

GEORGIA MARKET OPENING AVERAGES 47c

Gulf Bulk Plant Fire Damage Is Estimated At \$100,000

Firemen Protect Adjoining Property As Fuel Oil Burns

LUMBERTON—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was suffered yesterday by the Gulf Oil Corporation and J. C. Carr, its Lumberton distributor, when the bulk plant of the company on the southern edge of the city went up in flames. Both Mr. Carr and Evander Britt, driver of the truck carrying the pumping unit which started the blaze, were burned painfully but not seriously; they were back on the scene after receiving first aid.

The fire raged from 12:45 until 4:45 and in the four hours destroyed a 45,000 gallon tank of fuel oil, an approximately equal amount of gasoline, the grease and oil warehouse and its contents, the office and its records, a dog and two pups, three tank trucks, and a 1948 Ford owned by Mr. Carr's son.

A tank filled with high octane gasoline and alongside the blazing fuel oil tank was not burned.

Mr. Carr attempted to stop the blaze with a hand extinguisher but was unsuccessful.

The Lumberton fire department faced the near disaster coolly and its control tactics were so successful that no damage was done outside the plant area.

The burning territory was quickly fenced off, ready to protect the property in case an explosion should spray burning liquid beyond the area of the fire. The adjoining farm building occupied by Hutchinson's Machine Shop was not damaged; the wind direction probably saved it from damage.

The Fayetteville fire department responding to Chief E. J. Glover's call for aid was not actually needed, but except for the near miracle of the unburned gasoline was a necessity.

Mr. Carr said that Gulf carried insurance, but he did not know just how much. He said that the trucks and car were his property and were covered.

The blaze was spectacular and the dense black smoke rose in a tall column that could be seen for miles before the wind carried it off to the northeast.

DDT Fog Over Red Springs

RED SPRINGS—Insect control by spraying and fogging with DDT is being carried out in and around Red Springs throughout this month, it was stated today by Reece Snyder, town clerk, in an effort to eliminate flies and mosquitoes throughout the town.

160 houses and all garages, chicken yards and houses, dog houses and other outbuildings in the Robbins Cloth Mills section were completed last week, and a crew of four men under the supervision of Jim Carruth is now spraying houses on the east, west and south side of town. Houses that are not effectively screened are sprayed inside and out, with careful attention being given to porches, kitchens and all outbuildings.

Houses having effective screening will be treated with the solution sprayed on outside walls and porches and all outbuildings about each residence will be sprayed.

The first of four fogging treatments were given Wednesday morning by the Collins Exterminator company of Myrtle Beach, S. C. The fogging of the DDT was done from an especially equipped truck which puts up an enormous cloud of vaporized solution which covers trees, shrubs and buildings within the area so that an entire block is covered by driving along the streets.

This treatment will be done once each five days four times, to cover the breeding cycle of both flies and mosquitoes.

The Collins company has contracts with the towns of Fairmont, St. Pauls and Maxton, and the city of Lumberton is said to be considering having them fog that town, too.

MAXTON—Rev. M. Simonis, a Russian evangelist and teacher of languages at the University of Colorado, will be the speaker at the evening service at 8 o'clock on Sunday, July 25, at the First Presbyterian church.

Lumberton Market Eyes Ga. Prices; Completes August 3 Opening Plans

By MARION ALEXANDER
Growers and tobaccoists in this Border Belt capital, which opens its own market Tuesday, August 3, were waiting anxiously today for the first reports on the opening in Georgia.

The general opinion seemed to be that the prices of the golden weed will be a little higher than last year—maybe enough to make up for the 27 per cent cut in acreage—but the exact figures, awaited the news from down south.

Representatives from most of the 11 warehouses and 3 independent companies on the Lumberton market made the long trek to Georgia in order to watch the opening sales and see firsthand what are the top prices they can get for their own growers on each grade.

Meanwhile, the local market completed plans for its own opening, 12 days hence, which is expected to usher in one of the biggest seasons in history here, at a meeting of the Lumberton Tobacco Warehouse Association this week.

