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MONTHLY REVIEW PRICES PRODUCTS

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Cotton.

The market advanced about \$15 per bale during the month of March. Factors largely responsible for the rise were prospects of early peace, weather which delayed crop preparation and the well organized movement to reduce acreage.

Domestic mills continued to buy sparingly, consuming 110,000 bales of their already small reserve during the month of February. This is a practice that cannot continue indefinitely and should encourage spot holders to quit selling altogether and force a big demand at much higher prices.

While sales by farmers have been comparatively light, they have been in sufficient volume to "feed the market" and thus prevent the competitive buying that will some day "spring up."

Exports are steadily increasing but there is much still to be desired. Producers should fully realize that even when peace is declared an immediate demand for large quantities of cotton at much higher prices is not probable. It will take time.

Reports from the entire belt indicate that there will be a sharp reduction in acreage. This appears the sensible and safe course for the individual regardless of the action of others, but there is every reason to believe that all see that it is to their interest to once and forever demonstrate that the producer is going to help fix the price of the fruit of his own labor. It is plain to those who have studied the question closely that holders of cotton will probably have to continue to exercise considerable patience. But their patience will be richly rewarded.

Cotton producers appear to be standing together and preparing to come into their own.

More Losses in Peanuts For Producers.

Peanuts have fallen from one to one and one-half cents a pound during March, that is, from 4 1-4 to 6c during February to 3 1-2 to 5c during March. The lifting of the embargo by the War Trade Board is given by cleaners as a reason for the decline. They admit, however, that prices have gone lower than they should, and lower than they would had the price been started at 7c at the beginning of the season. A wire from the State Market Director of California states "San Francisco market bare of peanuts. No supply in sight until Japanese crop reaches here sometime in August or September." A letter from a Seattle broker states that there are no imported peanuts in the shell stored in Pacific Coast States and few lots of Oriental peanuts in the shell in British Columbia. Vendors are making from \$20 to \$25 a bag through charging the consumer war prices while growers are losing \$15 to \$25 for every acre planted to peanuts. A thousand growers present at the Suffolk meeting passed a resolution to hold for living prices and to organize to build cleaners in every county. Undoubtedly, if the cleaners had carried out their plans to establish fair price vendors in every large city, they would have greatly increased the demand for peanuts.

Great Rise in Prices For Corn.
No. 3 white corn increased in price on the Chicago market during March from \$1.31 to \$1.58 per bushel. The increase in high prices from 17 1-2 to 20c per pound, the feeding of corn to live stock, holding of corn by western farmers for higher prices, Mr. Hoover's statement of the scarcity of food products in Europe, the strike in Argentine and scarcity of shipping making impossible the import of Argentine corn—are the causes given for the rise in corn prices. A western authority, representing farmers, thinks that if the speculators do not drive the market down, corn prices should rise as high as in 1917. Corn in North Carolina towns only increased from an average price of \$1.66 during the first week of March to \$1.72 during the last week in March. The average price reported for twenty-one counties was \$1.69; the lowest price was \$1.30 for Hyde county, \$1.45 for Iredell and \$1.50 for Catawba, Currituck, Halifax, Macon, Perquimans, Pitt and Sampson counties. Farmers in these counties should look for outside markets. Lists of merchants and roller mills which are in the market for corn will be furnished upon request. The division of markets has listed large numbers of car load and less than car load lots for sale in eastern and western North Carolina.

Soy Bean Market.
Soybeans are moving in car load lots from eastern North Carolina. The division of markets is forwarding inquiries and orders received from Ohio to Mississippi to growers and shippers. Growers are selling to

local buyers in Hyde county for \$1.25 per bushel, in Beaufort for \$1.40, Chowan \$1.50, Perquimans \$1.50, Pasquotank \$1.65 to \$2.00. The growers who are shipping are receiving \$1.80 to \$2.00 per bushel. If the soybean growers of eastern North Carolina had been organized they would have been able to obtain \$2.00 per bushel, (the price they originally held for). The feed value of soybeans is said to be worth two to three times that of corn.

Eggs Low Enough For Storage.
With the wholesale prices of eggs in New York during March quoted at 43c to 48c for fresh gathered extra firsts, 41 1-2 to 47 cents for extra firsts and 40 1-4 to 46c for firsts for the month of March, it appears that North Carolina egg producers should be getting good prices for eggs if they were organized to grade and ship their own eggs. Disorganized producers are receiving from local buyers as low a price as 23c per dozen in Macon county and 25c in Davidson county and 25c in Cartaret, Chowan, Clay, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Martin, Moore, Northampton and Stanly counties. Eggs are already going into storage in the north. Now is the time North Carolina consumers should be buying eggs for storage in water glass or lime water, according to directions in a Bulletin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

AROUND THE COURT HOUSE.

