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## FARMVILLE TOBACCO MARKET HAS BELT'S SECOND HIGHEST AVERAGE TWO YEARS IN ROW

For the second year in succession, Farmville's tobacco market has the second highest average in the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured belt.

Wilson set the pace with an average of \$43.99. Then came Farmville, "the steadiest market in the State," with an average of \$43.55.

Sales on the local market were a million pounds under the 1946 total but the reduction is attributed to the fact that unfavorable weather in the growing months caused tobacco in this immediate area to be lighter than usual. 1947 sales were 30,463,198 as compared with 31,453,970 for 1946.

The season just closed was highlighted by the selling of the largest crop ever grown in the area but for considerably lower prices than during the previous year. The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report that gross sales were 483,572,005 pounds at an average of \$43.02 per hundred. Most of the earlier expectations were exceeded when the volume surpassed the 1946 figure; however, the difference was only around eight and a half million pounds, a very small percentage of increase. In contrast to the greater volume, the general average showed a drop of \$8.83. Because of the large decrease in the over-all drop, the crop had a smaller value than that of the year before.

Practically all prices by grades were much lower than in 1946. Decreases ranged from \$1 to \$12 per hundred but most were bracketed between \$6 and \$11. Leaf grades, the chief export type, and smoking leaf reflected the largest percentage of the greater declines. On the other hand, averages for low quality grades of lugs and primings held up the best.

A great deal of interest was manifested in the Commodity Credit Corporation price support program through the Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. Loans were made available only to members of the Corporation who cooperated in the marketing quota program. The much lower prices resulted in almost 17 million pounds of tobacco being delivered to the Corporation in this belt. This poundage represented nearly 10 per cent of gross sales as compared with less than 1 per cent delivered last year. However, only one grade averaged below the advance price—fine lemon cutters. Several other averages were the same as the advance, nevertheless. The top quality grades made up the largest part of the tobacco turned over to the Corporation.

A quality analysis showed very little change in quality when compared with last year. Principal offerings were common to good leaf, good smoking leaf, fair cutters, fair and good lugs, and nondescript. The 15 markets began auctions Monday, August 25. Light volume prevailed during opening week but the next 10 weeks, which ended November 6, saw heavy sales and the selling of the bulk of the crop. The first market closing occurred on November 13, when Wallace held final sales. Only four markets were open the first week in December. Greenville concluded the season December 3, and Rocky Mount, Wilson and Wendell brought the season to an end December 6.

Of paramount interest during the season was the removal of British purchasers from the market. This occurred in late October and, as a consequence, prices dropped considerably causing all markets to suspend sales for three days. Sales were resumed November 3, and although a satisfactory agreement was never worked out and this foreign buyer never returned to the market, prices did not suffer too much in comparison with the period before the holiday.

### PRESBYTERIAN

The topic of Rev. E. S. Coste's sermon at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday will be "Time Out For Christmas." "O Holy Night," arranged by Fred B. Holton, will be sung as an anthem by the choir.

### At The Kiwanis Club

Ways of increasing the club's usefulness in the community were discussed by Kiwanians Monday night as they turned their regular meeting into an open forum.

Several plans were outlined by Louis Williams, who succeeds Alex Wilson as president on January 1st.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church of New York, will be the speaker at the Christmas service at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

## Activities Of Local Church Organizations

### Baptist

Miss Myrtle Nichols was chosen to head the Y. W. A. for the coming year at the regular meeting of this group Monday evening with Mrs. H. D. Johnson as hostess. The election of other officers will take place at a business meeting in January.

Miss Elvira Tyson, president, led the watchword and, assisted by Mrs. Herbert Moore, developed the program theme "An Alabaster Box," which was centered around the talents, positions, personalities and minds of people. Plans for sending a Christmas box to a girl at the Kennedy home were made and a letter of appreciation was read.