Tom Smith, co-ordinator with Paul Smith of Smith Warehouses, was retained as president, R. Ed Wilkins of Liberty Warehouse as treasurer and sales supervisor, M. R. Alexander as secretary.

Among the important items of business attended to were the adoption of a sales schedule for this season, which gives each firm a sale every day and which, with the market's system of booking space, assures quick sales with no long waits and damaged tobacco.

Representatives of the other warehouses present included: Britt Warehouse—E. A. DeJarnette and Leo Woody; Carolina—J. E. Johnson, Marvin Roycroft, Leroy Townsend, Adrian McRae, and Alf Forbes; Dixie—Neil McKeithen, F. K. Biggs, and Alex Kinlaw; Hedgpeh—R. A. Hedgpeh, Johnny Roycroft, H. H. Hicks and Leroy Rollins; Liberty—Russell Livermore, Ed Wilkins, Frank White, H. D. Goode, Russell Livermore, Jr., Frank White, and Dudley Jennings.

Rufus McQueen, prominent local business man, who is associated with the Liberty, is serving as president of the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade this season.

The other officers are Neil McKeithen, first vice president, E. K. Howard, second vice president, R. A. Hedgpeh, treasurer, and M. R. Alexander, secretary.

Birthday Gathering At Odom Home

The 78th anniversary of Joseph T. Odom was observed Sunday by members of his family who gathered over the weekend for the annual family reunion with which they have marked the occasion for some years.

Those present for the Sunday dinner included Mrs. Odom, his brother, Julius D. Odom, and several members of his family, and the following children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby and son of Supply; Capt. and Mrs. E. H. Odom of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Schroder and children of Manassett, Long Island; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowd and children of St. Pauls; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Edwards and daughter of Abbeville, S. C.; Mrs. C. R. Nixon and daughter of Norfolk; and J. T. Odom, Jr., of Chapel Hill.

Church Being Renovated

RED SPRINGS—Painting of the interior of the First Presbyterian Church was begun this week by M. M. Smith, painting contractor. The work is expected to take several weeks.

The old carpet has been removed and upon completion of the interior painting the J. B. Ivey company of Charlotte will install a new carpet throughout the church. Cost of the painting and the rug installation is expected to amount to approximately \$6,000.

KEEP KIDS AT HOME

LUMBERTON—County health officer, Dr. E. R. Hardin, yesterday expressed disapproval of the fact that not all parents are cooperating in the polio quarantine which is on a voluntary basis throughout the county. Although he said many are doing everything that has been requested of them, Dr. Hardin issued the following statement:

"I am informed that many parents are taking their children under 16 with them to visit sick patients in local hospitals. Also that many children under 16 are attending the baseball games and picture shows in all parts of the county. All parents are urged to discontinue such practices immediately."

Wallace Party Brings Petition To Robeson

New Party Asks Inclusion On Nov. Ballot, Need 10,000 Petitioners

LUMBERTON—The Progressive Party checking Robeson County signatures on its petition for inclusion in the November general election won the approval of the county board of elections for approximately 30 per cent of the signers. 87 of the 281 names on the petition were proven as qualified for inclusion on the petition.

Miss Frances Zack, representing the Progressive Party, which has as its major candidate Henry A. Wallace, spent Monday and a part of Tuesday going over the registration books in the county with county elections board chairman E. P. Bond. The petitioners seek 10,000 names of qualified voters in North Carolina as a requirement of recognition by the State Board of Elections, and the names on the petition must be those of registered voters who did not vote in the Democratic or Republican primary. A voter may not change party affiliation after the primary. The petitions must be presented in Raleigh by August 2.

The Progressive Party headed by Miss Mary Price, Greensboro, has been seeking approval of the state elections board so that its presidential nominee, Wallace, may appear on the ballot in November. The 87 names approved as qualified petitioners in this county represent about the same proportion of approvals as in other parts of the state; this means that about 30,000 signatures must be on the petition. Miss Zack said that it might be necessary to seek more petitioners in Robeson in the next two weeks.

