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LOUISBURG READY FOR TOBACCO OPENING

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All Three Warehouses To Run

Full Corps of Buyers Assured; Prices on Other Markets Encouraging; Improvements Made For Better Selling; James Speed To Be Supervisor of Sales; Merchants and Business Men Cooperating To Make Louisville More Popular as a Buying and Selling Market

It won't be long now. And Louisville is making ready for the beginning of one of the biggest and most satisfactory tobacco seasons in its history, which will formally open on Monday, September 18th, 1944 when all tobacco growers in this section will be headed straight for Louisville to see the big sales and the big changes since last season. This is only natural because the farmers have worked long and hard to save one of the largest tobacco crops ever raised in this county, and with a great deal less labor than ever before, and also worried with the gasoline shortage. They have done a wonderful job. Almost everyone are loud in their expressions of surprise at the small loss due to the labor shortage and seasonal conditions. Yet the crop has been saved to rebuild the needed stocks that have been so badly depleted. The farmers have done their part. It is now up to the tobacco companies and the government to complete the job with full demand and good prices.

It is encouraging to note that opening sales and those that followed on the markets that are now open are making big averages and the demand is strong with the growers well pleased. Louisville is delighted that it will have its old corps of buyers, which represents all accounts. They have demonstrated their ability to judge the grades and willingness to pay their limit. Let's hope, and we feel sure it will, that all grades will reach the full limit throughout the season.

Each one of the three big commodious and well lighted warehouses will be run this year. Many improvements have been made to make selling easier, quicker and more satisfactory. The Planters will be run this season by Bryant and Sterling Cottrell and Mrs. Arch Wilson. Arch Wilson is now in the Armed Services of the United States and Mrs. Wilson is "pinch hitting" for him. They will be assisted by Eddie Nelms, who will run the sales and A. B. Perry.

The Union will be operated again by the markets "Old War Horse" Grover Harris and Numa Freeman. Their ability as warehousemen are well known to the growers of this section. They will be assisted by S. D. Harris, Floor Manager, C. E. Timberlake, and Mrs. Grace Allen as pay off clerk.

soldiers to have all they need first then we will take our next. Get your tobacco ready and bring it on to Louisville. But in doing this don't crowd the sales too much, the selling season will probably last longer this year.

Stolen Coupons Show High Value

Ration Tickets in Wilson Case Worth More Than Announced Originally

A final tabulation and check on the stolen fuel oil coupons found in a handbag at the Wilson railroad station last Friday night revealed a large increase in gallonage. W. Hance Hofter, acting Raleigh district OPA director, said Tuesday night.

First reports listed coupons amounting to 70,810 gallons of fuel oil. However, following a check Tuesday in the office of the U. S. marshal in Raleigh, Albert A. Corbett, chief OPA investigator, reported to OPA that coupons amounting to 184,000 gallons were found, or 113,190 gallons more than first reported.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE OPENS SEPT. 19TH

Owing to the increased number of cases of polio in Eastern Carolina, the college physician and the Franklin County Board of Health recommend and Dr. Walter Patten announces that the opening date of Louisville College is deferred one week from September 12 to September 19.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. H. G. Cobey, rector announces services for Sunday as follows: Church School 9:45 a. m., Holy Communion and Sermon at 10 o'clock, a. m. Subject of sermon "The Sacrament of refreshment." All are invited.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisville Theatre, beginning Saturday, Sept. 2nd: Saturday—Bob Livingston and Smiley Burnette in "Laramie Trail" and Johnny Downs and Leon Errol in "Twilight On The Prairie," also Chap. 3 "Haunted Harbor." Sunday—Ann Sheridan, John Garfield, Claude Rains and Jean End Kids in "They Made Me A Criminal." Monday—Tuesday—Dennis O'Keefe, Mincha Auer and Marjorie Reynolds in "Up In Mabel's Room." Wednesday—Joe E. Brown and Carol Hughes in "Polo Joe." Also "Flying Cadets" serial. Thursday—Friday—Don Ameche, Dana Andrews and William Blythe in "Wing And A Prayer."

W. B. BARROW PASSES

Death Result of Heart Attack This Wednesday, Funeral At Home; Was Prominent Business Man and Citizen



MR. W. B. BARROW, SR.

