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## TOBACCO MARKET OPENED MONDAY

Apparently Little Change In Prices, While Quantity Is Cut Short By Cold Weather—Three-Fourths Crop Sold.

The Winston-Salem tobacco market opened Monday with prices reported to be slightly higher than before the holidays or at least not any lower. Only a small amount of the weed was offered for sale Monday, the cold weather probably keeping many farmers at home. Since Monday the sales have been heavier but not up to the breaks before Christmas. The average price is around twenty cents a pound.

The amount of tobacco in the hands of the farmers now is estimated at anywhere from a fourth to one-third of the crop. The warehousemen expect the bulk of the crop to be sold in the next sixty days.

## MUST GO TO CHURCH OR JAIL

Judge A. M. Stack Sentences Law Breakers To Attend Revival Services Being Conducted By Rev. Billy Sunday.

Charlotte, Jan. 8.—"Attend revival services once a week or go to jail."

This was the edict of Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, who yesterday opened a six months term as presiding judge of the Mecklenburg superior court here to persons convicted of gambling in his court. Twelve men yesterday afternoon were convicted of gambling and fined various sums and sentenced to 60 days each in jail. The sentences were suspended by the judge with the provision that the men must refrain from gambling for three years and must attend services now being conducted here by Rev. W. A. "Billy" Sunday once a week.

## AUTO-GAS TAX OVER \$7,000,000

End of First Six Months Shows Total Collections To Be \$5,623,845.00—Year Ends July 1st Next.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—By the end of the State's fiscal year the automobile and gasoline funds of the state will reach well past \$7,000,000 and close to \$8,000,000, according to estimates of Secretary of State W. N. Everett and Governor Morrison.

Mr. Everett yesterday furnished the Governor with a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the department to December 31. For the first six months of the fiscal period the total collections from the automobile license and the gasoline tax amounted to \$5,623,845.

Christmas and New Year's day have passed and the next joyous occasion on the calendar is Easter, which comes rather late this year—April 26th.

## MORE MILLIONS READY FOR CO-OPS

Third Payment By Association Amounts In All To Over Five Million Dollars—Checks Will Be Sent Out Jan. 10.

Tobacco co-ops of the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina will receive millions of dollars this week in the third payment to be made by their marketing association Thursday, January 10, when checks will be paid to all members of the association who delivered bright tobacco of the crop of 1922.

This week's payment, according to officials of the association, will bring the total cash receipts of its members up to the full amount of the valuation placed by bankers on the crop of 1922. The total amount of the third payment by the association to its members in the old belt and eastern North Carolina will exceed \$5,000,000, according to its directors, who state that this is not the final settlement on the 1922 crop.

The checks will be paid on Thursday to association members and this will bring their total receipts on the best wrapper grades to as high as \$70.00, for cigarette cutters as high as \$55.00, and for the best leaf \$45.00.

The association closed the old year last week by the payment of all debts due, including mortgages and deeds in trust assumed on the purchase of its warehouse properties. It also retired all of its class A stock then due and amounting in all to many thousands of dollars, according to the announcement of Treasurer James H. Crair. The prompt payment of all its debts to date by the Tobacco Co-Operative Association completes the first step by which more than 93,000 farmers who compose its membership are becoming the owners and obtaining the stock of the 150 warehouses which were purchased by the association.

The saving in warehouse charges gained by members of the association will more than pay the cost of their warehouses during their present marketing contract, according to Aaron Sapiro, attorney for the association.

All warehouses of the association in the bright belts of Virginia and North Carolina, and in the dark and sun-cured belts of Virginia have opened again to receive tobacco, the association so far having received more than 125,000,000 pounds of the 1923 crop, a considerably larger amount than its receipt up to a year ago.

S. D. FRISSEL.

Ray Johnson, of Winston-Salem has qualified as administrator upon the estate of his brother, the late Wiley G. Johnson, of Mag. Stokes county.

