

History Of The Local Tobacco Market

Name Proprietors Of Warehouses On Market Since 1902

E. L. Morgan Was First To Sound Auctioneer's Chant On The Local Tobacco Market

(Continued from preceding page) the Planters in 1930.

In 1931, W. T. Meadows and Jake W. Berger were at the Roanoke-Dixie; Barnhill, Ingram and Harry Meador at the Farmers, and Joe Taylor, Claude Griffin and Roy Griffin at the Planters.

Ingram and Barnhill were back at the Farmers in 1932, Claude Griffin and Joe Taylor were at the Roanoke-Dixie, and Berger, Gus Perry and W. T. Meadows were at the Planters.

The line-up of warehousemen in 1933 was the same as it was in 1932.

Many changes were made in 1934 when J. J. Cozart, Geo. Foxworth and Carlyle Langley went to the Planters, and when Jimmy Taylor came here for the first time and joined S. C. Griffin at the Roanoke-Dixie. Phaup joined Barnhill and Ingram at the Farmers.

John A. Manning joined the three proprietors of the previous year at the Planters in 1935, and Early Bass joined Barnhill and Ingram at the Farmers, Claude Griffin and Jimmy Taylor continuing at the Roanoke-Dixie.

In 1936, Jule James joined Claude Griffin at the Roanoke-Dixie, and Holt Evans came to the market for the first time, joining Geo. Foxworth at the Planters; Ingram and Barnhill continued at the Farmers.

W. R. Ingram and Johnny Gurkin were at the Planters in 1937. Holt Evans, Leman Barnhill and Joe Moye formed a partnership that year that lasted through 1941 at the Farmers house, Edward Corey succeeding Evans in the partnership this season. Claude

ENCOURAGING

Encouraged by the hearting price reports coming out of Georgia in July and still later by reports coming from the Border Tobacco Belt, Martin County farmers are eagerly awaiting the opening of the markets in this Belt next Tuesday.

It is quite certain that the poundage will not equal that of last year, and possibly the quality is not quite so good as it was a year ago, but despite those factors, farmers are anticipating favorable returns from the 1942 crop.

Griffin and Jimmy Taylor were at the Roanoke-Dixie.

The big new Carolina Warehouse opened for business in 1938 with Sylvester Lilley, W. R. Ingram, John Gurkin and Arlie T. Belch as owners-proprietors. The group also operated the Planters Warehouse. Claude Griffin and Jimmy Taylor at the Roanoke-Dixie, and Barnhill, Moye and Evans at the Farmers.

Barnhill, Moye and Evans operated both the Farmers and the Planters houses in 1939, and Jimmy Taylor, Claude Griffin, Sylvester Lilley, Arlie Belch and John Gurkin operated both the Roanoke-Dixie and Carolina houses.

The market personnel was the same in 1940 as in 1939 except Mr. Belch withdrew from the warehouse business.

Last year, Barnhill, Moye and Evans operated the Farmers and Planters houses. Claude Griffin and Jimmy Taylor were at the Roanoke-Dixie, and Sylvester Lilley, W. D. Odom, John Gurkin and John A. Manning were at the New Carolina.

This year, Claude Griffin and Jimmy Taylor will be at the Roanoke-Dixie; Leman Barnhill, Joe Moye and Edward Corey at the Farmers, and Sylvester Lilley, John A. Manning, Carlyle Langley and John Gurkin at the New Carolina and Planters houses.

Tobacco Is Used As Exchange Medium In the 17th Century

Colonists Paid Their Wives Transportation with Tobacco

Tobacco has always been an expensive crop to produce, and old time farmers who still cling to the golden weed as their main source of income declare it is becoming more difficult and uncertain to produce a good crop.

According to some old records, it cost \$154.50 to raise two acres of tobacco back in 1879. The old record lists the following fairly complete account: rent for the two acres, \$2, labor (six months) \$50, laborer's board, \$42, horse and feed, \$10, use of wagon and plow, \$3.50, use of barn and pack house, \$3, fire wood, (nine loads) \$9; fertilizer, \$15, hauling to market, \$2, or a total of \$154. The farmer produced 1,200 pounds on the two acres and sold the crop for \$420.00, leaving him a profit of \$265.50, the cost price being figured right at \$12.87 cents a hundred pounds and the profit at \$22.12 per hundred pounds.

Inspection costs and selling charged ranged from \$1 to \$1.50 per hundred pounds. Prices that year ranged from thirteen and three-quarter cents to 60 cents per pound.

STEEL IN BED SPRINGS

There's enough steel in one set of 60-pound bed springs to make two 4-inch shells for a 105-mm gun, a 250-pound kitchen stove contains enough iron to make a single 500-pound aerial bomb, and a man's woolen suit uses enough material for two army blankets.

Hitler is reported to have created a special decoration for inhabitants of occupied countries who collaborate with the Nazis. Called, no doubt, the Double Cross.

CONSERVE TIRES

Martin County farmers have done much to promote the war effort, and they are to be commended for the unselfish cooperation advanced by them in the cause of country and victory. It is still a free country, and far be it from the purpose of this little suggestion, to tell any grower where to sell his tobacco.

However, there is a serious emergency staring this section in the face, and Martin County farmers can help relieve that emergency by selling tobacco on their home markets. Tobacco farmers, think it over. Every mile you save now may mean a great deal more later.

Will Produce More Than 230 Billion of Cigarettes In 1942

Considerable Volume Being Shipped Abroad in Addition

Cigarette volume this year should run well in excess of 230 billion. In addition to the production reported by the government from tax stamp sales, a considerable volume is being shipped abroad tax-free.

Despite increased acreages in some of the established belts, production this year will hardly measure up to the demands, meaning that the price should equal and possibly exceed the 1941 figures. It is fairly certain that the farmer possessing a good-quality crop will get a good price this year. While the quality of the crop in this section may not be up to expectations, there have been times when the quality was not as good as it is this season.

Little tobacco has been drawn from storage, but little or none is being added.

Recalls Unusual July Celebration In Late Seventies

Fisherman Entertained Through By Skimming for Herring from Horse-Drawn Boat in Street

Commenting on the recent July Fourth period in these parts, Jeff D. Ray recalled a gala celebration in Williamston on July 4, 1876.

Coming out of Conoho on a cart with his parents and other members of the family, Mr. Ray, then a lad of only fourteen years of age, said he remembered many of the celebration features. "I never knew the names of most of the characters, but I can see them now just as plainly as I did 66 years ago," he said.

According to Mr. Ray, the main feature of the program centered around a fishing expedition up the main street. "They hitched a mule to a canoe and a man, riding astraddle, drove him through town to the merriment of the hundreds who lined the then little-used thoroughfare. In the boat, riding on the tip end of the stern was a man with a paddle, and he went through all the motions typical of the prowess of an expert handler. In the middle of the boat a man had a dip net, and he, too, went through motions characteristic of a fisherman. To add a bit of reality to the scene, a number of persons threw salt herrings into the net, and everybody laughed and shouted," Mr. Ray recalled.

After the parade the huge crowd gathered about where Attorney Wheeler Martin's office is now located and enjoyed a great watermelon feast. The melons were brought out of Conoho in great numbers, and the free feast was greatly enjoyed.

The centennial event, patterned after the real thing of a hundred years before, reached a climax late in the day when many in the crowd started drinking and settled down into a meaningful free-for-all fight.



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