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Opening Day of Tobacco Market Found All Warehouses Overflowing

SALES BLOCKED BY BIG BREAK

More than a thousand farmers were in Mount Airy Tuesday to attend the opening sales of the tobacco market and most of them had tobacco on the floors of the three warehouses. And their number was increased by another thousand of interested people who joined with the farmers in the happy moments of the day as the sales progressed. It was the first time in the history of the tobacco business in this city that all the warehouses were full of tobacco on the opening day. The first sales were held at Lovill's and it was 1 o'clock before the floor was sold. It fell to the lot of Planters Warehouse to draw third sale. They had the floor full and when dark came only about half of it was sold and the remainder was carried over until Wednesday. All day long great crowds followed the buyers and the best of spirit was manifested during the sales. Farmers were pleased with the price that their product brought. It was especially noticeable that the lower grades are much higher than they have been for the past three years. The better grades have been bringing good prices all along, but where the grower has suffered was in the low price for the cheaper grades. All indications point to a considerable advance in these lower grades which will mean much to the farmer for these comprise a great part of his crop.

The merchants of the city were highly interested in the sales and practically all attended them. The first pile to be sold on this market was grown by Grant Seyers, a highly respected colored farmer of Patrick County. To add interest to the sale S. M. Hale bid off the first pile on behalf of the Merchants Association paying 30 cents a pound for it. It was the first primings and the pile weighed about 100 pounds.

Tobacco began coming into the city in the afternoon before sale day and the floors were about a fourth full by bed time. Helpers began unloading Tuesday morning at four o'clock and for 18 hours all hands worked steady and hard to keep the weed moving from wagons and trucks to the floor houses.

As soon as the buyers bid off the tobacco the bills were sent to the office and the grower promptly received his money. Lovill's pay off at the First National Bank and Planters at W. E. Merritt Co. The farmers take their bills to these places where they are cashed. Piedmont is paying cash to their patrons at their office window as the sales are made. Sales begin at 9 A. M. until Dec. 1st, after which time the starting hour will be moved up to 9:30.

A full force of tobacco buyers was on the market and there was spirited bidding between them for the weed. The excellent quality of the leaf this year and the continued prosperity of the tobacco manufacturing industry explain, in a large part, the large increase in the price of tobacco. Eastern North Carolina markets which have been open for several weeks show a big increase over last season.

The warehousemen of Mount Airy are all experienced tobacco men and there is every reason to believe that they can get the top of the market for every pound of tobacco brought here. They have just come from the eastern markets where they have been in the tobacco business and they already have a knowledge of what the buyers want and will pay for the weed.

The following companies are now represented on the Mount Airy market:

- Export Tobacco Co., J. D. Simpson, buyer.
- Reynolds Tobacco Co., D. R. Allen, buyer.
- Liggett-Myers, H. A. Budgett, buyer.
- American Tobacco Co., W. V. Joyce, buyer.
- Brown-Williamson, Frank Joyce, buyer.
- Imperial Tobacco Co., Mr. Blankenship, buyer.
- R. F. Sparger, independent buyer.

The following independent concerns will also buy weed on this market:

- F. M. Bohannon, Wright-Hughes, Dibril Bros., L. Ashe, and Winston-Salem Leaf Tobacco Co.

During the opening day some very large piles of tobacco were unloaded and placed on the floor. Joe Turner, of Pilot Mountain, had one pile that weighed 600 pounds which brought him 55 cents or a total of \$330. E. Johnson sold three piles that brought him \$403, divided as follows: 516 lbs. @ 35c. 402 @ 25c. 368 @ 25c. Ellis Simmons, of Pilot Mountain, sold a pile which weighed 528 pounds at 25c.

and T. J. Logan had one that tipped the scales at 520 pounds and brought him 29c.

