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## SANFORD TOBACCO MARKET LEADS STATE

### GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS LOCAL WAREHOUSES PAYING TOP PRICES

#### TOBACCO SALES ON LOCAL MART SET HIGH MARK

Yesterday's Offerings Brought 1931 Sales Above Million-Pound Figure.

#### PREDICT RECORD SEASON

Reports released by the State-Federal Departments of Agriculture indicate that the Sanford tobacco market with an official average of \$10.92 per hundred pounds led all the markets of both the new and old bright leaf belts for the month of September, Louisburg, where an average of \$10.51 per hundred pounds was paid, was Sanford's nearest rival.

Sanford led Carthage's average of \$9.54 by almost a cent and a half a pound. Aberdeen's official average for September was \$9.48 per hundred.

Wednesday's sales of leaf tobacco on the local market brought the total for the present season in excess of the million pound mark. Sales, including Tuesday's sale, amounted to 996,580 pounds.

A break of over one hundred thousand pounds Monday, followed by heavy sales Tuesday and Wednesday made it possible for the local market to crash the million pound mark, believed to be the highest figure obtained in recent years by the local market so early in the season. The average for the season Wednesday afternoon stood at \$10.81 per hundred pounds, one of the highest averages in the old bright leaf belt.

Local warehousemen and local market enthusiasts expressed themselves as immensely pleased at the accomplishment of the market this season. They freely predict that the market this year will not only under ten million pounds, but that the market will, within the next two weeks, possibly add two more million pounds to its sales total for the season. It was pointed out by those who have been in contact with the growers that less tobacco possibly than ever before is being carried from this section to distant markets. The reason for this, it was said, is because of the success with which the local market has handled the tobacco that has come its way. And, too, it is observed that more tobacco is being brought from a distance to the local market than has usually been the case in past years. Growers who have hauled their weed to some of the larger markets are known to have expressed themselves as very much displeased at the "showing obtained on these markets, and to have further stated that they intended to sell the remainder of their crop on this market.

Sales for this week follow:

Monday, 115,370 pounds, \$12,696.33; Tuesday, 35,450 pounds, \$3,922.76; average, \$8.51 per hundred pounds.

There is a great demand for empty barrels in Lee County, not for storing away liquor, but to hold the big crop of syrup that has been made. There will be more home made sweets consumed in the county during the next twelve months than ever before in the same length of time.

#### MAKEPEACE NEW COMMANDER LEE POST OF LEGION

Local Post American Legion Indicates Favor of Referendum On Beer.

#### ASSEMBLAGE AT BARBECUE Barham Urges Legionnaires To Stand Courageously For High Ideals.

Any doubt that the national convention of the American Legion, recently held at Detroit, Mich., may not have reflected the sentiment of the local post is dispelled by the fact that the legionnaires endorsed a national referendum on a proposal to legalize beer in the United States, was removed last Thursday afternoon when Lee Post No. 18 endorsed the action of the Detroit gathering. The local Post endorsed its endorsement of the Detroit action at an open air barbecue, held at Three Points Park.

The action of the Lee Post, it was indicated, does not commit the legionnaires to a militant crusade in behalf of the "demon" beverage but merely reflects their attitude on the action taken by their representatives in the national assemblage at Detroit.

A majority of hands merely taken, a majority of hands merely taken, a majority of hands merely taken, was called for by Commander Renegar. It is taken that this is not to be construed that the local Post is "wet" in sentiment but favors, as does the national organization, the nationwide vote of the people that they may express themselves on a matter that has become one of the most baffling social problems of the present age.

Following the barbecue a business session was held during which Makepeace was elected as post commander to succeed H. C. Renegar. E. O. McMahan, commander-elect, chosen for the post some time ago, retired on account of pressing business duties.

It was decided to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice and a committee was appointed to take the matter up with the posts at Carthage and Siler City relative to a joint celebration to be held here.

Rev. J. T. Barham, chaplain, in a short address urged his comrades to courageously fight for high ideals in the legion and to stand for the lofty precepts of the organization.

