

TOBACCO

Lumbermen Buyers Lead Belt In Leaf Quantity

LUMBERTON.—The Lumberton Tobacco Market, which opened even stronger this morning, especially on the common grades, is handling more tobacco per set of buyers than any other market in the whole Border Belt, it was revealed here today by Sales Supervisor M. R. Alexander.

In fact, only one market is leading the local tobacco center in total poundage, and that market has one more set of buyers than Lumberton, and its margin of leadership is only 166.79 pounds, which might easily be wiped out with one big day's sale.

For the first six days of the marketing season the Lumberton market sold 4,771,971 pounds, or an average of 795,328 pounds a day, at an official, certified Government average of 54.61 cents per pound.

The resulting record in total dollars paid out to the growers is considered all the more remarkable in view of the fact that many farmers have been slow getting their crop graded for market and many of the markets have been operating far below capacity.

The sales figures for Wednesday show an average of 56.32 cents, as compared with Monday's average of 56.79, Tuesday's average of 56.79, and the season average of 54.61.

The market appeared even stronger this morning. Good smoking leaf was bringing 65.66, and 67 right along. A few good cutters reached a new high of 68, while a few wrappers hit 70, and the common grades were up a few cents all along the line.

The sales floors were about two-thirds full this morning, and tobacco started rolling to town at an increasing rate, and Mr. Alexander predicted, that Lumberton would have near-capacity sales the rest of the week, and would probably block over the week end.

However, he pointed out, "we have been clearing our floors every day of all tobacco laid out for sale that day, and under our market's system of having a sale at every two days, a farmer may get a prompt sale, while his tobacco is fresh and pretty if he will just book his floor space ahead."

Ginners Association Meets Yesterday

Red Springs.—Cotton ginners from 21 counties gathered for the annual central district meeting of the Carolinas Ginners Association in the Dunn Armory, yesterday at 10:30 a.m.

George T. Ashford, Red Springs, and R. B. Reeves, Raleigh, central district directors, said that the main program topics covered gins, costs, and how ginners might hold down and reduce fire insurance rates. Two directors were nominated from the district and their names will go before the general CGA annual meeting next winter.

Since the program was designed to include timely subjects concerning all cotton ginners, Ashford and Reeves had urged association members from the district to bring as many other ginners as possible to the meeting. Nathan Johnson, Dunn, was luncheon host to the group.

Counties in the central district include: Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, Richmond, Moore, Scotland, Robeson, Columbus, Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke, Sampson, Harnett, Lee, Chatham, Johnson, Wake, Orange, Franklin and Vance.

Lauchlin Lee Missing From Home; Last Seen Tuesday Evening At 8

LUMBERTON.—Lauchlin McKinnon Lee, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Lee, of Lumberton, disappeared from his home Tuesday night and no trace has as yet been found of his whereabouts.

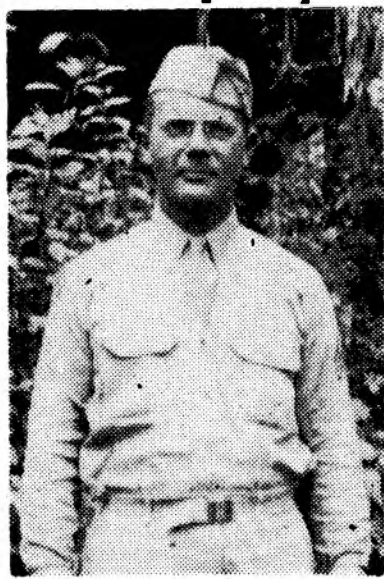
Young Lee was last seen at about eight p. m. Tuesday. His parents were visiting in Maxton and he was gone when they returned.

His description has been broadcast by police radio and officers have been searching for a clue as to his whereabouts. There is no suspicion of foul play and he apparently left of his own accord.

The youth's .22 rifle is missing and he probably took it with him.

Lauchlin is five feet four inches in height and weighs about 130 pounds. He has brown eyes, a ruddy complexion, black hair, and is of medium build. He was wearing blue dungarees, a light colored short sleeve sport shirt, moccasins, and no hat. His hair is cut short. While it is believed that he has simply run away, the anxiety of his parents is easily understood and any information as to his whereabouts should be given Lumberton Chief W. A. Harris.

