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TOBACCO PRICE OUTLOOK GOOD

Best in Several Years, Ernest Webb, of Kinston, Says—Foreign Market Will Be Brisk.

Kinston, Aug. 10.—The tobacco price outlook in this part of North Carolina is the best "in several years, possibly since the period during the war when prices were running away."

This opinion came today from Ernest V. Webb, local independent. Webb is a "conservative-progressive." His word is law with thousands of growers, and his prediction will carry weight.

"The European prospect is bright," Webb declared. He has been abroad this year and sized up the situation for himself. "Europe is emerging from the economic tangle that has held it shackled for a number of years. It is using more tobacco. I believe the manufacturers in the British Isles and on the continent will buy large quantities of the Eastern Carolina weed this fall. They expect to pay well for it."

Webb has been acclaimed a "market saver" in times of depression. In an interview this afternoon he said the over-measure of caution manifested by some buyers in this belt was not justified. Influential tobaccoists have warned growers that there is a chance for a slump before the opening of the markets in the local belt.

"There are some buyers who would like to see this crop sell for eight cents a pound," he declared. "I would like to see it sell for 25 cents. I am going to see to it that farmers in this immediate territory get the value of their crop, if it is humanly within my power." Webb stands ready, he indicated, to buy heavily and force others in the market to "come across" in the trading.

Growers recall times in the past when Webb and others like him "stepped in the breach" to send prices soaring when sales were going badly.

The situation in Georgia since the opening there early in the month has been an index to what should be experienced in the Eastern Carolina belt next month, he asserted. There is no way to construe it. "Georgia has produced a fine crop and an exceptionally good crop, I am told.

"And Eastern Carolina has produced a good crop also, a very good crop. It should bring more than last year's crop. I believe it will."

The tobaccoist added that shabby tobacco will not bring more than last year. "There is no great demand for it. Manufacturers have little use for it; consumers prefer quality in tobacco as in everything else, and when they are able to have the good they will not have the bad. The farmer who has made a poor crop of shabby weed is out of luck. The fellow who has an average or superior one may expect a prosperous season."

Winston-Salem Journal Enters Afternoon Field

Winston-Salem, Aug. 7.—Plans for publication of an afternoon newspaper in this city by The Winston-Salem Journal company were announced in The Journal this morning.

Details have not been completed the announcement will read, but are being arranged. The company will publish the afternoon paper in addition to its morning publication.

Mrs. John Taylor spent the day Friday in Winston-Salem.

STOKES' POPULAR SUMMER RESORT

Having More Visitors At Piedmont Springs This Season Than Ever Before In Spite of Poor Road.

Notwithstanding the fact that the road leading to Piedmont Springs has been under construction and in poor condition throughout the summer, the number of visitors to this resort, especially at week ends, has been larger probably than ever before.

Moore's Springs, having no hotel, has not had as great patronage as usual, though many guests have been taken care of in cottages and tents. By the opening next season this resort will it is learned, have a new hotel and be able to care for the many people that visit that resort each year.

It is predicted by those familiar with North Carolina summer resorts that when hard surface roads are built here, Blowing Rock, Roaring Gap, Chimney Rock and other resorts in Western North Carolina will be outstripped by Piedmont and Moore's in numbers of visitors and popularity.

The Stokes resorts are near the centers of population and people in Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Reidsville, Mt. Airy, Lexington, Thomasville, etc., may reach our resorts in one or two hours. Many citizens of these towns spend the week end at the resorts and by arising early on Monday morning reach home in time to begin work at their usual hours.

Carolina Tobacco Men See Georgia Markets

Kinston, Aug. 8.—Numbers of eastern Carolina tobaccoists were at lower Georgia points today for the opening of the tobacco market. Some will spend the short season on the Cracker markets as buyers and book and floor men. These include transients who swing around the circuit each fall and winter, through Georgia, South Carolina, eastern North Carolina and the Virginia-Carolina old belt or Kentucky.

A number of warehousemen were in the farthest south belt as observers. These will form opinions, based on the sales in Georgia, of what may be expected here five weeks from now when the eastern Carolina markets are opened. First reports indicated that the outlook in the Cracker belt is promising, the crop of fair quality and the buyers inclined to be liberal. The yield in Georgia has increased steadily in recent years.

Hard Blasting On Road Here

The contractor has about completed the Danbury end of the Walnut Cove road. Just beyond the new concrete bridge here solid rock was encountered and it was the hardest rock imaginable. For several weeks terrific blasts have been put off here daily until finally the rock is about cleared away. The fills to the new bridge have been finished some time. One of the two steam shovels on this road has been removed to the Meadows section and is moving toward Walnut Cove rapidly. The other is completing the grading between Danbury and Meadows.

It is announced that contract will be let for hard surface on this road Aug. 21th, which is less than two weeks off.

Attorneys J. D. Humphreys and J. W. Hall made a business trip to Wilkesboro Saturday.

