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## Tobacco Sales Show Increase

99,111 Pounds Were Sold Yesterday at Auction for an Average of \$22 Per Hundred—Half Acre More Floor Space to be Added to Market—Nearly Half Million Pounds Sold This Season—Another Meeting Friday Night—Farmers Invited—Prizes Offered.

Lumberton's tobacco market for the sale of tobacco at auction is in full swing this week, selling more tobacco than has ever been sold on this market before. The prices are holding up to a good average, coming out of the slump which affected the entire belt last week following the opening.

The sales yesterday were exceptionally good, and were far beyond the expectations of many. 99,111 pounds were sold for \$21,778.47 an average of approximately 22 cents a pound. The sales today will possibly make the total sold on the local market of a half million pounds since the opening last week. A degree of satisfaction, which is pleasing to the warehousemen and people interested in the market, is noted as the farmers who have brought their tobacco to this market.

So much tobacco has been offered on the market that additional floor space is needed and it is reported that before next week one-half acre of additional space will be added. While it is not officially reported, it is understood that the Big Banner warehouse, which has been used by the Cotton Growers Cooperative association for the storage of cotton is being cleared, the floor repaired and will be used next week for auction sales. The management of this house has not been announced, but it is thought that it will be conducted by one, or both of the managers of the other two houses.

Another big meeting of the merchants, professional and business men similar to the one held last week will be held tomorrow night in the town hall, and the farmers of the county are especially invited to be present. Plans will be laid for the continuous work of building up the Lumberton tobacco market.

As the result of the meeting last week the merchants have already started boosting the market and have offered nearly a half hundred prizes, some of which are mentioned in the page advertisement in this issue. Every week prizes will be offered to the farmers selling on this market and the list offered will be published in The Robesonian as long as the prizes last.

## Carload Shipment of Poultry Soon

Robeson County to Begin Shipping Poultry in Car Lots—First Shipment Will Go Forward in September—Payment to Raisers to be Made When Poultry is Delivered at Car.

Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and O. O. Dukes, farm demonstration agent, announce that they are planning to ship a cooperative carload of poultry from Lumberton about the middle of September.

Roosters, hens and friers will be accepted and about 3500 will be required to fill a car. The price will be made on the per pound basis, one price for all grades of roosters, one price for hens and one for friers. Special feeding is not necessary to make the sale, but of course is encouraged on account of the extra weight the birds will make.

A buyer will be at the car to weigh and pay for the birds as delivered. This notice is given out now so poultry raisers will have this chance to market their birds in mind. Later requests will be sent out asking for the number of birds each grower has.

## Fair Price is Set For Tobacco Crop

Farmers Will Lose 5 Cents a Pound for All Tobacco Sold at Auction by Their Tenants—Advances This Year More Than Averages Last Year—Members Enthusiastic.

Mr. T. C. Watkins, manager of association warehouses and Mr. T. B. Young, a South Carolina director of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative association were speakers at a meeting of the local organization held here Tuesday in the courthouse, and spoke at length on what steps were to be taken against members who had violated their contracts.

The most important matter discussed at the meeting was the action that the association has started against the violators by deducting 5 cents a pound from the landlord's advance check for all tobacco grown on his land by his tenant and sold on the auction floor by the tenant. Mr. Watkins in his speech told the members that, "you can't raise tobacco, have a successful cooperative marketing association and take half of your tobacco while you let your tenant carry your other half to the enemy to fight you with."

In his speech Mr. Watkins declared that the association has over 65 percent of the tobacco lands of the Carolinas and Virginia signed up. Section thirteen of the contract was read and he stated that this would be binding upon the grower as long as he produces tobacco directly or indirectly.

Mr. Young, association director of South Carolina made a very interesting talk and appealed to the landlords to rise up and let the tenant know that the landlord has a right to control everything grown on his land. He told of being appointed at an indignation meeting in 1921 to go to see the officers of the big companies and the buyers and ask that the farmers be paid enough to pay for the production of the tobacco and a small living profit, and how they laughed at him.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of tobacco were being bought by speculators for from three to eight dollars a hundred before the association warehouses opened three weeks ago, declared Mr. Young, and "the association has set a fair price on the largest crop ever raised in South Carolina," he said.