#### MALACHI DOWDY GIVES SELF UP

#### Sought For Murder, Negro Surrenders To Sheriff and Now Awaits Trial.

After eluding officers for several days, Malachi Dowdy, wanted for the murder of Willie Davis, which occurred in a remote section of Greenwood showing last Thursday night, voluntarily walked up to the house of a neighbor early this week and surrendered himself. Sheriff Rives was immediately notified and went to the Greenwood section and placed Dowdy under arrest.

In explaining why he gave himself up, Dowdy said that he committed the homicide in self-defense. Davis, he said, was advancing upon him with a knife, and in order to save his own life, he picked up a pine pole, the nearest weapon that could be found, and struck his assailant a death-blow across the neck.

Ed Sneed, another young colored man, has been previously placed under arrest for complicity in the murder, it being alleged that he aided and abetted in the affair. Sneed, it was said, helped to start the fight between the two negroes, which is reported to have been over a woman in the community.

The murder happened shortly after the two men had returned from the colored holiness church in the community where a revival was underway.

#### BARNETT BROS. CIRCUS

No doubt you are aware that a real home-to-goodness circus is the next entertainment of all amusement, and the only branch of the amusement world that does not need censoring. A visit to the Circus is a day of enjoyment for the old and young. It is a day that the kiddies always remember, and the older folks never forget. Barnett Bros. is twice its former size this season and is now offering an unusual programme of sensation and merit, with more real novelties than all the other shows combined. A grand spectacle, "NATIONALITY" precedes the regular performance this season, over one hundred men, women and animals take part. Will show here next Thursday, October 22nd.

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OBSERVED BY KIWANIS CLUB

#### Melver Cites Heavy Loss Incurred By Fire In North Carolina.

#### CARELESSNESS PROBLEM

The Kiwanis Club held its meeting Friday night in the dining room of the Steel Street Methodist church and was served luncheon by the ladies of the church. The ladies sustained their reputation as cooks and were given a rising vote of thanks for the splendid feast and the manner in which they served it. J. R. Rives who was for a time one of the club's most active members, was welcomed back into the membership. James Melver was a guest of the club.

At the conclusion of luncheon President J. A. Overton turned the meeting over to H. C. Renegar, Chairman of the program committee, who called on J. E. Brinn, also a member of the committee, to take charge of the program of the evening. Several songs were rendered by the club to the accompaniment of Mrs. H. C. Roberts on the piano. The club voted on the question of having a barbecue at an early date and all favored it. It was suggested that after the barbecue all go possum hunting. W. R. Makepeace made a report of plans that were in the making for having the Kiwanis Club pigs at the County Fair. Volunteers were called for whose business was to make the pig pens. The pens were made and the pigs were exhibited at the fair. The question of giving to charitable purposes was discussed and while it was agreed there were dead beats, the point was made that this should not interfere with raising funds for those in needy circumstances. It can be determined who should be helped. It was suggested that a committee be appointed whose business will be to take this matter in charge. Mr. D. B. Teague stated that the committee that has the work in charge helped 700 people last year.

Mr. Melver's talk on fire prevention was based on the fluctuations of fire insurance rates, which he stated form an accurate mirror of the success and failure of fire prevention work. He said that last year the national fire loss was over half a billion dollars, ten million of which was contributed by North Carolina. Including the cost of fighting fire, the national loss runs well over a billion dollars. Ten thousand lives were lost last year and 242 of these were in North Carolina. The actual loss of property does not tell the complete story, for there is the attendant unemployment and loss of business good will to be counted. 43 of 100 business houses burned never resume operations and the sickening part of these figures is the fact that 75 per cent of this loss is preventable—caused by carelessness and crime.

Mr. Melver described the efforts of the stock insurance companies to minimize this great loss, through their organizations, the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the Underwriter's Laboratories. Despite the fact that the total national loss has been almost constant for the past several years, the national average fire insurance rate has declined annually for the last 20 years. Although the cost of living has increased 60 per cent since pre-war standards, the cost of fire insurance has decreased 17 per cent.

"But the success of these efforts is limited to the extent of public co-operation. Fire rate theories take into consideration the factors of construction, occupancy, exposure and care, but the rate itself is based on the actual burning ratio. And remember that 75 per cent of the fire loss—consequently of the fire rate—is caused by a careless public. That's what the President wants to bring home to you in Fire Prevention Week."

