

Tobacco Season Closes, Sales 20,509,599 Pounds

\$3,661,314 Paid for Growers' Leaf for Season Average of \$17.86 Per Hundred Pounds; 207,500 Pounds Sold This Week.

Sales ended for the season on the Henderson tobacco market on Tuesday, December 17, with 20,509,599 pounds of leaf marketed and with \$3,661,314.48 paid by buyers for an average of \$17.86 per hundred pounds. It was officially announced today by Smith H. Young, sales supervisor.

This compared with 29,959,942 pounds sold from the 1939 crop for a total of \$4,582,712.14, for an average of \$15.12 per hundred pounds.

The 1940 crop was estimated at about sixty percent of the 1939 yield, whereas the market's sales this year have been more than two-thirds of the all-time high reached a year ago. This year's average price is approximately two and three-quarters cents higher, but total cash payments to buyers were smaller by nearly \$900,000.

This year's crop was grown under the AAA quota control system, whereas there was no control in 1939, with all growers free to raise and market as much leaf as they wish. The result was the greatest production in any single year in tobacco history. Crops of the coming three years, through 1943, will likewise be grown under the quota system of control.

Sales this week on the Henderson market were for only two days, amounting to 207,500 pounds, or with \$23,312.02 paid for an average of \$11.23 per hundred pounds. Today's final sale of the season was for only 28,298 pounds and the average was \$9.12 per hundred, first and only time during the season when any days were left below ten cents. Cash paid Tuesday was \$2,573.41. Most of the tobacco offered in the last week — two has been of very inferior quality, which accounts for the lower price.

Clements Has Several Cases

Several charges were cleared from the docket of county court today, with Recorder R. E. Clements presiding.

Charles Dave Barker, charged with bastardy, went free when the state took a nolle prosequi with leave.

The state took a nolle prosequi with leave as to Tommie Doyle, charged with embezzlement.

A nolle prosequi with leave was taken in a non-support charge against Marion Tunstall.

A directed verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of H. I. Wheeler, charged with careless and reckless driving.

William Clark, Negro, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The state took a nolle prosequi with leave.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon prayer of the state as to Claude W. W. W. charged with violating the hunting regulations.

A verdict of not guilty was returned as to William Matthews, charged with violating the hunting regulations.

Nick Langley, charged with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving as result of the robbery of Bob Price's store on Back street, North Henderson, was bound over to the next criminal term of Vance Superior court under a bond of \$100.

HENDERSON STORES OPEN ON EVENINGS
Henderson stores tomorrow will begin staying open evenings for the convenience of Christmas shoppers and will be open until 9 o'clock each evening until Christmas. Regular Saturday hours will be observed Saturday, and stores will open in the mornings at the usual hour.

Trade Rises As Mailings Are Speeded

Merchants Feeling Impetus of Christmas Buying; Postal Activity Also Increasing Sharply in Outgoing Packages.

Fair, mild weather has brought a decided upturn this week in the volume of holiday buying in local stores, and merchants are experiencing a larger measure of shopping volume than at any other period of the fall season, according to some who have commented on their sales lately.

A less active tobacco market than in some other selling seasons has slowed down retail business during the fall, in view of the sharply curtailed volume of leaf grown this year. This has in some degree been offset by industrial upturns, as local manufacturers have found themselves hard pressed to keep up with

orders, and has a staffed toll which had at capacity for some months. At the post office, Postmaster J. R. Teague said today there was a noticeable spurt in mailings, particularly in packages going out of town, but that the volume had nothing like caught up with the slump that developed the first ten days of December, and there was a real prospect that the month's volume might fall below the record of around 87,500 set last December.

Preparations have been made at the post office for adding on all the extra help that may be found essential to handle volume the last of the week and the first two days of next week before Christmas day. Every effort is to be made to give the fastest service possible to patrons of the office, the postmaster said.

Tindal Has Auto Agency

Hughy Tindal, for some years Puro distributor for this section, today announced the procurement of the DeSoto and Plymouth automobile agency and has placed E. L. Raynor in charge as sales manager.

Mr. Tindal will have his show rooms at the Puro bulk plant station on the Norlina road, and is prepared to supply these popular priced automobiles to buyers throughout this section.

Alcoa Case Not Closed

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—The U. S. Supreme court ruling vesting the Federal Power Commission with complete jurisdiction over hydro-electric projects would seem, on its face, to sound the death knell of the Aluminum Company of America's project for a big dam and development at Fontana, on the Little Tennessee.

Behind the scenes, however, there is being exerted a lot of pressure designed to bring a loosening up of the F. P. C. to the extent that it declare the Little Tennessee not to be one of the streams on which a federal license is required.

The "defense" argument will be used. National defense authorities are known to be strongly wedded to an increase in hydro electric plants and production of power, and it is hoped that the power czars can be prevailed on to ease up and let Alcoa go ahead with the project which would mean expenditure of approximately \$15,000,000 in erecting a big dam in Graham and Swain counties.