Some of the farmers in the warehouses at Rowland, Fairmont and Lumber on where the speeches were made Tuesday were very much elated over the advance received this year, being greater than the average last year, according to Mr. Young.

Many questions were asked the speakers by the members present. One member asked what he was to do when he had two sons, who were over twenty-one years old, and one of whom he had given farms to, and who did not belong to the association, and who sold at auction. He was informed by Mr. Watkins that as long as the land was in his name he would be taxed 5 cents a pound for every pound that his sons sold at auction. One man asked how he was to help himself when his tenant absolutely refused to pool his part of the crop. Mr. Watkins told him to be boss of his own land and use his authority, and if necessary to divide the crop and have a price fixed on its value and buy from the tenant rather than lose 5 cents a pound. Several signified that they would like to do this but were unable to finance it.

A large number of members who were under the impression that they would not have anything to do with where their tenants sold tobacco were surprised when Mr. Watkins told them that as long as the tobacco was raised on their land they were responsible for the disposition of it.

Red Springs, Aug. 8.—C. C. Carter who farms about three miles from here is the first man in Robeson county to report open cotton this year. He brought three fully matured cotton bolls containing fluffy lint to the office of the local newspaper early today, he has several acres of cotton the same age as the stalks from which the open bolls were plucked and expects to make a good crop this year.—Wilmington Star.

Mr. J. W. Barker who owns a farm in the Ten Mile section reported yesterday that he had open cotton in his field.

## A PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF LUMBERTON

The President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina, by proclamations, have designated Friday, August 10th, when the body of the late President will be laid to rest, as a day of prayer.

In the fullness of life and in the midst of official services, the President has answered the divine summons. It is fitting that every mark of public respect should be paid to his memory.

The commissioners of the Town of Lumberton, in meeting assembled, have designated Friday, August 10th, between the hours of four and five o'clock p. m., when the funeral services will be held, as an hour of commemoration, in which the people of the Town of Lumberton are called upon to meet at the courthouse to give expression, by proper religious services, to the veneration which we all cherish for the eminent dead, who consecrated his life to the service of the people, and to involve divine blessing upon the bereaved family and the peace and perpetuity of the American people.

Business houses in the town are asked to close their doors and suspend operations between the hours of four and five o'clock, when these services will be held.

E. M. JOHNSON, Mayor

## Sacred Service At Court House

All Business Houses Close Tomorrow Afternoon From 4 to 5—Religious Services At Court House During Funeral Hours of Deceased President—American Legion Hall Draped in Mourning—Flag at Town Hall Half Mast.

At a call meeting of the executive committee of the local post of the American legion held on Thursday, the following committee was appointed to meet with the board of commissioners of the town of Lumberton: Dickson McLean, chairman, D. M. Barker, A. V. G. Wishart. This committee met with the board of commissioners Thursday night, at which time the board passed resolutions that all business houses in the town be asked to close their doors and suspend operations during the funeral hour of the late President Harding on Friday afternoon between the hours of four and five o'clock. Proclamation to this effect has been issued by Mayor E. M. Johnson. Religious services will be held at the court house during these hours and the following programme has been arranged:

Meeting opened with special music. Introductory remarks by Mr. W. B. Ivey, commander of Lumberton Post of the American Legion. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Mines. Hymn. Messages from the Red Cross by Mr. J. P. Russell. Special Music. Address by Mr. H. E. Stacey. Hymn. Benediction.

The American Legion hall has been draped in mourning in memory of the late President and the flag upon the city hall placed at half mast, the American Legion flag has been draped in mourning. Business men of the town are expected to comply with the Mayor's proclamation and a large crowd is expected to attend the exercises at the court house on Friday afternoon.

