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Weekly Average: \$72.56

Over 3 Million Pounds Of Leaf Sold Here

At the close of sales last week the Louisburg Tobacco Market had sold 3,419,908 pounds of the golden leaf, according to information released by William Boone, Sales Supervisor.

This poundage has brought \$2,473,844.39 to growers in the area for an average of over \$72.00. Last week's average was \$72.56, slightly higher than the week before which registered \$72.24.

Poundage has dropped from a high on September 4 of 310,386 to a low thus far of 239,270 Wednesday of last week. The highest single day average was on September 8 when a high of \$74.39 was reached. The lowest single day average was recorded on September 11 when prices dipped to an average of \$70.82.

The local market is selling around 1 million pounds of leaf per week.

Demand was stronger Monday for Old Belt flue-cured tobacco as most grade average rose \$1 to \$3 per hundred pounds over last Friday's level, the Federal-State Market News Service reported.

On the Middle Belt, marketings were a little stronger although grade averages in most instances were unchanged or \$1 per hundred pounds above the previous day of sales.

Top price was \$84 for a few grades of fair orange cutters. Quality improved considerably over last Thursday's sales. The ratio of good and fair leaf and low and low smoking leaf increased while the portion of poor leaf, low primings and non-descript was down sharply.



More Buildings Needed

Four Cases Non-suited

Lancaster Bound Over On Two Counts

Four cases of assault with a deadly weapon lodged against a Centerville man following a series of incidents last August 17, were non-suited in District Court here Monday and the youths who swore out the warrants were taxed with the costs of court.

In two other cases, charging assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, not resulting in death against James Lancaster of Centerville, probable cause was found and bond was set at \$500 on each count. The two charges brought by James S. Finch, Jr., 22, and Elmer Carey Griffin, Jr., 19, will be heard in Superior Court.

Lancaster and a brother Tyree Lancaster and the latter's son, Jerry were charged in eleven warrants for assault against six youths around midnight on August 17 at Centerville. The Lancasters claimed the young men were

disturbing the peace and had gathered for the purpose of racing.

Tyree Lancaster was found guilty of two assault charges and one charge of interfering with an officer in District Court here September 8 and sentenced to four months in jail, suspended on condition. Jerry Lancaster was fined \$20 and costs when found guilty of one charge of simple assault.

James Lancaster faces two felony counts now in connection with the fracas in which the Finch man was shot in the back, requiring extensive hospitalization and the Griffin youth suffered a broken arm.

Court records show that three of the youths, Rufas Jones, Cloice Burnette, Jr., and Rodney West were taxed with court costs in the non-suited cases against James Lancaster here Monday. Each paid \$15.00 in costs. In a case brought by Bobby Debnam, no costs were taxed.

In a similar, but unrelated case growing out of a shooting incident on September 13, Jimmy H. Dean, 51, White Level man had two charges of assault with a deadly weapon and one charge of damage to personal property, continued until September 29. Larry Wood, 20, of Route 2, Louisburg lodged the charges claiming that Dean fired into the rear of his car. Dean said Wood was racing. Wood says he was not.

Five Negro Youths Arrested In Robbery

Sheriff William T. Dement reported that five Negro youths were arrested Monday, charged with breaking, entering and larceny in connection with a Thursday night break-in at a store near Bunn.

Chief Deputy Dave Batton identified the youths as: Henry Davis, 17, of Bunn; Michael Davis, 16, and his brother, Larry George Davis, 17, both of Route 1, Louisburg; Clyde Neal, 16, Rt. 4, Louisburg; and Anthony Tony High, 17, of Bunn.

Batton said three of the youths are out on bond and the other two were still being held in jail here Monday afternoon. He did not say which are still being held.

The group is charged with entering the Roger Bros. Grocery near Bunn Elementary School around midnight last Thursday. Batton said a pistol, some knives, a radio, combs, a case of oil, lighters and t-shirts were among the missing items. He said the stolen merchandise was estimated to cost \$263.58 and portions of the missing items have been recovered.

To Raise \$1,950,000

College Announces Most Ambitious Development Program In History

Louisburg College today announced the most ambitious development program in its history. Designated Project Attainment, the program is designed to produce a total of \$1,950,000 to complete the long range development projection originally envisioned nearly 10 years ago. The announcement was made by E. Hoover Taft, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees.

Early in the 1960's the Board of Trustees researched the total needs of the College through the present decade. Based on an anticipated enrollment of 800-825 students, the optimum desired by the institution, the total expansion program involved the expenditure of nearly four million dollars. The projection included construction of four residence halls, two each for male and female students, acquisition and refurbishing of the old Mills High School property, a new maintenance facility, an academic-science hall, a new or expanded student center, plus appropriate funds for faculty salary adjustments and varied miscellaneous needs.

Much of the original projection has already been accomplished. In 1961 Patton Hall, a residence facility for men, was constructed, and the former high school property was acquired. This latter provided the auditorium, some classrooms and the fine arts facility, as well as a site for the new library. In 1963 Merritt Hall, a second residence building for women, was

built. In 1965 the Cecil W. Robbins library was completed. In 1968 Kenan Hall was opened, the newest building on the campus, which provides additional residence facilities for female students, and a 24 bed infirmary. These accomplishments since 1961 represent an investment of approximately \$2,000,000, and constitute more than 52% of the total project. Progress was aided greatly by a grant of \$240,000 from the Sarah Grahaf Kenan Foundation of Durham, N. C.

In a statement accompanying his announcement of the Project Attainment program, Mr. Taft said: "Our decision to enter upon a final fund raising effort at this time was made only after long and careful study. Last summer the trustees retained The Cumerford Corporation, college development consultants of Kansas City, Missouri, to make a thorough study of the situation. As a result of this study, which was submitted to the Board of Trustees in November 1968, the First Annual Planning Conference was held at the College in April of this year. After weighing the results of both the study and the planning conference, the trustees voted to finish the expansion program as originally envisioned, within the decade that will end in 1971.

