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TOBACCO BRINGS HIGH AVERAGE

A new high record of leaf tobacco prices was attained in North Carolina in November when tobacco brought a figure never before reached in the history of the industry in the state, according to the monthly tobacco report issued by the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture. The average price of tobacco during the month was \$67.94. Spring Hope reached the high mark of \$86.65 for its monthly sales and the lowest price on any market was \$41.

"The season's average price as reported to December 1, is \$53.15, which is about \$5 higher than last month's report, including the October sales," says the monthly report. "The quality of the crop as reported was 80 per cent of normal. Though the average yield was low, the increased average has made a production almost equal to last year's phenomenal crop of 330,000,000 pounds, which had a value that put North Carolina first among the states.

"The largest markets selling last month show interesting prices. Those selling over 3,000,000 pounds are Wilson, 4,975,101 pounds first hand and total sales 7,646,127, averaging \$66.16 per 100 pounds; Winston-Salem, 5,749,455 and total 7,045,006 pounds at \$62.01; Greenville, 3,942,523, total 4,388,605 at \$73.13; Kinston, 3,801,416 and total 4,134,186 pounds at \$66.77. Rocky Mount sold 2,993,381 pounds first hand and the total sales were 3,411,008 at \$67.64, and Henderson 2,873,426 pounds and total of 3,060,166 at \$74.82. The markets averaging over \$80 were Spring Hope \$86.65; Fuquay Springs \$83.98; Youngsville \$81.89, and Apex \$81.25.

Average Yield 560 Pounds.
"The first hand sales as reported for the month were 45,726,437 pounds. The total sold, including producers and resales, amounted to 58,110,773 pounds, at an average price of \$67.94. The total sales for November of last year were 78,027,069 pounds. The report shows the producers total season's sales to December 1 to be 265,610,918 pounds. This includes conservative estimates for the few reports which are missing. Total sales reported for the year ending July, 1919, were 339,649,197 pounds and for the year ending July, 1918, 249,033,374, and this year's production bids fair to exceed the 300,000,000 pound mark. The average survey made by tax listers, which will be published soon by the Cooperating Crop Reporting Service, shows the state has 554,000 acres. The average yield per acre as reported is 560 pounds, which indicates a larger production than was generally expected.

According to the crop report North Carolina is first in the value of the tobacco crop and ranks second only to Kentucky in production.

SIXTEEN YEARS OLD—EVEN HOHN TOOTS

A rear tonneau door, two cylinder touring car manufactured by the Ford Motor Co. in 1903—the year of that company's organization—and in use since that time is still "on the job." It is an eight horse power car, has a 78 inch wheel base, a five gallon gas tank and is owned by A. C. McCarthy of Portland, Ore.

Of course the Ford isn't exactly possessed of the latest lines, and it is beginning to wear slightly, but mechanically—why, even the aged brass horn works. The machine is now being driven on business trips all through Oregon and Washington by McCarthy, who doesn't expect to be in the market for a new Ford for some years to come since he's kind of got acquainted with the old one.

WAKE COUNTY HOSPITAL—LOSSES OUT AT POLLS

Voting against a heavy registration, Raleigh recorded itself in favor of the \$100,000 bond issue for a county tuberculosis sanatorium, but the spirited opposition to the measure in some of the county precincts along with the failure of registered voters to vote, swamped Raleigh and the friends of the measure conceded its defeat. The precincts heard from up until a late hour last night gave a registration of 2,201 with 1,012 for and 1,189 against.

With a registration of 1,071, Raleigh piled up 714 votes for the bonds against 15 actual votes against it. The failure of registered voters to cast their ballots, however, recorded an opposition vote of 357.

In the county, with the largest precincts heard from, out of a registration of 1,130, 298 votes were cast for the bonds and 268 against. Here also the registration played havoc creating an opposition vote of 832.

Washington, D. C.—Four hundred American Communities have asked the Red Cross for community surveys to assist them in preparing for new welfare activities such as the Red Cross home service system.

