, Lenox, Ga.; John Y. Oakley, Williamston; Eugene Ange, Conway; J. N. Hopkins, Williamston; J. C. Kirkman, Jamesville; Mrs. Bettie Barnhill, Robersonville; Dan Peel, Williamston.

Cotton
A United States cotton crop of 11-429,000 bales, of which North Carolina is expected to produce 568,000 bales, has been forecast by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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