Adjournment was by prayer. Presents were distributed from under the lighted tree by Miss Ida Westbrook. The adviser, Mrs. H. D. Johnson, was presented a vase by the group and the president was remembered with a piece of bric-a-brac.

In the dining room, where refreshments consisting of sandwiches in bell and tree shapes, congo cookies, cheese biscuits, and assorted candies were served, Christmas decorations were used. Favors were boots filled with lollipops.

### Christian

The president, Mrs. Aaron Turnage, was hostess to the Loyal Woman's class, which meets quarterly, Saturday evening. A short discussion was held after which Mrs. L. E. Flowers, Mrs. G. W. Windham and Mrs. Will Barrett were appointed to remember shut-ins at Christmas with cards and gifts.

The selection of Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox and Mrs. Louise Harris as a nominating committee was announced. John 3:16 was the basis for the devotion presented by Mrs. L. E. Turnage. A program made up of contests, poems and stories was given by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Lee Corbett. A collection for the flower fund was taken.

Gaily wrapped gifts were exchanged with Mrs. L. E. and Mrs. Aaron Turnage distributing them from beneath a tree. The hostess served fruit salad molded in the form of a star topped with cherries.

### Catholic

Last Sunday, two masses were celebrated at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Father Michael Giblin of Winston-Salem preached on the "Legion of Decency." This committee had done much to raise the standards of morality in the motion picture industry.

Thursday night there was a lively meeting of the discussion club. A new pamphlet rack has been installed in the rear of the church. It is the work of Hap Nicola and fits in well with the woodwork motif in the church.

This week Father Loyola O'Leary is distributing to the people of Farmville a religious art calendar for the coming year. All are welcome to one and should any be inadvertently overlooked, they may obtain one by calling at the parish house.

### Episcopal

Five great promoters of the Bible were studied under the leadership of Miss Margaret Smith at the Altar Guild meeting Tuesday evening. This topic was taken from "Every Man's Book."

Prayer followed by the creed opened the meeting which was held in the home of Mrs. Jack Lewis. Reports on the sale of Stanley products and the visit of the photographer were heard. After the closing prayer, the hostess served refreshments.

In a Christmas contest, conducted during the social period, Mrs. T. S. Ryan was the winner and received ear bobs.

### Methodist

Circles 4 met with Mrs. C. H. Mozingo Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. C. Carr took her devotion from the book of Revelation. "The First Christmas Rose," a story, was read by Miss Willie Rae Harper.

A cordial welcome was extended to Mrs. Fayton Thomas, as a new member. Decorations suggestive of the Yuletide season were used.

Fruit cake topped with cream and cherries, sandwiches, pickles, nuts and coffee were served.

The Christmas story was told by Mrs. Allen M. Harris at the Wesleyan Guild meeting Monday night. A report on the sale of Christmas cards was read.

An exchange of gifts was held during the social hour when the hostess, Mrs. C. H. Mozingo, served candies, cheese, straw, fruit cake, nuts and coffee from the dining table. Records were played during the meeting.

### Presbyterian

Circles of the Presbyterian auxiliary met Monday, using as their program, "For Such a Time as This."

## Junior Chamber Will Hold Scrap Paper Drive Soon

New Club Completes Organization Work At Dinner Friday Night; Will Collect Paper Sunday, December 20

Farmville's Junior Chamber of Commerce completed its organization Friday night, at a dinner at the Royal Grill, by electing permanent officers. W. T. (Bill) Candler and Emerson Smith were elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Both had been serving as temporary officers pending the completion of the organization. J. T. Windham was elected vice president and the following were elected to membership on the board of directors: Jimmy Darden, Paul Allen, Jim Hockaday and Marvin Speight.

