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THE TOBACCO MARKET

This is one time that we are not able to get enthusiastic about the way tobacco is selling. The market opened in this city Tuesday and large numbers of farmers came with the leaf loaded on wagons and Fords.

The general impression is that the price paid on this market is as high as on any other market in this state and the lowest that has been paid in any year in recent times.

There is no doubt about the fact that a bumper crop has been grown this year. The disturbance in China is given as one of the main causes for the drop in the price.

There is more tobacco selling for one and two cents the pound than ever before. Common lugs that have brought five and six and eight cents in former years are selling for one and two cents.

Other farmers who brought real good tobacco got prices of twenty, twenty-five and thirty cents and went away thinking that they had made good sales. Good tobacco, that is tobacco that is ordinarily classed as fine, that which has good body and leaf free from defects with good bright color, is in ready demand.

The rapid change in the customs of the farmers in the cotton growing sections, especially in Georgia, due to the uncertainty of the cotton crop, has turned whole sections of country to growing tobacco where once cotton was grown.

THE PRICE OF TOBACCO

The Winston Sentinel quotes R. W. McFarland, supervisor of sales on the Winston tobacco market, as saying that the reason low grades of tobacco are selling low is that so much of this kind of tobacco is produced that dealers and manufacturers do not want it at any price.

The same paper quotes R. W. Pou, county agent for Forsyth, as saying that the large quantity of tobacco that sold on the Winston market for five cents would be worth more as a fertilizer on land.

The Burt Concert Company Coming

Mount Airy theatre goes and all who enjoy a good concert have a treat in store for them with the coming of The Evelyn Burt Concert company which is scheduled to appear here the evening of October 24.

This is the first of a series of delightful winter lyceum numbers under the Piedmont Bureau of platform service.

The program is a feast of musical and dramatic entertainment and artistry. Among the group will be found Spanish, (now so popular), Dutch and Chinese, each in gorgeous costumes.

An English comedian is the owner of a race horse, and his colors are policeman's blue.

BUSINESS METHODS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When wealth began to increase in North Carolina and the amount of money paid in for public use increased to large sums then it became a problem to get all the public business carried on in a way to satisfy the minds of men who keep an eye to such matters.

It was expecting too much from men untrained in business. They simply could not make good. Certainly many of our best citizens failed when they turned to high finance and important office.

Every one knows that it is a big undertaking to keep the books for a county like Surry and a town like Mount Airy. No one expects that no mistakes will be made, it matters not who is placed in charge of the business.

We have not checked up on the amount that has been paid to auditors in this county in recent months, but we have it in mind that enough has been paid out to embarrass any set of business men who are responsible for these auditors.

If one of these big incorporations such as we have all about in the county should pay out as much for auditors as the town and county is paying out it would sound like a joke. Certainly it appears that our business men who have influence in county and town matters should find a way to get the books kept without an auditor expense that is embarrassing to any party or set of men who are responsible for the public chest.

Little Miss Louise Ledford Celebrates Fifth Birthday

Mrs. J. H. Ledford was hostess Wednesday afternoon to a number of the small friends of her little daughter Louise in celebration of her fifth birthday.

The home was most attractively decorated with potted flowers and a lovely color scheme of pink and white was carried out.

After a number of interesting games were played a delicious two-course dinner was served.

Just One Minute

By the time you read the last line of this article property worth \$1,000 will have been destroyed by fire somewhere in the United States.

That at least was the record in 1926, what the showing will be this year depends in a large measure on you.

Ninety percent of fires are preventable for they are due to carelessness. Take a look in your cellar, attic or that closet, clean out the rubbish. The old stuff stored away because maybe some day you will find a use for it.

While insurance marks the difference between protection and destitution possibly every home in our city has its treasured possession the worth of which cannot be computed in terms of money and can never be replaced.

The man who uses pennies or slugs fuse plugs and tinkers with electric wires in the home endangers the lives of the family and others and his own property as well as others.

After all it's chiefly a matter of protecting your own dwelling and those whose presence there makes it home.

M. F. PATTERSON, Chief Fire Dept.

Mrs. R. W. Sparger Hostess

Mrs. R. W. Sparger was hostess to the members of the Entre Nous Book club and the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club at her lovely new home on Cherry street Tuesday afternoon when rook was played at six tables and bridge at four.

Dahlias and other fall flowers were used and Mrs. D. C. Absher received with the hostess.

Mrs. Raymond Smith won the prize at rook and Mrs. J. C. Hill at bridge.

