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OPENING PRICES DISAPPOINTING

AVERAGES RANGE FROM 10 TO 12 CENTS

Large Crowds Attend Openings—Big Quantities of Tobacco Offered—Quality Generally Conceded Better Than Last Year

Disappointing prices marked the opening of the New Bright Belt tobacco market Tuesday. Most markets reported higher opening volume than last season, but few claimed satisfaction of the mass of growers with the prices paid them. Considerable tag turning was in evidence. Blocked sales were reported. In the absence of official figures, supervisors and observers at the various markets estimated that the belt average price ranged between 10 and 12 cents. Much low quality tobacco was offered, bringing better prices than on last season's opening. Better grades opened off, but showed a tendency to firm as the sales progressed.

Adverse weather reduced offerings on a number of markets, which are looking for heavier than ordinary second-day sales. Large crowds milled about the market, demonstrating keen interest in prices. No disorders were reported.

Short of Hopes

First day's prices fell far short of realizing hopes of growers for a fair return in comparison to rising prices for other commodities under the Federal recovery program.

There were outspoken demands for 20 cents.

Attention also turned to meetings of farm agents in the 57 counties growing flue-cured tobacco. The meetings are being held this week for the selection of delegates to attend the State-wide tobacco meeting at State College here on September 6.

Dean I. O. Schaub of State College in announcing the meeting, said that it was also planned to form county tobacco associations which would later be amalgamated into a State Federation, which, if necessary, could immediately launch an acreage reduction campaign.

Large Offerings

Greenville, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Kinston, Farmville, Goldsboro, Wendell and Smithfield all reported heavy openings, with combined offerings at the two biggest markets, Greenville and Wilson, aggregating around five million pounds.

Washington reported opening breaks of 200,000 pounds, Tarboro 125,000 pounds, New Bern 175,000, Williamston 225,000, Wallace 145,000, Robersonville 200,000.

Prices on these markets were estimated at an average of between 10 and 12 cents, with low grades strongest.

Wendell, Aug. 29.—Opening day's sales here were estimated at 225,000 pounds at an average of approximately \$12. W. C. Nowell, sales supervisor said that prices were about what he expected, and that he heard "about as little complaint as he ever heard on opening day." He characterized the crop as 50 per cent better than last year's. Last year Wendell sold 52,516 pounds on opening day at an average of \$10.72.

Greenville, Aug. 29.—Greenville experienced one of the largest openings in the history of the market this morning when approximately two million pounds were offered for sale. Offerings consisted largely of first primings and common tips. The average price was between 11 and 12 cents. On account of the recent storm tobacco offered for sale was in a high order. Few tags were turned. Average showed strength as sales advanced this afternoon.

Rocky Mount, Aug. 29.—Unofficial estimates placed the opening average here at between \$11 and \$11.50 a hundred, with the quality of tobacco offered good. Offerings ran largely to tips, sand lugs and first primings.

Reactions of farmers, generally speaking, were passive. Few tickets were turned and there was no more than a normal amount of dissatisfaction expressed with prices. Some farmers, selling poorer quality tobacco, received

ENTER TAX SUIT

To Test Constitutionality Of The Law Rebating Delinquent Tax Payers and Penalties

Mr. J. L. Skinner, member of the Board of County Commissioners of Warren County, and Secretary-Treasurer of the State Association of County Commissioners, and Mr. J. E. Bauzel, County Attorney of Warren County, visited Louisburg Friday, where Mr. Bauzel and Mr. Chas. F. Green, County Attorney for Franklin County drew up the complaint and other necessary papers in the case that the State Association of County Commissioners are sponsoring to test the Constitutionality of the law passed by the last General Assembly allowing rebates to delinquent tax payers and to remit penalties. This case had to be brought through a member County and as Franklin County has an early hearing before the Supreme Court and the County through its officers was willing to cooperate in the movement Franklin was selected from which to enter the suit. Mr. Skinner in speaking of the effect of the results if the suit is won by the Commissioners will be a reduction of 8 cents in Rowan and 5 cents in Franklin aside from this saving, he said, his organization considered it a measure of justice to the taxpayers who had paid their taxes in full amount.

