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Average Prices To' acco Opening Sales Considerably Higher Than Last Year

Prices Ranged From 4 to 50 Cents—Prices Considerably Higher Than on Opening Last Year—Color and Quality of First Curings Better Also—Buyers Apparently Eager for the Weed—"Co-op" Houses Will Begin Receiving Soon.

TOBACCO MUST BE GRADED AND TIED BEFORE OFFERING

Approximately 55,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the opening auction sales here Tuesday at prices from 4 to 50 cents the pound. The average for the entire sales was 19 cents the pound. Practically all the tobacco offered was graded and tied, this being something new on the markets of the South Carolina belt. The major portion of the tobacco sold was first curings, though the color and quality were much better than on the opening a year ago. Prices on the opening were considerably higher than on the opening last year and most of the farmers who sold tobacco were apparently pleased at the prices paid.

Many Buyers On Market

All the leading tobacco companies have buyers on the local market and many independent buyers are also on hand. The buyers as a whole are seemingly more anxious for the tobacco this year than last. Many farmers and business men from other parts of the State were here to watch the opening sale.

The sale yesterday was about the same as on Tuesday, as to pounds, though the average was 21.80 as compared with 19 on the opening sale. As has been stated in The Robesonian, two local warehouses—Star and Little Banner—are being operated under the old auction system, while two—Farmers' and Big Banner—will be operated by the Co-operative Marketing association. It is expected that the houses to be operated by the co-operatives will begin receiving tobacco at an early date. Mr. R. W. Watson of the leaf department of the Co-operative Marketing association, arrived here Tuesday. Mr. Watson, who has bought tobacco for the Imperial Tobacco company on the Fairmont and Lumberton markets for the last 13 years, will supervise the grading of the tobacco sold co-operatively.

Grade and Tie Warehousemen and company buyers are insisting that the tobacco be graded and tied before it is offered for sale. The number of pounds offered for sale here today was somewhat larger than on Tuesday or yesterday, the floors of the two warehouses being covered.

On Other Markets

Press dispatches from other markets give the following reports of opening sales: Whiteville, 100,000 pounds, average \$20.75; Fairmont, 60,000 pounds, average price over twice that of last year's opening sale; Lake City, S. C., 550,000 pounds, average \$21.33; Mullins, S. C., 200,000 pounds, average 17 cents.

A Charleston dispatch states that there was great disappointment among sellers at Dillon, S. C., where the break was heavy, prices ranging from 3 to 35 cents, much tobacco being taken from the floors there and carried away by the owners.

New Home of Freeman Printing Co. Completed

Two-Story Modern Brick Structure on West Fifth—Offices on Second Floor.

The Freeman Printing Co. is moving into its new home, West Fifth street, next to the Carlyle building, which it formerly occupied. The new Freeman building is a two-story brick structure, modern and up-to-date in every respect. The first floor will be occupied by the Freeman Printing Co., while the second floor is equipped for offices. Messrs. E. J. Britt and L. J. Britt, local attorneys, will occupy the three front offices, having already moved from the offices formerly occupied over the North State Drug Co. Mr. C. V. Barker, resident engineer for the State Highway Commission, has opened an office on the second floor of the building. Mr. J. S. Gore, local representative of the Equitable Life Insurance Co., also has opened an office on the second floor of the new building. Solicitor W. B. Ivey, of the local recorder's court, moved his office today from the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building to the Freeman building. He occupies two rooms in the rear.

Wrecking of Freight Cars Delayed Train

The wrecking of four freight cars near Wingate delayed Seaboard passenger train No. 14 from Charlotte to Wilmington, due here at 10:40 a. m., near 7 hours yesterday. The train reached Lumberton at 5:30 yesterday afternoon and returning from Wilmington reached Lumberton at 12:30 this a. m.

Fights Aired in Recorder's Court

Pocket-Knives Figured in Fierce Battle in Howellsville—Trouble Grew Out of Daubing a Barn—Other Cases.