Charter members are Ralph Bass, Jack Darden, Bill Candler, Paul Allen, Jimmy Darden, Allen Drake, Pete Esson, Bob Fields, Vassar Fields, Skinny Gibbs, Frank Harris, Jim Hockaday, Arthur Joyner, Jr., Joe Joyner, Herbert Moore, Red Newton, Jr., Chester Outland, Warren Palmer, Lonnie Pierce, Robert Pierce, Charlie Raspberry, Ellis Rabli, Emerson Smith, Marvin Speight, Stuart Suggs, Carl Tannet, John Turner Walston, Rom Webber and J. T. Windham.

Guests were Dick Futrell, president of the Wilson Jaycees, and Bill First project to be undertaken by the club is a scrap paper drive on Sunday, December 28. All proceeds from this project will go to some worthy family in need. The committee in charge is composed of Frank Harris, Jack Darden, Vassar Fields and R. R. Newton, Jr.

More about this drive will appear in The Enterprise next week. Next meeting will be held Friday, December 26.

## GREAT TURNING TOWARD SPIRITUAL FAITH SEEN

Progress in human understanding and a "great turning toward God" will accompany advances in the constructive uses of atomic energy, airplanes, and radar techniques in the next 57 years of human history, according to prophecies sealed in two cornerstones "flasks of the future" by the Advertising Club of New York.

Responses to the club's invitation to forecast descriptions of the year 2004—its 100th anniversary—came from prominent persons in business, research, advertising, and religion. Microfilm copies of the prophecies, other documents, and some of today's rarest metals—thorium, aluminum, and molybdenum—were sealed in 11x 6x6 inch glass containers for the cornerstones of the club's new five-story annex.

While many prophecies stressed the Jules Verne possibilities of human invention, numerous others noted that the finest advances would be scored in human relations. Some of the comments follow:

Frank M. Chapman, president of the San Francisco Advertising Club and Assistant Manager and Promotion Director of Shell Oil Company, said:

"There will be a great turning toward God, a rebirth of faith—both from the standpoint of the 'all-seeing eye' as well as man's feeling toward man."

Mr. Chapman expects the arts to gain in significance, atomic energy to do "all kinds of jobs," providing a 36-day work week, democracy to be the accepted "world forum," women's gains in important positions to be significant, less divorce, and "as ever, men's hearts will reach upward."

Ernest I. Pugmire, United States Commander of the Salvation Army, expects that "men will draw more and more strength from faith in God" and that there will be peace and abundance in the year 2004, because "the greed and lust of the 20th Century have been brought into the open where they can be seen and destroyed."

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church of New York, declares that "God will still be on the throne of the universe. The moral principles of the Bible will still be unshaken. Honesty, decency, truthfulness, human good will, and sincerity will be, as they are now, the bulwark of human society." He expects there will be a decrease in anti-Semitism and racial discrimination.

This, which dealt with giving.

Mrs. J. M. Mowbray, chairman, entertained Circles 1 in the afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Hobgood leading the Bible study and Mrs. Gary Bergeron conducting the program. The group discussed sending clothes to a family who recently lost their home by fire. Joy gifts were received at the close of the program.

Ice cream topped with strawberries and chocolate cake were served. In the evening Mrs. J. T. Nelson had charge of the program and Mrs. Cherry Easley, the devoted hostess, John B. Lewis, Harrison, passed cake and ice cream in Santa Claus mode during the refreshment hour.

## NEXT WEEK'S PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED TUESDAY

The Enterprise for next week will be published Tuesday so that the staff members may have a well-earned vacation during the Christmas season.

Advertisers and those with news for the paper are asked to get their copy in not later than Monday.

The Printery will be closed from Wednesday until Monday, Dec. 29.

## POSTOFFICE OPEN SATURDAY

Postmaster Henry D. Johnson announces that the local postoffice will remain open all day Saturday for the convenience of those who wish to mail packages and cards. The office usually closes at noon on Saturday.

## NICE DECORATING JOB

The Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for the excellent job of decorating the streets and arranging the Christmas program which Friday afternoon drew a street-full of folks anxious to welcome Santa Claus.