It is expected the case will be heard by agreement before Judge Harris on Monday of next week after which it will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Franklin Superior Court

The regular August term of Franklin Superior Court convened in the Court room in Louisburg Monday morning for the trial of Civil Cases with Hon. W. C. Harris, Judge Presiding. Monday's docket was mostly composed of divorce cases and aside from those directly interested in the cases called no great numbers are in attendance. Judge Harris is very popular in Franklin County and his many friends are glad to greet him in our midst.

Holds Service At Spring Hope

Supt. E. L. Best visited Spring Hope last Sunday morning and conducted religious services at the Baptist Church there at 11 o'clock that morning. Mr. Best spoke from the subject "Service," and his presentation of this splendid subject was masterly handled showing a deep study and appreciation of his theme and was enjoyed by a large number.

Executioner's Axe Busy In Germany

Berlin, Aug. 26.—Five persons in various parts of Germany were decapitated at dawn today, making a total of 31 executions by the guillotine or the headman's axe under the Hitler government.

At Gorgau a widow, Emma Thieme, who had secured two men to kill her own son, was beheaded along with the two men. The executioner, in accordance with German custom, was clad in evening clothes and top hat. He cut off each head with one blow of his axe in the presence of a dozen witnesses.

In Butsack, Essen, and Schwelinitz, Silesia, two persons were put to death, one for a political and the other for an ordinary criminal murder.

sharp increases in prices over last season. The market started with tobacco that brought two and three cents last season selling for from five to seven cents.

Wilson, Aug. 29.—Wilson had the biggest opening break in its history today, close to three million pounds going on sale. Sales were blocked until half the offerings had been sold. Official figures were unavailable, but it was estimated that the average prices was around 11 cents. Growers generally expressed disappointment—some verbally, others by turning tags. More than 10,000 people thronged the city for the opening. Common grades, in good demand, brought better prices than last year. Better grades as a rule were lower.

TO OPERATE 3 WAREHOUSES

SOUTHSIDE, UNION AND PLANTERS TO RUN

Full Corps Buyers Representing All Leading Accounts To Be At The Opening; All Houses Being Put in Tip Top Shape; Warehousemen Bending Every Effort For Big Season

All three of Louisburg commodious and well equipped warehouses will be operated for the sale of leaf tobacco the coming season, at its opening on Tuesday, September 19th, according to information just released by the warehousemen.

The Southside will be run this year by Messrs. Sam Meadows and Grover Harris, the same old, well tried and abundantly experienced warehousemen that ran this house last year and that have been identified with the market for thirty years or more.

The Union will be operated by Messrs. Ricks Pearce, Eler Williamson and James Murphy. The first two named were identified with the operation of this house last year, and are gentlemen well known to the tobacco growers of this section. They have a wide experience in both the raising and selling of tobacco. Mr. Murphy is new to the warehouse interests in Louisburg, and is well experienced in tobacco, capable and popular. This firm has secured the services of Mr. G. M. Perry, who will have charge of the sales.

The Planters Warehouse will be put back in operation this year with Mr. C. W. Lea, Sr., Bill Alford and Charlie Ford at its head. This is an entirely new line-up for warehouses in Louisburg. However Mr. Lea, is an experienced tobacco buyer and warehouseman, former bought and operated a warehouse on the Rocky Mount market. Mr. Alford has been connected with the warehouse business as bookkeeper for a long number of years and is well known to tobacco growers in this section. Mr. Ford is a Louisburg boy, fully capable, and is entering the warehouse business. He is a son of the late Ned Ford, Sr., and enjoys a large share of his father's wide popularity among the farmers.

Each of these houses are lining up full corps of assistants that will make their houses equal to any in North Carolina and it is thoroughly expected to handle more tobacco on the Louisburg market this year than ever before.

A full corps of buyers representing all the leading accounts has been assured the warehousemen and everything is being done to make the Louisburg market a bigger success than ever this year.

Make your arrangements to begin and finish at Louisburg this year. It will help build up your market, your county and yourself.

To Parents Of Mills High School

We wish to thank those who have contributed vegetables to be canned for the underprivileged children and are also asking for more contributions for this week. Please send any contributions to Mrs. S. J. Edens or my home Monday afternoon or to the lunch room Tuesday morning. We also will appreciate any volunteer help in preparing these vegetables Tuesday morning.

