

Weather Forecast
Partly cloudy with local showers probable tonight and Thursday. General variable winds.

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GREENVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 8, 1920.

Price: Five Cents

Greenville Tobacco Market Re-Opens Tomorrow; Better Prices Expected To Prevail On All Grades

GREATEST MASS MEETING OF PITT COUNTY FARMERS EVER HELD HERE OCCURRED TODAY

Between Two and Three Thousand Disgruntled, Dissatisfied Farmers Assembled in Mass Meeting to Protest Against and Resent the Low Prices Being Paid for Tobacco.—Meeting Unanimously Adopts Resolutions of Protest and Demand a Remedy For Existing Evil.—Call Upon Farmers in Other Counties to Join Them in Fight for Living Prices.—Unanimously Recommend Reopening of Warehouses in Pitt County Thursday.

Between two and three thousand farmers from all sections of Pitt county stormed Greenville today for the purpose of protesting against the low prices for tobacco which caused the closing of the market here yesterday morning and at Farmville in the afternoon. Although it was not given out until afternoon yesterday there would be a mass meeting of the farmers here today, the news spread like a prairie fire. When the court house bell rang at 10 o'clock they swarmed into the doors like bees, determined and resolved to have what they were justly entitled to—a fair profit for their toil and labor. Every inch of space in the court room was occupied. Several hundred had to content themselves by standing on the outside unable to gain entrance. Few occasions have happened in Greenville to which there were a larger number of people, certainly none in which there was more singleness of purpose instilled in the breasts of those who came.

Senator F. C. Harding was requested to act as chairman and H. A. White secretary, with newspaper representatives as assistants. Mr. Harding, in opening the meeting, addressed himself to the conditions and the purposes for which the assembly had gathered. He said it was the crisis in Pitt county, but no panic, for there was a vast difference between the two; said that the farmer was entitled to the cost of producing his tobacco, plus a fair profit, and that they had met to see if ways and means could not be mapped out that would be for the best interests of all concerned. He spoke of the conditions in the foreign countries, that England was the only country that could buy our tobacco, that Germany could not because she had no trade relations with us. The speaker advised judgment and wisdom in their deliberations.

Following Mr. Harding's address several talks were made in which several suggestions were made. It was finally decided to appoint a committee consisting of farmers, bankers, business men, etc., to draft resolutions of protest and at the same time adopt some way, if possible, toward a proper adjustment. It was then moved that after this committee was appointed that the meeting take a recess until noon in order to give the committee time to report. This was adopted. The meeting re-assembled at noon and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS
At a meeting of the tobacco growers of Pitt county held in the Court House on Wednesday, September 8, 1920, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:
1. Whereas, the prices paid for tobacco on sales warehouse floors located in Pitt county on the opening day of the tobacco markets were below the cost of production.
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,
1. That in the production we have stood between the elements and the rest of the world; we have carried all risks to date, and have already accounted for attendant losses, so we do now resent and protest against any tendencies of those controlling the price of our tobacco inasmuch as said persons or corporations have run no risk in the production of the crop, and stand no risk of losing if the farmers are paid a fair price.
2. In view of the fact that the manufacturers and dealers are increasing their wealth in these days of prosperity, all we ask of the commercial world is a square deal—an opportunity to lay by some accusations for ourselves and families. We desire to live and let live. We have toiled faithfully, not for our health, nor for our pleasure, but in the hope of profit. Our products are for sale, but we are determined not to sacrifice the result of our toil upon the altar of the speculators' greed.
3. That we are willing to offer our tobacco upon the open market provided only that the trade is willing to follow us a good living profit; otherwise, we shall feel compelled to call upon producers everywhere and of every class to come to our aid in an effort to close the doors of the packing houses until the markets of the world may indicate a disposition to deal with us in a just manner.
4. That we further advise the farmers to prepare their tobacco in a good merchantable condition and market as uniformly as possible so that the market will not be flooded at any one time.
5. We furthermore request that our brother farmers throughout the bright leaf district call district or county meetings and take similar action immediately.
6. We further recommend that a permanent chairman be elected at this meeting and that he be empowered to appoint a committee consisting of one member from each township to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. We further recommend that the above committee, consisting of one member from each township provide for the establishment of the Southern Farmers' Association, which shall carry out the provisions of the resolutions and provide relief in such other evils as

Death Toll In Italy's Earthquake Growing

ROME Sept. 8.—As reports come in the extent of yesterday's earthquake disaster seems growing and scores, it is believed lost their lives in North Florence. Many structures collapsed. There are no tidings from the populated towns. King Emmanuel has gone to the scene.

