

THREE MILLION LBS. TOBACCO WAS SOLD HERE

APPROXIMATELY THAT AMOUNT SOLD UP TO THE TIME THE WAREHOUSES CLOSED.

WILL RE-OPEN

Central to Open After the Holidays. Not Known Yet What Others Will Do. Season Has Been a Satisfactory One.

Approximately three million pounds of tobacco was sold on the floors of the local warehouses during the past season. The market closed Friday and a number of the tobacco men have left town for the season.

The Central warehouse will open again on the third of January for the convenience of Beaufort county farmers who have not yet sold their crop. It is not known yet whether the other warehouses will follow suit.

The sales during the season were a little in excess of the amount sold last year. Prices averaged considerably higher, and there are very few who were disappointed because they brought their tobacco to Washington. It is believed that considerable more tobacco will be sold before the warehouses finally close.

As a whole, the season has been a fairly satisfactory one, although there is no question but that considerable tobacco, grown in Beaufort county, was taken to other markets. This practice is decreasing every year, however, and next year it is expected that far less will be taken out of the county but will be sold on the floors of the local houses instead.

STORES TO STAY OPEN NIGHTS

Final Rush of Christmas Shopping Has Begun. Special Arrangements Made by Local Establishments.

With only four more days before Christmas in which to do the Christmas shopping, the local stores are making arrangements for handling the final rush of shoppers, who have put off buying their gifts until this week. Extra clerks have been secured by a number of the establishments and every possible arrangement made so that customers may be waited on with the least possible inconvenience or loss of time.

87 BARACAS WERE AT MEETING

Twelve New Members Added. Blues Are Still in the Lead. Special Sermon Next Sunday.

Eighty-seven members of the M. E. Baraca class were present at the meeting which was held yesterday morning. Twelve new members were added; eight by the Blues and four by the Reds. The lesson, as conducted by the class teacher, W. M. Keay, was a highly interesting one. Everyone is urged to be present next Sunday, when Preaching Elder will preach a sermon at eleven o'clock to the members of the class. The complete program of the services will be given through the press later on in the week.

BOND ISSUE OPPONENTS SENDING OUT CIRCULARS

Propound a Series of Questions for Voters to Answer. Urge People to Stand by Chocowinity and Long Acre

Several hundred circulars have been printed by those who are opposed to the bond issue in Washington township. Some of these were distributed at the opposition meeting, which was held in the court house Saturday and others have been distributed since then. The circulars proposed a series of questions for the voters. Complete, it reads as follows:

REGISTER

The registration books close Christmas day, Saturday, December 25. Unless you register, you cannot vote. Voters, before you decide how you will vote upon the bond issue, ask yourself these questions:

1. Do you want your poll and property tax increased to build a road in Washington township for "Joy Riders"?
2. If this is not the purpose of the present movement, why not improve all the roads entering Washington equally with the road leading out Market street, thence to Old Ford and back to Washington?
3. If this is not the road that it is intended to improve, why will not the County Commissioners say what roads they intend to improve? They have been asked to do so and refused to answer.

4. Who is to spend this \$50,000 which you are asked to vote as a tax, not only on yourself but on the heritage of your children? The County Commissioners have been asked to answer and have refused.

5. Are you willing to see the City of Washington pay to improve the roads of Washington township at the expense of the roads of Long Acre and Chocowinity townships?

6. Why should Washington township be selected exclusively for this special benefit by the city of Washington?

7. Who is behind the movement? When you have answered these questions to your own satisfaction, vote as your own judgment dictates. Do not let any influence control you.

If you fail to register, it is equivalent to a vote in favor of the bond issue.

Your friends in Chocowinity and Long Acre, in their hour of need, ask you to stand by them and see they get fair treatment from the City of Washington.

It is up to you. Don't fail to register.

GOOD ROADS MOVE NOW IN POETRY

Local Young Man Advocates Improved Highways for Beaufort County in Excellent Verses.

The following, sent to the good roads movement in Beaufort county, was handed in by one of our readers this morning:

Ancient Rome built good roads; why can't Beaufort county? A good road is a lasting monument to the genius and progressiveness of a community. Imperial Rome full centuries ago, and her temples have crumbled to dust, but her good roads survive. Here is what old Caesar did:

"When Caesar took a westward ride and grabbed the Gauls for Rome, What was the first thing he did To make them feel at home? To ease the people's load And liberty forbid? He sure did not, but built Good Roads. That's what old Caesar did. "Did Caesar put the iron heel Upon the foeman's breast? Or did he try to make them feel That Roman rule was best? What did he do to make them glad He'd come their midst amid? He built Good Roads in place of bad. That's what old Caesar did. "He built Good Roads from hill to hill, Good Roads from vale to vale, He ran a Good Roads movement till Old Rome got all the kale. He told the folks to buy at home, Build roads their hills amid, Until all roads led up to Rome, That's what old Caesar did. "If Washington would make itself The center of the map, Where folks will come and settle Down and live in plenty's lap; If Washington its own abodes Of poverty would rid, Let them get out and build Good Roads. Just like old Caesar did." — J. W. HODGES.