Some of the other sales made on this market the opening day are published below:

- Heath & Jackson, 144 lbs. @ 15c. 300 @ 30c.
- Gilbert & Hix, 168 lbs. @ 35c. 28 @ 36c. 108 @ 32c. 15 @ 35c. 148 @ 32c. 208 @ 24c.
- C. C. Wall, 110 lbs. @ 35c. 112 @ 29c.
- C. T. Stutz, 50 lbs. @ 28c. 162 @ 37c. 26 @ 33c. 69 @ 30c. 70 @ 30c.
- Hill & Fulk, 80 lbs. @ 35c. 200 @ 28c.
- R. G. Doherty, 96 lbs. @ 29c. 100 @ 34c. 46 @ 40c. 34 @ 24c.
- Reid Joyce, 40 lbs. @ 30c. 54 @ 27c. 28 @ 28c.
- Hardy & Bunker, 104 @ 35c. 60 @ 40c. 100 @ 20c.
- T. P. Bledsoe, 126 lbs. @ 35c. 194 @ 29c.
- R. M. Marion, 168 lbs. @ 29c. 166 @ 33c. 100 @ 38c.
- Chas. Simpson, 14 lbs. @ 47c. 120 @ 34c. 108 @ 27c.
- Geo. Carson, 86 lbs. @ 31c. 30 @ 32c. 80 @ 26c. 62 @ 27c.
- J. W. Gilley, 136 lbs. @ 36c. 180 @ 30c.
- R. R. Corder, 154 lbs. @ 29c. 102 @ 35c.
- J. C. Branch, 132 lbs. @ 27c. 40 @ 31c. 82 @ 28c. 106 @ 30c. 116 @ 35c. 180 @ 32c. 60 @ 24c. 90 @ 25c.
- C. R. Edmonds, 90 lbs. @ 25c. 64 @ 30c. 74 @ 37c.
- E. R. Bledsoe, 120 lbs. @ 25c. 100 @ 32c. 40 @ 36c.
- Jas. Hardy, 104 lbs. @ 26c. 24 @ 33c. 86 @ 40c. 150 @ 36c. 36 @ 30c. 140 @ 25c.
- Wood & Bledsoe, 150 lbs. @ 29c. 162 @ 35c.
- Bob Collins, 24 lbs. @ 38c. 130 @ 33c.
- A. F. Williams, 132 lbs. @ 29c. 60 @ 28c. 60 @ 30c. 20 @ 30c.
- T. F. Bledsoe, 46 lbs. @ 35c. 126 @ 33c. 106 @ 28c.
- C. W. Bruner, 236 lbs. @ 35c. 294 @ 25c.
- J. I. Mills, 122 lbs. @ 28c. 162 @ 60 @ 36c. 114 @ 29c.
- Andrew Jackson, 30 lbs. @ 31c. 36 @ 35c. 60 @ 34c.
- G. Johnson, 160 lbs. @ 33c. 384 @

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

The public school at White Plains opened Monday under the management of Henry Wolfe and Mary Marshall. There were 76 scholars the first day.

The old Brover warehouse has been purchased by C. F. Taylor and J. L. O'Neal who have torn down this old landmark and will use the best of the lumber in the erection of tenement houses.

Trade is good in this town. The streets are full of wagons hauling produce and material into town and taking goods away. The streets are often blocked with trade, the drays bring the goods from the depot in such large quantities that the sidewalks are often impassable.

TOBACCO PRICES FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S

Wilson's Sales For September Over Fifteen Million Pounds.

Wilson, Oct. 1.—Sales on the Wilson tobacco market this year continue to maintain a commanding lead over the sales of 1925 in average price but dropped slightly below in the amount of weed sold. This decrease is accounted for by the fact that last year the market opened a week earlier than it did this year. According to official sales figures announced today by Bennett Hooks, supervisor of sales, an increase of \$7.00 per hundred pounds is noted over the September sales of 1925.