FIFTY PER CENT PROFIT ALLOWED

A gross retail profit not to exceed 50 per cent on the invoice cost has been announced by Henry A. Page, State Fair Price Commissioner, as a reasonable margin of gain to merchants in North Carolina, the regulation being effective Monday, December 15. The announcement was made in an address before the Merchants' Association in Wilson Tuesday night, and brings to an end the controversy that arose some weeks ago between the commissioner and the merchants of the state. The regulations are as follows:

1.—The practice of having different prices for different people will be considered a violation of the Lever Act; there must be on fair price to everybody.

2.—To offer for sale any merchandise that does not bear the selling price in plain figures, provided the form of such merchandise allows space for marking same, will be considered a violation of the act.

3.—A maximum margin of 50 per cent on invoice cost is allowed on men's clothing, furnishings, hats and all shoes. To charge more than 50 per cent is indictable under the act. This is not to be construed to mean that all merchandise as classed above should bear 50 per cent profit, since, if he found a merchant adhering to this rule to escape the clutches of the law, it would be counted against him.

4.—A maximum margin of 60 per cent on invoice is allowed on all women's ready-to-wear. To charge more than 60 per cent is to violate the amended Lever act.

5.—Full replacement value will not be allowed, but the merchant will be expected to average cost of clothing, shoes, etc., in determining new and advanced prices. (Mr. Page explained this by saying that a serge suit purchased last spring at \$20 might cost the merchant \$40 if purchased today. This would not justify the merchant in marking a regular percentage of profit on the \$40 suit and then bring the price of the suits carried over up to this level).

6.—These regulations are effective December 15, and any merchant who willfully exceeds the above margins of profit or violates above regulations will be subject to indictment and trial before Federal Judge and Jury.

THREE WEEKS SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

At the State Agricultural College, West Raleigh, there will begin on January 8 a three weeks short course in agriculture. This course has been arranged by the college to come at a slack time of the year with farmers, and to embrace only subjects of direct practical value to the busy farmer.

A goodly number of farmers, no doubt, will make it a point this year to go to the college for this section for this special work in practical agriculture. Most farmers have had a fairly good year in their farming and have gotten at least fair prices for what they have sold from the farm. Now in order that those of us who are engaged in farming may be better prepared for better farming next year and in subsequent years, than we have been in the past, it would appear to be the part of wisdom for us to take a few days off in January to go to the college and profit by what will be offered there in the short course. People in other lines are attending and profiting by similar boiled down short courses, will not a large number of our farmers do the same?

The course this year will include such matters as field crops, commercial fertilizers and farm manures, pruning, spraying, insect and disease enemies of crops and fruit trees and the most effective method of their prevention and control; farm dairying, poultry raising, livestock feeding, handling and judging, soil management, fruit and vegetable growing, diseases of farm livestock and their prevention and control, and gas engines and farm tractors.

Those attending the course will be supplied free tuition and board and room may be secured in close proximity to the college at reasonable prices. Those wishing further information with reference to the course and cost, etc., may secure it from the Dean of Agriculture, West Raleigh, N. C.

THE HOG RECORD.

This paper is in receipt of a report from Mr. E. A. Johnson of Chalybeate Springs that he killed three hogs 12 months old weighing 1,306 pounds. Who can beat it?

AT TURLINGTON SCHOOL.

Usual preaching service next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Turlington schoolhouse, near Coats.

Remember "Aycock School Improvement Day" Friday.

LIQUOR OWNERS ARE DISTRESSED

Washington, Dec. 17.—The owners of liquor, who had hoped the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States would permit them to get rid of their enormous stocks now tied up, are making desperate efforts to secure the right to unload them before the bell taps on them January 16, when constitutional prohibition goes into effect.

The only hope now is for the wartime ban to be lifted by repeal or by ratification of the peace treaty—this seems to be the last lingering hope of the liquor people. But only the anxious holders of liquor appear to have the slightest hope that anything will be done in time for the vast values to be saved to the owners. The dry drayers say there is not the slightest chance for the law to be repealed, and everybody knows ratification of the treaty will not take place any time soon, at least not in time to save the liquor people.

