

# Fairmont Has Biggest First Day In History Of Market

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Sales Supervisor

Fairmont, Aug. 13.—Fairmont opened the 1936 selling season with the biggest break in the history of the market. Starting Wednesday morning tobacco rolled into Fairmont from all directions until the town was literally covered with tobacco. When sales opened at nine o'clock there was a million and a quarter lbs. of the golden weed on the six warehouse floors. The crowd that came to Fairmont for the opening was even larger than the amount of tobacco brought. Thousands of visitors from the States and Virginia thronged the streets, warehouses, sidewalks and stores were literally jammed with spectators and tobacco owners. When the sales started everyone saw that this year's crop was selling far higher than anyone had dared hope for. The first pile sold brought 39, the next 35 then 38 and 20. The average for the day was \$21.48 or a total of \$24,290 pounds. All tobacco and medium tobacco that would smoke sold at much higher prices than last year. A large percentage of the offerings consisted of low grade nondescript primings that brought from two to 10 cents and this tended to hold the average down. Had the crop this year shown up as well as last year it is believed that the day's average would have been well over thirty cents. A notable feature was the number of small piles on sale. Row after row of tobacco was sold with the weights per pile running from 10 to 50 pounds per pile. When a large pile was found competition was much stronger than on the smaller ones. With the crop this year being so irregular it is going to be a hard matter to grade large piles but wherever it is practical to do so we believe it will pay to grade and sell large piles rather than small ones.

Rejections were few and general satisfaction was expressed on all sides with the opening prices. Fairmont, the biggest market in the border belt.

New Hanover county truck farmers are keenly interested in the movement to place truck crops on a parity with other farm crops under the soil-improvement program.

## Sow Fall Cover Crops In August

### August Is Month To Begin This Work According To Specialist, With Vetch And Crimson Clover Coming First

August is the month to start sowing fall cover crops, said E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College.

Vetch or crimson clover may be sown in cotton when it has been laid by, or in corn or tobacco which have already been laid by, he said. Scatter the seed and cover it with a cultivator.

Crimson clover may be sown in the hull during August, but will not give good results if this type of seed is sown later. Thirty pounds is enough for an acre. The rate for vetch is 20 to 25 pounds to the acre.

Early in the month, prepare land that is to be sown in alfalfa by putting on lime and fertilizer as needed. Sow the seed during the latter part of the month, preferably the last week

of August.

The variety of alfalfa best adapted to North Carolina is the Kansas common. It should be seeded at the rate of 25 pounds to the acre. Most land requires three tons of lime per acre, 600 pounds of superphosphate, and 200 pounds of muriate of potash.

Early planted soybeans will be ready to cut for hay in August, Blair continued. Many farmers wait three to six weeks too late to cut their soybeans.

The best hay is secured when the beans are cut while the pods are small, and before any beans have formed in the pods. Some authorities recommend that the plant be cut while in bloom.

The usual practice of waiting until the beans are almost mature gives a mixture of beans and straw instead of hay.

Lespedeza for hay should be cut when it blooms, which usually occurs from the middle to the latter part of August, depending upon the variety and certain other conditions.

Very Old Father: "There is nothing worse than to be old and bent."

Very Young Son: "Yes, there is dad."

Very Old Father: "What?"

Very Young Son: "To be young and broke."

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## Local Janitors Attend Meeting

"You are quite fortunate to be here," president Blaford, of the Agricultural and Technical Negro College, at Greensboro, truly stated in words of welcome to the 100 colored school janitors who gathered there from various parts of the state August 10th for instruction on economy and efficiency of their respective work.

Robert D. Beam, of the mechanical engineering department of state schools, was chief instructor of the school.

Instructions were given on economical operation of heating systems, minor electrical adjustments, care of wood work, cleaning and general unskilled repair work.

On Tuesday night of the session the four groups of janitors rendered an enjoyable religious program in the college auditorium consisting of spiritual songs, scriptural talks and appreciative expressions. Group No. 3 of which Charlie Lee and James Wilson, of Brunswick county schools were members rendered the best program as judged by the school.

## County Home Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer and son, of Southport, were visitors at the home on Wednesday evening of the past week.

Miss Bessie Willets, of Bolivia, came Thursday morning to see Mrs. S. E. Willets.

Marvin Powell and Kenneth Cook were also callers on Thursday morning.

Frank Sasser came Saturday and took Mrs. S. E. Willets to her home at Bolivia. Friends hope that her visit will prove beneficial to her.

Mrs. Vera McKeithan and Mrs. Harry Doshier, Mrs. Elijah Smith and Mrs. Finch, of Southport and vicinity, called Saturday to see Mrs. Virda Greer, who is still very low.

Rev. Z. G. Ray, pastor of Bethel Baptist church, called Sunday afternoon and held a service at the home. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Boss Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hickman, of the vicinity.

David Spencer, of Southport, was a caller on Sunday afternoon.

## Shalotte News

Dr. E. D. Bishop and D. T. Long were Whiteville visitors on Thursday.

Mrs. Horton Milliken spent last Tuesday in Wilmington.

Miss Annis Lay Winstead, of Ash, spent the week-end with Misses Eula Mae and Vera Belle Long.

Mrs. Lillian Oliver, Miss Gladys Frye and Mr. and Mrs. George Goley were Whiteville visitors Thursday.

Miss Johnnie Mae Russ is spending some time with relatives in Burgaw.

Miss Catherine Clark was a Wilmington visitor Friday night.

Carl Andrews, of Shallotte, and Miss Josephine Halburn, of Rocky Mount, were quietly married in Conway, S. C., Sunday, August 9.

William Dickerson, of Kinston,

and Miss Elizabeth Hewette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Hewette, of this place, were married Wednesday night, August 12, in Conway, S. C.

Miss Aradella Long spent the week-end with Misses Miriam and Virginia Winstead, of Ash.

Floyd Hewette, of Southport, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hewette, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Guye Womble, of North Wilkesboro, have returned home after visiting Mrs. Womble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Holden.

Mrs. Eva B. Stanley is a patient at Duke Hospital in Durham as a result of a wreck on Saturday, August 8th, near Winabow.

Since recent rains, Polk county farmers believe they will get at least 80 percent of a normal crop yield this season.

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