

Corbitt Awarded \$1,395,267 Government Order

More Than 250 Trucks To Be Built

Hundred Additional To Get Jobs; Order Calls For Delivery of Huge Trucks by January 1.

The Corbitt Company, motor truck manufacturers of this city, has been awarded by the War Department a \$1,395,267 contract for production of 250 to 300 large army trucks, it was learned today. The company learned last week of its success in bidding for the work, but announcement was made only today in Washington, with the formal awarding of the order.

Baise Will Study Street Needs Here

After hearing complaints by a delegation of Henderson city officials, headed by Mayor Henry T. Powell, W. Vance Baise, chief engineer of the State Highway & Public Works Commission, promised the group late Wednesday afternoon that he would come to Henderson in the next few days and look over the needs for improvements on city streets which form links of State highways. The city officials protested the \$750 allotment from State funds annually turned back to cities for maintenance of streets used by through traffic.

In the party besides the mayor were Aldermen M. Y. Cooper, supervisor of finance, and T. W. Ellis, supervisor of public works, for the City Council, and J. Ed Hamlett, street superintendent.

Mr. Baise told the group that several thousand dollars was held in reserve in making the allotments, to care for emergencies of this kind. He promised to come here at an early date and make an inspection, with a view to adjusting claims presented. The only other complaint filed was from Roxboro, where, the mayor said, the contention set up was that WPA trucks had damaged certain streets and funds were asked to make repairs.

Prices For Leaf About As Expected

Range in Georgia Opening from Around Four to 27 Cents; Average Is Believed To Be Around 14-15 Cents Per Pound.

Opening prices paid on the Georgia tobacco markets today as the new season began were about in line with hopes and expectations in this section. First estimates of the average at 18 to 19 cents a pound were taken as an indication that actual levels were somewhere in the vicinity of the 15 cents a pound that had been forecast.

It is recalled, however, that the opening a year ago actually did average around 20 cents, but this level lasted only a short time, and in the end the season average for the Georgia belt was less than thirteen cents, by comparison with the approximately 15 cents price for the late-cured belts of North Carolina.

The view in tobacco and business circles here is that a 10-cent or better average would be about in line with last year, but with much less, about a third less, cash money paid for the year's crop, because of the reduction of about that much in the estimated 1940 production. The fact, however, that averages have been estimated, even if unofficially, at 18 to 19 cents, was taken as a hopeful sign here. It at least was not depressing the mild pessimism that exists as to prospects for the full business season. Should the first observation be borne out by more or less reliable figures tomorrow or by the end of the week, the circumstance would be hailed with delight.

At any rate, the first reports from Georgia were optimistic, but, even after discounts for the inclination of most markets to exaggerate opening figures, the feeling is that the season has started off, from a price standpoint, about as auspiciously as a year ago, and about as much as was generally anticipated.

As Ribbentrop Won More Oil



Rumanian Prime Minister Ion Gigurtu (left) and German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop are shown on their way to a conference in Bucharest, capital of the Balkan state. Soon after their meeting Rumania announced she was making additional economic concessions to Germany and Italy, which are now getting nearly a half her oil.

New City Tax Rate Will Be Fixed Aug. 26

Preparation of the city's tax books for the 1940-41 fiscal year is waiting on adoption of the budget and fixing of the tax rate, both of which are expected to be done by the City Council at its monthly meeting the fourth Monday in this month, City Clerk W. G. Royster said today.

Mayor Henry T. Powell has estimated that the present \$1.69 rate in effect the past year would be continued. The tentative budget was presented to the Council at its July meeting on the fourth Monday. It is on file at the city clerk's office for public inspection, pending final adoption a little over two weeks hence.

Preacher For Sunday Named

Announcement was made today that Rev. Cyril L. ... will preach Sunday ... First Presbyterian church at the Sunday ...

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Lack Of Rain Tax Receipts Is Still Felt By The Crops

Writing of tax receipts for county accounts for the current fiscal year is now under way at the court house, and will require about two weeks to complete. When the receipts have been prepared, the books will be ready for handing over to the tax collector. This is not expected to be done, however, for several days yet. The usual time for turning over the books for start of collections is at the monthly meeting of the county commissioners the first Monday in October.

Continuous intermittent cloudy weather for several days has failed to produce rains that are greatly needed in this section. Vegetation is plainly showing the need of moisture in the ground, while growers had hoped for further rains to aid in the maturity of the remainder of the tobacco crop still in the fields.

Infant strangles on foreign object. Clyde Austin Hershman, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hershman, of the Aycock community, swallowed some object yesterday morning at their home, and died a short while later of strangulation. Medical aid reached the child too late, and attempts to revive the infant failed.

Two new donations to Red Cross fund. Two additional contributions to a Red Cross war refugee relief fund were announced today by Mrs. E. R. Austin. One was \$125 from Circle No. 1 of the First Baptist church, and the other \$1 from a Townsville friend.

EXAMS ANNOUNCED IN CIVIL SERVICE

Miss Sally B. Garlick, local secretary of the board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, has announced examinations for civil service positions as nurses, medical officers, pathologists, stenographers and typists, civil engineers and other professions. Full information on these and other civil service positions may be obtained from Miss Garlick at the post office in Henderson.

PAYS FINE. Mrs. J. L. Melms paid \$1 into the office of the city clerk as a traffic fine, according to records at that office today.

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HERE FOR MEETING ATTEND STATE MEET

Sessions Monday Evening Largely Attended; Barbecue Supper Served

C. N. Spry, of Coalee, state president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, paid his official visit to the local camp Monday evening, accompanied by several state officers.

A barbecue dinner was served at 8 o'clock in honor of the visitors, and attendance upon the meeting was the best in recent weeks.

Mr. Crofts, of Winston-Salem, State Master of Forms, replied to the welcome.

J. David Sink, of Lexington, State Secretary, complimented the local camp on such a fine gathering, stating that he seldom attended meetings of 100 per cent attendance such as the local camp had.

J. C. Kesler, of Salisbury, state treasurer, gave an account of funds on hand and of death benefits paid. He asked all members of the order to back their president in his aims in advancing the order in North Carolina.

The main address of the evening was by State President Spry, who pleased the members with his talk.

There are usually more foolish buyers than sellers in any community.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS? See Page Four

- 1. A thin, round stick of ash, about three feet long, used to practice fencing, is called a singlestick, foil or stickler?
2. What country does the figure of "John Bull" represent?
3. What was the name of the airplane flown by Wiley Post and Harold Gatty in their flight around the world?
4. What building in Boston is called "Cradle of Liberty"?
5. For whom is the Monroe Doctrine named?
6. Is the index finger on the hand of the Statue of Liberty 8 inches, 8 feet, or 8 yards long?
7. Name the canal that extends from the mouth of the Elbe on the North Sea to Kiel on the Baltic.
8. Name the author of the newspaper column "Advice to the Lovelorn".
9. In what country did the Mame-lukes rise to power?
10. How many pairs of legs do house centipedes have?

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