Want to Dump Liquor.
Nobody but the liquor people are astonished that some way has not been found for them to dump their liquor on the market and thus save themselves from great financial loss, or to speak more accurately, in permit them to make vast fortunes on their investment by selling at exorbitant prices during a brief though closing period of the traffic.

Government officials are now being flooded with telegrams appealing for some way to be devised whereby the liquors may be disposed of, but the problem remains unsolved, as the officials have not yet decided what may be done with the bonded liquor.

The estimated original investment, according to the government, is placed at approximately \$83,000,000 for 87,000,000 gallons of liquor with which the owners apparently have been caught. This is in addition to the carrying charge. The bonded supply includes 63,942,921 gallons of whiskey, more than 1,200,000 gallons of brandy, approximately 1,500,000 gallons of gin and slightly less than 500,000 gallons of rum.

A statement has been made that the dry decision means a loss of one billion three hundred million. This includes probably the losses to the whiskey owners, wine dealers, brewers and the bankers holding liquor securities.

Planned to Get Rich.
If this vast amount of liquor could have been turned loose upon the country just for the brief period between now and the 16th of January and present prices could have been maintained, the liquor owners would have suddenly become rich, for in some sections, it is said, whiskey is now selling for \$40 a gallon—it takes from \$10 to \$15 to get a quart of liquor here in Washington, and it is claimed this is the common price throughout the country.

DISTILLERS FIND WAY TO DISPOSE OF LIQUORS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—A way out apparently has been found for distillers caught with large stocks of liquor on hand by the Supreme Court's decision holding wartime prohibition constitutional.

A plan was presented to distillers here today by representatives of the steamship lines operating service out of Charleston, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Savannah and Wilmington, to Cuba, South America and Europe. It contemplates immediate shipment of liquor stocks in Kentucky estimated at 39,000,000 gallons in bonded warehouses, largely to Cuban ports for storage and subsequent resale in Cuba or shipment to other foreign countries.

The freedom of southern ports from ice, their adequate storage facilities pending loading on boardship, their nearness to Cuba and the large number of steamship lines operating to the island were pointed to as evidence that with railroads and the United States shipping board cooperating, the whiskey stocks could be moved before January 16, the time limit the internal revenue department has placed on export shipments.

Southern ports, it was declared, are from 600 to 800 miles nearer Cuba than any North Atlantic port, thus effecting a considerable saving in time which is regarded as a vital element.

Atlanta, Ga.—The report of government auditors shows that the average dollar given to the American Red Cross during the war was spent as follows: 30 cents for American soldiers in France, 30 cents for American soldiers in the U. S., 14 cents for camp service in the U. S., 6 cents in Italy and 20 cents elsewhere overseas.

Miss Vera Dorman spent the week-end in Raleigh, the guest of Miss Elizabeth Bowen of Peace Institute.

Miss Jimmie Faucette spent the week-end in Dunn the guest of Mrs. N. S. Green.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

(By Lenoir Chambers)

Chapel Hill, Dec. 17.—The fall quarter of the University of North Carolina will end December 20, and the Christmas holiday will begin that day. Examinations started Tuesday, December 16. They will last, therefore, only four days. This is much shorter than in former years, partly due to the change in the curriculum this year whereby the collegiate year was divided into three terms instead of two. The fall term was shorter than it had ever been before.

The great majority of the thirteen hundred students now on the campus are expected to leave for their homes immediately after completing their examinations. Many members of the faculty will leave also to attend scientific meetings, scholarly and educational associations, and other professional engagements, and Chapel Hill will be a quieter place than at any other time of the year.