"We are all aware this is a real challenge and a tremendous opportunity. We know also, it is a project that must be undertaken, and it must be done now. The need for the ac-

ademic-science hall is obvious to trustees, administration, faculty, and students alike. It is equally obvious the College must provide adequate recreational facilities for the students. It is likewise extremely urgent that we provide additional, modern residence facilities for our men students."

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College, told The Times he is completely confident of success for the Project Attainment venture. "The fact is", he stated, "we have very little choice. The buildings with which we are concerned are all necessary and are equally important to the College program. Perhaps there are some who feel we should delay a portion of our project, but after careful consideration of all the factors involved the decision to 'do it now' was made. This decision is motivated largely by two facts. First, the constant increases in construction costs make it mandatory we do what has to be done as quickly as possible to take advantage of the present cost elements. Second, completion of this program will mean Louisburg College will be able to eliminate 'bricks and mortar' from its expansion programs for the next several years."

Pledging by members of the Board of Trustees is now under way and is expected to be completed within two weeks. The worker organization to handle Louisburg and Franklin County is now being built, and will kick off as soon as trustee pledging is completed, tentatively scheduled for October 1.

Bunn Gets Verbal OK On Water Bids

The Bunn Town Council held a special session Monday night to give official approval of the low bids received on the water system project expected to get under construction by the first of October.

Informed sources report that the officials have received a verbal approval from the Regional Office of the Economic Development Administration located in West Virginia. EDA has indicated approval of the bids as received by Bunn last week.

The Town Council awarded contracts pending final approval of the federal agency, expected to come at a special pre-construction conference slated at Bunn on September 30. Dale Jones, EDA representative, is expected to attend the session and final approval should be given at that time.

Construction time is slated to begin on October 1 and contracts call for the project to be completed in 210 consecutive calendar days, which should place the completion date around April, 1970.



E. HOOVER TAFT, JR.



DR. CECIL W. ROBBINS

Rotary D.G. To Visit Louisburg

Rotarians will welcome on Thursday, September 25th, the governor of this Rotary district, Mr. Alfred H. Paddison of Smithfield, N. C.

He will address the Rotary Club of Louisburg, one of 44 in his district, and will confer with Mr. William Lancaster, Jr., president of the local Rotary Club, and with other club officials to obtain information on the group's plans for its service activities and to offer suggestions on Rotary administrative matters.

Mr. Paddison is one of 298 Rotary governors throughout the world who are serving as representatives of Rotary International in districts composed of member clubs. Each district leader is responsible for supervising the clubs in his area. Rotary, an international men's service organization, has more than 654,000 members in some 13,822 clubs in 146 countries.

A member and past president of the Rotary Club of Smithfield, Mr. Paddison is president of Atlantic Sports Supply Co., Inc. He was elected to office at the Rotary convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, in May, 1969 and will serve until June 30, 1970.

Though a seasoned Rotarian before his election to the office of district governor, Mr. Paddison attended an eight-day international assembly last May at Lake Placid, New York, at which all Rotary governors for 1969-1970 attended in-depth seminars

to plan for their jobs. One of his biggest jobs will be to hold a district conference of all Rotary clubs in this area. The conference will be held April 26 and 27, 1970 at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C.



PADDISON

Former County Board Chairman Passes

Funeral services for Norris Wilson Collins, 49, Franklinton oil dealer and former County Commissioner, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. from the Franklinton Methodist Church. Services were conducted by Rev. Earl Richardson and Rev. Horace Jackson. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery with Masonic rites.

Collins, who died Saturday, served from 1956 to 1964 as a County Commissioner and served during this period as Chairman of the Board. In 1964 he did not seek reelection.

He was a member of the Franklinton Masonic Lodge No. 123, a Shriner, a steward in his church and a Chairman of the Church Board of Trustees. He was also a member of American Legion Post 53 and a member of the Franklinton Fire Department where he had previously served as Chief.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gerrie Parker Collins; a son, Maurice W. Collins, Jr.; a daughter, Miss Kathie Collins, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Bessie Fowler Collins of Franklinton; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Chaplin of Raleigh and Mrs. Curtis Laughter of

Franklinton; five brothers, John of Hamlet, Sam of Smithfield, Sidney of Charleston, S. C., Frank and Joe Collins, both of Franklinton.



NORRIS W. COLLINS

Bond Sales Over \$12,000

Combined sales of savings bonds and freedom shares during August were \$5,639,168, a 13.2 percent increase over the comparable month a year ago.

January-August sales were \$42,320,325, a 2.3 percent decrease over the same 8-month period a year ago. This represents 71 percent of the state's annual quota of \$59,600,000.

Savings bond and freedom share sales in Franklin County were \$12,402 for August. For the year, cumulative sales amounted to \$98,748, which is 76.7 percent of the county's 1969 dollar quota, according to Bland W. Worley, volunteer chairman of the savings bonds program in N. C.

Rites Today For Epsom Leader

Tollie H. Weldon, Sr., 78, prominent resident of the Epsom community, died suddenly at his home Sunday.

Funeral services were conducted today at 3 P.M. at Liberty Vance United Church of Christ, with the pastor, Rev. John Allen, III, officiating, assisted by Rev. Otis Bolter of Knightdale. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The deceased was a well known farmer and land owner in Franklin County. Born November 22, 1890, he was the son of the late James Thomas and Lucy Hamm Weldon.

Mr. Weldon for many years had been active in community and church activities. He was a member of Liberty



TOLLIE H. WELDON, SR.