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ROBESON TOBACCO MARKETS OPEN WITH PRICES 21 PER CENT HIGHER THIS YEAR

Lumberton Sells 170,384 Pounds and Fairmont 160,626 on Opening Day.

AVERAGE ON THE TWO MARKETS \$16.69 HUNDRED

Wet Tobacco Yesterday Brought Average Down—Prices Range up to \$66 Per Hundred.

FARMERS WELL PLEASSED.

Tobacco markets at Lumberton and Fairmont opened Tuesday with prices 21 per cent higher than a year ago, according to official figures. On the opening day Lumberton's four warehouses sold a total of 170,384 pounds for \$28,062.74. Four warehouses at Fairmont on the same day sold 160,626 pounds for \$27,161.86. The average on the two markets was \$16.69 per hundred. Yesterday's sales here were much lighter, Lumberton selling but 99,580 pounds for \$14,531.98. Fairmont yesterday sold 172,506 for \$29,015.51. The markets Wednesday were flooded with an enormous amount of wet tobacco, and this fact is said to be responsible for the decrease in the average.

The opening throughout the South Carolina belt on Tuesday was light in comparison with eastern markets, where the floors are flooded on the first day and much of the best tobacco is ready to be marketed at that time. In view of the fact that the crop in this section was two weeks later this year, the opening sales Tuesday are considered heavy.

Last year Lumberton had a heavier opening than this, but the price was not so good. The warehouses then sold 204,461 pounds for an average of \$13.47 per hundred pounds. In 1925, 147,861 pounds were sold here on the opening day, the average being \$13.73. Last year Fairmont sold 147,608 pounds for an average price of \$14.06 on the opening day and the year before 215,148 pounds for an average of \$13.81. This year's average on the two markets of \$16.69 on the opening day is therefore 21 per cent higher than that of \$13.765 of a year ago and \$13.795 of two years ago.

Offerings on the markets so far have consisted almost entirely of sand lugs. It is estimated that the percentage will run as high as 95. They are of good color but are light and lack body. The weight appears to be the only thing lacking with the present crop. Only a few baskets of good tobacco were put on sale, and these went off at prices ranging all the way up to \$60 and \$66 per hundred. Ripe sweet smoking tobacco seems to be in strong demand.

Farmers well pleased with the prices they are receiving for the weed. There were less tags turned on the history of the markets, it is reported. Yesterday many of them markets on the opening day than in thought the price was a bit off, but warehousemen attributed the drop in price to the fact that wet tobacco was being offered.

Boards of Trade Organize. Warehousemen and buyers at Lumberton and Fairmont met Monday night and re-organized the tobacco boards of trade that were such big factors in making the two markets two of the largest in the South Carolina belt last year. Officers elected for the Lumberton board are Mr. Robert Hairston, president; Mr. Leo Allen, vice-president; and Mr. L. P. Woodly, secretary and treasurer. Messrs. J. D. Perkins, Badgett and Seales compose the membership committee, Messrs. Leo Allen, Tom Webster and Smith the sales committee, and Messrs. Bill Young, George Walker and Robert Hairston the arbitration committee. The board here has a membership of 30.

Fairmont re-elected its same officers. They are Mr. Henry Wood, president; Mr. E. J. Chambers, vice-president; and Mr. R. W. McFarland, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of Messrs. E. J. Chambers, H. H. Davis, John G. Boatright, John Hodges, W. A. Roberts, R. S. Johnson, E. G. Jones, J. W. Lovill and W. H. Wade.

Revival of Business. The opening of the tobacco markets Tuesday has already brought about a revival of business. Lumberton and Fairmont have taken on new life since Tuesday. Merchants are at last getting a little needed cash, and some of them who have been almost on the point of bankruptcy will now be able to pay their debts and continue in their occupation. During the spring and summer there was a lack of ready cash almost everywhere for a year ago when people had been forced to an early opening of the tobacco markets in this belt to get them from de-

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Miss Flora L. Carl New Demonstration Agent

M. A. Graduate of Columbia University With 4 Years' Experience in Home Demonstration Work Succeeds Mrs. R. E. Lawrence—Will Report for Duty September 1.

News has been received here from the district home demonstration agent, Mrs. Estelle T. Smith of Goldsboro, of the appointment of Miss Flora Lee Carl as home demonstration agent for Robeson county to succeed Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, who resigned effective August 1.

Miss Carl obtained her master's degree at Columbia university and has had four years' experience as home demonstration agent in West Virginia. She is considered well qualified for the office here, and county officials consider it fortunate that a woman of her experience and ability has been secured.