## GERMANTON HIGH SCHOOL OPENS 15

Water and Lights Installed and Heating Plant Will Be Connected Up Soon—A Pretty Building—Personals.

Germanton, Jan. 6.—The new high school building is almost completed but not quite ready for school yet, so the reopening of school will not take place before Jan. 15th. The carpenters have done their work and gone. The water and lights have been installed but the heating plant has not been connected. Three schools will be consolidated with the Germanton school the coming term, these being Red Bank, Chaffin's and Corinth. Trucks will convey the children from a distance. The new building presents quite a striking appearance up on the hill from the village.

Dr. Paul Petree, of Peru, South America, has arrived in Germanton to be at the bedside of his father, Mr. R. J. Petree, whose condition does not improve.

Mrs. Frank Stonestreet and children, of Mocksville, have returned home after spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Petree.

## P. M. Martin Dies At Ayersville

Pinkney Martin, aged about 60 years, died Monday night at 10 o'clock at his home at Ayersville, Stokes county. He was stricken with paralysis at four o'clock in the afternoon and was unconscious until the end came. Mr. Martin had been in fair health for a long time and his death came unexpected. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. O. C. East, of Winston-Salem; Misses Nina and Lillian Martin, who reside at the old home place and John Martin, of Ayersville.

Mr. Martin was a prosperous farmer and one of the leading citizens of his community. He was one of the founders of the Ayersville Baptist church and was a deacon in the church at the time of his death.

The funeral was held at the church at Ayersville Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock followed by interment in the church burying ground.

## Using Davidson County Sand Here

Bob Smith, local garage operator, has the contract to haul two car loads of sand from the Walnut Cove station to the bridge sites on the Danbury-Westfield road. The sand comes from Davidson county. It is learned, and appears to be of excellent quality, but we fail to see how it could beat some of the sand here for making concrete. There are millions of bushels along the Dan here that would be much less expensive than the Davidson sand.

## CHANGES IN ROAD BOARD

Members John D. Smith and T. G. New Resign and E. R. Nelson and Robt. Barr Succeed Them—Board Met Monday.

Considerable change took place in the personnel of the Stokes County Highway Commission Monday when members John D. Smith and T. G. New each handed in their resignations and E. R. Nelson and Robt. Barr were appointed to fill the vacancies. Mr. Smith's resignation was expected, as he is no longer a citizen of the county, having removed to Pilot Mt., but Mr. New's action came as a surprise. The out-going members have made efficient officers and the other members of the board expressed sincere regret at their resignations.

Mr. Nelson and Mr. Barr, the new members, are citizens of Danbury and Yadkin townships respectively. Both are good men and will no doubt fill the office with credit to themselves and the county. The new members will be sworn in at the next meeting of the board.

The highway commission was in session here Monday only a short time and no business of importance was transacted, the principal work being the auditing and paying of claims against the county.

## Fourth Grade Pupil Writes Of Xmas Tree

The Danbury public school gave an interesting program and Christmas tree at the pub before Christmas. We had a beautiful tree, which was loaded with presents. Some of the presents looked like red apples hanging on the tree. They were well arranged. Nearly every one there received a present from the tree and they seemed thankful for them. At the close of the program Mr. Walter Petree presented the writer and Banner Tilley a prize, in behalf of the Parent-Teacher Association for making the best average on deportment up until that time. The songs and recitations by the children were beautiful and the teachers managed them well. We felt thankful to them.

Written by Francis Humphreys of the 4th grade.

## Clerk A. J. Fagg Will Not Resign

A report has been current over the county for several days past that Clerk of the Superior Court A. J. Fagg intended resigning his office soon. Mr. Fagg stated today that the report was erroneous and that he had no idea of resigning.

Attorneys C. O. McMichael and A. E. Holton, of Winston-Salem, and G. L. Jarvis, of Walnut Cove, were here on professional business yesterday.

