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TOBACCO MARKET OPENING IS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

SALES ON FIRST DAY TOTAL 105,008 POUNDS, AVERAGE OVER 24 CENTS.

The opening Tuesday of the Greensboro tobacco market, revitalized and unmistakably reflecting cooperative effort of the most pleasing character, proved an unqualified success, 105,008 pounds being sold at an average price of more than 24 cents.

Many observers declared the average to be the highest recorded on opening day on any North Carolina market this season, while the volume also was a source of distinct satisfaction. Great quantities of tobacco were brought from all parts of Guilford and from sections of Forsyth, Stokes, Randolph, Davidson, Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Rockingham, Caswell and Alamance, as well as from over the Virginia line. And, with remarkably few exceptions, the planters appeared to be much pleased with the results of the day's sales.

At the Guilford warehouse, which is under the management of W. Wesley Singletary, 57,252 pounds of tobacco were sold Tuesday, the average price per pound being 24.83 cents. At the Planters' warehouse, which is managed by W. B. Bowen, the sales aggregated 47,756 pounds and the price averaged 23.60 cents.

Greensboro citizens, who for many weeks have worked untiringly for the local market, were present Tuesday in great numbers and they manifested an earnest, abiding interest in the day's business. In practical fashion they demonstrated their faith in the market and their desire to help make it a tremendous success. The visitors were obviously pleased with the interest evidenced by Greensboro business and professional men. It was truly "Everybody's Day."

The better grades of tobacco brought excellent prices, while low prices were paid for poor grades. At all of the markets inferior grades are naturally not bringing high prices, so that phase of the situation occasioned no surprise. On the other hand, many folks commented happily upon the splendid prices obtained for good tobacco. Large quantities were sold at prices ranging from 25 and 45 cents a pound, while a considerable amount climbed well beyond those figures.

The highest price paid on the floor Tuesday was \$1.05 per pound for 16 pounds sold by Dennis Tacker, a negro from Brown Summit. Dennis thereby won a prize of \$5 worth of shoe repairing at Walton's shoe shop.

John Southard sold the largest load of tobacco, 2,072 pounds, and was awarded as a prize a \$10 pair of shoes given by Dobson-Sills. A \$7.50 pair of shoes donated by Coble & Mebane was the prize won by Wood and Baker, who sold the highest priced load of tobacco, \$300.85. I. Lewis attained the highest average on his tobacco, selling 272 pounds at an average of 49.89 cents per pound.

E. A. Inman, of the Hilltop section, sold three piles of tobacco. One, containing eight pounds, brought an average price of \$1 per pound; a 32-pound pile averaged 50 cents per pound, while a pile of 30 pounds was sold at an average of 16 cents.

The formal opening of the two modern new brick warehouses was announced by C. W. Gold, who welcomed the farmers to the market, assured them that the people of Greensboro wish to assist them in every possible way and expressed the hope that the prices would prove generally satisfactory. He introduced to the crowd the warehouse proprietors, Messrs. Singletary and Bowen. Mr. Gold also called the attention of the visitors to a free drink stand which had been installed. During the day the free drink dispensary was a popular institution.

With stirring music by a brass band as an accompaniment a vast crowd assembled for the opening Tuesday morning. A multitude of Greensboro people left their places of business to assist in the opening, many of them remaining throughout the day. It was a cheerful crowd and as the excellent price levels became known the cheerfulness increased. There was every indica-

O. C. COX TOSSES HIS HAT IN RING FOR SOLICITOR

LOCAL ATTORNEY WILL BE CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED SOLICITOR BOWER.

O. C. Cox, prominent local attorney, made public announcement yesterday of his intention to enter the Democratic primary next spring as a candidate to succeed Solicitor John C. Bower, of Lexington, who has signified that he will not seek reelection after the expiration of his present term. Mr. Cox is the only aspirant from the Greensboro bar who has "thrown his hat in the ring," although he is the fourth in the district to enter the contest. J. F. Spruill, of Lexington, who comes from Mr. Bower's home town; J. Allen Austin and T. W. Albertson, both of High Point, have heretofore made public expressions of their desire to succeed Mr. Bower and their intentions to enter the Democratic primary as candidates for that office.

Mr. Bower has served eight years as prosecutor in this district and he has won an enviable reputation as a fearless, able and efficient solicitor. During the past spring, however, he suffered a slight break down in health and for this reason he has decided to give up the strenuous work that the office of solicitor demands. During the past several terms of criminal court Mr. Cox has served as assistant solicitor, rendering most valuable service to Mr. Bower since the Lexington attorney was warned by his physician to "take things a little easier."

