

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 tobacco circles here over the fate of the auction system of selling tobacco. Most observers agree that it is the only system ever devised which gives the farmer a chance to get higher prices for his offerings through competitive bidding. Others feel that if set price, decided by government graders, with no competition in the sales, would prove satisfactory.

Some experts point out that Maryland is now using the auction system, after trying another for many years, and they are finding it satisfactory. It is also pointed out that the system has been established in Southern Rhodesia, and incidentally by a South Boston man, James W. Hall, and is working to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Most of the present worry has resulted from the recent decision of Kentucky to "temporarily allow the tobacco to those desiring it." Robert were heard here during the last days, from local men on the tobacco market, in Kentucky and Tennessee, that the tobacco was handed to first one buyer, then another, with no competition bidding, and that this was not proving satisfactory.

Warehousemen on the hundreds of markets have large investments in the big warehouses, and have many men gainfully employed during the seasons. Should the auction system be discarded, many of these houses could and would not be used and would leave a lot of "dead timber" in these towns and cities.

It is pointed out by some observers that, without any government intervention, tobacco has averaged better than \$21 in this market for the past 22 years. Others point out that since the government took a hand, tobacco has been higher. Some concentrated effort is now in the making by the Virginia-Carolina Warehouse Association, to save the auction system for the farmers and the trade, and otherwise allow the industry to work out its own salvation as in the past.

AROUND TOWN

COUPLE LICENSED

A marriage license was issued by the register of deeds office Monday to one couple, Henry Anthony Daniels, of Norlina, Route 2, and Annie Mae Sinden of Norlina, colored.

976 TABS SOLD

Up to today the city clerks' office had sold 976 license tabs for the city for 1943. This leaves a good many cars that have not been equipped with the plates for this year of state comparison with 1942.

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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. Fred Kesler, chairman of the group, presided.

R. E. Clements, chairman of the general Civilian Defense Council of the county, explained the set-up of that broad group in the county, and J. W. Sanders described efforts being made to organize the rural sections on a basis of one worker for every ten families.

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

First ward, Mrs. W. B. Bright, third ward, Mrs. J. M. Young; fourth ward, Mrs. W. B. Beasley; Oxford Road, Mrs. A. Daniel; Raleigh Road, Mrs. Alpheus Thompson; North and South Henderson, Mrs. H. E. Hayes; Mrs. G. N. Tucker, J. L. 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 Dubney 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 of N. C. State College, and today it is indicated 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.

Most fertilizer dealers have been supplied with these necessary forms so farmers are advised to make an application as early as possible to insure that the dealer will be able to obtain the fertilizer for them.

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

Under a conservation order of the war production board, only 13 grades of mixed fertilizers will be available this year in North Carolina. The nitrogen-containing substances will be available only for the cases when removing this element such as green pastures, gardens and orchards.

Fertilizer containing chemical nitrogen may not be used on lawns, golf courses, parks, cemeteries or non-commercial plantings of trees, shrubs and flowers.

Idle Trucks To Be Listed

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—The office of defense transportation today recommended 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.

Reports should be made on ODT form CWN 3, a simple single sheet form of only eight questions which can be obtained from and should be returned to vehicle owners' local ODT district office.

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.

Commercial vehicle owners with no idle equipment are not required to submit a report.

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 civilian transportation work.

The form to be filled out requires no exhaustive set of records.

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Changes Business



R. B. CROWDER

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 during that time with the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. He has been directly in charge of distribution of food for this concern from its Raleigh warehouse to its numerous stores in High Point and other areas in the Piedmont section and over the entire Eastern North Carolina territory.

In announcing today his change in connections, Mr. Crowder said he would continue to maintain headquarters at Raleigh and serve as distributor from that point for several large wholesale dealers in Durham, Raleigh and Wilmington. The A. & P. tea contract is now being handled by a concern with headquarters in Charlotte.

