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TOBACCO GETS BAD START IN EAST

Opening of Markets at Wilson, Greenville, Kinston, Rocky Mount Brings Poor Quality and Low Prices.

The Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets opened yesterday and reports from there indicate poor quality of the weed and low prices, even lower than last year's opening day prices.

The Wilson market sold nearly three million pounds at an average price around twelve cents a pound. The best prices were around 30 or 40 cents.

At Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Kinston and Greenville, the sales were smaller but the prices were reported as about the same as those at Wilson.

Dealers and growers were quoted today as saying that the quality of the leaf had been damaged by excessive rains. While the grades are about as usual much of the leaf is lighter than usual.

At Goldsboro buyers were reported showing preference for low grade leaf with prices higher than usual. The top price reported there was 40 cents for some high grade tobacco.

Sales on the Goldsboro tobacco market today approximated 300,000 pounds, with an unofficial estimate of \$14 to \$15 per hundred. The sales exceeded last year by about 100,000 pounds, and the 1929 price was considered to be about \$2 per hundred better.

Farmers were pleased with prices the low grade brought, but were disappointed at the amount the high grades netted.

Tobacco sales at the opening of the market at Kinston today totalled slightly less than 1,000,000 pounds. Quality was mixed, with much shoddy leaf on the floors. Prices probably did not exceed last year's opening average, which was between 13 and 14 cents, but it was admitted by market authorities that offerings were off in body and texture from those of the first sales day in 1928.

Farmers watched the sales with evidences of disappointment. They had expected a higher average in view of reports of a short crop.

Tobaccoists generally were optimistic—more so than at the beginning of 1928 sales.

At New Bern two local tobacco warehouses sold an estimated 120,000 pounds of tobacco today, at an average said by warehousemen to be 12 cents a pound.

Prices on the opening day ran from four to thirty cents. The opening day was not as heavy as last year, the prices ranged about the same. There was considered dissatisfaction among the growers. Low grade tobacco, in the main, was offered on first sales.

Walnut Cove Ladies To Play Ball Game

What promises to be an interesting game of base ball will occur at the Walnut Cove baseball park Friday, Sept. 6th, at 3 P. M., when the married ladies of the town will play the single ones. The game is being given under the auspices of the Eastern Star and gate receipts will go to that organization.

STOKES WANTS SPECIAL TERM

Governor Is Petitioned To Give Us One Week Term Criminal Court Beginning December 9th To Clear Heavy Docket.

The criminal docket of the Superior court in Stokes has such a great accumulation of cases that it is not believed by attorneys and others that it can possibly be cleared up at next month's regular term of criminal Superior court, and at last Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners a petition was forwarded to Governor Max Gardner requesting him to call a special one-week term of criminal court to begin on Monday, December 9th.

The special term, if provided for, will not have a grand jury, being for the trial of cases already on the docket.

Solicitor J. F. Spruill was consulted as to whether the date would conflict with other courts in the district and it was found that Dec. 9th was satisfactory.

Roy Hicks Is Held For Court

Charged with the larceny of a Ford automobile from Daniel Bullin recently, Roy Hicks, of the Hartman community, was last Saturday given a hearing before Justice D. C. Wood and held for Superior court under a \$400 bond. It was alleged by Bullin that Hicks went to his home and took his car while the family was away, driving it to a point some miles away before the gas gave out, where the car was abandoned.

Funk Dismissed From Federal Service

John S. Funk, for many years one of the prohibition enforcement officers working in the middle district under J. L. Osteen, administrator, has been permanently dismissed from the service for alleged misconduct. Funk was recently given a hearing in Washington following temporary suspension several weeks ago.

Draining Stedman Lake This Week

Lake Stedman, located on the Danbury - Piedmont Springs highway, is being drained this week on account of a leaking gate. The opening at the gate is screened so that no fish will be let out. R. R. King, Danbury contractor, is in charge of the work.

Making Auto Plates In State Prison

The automobile tag-making plant at the State prison has started to work turning out the plates.

The new plates will have white numerals on a red background and two plates will be required for each machine, one for the front and another for the back. About a million and a quarter tags are expected to be needed for 1930.

Rev. R. W. George and Curtis George, of Francisco, were among the crowd in town Monday. Rev. Mr. George's health is improved.

MEN CONFESS TO STORE BREAKING

One Gives Bond, Other In Jail Here—House Almost Burns—Bachelors and Old Maids Entertained.

King, Sept. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kiser, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guests of relatives.

