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TOBACCO MARKETS AWAITING OPENING

Georgia Prices Are Encouraging To Weed Growers

Whiteville Tobacco Market Put In Readiness For The Opening Of The Market Here Thursday

LOOKING FORWARD TO GOOD SEASON

On Basis Of Georgia Opening, Prices Should Be Good For The Opening Of The Market Here

All preparations incident to the opening of a big tobacco market have been completed here, and all warehouse organizations operating on the local market together with storage and redrying plants report everything in readiness for opening sales Thursday morning.

Improvements have been made in every warehouse organization since last season, and the market is now prepared to handle a larger volume of tobacco at a higher rate of speed than ever before in the history of the market. Because of the strategic location of Whiteville in the center of a large tobacco producing area the growth and development of the Whiteville Tobacco Market has been consistent and steady over a period of years, and it now ranks high among the leading tobacco centers in the country.

The market now consists of six big warehouses covering more than eight acres of floor space operated by veteran warehousemen who have all been engaged in the business here and in other markets during practically their entire lifetime.

The operators of the six local warehouses have a combined total of more than 150 years actual experience in the warehouse business. It is to this experience that the Whiteville tobacco market owes its rapid rise as an important tobacco marketing center.

As in past years the local warehouses will start the 1943 selling season with only a few changes in their operating personnel, and no changes among the veteran executives who will head the various organizations.

Oliver Nelson, and John Nelson, will again direct Nelson's Black Seal and Dial Gray will operate Tuggle's; Raymond and Gaither Crutchfield, will head the Crutchfield organization. Bert Moore, and L. R. Jackson, will manage Farmers. Hunter Y. Lea, and Thomas Lea, will again direct Lea's; while Blair Motley, Latane Motley, and Frank Hayes, will again be in charge at Brooks.

Plans have been made by these veteran tobaccoists to maintain and keep open through September, or as long as any other market in the belt remains open.

Due to the heavy rainfall in this section of the state during the past several weeks farmer's generally have had to devote most of their time to the harvesting of their tobacco. As a result it is unlikely now that sales at the opening of the market will be as heavy as they may be expected to be later on in the season when it becomes practical for farmers to devote more of their time to the grading of tobacco.

The effect of this condition will be to assure a quick sale to all farmers who have been able to grade their tobacco early in the season.

Production Room Takes Vacation

Red Cross Sewing Room To Remain Closed During Month Of August; Materials Available For Knitting

During the month of August the Red Cross production room located in the city hall will not be open.

Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, production chairman, announces that this change will not make any difference in the work being done locally as she will have a supply of wool at her house which may be secured at any time. Knitting has taken the place of sewing in the production program, and a large number of articles are now being made.

Both wool and directions may (Continued on page 4)

AN EDITORIAL

It is no secret that Southport citizens are much disturbed about the dim-out rules that are currently being enforced here. In the first place, they do not see why this has suddenly developed into a vital need, since the submarine situation off our coast surely is not as bad as it was during the first eighteen months we were at war.

In the second place, they do not understand why Southport should be dimmed out completely and the revolving beacon on Bald Head Island be permitted to sweep its beam seaward every thirty seconds to afford a perfect silhouette.

In the third place, there have been repeated reports—some of them apparently authentic—that other places along our coast, Myrtle Beach and Charleston, to be specific, are under no such regulations.

Let it be understood that we are not opposed to dim-out regulations or any other defensive measures prescribed by the U. S. Army as long as they are necessary and as long as they are enforced in all sections alike. But we do believe that the people have the right to know if and why these steps are necessary.

Following a telephone conversation with the State Director for the Office of Civilian Defense, Saturday, a local official was advised that Colonel Prichard, who is in charge of dim-out enforcement in this area, will be here for a public meeting during the week of August 9. This meeting will be widely advertised, and this will be the chance that several local citizens have been awaiting to ask the whys and wherefores of these rules.

Meanwhile, remember this: The local Civilian Defense officials were given a job to do by the army, and they have done it well. Continue to give them your support and cooperation until the meeting. Your quarrel, if you have one, is not with them. So wait and take it up with headquarters.

Railroad Sale Confirmed On Basis Of Public Sale

Machine Tool And Implement Company Of New York Successful Bidders For Rail And Truck And Bus Line

PROMISE BETTER BUS FACILITIES

Wilmington Man And Southport Physician Purchase Real Estate Holdings On Wilmington, Brunswick And Southern

Results of the sale of the Wilmington, Southern and Brunswick Railroad at the public sale here on Monday, July 19, were confirmed last Thursday in the absence of any raise of bid.

Principal purchasers of these holdings were the Machine Tool and Implement Company of New York. That firm bid \$48,500.00 for the track and right-of-way, together with all junk that might now be the property of the railroad. This same outfit also bid \$20,000.00 for the truck and bus franchise, together with all rolling stock.

Dallas Orrell and Dr. L. C. Ferguson submitted a point bid of \$4,000.00 for all real estate owned by the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern.

So far there has been no definite announcement of the plans of the purchaser for the continued operation of the road. Fred Fredeburg, representing the New York firm who bought the franchise, stated at the sale that his organization had plans for improved and expanded facilities for the bus and truck operation.