Rome Sept. 8.—The Tribune says that several hundred were killed in the earthquake at Fivizzano and many more injured quoting a dispatch from Massa.

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7. We recommend that the tobacco warehouses of Pitt county shall reopen for business on Thursday morning, 9th of September, and we call upon all farmers to use discretion in the offering of their crop so that markets may not become flooded and top prices may be paid by the buyers under existing conditions.

8. We recommend a meeting of the various farmers' organizations in the counties composing the bright leaf tobacco belt in Eastern North Carolina, for the purpose of getting more closely in touch with the real situation and for further purposes of appointing a committee to go to Washington to present the claims of leaf tobacco growers to the Federal Reserve Board, with the view of securing adequate funds to finance same.

9. That a copy of these resolutions be given to the press for publication, and that copies also be mailed to all tobacco buyers and companies purchasing tobacco on the floors of the warehouses in Pitt county, and that committees be appointed to confer with said tobacco companies relative to prices and market conditions.
(Signed) Committee.—J. P. Davernport, J. R. Smith, F. C. Harding, S. M. Crisp, J. E. Winslow, W. H. Moore, L. F. Evans, W. H. Porter, W. L. McLawhorn, J. R. Speir, Marcellus Smith, W. H. Woodard, R. E. Currin, J. B. Turnage, J. B. Pierce, A. L. Jackson, Oscar Speight, W. L. Smith, C. W. Faucette, F. A. Eiks, J. F. Brinkley, F. D. Foxhall, S. T. Hooker, B. B. Sugg, C. R. Townsend, W. Z. Morton, J. L. H. Hodges, C. D. Smith, W. W. Bullock, J. L. Perkins, M. G. Mays, P. T. Anthony, R. L. Davis, H. W. Whedbee, W. L. Hall, J. N. Gorman, J. L. Little, E. G. Flanagan, W. B. Quinley, C. V. Cannon, C. S. Eiks, H. A. White, E. B. Higgs, G. B. W. Hadley, B. W. Mosley, J. K. Mays, P. L. Clodfelter.

The announcement that the farmers in their resolutions recommended that the warehouses in Greenville and in Pitt county reopen tomorrow comes as most pleasing news to all concerned. The prediction is being freely made on the streets this afternoon that prices tomorrow will be higher than they were on Tuesday. The farmers are to meet again here Saturday morning at the court house.

At the meeting this morning, Mr. J. E. Winslow was made permanent chairman of the committee for Pitt county, to confer with similar committees to be appointed in other counties looking to getting better prices for tobacco. Mr. Winslow is to have his assistants, one member from each of the 18 townships in the county.

Other Markets Close
News was received here this afternoon to the effect that both the New Bern and Wilmington markets closed today. The Farmville market closed yesterday afternoon. The Washington market opened this morning and the reports that tobacco averaged around 23c and 24c were confirmed. It is said the farmers were well pleased there for the quality of the weed marketed was said to be of medium grade.

TOBACCO MARKET AT FARMVILLE WAS CLOSED TUESDAY

Ridiculously Low Prices Prevailed as on Other Markets; Stopped in the Middle of Sale.

PRESBYTERIANS INSTALL NEW PASTOR

Son of Chief Police J. L. Taylor Seriously Hurt When Run Down By an Automobile.