As matters stand it's "no go" as far as the company is concerned. The F. P. C. has ruled it must have a federal license, and the aluminum people haven't the faintest idea of risking \$15,000,000 under conditions which they feel make it possible for the Federal government arbitrarily

SIX PERSONS PAY TRAFFIC FINES OF \$1

Six persons paid traffic fines of \$1 into the hands of Sheriff J. S. Evans, Jr. at the county court today. Those paying the fines were J. S. Evans, Jr., P. A. Howell, J. L. Mabry, H. A. W. Howell, H. B. Howell, and H. B. Howell. In Hildebrandt, Deane, princess.



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Come in, treat yourself to a real Christmas gift. We have priced our Coats and Dresses to make you believe there is a real Santa Claus. We have grouped these coats and dresses.

Dresses In Four Groups

Lovely fall and winter dresses in silk and cotton, formerly sold up to \$1.95, for this event.

\$1.00

Here's a big rack of real value in new fall and winter dresses. These dresses formerly sold for \$4.95, but to clear them out, they are going at

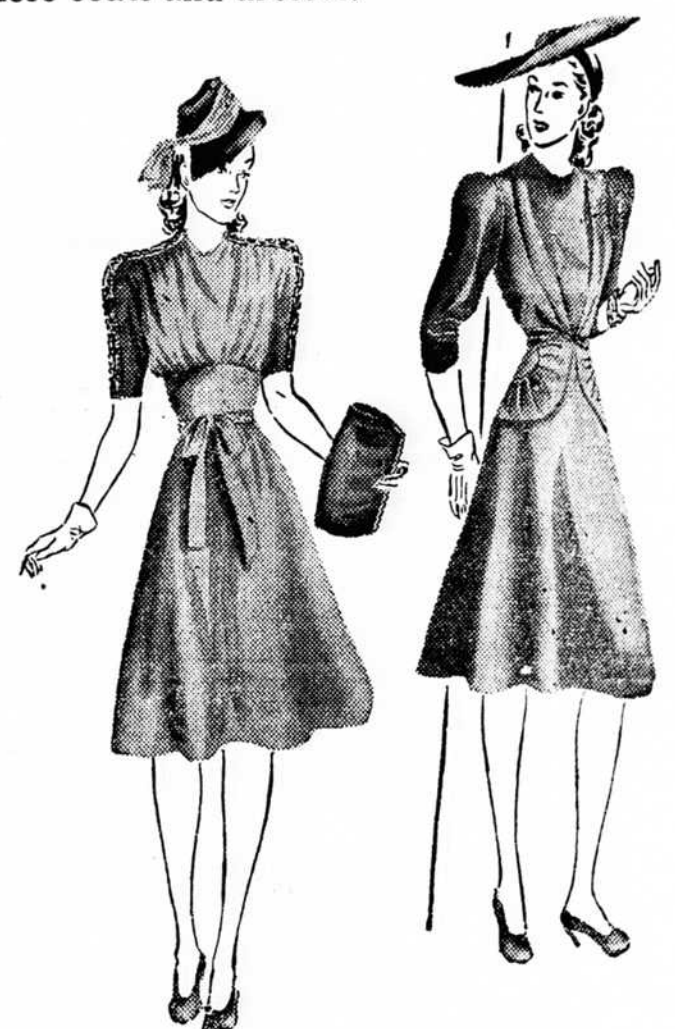
\$3.00

Silks in solid colors and fancy designs. All new fall and winter dresses. This rack of dresses formerly sold from \$2.95 to \$3.95, for this event,

\$2.00

New woolen and silk dresses at give-away prices. Dresses that you have wanted all the season. This rack is from our better dresses, and former \$9.95 sellers. For this event

\$5.00



Real Coat Values

14 lovely coats on one rack in tweed reversibles, plaids, and solid colors. Regular \$8.95 sellers. For this event

\$7.00

Our \$9.95 and \$10.75 coats in black, navy and tweeds, any size, have been placed on a special rack and are going at

\$8.00

Our better coats in tweed, black, wine, formerly sold up to \$16.50, now going at a clearance price of

\$9.00

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 - Over 1,000 Neck Ties 50c to \$1.50
 - Sweaters and Jackets
 - Kid, Pig Skin and Smart Rugby Gloves
 - Eclipse Shirts \$1.50 and \$1.65 values Special lot \$1.00
 - Fruit of the Loom Shirts \$1.65
 - Newest Patterns—also white
 - Gladstone Bags and Suitcases And all luggage Reduced 20% for Christmas
 - Tie Clasps
 - Belt and Buckle Sets
 - Arrow and Wilson Bros. Shirts at \$1.95 New patterns and white
 - Silk and Wool Hosiery In Latest Patterns
 - Bath Robes Silk and Wool
 - Bedroom Slippers
 - Bostonian Oxfords Reduced to \$6.85
 - Reversible Topcoats
 - Topcoats
 - Mallory Hats
 - Wilson Brothers Pajamas
 - Mansfields Oxfords Reduced to \$4.85

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