Miss Price, in a recent letter to Hubert E. Olive, state elections chairman, deplored the "chaotic" condition of the registration books which made the certification of signatures difficult. E. P. Bond states that no particular difficulty was experienced in this county and that the most confusing aspect of the checking process was created by signers giving their post office address without their precinct number—an RFV route might lie in any several townships. Chairman Olive had previously denied that registration books in the state were not in proper condition.

PRESBYTERY MEETS
LUMBERTON—Rev. R. L. Alexander, W. N. Parmele, C. S. McIntyre and Hector McBryde attended a meeting of the Mer of the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church in Moore county.

Mr. Parmele was delegate from the First Presbyterian church in Lumberton.

Washer, Radio Head Prize List; Steve Chason Second High

Anne Hale Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, was declared winner of Popular Baby Contest conducted by the Red Springs Citizen during the past 8 weeks.

Other winners in the contest were Stephen C. Chason, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chason of Lumber Bridge, second prize; Ann Malloy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Malloy of Parkton, third prize; Susan Singleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Singleton, of near Antioch, fourth prize, and Betty Jean McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton McNeill of Allendale, fifth prize.

Runners up were: Barbara Jean Dudley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Dudley of Red Springs; James Malcolm Yarnum, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yarnum, of Red Springs; Carolina M. Bardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bardell of Maxton airbase; Richard Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Watson of Red Springs; Ernest Graham, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham, Jr., of Red Springs; Marsha Lee Spivey and Donna Jean Beacham.

In the first prize group, won by Ann Hale Brown with 14,554,600 votes were the following items (name of donor given in parenthesis): Bendix deluxe washer (Red Springs Supply Company); Crosley Console radio and record player (Home Furniture Co.); Plastic table lamp (Kennedy's Jewelry and Gift Shop); \$10 in Merchandise (Belk-Hensdale); \$7.50 in baby clothing (B. C. Moore and Son); and a silver pitcher with baby's name engraved on it (Lenoir's Jewel Shop).

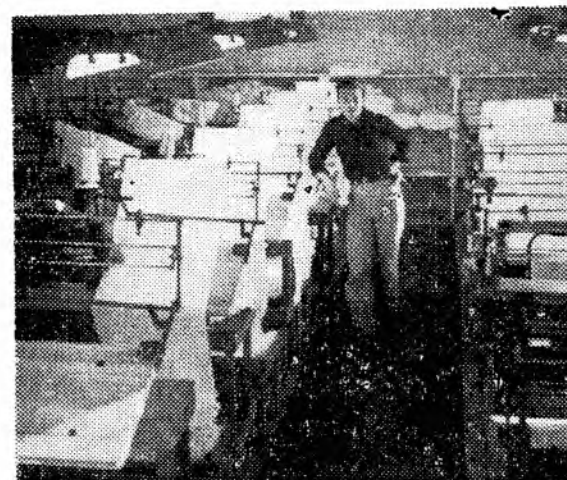
The second prize group contained the following items, which were won by Stephen C. Chason with 9,351,800 votes; 4ft. International Deep Freeze unit (Singleton and McMillan, Inc.) Stewart - Warner Radio (Stephenson's Blackwoods associate store); \$7.50 in baby clothing (B. C. Moore and Sons).

The third prize group, won by Ann Malloy with 9,157,500 votes, included the following items: Moberg deep chest (Saramac Furniture Co.); year's rental on freezer locker (Colonial Freezer Foods, Inc.); Doris Dodson dress (Moore's Department store); Kero-nax range (Lesters Western Auto associate store).

The fourth prize group, won by Susan Singleton, with 8,709,100 votes included the following items: Moniot Washing machine (Allen McLean, Inc.) and set of four Atlas tires (Auto Service Center).

The fifth prize group, won by Betty Jean McNeill with 3,773,900 votes, included: Four dozen assorted baby foods (McNeill and Bostic) and a hotwater Auto Heater (B&H Garage).

