

Plans Complete For Opening Fill Tomorrow Morning

Market Reports Quick And Successful Sales

Official Averages Rank With Best In Eastern Carolina

Sales To Date Are Nearing the Million-Pound Mark in Williamston

Offering quick and satisfactory sales, the Williamston Tobacco Market is gradually adding new customers to its list almost daily. Supervisor of Sales K. B. Crawford stating this morning that new faces are appearing on the market day by day, and that they are coming from a wider territory.

Officially, the local market is more than holding its own. Yesterday, the sales totaled 168,578 pounds, according to the supervisor's report which placed the average at \$17.63, a guaranteed figure. Up until last evening, the market had sold 822,272 pounds for \$146,768.93, a resulting average of nearly \$18. Today's sales will push the total well on toward the million-pound mark.

Individual sales yesterday were reported in the 27- and 28-cent class, and several rows averaged well above 20 cents. Farmers were apparently well pleased, and few, if any, tags were turned.

While many farmers place their offerings on the floors the night before the following day's sales, quite a few are handling their marketing in a single day here now. The glut that blocked the sales day after day on the market last year is not in evidence, and the orderly marketing of the crop is believed to be having a favorable effect on prices here so far this season.

Today, there was a mixed reaction to the market price. Some farmers stated that they believe it was a little stronger than yesterday. Others stated that they could tell no difference, and still others stated that they believed the price was not quite as strong as it was yesterday.

Comparative reports, based on first-hand observations, prove that the Williamston market is more than holding its own in the price range. Today, only one pile priced as low as four cents was seen on the market, while the 25- and 30-cent piles were numerous, the peak of 32 cents being reached in some few instances. "I have been selling tobacco for around 45 years, and but for two exceptions I have sold every load on the Williamston market," a farmer in the Oak City community said a day or two ago. "I have found that year in and year out, I have made money by doing so," the farmer added. There are hundreds of farmers who have tried out the run of the markets and returned to Williamston as their main marketing center.

Tobacco harvesting was late in this immediate section this year, and a few farmers are still curing the leaf. Only a very small portion of the crop has been made ready for

W. Jesse Bennett Passes Suddenly

William Jesse Bennett, retired farmer, died suddenly at his home in Poplar Point Township early last Saturday night. Found dead in bed about 10 o'clock, he was thought to have died of an heart attack or a stroke of apoplexy.

Saturday afternoon he complained to his daughter that he was not feeling well, but he was feeling as well as usual that evening and insisted that his wife should attend church services in the community. Upon her return home, Mrs. Bennett called to him and receiving no answer she investigated and found him dead.

The son of the late J. T. and Mary Jolly Bennett, he was born near Williamston on the McCaskey Road 76 years ago. In early manhood he moved to South Carolina and married there. One son, Nolly, was born to that union. Returning to this county he married Mrs. Lizzie Allsbrooks about 20 years ago and lived near his old home until about seven years ago when the family moved to Poplar Point.

Mr. Bennett is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Whichard, by his last marriage. He also leaves two brothers, Joe F. Bennett, of Poplar Point, and N. T. Bennett, of Hopewell, Va., and five sisters, Mrs. Will Pierce, of Hopewell; Mrs. Courtney Coburn, and Mrs. Lee Edwards, both of Williamston; Mrs. Della Anderson and Mrs. Will Lassiter, of Poplar Point. He also leaves several step-children.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. James H. Smith, Baptist minister. Interment was in the old family cemetery, near Williamston.

OPENINGS

Openings for at least ten Martin County youths in the Civilian Conservation Corps were announced today by the welfare department head, Miss Mary Taylor. Applications for the places will be received in the county office during this month, the office stating that successful applicants are to report for duty in early October.

It is possible that the quota will be increased in this and other counties affected by the flood, it was pointed out.

Well-Known Martin Resident Passes In Plymouth Yesterday

Funeral Services This Afternoon for Mrs. Martha Frances Jackson

Mrs. Martha Frances Jackson, well-known Martin County citizen of the Dardens Community and widow of James F. Jackson, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizelle, in Plymouth yesterday morning at 7:15 o'clock. Mrs. Jackson, in ill health for almost seven years, suffered an heart attack a week ago last Saturday and last Tuesday her serious condition was aggravated by a stroke of paralysis. About seven years ago her husband was fatally injured by an hit-and-run truck driver near his home. Since that time Mrs. Jackson had experienced poor health, but she was fairly active until about three weeks ago when she was forced to desert the old home near Dardens and move to Plymouth to live with her daughter there.