Fights and affrays have claimed the attention of Recorder David H. Fuller this week.

Monday Travis Bass, Sr., was up on the charge of assault upon his wife. He was found not guilty. Dennis Wilkins and his two sons—J. D. and Nye Wilkins—were found guilty of an assault with intent to kill upon Sam Smith. They were bound over to the Superior court, J. D. under a \$200 bond and Dennis and Nye under \$100 each, which they made. The Wilkinsons and Smith hail from Howellsville township, and the trouble started about "dabbing" a tobacco barn. The fight took place in the barn and Smith, who is a tenant on Dennis Wilkins' farm, was badly scarred up during the fight, in which pocket-knives were said to have been used.

Ellis Herring was given a hearing yesterday on three charges—assault upon a man named Bass, cursing and raising a disturbance and being drunk on the public highway. He was found guilty of all three charges and given a 30-days' road sentence in each of the two charges of cursing and raising a disturbance and being drunk and disorderly on the public highway, while he was fined \$50 and cost in the assault case. He gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$300.

PEMBROKE NEWS ITEMS

Union Meeting a Great Success—Work on Highway Has Begun—Other Items.

By Lee Pridden

Pembroke, Aug. 2.—The union meeting of the Robeson association, held here last Friday and Saturday, was a great success. Many delegates from all parts of the county was present.

Quite a number of Pembroke people attended the Sunday school institute at Clyburnville Sunday last. The next session meets with us in October.

Rev. W. D. Pridden, J. W. Williamson, D. W. Stone and the writer attended services at Mt. Elin last Sunday night. We greatly enjoyed the trip, and the singing by the Mt. Elin folks was simply grand.

Mr. C. M. Beach of Wingate high school was a visitor here Saturday, attending the union.

J. T. Thaggard and wife spent Sunday with friends near Saddletree. Pembroke will be a "dull hole" next week for I think most everybody is going to take their vacation at the same time, and the rumors are that next week is the set date. Well, it will do some of them lots of good to get out in the "country" away from the "noisy bustle" of city life, and take a few rides in the old "bum board wagon," then when they come back they will appreciate our "street cars."

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Chandler have returned from their bridal tour. They were given a grand and unsurpassable reception as they disembarked from the Seaboard train No. 20. I don't think they will forget it if they live 75 years.

Pembroke is headquarters for the construction force of the highway. They have already begun work and soon we will be detouring via Red Springs road, in going to Lumberton.

Miss Sadie Biddell is on a vacation, visiting friends and relatives in the upper part of the State.

The writer had the pleasure of speaking to the Mt. Elin B. Y. P. U. Sunday night and it is always pleasant to speak to boys and girls when they listen so attentively.

Mr. Alfred Cook left July 24th for Anderson, Ala., where he is to be in training for 30 days.

Our "cocky" ball team has disbanded on account of the sudden disappearance of our star first baseman, "Newt."

Government Plans for Distribution of Coal.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Government plans for distribution of coal during the existing emergency were announced tonight by Fuel Distributor Spencer after conferences with Secretary Hoover and the central committee appointed by President Harding. The federal organization in Washington, he said, will cover the distribution of available supplies among the railways, federal institutions and states, while the governors of the states will handle local supply.

Stepped Into Hole of Boiling Water

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

East Lumberton, Aug. 2.—Mr. Levi Perry, night watchman at the Lumberton cotton mills, had a serious accident last night shortly after 10 o'clock. Going behind a conditioning room to close down a steam valve, the place being rather dark, Mr. Perry accidentally stepped into a small pit dug during the day for the purpose of repairing a leak underground. The hole had seeped full of water and was boiling hot at the time. Dr. Martin attended him.

New Cotton.

Open bolls of cotton were found on the farm of the Lumberton cotton mills last Saturday, July 29th, just 4 months from planting time. Mr. E. L. Hamilton, manager of the Lumberton mill store and dairy farm, also is manager of this farm.