## Former Farmville Boy 'Student of Week' At Alabama College

By Jan Holston  
AUBURN, Ala., Dec. 18—Student of the Week at Auburn has "gone to the dogs" and loves it! He's Billy Oglesby, of Winston, N. C., a fourth-year veterinary medical student. Billy has been raising cocker spaniels and bird dogs all his life.

"We buy dog food in 500-pound sacks," says Billy's wife, Doney. "Quantity ratios are necessary. Especially since Red, their cocker gave birth to five sons and one daughter just four weeks ago. Yes, there are lots of little canine mouths to feed at their home. Their backyard pen now holds 19 dogs, although they have had as many as 22 at one time. A litter of nine bird dogs in their record in canine 'blessed events' thus far."

A large box warmed by a floor lamp is an improvised foster mother for their new cocker puppies. Mama Red is of the opinion that small dogs should take care of themselves. She completely ignores her large families.

All of the puppies, both cocker spaniel and bird dog, are sold to Auburn students with no trouble. Once seen, they can't be resisted. But Billy keeps the best hunters of the bird dogs for the quail season. From late November on, quail is standard fare on the Oglesby's table. "I cook them," says Doney, "but Billy cleans them."

Once Billy receives his DVM next year, he plans to go back to North Carolina and specialize in canine aches and pains. Since dogs are both hobby and profession for the "doctor," we're betting no puppy ailment will mystify him. The dogs will have met their match in Billy Oglesby.

Mr. Oglesby is a former Farmville resident. Mrs. Oglesby, the former Doney Jones, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper R. Jones of near Farmville.

## At The Rotary Club

John Lewis had charge of the program Tuesday evening at the luncheon meeting of the Farmville Rotary club and read the humorous story of "Eneas Africanus." Eneas was an old Georgia slave who was entrusted with a highly prized family heirloom, The Bride's Cup. The year was 1864, and he was given verbal instructions by his master about the way to travel. And travel Eneas did! After wandering through seven states and traveling some 3850 miles, he finally found his way back to his master's home. You guessed it! Eneas still had the priceless "Bride's Cup."

Robert Rouse drew the attendance prize. Eddie Bass was a visitor.

## SENIOR CLASS PICKS MASCOTS



The Senior class of Farmville high school has selected as its mascots, Barbara Jean Whelan, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whelan, Jr., and Todd Holmes, 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Holmes.

## Greene County Vets Ask County For Aid On Training Program

Plans Will Be Discussed Tonight At 7:30 At Meeting In Court House At Snow Hill; Commissioners Asked For \$55,000

A committee of Greene county veterans will appear before the Board of County Commissioners the first Monday in January and ask for an appropriation of \$55,000 for the construction of vocational buildings to be used as headquarters in the farm training program sponsored by the government.

The program will be discussed and explained tonight (Friday) at 7:30 at a mass meeting in the Court house at Snow Hill. All veterans interested in the training project are requested to attend.

The executives and members of the Board of Education will be asked to construct new buildings at Maury and Walstonburg, to renovate the agriculture building at Hookerton and to expand the buildings at Snow Hill and Greene County Training School. The program is designed to aid both white and colored veterans.

Sufficient agriculture teachers are not now available to teach the farm classes but those lacking the drive for funds say instructors can be obtained if the building program is completed.

## TPA Has Meeting; Plan For Banquet

Members of Post TT, Travelers Protective Association, held their meeting at the Royal Grill Friday night. Turkey was served and immediately thereafter the meeting was called to order by President C. H. Ivory.

Plans for increasing membership and attendance at meetings were discussed and plans for the annual banquet are under way. Members are urged to be present on a suitable date and place for this affair can be named.

## JERRY S. BEAMAN

Funeral services for S/Sgt. Jerry S. Beaman were held in Wilson Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the Hunt Funeral Home, conducted by Dr. H. G. Haney. Christian minister of Greenville, The AmVets had charge of the impressive services at the grave. He was buried with full military honors in Maplewood cemetery.