In closing Mr. Melver asserted that careless smokers give fire prevention

### MANY EXHIBITS AT POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK SHOW

#### Rural Folk Show Interest In Show By Attendance On Friday and Saturday.

#### PRIZE AWARDS ARE MADE County Agent McMahan Well Pleased At Results Of Lee Fair.

The Lee Food, Poultry and Livestock Show is now a matter of history. The thousands of people who milled into the gates at the 1930 Lee County Fair were not in evidence at the 1931 exhibition but there was something about the latter project that commended its worth and emphasized its importance. For Miss Cornelia Simpson and E. O. McMahan who were largely responsible for the existence of a Lee Food, Poultry and Livestock Show, it was a "noble experiment."

The midway, the carnivals and the clowns have so cluttered previous attempts at fairs in this section that the basic main idea behind the grand show has been lost. This year Miss Simpson and Mr. McMahan bravely stripped the fair of the unessential and launched it upon a route that all fairs are supposed to travel.

The predominant thought back of the Lee Fair was Governor O. Max Gardner's "Live at Home" idea. This thought was fully emphasized in carrying out the project. It would have gladdened the heart of North Carolina's Governor to have been present at Friday and Saturday's exhibition and seen for himself how magnificently the people of Lee county have put his precepts into practice.

In the Edgar W. Jones building where the exhibits were placed there was about every kind of product to be seen and the most responsible producing. The soil products were supplemented by various breeds of poultry, ducks and turkeys. Hundreds of jars of all kinds of vegetables, fruits, preserves and jellies were a reminder that more foods probably have been canned in Lee county this year than ever before. Conversation among those who visited the exhibits building had mostly to do with the production and the conserving of food products and from what could be learned there are many thrifty homes in Lee in which five and six hundred containers of vegetables and fruits have been stored away to carry families over for another year. Displays of sorghum cane—a reminder that the demand for barrels in which to store syrup is now at the highest peak than for many years—were many. And sweet potatoes, well they too, were there to emphasize great volume of Lee's 1931 sweet potato crop. Peppers, squash, onions, beans, peas, grapes—these were only a few of the food exhibits.

One exhibit attracting considerable attention were three huge sweet potatoes of the Porto Rico variety, weighing seven and one-half pounds, all taken from one hill, and produced on Mr. A. G. Carter's farm, near here.

The live stock exhibits were shown on the vacant lot, formerly used as a miniature golf course. An eight-year-old Jersey bull, owned by James Wilson, of Lemon Springs, whose grand sire is said to have been sold for \$95,000 was one of the main attractions on the lot. A dairy cow, belonging to Charlie Rosser, of Jonesboro, also attracted much interest. This cow according to records kept by Mr. Rosser, produced 1183.3 pounds of milk during the month of September. For the same month this cow produced 281 pounds of butter fat. The Kiwanis pig club, which is composed of Lee county boys, who have been given pure bred pigs by the Sanford Kiwanis club, afforded an interesting exhibit. A pure bred sow, several hogs and a litter of pigs were shown. From the interest shown in the livestock exhibits it is evident that the people of the county are more and more becoming

### TOWN ALDERMEN ARE GUESTS OF LOCAL FIREMEN

#### Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Chief, Chief Speaker At Barbecue.

#### LAUDS FIRE DEPARTMENT Firemen Have As Guests City Officials, Wives And Daughters.

Two weeks ago the board of aldermen had as their guests at supper at the Carolina Hotel the members of the Sanford Fire Department, given in appreciation of the great victory they won at the State Tournament in August, bringing home more prize money. The Fire Department feeling that one good deed deserved another, gave in their honor at the City Hall last Monday night one of the most successful barbecues ever held in Sanford or this section. Barbecue was prepared for 100 people many firemen, aldermen and others carried plates of the deliciously seasoned barbecue home to their families. The barbecue was prepared by "Bud" Love, of this place, assisted by J. H. Woodell. Many pronounced about the best barbecue they had ever tasted. It was prepared in the old-fashioned way, mixing the seasoning with the meat as it was being cooked. Mr. Love is an artist in his line.