A boll of new cotton, made on the farm of Carlyle & Bullard by Rev. C. F. Worley, colored, Lumberton, R. 3, was brought to THE ROBESONIAN office Monday afternoon. This cotton was planted April 10 and opened July 30. It is said to be the Early King variety.

Auditors and Graders of Tobacco "Co-ops" Make Headquarters in Lumb'tn

None But Very Best and Most Experienced Men Employed by the Association—Time for Accepting Members Extended Through Monday of Next Week.

Lumberton will be headquarters for the traveling auditors and graders of the Tobacco Marketing Cooperative association for the North Carolina markets of the South Carolina belt. None but the very best and most experienced men have been employed by the association. Mr. J. C. Lewis, who will be in charge of the two warehouses to be operated here by the co-operatives, is one of the leading warehousemen of Virginia, having conducted the warehouse at South Boston, Va., that handled more tobacco than any other house in that State for several years. Mr. Lewis says he is well pleased with the assistants assigned him by the association. Forty out of 400 contracts sent in from the South Carolina belt one day recently were sent in by Mr. Lewis.

The time for accepting members in the co-operative association has been extended from Monday of this week through Monday of next week.

Mr. Lewis and the other warehousemen advised the tobacco-growers to throw away the trash and burnt tobacco and the appearance of the tobacco being offered here indicates that the farmers are doing this.

Strikers Accept; Rail Heads Reject

Acceptance of Harding Peace Proposals Voted by Leaders of Railway Shopmen—Executives Balk at Seniority Rights.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago states that full acceptance of the peace proposals submitted by President Harding was voted last night at Chicago by leaders of the striking railway shopmen, who however, gave their own interpretation of each of the 3 suggestions.

On the other hand, at New York Tuesday railway executives rejected firmly but courteously the President's program for settlement of the strike.

SADDLETREE TOPICS

Revival Meeting Will Begin Sunday—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 2, July 31.—We are having a nice little rain this afternoon which we are very glad to see after it has been so hot.

Prof. C. M. Beach of Wingate spent Sunday night in this community.

Messrs. Dewey Watson and John Herring were callers in this community Sunday p. m.

Mr. Arch McDuffie and three children, Henry, Steve and Cora, attended the union at Pembroke last week.

A large crowd from here attended the quarterly at Clyburn Sunday.

Miss Fannie Humphrey is spending a while with home folks. She has been working at Greensboro for the past two or three months.

Mr. Henry Paul went Saturday to Sanford.

Messrs. Robert Allen, Ingram Hedg-peth and Marvin Barker of Lumberton spent a short while in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Humphrey and daughter and Messrs. Bob and Steve Humphrey spent two or three days last week at Burgaw visiting Mrs. David Humphrey, Master Tom Humphrey of that place returned home with them to spend a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thaggard and three children of Pembroke spent Sunday in this community visiting friends.

As was stated before in The Robesonian, the meeting will begin at Saddletree the first Sunday night in August, conducted by Rev. Fred Collins. Everybody is invited to come.

Little Miss Sarah and Boyd Humphrey returned home Monday from Dillon, S. C., where they visited relatives.

Miss Flora McPhail is attending summer school at Boone.

We are glad to have with us Mr. Hall and family from Fayetteville, who occupy the M. S. Humphrey house. We hope for them a pleasant stay.

Mr. Bob Humphrey returned to his home at Statesboro, Ga., Monday after a two-weeks' visit here with relatives and friends.

Davidson—A campaign to raise \$600,000 for the endowment and expansion of Davidson college as one step in the program of Christian education of the Southern Presbyterian church, was announced here the other day by Dr. William J. Martin president of the college. The campaign will begin about September 15 and end January 1, 1923.

Mr. J. J. Shaw of Rex was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Train Barely Missed Striking Car

Mr. Russell Prevatt of Buie Had Close Call Here Tuesday—Saw Train When in 2 Feet of Track—A Dangerous Crossing.