January 5 is the date for the beginning of the new quarter. Many new students are expected to enter the University at that time. It is pointed out by University authorities that under the new quarter system, it is much easier and more convenient for students to begin work after Christmas than in former years. Many courses are repeated each quarter, and students entering at the beginning of the third quarter can adjust their courses so that by utilizing the fourth quarter of the year, which comes in the summer school, they can make up easily for not being able to enter the University at the beginning of the collegiate year.

More than 200 high schools have already joined the high school debating union for 1920, according to E. R. Rankin, secretary of the committee on arrangements. This is more than the total number of schools in the union last year. During the seven years in which the state-wide debates have been held the average number of schools participating has been 231, with the high water mark of 331 schools in 1917. Unsettled conditions cut into the list last year.

Restricted immigration will be the subject for 1920. A hundred page bulletin has been prepared by the University committee and will be distributed January 1 to all schools in the union. It will contain outlines and arguments on both sides of the query and references to sources from which further material can be obtained. The committee estimates that an average of 80,000 persons in the state has listened to the debates each year.

The triangular debates throughout the state will be held in March and the final contest at the University will be held in April, the exact date to be announced later.

BAPTISTS CONCERNED OVER HARNETT'S LOSS

Harnett county has 4,000 white people making no profession of religion. This is approximately half of the white population. Among the Baptists this fact has been discussed, prayed over and lamented for several months since the religious census of the respective churches for years have been concerned for the large numbers who fail to follow the Christ and especially those sections and neighborhoods where no church of any kind exists.

About a year ago a missionary was employed for half his time. His work, upon former foundations, the campaign of thought and consecration known as the Baptist 75 Million Campaign and the work of both pastors and laymen has awakened the spirit of evangelization among the denomination all over the county.

On Monday the executive board met in Coats. Instead of using one missionary minister half time it was unanimously decided to use two men devoting all their time to this work. At this meeting Rev. Sidney Edger-ton was called, he having served during the current year, and a second man will be called as soon as suitable person can be secured.

Members of this board expressed sincere appreciation of the fine spirit of cooperation shown throughout the brotherhood. The large contributions from the Little River Association shows the strength of their missionary zeal and benevolent intents.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

There will be a congregational meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church after preaching on the fourth Sunday morning of this month for the purpose of electing additional ruling elders and to consider the matter of regrouping the Lillington group of Presbyterian churches. It is hoped there will be a full attendance on that day. Rev. Letcher Smith, superintendent of home missions in Fayetteville presbytery, will preach on that day.

Mr. S. A. Boney has returned from Norfolk, where he spent some time on business.

"KITCHEN SHOWER" AT CHALYBEATE SPRINGS

On Saturday afternoon, December 13th, Mrs. D. H. Senter delightfully entertained at a kitchen shower in honor of her niece, Miss Annie Elizabeth Wells, whose wedding takes place on Wednesday evening, December 17th.

The guests were welcomed at the door by the hostess and were shown to the cloak room by Misses Cora Smith and Metta Matthews. Miss Annie Byrd of Lillington had charge of the bride's book where each guest registered. The guests were then shown to the parlor and after all had assembled, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, impressively rendered by Mrs. W. M. Pearson, the bride-elect entered on the arm of Miss Ada Overby of Angier, who is to be maid of honor at the approaching wedding. The bride-to-be was becomingly gowned in a beautiful blue satin and wore a corsage of pink roses and fern.

Then followed a five minute kitchen contest in which each guest was required to write a cooking recipe. Miss Cora Smith being the winner of the prize, a nice box of pink stationery, which she in turn presented to the bride-elect, who was also presented a nice silver pepper and salt shaker. While the judges were deciding, Miss Ada Overby sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by little Miss Reta Wells. Just then the doorbell rang and Master John Aaron Senter entered with an express wagon overloaded with cooking utensils which were presented to the bride-elect. After expressing her appreciation the guests were then shown to the dining room where an ice course was served. The table was beautifully decorated with candies and carnations—the color scheme being carried throughout. About 35 ladies enjoyed Mrs. Senter's hospitality and heaped congratulations upon the bride-to-be for having received so many useful gifts, and extended best wishes for her future happiness.

