

Tobacco Setting High Average On Dunn's Market



INQUEST HELD IN DEATH — Harnett Coroner Grover C. Henderson is shown here as he showed members of an inquest jury yesterday the clothing worn by John D. McLean, 30, when he was found dead early Sunday morning in a murder mystery that is baffling authorities.

Ike To Dedicate Falcon Dam On October 19

DENVER (AP) — The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will meet with President Adolfo Ruiz Cortinez of Mexico Oct. 19 on the Rio Grande River to dedicate the Falcon Dam.

OTHER SPEECHES

As part of his flying trip the President will speak Oct. 5 at Kansas City, Mo., to the convention of the Future Farmers of America.

On Oct. 17 he will speak in New Orleans in connection with the Louisiana sesquicentennial celebration.

Press secretary James C. Hagerty said the President would not return to Washington before his Oct. 17 date in New Orleans and his Oct. 19 engagement on the Mexican-United States border, but he did not know how the gaps in the President's schedule would be filled.

The Falcon Dam is about 75 miles downstream from Laredo, Tex.

The White House in announcing the date of the dedication called the dam "an outstanding example of practical cooperation in the utilization of a common resource."



CONFERENCE OFFICERS — Newly elected young people's officers of the Pentecostal Holiness conference are pictured above at the end of the Falcon camp meeting.

Sales Nearing Million-Mark; Farmers Happy

Sales and averages at the Dunn tobacco market today were up. During the two sales, 120,044 pounds of tobacco were sold for \$67,751.92, or an average of \$56.44 per hundred pounds.

Yesterday the poundage hit 123,670, for \$67,325.44, or an average of \$54.44.

Sales Supervisor Norman Suttles stated today that the sales were at a good level.

During the two days the market was open last week, over half a million pounds were sold, the figures show Suttles said.

The market was blocked last Thursday, the first day of sales, for the first time in three years, according to Suttles.

Sales last week hit the peak for a single opening he said. With sales running heavy, the average for the first day was \$54.65.

Friday, the second day of sales, the market sold 212,092 pounds of tobacco for \$108,156.63, or an average of \$50.96.

While there was a heavy sale of trash and green tobacco the first day of sales, warehousemen felt that the prices remained high.

With prices going higher, the market is expected to sell even more pounds per day this week than it did last week.

Warehousemen have pointed out that there is plenty of room and urge the farmers to bring tobacco early in the season.

Mystery Slaying Is Still Mystery; Two Men Are Held

Anderson Is Fired; Bailey Appointed

By LOWEY BOWMAN UP Staff Correspondent RALEIGH (AP) — Prisons Director Walter Anderson, fired by Gov. William B. Umstead, will be succeeded Sept. 1 by civil defense director and former High Point Mayor William F. Bailey.

Last Minute News Shorts

DETROIT (AP) — A giant steam-powered dirigible capable of staying aloft "to the limit of the crew's endurance" was deemed practical by a lighter-than-air aviation expert.

PARIS (AP) — French labor's 21-day offensive against government economy measures cracked tonight when Communist unions ordered railroad strikers back to work.

BOSTON (AP) — Lawyer, who are Communists should be barred from the legal profession, an American (Continued on page two)

Twyford Erecting New Building Here

Construction was underway here today on a handsome new building for Twyford Printing Company of Dunn, the largest commercial printing establishment in this section and one of the fastest-growing in the State.

The new home of Twyford Printing Company, a brick veneer structure, will be located at the corner of Chesley Street and South Williams Avenue, across from Colonial Food Market.

The mysterious death of John D. McLean, 30-year-old Negro of Erwin, Route 1, was still a mystery today, but a jury impaneled by Harnett-Coroner Grover C. Henderson ordered two Negro neighbors held for the grand jury.

Authorities at first expressed belief that the Negro's body was tied behind a car or some other vehicle and literally dragged to death.

Dr. Charles Byrd, local physician who conducted an autopsy on the body, expressed doubt that the young Negro farm hand was dragged to death and advanced the theory that he could have been squeezed or twisted to death by wires or cords.

The physician said death was caused by hemorrhages of the chest which apparently could not have been caused by a blow, a sharp instrument or by being run over with an automobile.

Coroner Henderson said authorities and jurors alike were baffled. Two Negro neighbors who were last seen with McLean, Leroy McNeill and Tommy Cameron, were (Continued on page two)

Man Is Facing Arson Charges

Lexie Nordan of Coats is being held in the Harnett County jail without bond pending a preliminary hearing on charges of arson.

Rural Policeman C. E. Moore said today that Nordan has been charged with setting fire to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Bowden in the Coats community.

The officer said Nordan and his wife recently separated and she quoted him as threatening to "get even" with her.

Mrs. Nordan had moved her furniture to the home of her mother and it was shortly afterwards that the fire occurred.

Witnesses FOUND The officer said Mrs. Ruby Wade, who lives near the Bowen home, told him that shortly before the fire Nordan went to her home and asked if anyone was home in the Bowen house.

The home and all its contents were destroyed by the fire.