Museum Workers Here Next Week

Mrs. Simpson And Several Others Interested In Obtaining Specimens For The Museum Coming

N. C. MUSEUM FOLKS

Mrs. Roxie Collins Simpson, one of the dependable and indispensable fixtures of the North Carolina State Museum in Raleigh, will arrive here Tuesday for three or four days stay. She will be accompanied by half a dozen young men and boys who are much interested in bird and animal life, as well as in collecting various specimens for museum and laboratory work.

Mrs. Simpson, who will be making her second trip here this year, will be with Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw at the Camellia Inn when she is not in the field. The boys will all be guests of Douglas Jones, local Eagle Scout, who is also much interested in birds and various specimens. It is understood that the whole party (Continued on Page Four)

USO VISITOR



Dr. O. R. Grattan, (above) of the National Staff of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., was guest of the Southport U. S. O. Club last week. Dr. Grattan met with the pastors of Southport to discuss the Church Desk proposed for the U. S. O. Club, with religious literature and the opportunity for the service men to talk with representatives of the churches on their problems.

Regular First Monday Meeting Of County Board

Monday Was Busy Day For Members Of Board Of County Commissioners, With Tax Matters Taking Much Time TAKE ACTION ON WELFARE CASE

Members of the board of county commissioners had a hectic session Monday, but when the heat of the day had passed it was discovered that most of their time had been spent in the settlement of tax matters.

The board set a valuation of \$5.00 per acre on the James T. Hughes estate for unpaid taxes. A motion was passed unanimously ordering the Brunswick county superintendent of public welfare to sign a warrant charging Charles Pinknet with bastardy. This action was taken upon the advice of the county attorney, and in an effort to prevent the illegitimate child in question from becoming a county charge.

The board ordered the C. L. Edwards tract to be foreclosed.

It was ordered that Harry Spencer be notified at once of the revocation of his beer license. Mrs. Lacy Dawkins was allowed to segregate and pay taxes on 12 acres of land in Town Creek township at a valuation of \$6.00 per acre.

David Hobbs was permitted to segregate and pay taxes on his one-fourth interest in the Harrie Robinson estate.

Violet E. Hankins was given permission to pay her 1932 and prior years taxes upon the basis of her 1933 valuation.

Charles Wallace was relieved of \$600.00 valuation for 1942-43 because of error in listing.

Frank Freeman estate taxes for 1932 and prior years may be (Continued on page 4)

Decrease In Farm Renters Is Seen

RALEIGH. — Although the number of renter families on the farms of North Carolina has increased steadily for 30 years, figures released by the statistics division of the State Department of Agriculture indicate a decrease.

In 1910, there were 107,287 renters; 1920, 117,450; 1930, 137,615; 1935, 142,158. Although latest estimates set the figures at approximately 123,476 renter families, agricultural statisticians admitted that this is "undoubtedly a little low" but added it does "definitely indicate a downward trend in the number of agricultural renters in North Carolina."

Three Brunswick county men are under bond, pending trial in Federal court in October following their arrest for transporting liquor. They are Earl Medlin, \$500.00 bond; Woodrow Jones, \$300.00 bond; and J. D. Jackson, \$200.00.

This trio was taken by A. T. Uffers, Officers Lon Howe and Charles Gray and Special Officer O. W. Perry.

The same men captured and destroyed a 100-gallon still together with 250-gallons of sugar mash last week in North West township.

HOSPITAL PATIENT
Dr. J. V. Davis, of Shallotte, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Friday for treatment.

BACK ON DUTY
Lt. (jg) Preston Bryant has returned to the West Coast following a visit here with his wife.

Dressings Show Increase Here Month Of July

Report For Month Of July Indicates That Fewer Women Made More Dressings During July Than In June

COLORED WORKERS INCREASE TOTAL

There Will Be No Change In Schedule Of Surgical Dressings Room During Month Of August

Fewer women working less hours made more surgical dressings in the two Red Cross Surgical Dressings rooms here during July than they did during the month of June.

The totals as revealed by the end-of-the-month summary shows that 10,822 dressings were made. A total of 124 women, working a total of 492 hours, participated in this effort.

In the unit being operated by white women, 8,812 dressings were produced. There were 38 women who aided in this work, their hours totaling 313.

In the colored work room a total of 2,007 dressings were made. There were 86 women who worked during the month, and their hours totaled 179.

There will be no change in the schedule of Surgical Dressing room operations during August, according to the chairman, who urges every available woman in this community to help whenever possible.

Numerous Cases Tried In Court

All Day Monday Spent In Trying Cases In Recorder's Court Before Judge John B. Ward

Monday was a busy day in Brunswick County's court.

Wiley Wells, white, was found guilty of speeding. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00. The fine was remitted.

George Goodman, colored, was found guilty of making an assault with a deadly weapon. His sentence of 4 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs. Notice of appeal was given.

U. G. Gause, colored, was found guilty of possession and transporting. Given 8 months on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$100.00. His driving license was revoked for one year.