Military Rites Held Today For J. F. Humphrey



Prices, Volume Above Last Year In Fairmont

FAIRMONT.—As the second week of the 1948 Tobacco season draws to a close the reports from the Fairmont Tobacco Market are more glowing than ever, according to Charlie Staffor, Sales Supervisor. A total of 5,576,246 pounds were sold through the Wednesday sale this week at an average of \$56.56.

There was more tobacco sold in the first six days of this season than in the first eleven days of last year. And prices are ranging about ten dollars higher. At this point on the report, \$76.00 is the highest price paid for any tobacco.

The record of money paid out for the first complete week of sales is higher than the report of any year since the market opened, particularly so in view of the fact that farmers are late in getting their tobacco ready for market.

So far, most of the tobacco on the floor has been primings and lugs with a few scattered baskets of good tobacco here and there.

It was officially reported today that Purvis Leggett, a Fairmont farmer, sold a truck load of tobacco at an average of \$66.00. Mr. Leggett was rather floored on the clouds when seen, stated that this was the highest tobacco he had ever sold.

Each day has seen the floors cleared in the eight warehouses having sales. During the day, and farmers express themselves as being delighted with the prices received and the quick, courteous attention they receive. To date a tag has been turned and it is hoped that this satisfactory record will be continued throughout the entire season.

Farmers are urged to speed up the process of grading and tying their tobacco in order to get it to market before the grand rush begins. Warehousemen are expecting space will be at a premium and that block sales will become a necessity.

Auto Fired On Near Union Chapel

PEMBROKE.—A 1940 Ford convertible was riddled by bullets last night near Union Chapel School as it was being driven along a country road. No injuries were reported but the left side of the hood was pierced in a dozen places and several slugs penetrated the left door.

Ear witness, William K. Locklear, said that the firing, as heard more than a mile away, sounded like an automatic weapon.

The key ring in the car bore the name of Joseph Locklear, Jr. It is reported that the car was occupied by three persons at the time of the incident and that the car was traveling at low speed (about 20 miles per hour).

Bullets appeared to have struck the hood broadside. The holes in the door were fired from the rear and several glanced off the cowling.

A warrant was sworn out this morning in the affair, alleging assault with a deadly weapon by John Lowry, H. T. Lowry, and Charles Locklear. The plaintiffs in the warrant are Joseph Archie Lowry, Jr., Britton Lowry, and Danny West Oxendine.

Starts Plans For Court House

LUMBERTON.—Charles W. Connelly, Charlotte architect, was in Lumberton yesterday to make preliminary sketches and measurements of the proposed additions to the County Court House.

Rough sketches will be made and submitted for approval in the near future before final plans are drawn.

No New Polio In Robeson

Lumberton.—Robeson has no new cases of Polio this month, but the state's total continues to climb and is nearly the 1400 mark. The only counties adjoining Robeson which reported a new case yesterday were Hoke and Bladen. Authorities are of the opinion that the state's total for the year may reach 2000 and that 610 patients were still in hospitals.

Injunction In School Fund Suit To Be Heard In Court Monday

Steeple Jacks To Perform

LUMBERTON.—Two steeple-jacks are beginning this afternoon the job of panting the clock tower on the County Court House. A contract was signed this morning for the county, by manager W. D. Reynolds, with Miller Barbour and Howard McFarland of Raleigh to apply one coat of aluminum paint on the tower from the top of the flagpole down to the tile roof of the court house, with the exception of the clock faces. Cost of the job will be \$160.00.

Mr. Barbour reported, after an inspection of the job site this morning that the dome roof appeared to have had only one previous coat of paint, that the pillars around the clock had been painted gray before the single coat of aluminum was applied.

This is a job worth watching; it's risky and involves acrobatics that you'd pay to see in the circus. Tomorrow is the day to see it—they estimate they will finish it by mid-afternoon Friday.

Red Springs.—Funeral services for Staff Sergeant John Franklin Humphrey were conducted this afternoon at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Thomas A. Fry officiating. Burial services followed in the family plot of the churchyard. A guard of honor from Fort Bragg performed the military rites of the burial service.