Beaman was a member of the National Guard and then joined Company M and went from Wilson to Fort Jackson in 1940, receiving his training at Camp Forest, Camp Blanding, Florida, and Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was sent to England where he served with the 120th Infantry, the Old Hickory Division. He was in the invasion of France and Belgium and was killed in action on October 6, 1944, and was interred in Belgium. His remains reached America two weeks ago on the Robert Burns.

Beaman was born May 21, 1921. He was a pupil of Miss Annie Perkins and graduated from Farmville High School. After graduation his mother moved to Wilson where he lived until entering service.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Peggie A. Beaman of Gastonia; two brothers, Harold of Wilson and Carlton of Gastonia, and four sisters, Mrs. W. H. Murphy of Wilcox, Mrs. Fred Sutton of Greenville, Mrs. Wayne A. Loftin of Greensboro and Mrs. Melvin Goddell of Gastonia.

## GIRL SCOUTS

Sugar plum trees, cardboard trees on which cards were hung and wreaths were made by members of Troop 4 Tuesday afternoon to be used at their Christmas party next week.

After drawing names, the girls played games.

## LOCAL CHURCHES USHER IN '47 CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMS

### Washington Reports General A. H. Turnage Asks To Be Retired

It was reported from Washington early this week that North Carolina's famous fighting Marine leader, Lieutenant General Allen H. Turnage, has asked to be retired from active service on Jan. 1, 1948.

A native of Farmville, and a former student at the University of North Carolina, General Turnage won widespread acclaim in World War II campaigns at Bougainville and Guam. He became known as a general who fought in and close to the front lines with his men.

Turnage is only 56 years old, several years under the automatic retirement age in the Marine Corps and Navy. He is eligible for retirement, however—as are all other officers in the armed services—after 30 years of active duty.

While Turnage himself has not yet made any statement about his desire for retirement, reliable authorities in Washington believe his action was prompted by the fact that an officer junior to him in point of years of service recently was named commandant of the Marine Corps by President Truman.

Major General Clifton B. Cates who was made commandant, was selected by President Truman over Turnage and two other lieutenant generals—Harry Schmidt, and Keller E. Rockey—and five major generals having seniority over Cates.

General Turnage said that after his anticipated retirement on January 1—his request has to be approved by the Secretary of the Navy—he will remain "temporarily" at his home at Wide Water, Virginia, near Quantico. Beyond that, he said he had no further plans at this time.

## Tuberculosis Seal Sale Progresses

Through Wednesday of this week the tuberculosis returns for Farmville totaled \$496. County-wide returns for the 41st annual Christmas sale amounted to \$4515, which is over half of the 1947 goal for Pitt county, \$8,000.

Those who received seals or bonds are urged to return the money for them at once as the drive for funds ends December 24. Purchasers of the colorful stamps can use them on Christmas cards, packages, letters, and in other ways.

The designer of this year's seal, Raymond Lufkin, a Salem, Mass., native, started his career at the age of nine when the "Boston Herald" published a pen and ink sketch for which he was awarded a one dollar prize.

Many children's books have been illustrated by this artist whose favorite medium is black and white. Lufkin has made an outstanding contribution to American history with a series of sketches dealing with the symbolic happenings on the 12 principal rivers of the United States.

In addition to producing scenes of maps during the war for military purposes, his bond posters won a special citation from the Treasury department. He lives in Tenafly, N. J., where he is president of the Citizens association.

Teamwork between all people and agencies is suggested by the 1947 seal on which are pictured oxen pulling together.

## BROWNIES

Brownies and their leaders were entertained Wednesday afternoon at a Christmas party by the troop committee composed of Mrs. R. LeRoy Rollins, Dr. R. T. Williams and Mrs. J. M. Mowbray. The Christmas tree from which gifts were distributed was decorated with trimmings which the girls brought. A talk on carols and how many of them came to be composed was given by Mrs. Rollins.

