

PROSPECTS FOR MOUNT AIRY MARKET BRIGHT AS OPENING DAY APPROACHES

Buyers and Warehousemen Preparing to Handle Large Sales on Local Floors—Three Large Warehouses.

BUYERS HERE FOR BIG COMPANIES

Mount Airy Boasts Of A Large Number of Expert Tobacco Men as Any Market in the State—Many of Them Just Back From Eastern Markets.

The Imperial Tobacco Co., E. H. Dixon, buyer. Export Tobacco Co., J. D. Simpson, buyer. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., D. R. Allen, Jr., buyer. American Tobacco Co., W. V. Joyce, buyer. Liggett-Myers Tobacco Co., H. A. Badgett, buyer. Brown-Williamson & Co., Frank Joyce, buyer.

It is with a feeling of optimism for the successful season that is ahead of the Mount Airy tobacco market that we are enabled to announce the above companies as having buyers on this market when the warehouses open on next Tuesday. Besides the above leading tobacco companies of the world being represented here there will also be a number of independent companies having buyers of the leaf that is brought here. Already large orders are being placed with local tobacco dealers by the F. M. Bohanon Tobacco Co., Winston, Taylor Bros., Winston and L. Ashe, of Statesville.

The list of buyers is practically the same as last year with the exception of Frank Joyce, buyer for Brown-Williamson, and Mr. Joyce is well known by the farmers of this territory as he served as tobacco grader in the co-op warehouse in this city for the last three years. All the other buyers were on the market last year and gave universal satisfaction to our farmers and warehousemen and their returning has added a large amount of optimism about the coming season. B. F. Sparger, who has followed the sales here longer than any other tobacco buyer, will be an independent buyer.

Much interest is being taken in the large companies here all should eastern markets, and all indications point to record breaking sales on the Mount Airy floors. Practically all the tobacco buyers and warehousemen of this city have spent the summer in South Carolina and Georgia where they engaged in buying and selling tobacco and they have returned to this city and this market with a world of experience and enthusiasm gathered while on the eastern markets.

The opening of a third warehouse here as first announced in the columns of The News last week has elicited much favorable comment. At that time it was not definitely decided who would be associated with R. K. Simmons in operating the new warehouse, known as Piedmont and located on Moore street, just below The News office, but Mr. Simmons told a News representative this week that he would have associated with him Roscoe George, who is well known by the farmers of this section and needs no introduction to them. For years he has bought tobacco on this market and in the operation of the new warehouse he will have charge of the sales and will show them up each day. For four years Mr. George has run a warehouse in Georgia during the season down there. He has just returned from there where his warehouse sold nearly three million pounds of the weed, leading all other warehouses in the state in pounds sold. Bob Holland, of Pilot Mountain will be their auctioneer, Bob Inman will have charge of the books and Brady Beamer will pay off. Rex Tilley and Boney Simmons will assist the proprietors in the general management of the warehouse.

Over at Planters Warehouse Tom Haynes and Earnest Brown are getting their force in shape to handle a full house of tobacco should the season cause a break during the opening days. They have secured as auctioneer for the season Buck Wall, of the southern part of the county. Buck has been selling tobacco on the Georgia market the past few months and comes back to old Surry with an enthusiasm that fills his soul. Col. Ball, who has been auctioneer at Planters for a number of years, will remain in Georgia where he is engaged in the real estate business. The colonel was in the city this week

shaking hands with friends and stated that Buck Wall would make a worthy successor to him down at old Planters. It was with a sigh of sadness that Col. Ball said he would have to return to Georgia, but said his interests there would call him back in a few days.

In the operation of Lovill's Warehouse, Jim Lovill will give it every minute of his time and energy for the next few months, and everyone knows what Jim can do when he gets enthused. He has just returned from Fairmont, on the eastern market, where he conducted a warehouse and he feels that he is better prepared than ever in his life to go on the floor and push the buyers to the limit in bidding on the farmers' tobacco. Jim will have practically the same force to assist him as last year, with A. A.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

Interesting Items Gleaned From the Files of The Mount Airy News 21 Years Ago This Week

Twenty one years ago The News published the 1st industrial booster edition ever gotten out for the town of Mt. Airy, it was printed on fine magazine paper and contained eight eight-column pages. It was full of special feature articles dealing with the resources of the town, and was called the Commercial and Industrial Edition. Views of many of our hand-some homes were printed as were scenes at the quarry and in our furniture section. In those days all the type was set by hand and the task of publishing the edition proved a large one. The city then had a live chamber of commerce which rendered much assistance in the publication of the special edition. J. A. Hadley was president of that civic organization and Geo. W. Sparger, Sr., secretary. At that time the city officials were: S. G. Pace; mayor; J. H. Prather, B. F. Sparger, J. A. Hadley, F. M. Moore, John Banner, commissioners; F. M. Moore, sec. & treas. to the board; I. W. Barber, supt. water and lights; W. J. Herring, chief police; G. B. Cody, tax collector; W. T. Hennis, street supt.