## WALNUT COVE FIRM CHANGES

Hobson Fowler Quits Mercantile Business For Baseball—W. G. Dodson Is Improving From Recent Sickness.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 7.—Mr. Hobson Fowler, of the mercantile firm of Fulton-Fowler Co., has sold his interest in the firm to his partners, and expects to become a professional baseball player. He will enter training soon.

Mr. W. G. Dodson, prominent merchant here and proprietor of the Dodson hotel, who has been quite sick recently, is considerably improved.

Mr. Lawrence McRae, of Raleigh, who is well known here, and who owns some valuable real estate near town, was here this week looking after his interests.

## Entertained For Mrs. Ralph Webster

Miss Luna Taylor entertained at a delightful party on Saturday evening, honoring Mrs. Ralph Webster, of Madison, who was formerly Miss Agnes Martin, of this place. The home was most inviting with its decorations of Christmas greens and potted plants and the cheerful fires. Two contests were enjoyed. Miss Josie Pepper won the prize in the first, a box of candy, while Mrs. W. E. Joyce and Miss Mary Martin tied in the second one. Mrs. Joyce being the lucky winner of a dainty powder puff. Miss Nancy Lee Dunlap then entered, dressed as a fairy, and invited Mrs. Webster to go with her to fairy land. She took her into the parlor where Mrs. Webster found a surprise awaiting her in the form of a shower of interesting looking packages, which were gifts from those present. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. J. S. Taylor, and Misses Mary and Luna Taylor, consisting of hot chocolate, sandwiches, cheese apples, olives, salted nuts and mints.

## Caleb Tuttle Dies; Fell From Bicycle

King, Jan. 8.—Caleb Tuttle, aged about 60 years, fell from his bicycle near Dalton, three miles west of here, late Saturday afternoon. He was picked up and carried to T. A. Dalton's home and Dr. Phillips was immediately summoned but the man was dead before he arrived on the scene. The doctor stated that he died from a stroke of paralysis.

The funeral was conducted from Chestnut Grove church Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Webster, of Madison, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Martin.

## GOOD ROAD NEWS FROM PATRICK

Highway From Stuart To the Stokes Line Is Apparently Assured—County Supervisors To Furnish State Money.

James Rierson, who resides near Stuart, in Patrick county, was here today on business. Mr. Rierson stated that at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Patrick Monday the board voted to put on the State highway map the road leading from Stuart to the Stokes county line at Bill Abe Martin's. This is the direct road from Stuart to Danbury.

The Virginia highway commission meets in Richmond on Jan. 18th, and the Patrick county Supervisors, accompanied by several leading citizens, will appear before that body and make formal request that the road mentioned be placed on the State map, and that construction be started at once.

Mr. Rierson stated that it was the intention of the Patrick Supervisors to loan the State the money necessary to build this eight miles of road as soon as it is placed on the State map, and that Patrick citizens expect to see work started on the road in the early spring.

This road from Stuart to the Stokes line forms a part of the most direct and most practicable route from Winston-Salem to Roanoke, via Walnut Cove, Danbury, Stuart, Floyd Court House and Christiansburg, and the entire route, with the exception of Stuart to Stokes section, is on the maps of the Virginia and North Carolina highway commissions, and all of the road is already built or is in process of construction except the eight miles from Stuart to our county line. With this section built a large per cent at least of the travel from Roanoke to Winston-Salem will be diverted from the Rocky Mt. Martinsville route to this one. The road from Rocky Mt. to Roanoke is said to be fearful and a better route is badly needed.

## Trial Here Yesterday; Negro Bound To Court

John Dalton, col., of the Walnut Cove section, was given a hearing here yesterday before Justice N. A. Martin on the charge of making whiskey and he was bound over to Superior court under a \$200 bond.

Dalton was arrested before Christmas at a distillery near Walnut Cove by policeman Cooley, of that place. When the policeman arrested Dalton he attempted to take the officers pistol away from him and Mr. Cooley shot the negro twice. He has been in Winston-Salem hospital up to the time he was brought here for trial.