Deputy Clerk of Court L. M. Chaffin fled the court house Saturday afternoon to spend a few hours with friends in Buckhorn.

Attorneys E. F. Young and R. L. Godwin, of Dunn, argued a case before the Clerk Monday.

Attorney L. L. Levinson spent Monday in the court house abstracting titles for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. A. B. Curran, of Angier, was a caller Monday.

Auditor A. M. Shaw has received the 1919 tax abstracts, some 18,000 of them, and again soon the cry of the tax lister will be heard in the land.

Superintendent B. P. Gentry is re-furnishing his office. He has a new desk, typewriter table, and bookcase and is having an old book stand and several chairs painted so as to harmonize with his new furniture. The other offices in the court house need to adopt some of his innovations.

Register of Deeds W. H. Faucette is back in his office after an absence of several weeks spent at the Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville, where he was forced to undergo an operation on his crippled leg. It is sincerely hoped that this is his last operation and his many friends throughout the county feel a deep sympathy for him in his suffering.

Clerk of Court A. A. McDonald spent Tuesday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. N. T. Patterson, of Coats, spent a few minutes in the court house Wednesday.

Judge J. C. Smith, of Dunn, was a visitor Wednesday.

Miss Claudia McDonald returned to Carolina College, Maxton, N. C., Tuesday after spending the Easter holidays with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McDonald.

Mrs. L. M. Chaffin and little daughter Helen spent the week-end with Mrs. Chaffin's mother, Mrs. Cornelia Johnson.

A pleasant surprise to many people was the telegram from Lieutenant Marshall T. Spears announcing his safe arrival at New York from France.

Mr. Franklin Parker, of the Linden neighborhood, was a visitor Sunday.

Sergeant Loyd Johnson, late of the 305 Engineers and recently returned home, was busy Monday shaking hands with his friends. He is looking fit and fine, and no wonder the engineers gave the Huns a "bit of uneasiness" if the outfit was made up of fellows like Loyd.

Messrs. Walter and Cary Cade, of Kipling, spent Sunday afternoon in town.

Messrs. Broughton Dewar and Silas Abernathy, of Cokesbury, were seen on the streets Monday.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Harnett, N. C., to be held at Dunn and Lillington on May 10, 1919, to fill the position of rural carrier at Angier, Coats, Dunn and Duke and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest possible practicable date.

NEWS OF INTEREST LEARNED IN DUKE

Duke, N. C., April 24.—A celebration in honor of the soldiers from the Duke Township who have returned from France and the camps in this country was given Saturday afternoon at Duke. The soldiers, including Major McLendon, of Durham, who made the address of the occasion.

A parade, headed by the Erwin Cotton Mill Company band, assisted by nine pieces from the Smithfield band, started at 3:30. The band was followed by the soldiers, about forty in number, Lieut. W. A. Erwin, Jr., commanding. After these came the Boy Scouts, representatives of the Red Cross, Daughters of Liberty, Junior Order, and the school.

One of the enjoyable features of the crowd was the drill that the soldiers went through at the close of the parade in the park.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, president of the Erwin Cotton Mill Company, then introduced Major McLendon in a most enthusiastic manner. Major McLendon was unwilling to accept all of the introduction, but as he had been a member of the 113th Field Artillery of the 30th Division, most preferred to abide by Mr. Erwin's remarks. The Major made a most interesting speech, telling of the wonderful work and heroism of our men abroad and giving much praise to those who did their part on this side.

A short talk was made by Dr. Frank Ruff, after which retreat was sounded.

Supper was served by the ladies of the Red Cross in the auditorium to the soldiers of the township and all visiting soldiers. During the supper and afterwards many interesting experiences were told. The soldiers were carried away with the singing of Miss Hooker, one of the teachers in the Duke school, who sang for them while at supper.

The day was closed with a free picture show in the park which all enjoyed.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE STATE COLLEGE.

The fifth session of the State College Summer School at West Raleigh, N. C., which begins on June 10 and lasts through July 23 promises to be a notable and successful session. A faculty of prominent teachers has been secured and a considerable extension of the courses has been made largely for the benefit of prospective students and for those students of the State College who desire to remove Freshman conditions in mathematics, physics, drawing and shopwork, or to obtain credit for these courses during the Summer School.