Miss Carl will report for work here on September 1. The county has been without a home demonstration agent since the first of August. Mrs. R. E. Lawrence gave notice of her resignation effective at that time, and the county commissioners discontinued the office at their July meeting. At their regular meeting in August, however, the commissioners were swamped by the club women of the county who demanded its reinstatement, and so another appropriation of \$1,200 per year was made for the work.

FAIRMONT LETTER

Interesting Program by Baptist Girls—Man Unconscious 3 Days and Nights From Lightning Stroke—Unoccupied Dwelling Containing Tobacco Burned.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

(By Mrs. H. G. Inman)
Fairmont, Aug. 12.—The Girls' auxiliary of the Baptist church gave a very interesting program Sunday night at the school auditorium, the pulpit in the church not being large enough to accommodate the players. The object in giving this program was to impress the people of the great needs of our mountain schools, especially the denominational schools. Most of the schools turn away hundreds of applicants each year for lack of room. Mrs. O. L. Barnes is the leader of these girls and is to be complimented on the program given.

Mrs. A. B. Floyd and brother, Mr. Howard Lewis, have been in Mullins since last Thursday with their brother-in-law Mr. E. T. Maston, who was struck by lightning Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Maston was paralyzed in the right side and was unconscious until Saturday night, when he regained consciousness and was able to get up and walk around.

An unoccupied dwelling house about 2 miles from town, toward the Baltimore section, burned Friday night. Dock Hill of town and some other colored people were storing their tobacco inside. Dock Hill had that day repaid \$40 for his share being graded. It could not be learned whether the house was insured or not. The tobacco was a total loss.

Miss Mary Lee of Benson is spending a week with Misses Annie Lee, Christine and Kathleen McDaniel. It will be remembered that Miss Lee was seriously injured in an automobile-train wreck near Four Oaks in February, when Miss Minnie Bryant of Benson and Mr. Garey Mitchell of this city lost their lives.

Mrs. W. A. McPhaul and children, Miss Shirley and Masters Billy and Jack, of Charlotte, are spending the week in the city with relatives.

Master Max Rouse of Dillon spent last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Gussie Ashley.

Mrs. J. W. Reynolds and daughter, Miss Melrose, and Mrs. Lucy Harrell spent ten days with Mrs. Reynolds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harrell. Before returning to their home in Portsmouth, Va., they will visit Mrs. Reynolds' relatives in Pinehurst.

Miss Bertha Davis, trimmer for Miss Annie McMillan's Millinery store, returned Monday night from a month's visit to the Northern markets and a short visit to her parents in Frederick, Md.

Mr. A. M. Morton of Albemarle spent several days with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Inman.

Miss Donnie Thompson of Maxton and Misses Sarah Stuart and Ethel Rowland of Dillon were house-guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Floyd. Miss Thompson and Mrs. Floyd are sisters.

Misses Annie Lee, Christine and Kathleen McDaniel, and house-guest Miss Mary Lee, Mr. Luther Edens of Lumberton, Messrs. Mark McDaniel and Alpheus Thompson attended the weekly Monday night dance at White Lake.

Mr. Leon Andrews accompanied his mother, Mrs. Nathan Andrews, home from Wilmington, where she spent two weeks.

Mrs. H. G. Collins spent last week with relatives in Mullins. Mr. Collins spent the week-end there with them. Miss Belle Riff and brothers, SIRELLA, CORSETS, BRAZIER fitted in your own home. Call MRS. C. A. CRUMP Phone 473

ST. PAUL NEWS

Funeral of Mrs. Ellen McDuffie—Sunday School Picnic—Social and Personal Items.

(By Beatie G. Johnson.)
St. Paul, Aug. 12.—Funeral services were held Sunday about 1 o'clock at the home near Galatia for Mrs. Ellen McDuffie, aged 53 years, who died the day previous. Interment was made in the family cemetery at Raeford, where her husband, Dan M. McDuffie, who preceded her to the grave 2 years ago, and other of her relatives, were buried. The burial was very largely attended and many and beautiful were the floral tributes tendered by her numerous friends. Among those from here who were there were Mr. D. A. McDuffie, a brother-in-law of deceased his sister, Miss Christine McDuffie, his son and daughters, Mr. Burke McDuffie and two Misses Lilly Belle and Sarah McDuffie, Mr. J. W. Guiton, also a brother-in-law of deceased, and his daughter, Miss Christine Guiton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Rhodes, Saturday morning, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guiton, a son, W. T. Jr. Mrs. Rhodes prior to marriage was Miss Maisie Guiton of our town, graduate nurse of Pittman hospital, Fayetteville.