Last year during the month of September 19,708,824 pounds of tobacco was sold for \$5,624,122.06 while already this year 15,132,900 pounds have been sold for \$2,855,237.36. Sales during September, 1924, totaled 17,548,608. The increase in the number of pounds sold was gained through the six-day start of the 1924-25 season.

The biggest break of the current season occurred yesterday when 22,984,818 pounds of the golden weed was offered for sale. High prices continued to prevail for the demand for good grades of tips was still brisk and several piles sold high. One price paid was \$89 per hundred pounds and this was said to be one of the highest of the entire season. For the most part yesterday's offerings were sorry grades.

Best Crop in Four Years.

Danville, Oct. 2.—The tobacco markets of the Old Belt of Virginia and North Carolina will open for the selling season next Tuesday morning. Tobacco bells atop the auction warehouses will be music to the growers who are well ahead this year in curing and stripping and who are anxious to realize on what is said to be the best crop produced for four years. The farmers have had two lean years and recently the experiences in South Carolina and then Eastern Carolina where the prices have been satisfactory have conspired to create an optimistic spirit among the farmers who are hoping to realize more heavily on a good bright crop.

The size of the crop in this section is about what it was last year. It probably will be a lighter crop in pounds for the leaf has matured with fine texture though good color. It is described generally as a good "smoking" crop probably lacking in wrappers but one which promises to be in demand in view of the increased consumption of smoking and cigarette types and a waning in demand for chewing types.

ROBED MEN FLEE AT SIGHT OF GUN

Effort to 'Take Out' Craven County Man Foiled By Brother.

New Bern, Oct. 2.—Craven county authorities were working today in an effort to establish the identities of seven robbed persons who last night made a futile attempt to "take out" Ray McIlwain, prominent Craven county farmer living about six miles from New Bern.

The attempt was foiled when McIlwain's brother arrived on the scene and drove the men off with a shotgun. Today, the identity of only one of the seven persons had been revealed.

McIlwain told the deputies of the sheriff's office that he was called to his door between eleven and twelve o'clock and upon answering the call found seven robed figures who attempted to take him off with them. He resisted the attacks and was able to rip the robe off one of the men. This man, he said, appeared to be a negro or his face was blackened. His brother came to his aid with a shotgun and the men were driven away. In their flight they left behind a truck and three robes, all bearing the initials "G. T. K."

The truck was claimed at the sheriff's office this morning by a man who gave his name as Cox. Cox declared the band of men came to his home several miles from that of McIlwain and compelled him to drive them to the McIlwain farm. He said he ran with the others when McIlwain's brother brought out his shotgun. He was not detained and the truck was given to him after he established his ownership.

County Schools Opened Monday—Commissioners Have Busy Session

By HENRY HAMPTON

Dobson, Oct. 4.—The following couples received marriage licenses at the register of deeds office during the past week: Joseph Pratt, to Nellie Davis, both Rockford. R. F. Haymore, White Plains, to Clara Isaacs, Thurmond.

Mrs. W. B. Norman was hostess to the women's missionary union of the Dobson Baptist Church Friday evening. 25 members were present and a very interesting meeting was had. Mrs. W. W. Hampton, the president, conducted the devotions, and Mrs. A. D. Folger had charge of the program. "Personal Service" was the topic for study. Participating in the program were Mrs. R. A. Freeman, Mrs. W. W. Hampton, Mrs. W. L. Reese, Mrs. Frank Folger, Mrs. E. E. Reid, Mrs. Wendell Stone and Mrs. B. J. Beeson. Special music was rendered by Miss Edith Reese. At the conclusion of the business session the hostess assisted by Mrs. R. A. Freeman and Miss Mary Bet Norman served delicious refreshments consisting of fruit salad and coffee. The next monthly meeting will be held with Mrs. A. D. Folger and Mrs. Frank Folger as joint hostesses.

Miss Julia Comer left Saturday for Madison, she will teach near there during the winter months.