In compliance with an order from W. G. Elliott, Central Accounting postmaster the Lumberton post office will be closed between 4 and 5 p. m.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PAID PROSECUTORS SAYS REV. LONNIE BROWN

Mr. Stephen McIntyre Challenges the Charge and Demands Source of Information—Evangelist Charged That Catholics Had Furnished \$15,000.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre, chief prosecuting attorney in the recent flogging case, which created such a sensation throughout the state, has been advised that Rev. Lonnie Brown who is conducting a revival meeting in Red Springs made the statement during one of his sermons that the prosecution in the case was paid for its service by the Knights of Columbus, a catholic organization.

Mr. McIntyre presents the statement and has challenged it in a letter to the evangelist, as follows: August 8th, 1923

## Simple Funeral Services For President Harding

Warren Harding Left Washington Yesterday Forever—Services Strikingly Simple in Capital—Greatest Homage in History.

Washington, Aug. 8.—(Associated Press)—Warren Harding left Washington tonight forever. His short eventful moment of power and heavy care was ended; his eternity of rest begun.

Grim voiced distant guns spoke the nation's farewell, as the funeral train drew out. A legion of armed men, stood with rifles and sabers at salute. Great folk and small in the thousands stood silent and with heads bared in the fading light of the evening, and the dead President's was gone.

Greatest Homage In History. He was carried from the white house which had sheltered his sleep for those last brief hours with all the military pomp and glory that dead presidents or such heroes as the Unknown Soldier alone receive. Never in the history of the world has such high honor been paid save at the death of such martyrs to the cause of freedom; symbolized and glorified in the dimtest room amid the heavy-scented flowers the dead President was borne into a day vivid with sunshine. The clear pealing of a trumpet sent long lines of steel flashing into line. A moment later it marshaled the ordered array of soldiers, sailors, marines down the long avenue to the capitol with John Pershing riding ahead in command, his only actual command since the first division, home, from France, trudged westward over this same route in victory.

Band by band, the old hymns of courage and devotion rose in the stall air as they proceeded. Rank by rank, clad in blue or white, the sturdy youngsters who served the flag, moved by their sabers and bayonets glittering in the sun, their dull-hued guns rolling slowly. A tolling church bell, swinging with solemn, slow stroke, pierced the harmonies of the bands at intervals; distant minute guns from Fort Myer, across the Potomac, thudded faintly over the miles.

Services Strikingly Simple. The religious services were striking in their simplicity against the background of military pomp and grandeur given by the funeral parade. Thus the short prayers, the murmuring of low voices joined in the old, old words of the Lord's prayer, the scriptural readings and the blending voices of a male quartet sung the hymn that marked this funeral everywhere "Lead Kindly Light," the hymn best beloved by the dead President, and at the end, "Nearer My God to Thee," with its message of christian resignation.

Hardly a word of the invocation, spoken by Dr. A. Freeman Anderson of the Baptist church, President and Mrs. Harding attended in Washington, or of the later plea for divine mercy made by Dr. James S. Montgomery, chaplain of the house, reached through the chamber. Jealous echoes from the circling walls caught up the voices and made the words in audible. But every word of the old hymns, in the chanting voice of the singers, came clearly and the organ-like chords rose and fell with touching effect under the evaulted roof.

That was all save the benediction. It was as simple as Warren Harding himself would have had it for he made no parade of his trust in the goodness of God.

Mrs. Harding Last on Board. Mrs. Harding reached the station soon after the casket had been placed aboard the funeral car. She came direct from the White House. Other members of the party who traveled with the dead president on his last journey that ended with such sad suddenness, were already aboard the train by Mrs. Harding's personal request, to be with the dead to the last in Marion.

The group of official mourners stood bareheaded on the platform. A hand waved in silent signal. Without sound of bell or whistle the train began to move slowly, slowly down the track it gathered speed as it moved out into the yards and in a moment had dwindled under the watching eyes of the silent group left behind, dwindled as it moved faster over the clicking switches until it rounded a curve and vanished from view.

## St. Paul News

Missionary Basket Meeting at Home of Mrs. Sanford Britt Friday—A Number Attending Sunday School Institute at Maxton—Birthday Party—Personal Mention.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Paul, August 7.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lindsay and 3 children, Mary, Gene, and Orlin, Jr., with several days at Ruby, S. C., returned home Monday afternoon accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. D. McCree, and 4 children who will be guests in the Lindsay home a few days.