The untimely passing of Mr. William B. Barrow at the Home Furniture Store where he had gone to write some letters, Wednesday afternoon was a great shock to his many friends in Louisville and throughout the State. Mr. Barrow was 53 years of age and his death was caused by a heart attack, sometime between 3:30 and 5:30 o'clock. He was found in his demise by Messrs. Faulk and Ragland, who went into the store to put away tools they had been using. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mamie Jones Barrow, his mother, Mrs. J. J. Barrow, two sons, Ensign William B. Barrow, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, and Joe Barrow, of the Marion Institute, Marion, Ala., and two sisters, Mrs. Norman Chambliss, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Dick McGill, of Raleigh.

The funeral services will be held from the home on North Main Street today (Friday) at 4:00 o'clock p. m., and will be conducted by Revs. Forrest D. Hedden and A. Paul Bagby, and interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery. The pall bearers will be Messrs. and Mrs. W. B. Joyner, W. B. Tucker, F. H. Allen, Dr. J. B. Wheeler, R. A. Bobbitt, P. W. Elam. All Masons attending will be honorary pall bearers.

The deceased will receive Masonic honors at the graveside at which time the service will be in charge of Louisville Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Barrow was one of Louisville's most respected and leading citizens. He was a member of Louisville Masonic Lodge No. 413 A. F. & A. M., of the Eastern Star Chapter at Epsom, of the Scottish Rite Consistory at New Bern, the order representing the 32nd Degree of Masonry, and of the Sudan Temple of Shriners, of New Bern. He has served his home lodge in most all capacities including Past Master and at the time of his death was Master. He was a member of the Louisville Methodist Church and was a member of the Board of Town Commissioners, which position he has held several terms.

Mr. Barrow was not only actively interested in the business life of Louisville, but was enthusiastically interested in all civic matters, giving much of his time and means to the development of local civic and public improvements. He gave much time and effort to all war efforts upon which he was called.

Through his genial disposition and desire to render assistance he enjoyed a wide friendship among his fellowmen to whom his untimely passing will bring much sorrow and regret.

The WFA has increased from 482 million pounds to 578 million, the allocation of flue-cured tobacco to manufacturers and dealers for domestic use.

FIRST BALE COTTON

Mr. S. G. Kearney, prominent Franklin County farmer, ginned the first bale of cotton in Franklin County for the 1944 season. The first bale, weighing 480 pounds was ginned August 26th by Pier Williamson at the Farmers Gin Co. in Franklinton and was bought by D. C. Hicks.

Patton's Troops Nearing Belgium

Troops Now In and Near Fighting Ground of World War I

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Wednesday, Aug. 30.—Exploding its tank power in 35-mile advances across the war-torn fields of Champagne, the United States Third Army Tuesday captured storied Soissons, drove within 50 miles of the Belgian frontier and sent a flying column within 40 miles of the Verdun fortress guarding Germany's Moselle Valley.

The drive for Belgium and the Sedan Gap was throwing a solid block across the escape routes of the battered German armies of the west as they reeled in tumultuous, bomb-scoured retreat under the blows of the Yanks and of Anglo-Canadian troops pouring across four huge bridgeheads along the Lower Seine.

Driving more than 20 miles northeast of the Seine, British troops tore loose the Germans' left flank just as the Yanks dislodged the same wing a month ago, the front having made a 180-degree turn-about due to the sweeping American drives around Paris to the east.

Nearing Reims Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's whirlwind armor sent patrols into the outskirts of the fortress and cathedral city of Reims, and drove within 25 miles of the historic Argonne Forest where 28 years ago American forces helped deal the death blow to the Kaiser's armies.

Its string of one-day conquests included such battle-scarred places as Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood, Chalons-sur-Marne and Vitry-Le-Francois, all situated in the Marne Valley, which is regarded as one of the classic defense lines in history, but which the harried Germans had not even tried to hold with rearguards.

From Chalons, the Yanks smashed six miles southeastward to Marson and four miles eastward to L'Epine, reaching within 40 miles of Verdun, where Marshal Henry, Philippe Petain vowed in the First World War that "They shall not pass." Beyond Verdun, Germany is only 50 miles away by way of the Moselle Valley.

