



Bright Belt Tobacco Market Opened Today

With Large Yields and Better Prices For Tobacco This Year Farmers Have Rosy Outlook Ahead of Them.

Today marks the beginning of another marketing season for tobacco, and with larger crop yields and better prices prevailing than last year, it now looks as if the farmers of the bright leaf belt have a rosy future just ahead of them.

It is generally conceded throughout this section that the crop is far superior to last year, both in quality and quantity, and according to all reports trickling in from the border markets, the price this year averages from one to three cents higher than for the same period last year.

No one should fool himself, however, about prices and expect a big price for common tobacco. Mr. W. L. Stanfield, an experienced tobaccoist, has just returned from Georgia where he was on the market until about one week ago, says that sorry tobacco is cheap, and justly so, for there never has been much sale for this type of leaf. He said that good ripe tobacco with color sold well on the Georgia market, but said that in Georgia there is always a lot of the sorry grades as they have never learned to grow and cure tobacco down there as well as the farmers in this belt.

The farmers should take good care of their tobacco and not let it get too high in order during this warm damp weather. One strong whiff of mold snuffed up a buyer's nose may cost the grower many dollars.

After today's sales on the various markets one can get a good idea of what to expect in the way of prices this season, although weather conditions may tend to depress prices at this time.

Smithfield, Aug. 23.—With four warehouses ready to provide patrons of the Smithfield tobacco market greater marketing facilities than ever before and with highly encouraging price news coming from the Georgia and Border Belt markets, local tobaccoists predict that one of the most successful seasons in the history of Johnston County's only market will be set in motion next Thursday morning when the Eastern Belt launches 1937 sales.

Not since years before the depression has Smithfield had four warehouses. The expansion in floor space for this season is another indication of the growth which the local market has enjoyed in recent years.

Gold Leaf Expands. The fourth warehouse is a result of expansion by the Gold Leaf Warehouse. Since last fall, this organization has built adjacent to its original house an additional 34,230 feet of floor space and this section of the warehouse will be operated as Gold Leaf Warehouse No. 2. Gold Leaf No. 1, the older section, has a floor space of 44,100 feet.

Roy A. Pearce is back again as manager of the Gold Leaf with Jim Moore returning as auctioneer and Frank Skinner as sales manager.

Dixie Warehouse At the Dixie, another house which enlarged its capacity year before last, N. L. "Perk" Perkins will again be greeting his farmer friends. Perkins, whose 24 years of continuous service on the Smithfield market makes him the market's dean, will be assisted in running the sales by Holton Wallace and Darius Wilder will do the auctioneering at the Dixie as well as at Wallace's.

The expansion in floor space in Smithfield during the past two years give this market a daily capacity of around 700,000 pounds. The warehouses are well arranged for the maximum convenience of the farmers and the service they offer growers looking for an ideal place to sell tobacco is not to be surpassed.

Wallace Warehouse Holton B. Wallace and Dixon Wallace, owners and operators of the Wallace Warehouse in Smithfield, are well known in tobacco circles as warehousemen who know their business, have the confidence of all tobacco growers, and lead the market each season in pounds sold. They are residents of Smithfield, living and doing business here all the year. They jointly operate a fertilizer (Continued on last page)

Selma Woman Has An Unusual Experience

While Returning From A Trip To Morehead and Atlantic Beach Monday Night A Mule Headed Into Her Car And Broke His Neck.

Last Monday night while returning from a week-end visit with friends in New Bern, Mrs. Pearl B. Richardson and son, accompanied by her sister, Miss Hortence Batts, of Raleigh, had an unusual experience while driving along the highway this side of LaGrange. Three mules appeared on the highway in front of their car, running "on all four" at break-neck speed facing toward them with two or three cars right behind them. The mules were holding their heads high in the air and looking back to one side as if to see how well they were carrying on the race with the chasing automobiles. Mr. Richardson said that she immediately stopped her car and that one of the mules which had his head turned and looking back at an approaching car, ran right head-on into her car, breaking through the windshield and knocking himself unconscious and his neck was thought to have been broken in the impact. The mule was later killed to relieve him of his suffering. The car was put out of commission and Mrs. Richardson telephoned to Leon Watson at Smithfield who went down and brought them to Selma.