The following were the listed ministers of the various churches. Rev. B. W. Mchane, Presbyterian; Rev. J. E. Smith, Baptist; Rev. T. E. Wine-coff, Methodist; Rev. L. J. Ruggs,

Fowler as auctioneer. Mr. Fowler worked with him during the past months at Fairmont, selling a big crop down there at a record price, averaging over 25 cents for the season.

Mount Airy, with safety, boasts of having as large a number of expert tobacco men as any market in the state, and in the years that have passed this section has furnished other markets with some of their most successful tobacco men. Mount Airy is situated in the very heart of a most favored tobacco section—favored for the texture of its soil that is most suited for the production of tobacco and the energetic class of farmers that engage in growing the best weed that the soil will produce. Buyers realize the extra quality that comes from this section and they are always on the alert to secure it whether it is sold on the market or carried to other points. Its texture and quality creates a demand among the buyers for it and with the experienced warehousemen that have charge of the Mount Airy market and the high class of men that represent the larger companies here all should make this market the best in the state.

The dissolution of the cooperative association will make it so that many farmers will sell here this year who have not done so in the past. The Merchants Association of Mount Airy is also a live and wide awake organization that has joined in with the warehousemen and others interested in the local market in the effort that will be put forth during the next few weeks to bring Mount Airy to the top of the list as a tobacco market.

Receivers Do Well With A. And Y. Road.

Greensboro, Sept. 25.—Increasing earnings for the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad, in the hands of receivers, is indicated in the order of Judge E. Yates Webb, of United States Court, filed here that the receivers pay the semi-annual thirty thousand dollars interest upon the mortgage over the property, held by Central Trust Company of New York, as trustee.

This order was granted upon application of the Southern Railway, which is the holder of the capital stock of the Atlantic and Yadkin which operates from Sanford to Mount Airy. Payment is due on October 1.

In its petition that the receivers, Capt. J. W. Fry, of this city, and A. E. Smith, of Mount Airy, be directed to pay the interest, it is stated that net operating revenue of Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad for seven months period ending July 31, 1926, was forty-one thousand ninety-five dollars more than for corresponding period in 1925.

Below are some of the firms and business men who had advertisements in the edition: S. M. Hale, offering 5,000 sample shoes; J. D. Thompson, specializing on bed room furniture; W. G. Snyder, real estate and insurance; The First National Bank with resources of \$250,000; E. C. Hines, offering telephone service, residence \$1.25, business \$2.50; G. C. Welch, general merchandise; J. E. Barker, clothing; Ashcraft Drug Store, Blue Ridge Hotel block; Granite City Land & Improvement Co.; J. W. Prather Clothing Co., big stock clothing; W. W. Burke, dry goods; F. L. Smith Hardware Co., Buck's stoves and ranges; Geo. W. Sparger, Sr., attorney and real estate; E. W. Paddison, high grade groceries; S. E. Marshall, White Plains, wagon factory; W. E. Merritt, hardware of all kinds; Mount Airy Marble Works; F. M. Moore, groceries; W. R. Saunders, groceries; J. S. Worrell, Granite Bakery; R. H. Leonard, jeweler; J. D. Jenkins, school books; Thos. M. Brower, real estate; A. F. Messick Grocery Co., John L. Ashby, manager; The West-Hill Co., wholesale groceries; Bank of Mount Airy, capital, \$30,000; Granite Merchantile Co., wholesale groceries, E. B. Ashby, sec. & treas.

SURRY COUNTY FARM AND POULTRY NEWS

By H. E. White, Surry County Farm Demonstration Agent

Farmers are rapidly finishing the tobacco curing and many are making arrangements to be on the market when it opens. There is an undercurrent of feeling that the market will open at a high figure and will bring in a large amount of money to the county. Good prices will mean a big boost in business and this in turn will benefit all.