SANTA CLAUS GOES TO THE BALKANS

Atlanta, Dec. 17.—For the first time in five years, Santa Claus and his reindeer are setting out this Christmas to visit the children of Poland, Serbia, Rumania and other European countries, little folks who for the war denied Christmas presents for so long a time that they really don't believe in Santa any more.

And when he slips down their chimneys, what do you suppose will be in his pack? Toys made by Johnny and Jimmy and Mary and Sue, children of these American. The first installment of these American made toys have been sent overseas by the Junior Red Cross. More are to follow, for toys are as badly needed by the children of Europe as food is. Many of them haven't had so much as a rag doll in five years.

The Junior Red Cross is furnishing pamphlets to its members everywhere, showing just how to make dolls out of discarded chalk boxes of the school room, cigar boxes and other homely materials. These pamphlets can be had on application to division headquarters in Atlanta. Many southern school children are turning them on by the cart load, especially at this Christmas time, when they have so many nice things themselves and want to show their Christmas spirit by remembering the boys and girls whom Santa Claus forgot for a while.

MOSS BROTHERS BUY THE HARPES FARM

Mr. E. G. Moss of Oxford and Mr. J. R. Moss of Franklinton have bought the highly developed Harpes Farm in Western Harnett, on the Coast Line at Pineview. This is one of the most valuable farms in the county and the consideration was about \$200,000.

The Messers. Moss will engage in extensive tobacco culture, for which their property is well suited. The transfer was handled through the firm of Baggett & Johnson of Lillington.

MARSH-McCORMICK.

Mr. J. L. Marsh of Lillington and Miss Janie McCormick of Western Harnett, daughter of Mrs. R. S. McCormick, were married in Jonesboro Thursday afternoon by Rev. L. A. McLaurin. A reception was given for the bridal couple at Mrs. W. F. Hockaday's residence Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have gone to housekeeping in their new home which was recently purchased by Mr. Marsh and fitted up.

The happy couple have the sincere best wishes of the entire community.

Don't forget to include your subscription in your New Year resolutions, and send it in before it gets broken too.

Subscribe for the News before the price goes up.

WANNAMAKER SAYS 'HOLD'

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 17.—J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, announced today that a proposition made confidentially to him as president of the American Cotton Association, by a great financial syndicate of unquestioned reputation to have the members of the association pool their holdings of raw cotton for the purpose of raising, if possible, two million bales, same to be paid for by the syndicate at present market prices, the members of the association as pooling to be guaranteed against any loss in case of a decline and to be paid one-half of advance in price. Mr. Wannamaker says that the offer was declined, "because the association is opposed to any combine or even any apparent combine that would even seem in the slightest degree to indicate that they approved or wish to profit by profiteering or any apparent violation of the anti-trust laws. They will gladly abide by the law of supply and demand, holding their cotton until this law is submitted to operated."

"We refused this offer first, because prevailing prices are far below a just price basis upon supply and demand and the price of the manufactured product.

Second, because the holders can finance their own cotton and receive the great advanced price which is certain, due to the fact that we are facing a world famine in raw cotton. The market is already enormously overvalued.

Third, because the demand for American cotton will be at least 15 million bales and even should the government estimate of 11,000,000 bales, which every indication shows is 500,000 bales too high, should prove correct still there is a tremendous shortage.

"Under the existing conditions I urge the members of the association to hold their spot cotton. In addition to this, as October cotton on the New York contract is far below the cost of production, I urge the producers throughout the South to buy the amount of cotton they would make for October delivery, plant their lands in feed and food crops, which will prove far more profitable and a better business proposition. Both our experts and Professor J. A. Todd, the greatest English expert on cotton, show an enormous world shortage in the supply of raw cotton before the 1920 crop becomes available, regardless of the enforcement of the strictest economy. The absolute pressing world demand for cotton has been enormously increased as a result of the world war. In America alone 500,000 bales are consumed annually in fabrics needed in the manufacture of automobile tires. While exports show an increase of around 1,000,000 bales, information from strictly reliable sources shows that as soon as credits being arranged for Europe under the Edge bill become operative, exports will far exceed the highest figures which have been predicted, being limited only by supply.