One of the loveliest affairs of the season was the birthday party given by Miss Ola McNeill on Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McNeill. As the guests arrived they were received at the door by Miss Bettie McNeill, an aunt of the hostess, and led into the living room, where delightful music, numerous games and contests proved interesting features, the prize winner being Miss Louise Driver of Hope Mills, a guest in town at the time. As this came to a happy conclusion, delicious block cream and cake were served. A frosted cake with it's candles, which were lighted by Miss Aileen McDonald, was the center of amusement, as the young hostess in blowing, blew them all out with one whiff. She was the recipient of quite a number of attractive gifts, attesting her popularity among her young friends.

Little Miss Annie Atkins Rozier entertained a number of her young friends Friday evening at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier, at a lawn party, honoring Miss Lillian Cooper of Blackey, Ky., attractive little granddaughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Murray, who was visiting in town. The young bunch enjoyed a number of games, after which delicious melons and other refreshments concluded the already delightful affair.

A picnic was enjoyed Tuesday by the local Presbyterian Sunday school, who motored to Black's bridge for the day. A sumptuous dinner and various amusements were participated in by all attendants.

Mr. S. L. Parker has assumed charge of hotel St. Pauls, succeeding Mrs. Ida Holland, resigned, having recently moved his family into same. Mrs. Holland has accepted a position as saleslady for the People's Store Co here.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Williamson returned Sunday afternoon from a very pleasant week-end trip to White Lake.

Mrs. R. H. Coley arrived home last Friday afternoon from Baltimore where she spent several days with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Gaddy of Ingold visited during the week-end in the home of her aunts, Misses Ella and Adolph Johnson, in the western part of town, she being remembered here as Miss Marian Howard, a former member of their family.

Visitors the past Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Martin, and little son, George, who came over from Laurinburg.

Friends gladly welcomed Misses Jean Caddell of Enfield and Ruth McDonald of Roseboro for a visit in (Continued on page 5.)

Messrs. David Isaac and Perry, spent the past week-end at Wrightsville Beach. Mr. Isaac remained for the remainder of the week at the Oceanic.

Mr. R. H. Nye spent Tuesday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. S. G. Williamson of Lumberton R. F. D. spent Monday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Collins.

Miss Nell Hamilton of Laurinburg passed through town Saturday enroute to visit her parents in Marietta.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson and daughter, little Miss Mary Louise, left last Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where they will spend two weeks with Mrs. Thompson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Inman.

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Taylor of Vanceboro spent a few days last week with Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. P. B. Thompson and Mrs. Fannie Fisher, and Messrs. A. S., C. B. and G. W. Thompson.

Mrs. P. B. Gordon and children, Proctor Jr. and Miss Marguerite, of Mullins, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Collins.

Misses Ethel and Evelyn Dutton have returned to their home at Darlington, S. C., after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nye.

Rector's Wife Facing Murder Charge



Mrs. Frances Hall, wealthy widow of New Brunswick, N. J., has been arrested and is now out on bail awaiting trial charged with the murder of her husband and his choir singer, Mrs. Mills—a murder mystery new four years old.

Higher Prices Rule For Watermelons Now

Alma is Center of Watermelon Activities in Robeson—Blockader Gets Off With Light Fine.

MAXTON ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, Aug. 12.—Mr. Rory McNair, chairman of the board of county commissioners, went with Mr. Hugh A. Barnes to Morehead to attend the State convention of county commissioners. They left for Morehead Tuesday of this week.

Mr. H. C. MacNair, editor of the Scottish Chief, is attending the checker tournament at Charlotte. Mr. MacNair has been the second man for a number of years in the annual tournament, and his friends are hoping he is going to be the winner this year.

Mrs. Clarke Bell Williams, one of the proprietors of the Lumbee Lodge at Hendersonville, N. C., was at home for several days last week. Mrs. Williams, Miss Bess McNeil, Miss Emma Jones, all of Maxton, and Mrs. Pearl Pennington of Tarboro, are operating a cottage at Hendersonville, Ky. Mrs. Williams reports that they are having good crowds and are enjoying the work and that all of their boarding guests seem to be well pleased with Lumbee Lodge and its location. Quite a number of people from this part of the state are stopping with them on their vacations. Mrs. Hugh A. Barnes and Miss Lela Barnes went up to Hendersonville last Saturday, and are spending their time there at the Lumbee Lodge.

Mrs. Bess Monroe and son, J. D., and Miss Ruby Morrison spent the past week-end at Wrightsville Beach, returning home Monday morning.

Mr. M. A. Thompson of Maxton R. F. D. is planning to come to Maxton to live. He expects to build a new home on Courtland avenue. Courtland avenue is one of the prettiest streets in Maxton, there being a number of beautiful homes located there. Watch Maxton grow.