There seems to be a great deal of grain weevil to be found in the threshed grain in the county. This can be prevented by using the proper methods. Infested grain should be put in tight boxes or bins or other containers. Shallow pans then placed on the top of the grain and then pour into the pans carbon disulphide and then close containers tightly. Let stand for 24 hours and then examine the grain to see if any weevils are alive. Be careful and not breathe the fumes of the carbon disulphide for it will cause a bad headache. Do not have lighted matches or flame for this will cause an explosion. Carbon disulphide will destroy the weevils and is safe to handle if the above precautions are observed. After treatment let in plenty of fresh air and the fumes will pass away quickly without injury to the grain.

Barley and vetch should be sown in the next two or three weeks. There is only a limited supply of seed in the county and supplies should be secured at once and seeded for seeding at the proper time will give the best results. Too many of our farmers wait too late to get the best results from their planting. Every farmer should plant enough wheat to furnish enough bread for his family.

W. H. Reid, of Pilot Mountain has some nice Virginia gray oats which he has for sale. He has had good success in growing this variety of oats on his farm. If you are interested in getting seed of this variety you should see him at once. The sample sent to this office is open to inspection by any one who is interested in securing seed.

If you are going to use lime on your soil it would probably give the best results to use on fall grown grain and especially on wheat. Lime should be applied on the top soil and harrowed in. It should not be turned under deeply for remember lime is heavy and will work downward and not upward. Placing the lime on the top soil will cause the acid to become neutralized in the downward passing of the lime. To give the best results lime should be finely ground and must come in close contact with the soil particles. Use from one to three tons per acre and we seem to get good results from the use of lime on all of our soils.

Rape sown now will furnish a good supply of chick feed when it will be most appreciated by the fowls.

This is a good time to gas the borers to be found on the roots of peach trees. Paradichlorobenzene is the compound found best to destroy the borers. This can be used up to the middle of October or a little later. Use ¼ to ½ an ounce for trees 2 to 4 years old and ½ to 1 ounce for trees 5 to 6 years or older. The dose varies according to the size of the tree. A level table spoonful of this material will measure an ounce.

The surface of the soil around the trunk of the peach tree should be cleared away and leveled not less than a foot and a half from the tree, but do not break the crust more than two inches deep. The gas given off this chemical is about 5 times heavier than air and is only effective below the point of application, consequently the dirt should not be disturbed below the area of worm infestation indicated by the presence of gummy exudations. Excessive amounts of this gummy material should be removed at the surface. Paradichlorobenzene can be secured at Mount Airy from the following dealers in quantities: W. S. Wolfe Drug Co., W. E. Merritt Co., and Holcomb & Midkiff.

Now is the time to sow in the peach orchard a winter cover crop of rye or winter oats, to be turned under next spring. The vigor of a peach tree is increased by keeping the borers out and increasing the fertility of the soil by cultivation with cover crops turned under.

Twenty-Six Receivers And Lawyers Named For Tobacco Association

Every Judge Touching Case Except One Adds To List of Attorneys.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Twenty-six receivers and attorneys for receivers have already been appointed in consequence of the order of United States Judge Isaac M. Meekins throwing the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association into a receivership, it was learned yesterday. So far the question of compensation of the 26 receivers and attorneys for the receivers has not arisen although M. L. Corey, one of the original receivers has been given a preliminary drawing account of \$1,000 a month.

However, the attorneys who represented the members in whose names the receivership action was brought have already filed a petition in the court for expenses aggregating over \$2,000 and such fees "as to the court may seem proper." W. M. Person, the instigator of the proceedings and one of the four attorneys signing the petition has declared that any fee under \$50,000 would be "trifling."

Judge Meekins in his original order appointed three receivers but at that time appointed no attorneys. However, Judge Meekins later appointed attorneys and every judge who has touched the case has appointed one or more attorneys residing in his district, except United States Judge Henry Clay McDowell, of the Western District of Virginia, who is said to have refused pointblank to appoint any attorneys and to have declared there were already too many. Judge McDowell is also said to have gone on record as being of the opinion that there were too many receivers.

The Tobacco Association conducted its business through a parent organization and five warehousing subsidiaries, which were the same as the parent association for all practical purposes but which were separate legal titles.