Charles Ellis, colored, was found guilty of operating with improper license. Given 60 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Grover L. Hickman, white, was charged with drunk driving and reckless operation. Motion was made by the solicitor for a jury trial and the defendant was bound over to Superior court.

C. M. Jenkins, white, was charged with making an assault with a deadly weapon. Given 30 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Notice of appeal was given.

Otho Bell, colored, was found not guilty of making an assault (Continued On Page Four)

RATIONING OFFICERS



CHANGES—W. P. Jorgensen, left, has been made chairman of the Brunswick County War Price and Ration Board and Chas. M. Trost, right, has been nominated as the new member following the resignation here this week of the former chairman.



News Bureau Outfit Runs Into Mounted Patrol

Bold Black Bears Buttin' Over Bees

Dr. J. A. Stone, of Little River, shot and killed a large black bear last week. The animal was killed in four hundred yards of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stone, nephew and niece of Dr. Stone. The bear had several times raided the bee apiary of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, destroyed a total of twelve colonies.

This past week Luther Holden, of Bolivia, reported that he, assisted by neighbors, had killed two large black bears that were caught in the act of raiding the Holden apiary. These two bears were killed on different occasions. Mr. Holden lives about 30 miles from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, where another apiary raider was slaughtered. A couple of weeks ago a story in this paper told of bears in the Green Swamp slaughtering four feet cows and badly injuring another. It seems they are becoming thick to the point where they were serious pests.

Sergeant Gore Back On Duty

Brunswick County Marine Gunnery Sergeant Is Adding To His Long List Of Service Stripes

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, July 31.—When Gunnery Sergeant Ernest F. Gore retired from the Marines in 1939 after 16 years of service he thought his traveling days were over.

He returned to his native Southport, married, set up a hunting lodge on Lockwood Folly and looked forward to an easy-going life.

He had seen a lot. He'd crossed the equator a dozen times; he had seen duty in the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, the Philippines and in China. Twice he had gone on long sea cruises.

The war called the white-haired "gunny" back into active service as a non-commissioned gunnery officer in charge of the Marine anti-aircraft machine gun groups aboard a ship.

And since his return to active duty Gunnery Sergeant Gore has added three more campaign ribbons to the nine he already possessed.

Mrs. Gore, the former Elena Barnhill, of Southport, and their two children, live in Southport. His brother, Henry, is in the Merchant Marine and a half brother, Herman, is with the Army signal corps.

May Use Ration A Coupons For Eastern Trips

W. P. Jorgensen Offers Some Advice As To The Regulations Governing Trips Out Of Rationed Area

PERMIT RETAILERS TO SELL PERISHABLES

Provision Enables Retailers To Make Emergency Reduction Of Points On Food Likely To Spoil

Motorists will be enabled to use their "A" ration books for trips in and out of the Eastern gasoline shortage area by special provisions announced here today by W. P. Jorgensen, chairman of the Brunswick County War Price and Rationing Board.

These provisions are necessary, he pointed out, since eastern motorists are now using "A-6" coupons, while those outside the East are using "A-7" coupons from their basic book. In order to overcome difficulties in travel "across the border", a new amendment to the gasoline rationing regulations sets up procedures by which "A" ration holders may exchange any of their valid "A" coupons for other coupons that may be used in the area in which they expect to travel.

The provisions permitting retailers to make emergency reductions in the point values of rationed meats, fats, and dairy products in imminent danger of spoiling, due to expire July 31, has been extended indefinitely, Mr. Schulken said.

The emergency point reduction arrangement which is a safeguard against the spoilage of perishable foods which may be moving slowly, has worked out satisfactorily. As a result, the provisions will be retained with the same limitations as previously.

Holders of "B" and "C" supplementary rations for passenger cars and "E" and "R" non-highway use are no longer required to apply for renewal of their ration at the date specified on the covers of the coupon books, it was made known by Mr. Jorgensen.

Now it will be possible for the holders of these rations to continue to use their stamps until they are exhausted, unless there is a change in the purposes and uses to which the vehicle was put at the time the rations were issued. The erstwhile expiration period is now the earliest date at which renewal may be made. Persons who run out of stamps prior to the renewal date are in danger of going without.

Dealers having in stock used passenger tires that are not fit for recapping, but which can be made serviceable for emergency use by temporary repairs, may brand them with an "O" on the sidewall and sell them with or without repairs, to consumers holding Grade Three ration certificates, Mr. Jorgensen stated.

A dealer branding tires in stock must report to his OPA District office not later than the tenth day of each month the number branded during the preceding month.

NEWS BRIEFS

FOR OBSERVATION
Jonathan Potter, of Southport, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital last Wednesday for observation.

FOR TREATMENT
Mrs. W. F. Jones, of Southport, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital last Wednesday for treatment.

PATIENT
Mrs. H. B. Smith, of Southport, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Friday for treatment.

FOR TREATMENT
Mrs. Peter Hewitt, of Shallotte, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Saturday for treatment.

NEW ARRIVAL
Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Ferguson, of Southport, announce the birth of a daughter at Doshier Memorial Hospital on Sunday, August 1.