MRS. T. C. ALSTON,
Lunch Room Comm.

Receive Awards

The Louisburg Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary was presented several notable awards and citations at the State Convention held last week-end at Wrightsville Beach, says Mrs. H. W. Perry, past State President who attended the convention as delegate-at-large. These awards and citations were: 9th District Cup for the increase in percentage of membership, \$5 in gold for first unit in 9th District to meet the membership quota, national citation, department citation for meeting all obligations. The Louisburg Chapter was represented by Mrs. T. K. Stockard and Mrs. J. E. Malone, Jr., who was elected president of the chapter at the last meeting.

WILL LEAD FRANKLIN OUT

Mr. G. M. Beam Gives Interesting Figures Showing That F. R. A. Movement If Carried Out Will Be Great Help to County

Mr. G. M. Beam, former Judge of Franklin Recorder's Court and former County Attorney endorses the Franklin County Recovery Activity movement launched in last week's Franklin Times. In giving his endorsement he gives some figures that should convince anyone of the soundness of the movement if it is entered into in full cooperative spirit by both buyer and seller. Mr. Beam writes:

"It was with a great deal of interest that I read your article in last week's Franklin Times regarding the Franklin County Activities Movement. In my humble opinion you have pointed out a way that, if followed, will lead Franklin County out of many, if not all, of its financial troubles. Somehow, I can't help but believe that when the good citizens of Franklin County have had time to think over what this movement really means to each of them, they will unhesitatingly fall in line, sign the pledge and have their names appear along with the others who are willing to buy and sell in Franklin County, in order that the benefits from our sales and purchases may remain at home; and thereby build up Franklin County business of every kind and description.

"Just for my own information, I have made some little investigation regarding the handling of the two major crops grown in Franklin County during the year 1929; and I find from the May 1930 issue of The Farm Forecaster, Raleigh, N. C., that Franklin County ginned 12,966 bales of cotton for the year 1929. By estimate 1,236 bales were grown in Franklin County but ginned outside the County. There was no estimate of the number of bales of this cotton which was sold in Franklin County, but if every one of these bales had been sold in our county and the cotton buyers had made as much as \$1 per bale, there would have been left in this county to help its business the nice sum of \$1,236,000, besides what would have gone to the cotton weighers and other Franklin County men who would have handled the cotton.

"The data on the tobacco crop was more complete. I found that for the year 1929, Franklin County grew 10,690,556 pounds of tobacco more than was sold in the county. If this tobacco had been sold in our county that year, it would have brought 18c per pound and would have amounted to \$1,924,300. On this amount, our warehousemen would have received commissions amounting to \$47,107.55 and about \$20,000 for pile charges. No less than 10,000 would have come to our markets with this tobacco and would have spent as much as \$2 per person for food, drinks and gasoline which was consumed before returning home—making a total of \$20,000 that was spent by the persons carrying the tobacco to the market. Thus, we see that a grand total of \$87,107.55 was that year carried out of our county by its tobacco growers, which never has nor never will return in any form to our county but remained where the tobacco was sold to help make better business in those counties.

On the other hand, had this tobacco been sold in Franklin County, this sum of \$87,107.55 would have remained in Franklin County as a permanent fixture to give more employment to Franklin County people, put more goods in our merchants' stores, put our warehousemen in better position to help the tobacco growers and put more personal property on our tax books to reduce the taxes upon our lands.

"This investigation has certainly convinced me that by cooperation, we can materially help each other; and I am signing my F. R. A. pledge and am returning same herewith to you.

Joseph J. Davis Chapter to Meet

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. J. W. Mann Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 5, at four o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

MRS. J. W. MANN, Sec'y.