Mr. Crowder said he had invested heavily in Henderson and Vance county real estate in the past seven years, including purchase of the 1,300-acre Burnside estate in Wilkesboro township, and during the coming year will spend much of his time in the county developing the Burnside property, cutting the place into tracts of from fifty acres up for those desiring to buy farms. He said he would see that every acre of the Burnside estate, after planting tobacco and cotton allotments, was put in foodstuffs to help produce for victory.

Mr. Crowder came to Henderson in 1936 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.

He has also been a consistent contributor to drives and campaigns here for raising money for various purposes, and for the past thirty years has been a member of Holy Innocents Episcopal church in Henderson and served for a time as superintendent of its Sunday school. He is a native of the Ridgeway section of Warren county, near Henderson. In the last ten years he has invested at least ninety-five percent of his earnings in Henderson and Vance county properties, he said. He has prided himself in the fact that Henderson has always remained near and dear to him through the years.

Vance County Boys Meet in Australia

Two Vance county young men met recently half way around the world somewhere in Australia. They were Capt. Chan Harold Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hunt, of Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, of Henderson route 4. Capt. Hunt has been overseas since last February. He volunteered in December 1941 following Pearl Harbor. Capt. 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.

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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 rations.

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.

Motors are prohibited under the OPA ruling from using their cars for "pleasure driving" and penalty for violation may be revocation of rationing cards. In addition, taxicabs may not be used for any purpose which is barred under the ruling.

Stock Market Trends Mixed

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

Small plus signs predominated at the start in many 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 1450 cents a bale lower.

Previous Day	Close	Open
March	19.63	19.67
May	19.43	19.45
July	19.36	19.38
October	19.22	19.22
December	19.19	19.17

Cripple Children Clinic Tomorrow

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

Dr. W. F. Cole, orthopedic surgeon of Greensboro, will be in charge of the clinic, and will be assisted by members of the staff of the county health department.

The December clinic was cancelled because of the Christmas holidays, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance at the clinic tomorrow because of the lapse since the November clinic.

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.

An estimated 500 students, approximately 95 per cent of the enrollment, were reported to have joined the walkout. Non-strikers were said to have been permitted to attend classes without being molested.

Led by the college band, columns of students paraded over the campus bearing placards demanding "a complete student government, better cafeteria service, better dormitory conditions." Picket lines were thrown around school buildings. The strikers also paraded through the business district of Boone.

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

Weeds have been called the givers of neglect and that's what they are. Mow 'em down.

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 stoves—will receive ration coupons redeemable any time during the year rather than coupons segregated into "heating periods," Carl A. Lunsford, state OPA fuel oil ration officer, announced.

Lunsford 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 the value of the heating coupons in line with supply and weather conditions—will be decreased to any important extent.

This modification, Lunsford pointed out, will relieve small users, who often buy less than ten gallons at a time, of the need for applying a heating period to their tanks.

Motors are prohibited under the OPA ruling from using their cars for "pleasure driving" and penalty for violation may be revocation of rationing cards. In addition, taxicabs may not be used for any purpose which is barred under the ruling.

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Alvin Bryant Pegram, prominent farmer of the Brookston community on Henderson route 2, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Maria Parham hospital, where he had been a patient for one day. Death attributed to 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. Saline Ann (Stallings) Pegram, who now lives on Henderson route 2.

Funeral service 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. F. Beach, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the funeral.

Active pallbearers will be James E. Finch, Robert Pegram, W. W. Pegram, S. B. Huines, J. P. Stallings and Elwin 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 Patterson Pegram, S. B. Huines, J. P. Stallings, eleven two brothers, Herbert 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. Penny Company without sufficient funds to cover the item in the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company at Fort Bragg, on which the check was drawn. He was allowed to pay the costs and make the check good.

Annie Mills, colored, was charged with assaulting Gracie Bullock, but was held to be not guilty.

Eddie Fauchette, white, charged with being drunk, was sent to jail for thirty days.

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