

Fate Of Auction System Is Worrying Tobacco Men

Observers Agree It Is Only System Ever Devised For Farmer To Get Higher Prices For His Yellow Leaf

South Boston, Va., Jan. 19—There is considerable perturbation in the tobacco circles here over the fate of the auction system of selling tobacco.

Some experts point out that Maryland is now using the auction system, after trying another for many years, and they are trusting it satisfactorily.

Most of the present worry has resulted from the recent decision of Kentucky to "equitably" adjust the tobacco to those desiring it.

Warehousemen of the hundreds of markets have large inventories in the large warehouses, and have many men actually employed during the seasons.

It is pointed out by some observers that, without any government intervention, tobacco has averaged better than \$21 on this market for the past 22 years.

Polio Drive Begun Here For New Fund

Vance county's campaign for funds for infantile paralysis has begun today with mailing of letters by E. B. Dixon, chairman of the campaign.

The drive has been in progress for several weeks, in an organized and concerted way, since the President's birthday, January 20.

A meeting will be held in all areas, and on this card is space for a plan for currency of the drive.

Mr. Dixon also expects to place signs in drug stores and other places in the city in convenient places for the public.

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Meat Ration, Car Pools Are Talked

Plans for meat rationing and for forming car pools as wartime emergency programs were discussed informally and at some length at a meeting in the court house Monday evening of ward and district leaders of the Civilian Service Corps Council.

Members of the council who were present and areas they represent were as follows:

First ward, Mrs. W. B. Hunt; third ward, Mrs. J. M. Young; fourth ward, Mrs. W. B. Beasley; Oxford Road, Mrs. W. B. Daniels; Raleigh Road, Mrs. Alphus Thompson; North and South Henderson, Mrs. H. E. Clayson; Mrs. G. N. Tucker; J. E. Robinson and Claiborne King for the county; J. W. Sanders, Representatives who were unable to attend were J. H. Bryan of the second ward and Miss Althea Perry of the Dabney Road.

Mr. Kesler said the group had as its objective full cooperation in every way possible with all defense units in the city and county, as well as assistance in the meat rationing program and organizing car pools.

Application Must Be Made For Fertilizer

College Station, Raleigh, Jan. 19—Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy extension at N. C. State College, said today it is anticipated that a farmer will have to fill out an application and file it with his fertilizer dealer before he can obtain any kind of fertilizer this year.

Transportation problems are becoming more difficult and delay in filing an application may prevent a farmer from getting the fertilizer he needs, or at least from getting it at the time he actually needs it.

Under a conservation order of the war production board, only 12 grades of mixed fertilizers will be available this year in North Carolina.

Idle Trucks To Be Listed

Raleigh, Jan. 19—The office of defense transportation today reminded owners of commercial vehicles that all "idle" trucks, buses and other vehicles—except taxicabs, rental cars, ambulances and hearses—must be reported to the ODT.

Owners are required to list all commercial motor vehicles which were idle during the last 14 days of the month. The report should be filed within five days after the last day of the month covered by the form.

Purpose of the monthly report is to enable the ODT to determine what proportion of the nation's commercial motor vehicles are actually in use, and also how many trucks, buses, etc., are being utilized and might be available for essential war or civilian transportation work.

LEGION HEAD URGES EARLY END TO WAR. Burlington, Jan. 19—(AP)—National Commander Roame Waring of the American Legion demanded last night that winning of the war at the earliest possible moment be made the paramount objective of this country.

Changes Business



Mr. Crowder Drops A. & P. Truck Line

R. B. Crowder, of Henderson and Raleigh, who for some eight or ten years has operated the Crowder Transport Company out of Raleigh, has sold to another trucking concern the connection he has had during that time with the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

Mr. Crowder said he had invested heavily in Henderson and Vance county real estate in the past several years, including purchase of the 1,300-acre Burns estate in Williamsboro township and during the coming year will spend much of his time in the county developing the Burns property, cutting the place into farms of from 15 to 25 acres up for those desiring to buy farms.

Mr. Crowder came to Henderson in 1895 and has been interested in Henderson activities since that time. Some years ago he reorganized the Henderson Chamber of Commerce after it lapsed, and became its president. He has always continued to carry a membership in the local chamber, as well as the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

Two Vance county young men met recently half way around the world "somewhere in Australia". They were Cpl. Clair Harold Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hunt, of Henderson, and Pvt. James Clarence Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, of Henderson route 4, last February. He volunteered in December 1941 following Pearl Harbor. Pvt. Davis volunteered in February 1942. He has been overseas since September. The boys had been stationed within a short distance of each other for some time without knowing it. Each received a letter from relatives on the same day, requesting him to look up the other. Their meeting resulted.

