

Tobacconists Now Turn Eyes to Georgia Market

Total Production Lower Than Estimates; Good Price Forecast.

Raleigh, July 30.—Tobacco growers, warehousemen and business men of the tobacco belts of four States—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—have their eyes turned this week to the Georgia tobacco belt, including markets in Southern Georgia and Northern Florida, where the 1927 tobacco season opens on next Tuesday, August 2. While conditions are somewhat different, varying with the type of soil and climate, and a slightly different grade of tobacco, at the same time it is the first tobacco season of the whole southern tobacco growing region that will go into operation in disposing of the new 1927 crop, and everybody looks to Georgia to get a line on the prospects for the season.

With a general knowledge of the conditions of the growing season and of the type of tobacco making up the farmer's offerings, tobacco men and others in the belts further up the line are enabled to make deductions up or down as to approximately what may be expected in their own belts when their season gets under way.

In nearly every belt of the upper tobacco region curing of the new crop is now fairly well under way, and in some of the territory, South Carolina

for instance, curing is practically completed, and farmers are ready for the trek to markets in the upper South Carolina area and the three or four North Carolina border counties, where the season gets under way a week after the start in the Georgia belt, or on Tuesday, August 9. Eastern North Carolina is in the midst of its curing season, while that part of the tobacco process is just getting off to a good start in this the Middle Belt.

Opening Dates Stated
Recent efforts of warehousemen and business men of the South Carolina belt to have the opening date there advanced two weeks in July 26, proved futile, despite the co-operating influence of the governors of both the Carolinas, and officials of the State agricultural departments, and the schedule of dates fixed by the United States Tobacco Association at its convention in Morehead City in June, for the opening of all the belts, will stand, as was generally expected, and seasons will get under way as originally arranged.

The Georgia season, which is expected to last five to six weeks, is believed by tobacco men to have about the same quantity of tobacco to sell as last season. The acreage has been somewhat increased, but the weather has been a tremendous factor there, and of an adverse nature this time, too. The season was a trifle late get-

ting off with the planting, and this was followed by a dry season, which checked the growth and development of the growing plants, with the result that the total production has been rather materially reduced below the original estimates. The weed that has been made and which is now ready for harvest is understood to be of fairly good quality, and prices are expected to be about up to last year's levels.

The grade of tobacco produced this year in the Georgia belt is, according to reports, showing up better than some of the more optimistic tobacco people had looked for after the experience with the droughty conditions early in the growing season. No very noticeable marks have been left on the leaf, it is said, and the spots that were feared have not shown up. The size is said to be lacking in both the first and second pickings, and some of the upper middles may lack the accustomed twenty inches. The top pickings are going to be longer than is ordinarily the case, and these will show color and texture. Wrapper tobacco is thought to have been damaged by the dry weather, but the percentage of dry weather's bad effects is going to be less than predicted. The general uniformity of the cure is said to be an agreeable surprise, with the result that as long as there is uniformity, there will be an opportunity to make a sorting of the crop evenly and economically. No great surplus of production is looked for.

On the first three pickings the crop is expected to be a little on the light and red side, rather than on the green, and to be thicker than it has been and shorter lengths. Last year's crop was considered an exceptionally good yielder, running from 22 to 24 ounces to a thousand, but this year it may not be so low.

SHERIFF'S BONDSMEN HOLDING CONFERENCES

Treasurer of Wilkes Has \$14,000 in Checks Tendered Him By Woodruff.

Winston-Salem, July 27.—Bonds-men of ex-sheriff W. D. Woodruff, of Wilkes County, are holding conferences this week with counsel for the former officer and citizens of Wilkes whose name appears on the ex-sheriff's bonds with a view of reaching an agreement.

The former officer is said to have been short about \$20,495.27. Sheriff Woodruff was first elected to office in 1914 and served in that capacity for four terms, his last term ending in December, 1922.

County Treasurer T. M. Crystal, has stated that he now holds \$14,000 in checks given to the commissioners by Woodruff in the final settlement made three years ago. Mr. Crystal contends he was not present when the checks were accepted; that he took them to the Bank of Wilkes, which went on the rocks recently, and was told that Woodruff did not have quite enough money there to pay them off. He has taken them to the bank several times since, he declares, but they are still in his hands.

Attorney Forfeits His Law License

Winston-Salem, July 27.—J. W. Hollingsworth, an attorney of Winston-Salem, volunteered to forfeit his license to practice law in North Carolina upon condition that Solicitor S. Porter Graves, on behalf of the State, would accept a plea of nolo contendere in a case in which the attorney was charged with false pretense.

Solicitor Graves accepted the plea upon condition that there were no reservations whatever on the part of the attorney. Judge A. M. Stack, presiding, agreed to the settlement and dictated judgment. E. Hollingsworth had prayer for judgment continued for a period of five years, conditioned upon good behavior.

Hollingsworth was convicted of false pretense by a jury in Forsyth Superior Court on January 8, 1926. Judge Stack, who was presiding over that term, sentenced him to serve from 18 months to three years in the State Prison. Notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court was given in open court and Hollingsworth was granted a new trial.

Harry Lauder Grief-Stricken Over Death of His Wife

Dunoon, Scotland, July 21.—Lady Lauder, wife of Sir Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, died today in a Glasgow nursing home. Sir Harry, who is here, is prostrated with grief.

Lady Lauder had been ill for a fortnight. She was operated on last Monday and appeared to be progressing satisfactorily but died rather suddenly.

Lady Lauder was 58 years of age. Her maiden name was Annie Vallance. She was one of a family of 17 and both her parents are living.

The ads. are newsy. Read them.

Fish Hatchery For Carroll

Hillsville News.
Mr. Grader who was sent from the Fish Hatchery near Wytheville, by Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, was favorably impressed with the farm belonging to Mr. E. G. Wilkinson as a location for a fish hatchery which may be built soon. There will be two ponds, one covering near 15 acres the other about six. They will be so constructed as to draw off one so the larger fish may be taken out, as it is claimed the larger ones out the small ones at certain times of the year.

We have been informed by the Government that the hatchery is possible only through cooperation of the citizens of this county.

It is understood that this hatchery will raise fingerling black bass to stock the streams of the county.

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