Still another American column battled into the outskirts of Epernay, 22 miles east of Chateau-Thierry, where a German garrison was reported making a stand, and another far southward on Patton's right flank moved 15 miles from Troyes to Piney.

Patton's troops were advancing on a 100-mile front east of Paris, across the lands won by their fathers at such a high cost 26 years ago. Shorn of nearly a half million men since D-Day, the German command appeared powerless to oppose them, or the British and Canadians to the west.

PRICES PUSH \$43.50 AVERAGE

ON OPENING OF EASTERN BELT MONDAY

All Grades In Strong Demand, Buying Strong; Offering Extra Light Because of Lateness of Crop And Shortness of Help

(News-Observer) Tobacco growers, busy at their barns and in their cotton fields, stayed away from Eastern North Carolina's New Bright Belt markets in droves Monday as the belt opened its 1944 auction season with sales far below normal but with higher-than-usual average prices being paid.

Common grades of tobacco were in their glory as buyers bid them in at fancy figures which would have caused farmers to whistle in amazement a few years ago.

Near Ceiling When the day's sales ended in early afternoon, the overall average for the belt's 14 markets stood at about \$43, a half dollar under OPA's ceiling price of \$43.50 per hundredweight.

And those farmers who could spare the time to sell their tobacco Monday plainly were pleased by the prices they received.

Some of the tobacco which sold for \$16 to \$35 per 100 pounds would have brought only two or three cents a pound several years ago. And warehousemen, in some cases, would have advised the farmer to take it home and use it as fertilizer.

But Monday the lower grades sold high. Better grades uniformly sold at \$40 to \$47 as buyers tried to keep their average payout near the OPA limit. A number of baskets sold for \$50 to \$52 per hundredweight, but these were bid in by warehousemen. Company buyers were toward the OPA line.

Leaf grades sold around \$43-\$45. WFA's compilation showed, while cutters brought \$46 and \$47. Lugs ranged from \$41 to \$45, nondescript from \$24 to \$35, and primings sold at \$41 and \$42.

Wilson sold 399,306 pounds for \$167,810.63, an average of \$42.03 per hundredweight. Quality was fair, with lugs predominating and the price ranged from \$17 to \$47. The average was nearly \$3 above last year's opening-day average of \$39.38, figured on 1,287,442 pounds of tobacco which sold for a total of \$506,928.34. These figures were compiled by Sales Supervisor N. G. Blackman.

Kinston's average was \$42.29, reported Sales Supervisor R. S. Witherington, who said his market sold 428,604 pounds for a total of \$181,268.85. Several warehouses averaged over the \$43.50 ceiling, and the average for the market as a whole exceeded last year's opening day average by nearly \$4. Offerings consisted principally of fair to common lugs and tips, with a large amount of nondescript on the floors.

Growers who sold on the Rocky Mount market received \$258,605.04 for 598,392 pounds, an average of \$43.22. There was much common and medium tobacco on sale. Rocky Mount ended the day's auction at 3:30 o'clock, with all floors cleared for sales this morning. General prices ranged from \$25 to \$47 per hundredweight.

WOUNDED IN FRANCE WAR NEWS



CPL. WILBUR W. MOORE

Sheriff and Mrs. John P. Moore received information Saturday from the War Department, stating that their son, Corporal Wilbur W. Moore was wounded in action while on duty in France on August 10th. Cpl. Moore is now in a hospital in England.

low grades sold high. Tarboro, where high baskets sold for 52 cents per pound, sold 146,956 pounds for \$63,085.53, an average of \$42.92, reported Sales Supervisor H. J. Johnson, who said it was the "most successful" opening day in the history of the market. The low basket there sold for 15 cents per pound, Johnson said.

Williamston, holding its smallest opening in 20 years, sold 117,724 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$42.91, an average price 40 cents above the average on last season's opening day. Quality of the leaf was unusually poor, but prices of inferior grades were up. Prices ranged from \$16 to \$47.