Miss Hortence Batts was rendered unconscious for a while. Mrs. Richardson was pronounced unconscious for a while. Her son escaped unhurt.

Mrs. Richardson's Dad Tells of Manteo Trip

Charlie V. Batts of Raleigh, Rt. 5, father of Mrs. Joe Richardson of Selma, recently returned from Manteo and Fort Raleigh where he attended the Virginia Dare celebration. "I took the trip by bus to get a good view," he said. Telling of the trip, Mr. Batts remarked that he had traveled from Canada to Mexico, but he saw more in Eastern North Carolina than anywhere else. He was particularly impressed with the big rivers, long bridges and the methods used to prevent erosion around the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk. Several of his friends joked with him about riding in President Roosevelt's car on Roanoke Island; they said he didn't dare ask for a ride. Mr. Batts showed them, though. "I saw the chauffeur getting some gas and oil, so I went over and asked if I could ride in the car. They were very nice and said I could."

Leon Brown Celebrates Birthday Anniversary

Mr. Leon Brown, R. F. D. mail carrier, celebrated his 40th birthday anniversary at his home in Selma on last Sunday. His guest of honor was Mr. Hubert Avery, who lives several miles north of this city. This was Mr. Avery's 40th anniversary. Two large birthday cakes, each containing 40 lighted candles, were placed at either end of the table. Messrs. Brown and Avery were boyhood chums and each remembers the other on August 22nd. Miss Omega Brown and Mrs. Sallie Faulkner served the sumptuous dinner. Mr. Brown's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Avery, Master Oscar Avery, Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, Mrs. Leon Brown, Mayor W. I. Godwin, H. H. Lowry, Miss Omega Brown and Mrs. Sallie Faulkner.

Services At Methodist Church Sunday A. M.

"The Work of the Ministry" will be the subject of Rev. F. B. Peele at the Selma Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening services at this church, but the congregation is invited to join in the union service at the Missionary Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

School Bus Drivers Must Have License

Drivers Must Hold Certificates From Highway Patrol Showing Their Qualifications—A Meeting Will Be Held Soon To Examine Drivers.

The 1937 Legislature in Chapter 397 enacted into law a provision requiring all drivers of school buses to secure from the Highway Patrol of North Carolina an additional driver's certificate before entering upon their duties as bus drivers.

Mr. V. R. Mallard, of the State Highway Patrol, and Mr. H. B. Marrow will arrange a meeting of all bus drivers just before the opening of school at which time Mr. Mallard will have three other members of the Highway Patrol to assist him in examining and issuing these certificates to those entitled to drive school buses. Mr. Marrow said he would try to arrange the meeting which is to be held in Smithfield a day or two before the opening of schools on October 6th, so that the bus drivers might carry home their buses after they secured their certificates.

Notice will be given through the press as to the exact date and hour of the meeting.

The enactment of the Legislature is as follows:

"Sec. 1. That no person shall drive or operate a school bus over the public roads of North Carolina while the same is occupied by children unless said person shall be fully trained in the operation of motor vehicles, and shall furnish to the superintendent of the schools of the county a certificate from the Highway Patrol of North Carolina showing that he has been examined by a member of the said Highway Patrol, and that he is a fit and competent person to operate or drive a school bus over the public roads of the state.

"Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a school bus loaded with children over the public roads of North Carolina at a greater rate of speed than thirty-five miles an hour.

"Sec. 3. Any person violating section two of this act shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

"Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 5. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1937."

Injunction Is Denied In Johnston Action

Judge Grady Dismisses Petition Against Proposed Power Lines.

Clinton, Aug. 20.—Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady dismissed today a petition of three Johnston county farmers for an injunction against construction by the Carolina Power and Light company, of Raleigh, of rural lines in the county under an agreement with the Johnston County Electric Membership corporation.

The judgement was handed down late today after attorneys for both sides had filed briefs earlier in the day.

The case was argued and testimony was taken at a hearing here Monday and Tuesday, the plaintiffs contending that the agreement in question was in violation of the trusts of directors of the electric organization, formed of Johnston county rural residents to sponsor a rural electrification program.