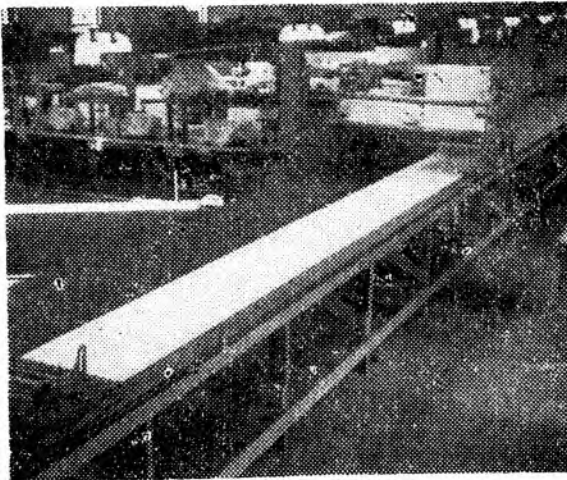
MAXTON—Dr. J. O. McClelland has returned to his home in Maxton after a stay at the Sever sanatorium, in Clio, S. C.



TWELVE THOUSAND DOZEN HANDKERCHIEFS EACH WEEK

—that's the present production of the Pembroke Manufacturing Company (interior picture above). 57 employees working in two shifts turn out this production on 30 hemming machines of various sorts, many of them automatic. The company manufactures both men's and ladies' handkerchiefs, the former being 15, 17, and 18 inches square, both hemstitched and flat hemmed, and in white and stripes. Ladies' handkerchiefs are made 12 inches square in pastel colors.

The majority of production goes to New York and more go to Woolworth 5 & 10's than to any other customer, but assistant



manager Clarke has orders now on his desk from several states—Pembroke buys them too.

The picture above with the man in it shows a bank of automatic hemmers which hem both sides of a continuous strip of material. The other picture shows a long strip of hemmed cloth on the cutting table (cutting is done by machinery) and in the background other sewing machines which hem the cut edges.

Manager of the factory is M. Ailetcher. Assistant manager Clarke has just completed his work for an A. B. degree at Pembroke State College during the summer session.—Photos by Penn Gray.

Anne Hale Brown Wins Grand Prize In Baby Contest

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Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, this week disclosed that two more cases of poliomyelitis have appeared in the county bringing the total to 10 for the year, and that one more death has occurred bringing the total to two.

Five year old Betty Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Locklear of near Pembroke, became ill on July 10. Dr. R. D. Croom, Jr., reported the case and sent the child to Scotland Memorial hospital.

At Red Springs, Miss Margaret Bartch, Milwaukee, Wis., who was visiting her brother, was stricken on the 16th. Dr. Frank Ward, Lumberton, had her transferred to Duke hospital on the 18th. Miss Bartch died at Duke on Monday, July 19. She was 16 years old.

STATE TOTAL CLUMBS
The total number of cases in North Carolina had climbed today to 783 with 47 reported Wednesday, a day's record surpassed only by July 16 when 50 were counted. The epidemic of 1944 totaled 878 cases and this year's total is fast approaching that mark.

Missionary At Baptist Church Sunday Morning

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County Committee To Select Local Draft Board Named By Governor

Registration To Begin Aug. 30 For Men 18 Thru 25

President Truman's June 30 proclamation starting the first peacetime draft in U. S. history inaugurates a chain of events familiar to millions young and not so young American men. Prior to registration local draft boards will have to be appointed, and although for the present the number of boards will be much smaller than in wartime, many citizens will be called upon to devote their time gratis to the thankless job of registration and drafting.

Appointment of draft boards under the selective service act has not been made, but Gov. Cherry has indicated by letters dated July 10 that the selection of the boards will be by the same method as for World War II boards. The governor's letters went to county court clerks, county election board chairmen, and county school superintendents asking that they compose a committee to select board members. Robeson county's Clyde Green, school superintendent, Frank McMillan, clerk of court, and E. P. Bond, board of elections, chairman will appoint Robeson's boards; they await appointment of a state director who will instruct them as to procedure.

Major Gen. Lewis B. Hershey will again serve as national director of selective service.

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Fairmont Tobacco Sales Schedule Announced For Opening August 3

Fire Lane Plow To Be In Robeson

LUMBERTON—Bradde Pitt, county forester for Robeson, has announced that the forestry service now has fire lane plowing equipment available and that it is scheduled to be in the county in August.