While at summer school recently one of our St. Paul girls, Miss Aileen Bennett, won first prize, \$5.00, out of 12 contestants of 800 students enrolled for the best original contribution submitted to the college paper, "Technician." She has the congratulations of her many friends in her good luck.

In mentioning the summer school arrivals last week, we inadvertently omitted Miss Mary Janet McNeill, who returned home from Chapel Hill.

Miss Nonie Johnson arrived home last evening from East Carolina Teacher's college, Greenville, where she recently received her Bachelor of Arts degree—She has accepted a position as principal of a junior high school in Currituck county which will begin the 10th of Sept. Misses Margaret and Ada McGeachy who attended summer school at Asheville returned home last Tuesday—Miss Cornelia Steele, who was also at Asheville returned the previous Saturday. The Misses McGeachy went up to Fayetteville yesterday for a visit to their sister, Mrs. Archie A. McEachern, who was formerly Miss Annie McGeachy of our town.

Rev. McLean McGeachy and family of Whiteville spent a couple of days among relatives here last week to the delight of old friends. He plans to come over for the day again this week, his brother, Rev. Daniel Patt McGeachy, D. D. of Decatur, Ga. and family are to be here for a few days this week, their many friends will be glad to note.

Mr. Francis Northrop, who was a member recently of the White Lake orchestra, returned home last week, where he intended spending the remaining summer months, but having received an offer to play in the orchestra at Lake Waccamaw, he left on Thursday last week, where he will be a few weeks at least.

The "missionary basket" meeting will be held on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock this week at the home of Mrs. Sanford Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stuart and Mrs. Edd Jones of Johns, spent last Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McGoogan.

## Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 22 1-2 cents the pound.

## Items of Local News

Mr. Robert Bish of Lenoir County passed through Lumberton yesterday en route to New York, where she will buy fall stock for her millinery and ready-to-wear establishment in Lenoir County.

Mr. Romulus Hedgpeth has accepted a position with the Rowland Drug company, Rowland, and will begin work in the near future.

Mr. J. W. Long and family are moving today to Oakboro, Stanley county, where Mr. Long has accepted a position as superintendent and local manager of the Oakboro Cotton Mill company. Mr. Long was for 5 years superintendent of the National Cotton Mill of Lumberton. He is succeeded by Mr. J. T. Penny, who was Mr. Long's assistant for 4 years.

The condition of Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, who underwent an operation for gall stone Monday at the Thompson hospital is reported as gradually improving. Mr. Hedgpeth was taken suddenly ill last Thursday at Buie, where he has been conducting a revival meeting, and it was first thought he was suffering with an acute attack of indigestion.

The mercury yesterday registered 95 degrees as compared with 91 one year ago. Many are under the impression that yesterday was the hottest day of the year, but not so according to the record of Mr. B. M. Davis, local weather man, who says that June 27th was the hottest day when the mercury soared to 99 degrees. June 12th was the hottest day last year at 98.

Mr. J. W. Griffin, manager of the Pastime Theatre received this morning a letter from Mr. H. B. Warner, president of the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of North Carolina asking that the Pastime remain closed tomorrow afternoon until six o'clock. One show will be given at the Pastime beginning at 2 o'clock, immediately after which the theatre will close until 6 o'clock.

Misses Mary Epps, Flora Carlyle Ruth Wolcott, Alice Kelly and Monie Collins, members of the Business and Professional Woman's club, and Miss Collins' guest, Miss Mary Haywood of Fayetteville, spent the week-end at Lake Waccamaw. Misses Epps, Carlyle and Kelly returned Sunday night, while Misses Collins and Wolcott remained over for a few days. Miss Haywood returned to Fayetteville Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe and two children, Miss Anna Courtney and Master J. A. 2nd, and Miss Josephine Breece left Tuesday for Princeton, N. J., where on August 11, at 11 a. m., in Trinity church, Mrs. Sharpe's niece Miss Adelaide Tarr will be married to Mr. John Murray Reynolds of New York city. Miss Tarr visited in Lumberton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe two summers ago. They are making the trip across country and will return about the middle of next week.

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