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FEDERATION MEETING

Miss Pauline Smith, of the Extension Department of Raleigh, gave to the women of the Franklin County Federation of Women's Club held Saturday, August 26th, at the Courthouse, a very interesting and instructive talk on "Landscape Architecture as applied to the Home Yards." Memories that stay with one from childhood about home are from the childhood surroundings, says Miss Smith, "so be very careful of the surroundings of your home." Improvements in our homes mean improvements in citizenship. We, too, are judged by the upkeep of our homes as to our standing in the Community in which we live. Let's strive to be clean and orderly about our homes and therefore be an asset in our community. We need not be rich to obtain the above, the poorest of homes can do this. Think of your home as a picture, for every passerby sees it as such, whether it be homely or beautiful. Plan it in your mind before you make changes and when proportion and simplicity and symmetry take their places in your pictured home then use as many native plants as is possible in carrying out your plans. No set of rules can be made whereby one can know how to plant or arrange his yard, yet we must have a service area in our yards, it can be neat and orderly and cut off from the public area by tall graceful trees. Make your plants and trees harmonize in size and color with the other surroundings. Let these trees and shrubs be the frame for your house. In speaking of the green lawn, she says, have a green lawn unbroken by plots of flowers. Make your home a beautiful picture and let it be simple.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. T. C. Gill, after which the audience sang "America." The minutes of the last Federation were read and the roll was called. A committee was asked to draw up a set of resolutions for the club to be read before the Board of County Commissioners. This committee was Mrs. G. L. Winchester, Mrs. W. R. Young, Mrs. T. H. Dickens and Mrs. M. S. Clifton. Election of Officers was postponed until the November meeting as a majority of members was not present and no member of the nominating committee was present. Mrs. Peter Dean and Mrs. W. O. Reed were appointed as the nominating committee for November meeting. An equipment committee was appointed to look after some material that previously had belonged to the Federation. This committee contained Mrs. W. H. Tharrington and Mrs. Peter Dean.

After the business and the interesting talk by Miss Smith, lunch was spread on tables and everyone enjoyed this to the fullest.

Take Holiday Monday

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., will observe Labor Day by taking holiday Monday. This institution will be closed all day.

The Postoffice at Louisburg together with all carriers will observe Labor Day Monday by taking holiday. The Postoffice delivery window will be open from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. for the convenience of those wishing stamps.

Commits Suicide

Nick Williams, colored, living near Hickory Rock church, committed suicide early Tuesday morning by shooting a hole through the top of his head with a shot gun. Coroner J. W. Freeman visited the scene and found his death to be a plain case of suicide and therefore held no inquest. Coroner Freeman told the Times reporter that Nick placed the muzzle of the gun to his forehead and pressed the trigger with a forked stick he had provided. Nick was about 34 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Williams left his home early Tuesday and had been missing since until a number of people led by Eugene Stallings made a search for him yesterday morning finding his body about a quarter of a mile in front of his home in the woods.

Excellent yields of wheat and rye are reported by farmers of Avery County who have recently completed their threshing.

50 LIVES LOST

Property Damage in Tropical Hurricane Estimated at \$15,000,000—One Craft Missing

A week of death and destruction caused by a wandering tropical hurricane and a driving northeaster was over today and the sun shone again on an Atlantic seaboard littered with debris and soaked by floods.

The death total stood at 50 and estimates of property damage ran as high as \$15,000,000.

Only one craft still was reported missing—a 23-foot sloop bound from Manassquan, N. J., to Nantucket, Mass., with three persons aboard had not been heard from since it set sail on Sunday.

The task of rebuilding went along rapidly at ravaged resorts from New York to North Carolina. Floods were the greatest handicap, but in many places these were reported subsiding. The hurricane had about blown itself out over the middle St. Lawrence valley.

Crop Production Lien Cotton

Field Representative Harry P. Stevens, has received the following letter of instructions concerning the handling of cotton upon which the government has a crop production lien setting forth the policy of the department in dealing with its borrowers.

"The seed may be retained by the borrower. Purchasers may also pay direct to borrower 1/4c per pound for lint cotton purchased, and not to exceed 40c per hundred for seed cotton purchased.

"If they desire to do so, borrowers may place cotton they actually produce in storage. Cotton may be stored either in a warehouse Federally licensed and bonded or with the Cooperatives. "However, storing by borrowers is discouraged. Borrowers should be reminded that it is the policy of the Farm Credit Administration to see that the 1933 cotton crop, upon which it has liens, is sold as rapidly as may be consistent with orderly marketing and that the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration is vested with power contained in the 1933 application blanks signed by borrowers to sell, at any time after October 31, 1933, all crop production loan cotton accepted as collateral.