Mr. Russell Prevatt of Buie had a close call late Tuesday afternoon when the Seaboard passenger train from Wilmington barely missed striking his Reo touring car at the Chestnut street crossing, near the union station. Mr. Prevatt saw the approaching train when his car was about 2 feet from the track and turned the car to the left, striking a freight standing on the sidetrack. The radiator of the auto was badly damaged. Both Mr. Prevatt and Mr. Marcus Prevatt, who was with him in the car, escaped injury. A number of people who were at the station "turned their heads to keep from seeing the train hit the car."

Several collisions have been narrowly averted at this crossing of late. The freight depot and freight cars which are usually standing on the sidetrack there obstructs the view of trains approaching from the east.

Lumber Bridge Boy Scouts Enjoy Camp

Camping Trips, Picnics and Swimming Parties at White Lake—Personal Mention.

By Leila Hubbard

Lumber Bridge, Aug. 1.—On Saturday night Troop 1, Lumber Bridge Boy Scouts, returned after four days camping trip at Marshburn beach, White lake. The Boy Scout Camp was pitched on a hill overlooking the lake at Marshburn beach, which is situated on the Love side of the lake. The boys enjoyed the swimming and boating on that beautiful sheet of water. A certain portion of each day was spent in merit and test work and the troop, which is still quite young, brought back six new second-class scouts and a new tenderfoot. Those who passed the second-class test were: Stanton, Frank and Alfred Wylie, Archie E. and Worth Williford and Langdon Hubbard.

The scouts were in charge of assistant Scout Master A. S. Wylie and great credit is due him for the splendid way in which he handled the boys. Appreciation is also due those men of our town who so generously aided the boys in getting to White lake.

Picnics and Swimming Parties Mrs. L. L. Shaw entertained at an all-day picnic and swimming party on Melvin beach, White lake, in honor of her house guests, Misses Elizabeth and Sue Blount Shaw of Lumberton. Quite a number of our young people attended this outing.

Quite a number of our people spent parts of last week at White lake. In fact, there was a party from Lumber Bridge there every day.

Miss Mary Harper Cobb entertained at a swimming party and picnic at Melvin beach, White lake, in honor of her house-guest Miss Argent Quiverty of Greenville. Miss Quiverty has for the past year been Miss Cobb's room mate at North Carolina college for women, Greensboro.

Miss Mary Harper Cobb, who has been attending the Summer school at North Carolina college for women, Greensboro, returned home Wednesday.

Misses Elizabeth and Sue Blount Shaw of Lumberton have returned to their home after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shaw.

Mrs. D. C. Currie and daughter, Miss Rebecca, have returned after spending several weeks with relatives in Florida.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Shaw and son, Master Worth, of Mebane, are visiting Mr. Shaw's mother, Mrs. Neil Shaw.

On Sunday afternoon Alice Audrey Balfour, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Balfour, was christened, Rev. A. W. Shaw officiating. Little Alice Audrey wore quite an historic dress at her christening. The dainty little dress is probably one hundred years old and came from India. All of the immediate Balfour family have been christened in this dress.

Mrs. W. E. Marley and children, little Miss Maurice, Johnson and W. E. Jr., are visiting Mrs. Marley's mother, Mrs. Johnson, at Atkinson.

Miss Mammie Cobb is spending some time at Conely Springs.

H. C. McNair Home Near Maxton Destroyed by Fire.

Maxton, Aug. 1.—The fine old country home of H. C. McNair, one mile east of here, caught fire this morning at 5:30 and burned completely down. The blaze, which originated on the second floor in one of the bed rooms, had made little headway when discovered, but spread rapidly, as their water system suffered a break down yesterday. It was one of the pretty old landmarks of this section, having stood there in a beautiful grove of oaks for 50 years. Most of the furniture and belongings were saved and the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. J. Odum of the Buie section is a Lumberton visitor today.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 1-2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCALS NEWS

—Mr. C. A. Crump is erecting a 5-room bungalow on East Fifth street.