The county health department in cooperation with the bureau of health education, North Carolina State Board of Health, gave a free moving picture entertainment at the Dobson high school building Tuesday night. The program consisted of entertaining and instructive moving pictures, showing how to be healthier and happier. Dr. G. M. Sumner, county health physician had charge of the program.

Miss Mary Bryant who has been spending several months with relatives at Kokomo, Ind., returned to her home at Jadesville, Sunday.

Little Misses Edith and Ethel Baggett, of near Ivey Hill spent the past week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Collins.

Miss Nell Key, of near Mount Airy, arrived here the past week for a stay of several months at the home of her uncle W. S. Comer. She will attend the 1926-27 session of the Dobson high school.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hancock and sons Loyd and Hugh, of Sanford, Garner and Ralph Crissman, of Cameron, and Mr. and Mrs. Quilla Crissman were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hemmings.

C. L. Sams, Extension Specialist in bee keeping, State College, Raleigh, spent Wednesday with H. E. White, county agent.

Mrs. B. J. Beeson was hostess on Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 to the sewing circle club, and a number of additional guests, the home was attractively decorated with beautiful flowers. During a delightful social hour a tempting course of refreshments was served. Those present were Mrs. R. A. Freeman, Mrs. A. D. Folger, Mrs. W. L. Reese, Mrs. W. B. White, Mrs. P. B. Folger, Mrs. A. Matthews, Mrs. Sallie Folger, Misses Clara Hudson, Ghita Tuttle, Eliza Capehart. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. A. D. Folger on Oct. 13th.

The following is the report of I. F. Armfield, county welfare officer for the month of September: Juvenile court 9; Official disposition, private homes 3; Institutions 1; School attendance, children reported 19; Investigations by letter 16; by visit 3; visits to school 10; Poor Fund Cases, reported and investigated 3; Conference, board members 5; J. C. Judge 4; general 40; Investigations, mothers age 3; Inspections, jail 3, county homes 3; factory 4; Certificates, age 9; Letters mailed 77; Miles traveled 1088; Trips outside county 2; Investigations for agencies 1; Welfare Dept. of Pittsburg, Pa. One boy carried to Jackson Training school.

Report of H. E. White, county agent is as follows for the month of September: Miles traveled 775; Days in field 19; Days in office 7; Total days worked 26; Farm visits made 64; Office conferences 119; Letters written circular 3233; Letters received 160; Visits to result demonstrations 41; Articles written 3; Copies made 19; Meetings held 1; attendance 80; Miscellaneous meetings 1; attendance 80; Communities visited 30. The county exhibit prepared by Mr. White for the Carolina-Virginia fair at Mount Airy won first prize in the county agent contest. Five different people looked over the exhibits and all agreed that Surry county was first. He sent out over 3,000 circular letters on fall cover crops and including wheat. He brought into the county 92 bushels of Tennessee No. 6 hard-less barley. Official visitors to the county during the month were E. S. Millsaps, C. L. Sams, and a Mr. Cary. There will be a thanksgiving service at Central Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in October beginning at 10 A. M. The general public is invited to be present, and especially the former pastors of the church. Central View Church is located near the home of Mr. F. T. Lewellen.