Judge Grady held that the plaintiffs, D. T. Bailey, Z. L. Talton and J. F. Woodard, had failed to show that they had been damaged by the contract between the power company and the citizens' organization and therefore, no status in a court of equity proceedings.

The judgement set forth that the Johnston county organization was formed under a 1935 law permitting rural electrification through such groups, and that it had negotiated with the federal rural electrification administration for a loan to finance

Johnston ABC Store Proposal Is Argued

Delegation From Four Oaks Goes To Raleigh Favoring and Protesting Opening of Liquor Store There—Told To Settle Matter At Home.

(W. T. BOST, in Greensboro News) Raleigh, Aug. 25.—Johnston county postulators and protestants today came before the state alcoholic beverage control commission on the proposal to open an ABC store in Four Oaks and at the end of the talking, Chairman Cutlar Moore told the delegations to go home and settle the issue with their own county board.

The first delegation of merchants and other kinds of business men came and asked for the store, then went away. They made an impressive showing with converts to their cause. But the drys beat them 2 to 1 on the demonstration. Headed by Rev. H. B. Baum, pastor of the Four Oaks Methodist church, the drys presented a petition in opposition almost twice as large as the ABC advocates had, and in addition demanded the state board that the ABCs went 2 to 1 against the stores.

The synchronized with the state board's idea fairly well. It has opposed as a general policy, opening any store in a town or village whose people have voted against the stores. This made the third hearing that has been held on this subject. Members of the board, including Mr. Murphy, of Greensboro, said that the board would not make a request of the store. And until that is done the state board is hesitant to move.

The governing body of Four Oaks, the commissioners and the chief of police are in favor of the store, but the neighbors of the officer were disposed to accuse him of going ABCsward because he wished to please the commissioners of Four Oaks. The dry delegation was strengthened by many women and a few very pretty young girls. It developed that some of the petitions gathered by the drys have many young people on them. The women explained that they sought youthful signatures as these would be the people most affected by liquor if sold in Four Oaks.

The drys could not agree on how much bootlegging goes on in their neighborhood. Rev. Mr. Baum said that he is no patron of the blind tiger and therefore could not give expert testimony. The drys did admit with some shame that the "Flowers boys" did reportedly a great liquor business before the ABC stores in the county were opened, and that the ABC officer caused his arrest.

The agitation ended for the day. The state commission is not inclined to open any store in dry territory, certainly not unless there is a county request. Chairman Moore reminded the drys that they might have to abandon their position in the light of other elections. "Mecklenburg county went dry," he said; "but Charlotte voted heavily for control. Yet, we are not opening stores there."

Godfrey Beasley Now With Selma Drug Co.

Mr. Godfrey Beasley, of Coats, has accepted a position with the Selma Drug Company. Mr. Beasley comes highly recommended. We welcome him to our town.

Later, after litigation between the corporation and the Carolina Power and Light company, the two organizations reached an agreement providing that the power company construct lines contemplated by the citizens' group, and others.

Judge Grady ruled that the plaintiffs had not been damaged by the agreement inasmuch as they were receiving what they wanted, electric power, as a result of the contract.

Attorneys at the hearing said the power company program in Johnston county, already begun, called for construction of approximately 400 miles of rural lines.

Record Rain Fall Here Last Night

Johnston Association To Meet Next Sunday

Program To Begin At 2:45 O'clock In Afternoon—At Mount Moriah Church Five Miles West of Clayton.

The Johnston Baptist Sunday School Association will be held with Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist church, on highway about five miles west of Clayton, next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:45 o'clock.

Mr. C. H. Brown of Pine Level, who is superintendent of the association, says that this promises to be one of the best associational meetings yet held. A full program has been arranged and it is expected that a large representative crowd will be on hand.

PROGRAM

2:45 P. M.—Song—"Take The Name of Jesus With You."

Song—"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."

2:55 P. M.—Devotional—Rev. R. R. McCullch, Pastor Clayton Baptist Church.

3:10 P. M.—Special Music—By Pisgah Church Choir.

3:15 P. M.—Business Period—Recognition—By Rev. D. M. Clemmons. Report of Nomination Committee—By Rev. D. M. Clemmons, Chairman.