The daughter of the late David and Frances Waters Hamilton, Mrs. Jackson was born in Jamesville Township, this county, eighty years ago next month. About 1884 she was married to James F. Jackson, the couple settling down near Dardens to a long and happy life in the quiet and peace of rural community life, marked by its neighborliness and Christian ideals. Just across the road from their home, the couple looked upon the old-time rural school house which was partly the fruit of their own labors. The community church was ably supported by the couple, the two remaining devoted and loyal members for a long number of years or until they received the last great summons.

Mrs. Jackson was held in high esteem by those who knew her through the years, and the Jackson home was long regarded as a bulwark for the higher ideals in life.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home near Dardens this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Greenville, assisted by Rev. F. A. Lilley, of Washington. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Methodist Church cemetery just across the road from the home, near Dardens.

Mrs. Jackson leaves three children, J. F. Jackson and Mrs. D. H. Wolfe, of Washington, and Mrs. E. S. Mizelle, of Plymouth.

Occupants Escape Injury In Wrecks

The past week-end was a lucky one for the occupants if not for the owners of four cars, Patrolman Whit Saunders stating that no one was hurt but considerable damage was done in two crashes, one early Saturday morning and a second early Sunday evening.

Damage, estimated at \$70, was done to the cars of J. A. Ellis, Griffiths Township farmer, and Clinton Jones, Williamston colored man, near Holly Springs church on the Jamesville road shortly after midnight Saturday. Damage, estimated at \$100, resulted when the cars of Monroe Hassell, of Creswell, and of Cleophas McNair, of Plymouth, crashed in Jamesville early Sunday evening.

Holly Springs Revival Services Are In Progress

The revival services, which have been in progress for the past week at the Holly Springs Methodist Church, will continue for a few days this week, according to announcement made by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Starnes, who is doing the preaching. Congregations have been large throughout the meeting, and much interest has been manifested, so that it was thought wise to continue the meeting. Services are held each night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

Wright Brothers Mural In Williamston Postoffice



"That might be me and that Adam and that fellow there Will Dough, and that's Mr. Orville and that Mr. Wilbur, but if there was a man with a plug hat on, I just missed him," Captain John T. Daniels on Roanoke Island, said when he looked at the photograph of the mural in the Williamston postoffice.

Rice Gets Two Years For Cruelty To Wife

NOMINEE



Herbert Bonner, Washington man, was unanimously nominated to succeed Lindsay Warren as representative in the National Congress from this, the First North Carolina District, at a meeting of the Democratic Congressional Committee in Edenton last Friday.

Will Air Alleged Attack In Superior Court On Monday

Appeal Directed To District Solicitor To Overrule the Lower Court's Delay

An alleged attack by J. A. Ellis upon Arthur Roberson is scheduled to be aired in the superior court here next Monday, the case, involving two well-known Griffiths Township farmers, bouncing into the limelight when the private prosecution appealed to Solicitor Don Gilliam asking that a delay granted in the county recorder's court be overruled and the charge carried before the grand jury.

As far as it could be learned today no direct order has been served upon the defendant or his attorney, H. G. Horton, advising them that the case would be dumped into the superior court hopper for consideration by the grand jury Monday morning.

In the county court here yesterday, the private prosecution made a motion that the warrant be amended. The defense asked for a continuance on the grounds that the arrest was not effected until almost midnight Friday, that there had not been sufficient time to map its plans. Judge Peel granted the plea for continuance until the last Monday in this month after explaining that it was customary to carry over cases a week when the arrest was made on Saturday. The superior court will be in session during the next two weeks, automatically moving up the trial of the attack case until September 30. The private prosecution explained that all witnesses had been summoned, that by amending the warrant the recorder could give the defendant a preliminary hearing and schedule the case for trial in the superior court next week.

While there may be some doubt about when the case will be called, it was learned today that the private prosecution is making arrangements for trial next week.

Few details of the attack have been officially determined. The victim, his face badly bruised and his

Victim Tells About Eating Stale Bread Covered With Ants

Defendant, Sensing Predicament, Calls Upon Divine Power For Help

Pathetic and maddening in its every detail, the story of how a colored man almost starved a helpless wife to death was revealed in open court before Judge H. O. Peel in the regular session of the county tribunal here yesterday noon.