(By Special Correspondent)
FARMVILLE, Sept. 8.—One of the most impressive installation services ever witnessed in this city was that of Rev. Raymond Ratchford, of the First Presbyterian church on last Sunday evening. Rev. S. K. Phillips of Greenville acted as moderator. The beautiful ceremony customarily used by the Presbyterian churches was carried out. The sermon, which was fine, was preached by Rev. Flanagan of the First Presbyterian church, Wilson. Rev. S. K. Phillips charged the pastor and the people, both in a most impressive and inspiring manner.

Special music by the choir was also an enjoyable feature. Two solos, one by Miss Lucy Crisp of Fairland, and the other by Miss Ruby Tinsley of this town, were rendered most admirably. Rev. Ratchford is a native of Gastonia, N. C., and a graduate of Davidson College and the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. He is one of the best educated, most cultured and earnest young ministers in the State.

Big Stemmery Nears Completion
The big stemmery being erected in this city is being rapidly completed. The plant will belong to the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd. When completed this stemmery will have few superiors in size, conveniences, and location, in the state. The Wise Granite corporation are contractors for the erection of the stemmery. A conservative estimate of the cost is \$500,000.

Chautauque at Farmville
The Radcliffe Chautauque of Washington, D. C., will again give a series of programmes in Farmville, on the 17, 18 and 19 of this month. There will be a number of interesting and enjoyable features this year. Among these will be several well-known and experienced lecturers, and some musicians of note. This music is of an unusually high quality and appeals to all who love good music.

Bank Installs Illuminated Clock
The Citizens' Bank of this city has recently installed a handsome illuminated clock in the front of its building, which not only adds materially to the appearance of the business section of Farmville, but provides a long needed convenience.

One of the most distinctive features of the clock, otherwise than its artistic appearance and perfection of construction and mechanism, is the complete set of Westminster chimes, with which it is equipped. The dials are 24 inches in diameter on a pearl-white glass with a crystal glass on the exterior. The clock is seven feet in height and two feet in width, of dark bronze with a copper hood at the bottom and top.

Market Closed by the Farmers
The local tobacco market opened yesterday, as scheduled, but did not even finish the third sale before it was closed down in a most surprising manner by a body of farmers from Greenville.

There were about 225,000 pounds of the golden weed on the various warehouse floors. The sale opened with prices that were ridiculously low, to the surprise of everyone. Tobacco which would have sold at a dollar per pound last season hardly brought 40 cents. All the farmers were very greatly upset and dissatisfied because at the opening prices, a farmer would not have been able to even pay the expenses of raising the crop and preparing it for the market. There was no violent disturbance.

SECRETARY OF STATE J. BRYAN GRIMES FORMALLY CERTIFIES THE RATIFICATION OF SUFFRAGE

Registrars from Cherokee to Currituck Are Inquiring of State Board of Elections for Knowledge As to Proper Manner of Placing Names of Women on Registration Books So They Will Be Eligible for Ballot in the Coming November Elections.

(By Max Abernethy)
RALEIGH, Sept. 8.—Registrars from Currituck to Cherokee are pestering the State Board of Elections with letters seeking knowledge as to the proper manner of placing the names of women voters on the registration books so they will be eligible to ballot in the November elections. There is nothing to be done when a woman appears for registration except to register her, according to Secretary V. J. Beasley, of the board. He thinks that there should be little if any difficulty or confusion while the women are asking that their names be placed upon the registration books, but in order to clarify the situation, which has never been muddled, the board will, either today or tomorrow mail to the registrars a letter of instructions along with a copy of the Scales act which sets the pace for the women voters.

The biggest thing that the Scales act does is eliminating the word "male" from section 5937 of the consolidated statutes. The other provisions of the act are:
1. Women voting in 1920 are not liable for the payment of poll tax, which is made possible by writing in the law that section 5937 of the consolidated statutes shall not apply to women.
2. That nothing in the laws of North Carolina shall be construed as to prevent the registration and voting of women 21 years of age and over, and who have the other qualifications for registering and voting as provided for men for 1920.
3. For the purpose of registration and voting of women the residence of a married woman living with her husband shall be where her husband resides, and a woman living apart from her husband or where for any other reason her husband has no legal residence in this State, the residence of

Thus everyone was startled (and many agreeably so) when about 2:30 p. m., a large crowd of farmers and other men rode boldly into the warehouse where the sale at that time was being conducted and commanded the proprietor of the house to stop the sale instantly. As there were about two hundred of them, discretion was seen to be the better part of valor and the sale was halted instantly. The next order from the commander-in-chief of the force was that the market be not re-opened until he gave the word. Submission to his majesty was granted because he seemed to have ample means to force his order to be obeyed.