Mrs. Zed Griffith and little daughter, May Sumner, have returned from a visit to Richmond, Va., where they have been for some time.

Mrs. J. O. McClelland and daughters, Misses Emily and Lois, returned home Tuesday morning from Richmond, Va., where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Alma, N. C., is the center of watermelon activities in Robeson county at present. About 10 or 15 cars are being brought in daily over the M. A. & S. railroad from Rowland and points between there and Alma. The buyers from Maxton, Laurinburg and northern cities meet the train each afternoon and trade for the melons there. Most of them are sold at this point, though some are consigned to the Northern cities by the growers. The prices being received now are higher than earlier in the season.

Paul McEachin, colored, was convicted of making liquor before Recorder R. M. Williams and fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Officers W. W. Smith and J. J. Coltharp found about six gallons of liquor hid near McEachin's house and tracked him from his still to his home, where he was changing wet clothes, the officers having tracked him to his house just after a shower of rain. His still was still hot when found by the officers.

Caldwell Watson and son, Carmichael, were each taxed with the costs for cursing on the streets.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. S. J. Tilley of Winston-Salem, a tobacco buyer, came Monday afternoon and is with the local markets here.

—The condition of Mr. Harvey Townsend of Lumberton R. 6 is improved, following an operation for appendicitis last Thursday night.

—Mrs. W. B. Crumpton, who has been in poor health for some months, has been a patient in the Hamlet hospital since Monday. Her condition is unimproved.

—Mrs. O. O. Dukes, who has been a patient at the Thompson Memorial hospital for 2 weeks, is expected to leave for her home today, much improved.

—Miss Kathryn Singletary, daughter of Mrs. Bertha M. Singletary of Hill Crest farm, in company with a party from Whiteville, is enjoying a two-weeks' automobile trip through western North Carolina.

—Mrs. M. F. Cobb and daughter, Miss Mary, and Miss Sue Blount Shaw left yesterday with Solicitor T. A. McNeill for Valley Cruise, Watauga county, where Mrs. McNeill and children have spent several weeks and will return with them Sunday.

—Mr. J. B. Pittman of R. 5 from Lumberton was among the pleased farmers who sold tobacco in Lumberton yesterday. Mr. Pittman said that he had his tobacco in good order and was careful not to let it get too wet, as some of the tobacco offered Tuesday was.

—Mr. E. J. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Peoples' warehouse, Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Chambers said that he had never been better pleased with the tobacco prospects than at this time. Everybody is elated over the season, he stated.

—Miss Josephine Breece left this morning for the Northern markets to purchase fall and winter stock for her millinery store. She was accompanied by Miss Courtney Sharpe, who will visit her aunt Mrs. M. J. Boucher, in Washington, and also will accompany Miss Breece to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

—Mrs. John Cushman and son, John Jr., of Greenville, S. C., arrived yesterday for a visit of two weeks at the home of Mrs. Cushman's parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. P. Hedgpech, Pine and Eighth streets. They were met in Charlotte by Mrs. Cushman's brother, Mr. Carey Hedgpech. Mr. Cushman will join them here next Wednesday.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson, Parkton correspondent to The Robesonian, brought to Lumberton Monday afternoon a watermelon measuring 42 1/2 inches in circumference the long way and 40 inches in circumference round its body. It weighed 52 pounds. Mr. Williamson stated that it was of a variety that is noted for its sweetness and not for its largeness and that it was unusual to see one of that size.

—A card reading as follows has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crumpton of Lumberton: "Announcing the birth of John David, on Aug. 2nd, 1926, weight, 8 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morton." Mr. and Mrs. Morton are well known in Lumberton. Mr. Morton having been principal of the high school here two years ago. They are now living at 4841 Glenway avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

—Reported for The Robesonian: Miss Lily Snead Varner has returned to Lumberton after spending seven weeks visiting friends in Marlboro, N. Y., and Washington, D. C. She reports a most glorious trip—much time having been spent sight-seeing. Miss Lily is invited to join these N. Y. friends next summer and accompany them on an extensive Northern trip which will include Niagra, Thousand Islands and Dominion of Canada.

Indian Boy Instantly Killed By Lightning.

Struck While Leaning Against Post on Back Porch.
Henry Edward Jacobs, 8-year-old son of Hursley Jacobs, Indian, of Pembroke, was instantly killed about one o'clock Tuesday afternoon when struck by a bolt of lightning.

The boy had just returned from a swim with his father and was leaning against a post on the back porch during an electric storm that visited that section when the lightning struck the post and killed him.

No damage was done to the house other than splitting the post into splinters.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 cents the pound.

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