Mr. E. L. Best, superintendent of Franklin county schools, will conduct several courses in education. Miss Annie S. Workman, member of the faculty at Peabody, will have charge of the primary work. Miss Virginia LaFayette Nelson, a graduate student at Columbia University, and a lady of wide experience in the educational field, will have charge of the intermediate demonstration school. Miss Mary McGill, graduate of the Edinburgh Ladies College, Scotland, and student at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and who was vocal teacher at Meredith last year, will offer courses in public school music, and conduct community singing.

Mr. J. C. Lockhart, superintendent of Wake county schools, will conduct courses in education and history. Mr. L. E. Hinkle, professor of modern languages at the State College, will offer courses in education and Spanish. Dr. T. C. Amick, professor of mathematics at Elon College, and Mr. R. E. L. Yates, professor of mathematics at the State College, will present courses in mathematics for teachers and prospective students, and also courses for college credit. Courses in general science for teachers, and in physics for college credit will be offered by Messrs. Heck and Derieux, professor and assistant professor of physics respectively, at the State College.

A special effort will be made to comply with the needs of the State in training teachers of agriculture for the graded schools, farm life and rural high schools by offering courses in elementary agriculture and vocational agriculture under the authority of the Smith-Hughes act.

SECURE DOG TAGS NOW.
The dog tax law as it now stands leaves it in the hands of the commissioners of every county as to whether they use the dog tags or not. If they desire to use them they may be secured by writing Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. The commissioner can furnish aluminum tags with the name of county, the year and the number of dog, f. o. b. Raleigh, at four cents each in lots of ten thousand.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WEST HARNETT

Easter passed off with plenty of eggs, fish and blockade booze, but no church services that we know of. Farmers are buying as much or more fertilizer than was used last year, and will increase the acreage of tobacco, while that of corn and cotton will be about the same.

Peaches have been killed in this section, except on the old plank road, which is nearly immune from frost. The Hodgins orchard at Spout Springs will produce about one-half a crop without further damage.

Mrs. Kate Cameron, of Cameron's Hill, is very low from an attack of paralysis. She is a sister of the late John A. Cameron, who at the age of 94 worked at the millwright trade as spry as a man of 40.

Mrs. Dougald Cameron, of Pineview, who has been in a serious condition for the past year, is not expected to live but a few days.

Postmaster W. Barnett, of Pineview, had the misfortune to lose his house and the entire contents by fire last Friday night. His furniture was particularly valuable, most of which he brought over with him from England.

Friday is an unlucky day for the blockaders here. A still was captured by the county officers in Barbecue last Friday a week ago and one in Johnsonville by the revenue officers the Friday before.

The Big Branch School, under the management of Misses McLeod and Holder, has closed for the season, having had the best session in its history. The people in that community are to be commended for their efforts to build up a good school.

Mr. W. H. Turner, one of the best farmers at Olivia, has a fine lot of potato plants ready to set out.

Among the latest arrivals of the boys from overseas are Charley Merrill, Lonnie Douglass, Mack McDonald and Dannie Morris.

Leon McDonald, who has gone back to work with the Express Company since his discharge from the army, is at Sumter, S. C., at present. His brother Earle is located at Rocky Mount.

George Carrington had the misfortune to wreck his automobile last Sunday while returning from Camp Bragg by running into a tree.

Mr. Howard Johnson, of Johnsonville, has a fine young orchard of peach trees planted out.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Register of Deeds during the past week:

T. E. Powell of Johnston County to Pauline Thompson of Harnett County; Everett Fuquay to Maggie Betts, both of Harnett County; J. M. Stone to Frances Byrd, both of Harnett County; W. M. Reeves of Harnett County to Miss Hales of Cumberland County; Andrew L. Johnson to Lila Avera, both of Harnett County; Ivar Ryals to Bettie Pate, both of Harnett County; J. F. Jackson to Mary D. Barefoot, both of Harnett County; M. L. Tutor to Allie May Denon, both of Harnett County; Hardie Byrd to Cora Lee Byrd, both of Harnett County; Herman Burnett to Alpha Jackson, both of Harnett County.

Colored.
Curtis Ray of Cumberland County to Rosa Jones of Harnett County; James McAllister to Georgiana Blue, both of Harnett County.

DRAINAGE OF FARM PREMISES.

Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—How many times do we see a stockyard so muddy that it is impossible to pass through it without sinking through deep in mud? Under-drains on them, such yards have no effect on them, because the surface becomes so pumiced by the tramping of the animals that no water will pass through it to the drains. In such cases, it might be well, after laying the drains, fill the trench with cinders, gravel, sand or some other porous material and also cover the entire yard to a foot in depth with cinders or gravel. The water will then readily reach the drains. The use of fenced in surface inlets at favorable points is also recommended. The roof water from adjacent buildings should be carried away through underdrains so that none will be discharged upon the yards. A shallow open ditch encircling a stockyard will also aid materially in keeping such a yard dry.