Charged with cruelty to his wife and non-support, Wheeler Rice, 60-year-old local Negro, didn't have a leg to stand on when his half-starved wife was carried bodily into the courtroom, her protruding bones and bits of skin offering mute but convincing evidence that ripped his defense into a thousand pieces.

Her frail body steeled by the hands of two companions, Nora Rice, 48 years old, told how her husband had refused to give her anything to eat, how he had carried a strange woman of questionable reputation into their home, fed her and provided for her while she lay in want and suffering in an adjoining room. Weeping at times, the frail woman, weighing hardly more than fifty pounds, told how she had nibbled on a slice of stale bread covered with ants. "He was mean to me," she declared, adding to the damaging evidence accounts of cruel acts.

When officers intervened in the case, they found the nearly starved woman sucking sour clabber and nibbling on a stale cracker. Rice was jailed on a drunk and disorderly charge in July. He served thirty

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To Maintain Grape Market Here During The Current Season

Lindsay Company Is Making Plans To Handle Over Hundred Tons

The 1940 grape marketing season is getting underway here this week, offering farmers an added source of income and a return on their investment and work possibly far greater than tobacco itself. Announcing the opening of the market this week, Mr. K. P. Lindsay, of the Lindsay Ice Company, points out that his firm has completed arrangements for handling more than 100 tons of grapes at this point during the current season.

The outlook for production is far better than it was a year ago, and prices on some types have been advanced. A market of \$1.66 per hundred for black grapes and \$2.00 per hundred for white or scuppernon has been guaranteed. Purchases are expected to show a large gain over those of a year ago at this point, indicating that farmers are supplementing their cash crop income with grape sales. A fairly large acreage has been planted to the crop in this county during the past two years, and it is believed that this will be

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CLOSING DATE

North Carolina farmers have until October 31 to carry out soil-building practices under the 1940 AAA farm program. This means that growers participating in the program must complete their soil-building practices by the end of October if they expect to receive credit on this year's program.

Germany Continues Raids On England; R.A.F. Fighting Back

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Five-Ton Load Limit Allowed By Engineers

NO RUSH

There is no apparent rush in the marketing of leaf tobacco in the county this season. A report from the office of the county agent stated today that at least fifty farmers had not yet called for their marketing cards. The distribution of the cards was started about two weeks ago, the office turning over to the farmers about 1,450 up until this morning.

Comparatively little of the crop has been graded and made ready for market in this immediate territory.

Place Fifty Cases On Trial Calendar In Superior Court

Mitchell Damage Suit Against Hall Again Scheduled For Trial

After a long period of little activity, the Martin County bar is rolling up its sleeves and making ready for work when the regular two weeks' term of Martin County Superior Court convenes week after next. Fifty civil cases have been placed on the calendar for the attention of the court which will also handle criminal actions.

The criminal docket is still in the making, and the civil calendar carries no sensational cases. The \$10,000 damage suit brought by Jimmie Mitchell through his next friend, Joe Mike Mitchell, against G. P. Hall, local fire chief, is back on the docket. The case was continued voluntarily several times and on another case a mistrial resulted.

The Town of Williamston is still working to force the opening of an alley between the Simpson and hotel properties on Smithwick Street.

Other civil cases appearing on the calendar are, as follows, by days: Wednesday, Sept. 18: Saunders vs. Brown, Hadley against Peel, Green versus Green et al, Harrison vs. Hopkins et al, Haislip versus Critcher et al, Haislip against Critcher et al, Perry vs. James, Fertilizer Co. versus Hearn, Killbrow against House, Lumber Co. vs. Cowen, Andrews vs. Wilson.

Thursday, Sept. 19: Mitchell versus Hall, Gurganus against Gurkin, Perkins vs. Little, Fertilizer Co. vs. Britt, Town against Cunningham et al, Fertilizer Co. against Moore, Daniel vs. Manning, Perry versus Oil Co., Fertilizer Co. against Leggett, Rhodes and Co. vs. Fertilizer Co., James vs. Leggett.

Monday, Sept. 23: Fertilizer Co. vs. Jenkins, Fertilizer Co. against Creech, Fertilizer Co. vs. Hall, Fertilizer Co. against Oldham, Fertilizer Co. versus Carter, Fertilizer Co. vs. Davenport, Fertilizer Co. versus Williams, Hodges against Mizelle, Lee against Coburn, Little versus Roberson.

Tuesday, Sept. 24: Latham versus Purvis, Keys vs. Butler, Harrison vs. Liverman, Auto Supply Co. against Wynnes, Harrison vs. Mills et al, Harrison versus Price et al, Miller Co. against Johnson, Shoe Co. vs. Johnson, Roberson against Insurance Co., Hardison vs. Holliday.