Receivers have been appointed for all of these organizations and in most instances, they too, have attorneys.

The first appointment of attorneys was in the Western District of Virginia where United States Judge Groener appointed three attorneys and a special master, naming as ancillary

the same receivers appointed by Judge Meekins. The same three men have also been named as ancillary receivers in the Western District of North Carolina, the Western District of Virginia and the Eastern District of North Carolina.

The three original receivers appointed by Judge Meekins were James H. Pou, of Raleigh; Hallett S. Ward, of Washington; and M. L. Corey, of New York City.

Judge Meekins subsequent to his original order appointed W. G. Bramham, of Durham, receiver for the warehousing subsidiary located in this district, naming no attorneys for Mr. Bramham, who like the three original receivers is himself an attorney.

However, later Judge Meekins appointed attorneys, although he had not done so at first. W. M. Person, of Louisburg; W. B. Jones, of Raleigh; and P. W. Gildwell, of Baldeville; the attorneys who appeared for the plaintiffs in the receivership proceedings, as attorneys for the original receivers. Mr. Jones and Mr. Gildwell were also appointed in the Western District of North Carolina and Mr. Jones was appointed in South Carolina.

Still later Judge Meekins appointed George E. Butler, of Clinton; and W. T. Joyner, of Raleigh, as attorneys for Mr. Bramham.

Judge E. Y. Webb, of the Western District of North Carolina appointed S. E. Coltrane, of Guilford College, and A. H. Powell, of Oxford as receivers for the warehousing subsidiary situated in his district and appointed the same two attorneys named by Judge Meekins for Mr. Bramham, also adding A. E. Tilley, of Mount Airy.

In South Carolina a South Carolina attorney was named with Mr. Jones as attorneys for the original receivers and a separate receiver was named for the warehousing subsidiary. Attorneys for this receiver have not yet been named.

The two warehousing subsidiaries in Virginia were thrown in receivership in the State courts before federal receivers could be named. One has three receivers, for whom no attorney has yet been named and the other has three receivers with one attorney.

North Carolina's Tobacco Crop Largest In Recent Years, Says Report

Believed 75,000,000 Pounds of Weed Will Be Marketed In Bright Leaf Belt Of Carolina.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Last year the nine tobacco markets in the old bright belt which opened this week marketed 56,615,426 pounds of "golden weed."

This year according to estimates made by tobaccoists, the year's total sales on these eight markets will reach the 75,000,000 pound mark.

The estimation was based on reports from throughout the territory in which the markets are located. Farmers' reports indicate that a bumper yield will be harvested.

This, however, is not all that is at the bottom of the current of optimism which is apparent every day in the circus-dion crowds which pack the auction floors.

High prices paid on the new bright belt and border belt of North Carolina are holding up on the newly-opened old bright belt, according to opening estimates. On the opening days, the price hovered between 26 and 27 cents, but this advantage was expected to be exceeded as the season gets more under way.

On the first few days of the tobacco market farmers usually "test" the market with common grades. As the season goes on, higher grades of leaf become apparent, and prices rise accordingly. It is the opinion of tobacco men this year that "good tobacco will bring good prices."

The nine markets which are now operating in the old bright belt are: Durham, Oxford, Henderson, Warrenton, Louisburg, Fuquay-Varina, Sanford, Carthage and Aberdeen.

in operation by October 15. Several markets will open on October 5. These include Burlington, Mount Airy, Elkin.

The new bright belt markets are now in the midst of the season, and prices are running on the highest level. An average daily price of 30 cents now is nothing unusual on the new bright belt, although prices usually are running between 24 and 28 cents this season on the earlier belt.

The border market of North Carolina which is really a part of the South Carolina market and opens at the same time, is nearing the end of the season—the most successful since epochal 1919.

Towards the end of the season the presence of common grades has brought the daily price average down to below 25 cents. The average for the season, however, will be considerably higher than this, reports from the border market towns indicate.

Child Scalded To Death.

Goldboro, Sept. 21.—Melvina Hinson, 13-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hinson of Brogden township, was scalded to death Sunday.

Sunday morning came clear and peaceful to the Hinson home. Mrs. Hinson prepared breakfast and the family sat down to eat. A large pot of boiling coffee had been placed on the table.

The steam puffing from the spout of the big pot attracted the child's alert eye. Popping to the table, her little hand made a sudden grab for the big pot.

She was terribly burned and died a few hours later.