Mr. Cox, who is chairman of the Democratic executive committee, is well and favorably known throughout the county. In the election of last year he worked zealously and with good effect, the results of his efforts in organizing the party in the county being quite apparent when the returns were counted. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has been practicing law in this city during the past ten years.

With four candidates in the race it is expected that the contest for the office of solicitor will be warmly contested. The district is composed of three counties, Guilford, Davidson and Stokes. No candidate from Stokes has come to the front as yet and it is expected that none will enter the race from that county.

COMPLAINT ANSWERED BY PICKETT COTTON MILLS.

Answer to the complaint filed last week by Mary Deaton, of High Point, in the suit in which she is seeking to recover \$10,000 damages from the Pickett cotton mills, of that city, has been filed in Superior court by the defendant company. In her complaint the plaintiff alleged that she sustained serious injuries while in the employ of the Pickett mills and that those injuries were caused by the negligence of the company. The defendant company denies that the accident was the result of negligence upon the part of the company. King, Sapp & King are attorneys for the Pickett cotton mills in this case.

It is expected that the Greensboro market will continue to attract farmers from far and near and that excellent prices will continue to prevail.

Charles H. McKnight, H. L. Coble, E. B. Jeffress, A. B. Joyner and other men who have been prominently identified with the enterprise of putting Greensboro in its rightful place as a great tobacco market naturally were much pleased with the opening day's activities. The excellence of the warehouses occasioned much favorable comment. It was pointed out that work remaining undone about the premises will be hurried to completion.

On Monday night an enthusiastic meeting was held at the Woman's Club building on Edgeworth street, with more than 100 business and professional men of the community in attendance, together with market officials and tobacco buyers. A delightful supper was served. Final plans for the opening of the Greensboro market were discussed. At 6.15 Tuesday evening the men connected with the Greensboro market were guests of the Rotary club at luncheon at the Country Club.

AGREEMENT REACHED HERE CONCERNING WHITE WAY

WORK TO BEGIN WITHOUT DELAY—\$300,000 BOND ISSUE PROPOSED.

Agreement regarding Greensboro's "White Way" was reached by the city council and representatives of the North Carolina Public Service Company late Monday afternoon. The council accepted the proposition of the public utility concern, while inserting in the contract a number of provisos concerning the wires.

Councilmen expressed the desire that the Public Service Company change the poles in the white way system so that each will carry two instead of four prongs. The city authorities also are desirous that the trolley lines not be carried on the poles, but that they be brought in from the side streets; the same method for fire alarm wires is wanted. The council requests the company to procure, if possible, poles with smaller bases than those proposed which would be 22-inch bases.

It had been contended by the council that the white way wires should be underground, but as that plan appeared impracticable, efforts are being made to limit the number of wires placed overhead. The white way is expected to prove a great improvement in the business district of Greensboro. Work is to start without delay.

Action in regard to proposals of the city planning commission that Elm street sidewalks in the business section be narrowed 18 inches on each side in order to provide three feet of additional space for vehicular traffic in the street—between the sidewalks—was deferred. The councilmen desire to ascertain the public will before taking action in that matter.

City Manager Painter recommended to the council a bond issue of \$300,000 to provide for water and sewerage extension. Those plans contemplate the construction of a water reservoir on Reedy Fork. City Attorney Charles A. Hines was doubtful as to the legality of such procedure and an investigation will be made with a view to ascertaining whether the bonds could be issued. Members of the council are favorably disposed towards the proposed issuance of bonds. It was pointed out that the city has no funds for extension of water and sewerage facilities, although there are frequent requests for such extensions.

The claim of Mrs. Katie Ammen for \$20,000 as a result of injuries alleged to have been caused by a hole in the sidewalk on South Elm street was refused. It is expected that Mrs. Ammen will enter suit against the city in Guilford Superior court.

ATLANTIC BANK TO AID IN HOME BUILDING HERE.

Loans extending up to 50 per cent of their valuation will be made on new homes costing from \$4,000 to \$10,000 by the Atlantic Bank and Trust Company, of this city, according to announcement by officials of the bank. It is expected that this definite and practical assistance will prove of great value in relieving the housing shortage in Greensboro.

Under this plan the bank offers to assist any person desiring to construct a new home. The only provisions are those pertaining to the size of the loans and new construction. The money will be available only for new homes, homes just completed, or in process of construction, or projected. The size limitation is intended as a stimulus to construction of medium-priced homes, the demand being greatest here for residences of that type. The loans may be on the long-term basis and at reasonable interest rates. Loans may be made immediately. It is announced.

Large School Enrollment.

Opening of Pomona school on Monday was featured by the enrollment of 612 pupils, the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Principal W. J. Sloane presided at the opening exercises. An interesting talk was made by County Superintendent Thomas R. Foust.