Cakes with gum drop candy stuck in the center to represent a candle and block ice cream were served. Plate decorations were miniature trees. Each guest received a bell ornament for her lapel.



Chosen at the mass election were the class flower, forget-me-nots, color, blue and white, motto: "We will do, the soil to share." Mrs. Williams is the homeroom teacher of the class which has 27 members.

The Christmas Program at the Baptist Church last Sunday night was a festival of music, song and pictures. The program opened with a procession, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," with the Senior Choir occupying the main choir position, and the Junior Choir, robed for the first time in white, marched down the aisle to the vestibule, thence to their position in the balcony.

Then followed the call to worship, "Glory to God," with an echo effect by Junior Geneva Braxton in the balcony. After the singing of Christmas carols by the congregation, prayer, offering, the Senior Choir sang an anthem, "Christmas Bells."

The feature part of the program was the showing of 23 slide pictures on the Christmas story, under the title, "Christ Is Born." Three hymns were projected on the screen, two of which were sung by the congregation, and the other used as a solo.

Soloists for the picture program were Martha Holmes, who sang, "Away in a Manger," Geneva Braxton, who sang, "Silent Night," and Seleta Tucker, who sang, "O Holy Night."

Mrs. Arthur Joyner opened the program with a medley of Christmas music on the organ, and was at the organ console through the anthem by the Choir, and was then pianist for the pictures. Both organ and piano were used for the carol singing, with Mrs. E. W. Holmes at the piano. Carl Beamon was the projectionist in the showing of the pictures.

Rev. E. W. Holmes, pastor of the Baptist Church, announces as his sermon subject for next Sunday morning, "The Crowded Out Christ." Special music for the morning service will be: Call to Worship, "Glory to God" (repeated by special request); Anthem, "O Starry Night of Long Ago," by the Senior Choir; and solo, "Sweet Little Jesus," by Seleta Tucker.

There will be no night service.

## Christmas

At the morning worship hour, Rev. Z. B. T. Cox will use the "Prince of Peace" as his sermon topic.

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening a program of Christmas music will be given under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Pollard, Jr. The program is based on scriptural references.

Christmas carols will be played on the organ as the congregation arrives. Following the procession, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," Rev. Cox will offer a prayer. Mrs. Charles F. Bauman will sing as a solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock," from Handel's "Messiah."

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" will be rendered by the women's chorus. Numbers the choir will sing are "O Come All Ye Faithful," "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep," "Cherubim Song," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and "Silent Night."

A soprano solo, "Come Unto Him," from the "Messiah" will be given by Miss Ruth Moore. Another number, which the women's chorus will render is "Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus."

"Joy to the World" will be used as the recessional. Organists taking part are Mrs. J. M. Hobgood and Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson.

A cordial invitation is extended to members of other churches and other interested people to worship with the Christian church members Sunday evening.

## Emmanuel Episcopal

A Christmas sermon by Rev. J. R. Rountree and appropriate music by the choir will be heard at the Episcopal church Sunday morning. Wednesday night, Christmas Eve, a midnight service will be held at the church with the rector delivering the message and the choir rendering special music.

## Methodist

The morning service at the Methodist church will be a musical program with a story, "The First Christmas Candle" told by Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Jr., of Fountain. There will be no evening service.

## Pentecostal Holiness

Rev. T. H. Godwin will preach at the Sunday morning service. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the dedication of the church building will take place with Rev. Eddie Morris of Goldsboro as guest speaker.

Mrs. Curtis Massey will direct the Christmas program to be given Sunday evening at 7:30. Gifts will be distributed from the tree.

## St. Elizabeth's Catholic

Mass will be conducted Sunday morning at 9:30 by Father Loyola O'Leary. Christmas Eve the "Una Jubilo" will be sung at midnight.