Vance County Boys Meet in Australia

Among soybean products are ice cream and linoleum.

Motorists Observe Ban On Driving

Henderson and Vance county motorists are observing the ban against "pleasure driving" of their automobiles, in the opinion of members of the county war price and rationing board.

S. M. Crowder, chief clerk of the board, stated today that no reports of violations have been received by the board since the first two days following institution of the ban, and information contained in these reports was insufficient to form the basis for citation of drivers to the board for possible revocation of gasoline rationing.

Local officers, however, have been asked to be on the alert for apprehension of violators and any reports received by the board will result in prompt action, Mr. Crowder said.

New York, Jan. 19—(AP)—Further recovery tendencies were shown by individual stocks in today's market while others continued to act with notable indifference.

Stock Market Trends Mixed

Small plus sign predominated at the start in busy active dealings. The pace slowed later and trend were mixed near the fourth hour.

Cotton Prices Turn Lower

New York, Jan. 19—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 cents a bale lower. Noon values were 14.50 cents a bale lower.

Cripple Children Clinic Tomorrow

The monthly clinic for cripple children will be held tomorrow afternoon at Central grammar school, it was announced today at the office of the Vance county health department.

APPALACHIAN S. T. C. STUDENTS STRIKE

Boone, Jan. 19—(AP)—Students at Appalachian State Teachers College went on strike today after negotiations with school officials failed to result in what they considered satisfactory action upon demands for changes in regulations which would permit dancing, revision in other rules and better cafeteria service.

Students said dancing was forbidden by the college with expulsion as the penalty for participating.

Small Users Of Fuel Oil Get Coupons Good During Year

Raleigh, Jan. 19—Householders whose fuel oil ration is 200 gallons or less a year—an amount most common among those who heat by stove—will receive ration coupons redeemable any time during the year rather than coupons segregated into "heating periods," Carl A. Lanford, state OPA fuel oil ration officer, announced today.

The new policy regarding the issuing of rationing for 200 gallons or less means householders will receive Class III coupons of definite gallonage value whose use is not restricted by heating periods. Up to the present all heating allotments have been issued in either Class I or Class II sheets, with coupons divided between the five heating periods—that is, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Lanford stated that a relatively small percentage of the total heating oil consumption will be affected by this action. Therefore, the basic flexibility which the heating periods provide—making possible quick and efficient changes in line with supply and weather conditions—will not be decreased to any important extent.

Those consumers who have received a heating allotment of 200 gallons or less on Class I "indefinite" value coupons may exchange them at their local rationing boards, of which stated, have been instructed to issue the 200 gallons or less allotment in coupon denominations which conform to the user's buying habits.

ALVIN B. PEGRAM DIES AT HOSPITAL

Funeral Tomorrow for Prominent Farmer of Brookston Community. Alvin Bryant Pegram, prominent farmer of the Brookston community on Henderson route 2, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Maria Park hospital, where he had been a patient for one day. Death, attributed to a complication of diseases, occurred after an illness of only five days.

Mr. Pegram was born January 23, 1900, in Vance county and had lived his entire lifetime in this county. He was the son of the late J. W. Pegram, who died about three and one-half years ago, and Mrs. Sallie Ann Stallings Pegram, who now lives on Henderson route 2.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the home of a brother, John T. Pegram, in the Brookston community, and interment will be made in the cemetery of Carey's Baptist church. The Rev. J. E. Roach, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the final rites.

Active pallbearers will be James E. Finch, Robert Pegram, W. W. Pegram, S. B. Hayes, J. P. Stallings and Elmus Pegram. Honorary pallbearers and those to be in charge of flowers will be selected from among friends attending the funeral.

Surviving relatives include the widow, Mrs. Mary Lee Pegram; Pegram, S. B. Hayes, J. P. Stallings, John, Elmus, two brothers; Helen, A. Pegram and John T. Pegram, both of Henderson route 2, and the mother.

THREE DEFENDANTS BEFORE THE MAYOR

Three defendants were tried in police court today. Two white and one colored. C. E. Griffin, white man, was charged with giving a worthless check for \$25 to the J. C. Penney Company without sufficient fund to cover the item in the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company at Fort Branch, on which the check was drawn. He was allowed to pay the costs and make the check good.

Amie Mills, colored, was charged with assaulting Grace Billock, but was held to be not guilty. Eddie Faucett, white, charged with being drunk, was sent to jail for thirty days.

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AROUND TOWN

COUPLE LICENSED. A marriage license was issued by the register of deeds at Morganton to one couple, Henry Anthony Daniels, of Norfolk, Route 2, and Annie Mae Snider, of Norfolk, colored.

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