Many went to the hall thinking it was a stag affair, but they were agreeably surprised to find many ladies present ready to join them in enjoying the occasion. Mayor W. R. Williams, Chief of Police John T. McKernan and Sherwood Brockwell, Sheriff and Sheriff's Clerk, Raleigh took seats on the platform and Chief McKernan, who was master of ceremonies, in a few words explained the object of the meeting and in behalf of the board of aldermen, the members and other guests. The hall had been artistically decorated for the occasion and it looked as if the ladies had a hand in the work. Dr. R. C. Gilmore gave thanks and soon all were busy around the table which had been spread in front of the platform. Mayor Williams in a short talk responded in behalf of the board of aldermen and expressed his appreciation of the fine co-operative spirit shown by the Fire Department. He then introduced Sherwood Brockwell, the speaker of the evening. All present either knew Sherwood Brockwell personally or by reputation. They expected to be entertained and were not disappointed. This man who has made the protection of life and property in the State against fire his life's work, kept all amused with his wit and humor and from time to time touched on one of the great problems of the State, the question of reducing the heavy annual loss by fire. He stated that he had never visited a town that had a handsome young mayor like Mayor Williams that it did not have a good fire department. He spoke in high terms of the efficiency of the Sanford Fire Department and said that it was one of the best in the world. He said that it reflected credit on the town and by the reputation it had made for doing things showed that it had the backing of the people of the place. He told of coming to Sanford 20 years ago to play baseball and said that there was not a house in town big enough to stand behind to change his suit. He spoke of the growth of the town and the growth of the fire department along with it.

At the conclusion of Mr. Brockwell's speech Chief McKernan arose and presented him with a beautiful silver pencil as an expression of the high regard of the Sanford Fire Department.

In thanking them for the gift he quoted the following verse: "There are flowers that bloom whose rich perfume fills our heart with a strange but bright delight. In the dust they lie. Like the flowers in the poem this gift is beautiful, said Mr. Brockwell, and it fills my heart with a strange delight. I cannot express in words, but unlike the flowers, like everything else the Sanford Fire Department does is serviceable and lasting. I shall keep it and when "My summons comes to join that innumerable caravan" the loved ones I leave behind will by this token know who are my friends, for every friend and comrade I have on earth is in one way or another connected with the North Carolina Firemen's Association, of which you are a part.

### IMPRESSIVE TRIBUTE IS PAID MEMORY OF JOHN R. JONES, JR. BY HOME TOWN

#### PREDICT MOORE STREET MAY COME INTO OWN

A wag remarked the other day that Moore street was so dead that a fair could not be successfully held on it. While the fair was not as large as some fairs that have been held in Lee county it had some exhibits of real merit and could not be called a failure. Quality made up for the lack of quantity. It is predicted by some of our far-sighted business men that the time will come when Moore street will come into its own again. Property owners on that street who are paying high taxes on their property and getting no returns would like to see the hastening of that day

### Coca Cola Bottler Plans Enlargement of Bottling Plant Here.

#### Alongside of the small two-story brick building in which he has bottled coca-cola for many years, ground has been broken and earth excavated for the laying of the foundation of a larger and more modern structure by J. R. Ingram, wealthy bottler.

Work was started preparatory to erecting the new building immediately upon Mr. Ingram's return from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had gone to recuperate from a severe illness. Much improved in health, Mr. Ingram is planning to take care of the increasing business that has come to his firm in recent years. His bottling business is one of the most successful in the State and its continued growth has made it impracticable that he continue in the building in which the business is at present conducted. It will, it was intimated, probably be used as a storage house upon the completion of the new building.

While plans regarding the new building are not as yet available for publication, it was, however, stated that Eric G. Flannagan, architect of the new Lee County Hospital would draft the blue prints for it. Lee county brick will be used in the building of the structure.

The new building will have a long frontage on Charlotte Avenue and will have much depth. Though, it has not been announced, it will perhaps be two stories in height. Much of the material for its construction is now on the ground. This new building will greatly add to the business section in the vicinity of the City Hall.