MEETING OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Womens Missionary Society of the Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. C. A. McNeill Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Collection was taken for Home and Foreign Missions. After the business session was concluded Mrs. McNeill served her guest delicious refreshments.

MILTON SENTER TELLS OF FRANCE

Laignes, France, March 20th, 1919.

Dear Mother:—Will write you a short letter this afternoon. I am well and getting along just as well as could be expected under this waiting proposition. I am very anxious in every respect to get home. I will endeavor to tell you a little about some of my good times in England and France. I guess from what has been written back home from the boys over here you have a good reason to believe we were out sight-seeing and having a grand time. I landed in Liverpool, England, on the morning of August the 11th, after spending the day in the harbor. Late in the afternoon we staggered down the gang plank. When all was unloaded from the vessel we then marched up the street to the depot. It was almost impossible to get through this street for little children begging for money and souvenirs. The entire city looked as though they were homeless and suffering from hunger. About 4 o'clock we were loaded into cars and pulled out for points unknown. After riding for ten hours we received orders to unload. It was then about 2 a. m. I was feeling too bad to die. After one hour and a half marching we came to one of the famous English rest camps. This camp was near Winchester. This was where we met our friends, the coolies. We had a good variety of food, mostly mutton, C. C. pills and castor oil. After four or five days at this place we went to Southampton to catch a boat across the channel. Late in the afternoon the gang plank presented itself again, and we were chased in. This was the most miserable night I ever spent in my life. There was not sitting room, so we all started out on our journey standing. About an hour later they began to pass around the bully beef and very unfortunately we got some that was spoiled, so about one-third of the crowd was very sick. I was unlucky, so I was with the third. It seemed like death would have been appreciated that night. Next morning we were at Cherbourg, France. Again we staggered down the gang plank. After a few hours of very strenuous hiking we reached a little French rest camp. This little camp was built of small tents, about eight feet in diameter. About twelve or fourteen men were assigned to each tent. Guess you can imagine how our condition was. It was about three days. We spent two days in this camp and when we departed from this place real war times began. Marching down to the train I was expecting to find five passenger coaches, but instead there were hundreds of these little French box cars, about the size of a ford truck. After getting a supply of "Corn Willie" and hard tack we piled in the cars. Before the train pulled out they cautioned us to be very particular and under no circumstances to have any lights, as the trains were very often raided by German aeroplanes. Being new at the war game we did not take any chances. After two days' journey we dropped off in about the central part of France at a small town by the name of Plogny, in the province or State of Yonne. Our quarters were very simple, just horse stables. Food was very scarce when we first got here. We drank what was known by the soldiers as alfalfa soup. The weather was beautiful, so they gave us the training we possibly could stand. About September 15th moving time came again. We were sure that the trenches was the next thing. Again we loaded into box cars. This time we were dropped near the front in the vicinity of Epinal. Things began to pick up with me. The big guns roared like a big thunder storm making up way off in the distance. Aeroplanes were flying in all directions. Then was when I began to realize what we were going to face. About three days later orders came for us to take over a sector of the front. This sector was what the French called a quiet one, and later I learned it really was true, but at the time I thought it was pretty hot. This sector was known as the St. Die sector in the Vosges mountains. We spent about a month at this place. Our losses were very slight. We were relieved by the Polish division, then went back behind the lines, spent eight or ten days and were off for a front then where the big work was going on. We traveled most of the way by night as it was very dangerous to travel in the day time on account of aeroplanes and to keep the enemy from seeing our movements. We made our next stop near Verdun. Everything seemed pretty quiet the night we came to this place but the following morning seemed as though the entire sector was going to be blown away, big guns seemed to be working like automatic rifles, shells were whistling in all directions. We had a few days

FAIR ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED

In response to the call for a mass meeting in the opera house at Dunn for the purpose of electing officers and organizing a Harnett County Fair Association, about half a hundred enthusiastic citizens assembled and took the work in hand. Mr. G. K. Grantham, of Dunn, was appointed temporary chairman of the meeting and Mr. J. C. Anthony, county agent, secretary. Mr. Grantham appointed Bashee Pope, editor of the Dunn Dispatch, assistant secretary.

After interesting addresses from Messrs. R. L. Godwin of Dunn, J. R. Baggett of Lillington, J. C. Clifford of Dunn, Dr. J. W. Halford of Lillington, and others, Mr. H. A. Turlington of Duke, R. 2, offered a motion that a county-wide fair be held, which carried and the following officers and committees were elected:

H. A. Turlington, president of the association.
J. C. Anthony, of Lillington, secretary.

Dr. J. W. Halford, of Lillington, treasurer and chairman of committee on organization.