3:45 P. M.—Song—By Congregation.

3:50 P. M.—Bible School Program—Rev. C. W. Teague, Leader of Work.

4:40 P. M.—Adjournment.

C. H. BROWN, Superintendent Johnston Baptist S. S. Asso.

C. W. Scales Makes Talk To Kiwanians

Former Lieutenant Governor of This Kiwanian District, and Daughter, Miss Virginia Scales, Are Guests of Local Club.

Following the preliminaries at the Selma Kiwanian club last Thursday evening, President Tuttle turned the meeting over to M. L. Stancil, the program chairman. Kiwanian Stancil then recognized C. W. Scales, former member of the Selma club, and also former Lieutenant Governor of this Kiwanian district, and his daughter, Miss Virginia Scales, a former pianist for the Selma club, who were guests of the evening. Mr. Scales expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the club again. He recited some of the things which he had observed in the workings of the club in Greenville, S. C., where he holds a responsible position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. His remarks were warmly applauded.

Program Chairman Stancil then made a short talk on the weather. He said that weather conditions were controlled almost exclusively by the distribution of atmospheric pressure, and told how storm centers developed due to the lowering of the barometric pressure, and how these areas of low pressure traveled across the country with their attendant storms, such as thunder showers, tornadoes, etc. He declared that we need not discount too much the claim by old people that their aching bones were signals that "bad" weather is on the way, since the air pressure on an average sized man's body is reputed at 35,000 pounds, and that with the lowering of the barometric pressure by only one inch takes more than 1000 pounds of pressure off the body which is sufficient argument that the old fellow's bones might begin to ache when subjected to such a change.

The club then enjoyed a couple of male quartets by Messrs. C. W. Scales, T. S. Krahenbuhl, John Jeffreys and E. V. Woodard.

Miss Anne Grimsley spent the week-end in Wilson with relatives.

Streets Flooded, Houses Leaked And Automobiles Drowned In Downpour Which Reached To Proportions of A Cloud Burst At Times.

What many of the oldest residents of the town regard as one of the heaviest rainstorms in their memory raged throughout this section Wednesday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock and then tapered off with a slow downpour until late in the night. While we have not heard of any definite measurements, it is generally thought that the fall was upwards of six inches.

The street crossing near the Carolina Service Station on the main highway here was flooded to a depth of from one to two feet and water ponded up into the Carolina Service Station and up to the door of Mac's place, backed into the rear of Hub Brown's Furniture store, while a long stretch of the main highway extending from Railroad street to the southern edge of the corporate limits of the town was like a great inland water way. Cars stalled all along this route while others trudged through the splashing waters up to their bodies. Colored people lined the highway along the route standing in water almost to their knees in the pouring rain as they watched the traffic jam amidst a veritable lake of water. Not only was the highway flooded, but all adjacent streets were covered at many points where water ponded under tenement houses almost up to the top door steps.

The storm was accompanied by strong wind at times which drove great gusts of rain through the streets in a blinding deluge. Lightning streamed forth with deafening cracks of thunder or played across the blackened elements like many blinding searchlights throwing their electric sprag pel mel, and rendering a spectacle which but few have the nerve to stand and behold, and none have the language to describe.

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The two weeks' revival will be conducted by Elder James Lee of Mount Olive, N. C., assisted by the pastor. Every member requested to be present and answer to the roll call. Come and bring your friends. J. Q. BAKER, Clerk. Four Oaks, N. C.

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SELMA DRUG CO. MOVING TO NEW PLACE THIS WEEK

The clerical help with several assistants have been busy this week moving the stock and fixtures of the Selma Drug Company to the building on the corner of Raeford and Anderson streets, which has recently been overhauled and arranged for the company's new home. The new home of this store is much more spacious and more centrally located than it was at the former location. Mr. C. P. Harper, the proprietor, is owner of the building in which it is now located as well as the one from which it has just moved. Mr. Harper is one of the town's most progressive business men, and with the added facilities for doing business this firm is beginning the fall business season with brighter hopes and greater opportunities for service to its large list of patrons.

Two-toned lighting effects, amber and blue, will be used in the flood lights illuminating the Palace of House and Gardens on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.