Mrs. James Cornelius and little sister, Katherine Spainhower, have returned to their home at Winston-Salem after spending a few days with Mrs. Elmer Hauser.

An old bachelor's and old maid's reunion was held at the home of M. E. Garner Sunday. A very tempting dinner was prepared by Mrs. Garner which was enjoyed by all present. The afternoon was spent in playing games and a general good time. A list of those present follows: Misses Odessa Boyles, Nina Broom, Inez Smith, Viola Tuttle, Topsy Garner, Vivian Lawson and Amulea White, Messrs. Homer, Spencer and C. D. Slate, Jr., Austin Garner, Ralph Kiser, Simpson Garner, Theodore Newsom and James Ramley.

William Holder, Jr., is having his moving picture theater on Depot street remodeled, getting ready for the fall business.

N. C. Hooker, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with relatives and friends here.

The many friends of little Francis Jane Hauser will be glad to learn that she has about fully recovered from her tonsil operation of last week.

Work on the new addition to the home of Mr. H. H. Leake is nearing completion.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Clade Tedder, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooker, a daughter.

Misses Fannie and Lillie Goff, of Winston-Salem, spent a few days here last week visiting relatives and friends.

L. G. Lawson has returned from Johnson City, Tenn., where he spent several days with relatives.

Mrs. R. S. Helsabeck and children are spending a few weeks at Moore's Springs.

An oil stove in the home of C. S. Fowler, two miles west of town exploded Friday night, throwing oil practically all over the room which ignited. For a time saving of the house seemed inevitable, but the quick and heroic work of the family and neighbors succeeded in stamping out the flames. Only slight damage was done to the home. It will be remembered that Mr. Fowler has lost two dwellings by fire within the past few years.

N. O. Petree, prominent attorney of Danbury, was here Saturday looking after some legal matters.

Kennis Puffiam, of Charlotte, spent Saturday with relatives here.

The Southern Public Utilities Co., of Winston-Salem, had a force of men here last week installing additional street lights on Main street.

Allan Mabe, a planter residing two miles south of town, has a cow which has twin calves.

Mr. and Mrs. James Love, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guests of relatives.

Judson Spainhower and Ke-

TOBACCO CROP DAMAGED BY HAIL

Losses to Farmers Upwards of \$100,000, More or Less—Corn Also Suffers Seriously—Storm Swept Entirely Through the County, Path a Mile Wide.

Striking Stokes county near Pilot Mountain, and sweeping a path a mile wide entirely through the county, a wind and hailstorm last Thursday afternoon caused a loss of possibly \$100,000 to late tobacco fields. Corn also suffered severely, many fields being torn to shreds, while in some sections potato patches and other vegetation were destroyed. Quaker Gap, Peter's Creek and Danbury townships were the worst sufferers. The storm disappeared into Rockingham county, after it had wreaked its destruction in Stokes.

Among the worst sufferers from the hail and wind, are the following:

R. M. Smith, whose loss is probably \$1500.
Joel Lawson, \$500.
Dixie Wood, \$700.
Branscombe Young, \$500.
Banner Young, \$100.
James Mabe, \$1,000.
J. R. Bennett, \$1,000.
Sol Woods, \$300.

Dozens of other farmers were damaged more or less than the above. None as far as can be learned carried insurance.

State Will Pay School Expenses First 2 Months

Expenses of operating the public schools for September and October will be borne by the state board of equalization and county officials need not worry about borrowing money at high rates in anticipation of school taxes, according to a statement made from Raleigh by Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of education.

Anticipating that tax collections will not begin to come in until in October, Dr. Allen is quoted as stating that the state funds will be made available as to the counties during the first two months of the term.

Some counties have already arranged to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. One of the reasons assigned for acting early was that school expenses for the first two months before tax receipts began to mount up would have to be met from borrowed funds.

Robert Sharpe of Leeds, Eng., left his clothing and a suicide note on a river bank, and after the stream had been dugged four days for his body he showed up alive and well.

Ver Newsom were arrested here Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff J. M. Aley, on a warrant charging them with breaking and entering the Shore Mercantile Co. store on the night of January 26th and March 15th. Both men confessed to the crime in the preliminary hearing which was held before Justice of the Peace J. Steiman Garner. Their bonds were fixed at \$500 each.

Spainhower arranged bond but Newsom was sent to Danbury jail in default of bond.

PLANNING TO SURVEY DAN RIVER

The Work Was Provided For By Act of Congress—Airplanes Will Be Used.