ACTION OF SOUTHERN TO BE HEARD NEXT THURSDAY

JUDGES BOYD, CONNOR AND WADDILL WILL HEAR CLAIMS OF RAILROAD.

At 11 o'clock Thursday morning, October 6, the petition of the Southern Railway Company for relief from alleged excessive and discriminatory tax assessments will be heard in this city in Federal court for the western district of North Carolina. Judge James E. Boyd, of this city, of the western district; Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, of the eastern district, and Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of Richmond, Va., of the circuit court of appeals, will hear the action.

In this case the Southern has started action against Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts, Auditor Baxter Durham, Treasurer B. R. Lacy and Attorney General J. S. Manning, who are state officials, and the sheriffs of counties and tax collectors of municipalities through which the railroad operates. The company seeks an injunction to prevent those officials from collecting taxes on the alleged excessive valuation of its property.

The railroad has no right of appeal to the state board of equalization or any other state board or court. It is alleged in the bill of complaint filed by the Southern. It is alleged by the company that the assessment of its property in this state at more than \$96,000,000 is more than \$30,000,000 in excess of its true value. It is alleged that in 1919 the company's property in North Carolina was assessed at \$46,000,000; that in 1920, when property throughout the state was revalued and assessments generally raised, its assessment was increased to \$90,000,000 on which it paid taxes under protest; that in 1921, after county boards had made horizontal reductions on real estate, it unsuccessfully endeavored to induce the commissioner of revenue to make a similar reduction in the value of its property.

The Southern contends that the assessment means discrimination and non-uniformity and that the action of the taxing authorities is in violation of the constitution of the United States.

J. C. INMAN DIES AT HOME OF W. A. FIELDS.

While Joseph C. Inman was seated on the porch of W. A. Fields, 437 Arlington street, at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, talking to Mr. Fields, he suddenly fell from his chair, death instantly following. Fatality was ascribed to heart affection.

Mr. Inman, who was 64 years of age, lived about two miles east of Greensboro on a farm owned by W. A. Fields. He had just sold some tobacco on the Greensboro market and had stopped at the home of Mr. Fields to pay the latter part of the money obtained through the sales.

Surviving Mr. Inman are his widow; his mother, Mrs. Denny Inman, of Westfield; five sons, J. T. J. A. Coy and P. J. Inman, of Guilford county, and George Inman, of Michigan, and a sister, Mrs. Sallie Faulkner, of Ararat.

The funeral services were conducted at the Friends church at Guilford College at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Kirby V. Bowen. The remains were interred in the church cemetery.

MRS. ELIZA J. WHITE DIES AT RESIDENCE OF HER SON.

Mrs. Eliza J. White, aged 78, died on Monday at the residence of her son, C. P. White, 615 Mendenhall street, following a long illness. For a number of years she had been an invalid. Mrs. White is survived by three sons, L. C. White, of St. Louis; J. G. White, of Tennille, Ga.; and C. P. White, of Greensboro; two daughters, Mrs. Ella Hicks, of this city, and Mrs. Alice Fryar, of Richmond, Va.; also a sister, Mrs. Susan Suits, of Guilford county.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at Rehearth church by Rev. R. Murphy Williams. Interment was in the church cemetery.

CHARLES A. REYNOLDS IS ELECTED HERE BY STATE COMMITTEE—DEMOCRATIC SCRIBES EXCLUDED.

FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CHARLES A. REYNOLDS, OF WINSTON-SALEM, ON TUESDAY WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT A MEETING IN THE O. HEARY HOTEL. THE NEW CHAIRMAN SUCCEEDS FRANK A. LINNEY, OF BOONE, WHO SOME WEEKS AGO RESIGNED THAT POSITION IN ORDER TO BECOME UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

News of the deliberations of the Republican chieftains was obtained without great difficulty, notwithstanding the fact that the new chairman excluded Democratic newspaper men. It was understood that the Republicans, out of earshot of Democratic scribes, intimately discussed campaign plans with special reference to the importance of "harmony."

Whether former Senator Marion Butler, of Elliott, who was not present at Tuesday's meeting, was exonerated for his denunciations of the alleged Republican "hog combine," was not disclosed. At any rate, the meeting of the committee was a Morehead gathering in every sense of the word. The machinery was perfectly oiled and Reynolds, choice of the Republican boss, John Motley Morehead, and his obedient lieutenants, was chosen without a fight.

William G. Bramham, of Durham, who had been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Linney, nominated Mr. Reynolds for the chairmanship. In a short speech he lauded his nominee. Chairman Reynolds made a short speech, emphasizing the importance of organization. The women must be organized, too, he said.

Mrs. B. C. Sharpe, of Greensboro, urged that the Republican women be thoroughly organized. Plans for enlisting the active aid of women in political campaigns were agreed upon.