The regular term of Surry Superior Court, for a two week term, for the trial of criminal and civil cases will convene at Dobson on Monday, Oct. 25th, with Judge John M. Oglesby presiding. The jury for this term is as follows: First week: S. J. Jones, C. F. Smith, Henry Lewellyn, F. A. Marion, John Sabotta, M. C. Fowler, E. D. Miller, Geo. E. Welch, Sidney J. Jarrell, M. A. Nixon, Garfield Jessup, J. F. Fulk, F. R. Beamer, R. A. Bookser, C. R. Fowler, C. W. Fullen, T. W. Davis, J. R. Venable, N. D. Fulcher, I. D. Ferguson, Benton Stanley, J. S. Morrison, E. B. Short, A. F. Mounce, R. L. Arrington, C. H. Holder, J. E. Hudspeth, W. G. Church, P. H. Jessup, J. D. Mitchell, East Harmon, T. G. Harris, J. H. Hunt, Edgar Simmons, E. K. Boyles. Second week: S. J. Bookser, J. E. Jordan, Phillip Snow, G. C. Welch, T. H. Martin, Oscar Hunter, A. M. Maho, G. A. Kitzrell, Emmett Landy, C. J. Wilson, R. H. Stone, W. H. Hlatt, D. C. Rector, J. H. Linsbuck, J. F. Prather, R. C. Butner, R. F. Simmons, J. E. Parker. The Commissioners at their meeting today passed a resolution asking His Excellency, A. W. McLean, Governor of North Carolina, to call a special term of court for Surry county, to continue two weeks, for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and recommended that the special term be called by His Excellency for the first Monday in December, 1926. This special term is requested because there is an accumulation of criminal and civil actions in the superior court of Surry county. The following petition was passed by the commissioners in session today: To His Honor, John M. Oglesby, Judge of the superior court. We the members present do respectfully petition Your Honor and show: That we have certified to the Governor of the state our recommendation for a call of a special term of the superior court of Surry county to be held for two weeks commencing the first Monday in December, 1926. That owing to the fact that the general election is this year to be held on the second day of November, and owing to the fact that it is improbable that the term beginning Oct. 25th, would run for more than a few days, but would cost the county a large amount, nevertheless, and owing to the further fact we could not expect a large amount of business would be transacted in the court at October term, we respectfully recommend to Your Honor that said court after meeting on Monday, the 29th of Oct., be adjourned, Respectfully submitted; this Oct. 4th, 1926. Alex. Chatham, Acting Chairman, W. F. Lawrence, Clerk to the Board.

The most enthusiastic initial teachers meeting hitherto held in Surry county was staged Saturday in the court house at Dobson when 160 of the 182 white rural teachers met to make preparations for opening their schools Monday, Oct. 4th. Only one school in the entire county failed to be represented in this meeting. Rev. W. A. Newell, pastor of Central Methodist Church at Mount Airy, was present and addressed the teachers on "The Relation of the Teacher to Religious Work in the Community." His remarks were timely and suggestive of a wholesome relationship that should exist between the schools and the churches. After the devotional exercises an address filled with inspiration and wholesome advice to the teachers was delivered by Mr. John H. Folger, of Mount Airy. He admonished the teachers along the lines of service and high ideals in citizenship and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the personal appearance of the teachers who are to have charge of the youth of Surry county this year. Mr. W. J. Byrlyer was present and talked to the teachers in explanation of the prizes he is offering this year to be given to the pupil of each rural school making the best record in the subjects of spelling, writing, arithmetic, and grammar. This prize will be a two and a half dollar gold piece and one will be for each of the 68 rural schools in the county. The Surry county unit of the North Carolina Teachers Association was organized with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe as president and secretary. The enrollment in this indicated almost one hundred per cent of the teachers. In checking the registration cards Supt. Hendren found that a very few of the teachers were new in the county, most of the old teachers having held over. This would seem to indicate improvement in the rural schools as heretofore there has been from 25 to 50 per cent turn over in the teaching force every year. Fifteen more of the small schools were discontinued this year on account of the building of five new consolidated school buildings in the county. While some of these buildings are not yet ready they are expected within a month and their addition to the school equipment will mean much for the success of the coming session of school. All signs seem to point to a very much better school year than has ever yet been experienced by Surry county.

"What is the difference between an upper and lower berth?" asked a man. "The difference is fifty cents," replied the agent. "The lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower. If you want it lower, you will have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. In other words, the higher, the lower. Most people don't like the upper, although it is lower on account of being upper. When you occupy an upper, you have to get up to go to bed, and get down when you get up. You can have the lower if you pay higher. If you prefer to go lower it will be higher."