### CAROLINA ALUMNI ORGANIZE IN LEE

#### Former Students of Institution Gather At Carolina Hotel To Observe Founding

A county alumni association, made up of former students of the University of North Carolina, was formed here Monday evening at the Carolina Hotel where graduates and undergraduates of the institution gathered to observe Founder's Day.

D. B. Teague, local attorney, was elected president of the Lee alumni; J. Carlton Pittman, vice-president; and S. J. Husketh, secretary-treasurer. Captain Dan B. King acted as temporary chairman of the gathering.

Following the organization several of the members present were called on for impromptu talks. The following responding: D. L. St. Clair, S. J. Husketh, J. Carlton Pittman and H. C. Renegar.

The talks centered about the crisis which now confronts the University of North Carolina. The steady trend of hope for those who are steadfast in their support of their alma mater. The University will not go backward but under the administration of President Frank Graham will increase its opportunities for service, was the trend of the thought expressed by these loyal sons of Carolina.

Adding to the evening's enjoyment were musical selections rendered by Mrs. James Holland, Miss Katherine Carter, James Melver and Joe Lazarus. Songs that brought memories of days spent on Carolina's campus enlivened the evening.

Members of the alumni present were: D. B. Teague, J. Carlton Pittman, S. J. Husketh, D. L. St. Clair, Dan B. King, Joe Lazarus, James Melver, W. C. Lane, Clarence Crabtree, H. C. Renegar, Bob Ingram, Victor King, Tom Albright, Harold Makepeace, E. L. Henderson, Jr., Bill Horner, Misses Stephanie Moore and Beth Colley.

### USEFUL CAREER TERMINATED BY UNTIMELY DEATH

#### Last Rites Held For John R. Jones, Jr., Victim of Automobile Wreck.

#### SANFORD MOURNS PASSING

The people of Sanford and this community were shocked almost beyond expression when it was learned last Saturday morning that John R. Jones, Jr., had met a tragic death by being caught under a burning car at a concrete bridge some 15 miles beyond Carthage on the Raleigh-Charlotte highway last Friday night some time after 11 o'clock. Mr. Jones came down to Sanford Friday to see his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones, Sr., and to attend to some official business. He left that night at 10:30 for Albemarle, his home. Some time between 11 o'clock and midnight people in passing on the highway discovered the smoking ruins of a car near a small bridge. Upon investigation it was found to be the car of Mr. Jones. As no one was with him it is not known what caused the wreck. A chunk of concrete was knocked off one side of the bridge which showed that the car struck the bridge before it turned over and was wrecked a few feet away. It has been suggested that Mr. Jones lost control of the car after a blowout. It will probably never be known what caused the wreck. The Sanford people while returning from Carthage where they attended a Legion meeting, stopped at the wreck and seeing an Albemarle license tag on the car, labored under the fear that it was Mr. Jones' car. After reaching home they got to the scene of the wreck by phone and found that the number that they gave tallied with the number on his car. In the meantime it was learned at Albemarle that he was killed in a wreck and an ambulance was sent to the scene of the wreck for the body. A. K. Miller, undertaker, of this place, drove his ambulance to Albemarle and brought the body to Sanford.

The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 conducted by the pastor, Dr. R. C. Gilmore, assisted by Rev. W. S. Golden, a former pastor, now pastor of the Carthage Presbyterian church. The body was in charge of a guard of honor from the Lee Post American Legion No. 18, composed of W. C. Donnell, Jr., O. B. Porter, J. T. Smith, C. T. Latimer, Dan B. King, Dr. F. L. Knight, Dr. Hayden Lutlerloh, L. E. Johnson, Roland Shepard, E. O. McMahan, F. B. Brinn, and H. M. Jackson. The casket was draped in the national colors and World War veterans stood with furled flags at the head and foot of the casket. A scripture selection was read by Dr. Gilmore and a beautiful prayer offered by Mr. Golden. The choir was composed of members of the choirs of the various churches. The selections rendered were "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "How Firm A Foundation." Mrs. W. H. White sweetly sang "Sweet Home." The church was crowded with people many attending the funeral from many sections of this and other states and many being unable to gain admission. The floral offerings were many and among the most beautiful we have ever seen at a funeral. The floral designs were sent by friends from other places, among which was one from the National Bank of Commerce of New York City. The flowers were in charge of the McNeill Bible Class of the Presbyterian church. The active pall bearers were: W. H. White, E. O. McMahan, W. M. Beckwith, R. E. Bobbitt, D. D. Riddle, H. F. Makepeace, R. L. Kelly and R. E. Kennedy.