Follesman Moore said he had witnesses who will testify that Nordan was seen in the vicinity of the vacant home about 15 minutes before it burst into flame.

Nordan will be given a hearing before Judge M. O. Lee in the county recorder's court.

Grocers Learn Newspaper Ads Finest Medium

CHICAGO (AP) — The Independent Grocers' Alliance has found newspaper advertising to be its most effective medium and will spend more than \$2,000,000 for space in U. S. and Canadian newspapers in 1954, it was announced today.

IGA national advertising manager Orville Jochler told 1,500 wholesalers and retailers attending the alliance's 27th international convention that IGA has found it profitable to increase its newspaper advertising budget each year.

He also said that the group was a "new look" in advertising which he considers to be one of the most progressive steps ever taken in the food field.

TO FEATURE FASHIONS Full page ads will no longer show many items as was the general practice in the past, he said.

"Each IGA ad will, instead, feature a carefully chosen fashion that will be fully illustrated on the page and serve as the focal point of the ad. Food items a maximum of 15 items.

"It's the way, the housewife will be able to keep in style—in dress and in her food purchases."

Lions To Observe 20th Anniversary

The Dunn Lions Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant with a star-studded program of oratory and entertainment.

Chester F. Webb of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., international director, former district governor and one of the top speakers of Lions International, will be the principal speaker.

Mr. Webb will also represent Lions International in paying tribute to the Dunn club on its anniversary. Mayor Ralph E. Hanna will introduce Mr. Webb.

The program was announced today by Nathan Cannady, Mack M. Jernigan and Vice President Jack Jackson, who will be in charge. Mr. Jackson will preside in the absence of President Jesse Capps.

Mr. Jernigan, one of the five remaining charter members and a (Continued on page two)

KINSEY BOOK — Dunnites aren't too crazy about Mr. Kinsey's book if the local sales speak the truth. According to Miss Flora McQueen of the Town Book Store, only one copy of the first book was sold in Dunn. She stated that she may order one copy of the newest book on female sex. However, it may be obtained by special order she said.

ARRESTS — Two persons have been arrested in Dunn during the past 24 hours. They are Thomas M. Allen, Mammis, for public drunkenness; and Melvin McLamb, Dunn, for public drunkenness.

IN HOSPITAL — E. M. Stewart (Continued on page two)

Erwin Selected As Scene For Big Woodman Meeting

The annual log rolling convention of the Capitol District of the Woodmen of the World will be held at Erwin on Thursday, November 5, it was announced here today by J. E. (Fats) Williams of Dunn, president of the district.

Date for the meeting, which will draw delegates from eight counties, was set at a meeting of the district officers held last night at Fazio's Restaurant, between Dunn and Erwin.

Former Governor Ed Rivers of Georgia, State Manager Nick Newberry of Charlotte, Dr. William Howard Coker of Goldsboro, and representatives from the home office in Omaha, Nebraska, will be among the speakers.

COMPRISES 8 COUNTIES Woodmen of Dunn and Erwin will be host to the meeting. The district is comprised of Harnett, Sampson, Wayne, Johnston, Cumberland, Wake, Durham and Lee counties.

Approximately 1500 delegates will be in attendance at the meeting. Last night's session was in charge of President Williams, Dr. W. H. Carter of Goldsboro, district secretary-treasurer, and (Continued on page two)

Registrars Prepare For Bond Election

Dougald McRae, chairman of the Harnett County board of elections said today that the regular registrars in each of the 21 precincts will handle new registrations for the forthcoming bond election on October 3.

On that date N. C. voters will cast their ballots for or against issuing 72 million dollars in bonds to aid schools and mental hospitals. If approved 50 million will go to schools, largely for construction needs, and 22 million to mental institutions.

Registration books will be distributed the first week in September by McRae to all the registrars who will be in the accustomed polling places on Saturday, Sept. 5 to register voters who have reached 21 years of age since the last election, or voters new to the precinct and county. Books will also (Continued on page two)

Planters Warehouse Names Smothers As Sales Manager

Rodney Chestnut, manager of Planters Warehouse, has announced a staff addition. J. M. Smothers of Reidsville, will assume a position today as sales manager. Chestnut said.

Smothers has had a lifetime of experience in the tobacco business. He was born in Reidsville where he attended high school. Following graduation from high school, he attended Oak Ridge Military Institute where he was graduated in 1932.

Since his graduation from Oak Ridge, Smothers has been manager of two warehouses in Reidsville, and four in Florida.

For a brief time in 1942, Smothers served in the army. He was stationed at Ft. Bragg where he received his basic training.

Returning to Reidsville, he expanded the services offered to the local tobacco growers at his two warehouses.

Chestnut said yesterday that he thinks Dunn is very fortunate to have a man with Smothers' experience as sales manager.

Smothers, looking over the facilities here, stated that Dunn has a "good market." It has great possibilities for further growth, he commented.

As to Dunn's buyers, Smothers said that this is as good a set of buyers as he has ever worked with. He also complimented the grading service on the Dunn Market.

Chestnut stated that with the new addition to his present complete staff, he hopes to give the best possible service to the area farmers.



J. M. SMOTHERS

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