Chicken salad, with frozen tomato salad, hot rolls, coffee and minis were served by Mesdames E. C. Ashby, O. H. Yokley, M. S. Martin, Will Hollingsworth, C. R. Merritt, H. R. Hege, W. S. Wolfe and Miss Margaret Sparger.

Cox-Coble

Miss Lenox Cox, of Woodlawn, Va. became the bride of Elwin C. Coble, of this city, in a ceremony performed by Rev. W. M. Wall, Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. F. Wall near Oak Grove.

Duco Demonstration Creates Much Interest

A large number of Mount Airy people, mostly women, attended a Duco demonstration held at the store of W. E. Merritt Co., last Friday and Saturday.

The thing that was most interesting was that of taking some inexpensive piece of pottery or glassware and making it look like some high priced imported ware at very small cost.

Advertisement for 'Service Sanitation City Lunch' featuring a menu and a waiter serving a customer. Text includes 'WE SERVE TO SERVE AGAIN' and 'WHAT WILL YOU HAVE?'.

North Carolina Has Made Good Tobacco Crop

The Farm Forecaster for North Carolina says:

In spite of the dry planting season and wet conditions since early June, North Carolina has made an unusually good tobacco crop. The bright leaf flue-cured tobacco belt shows the only increase in tobacco acreage and production in the United States.

The August sales of tobacco in the South Carolina belt, including Columbus, Robeson and Bladen counties, amounted to 21,886,000 of farmers leaf, auctioned through twenty-two warehouses, at an average price of \$22.36 per hundredweight.

The present outlook for the tobacco crop in North Carolina shows an average condition of 83 per cent of a full crop promise, compared with 79 per cent a year ago.

The crop for the country at large indicates 1,198,000,000 pounds or 8 per cent less than was produced last year, the average condition being 76.5 per cent of a normal growth.

As a whole the crop has good color and body this year, although the leaves are probably smaller than usual. The acreage was considerably increased throughout the state.

A letter was recently received from a representative in China, accompanied by samples of native tobacco. These show clearly that they are beginning to successfully grow bright leaf flue-cured tobacco in China.

Advertisement for W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. featuring an illustration of a woman and text: 'WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE DAY OR NIGHT Prescriptions Called For And Delivered W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. PHONE 53'.

Grace Moravian Church REV. C. D. CROUCH, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Evening Worship 7:00 P. M. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 P. M.

NOTICE Under an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County in special proceedings entitled Jane Thompson, Admrx. vs. H. A. Thompson and others, an upset bid having been filed on the sale heretofore made, the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of at the courthouse door in Dobson on the 21st day of Oct., 1927, at one o'clock P. M., the following lands:

W. 2.5 chs. N. 1.25 chs. to a pine stump, Hud Woodruff's corner, N. 3 chs. to a stake in said line, N. 69 deg. W. 12.5 chs. to a stake in said Woodruff line, N. 1.25 chs. to a sourwood pointer, Bud Woodruff corner, West 3.75 chs. to a stake in road, N. 61 deg. W. 3.75 chs. to new road, N. 65 deg. W. 4.24 chs. N. 1 ch. to a black gum, Woodruff corner, West 1 ch. to road, North 65 deg. W. 3.75 chs. N. 47 deg. W. 7.5 chs. N. 59 deg. W. 6.5 chs. N. 50 deg. W. 7.5 chs. N. 83 2.5 chs. N. 68 deg. W. 35 chs. South 85 deg. West 5 chs. South 63 deg. W. 2.5 chs. North 79 deg. W. 1 chain North 7.5 chs. N. 79 deg. East 34 chs. North 50 deg. East 34 chs. North 42 deg. East 3.25 chs. North 77 deg. East 2.75 chs. South 52 deg. E. 11 chs. East 3 chs. North 40 deg. East 3.5 chs. to a pine corner, S. 20 chs. to a stake Tom Harris corner, N. 6 chs. to a stake Tom Harris corner, down the creek to the beginning. This the 5th day of Oct. 1927. Jane Thompson, Commissioner. By A. D. Folger, Attorney.

Large advertisement for Hale's Dept. Store. Text includes 'New Arrivals This Week of Ladies' Fall Coats And Hats', '75 Ladies' Bolivia Coats with Crepe de Chine lining, heavily fur trimmed, up to size 52.', 'HATS!', '100 Brand New Hats all the latest shapes in medium and large head shape.', 'Our New York Buyer says our Spot Cash does the business.', 'This store is brim full of the greatest values ever shown by us. We guarantee quality and price.', 'The town is swamped with flaming circulars, look over them carefully for their specials and come here and buy same goods at our regular prices, or less.', 'Hale's Dept. Store Main Street Mount Airy, N. C.'.