—Mr. Jno. D. McMillan is erecting a 5-room bungalow on East Seventh street.

—Mr. M. G. McDowell of Orrum underwent an operation for pus appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium yesterday. His condition is reported as favorable.

—Mr. Jno. F. French has arrived home from Charlotte, where he spent 2 months undergoing treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium. His condition is very much improved.

—Mr. C. A. Crump was able to return to his work in the shoe department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store Tuesday after being confined to his home with a lame leg for 2 weeks.

—Mrs. J. S. Oliver returned yesterday to her home in Marietta from Charlotte, where she underwent treatment in a hospital for 3 weeks. Her condition is very much improved. She was met here by her husband and son, Messrs. J. S. and W. M. Oliver.

—Mr. W. I. Linkhaw of Lumberton and Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont returned Tuesday from a trip through Western North Carolina. They visited Asheville, Hendersonville, Chimney Rock, Mt. Pisgah and several other points of interest. They made the trip in Dr. Brown's auto.

—Misses Louise and Dorothea Steele have returned from Greensboro, where they attended the summer school at N. C. College for women. Miss Majorie Steele has returned from Raleigh, where she attended the summer school at N. C. State College.

—Mr. J. M. McCallum left this morning for Charlotte, where he will undergo treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium. He was accompanied by his wife, his brother, Mr. G. B. McCallum, and Dr. McKay of Red Springs. Mr. McCallum, former county auditor, has been in ill health for several months.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Butler, who were married at Sanford on July 24th, returned Sunday night from a wedding trip to the mountains of Western North Carolina and were guests at the home of Mrs. Butler's mother, Mrs. M. E. Raybon, until Tuesday, when they left for Laurinburg, where they will make their home.

—A Ford roadster driven by Miss Leila Bullard and a bicycle upon which a negro man was riding collided on South Chestnut street late Tuesday afternoon. The bicycle was demolished and the negro, whose name was not learned, was slightly hurt. The front axle of the car was also bent as a result of the accident.

—Guy McKeller, colored, who drives a delivery truck for Mr. L. H. Caldwell, was painfully hurt Monday afternoon when the truck he was cranking moved up and jammed him against another truck on Elm street, in front of the Caldwell store. He was taken to the Thompson hospital and is expected to be able to get out soon. His hips were badly bruised.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Durham and daughter, little Miss Kathleen, left yesterday for a visit to Dr. Durham's relatives at Asheville and Hendersonville. They will be away two weeks. There will be no preaching services at the First Baptist church, of which Dr. Durham is pastor, the first and second Sundays in August, his congregation having granted him a vacation.

—In mention in Monday's paper of the return of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe and children from the meeting of the N. C. Press association at Cleveland Springs, Shelby, with a side trip to Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock, the dropping of a line caused inadvertent omission of the name of Miss Josephine Breece, who accompanied them and returned at the same time.

Serious Race Clash Averted in Macon

Macon, Ga., Aug. 1.—Prompt closing of the negro business section of Broadway this morning, immediately after news was received of the capture of John (Corky) Glover, prevented a serious race clash this afternoon, the police say, when Glover's body, riddled with bullets, was dumped into the downtown street by a mob that had lynched him.

Scenes resembling those of Saturday night when Deputy Sheriff Walter C. Byrd was shot to death, it is said by Glover, as he was leaving a negro pool room in the same block, were duplicated.

W. O. W. Meeting at Long Branch Saturday Evening.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Long Branch (Lumberton, R. 4), Aug. 2.—Pine camp No. 144, W. O. W., will meet at Long Branch Saturday evening, August 5, at 8:30. All members are urged to be present, as there is some important business to be considered.

W. H. LAMB, Council Commander.