Danville, Va., Sept. 2.—Danville will be the base of an aerial survey of Dan river, provided for by an act of congress, it was learned here, the government having decided to make this city the base of its operations.

Light airplanes will be used, probably of the bi-plane type. Photographers will be equipped with the new telescope lens cameras and will take their pictures from an unusually high altitude.

Some crisp early fall morning the pilot will take off from Danville airport with the photographer in the second seat and with the camera apparatus braced to the outside of the fuselage. The pilot will fly steadily westward and will climb to a height of two miles over the Meadows of Dan, where Dan river has its incipency. Through a standardized system based on altitude measurements, the camera shutter will click and an exposure will have been made. Within a few moments as the pilot follows the tiny silvery thread of stream below him, the shutter will click again. When finished there will be a panoramic air view of Dan river from Patrick county down to where it joins Roanoke river and on to where its estuary pours out into the Atlantic.

This work will take at least two months for the fliers can take pictures only on such days when atmospheric conditions are right.

The ground work will be far more tedious and will involve rod and line work through rough country.

Not only will the stream be plotted anew but valuable supporting data will be collected. The past history of Dan river floods will have to be studied from old records, the navigability angle will be worked in further downstream and there will be a good deal of attention devoted to the stream's hydro electric station potentialities.

100 CHILDREN TREATED HERE

Clinic By State Board of Health Came to Successful Close On Saturday.

Exactly one hundred Stokes county school children had their tonsils removed at the clinic conducted here four days of last week by the North Carolina Board of Health, and the clinic proved a great success in every particular.

The members of the clinic left Saturday for Asheboro, where they are this week conducting a clinic for Randolph county.

The organization is a complete one and is doing a great work.

S. A. Fincham, of Piedmont Springs, planted 1 1-2 bushels of Irish potatoes this spring and dug 40 bushels yield. There were as many as 45 potatoes in one hill.

J. Calvin Tuttle and R. L. Tuttle, of Winston-Salem, were here last week on business.

JRS SELECTED FOR COURT

Fall Term Begins Here Oct. 14—Judge Walter Moore Will Preside—Many Cases On Docket.

Jurors for the two weeks term of criminal and civil court, starting here Oct. 14th, were drawn at Monday's meeting of the board of county commissioners.

The first week of the term will be for criminal cases and the second week for civil matters. Judge Walter E. Moore, of Sylva, is assigned to preside over both terms. The docket of the criminal court is again a full one.

The names of jurors selected for the two terms follow:

CRIMINAL TERM.

George Fulton,
J. M. H. Flynt,
James Dodson,
Lee James,
J. W. Lackey,
G. H. Stewart,
Roy Joyce,
R. E. Miller,
P. J. Moore,
Elkin Smith,
J. S. Slate,
Lindsay Shafer,
J. S. Mitchell,
T. H. Jessup,
W. T. Bowman,
Zeb Mabe,
J. R. Lawson,
Ed Bondurant,
Earl Moore,
Sandy Forest,
W. C. Moore,
J. W. Lynch,
C. T. Joyce, Jr.,
J. D. Moxey,
D. S. Boyles,
John Fulton, Jr.,
J. W. Pelt,
Roy Watts,
C. D. Moore,
H. I. Moore,
J. R. Nunn,
M. E. Garner,
D. J. Boyles,
J. R. Dearmin,
S. J. Spence,
Roy E. Leake,
W. H. W. Smith,
Ollie Bullin,
E. C. Carter,
W. B. Hazelswood,
S. W. Martin,
W. I. King.

CIVIL TERM.

Eugene Marshall,
James Bottoms,
E. H. Covington,
J. F. Bennett,
G. Thos. Martin,
P. O. Ellis,
J. H. Bandurant,
Z. D. Covington,
W. M. Plummer,
J. A. Blackburn,
S. H. Richardson,
G. C. Neal,
J. D. Nance,
Reggie Ashby,
A. R. Hooker,
J. A. Joyce,
J. B. Bennett,
J. B. Rutledge,
Joe Dill Joyce,
I. E. Tedder,
E. M. Adkins,
J. W. Lawrence,
E. G. Priggle,
C. H. Amos.

E. P. Newsom, S. W. Pulliam and Clayton Newsom, of King, were in town Tuesday, the former qualifying as administrator of the estate of Thos. F. Newsom, deceased.

J. C. Frans, of Westfield, was in town Monday.