Wednesday, Sept. 25: Haislip vs. D. Pender Grocery Co., Long versus Clark, Adm., Butler Bros. against Johnson, Biggs vs. Life Ins. Co., Keel against Ayers, Upjohn Co. vs. Clark, Upjohn Co. against Clark, Casket Co. vs. Baker and Ballard, Straus Co. vs. Manning.

Fire Marshall In Talk To Kiwanis

Speaking before the Kiwanis Club here last Thursday night, Sherwood Brockwell, State fire marshal, pointed out to the members just what constitutes an efficient fire department.

"It matters little how efficient and how conscientious the members of the fire company may be, their efforts are in vain when fighting fires unless they have equipment to meet the situation," Mr. Brockwell stated. "You must be on a level with a fire to fight it effectively and that necessitates ladder equipment which the Williamston Company does not have," he added.

Mr. Brockwell, invited here by the local fire company, made an interesting talk taking as his subject fire protection and the proper methods and ways of fire fighting.

Skewarkey Masons Will Hold Meeting Tonight

Skewarkey Masons will hold a regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Repair Work Will Continue On Road For Several Days

Contract for New Causeway Will Be Let As Soon As Possible, Reports State

The Roanoke River fill, a part of one of the most important highway routes in this section of the State, will be reopened to traffic tomorrow morning at six o'clock, according to an official statement released at noon today by Maintenance Superintendent Dewey Hayman. Plans are being rushed to completion this afternoon for opening the route, and according to Mr. Hayman traffic is to be handled over the repaired project without very much delay or inconvenience to motorists.

Posting a load limit of five tons, highway authorities are anticipating very little trouble in maintaining traffic over the fill, and normal travel is expected within the next few days. Extra highway patrolmen are being assigned to the four-mile long fill to expedite the movement of sight-seers and others during the first few days. Every precaution to make the route safe to travel is being taken by the highway authorities, and by exercising care motorists can travel over the road in complete safety, Mr. Hayman said. Substantial guard rails have been placed on the five one-way bridges and large numbers of flares will point out the narrow drives. A speed limit of about 15 miles an hour will be maintained. In addition to the five one-way bridges there will be three short one-way dirt drives. These places will be filled in as rapidly as possible, Mr. Hayman stating that the repair forces will continue their work.

Special maintenance forces have already been assigned to the project to aid travel in every way possible. The maintenance forces will continue their work on the project until a contract is let for improving the road.

The road has been closed to traffic three weeks today. Mayor J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor, was the last man to cross the river on a car August 20. Several are waiting to make their first trip tomorrow morning.

Reports from Raleigh state that work on the plans for an improved road across the river is being advanced rapidly and that the contract will be let as soon as possible. It has been estimated that the project will call for about 225,000 cubic yards of dirt or about 80,000 truckloads. This amount of dirt will widen the fill by about 15 feet and raise it about three feet above its present level.

The repair program to the damaged road reached a climax Sunday when trucks reported here from nearly every highway camp in the eastern part of the State. Between 1200 and 1500 loads of dirt were dumped into the hole that day. The hill on North Houghton Street or Hamilton Road, commonly known as "Doodle Hill" is rapidly being leveled, and it is certain that dirt for the improvement project will have to be found elsewhere.

There has been some misunderstanding about the date for reopening the route to traffic. Engineers first stated that light traffic would be turned on the route last Friday, and highway cars and trucks did travel the road that day, but it was decided that the route was not safe for traffic and the reopening was delayed until tomorrow morning.

Schedule Hearing For Alleged Killer

Raymond Powell, Oak City Negro charged with killing Willie Mitchell, colored, in Oak City three weeks ago, will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Ruppert Rawls there this evening at eight o'clock.

Sam Powell, brother to Raymond and who stands charged with aiding and abetting the killing, has not been apprehended. The man was trailed to Newport News and Powell led his way out when questioned by officers. Powell was arrested along with three other North Carolina Negroes in a brooding house, one of whom was also named Powell. The officers questioned Sam first. "What's your name?" he was asked. Powell gave a fictitious name, and pointed to the other Powell as the man they wanted. The innocent man was taken into custody and held until county officers went there and found he was not the man wanted in connection with the killing.

Mitchell was said to have been knocked down by Sam Powell and then fatally attacked by his brother, Raymond.