CONGRESSMAN SMALL BACK

Congressman and Mrs. John H. Small have returned from Washington City and will spend the holidays in the city.

NOT ENOUGH FOR STOCKING FUND

Donations Have Been Smaller This Year Than Last. Money May Be Turned Over to Associated Charities.

Collections for the "Empty Stocking Fund" have not been as large this year as in the past. E. L. Rogers, who has had the collections in charge, has visited practically every business house in the city and while a large number contributed, the amounts were rather small. In fact, it is not enough to take care of the work that it was contemplated doing. If the fund is not increased substantially today or tomorrow, what money has been collected will be turned over to the Associated Charities to use as they see fit. Those who have donated, if they so desire, may get their money back. The following have donated:

- William Bragaw & Co. \$2. C. A. Turnage \$1. W. H. Baker .05. cash .10. J. B. Sparrow .50. H. S. Ward .50. P. P. Maxwell \$1. R. H. Miles .15. Malkin (barber) .25. S. C. Bragg \$1. Guy Harding .25. H. C. Carter .50. R. L. Stewart \$1. cash .50. Dr. Wills .25. W. G. Cherry .25. W. M. Bell .25. G. E. McClure .05. George Ganters .25. Ross Bros. .50. John Gorham .25. Clyde Harrison .50. W. J. Rhodes .25. McKeel-Richardson Hdw. Co. \$2. J. F. Cowell \$1. M. Cherry .25. F. W. Cox .50. Joe Lilly .25. Jackson-Robinson .50. J. F. Randolph \$1. W. H. Ellison \$1. A. R. Styron .25. S. R. Fowle & Son \$2. C. A. Little .50. F. A. Wright .25. J. F. Buckman & Son \$1. L. C. Warren .25. Fred Ayers .25. W. T. Powell .50. G. A. Phillips \$1. E. R. Mixon Co. \$1. S. C. Cary \$1. B. F. Allgood .25. Cousins & Fortson \$1. Harris Hdw. Co. \$2. H. F. Bridgeman \$1. Claude Carrow \$1. cash .25. N. L. Simmons \$2. H. B. Charles .50. Miss Nellie Wingfield .25. M. Gowdy .25. W. W. Walker .50. R. H. Hudson \$1. W. C. Redman .25. F. B. Bryan .25. E. L. Stewart .25. Harry McMullan .50. Greek Cafe .25. J. B. Ross .50. Allen Chauncy .25. J. D. Grimes \$1. F. C. Kugler .50. W. L. Vaughan \$1. Geo. T. Leach \$1. B. L. Surman .50. Selavvy Bros. \$1. R. D. Simpson .25. Tom Lewis .25.

These were the ones that contributed in merchandise: J. K. Hoyt \$1. J. P. Sifer .50. H. T. Latham .75. Spencer Bros. \$1.25. H. H. Battersworth .25. M. John .20.

Provides for Parrot and Dog.

New York, Dec. 20.—Two trust funds of \$5,000 each are established under the will of Mrs. William T. Farley, a wealthy widow who died December 16 at her home here, for the care of her parrot "Polly" and her dog "Hop Slag." The beneficiaries under the trust are directed to make ample provision for the comfort of the pets. The remainder of Mrs. Farley's large estate is divided among relatives.

BRITISH WOUNDED RETURNING FROM FIRING LINE



This is believed to be one of the first pictures to reach this country in connection with the desperate British drive at Loos. The losses were extremely large on both sides and hundreds of wounded Tommies trudged back to the field hospitals from the firing line after temporary dressing of their wounds. It is thought that these are the first pictures to pass the censor showing the British wounded after the battle.

J.D. O'NEAL DIED YESTERDAY A.M.

Well Known Citizen Was Ill for Only a Few Hours. Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow.

J. D. O'Neal, aged 61 years, died at his home yesterday morning from congestive chills. He was ill only a few hours. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist church tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, the local Masonic order having charge of the rites.

Mr. O'Neal was well known throughout the city. He has been a resident of Washington for the last 25 years and has innumerable friends throughout this section of the city. He is survived by three children, two of this city, and a brother and sister of Lees Landing, who have arrived in the city and will attend the funeral tomorrow. Mr. O'Neal was also a prominent member of the local Masonic order. His death is sincerely mourned.

