

Veteran Hunter Lea Ready For Another Weed Season

The familiar chant of Louie Love, top-notch veteran auctioneer, will also ring out again over the rows of golden weed spread in the warehouse this year. Louie will be starting his fifth season as chanter at the Lea establishment.

Replacing Marion Inman as floor manager at the Lea establishment this year is Dewey Florence.

The bookkeeper again will be veteran Fred Holderby, who has seen many successful years on the Whiteville market. Returning as book man is Stephen McDaniel of Horse Cave, Ky. Marking tickets will be Everett Love of Kenbridge, Va. Behind the scales to weigh the golden leaf will be Jack Sullivan and Jack Carter.

Assisting on the floor will be Johnny Campbell, Paul Lennon, Locke Byrd, Jr. Serving as trade men are L. B. Hester, Joe Pruitt, and Otha Spivey.

ready once again to give tobacco growers the reliable, efficient service which has made Lea's Warehouse famous for over 29 years. Backed by 20 years experience in the tobacco industry, Mr. Lea is ready to see that the grower gets the same high price for his crop that has drawn thousands of pounds of the golden leaf into the Lea Warehouse for years. Operating warehouses in Danville, Virginia, Whiteville, and Lake City, South Carolina has made the name of Lea famous throughout Virginia and the Carolinas.

Assisting his uncle in the proprietorship of the warehouse is W. Townes Lea, who is now in the United States armed services.

Crutchfield Brothers Ready For Another Weed Season

Bud Chandler Will Auctioneer For His Second Season Here, As Raymond And Gaither Crutchfield Begin Another Year

Chandler's chant has echoed from the rafters of the world's largest tobacco warehouse, located in the Burley Belt. His speed and efficiency have brought acclaim to him from many tobacco buyers as one of the best in the game. Tobacco farmers will remember him from last season at Crutchfield's.

There is little change in the Crutchfield personnel from last year. W. M. Williams is returning for another season as floor manager for the house; Ed Watts will be in the office to handle the bookkeeping post; Herman Simpson is back again as book man; John Dunn will be clip man for another season; Everett Love will mark tickets again; and Charles Williamson, Jr., of Cerro Gordo, will add another year at the Crutchfield house as weighman.

NO FORCE CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR

W. M. Williams Will Be Crutchfield Floor Manager Again This Year; Rest Of Last Year's Force Back

With auctioneer Bud Chandler chanting into his second season with them this year, Raymond and Gaither Crutchfield are ready to launch Crutchfield's Warehouse into another successful tobacco season on the Whiteville market.

This year the Crutchfield brothers move into another decade on the Whiteville market, heralding the arrival of their eleventh year here. They are once again ready to serve the farmer, to see that he gets a good price for his golden leaf, and to give him the same high grade of service with which they've earned their reputation on the local weed market.

For many years now Raymond and Gaither have successfully operated the Crutchfield Warehouse here, and each year they have added scores of friends to a steadily lengthening list. They are considered as being one of the best brother combinations in tobacco business.

With 16 years experience behind him in the tobacco business, Raymond Crutchfield has chalked up a sparkling record. Standing by him with 14 years experience, Gaither Crutchfield is also rated as one of the leading tobaccoists of this section.

Auctioneer Bud Chandler, who hails from Jasper, Fla., is an old hand at the game, although relatively new in local tobacco circles, having auctioneered in Georgia, Eastern North Carolina, and Kentucky. Throughout tobacco seasons for the past several years,

blue prints in recent days. Thousands of bushels of potatoes are lost every year by farmers who depend on the "bank method" of saving the crop and the new plan will save enough potatoes to pay for the cost of building the small unit, which is placed on skids.

Growers wishing to build permanent storage units of 500 to 15,000 bushels should write the Agricultural Engineering Department, State College, Raleigh for free plans. This department also has plans for the conversion of tobacco barns into sweet potato curing plants.

Forsees Lack Of Potato Containers

RALEIGH. — Harry Westcott, vegetable marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, has urged sweet potato growers to make arrangements to secure containers wherever possible.

"With the sweet potato season approaching and warnings coming from all sources that growers will be faced with a shortage of containers, producers should obtain containers for both storage and shipping needs as far in ad-

vance of harvest time as possible," said Westcott.

He said that plans for assistance by means of a salvage program of old containers and the like is being formulated.

Mississippi is the only state having a larger cotton acreage in 1943 than in 1942. North Carolina has planted below her permitted acreage.

Farmers are asked to market hogs at not heavier than 230 pounds. It takes more feed to put an extra pound on heavy hogs.

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Capon Production Up In This State

RALEIGH. — Since April 22, C. H. Tower, poultry marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, has caponized 3,322 cockerels as compared with 300 for a year ago and 80 for a similar period two years ago.

Tower said that while almost every county in Eastern North Carolina is showing "great interest" in the production of capons, Chatham County is leading the State with 807 birds caponized this year.

The ceiling price allowed farmers for capons is 38 cents per pound as contrasted with 31 cents for hens and 26 cents for roosters, Tower said.

Check distilled water in the automobile battery trice a month, or more often in hot weather, to be sure it covers the plates to a half-inch depth.

The number of young chickens raised on farms in the U. S. in 1943 is estimated at 925,652,000 birds, over one-third more than in recent years and 16 percent over last year.

PLAN STORAGE FOR SWEET POTATOES

Farmers should plan to cure their sweet potatoes and market them in an orderly manner or many thousands of bushels of this important food crop will be lost this next fall and winter, say horticultural specialists of the State College Extension Service.

Recent estimates indicates that the total sweet potato acreage will probably be about one third larger than last year and, with any thing like normal growing conditions, there will be a bumper crop. The officials point out that if the large crop is "dumped" on the market, without being properly harvested, graded and cured, the price support measures are bound to prove inadequate.

It has been estimated that North Carolina has storage capacity for only about one-fourth of the coming crop and growers are urged to plan now for the proper handling and storing of the crop.

The Agricultural Engineering Department at State College has recently published plans for a small curing unit that will handle from 80 to 200 bushels and requests have been received for 743

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