"The value placed on stored cotton will be the actual cash market value prevailing in the territory the day the cotton is accepted and stored. In order to fully collateralize a loan, it will be necessary to store sufficient cotton, at the prevailing price to cover the amount of the loan and also the storage and insurance charges for six months, as well as the reserve, overhead and transportation charges, and membership dues if stored with cooperatives.

"All cotton stored must be sold or the price fixed on or before April 1, 1934. The borrower may sell or accept a fixed price any time prior to April 1, 1934, otherwise the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration may sell in accordance with authority given by the borrower in his 1933 application.

"Employees and representatives of the Farm Credit Administration must not attempt to advise or discuss with borrowers the possible future price of cotton. The question of selling or storing is a question for the borrower to decide himself."

Government Has Money For Goodloe Heirs

Register of Deeds George W. Ford received a letter from the U. S. government the past week seeking information about Daniel R. Goodloe or his heirs, stating to the effect that in 1862 he held a position with the government as Marshal or Commissioner and that the government was holding a considerable sum of money due him.

Mr. Goodloe lived in Louisburg for a while in 1900 later going to Raleigh and some time soon after died. He was a brother to Miss Camilla Goodloe, who lived in Louisburg for a long number of years, during about twenty-five or thirty years ago. The Times understands Mr. Goodloe had another sister that lived in Raleigh and survived him several years. It is understood he was a resident of Warren County. He has many distant relatives in this section, but to date the Times is not in possession of the names of those related to him.

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FRANKLIN TOBACCO GROWERS

TO MEET IN LOUISBURG SATURDAY

State's Tobacco Growers Plan Business Meeting In Raleigh On September 6th

A meeting of all tobacco growers in Franklin County has been called for Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock to be held in the Court House at Louisburg, according to announcement of A. F. Johnson, Chairman, for the purpose of electing three delegates to the State meeting. All growers are urged to attend.

Farm agents in 57 counties growing flue-cured tobacco are holding organization meetings this week, looking to the selection of three delegates each to attend the state-wide business meeting of tobacco growers to be held at State College on Wednesday, September 6, Dean I. O. Schaub, has announced.

Mr. Schaub, last week, asked the farm agents to hold these county meetings not later than Saturday, September 2, at which time the growers will set up temporary associations and will elect three grower-representatives. At the same time, the county meetings are asked to prepare suitable resolutions and programs which the growers may desire to have presented to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. At the state meeting on September 6, the county delegates will prepare resolutions for the whole flue-cured area and these together with those from the individual counties will be sent to Washington.

Mr. Schaub has asked that only tobacco growers be selected as delegates to represent the various counties at the state meeting. It is desired, he said, that the state meeting shall be a serious business gathering and not the usual "hot air" mass meeting which in the past has resulted in nothing being accomplished.

It is also desired that the meetings in the 57 counties shall result in the formation of county tobacco associations which will later amalgamate into a state federation if necessary and can be necessary to store sufficient cotton, at the prevailing price to cover the amount of the loan and also the storage and insurance charges for six months, as well as the reserve, overhead and transportation charges, and membership dues if stored with cooperatives.

Under such a plan, growers will be given allotments on which they will be paid an increase over the market price in return for contracts for a reduction in acreage to meet market demands. The allotment for the whole flue-cured area will be that amount of the weed consumed in this country and will be divided into states, counties and individual farms. As in the case of wheat, administration of the allotment plan will be under the supervision of county control associations.

Nothing definite has been said at Washington that this is the plan to be followed but indications are that it is. The tobacco program is more complicated than the wheat due to the various grades of the weed grown in the different sections, Mr. Schaub said.

Moves To Wake Forest

Mr. E. W. Furgurson moved his family to Wake Forest the past week, where he will make his future home. Mr. Furgurson has been a resident of Louisburg for a long number of years and for the past period of years held a responsible position with L. P. Hicks.

In his leaving, Louisburg loses one of its staunchest and most loyal citizens and his many friends wish for him and his good wife, the greatest success possible in their new home.

Funny world! Farmers deposit money in rural banks, which send it to New York bankers, who lend it to speculators to ruin farmers.