Sales Supervisor C. W. Hughes reported the Aoshkole market sold 142,490 pounds for \$64,192.05, an average of \$45.05. Quality was good, and the bulk of the sales averaged from \$40 to \$48. A few piles brought \$50. All floors were cleared by noon.

Smithfield sold 430,244 pounds for \$185,193.46, an average of \$43.03, it was reported by Sales Supervisor G. Willie Lee. Prices ranged from 25 to 48 cents per pound, with all grades in strong demand. Floors were cleared.

Sales were completed before noon at Greenville, where Sales Supervisor R. C. Rankin said official figures would be released through WFA.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows: Slick Edwards tendered a plea of simple assault which was accepted by the State, defendant was discharged upon saving the County harmless.

George Jones entered a plea of simple assault and was accepted upon recommendation of Solicitor to be discharged upon saving the County harmless.

Elbert Williams, a nolle prosequi as to run and reckless driving, plead guilty to speeding, to be discharged on payment of \$5 and costs.

Geraldine Smith, alias Gertrude Black, pleads guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, no operator's license, given 60 days in jail, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs, and not to drive a car for 12 months period beginning May 9, 1945.

Paulie Richardson was found guilty of larceny, and given 30 days in jail to begin at expiration of sentence of Aug. 22, with permission to serve sentence at County Home.

The following cases were continued: Early Stone, assault with deadly weapon, with intent to kill. H. J. Patterson, assault on a female, assault with deadly weapon.

London, Aug. 29.—The Hungarian government of pro-Nazi Doeme Sztójay fell today amid Allied and Axis reports that Nazi troops were withdrawing from Bulgaria to bolster the Hungarian frontier defenses against the approaching Red Army.

The Hungarian regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, accepted the resignation of Sztójay's government and appointed Col. Gen. Vitex Geza Lakatos as new premier, according to the German news agency Transocean.

At the same time, the Germans occupied Slovakia, pouring troops into that puppet country because of recent paratrooper and guerrilla activity there.

The occupation of Nazi-created Slovakia was disclosed in a broadcast of Gen. Ferdinand Catslos, commander-in-chief of Slovakia's armed forces, over the Bratislava radio. The nation had been under martial law since August 12.

Catalos appealed to the people to receive the Germans as allies and obey "only government orders."

Paris, Aug. 29.—Past the Arc de Triomphe and down through the avenues where their fathers had walked a generation ago, the men of a great American infantry division marched today.

This was Paris' first real commemoration of her new freedom. There were cheers and laughter, but it was a solemn moment when Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley and Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig laid a wreath on the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier of World War I.

Hundreds of thousands of persons stood along the line of march along the Champs Elysees, the Place Vendome, at the Obelisk, Place de la Concorde, in the Rue de Divoli and all through these beloved avenues.

At the Obelisk, Bradley, Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc reviewed the great parade.

Lublin, Poland, Aug. 27.—(Delayed)—Four German prisoners of war stood with a bored air in front of a Russian-Polish atrocities commission here tonight and told their stories of Majdanek, perhaps the greatest horror in Nazi Europe.

In curt phrases, they asserted that men, women and children of 22 nationalities had been gassed, hanged, shot, burned, drugged or starved to death in the three years of the operation of the Majdanek barbed-wire-enclosed camp in a rolling meadowland at the edge of Lublin. Russians and Poles have estimated that it received more than a half million persons doomed to extermination.

Majdanek is a ghastly fantasy. It was established for murder on a vast, but methodical scale. Until a group of American and British correspondents visited it today—with its six concrete vaults for execution by cyanide or carbon monoxide gas, its open air crematorium surrounded with skeletons, its mounds of human ashes mixed with manure for fertilizing cabbage patches and its overflow burial ground in a pine woods carpeted with decaying bodies—most of these newspapermen could not even begin to imagine the proportions of its frightfulness.

TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY

The Banks in Louisville, Franklinton and Henderson will observe Labor Day by remaining closed on Monday, September 4th.

This holiday closing should be kept in mind by those having business with these institutions.

In Moscow

Moscow, Aug. 30.—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the United States War Production Board, and Maj.-Gen. Patrick J. Hurley arrived in Moscow today on their way to China. They are acting as personal representatives of President Roosevelt to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.