Persons interested in having fire lanes plowed on their property may secure detailed information by calling Mr. Pitt by August 1. His telephone number is Lumberton 956-J, and his residence is on East First street in Lumberton.

Twenty Houses 8 Daily Sales

FAIRMONT—The 1948 Fairmont tobacco market will be off to a big start when the first bid is made on the morning of August 3 at the four houses having first sales; a start which it is hoped by those connected with the market will herald the biggest season seen yet in this, the Biggest Little Tobacco Market in the World, and which is in truth, the market having the largest number of warehouses of any in the world.

The four sets of buyers will have five hours of selling time each day, two and one half hours in each house, with a limit of 400 baskets per hour, 2000 per day per set of buyers or a total of 1000 baskets per day for each house.

1948 was the biggest year ever seen in Fairmont with a total of 51,957,870 lbs. of tobacco at an average of \$51.29 and this record was carried on last year with a total of 47,855,696 lbs. of tobacco at an average of \$48.64. According to Charlie Stafford, Sales Supervisor of the Tobacco Market, the goal for 1948 is 50,000,000 lbs., and he makes no estimate as to the average.

At a meeting held on Monday afternoon by the warehousemen the selling schedule was finally worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned. First A. M. sale Aug. 3—Holidays, Twin State No. 1, Big Brick and Square Deal No. 1; second P. M. sale Aug. 3—Star, Davis, Planters No. 1 and Robeson County. First Sale Wednesday, Aug. 4—Farmers, Square Deal No. 2, Twin State No. 2 and Dixie; second sale Wednesday—Mitchell, Davis, Big 5, Frye No. 1 and Carolina No. 1. First sale Thursday—Frye No. 2, Chambers - Reeves, Planters No. 2 and Carolina No. 2; second sale Thursday—Big Brick, Square Deal No. 1, Holidays and Twin State No. 1.

First sale Friday—Robeson County, Star, Davis and Planters; second sale Friday, Twin State No. 2, Dixie, Farmers and Square Deal No. 2. First sale for Monday, Aug. 9—Carolina No. 1, Mitchell-Davis, Big 5 and Frye No. 1; second sale—Planters No. 2, Carolina No. 2, Frye No. 2, and Chambe's-Reeves.

With a total of twenty warehouses this year, working out a selling schedule proved quite a problem to Mr. Stafford who states that he has aged twenty years in the past three weeks.

For the benefit of any persons who may at this point not know the names of the numerous houses added to the roster, the following is a complete list: Square Deal Nos. 1 and 2, Frye Nos. 1 and 2, Holiday, Dixie, Davis, Mitchell-Davis, Planters 1 and 2, Robeson County, Peoples, Big 5, Big Brick, Farmers, Carolina, Star 1, 2 and 3, and Twin State 1 and 2.

Each of the houses will be open this year instead of the plan followed last season. Just what the result will be remains to be seen and great is the speculation as to the number of houses that will be constructed before this time next year.

Farm Home Adm. Holds District Meet Yesterday

State Director Addresses Committeemen And Staffs

Farm Home Administration committeemen of the seven counties in District IV met in Lumberton yesterday with State Director J. E. Slack, Dennis H. Sutton, State Field Representative, and other officials of the FHA. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the agricultural building and was called for the purpose of giving county committeemen background information about the program and for securing improvement suggestions from them for the program. Some 35 persons attended from Scotland, Hoke, Robeson, Columbus, Bladen, Cumberland, and Brunswick counties.

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PFC. CAMPBELL IN ARMY SCHOOL
Private First Class Gaston Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Campbell of Fairmont, N. C., is a member of the 24th Infantry, now stationed at Gifu, Japan. The 24th Infantry is a part of the 25th Division (Tropic Lightning) Division, commanded by Brigadier General Everett E. Brown.

Pfc. Campbell is a rifleman in Company D, and under the Army's Job Training Program has been chosen to attend the 8th Army Auto Maintenance School in Yokohama, Japan.

Before entering the service Pfc. Campbell attended Rosenwald High School.