At the conclusion of the service at the church the remains were borne to Buffalo cemetery where the interment was made. The following from Albemarle served as honorary pall bearers: W. E. Smith, J. D. Heath, S. L. Gullede, R. A. Crowell, Jr., E. E. Suggs, T. R. Wolfe, J. Heath Morrow, W. E. B. Bennett, D. R. McDuffy, Eli Kendrick, A. L. Patterson, R. L. Smith, H. L. Horton, J. A. Groves, W. T. Huckabee, Jr., T. C. Rivers, W. H. Snuggs, John Frank Biles, Jake Pearson, Dr. E. P. Brunson, O. H. Phillips, John B. Harris, W. G. Efrif, George R. Trotter, P. O. Skidmore, G. C. Morton, A. P. Harris, C. M. Palmer, D. J. Hatley, M. J. Harris, C. W. Gaddy, and L. M. Almond; S. A. Copp and Herbert Doerschuk from Baden and W. L. Burns, W. G. Caswell and W. B. Beaver from Concord. Along with the honorary pall bearers from Sanford they occupied one of the chairs of the church.

John Roderick Jones, Jr., born at Carthage January 25th, 1895, was the youngest child of J. R. Jones and Charlotte Hayes Jones. When the family moved to Sanford in December, 1908, he entered the Sanford Graded school where he finished and then spent two years at Davidson College. He went to Richmond and took a business course. Mr. Jones was with the Expeditionary force in France during the World War. Returning home he took a position with the Bank of Sanford in 1920. When the bank closed he went with the Page Trust Company and later became a stockholder and manager of the bank at this place. After resigning he was with the Commercial National Bank of New York for one year. Returning to the State, he became vice president and general manager of the Cabarrus National

### DANCE AT WILRIK

There will be a round dance at the Hotel Wilrik Friday night. Music for the dance, which is to be held in the assembly room of the local hotel, will be furnished by Shelton Stubbs' eleven-piece orchestra, one of the famous orchestras of the South. The dance is expected to be a scene of gaiety, having been elaborately planned. A large attendance is expected.

### GEORGE GOSS SLATED TO DIE TOMORROW

#### Tomorrow Morning.

D. B. Teague, local attorney, who represented Goss at his trial, is in Raleigh today conferring with the Executive Council, Mr. Taylor, relative to a commutation of Goss' sentence to that of life imprisonment. Goss was convicted of first degree murder at the August

### WAR PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN

#### Sanford High School To Show Official Government Pictures World War.

On Tuesday, October 20, the Tennis Committee of the Sanford High School will show the official Government pictures of the World War in the high school auditorium at 8 P. M. These pictures were taken by the United States Signal Corps during the World War and show all of the salient points upon which our soldiers fought in that great conflict. The films are all genuine and bear the government stamp.

Possibly no greater spectacle has ever been presented to the public of Sanford than this picture potend to be. The film follows the natural sequence of the great war from the sinking of American vessels by German submarines, through President Wilson's war message, the repairs of our citizen army on to our actual participation in the great battles in France. More than three hundred movie cameramen lost their lives in the filming of this production and many were wounded.

A preview of this picture was recently held before some of the legionnaires who actually fought in the great battles and these men, in several instances, recalled certain scenes and activities. The picture is guaranteed to be genuine, there being no Hollywood "shots" in the entire program. Many ex-service men and their friends and families will thoroughly enjoy this program as will the general public. The proceeds of the picture will help to provide a fund for the construction of tennis courts at the high school.

### SURPRISE DINNER

Mrs. L. C. Isenhour surprised her husband last Thursday by inviting a few friends, children and grandchildren to a six o'clock dinner in honor of his birthday. Mr. Isenhour received some useful gifts and all enjoyed the evening together.

Mr. Chas. G. Hatch, came in from Atlanta, Ga., last week to spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. Lynn Melver spent a few hours in Raleigh Friday afternoon.