ROY WAGNER IS KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Roy B. Wagner, of this city, is dead as a result of an automobile accident which occurred about 7.30 last night in the outskirts of Burlington. He was riding in a machine driven by Charlie Holt, of Graham, when the latter attempted to pass another car. As Mr. Holt drove to the right the car brushed against a telephone pole. Mr. Wagner's head was crushed by striking the pole, death resulting instantly. Mr. Holt was uninjured.

Mr. Wagner, who resided at 319 Church street, is survived by his wife and two young daughters, Kathleen and Margaret. He was 35 years of age and was a well known salesman. Arrangements for the funeral have not been announced.

ANSWER FILED YESTERDAY IN \$50,000 SUIT HERE.

Answer to the complaint filed several days ago by Thomas Meredith in his suit against the Kearns Furniture Company, of High Point, for \$50,000 damages for alleged injuries sustained by the plaintiff while in the employ of the defendant company was filed in Guilford Superior court yesterday. The company alleges that a full settlement has been made with the plaintiff, the sum of \$1,286.30 having been paid to him in accordance with an agreement between the company and John P. Perdue, who, as best friend of Meredith, instituted suit. In addition the company contends that \$250 was paid to the plaintiff. It is also alleged by the Kearns Furniture Company that the injuries to Meredith were due to his own negligence.

Draws 90-day Sentence.

In Municipal court on Tuesday a jail sentence of 90 days was imposed in the case against Burt Pass, a negro who was convicted of retailing. However, it was provided that the negro might be hired out by the county commissioners.

TWO PATROLMEN CHARGED WITH FORCIBLE TRESPASS

MRS. LAURA HARRISON PROCURES WARRANT AGAINST STEELE AND SCOTT.

Patrolmen Steele and Scott, of the local force, are charged with forcible trespass and will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. R. Caffey at a date not yet determined. The warrant was issued by Justice Caffey upon complaint of Mrs. Laura Harrison.

Mrs. Harrison alleges that Patrolmen Steele and Scott went to her home on Vance street on the night of September 14 and demanded admission. When she refused to admit them she was informed, she says, that the officers had a warrant for her arrest and that the door would be kicked down unless she opened it. She then dressed, she states, and opened the door, whereupon the two officers entered the house and searched it.

Following their search the two policemen told Mrs. Harrison that they were looking for her husband, R. C. Harrison, she says. The latter is alleged to have abandoned his wife. Mrs. Harrison charges forcible trespass on the grounds that the officers demanded and obtained admission to her home without having procured a search warrant.

The belief is expressed by Mrs. Harrison that Patrolmen Steele and Scott were endeavoring to secure evidence against her to be used by her husband, who has left her and who is trying to get possession of their three children. She declares the officers had no right to enter her home and that an entrance was effected only after they falsely informed her that they had a warrant for her arrest.

Patrolmen Steel and Scott deny that they threatened to break down the door. They assert that Mrs. Harrison answered their knock on the door and permitted them to enter. They deny that they searched the house, stating that they simply went into the room occupied by Mrs. Harrison. They acknowledge that they had no warrant.

LEGION MEMBERS DISCUSS ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT.

Discussion of construction of an athletic field in Greensboro, to serve as a memorial to soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the great war featured the meeting of the executive committee of the Henry K. Burtner post of the American legion late Monday afternoon. Much favorable sentiment was revealed and Henry Yates was instructed to bring the matter to the attention of various organizations here in the hope that the enterprise may be successfully developed.

The resignation of Bob Denny as commander of the local post was accepted. Vice Commander B. T. Baynes was appointed as temporary commander. In the early future the post will elect a successor to the retiring commander.

Plans for celebration of Armistice day were discussed. It was also agreed that the legion would assist in every possible way the cleanup squad to be in Guilford county on October 14, 15 and 16. Members of the squad will render assistance to former service men in regard to disability claims, insurance, allotments and other important affairs.

NOTABLE ACTIVITY DURING PAST YEAR AT Y. M. C. A.

Notable activity in many spheres was reflected in the annual report of E. D. Yost, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., which has just been made public. During the past year 120,000 men and boys received services of some kind from the Greensboro Y. M. C. A., Mr. Yost reports. During the summer months 100 boys swam daily in the association pool. More than 700 gymnasium classes were conducted with an estimated attendance of 14,500. Aid and comfort have been extended to strangers in numerous cases. Athletic activities were extensive and varied in scope.

Members of the Y. M. C. A. staff are Harry G. Sharp, secretary and physical director; E. D. Yost, assistant secretary; F. R. Casper, director of boys' work; and R. J. Tyeer, assistant physical director.