TOBACCO CURING BEGINS IN STOKES

Those Who Have Made Cures Report Quality Fine—Pleased With Reports From Georgia.

Tobacco curing has already started in Stokes and will be on in full swing within a few days. Those few farmers who have cured barns report that the quality is fine. They say that all the leaf that is good in the field looks fine after being cured.

The growers are greatly helped up in spirit by the reports of good prices prevailing in Georgia and they hope these prices will continue after the opening of the market here.

A majority of farmers say they have as good crop of tobacco apparently as they have ever grown.

Corn is looking fine and the crop will no doubt be large in this county.

Forsyth County Has Fine Corn Crop

R. W. Pou, county farm demonstrator for Forsyth, said Monday: "These rains have certainly ruined the nibbins. I think one of the finest corn crops ever grown in Forsyth county will be harvested this fall." Mr. Pou estimates that Forsyth county has about 10,000 acres planted in corn which he thinks will yield about 250,000 bushels, quite a pile, but still not enough to supply the demands for this commodity in the county.

State Leads South In Traffic Deaths

Eleven Southern states reported 41 fatalities and 276 persons injured from traffic accidents during the past week through a survey conducted by the Associated Press. The total for the past week is one fatality and two persons injured less than the total reported for the week previous.

North Carolina led all Southern states in the number of persons killed in traffic accidents of all descriptions with 10 and had a total of 21 persons injured. Louisiana was second with six persons killed while Virginia was third with five.

Florida led in the number of persons injured with 58. Tennessee was second with 49, and Georgia and Arkansas tied for third place with 30 each.

\$100,000 Estate Left By J. W. King

Greensboro, Aug. 5.—John W. King, prominent tobaccoist and business man and former Representative from Guilford county in the General Assembly of North Carolina who died suddenly at his home on Church Street on the evening of July 16, last, left an estate of approximately \$100,000.

This was learned today when the tax books of the county were scanned and the taxable valuation of the deceased's property was added to the estimated worth of his personal and the taxable valuation of the property. Mr. King died intestate, leaving no last will and testament.

Sunday School Here Will Have Picnic

The Danbury Union Sunday School voted to have a picnic at Sunday's session, and White Sulphur Springs, near Mt. Airy, was selected as the place. The time was not decided upon definitely, but will be fixed for some time during this month.

Miss Nellie Joyce spent Sunday with friends at Pine Hall.

PATRICK HAS FINE APPLE CROP

Will Probably Produce 75,000 Barrels For Market This Year, Says Mr. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Neal, of Stuart, Va., were visitors here Tuesday night, and in speaking of the apple crop in Patrick county, Mr. Neal, who was formerly associated with several of the big orchard companies stated that it was estimated that Patrick would produce for market this year about 75,000 barrels of apples, and the quality is fine.

Already representatives of several big companies have been in that county with a view to purchasing the apples in large quantities.

Tobacco Average In Georgia 24.33 Cents

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9.—Valued at above \$1,815,712, tobacco sales in Georgia for the first week in August totalled 7,466,706 pounds at an average price of 24.33 cents, as compared with 2,959,276 pounds in 1925 at an average price of 15.93 a pound, it was revealed in a report issued today by the Georgia Co-operative Crop Reporting Service.

The report said that it was apparent from the figures that the percentage of the total crop sold in the first week of August 1926, which is also the first week of sales by tobacco warehouses, was greater than the percentage of the total crop sold during the first week of the 1925 season.

Strange Crossings.

We wonder how many motorists around here know that a train going 40 miles an hour covers 59 feet in a second, and that it cannot be stopped in less than a quarter of a mile. If everyone driving a car would take his lead pencil and figure a moment he would find that a train can cover 40 feet in five seconds, and not be running faster than 40 miles an hour. That 59 feet is a good, safe distance to be from a railroad track, and five seconds is very little time to lose when negotiating a crossing. We believe a realization of this one little fact should be sufficient to make drivers more careful, to even cause some of them to come to a dead stop before proceeding over a railroad crossing that is new and strange to them. It certainly impresses us with the danger of taking chances on getting across before the train thunders along, and we sincerely hope it will strike some of our readers as forcibly as it does us.—Reidsville Review.

Mitchell-Heath.

Walnut Cove, Aug. 11.—Miss Elizabeth Mitchell and Mr. Dan Heath were married here tonight by Rev. O. E. Ward, pastor of the Baptist church, the ceremony being at the home of the pastor and only a few friends and relatives of the young couple being in attendance.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, of Walnut Cove, while the groom is the son of the late J. W. Heath and Mrs. Heath, of Walnut Cove Route 1. The young couple have a host of friends who wish them much happiness. They will be at home at the residence of the bride's parents after a trip of several days.

The annual communion service of the Primitive Baptists at North View was attended by a large crowd last Sunday. After the service a splendid picnic dinner was served in the grove.

BUMPER CORN CROP FOR ROCKINGHAM

Many Farmers Haven't Cribbed Enough to Hold Record Grain Yield.