"Based upon the above condition of supply and demand and based upon the enormous profits being made by cotton manufacturers, \$1 per pound basis middling could be paid by the manufacturers in many cases today and still leave them a handsome profit.

"Hold your spot cotton and you will reap a part of the fabulous wealth that is coming to every line of the cotton industry. You have something that the world needs, must have and should pay a fair price for."

NORFOLK-SOUTHERN R. R. RESUMES SCHEDULE

Announcement is made by the local agent of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad that train service on the original schedule will be resumed on Monday. This will give two trains each way per day instead of one at present.

Going south trains leave at 10:45 a. m. and 3:25 p. m.; going north at 9:15 a. m. and 4:04 p. m.

DEPUTIES MAKE BIG HAUL OF LIQUOR

Deputies Kyle Matthews, J. W. McArtan and Federal Officer N. A. Watson have captured this week four stills, two men, 25 gallons of whiskey, 4,000 gallons of beer and 70 barrels. One of the stills was said by the deputies to be the largest ever captured in this county.

CARRIES PRISONERS TO ATLANTA PEN

Deputy Kyle Matthews left yesterday morning for Atlanta in charge of 35 prisoners to the federal penitentiary. The prisoners are sentenced to various terms ranging from one to ten years. Mr. Matthews will return Sunday with his brother, Maylon, who is a student at the Southern Dental College.

WOMAN'S WORK HAS WIDENED

(New York World.)
A survey showing what the war has done for women in industry is to be one of the final contributions of the War Work Council of the Young Women's Christian Association to the women industrial workers. This survey embraces reports from nearly 15,000 firms employing approximately 2,500,000 persons, one-fifth of them women, and all engaged in what were described as industries essential to war, varying from soda fountain apparatus and chicken feed to the making of guns and munitions.

The results of the survey are five-fold. First, it aims to determine how far women served in the so-called war industries; secondly, it will show the relative efficiency of women in new occupations such as those into which they were called for the first time as a war emergency; third, it will make clear the extent to which women have gained a foothold in industries in which they were not represented formerly; fourth, the attitude of organized labor toward the admission of women to membership in unions controlling the occupations into which women were introduced as a war emergency will be disclosed. Fifth, it will show the extent of courses of training for women in industry and the direction to which such courses must be guided if such industries are to accord with the changes wrought by war.

The figures will also show how many men were displaced by each 100 women introduced into industry, and will give the number of women introduced into industry after each draft during the war.

In all, 29 groups of industries, each group made up of as many as 22 branches, were investigated in the compiling of this report.

APPROPRIATE FUND FOR HOME MISSIONS

In its initial meeting of the new year, the Board of Missions of the State Baptist Convention this week appropriated \$50,000 for home missions in about 250 places in North Carolina. The fund will provide salaries for 175 men.

At the meeting the board organized with the election of Dr. I. M. Mercer, Wilson, president; Rev. J. D. Moore, Raleigh, office manager, and J. D. Perry, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer. The board has a membership of 21.

As office manager, Rev. J. D. Moore will have supervision of the collection of all pledges in the recent campaign. Reports read at the board's meeting indicated that the North Carolina Baptists have already subscribed to more than seven and a half million dollars with the prospects of the state fund reaching the eight million mark.

Atlanta, Ga.—"Movies" were attended by more than 3,000,000 convalescent soldiers in France during the war, through the arrangement of the Red Cross.

The Harnett County News has helped out on the paper shortage by publishing only four pages for the past several months. Now it expects to use its full share.

Make it a sober Christmas. Santa Claus has joined the revengers.

The crops made in Harnett county this year have attracted the attention of outsiders, and the land in this vicinity has thereby increased its circle of admirers.

Miss Frances Brooks spent Monday in Dunn.

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