The unknown gentlemen then descended to reveal their identities. They were farmers from Greenville, which market had already closed. No one asked the question that, rather "free" conduct, because everyone knew, it being on account of the inexcusably low prices.
After having seen that the local market was effectively closed down, the "visitors" left for Johnston it was announced.

That the men were justified in their action is the opinion of practically every man in this section. With prices the highest they have ever been in regards to what the farmer has to buy, he cannot afford to almost give away his hard-earned tobacco.

No one seems to have any certain knowledge as to when the market will reopen. Such a novel situation has never been heard of before and there is no way of telling what the outcome will be.

Boy Run Down by Automobile
Thomas Taylor, son of J. L. Taylor, chief of the Farmville police, was run over by a large automobile yesterday. The boy, who is about 14 years of age, was seriously injured. Attending physicians hope and believe that there are no internal injuries. The boy was playing with a number of others in the street and did not see the approaching car. The accident was unavoidable, it was said.

GREENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON NEXT TUESDAY

Supt. Rose Gives Out Information Concerning Some of New Teaching Force for Term.

GIVES PROGRAM FOR OPENING DAY

All Pupils Are Expected to Report to Their Respective Buildings Tuesday Morning.

Concerning the new teachers in the High School, Superintendent J. H. Rose gave out the following:

Miss Jennie Anthony, of Stevenson, Alabama, will teach Latin in the place of Miss Vera Idol, who resigned to teach Latin in the John Marshall High School, Richmond, Va. Miss Anthony is an honor graduate of the famous Webb School in Tennessee, and also a full graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va. Miss Anthony has had four years experience in teaching Latin, and is well fitted in every way for her work. Miss Mary Brumbaugh will teach Science in the place of Miss Florence Martin, who has a year's leave of absence to study at Columbia University, New York City. Miss Brumbaugh is from Ohio, and has had a number of years preparation and experience. She is a graduate of Wooster College, in Ohio, and has also spent sometime studying at the University of Chicago. She has had three years' experience as a teacher.

The Teacher of Commercial Subjects will be Miss Mary Huggins of Hopkinsville, Ky. Miss Huggins is a graduate of the Kentucky State Normal School where she specialized in her chosen subject, and also holds the degree of B. G. from Bowling Green Business University Kentucky, which is the leading business university of that section. She has had eight years experience in her profession.

The teachers of Music in the High School will be Miss Evelyn Howell, of Oxford, N. C., and Miss Nancy Lay of Beaufort, N. C. Miss Howell, who studied music at Oxford College; Wesleyan College, Georgia; and Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Howell has had experience in teaching her subject, having taught in the public schools, and was also Music Supervisor at Peace Institute at one time. Miss Nancy Lay is a full graduate of the Music Department, and Academic Department of St. Mary's at Raleigh. While in college she took high honors in her work.

The following is the program for the opening of the City Schools:
Friday, Sept. 10—All children entering the First Grade will meet at the Evans Street School at 9 o'clock.
Monday, Sept. 13—All members of the High School will report at the High School in the following order:
Freshmen at 9 o'clock.
Sophomores at 10 o'clock.
Juniors at 11 o'clock.
Seniors at 12 o'clock.
Tuesday, Sept. 14—All pupils will report at their respective buildings at 9 o'clock, when full work will begin.

J. E. Adams of Washington, was here today attending the opening tobacco break.

J. T. Hildick of Scotland Neck arrived in this city this morning.

The city this morning via the Norfolk Southern.

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