Madison, Aug. 8.—The case of the well known old lady who lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do is closely paralleled by the predicament that numerous Rockingham county farmers find themselves in. It is not children they have and don't know what to do with, however, it is tobacco and corn, especially corn. Actually many farmers are going to make so much corn they don't know what to do with it.

They haven't cribs sufficient to hold it and the tobacco crop is keeping them so busy they don't have time to build more cribs. The corn, though, will keep on the stalks for several months after ripening and the crop will probably be saved after so long a time. The crop is the "bumperest" the county has ever had.

TOBACCO HIGHER IN GEORGIA

Prospect Is Good For Better Prices Here This Fall, Say Tobacco Men.

Henderson, Aug. 9.—Bright prospects for good prices for tobacco here this fall and winter are seen by local tobacco men and others in the 20 per cent increase over last year's opening prices paid at the opening in the Georgia belt this week. It is a matter of great interest here and all the other belts not yet in operation to know what each succeeding section does on its initial sales, and the start in Georgia was looked forward to with interest. Averages ranging from 20 to 24 cents a pound were shown for a number of markets reporting.

Florida Still Active.

The general impression that Florida has lapsed into a state of inactivity is not borne out by the railroad records, for The Wall Street Journal is advising that the Florida "boom" has opened the eyes of many people in the North, East and West to the tremendous possibilities in the Southern States. While the luster of the State has been somewhat dimmed, due to the collapse of the boom, Florida—to take but one instance—has only scratched the surface of its possibilities.

And there is reminder that although it has garnered the lion's share of publicity, Florida is by no means the only Southern State which has enjoyed the post-war wave of prosperity. In fact, many of the other States have been more soundly, if less spectacularly, prosperous—North Carolina for example.

Of the five leading railroads in the South—Atlantic Coast Line, Illinois Central, Southern, Louisville & Nashville and Seaboard Air Line—four reported heavier gross revenue in the first six months of this year than in the corresponding periods of 1925, 1924 and 1923, while the other carrier reported larger revenue than in 1925 or 1924. All five roads reported larger net operating income in the first half of this year than in the corresponding months of 1925, 1924 or 1923.—Charlotte Observer.

Mrs. W. G. Petree and children are on a visit to her father, George Mitchell, and Mrs. Mitchell, at Chen, Va.

FOUR DEATHS OCCUR AT KING

Revival Services At Christian Church—Baseball Game—Personal and News Items.

King, Aug. 9.—Jasper Westmoreland, aged 82 years, died at his home three miles west of here Tuesday from a complication of disease. The interment was conducted from Trinity church Wednesday. The deceased had a wide circle of friends and will be greatly missed in the community.

Mrs. Martin T. Spainhour, aged 57 years, died Thursday night at her home here almost suddenly from heart failure. Mrs. Spainhour awakened her husband about 10:00 o'clock, telling him she felt strange. The husband arose, made a light and summoned Dr. Stone, who resides only a short distance from their home, but before the doctor could get there she was dead. White Mrs. Spainhour had been in declining health for some time, she was as well as usual that night when she retired. In addition to the husband, three sons, Harvey, William and Nathaniel, all of King, survive. Two daughters, Mrs. A. F. Collins, and Mrs. Norman Newsom, are also left to mourn their loss. Eleven grandchildren also survive. One son, Rober Spainhour, who died in France during the World War, and one daughter, Mrs. Fred White, preceded her to the grave by several years. Mrs. Spainhour, who was a good woman, and who was liked by all who knew her, had been a faithful member of the church of Christ for many years. The interment was conducted from the Baptist church here Friday at 11:00 o'clock, A. M.

The King Tigers and the Capella nine played off the tie at Pinnacle Saturday afternoon, resulting in a score of six to four in favor of the Capella boys.

Rev. Mr. Phelps, of Spray, will commence a meeting of several days at the Christian church here tonight. He will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. J. T. Saunders, of Rural Hall, and Rev. R. A. Holsbeck, of Tobaccoville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reiman, of Walnut Cove, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Colley, of Pinnacle, were among the visitors here Sunday.

James A. Kroeger, aged 77 years, died at his home near here yesterday afternoon. In addition to the wife, two sons, Samuel and Squire, survive. Four daughters Mrs. L. G. Gentry, Mrs. V. T. Grabs, Miss Rena and Miss Ersie, are also left to mourn their loss. Mr. Kroeger was a good citizen and had a wide acquaintance. The interment will be conducted from Antioch church of which he was a member tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Clyde Moore, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents on Spruce street.

Miss Maybell Carroll, of Winston-Salem, is spending her vacation here with her cousin, Mrs. H. G. Spainhour.

Robert Griffin, aged 86 years, died last night at the home of his son, Dr. E. M. Griffin, here after a short illness with paralysis. Mr. Griffin was one among our best citizens and will be greatly missed in the community. Funeral will be held at the home today at 2:00 o'clock and interment will be in Woodland cemetery at Winston-Salem at 4:00.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Sam Woods, Danbury R. 1, was here today.