Vice-presidents from the various townships were elected as follows: Eugene Smith, Duke Township; W. H. Sutton, Lillington Township; W. H. Turlington, Grove Township; Ed. Warren, Averasboro No. 1; G. M. Tillman, Averasboro No. 2; B. P. Marshbanks, Neills Creek No. 2; J. C. Byrd, Stewart's Creek; Dr. C. R. Young, Black River; W. L. Senter, Hectors Creek; R. S. Abernathy, Buckhorn; D. A. Collins, Upper Little River No. 1; Francis McLeod, Upper Little River No. 2; H. C. Cameron, Barbecue; Mr. Johnson, Johnsonville; P. A. Canaday, Anderson Creek.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

A. L. Overby to J. H. Morgan, 20 acres in Neills Creek Township. Consideration, \$500.

Geo. E. Prince and J. R. Smith to E. L. Jackson, 27 acres in Black River Township. Consideration, \$1,515.

Geo. E. Prince and J. R. Smith to E. L. Jackson and wife, 31 acres in Black River Township. Consideration, \$1,920.

H. D. Cameron to H. A. Cameron, 13 acres in Johnsonville Township. Consideration, \$100.

Willie Johnson to H. H. Shaw, 13-10 acres in Grove Township. Consideration, \$150.

G. M. Tighman to Isaac Smith, 2 lots near Dunn. Consideration, \$200.

J. E. Williams to A. L. Overby, 6 lots in Angier. Consideration, \$300.

J. E. Williams to B. F. Williams, 1 lot in Angier. Consideration, \$150.

A. C. Matthews to J. W. Hockaday, 1-1-2 acres in Black River Township. Consideration, \$200 and other valuable considerations.

A. D. Byrd to E. P. Marshbanks, 1 lot in Buie's Creek. Consideration, \$15.08.

J. R. Matthews to J. A. Wilkins, 5 1-4 acres in Neills Creek Township. Consideration, \$275.

Barbara Parrish to J. A. Wilkins, 1-2 acre in Neills Creek Township. Consideration, \$50.

A. C. Matthews to L. B. Hockaday, 17 acres in Black River Township. Consideration, \$1,250.

David J. Godwin, et al to A. B. Godwin, 77 acres in Averasboro Township. Consideration, \$500.

J. A. Marks to D. W. Cox, 100 acres in Upper Little River Township. Consideration, \$300.

J. L. Thompson to Ross Smith Best, 1 lot in Dunn. Consideration, \$100 and other valuable considerations.

J. W. McLean to Hawkins Harrington, 10 acres in Upper Little River Township. Consideration, \$100.

J. W. Hockaday to A. C. Matthews, 30 acres in Black River Township. Consideration, \$200 and other valuable considerations.

G. T. Smith to Dr. L. J. Arnold, 1 lot in Lillington. Consideration, \$2,500.

Mrs. Anna M. Johnson to J. C. Thomson, 9 lots in Lillington. Consideration, \$100.

E. S. Yarborough to E. M. Henley, 25 acres in Grove Township. Consideration, \$1,250.

E. S. Yarborough to Lillie O. Henley, 48 acres in Grove Township. Consideration, \$1,942.

NAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the requirements of the resolutions adopted by the mass meeting at Dunn, Friday the 18th. The president and secretary of the Harnett County Fair Association has named the following men to act as Board of Directors: R. L. Godwin, Dunn; R. T. Johnson, Kipling; E. P. Gentry, Lillington; Dr. W. P. Holt, Duke, and J. A. Buchanan, Broadway.

The location of the fair grounds will not be decided on before May 1st, and all towns in the county desiring consideration as a site, are requested to have their bids in the hands of the president, Mr. H. A. Turlington, Duke, Route No. 2, by the above named date.

JNO. C. ANTHONY, Secretary.

LITTLE MARY FAUCETTE IS MUCH IMPROVED.

The many friends of little Miss Mary Faucette will be glad to learn that she is greatly improved. Mary has been quite sick for the past two weeks with Spanish influenza.

COMMENCEMENT AT CAPE FEAR

The closing exercises of Cape Fear School will take place Friday night, April 25th. An excellent program of entertainment has been prepared and all who attend will enjoy the evening. Cape Fear School is one of the best and most progressive in the county and a glance at the program for commencement exercises will reflect credit upon Miss Davis, the teacher, and the school alike. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises Friday night.

Have you subscribed to the Victory Loan yet?