BALLOON SET FIRE TO HOUSE

Was Discovered in Time Before Much Damage Was Done. Occurred Late Saturday Night.

A toy balloon, which was sent up Saturday night, very nearly caused a serious fire at the home of Mrs. Annie B. Jarvis on East Main street. The balloon was sent up at night and alighted on the roof of Mrs. Jarvis' house. Luckily Dave Price's barbershop was open and occupants saw the balloon as it settled on the house. A call was sent in to police headquarters and the night man, with the assistance of a ladder, climbed up on the roof and put out the small blaze that started.

WIG INCREASE IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS

Wright's Doing Large Amount of Work Prior to Holidays.

Wright's Steam Pressing Works are doing a big business in cleaning, pressing, repairing and ordering new suits for the men of Washington. The business of this establishment has been increasing rapidly during the last few months and under the capable management of Frank A. Wright it is now doing an immense amount of work with general satisfaction to all of its customers.

From The Savings Account to The Christmas Stocking

How many stockings are you going to fill on Christmas morning? In how many of them would you like to put bigger, better, prettier things? Don't we all wish every Christmas that we could give father a nicer house coat, or mother a finer dress, or the dozen and one other members of the family, something a lot richer than our pocket book allow?

To help all who have such worthy desires we have opened

Our Holiday Savings Fund Which Starts December 27th

This plan is so admirable that saving becomes an easy matter. You pay only a few cents a week for 50 weeks, and then receive our check two weeks before Christmas, for all your savings, plus 4 per cent interest. Come to the Bank any day between now and December 31st, and start your savings account in our Holiday Fund. It is the one sure way to "fill the stockings" with the things you want—the one sure way to have the kind of Christmas that makes us Merry.

THE SAVINGS & TRUST CO.

MUCH LIQUOR IS COMING INTO CITY

APPROACHING HOLIDAYS EVIDENTLY THE CAUSE FOR INCREASED AMOUNT.

2 ARRESTS MADE

Over Ten Gallons of Monkey Rum Seized by Police Saturday Night. Negroes Arrested. Trials to Be Held This Afternoon.

The approaching holidays are evidently the cause for the large amount of whiskey that is coming into the city at the present time. The express company is handling numerous shipments and visitors to Norfolk usually come back with a stock to aid them in keeping up the Christmas cheer. The majority, of course, keep within the limits of the law, but there are several who evidently feel that a quart will not go very far and that a larger supply is needed.

The police are keeping an eagle eye on this latter class and several arrests have been the result. They nabbed over ten gallons Saturday night.

Frank Moore was apprehended by the officers at the corner of Third and McNair streets and it was found that he had a gallon and a pint of monkey rum in his possession at the time.

Another shipment of ten gallons of liquor was dropped off the Norfolk Southern train at Bunyon Saturday afternoon. Two negroes left here in a transfer, driven by Joe Hardy, another negro, and proceeded to bring the stuff to town. The police saw them driving back and when the two negroes saw the police, they made a dash out of the streets and broke several speed records in getting away from that particular locality. The officers invited Hardy to accompany them to the lock-up, which he reluctantly did. He was searched and a large canteen was found in his hip pocket. He was placed under bond, which was provided and the weapon and the liquor held as evidence.

Trial of both Moore and Hardy will be held this afternoon.

REALTY SALE HELD THIS MORNING

Grist Property on Third Street Auctioned Off by Atlantic Coast Realty Company.

One of the largest auction realty sales ever conducted in Washington was held this morning by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company of Greenville. The Grist property, on Third street, better known as the ball park, was auctioned off in lots. The sale was highly successful and was attended by a large crowd.

The company's band played several selections on Main street this morning, prior to the sale. Wagons were on hand to carry those who wished to attend the sale to the ball park.

ETNA POURS LAVA ON SNOW, MAKING GRAND SPECTACLE

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 20.—Mount Etna is active again, emitting red-hot lava, which, streaming along the sides of the mountain and melting the snow, produces a wonderful effect, especially at night. Glowing cinders and smoke form an umbrella-shaped cloud above the volcano.

NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT
1st series of the "Adventure of J. Rufus Wallingford"
2—OTHER REELS—
Last Half This Week
"Harry Stewart Musical Comedy Co."

Prices 25, 35, 50c

Are You Interested In a HOME?

A new Series of the Home Building and Loan Association will open on

January 8th, 1916.

SEE

W. E. SWINDELL, Pres., or
J. B. SPARROW, Sec'y.