Palbearers were Lenard Lovelace, of Greenville, S. C., who was navigator of the B-17 on which S/Sgt. Humphrey served in the European Theatre, Paul McNeill E. P. Ray, McPherson Buie, Jesse McArthur, Henry Brewer and D. M. McMillan.

S/Sgt. Humphrey was born at Philadelphia on January 20, 1905, the son of Mrs. Hattie McKay Humphrey, of Fayetteville, and the late W. J. D. Humphrey. He received his education at Philadelphia High school, and after a number of years was an employee of the city of Miami Beach, Fla. He returned to Red Springs in 1940 and operated the club house for the Red Springs golf club until he entered the Air forces at Fort Bragg on August 14, 1942.

He was stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., Pyote, Texas, Burbank, Cal., Wendover Utah, Dallas Texas, and left for overseas duty from Scott Field, Ill., in November 1943. He was critically wounded on his third bombing mission over Germany in December 31, 1943, and died in England hospital on January 3, 1944.

He was an engineer-gunner on a B-17 with the 379th Bomber Group of the 524th Bomber Squadron.

Surviving are his mother, two sisters, Mrs. J. R. McLeod of Goldsboro; Mrs. W. H. Adams of Fayetteville two brothers, William B. Humphrey of Spruce Pines, and Charles C. Humphrey of Bay Minnette Calif.

Clean-Up Drive In Red Springs Hits At Stables

Red Springs.—In a move to clear Red Springs of all stables and other buildings housing livestock, members of the Board of Commissioners are getting the opinions of the residents of the town as to what action should be taken as the first step toward this plan.

There are several commercial sales stables in the downtown area, and a number of residents have smaller stables where cows and horses are housed. The commission does not want to work any hardship on persons owning the property and animals, but is seeking to eliminate breeding places for insects and on advice of health authorities seeks to remove such buildings and their use for animals within the incorporate limits.

Vacant Lots August 16-21 has been designated as clean-up week by Mayor E. H. Alexander and special emphasis is being placed on a drive to have all vacant lots in the town cleaned and weeds and grasses cut on all property as a part of the drive to rid the town of breeding places for flies and mosquitoes.

Property holders are asked to cooperate in this drive. Shrubs, trash and weeds, plus all regular garbage will be hauled by the towns trucks that week if placed at the curbing or back gates of premises.

Householders are asked to have tight-fitting lids on their garbage cans to help in the effort to cut down on breeding and feeding places of insects.

Business Tax The board has imposed a 5% penalty for non-payment of privilege licenses prior to September 1. An ordinance is being adopted to implement this action, according to Rees Snyder, town clerk.

Temporary Injunction Prevent Spending School Funds

Elections Board Gets Dixiecrat Petition

LUMBERTON.—Judge Q. K. Nimocks will hear the pleadings of the county officials named in the restraining order signed by Judge Henry L. Stevens July 27, here next Monday. The restraining order calls on the defendant county officials to show cause why the order preventing their spending funds involved in the "school fund suit" should not be made permanent.

Suit against the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, the special charter school districts, and others was entered July 26 alleging unconstitutional in two acts of the state legislature under which the officials have been disbursing certain funds. The restraining order was entered the following day.

Issuance of the order makes it necessary for the defendants to prove their innocence in charges made against them in both the original suit and the restraining order; they are said to have used school funds in an "unlawful and unauthorized manner, which amounts to a negligent or corrupt failure . . . to perform their duties."

The plaintiffs in the suit are C. F. Branch, John W. Oxendine, N. C. Stubbs, L. G. Singletary, J. B. Powell, and J. N. Powell. Attorneys are Frank McNeill, Frank Hackett and Malcolm McQueen.

Legion Installs Officers Of Post And Auxiliary

RED SPRINGS.—State Department Commander Ray Galloway told members of the Charlie Hall Post and Auxiliary of the American Legion that a serious shortage of medical doctors had resulted in the closing of wings of hospitals at Fayetteville and Oteen, and had resulted in the delay of construction of three veteran hospitals in North Carolina.

Mr. Galloway told the post that one of the aims of the Legion was to further the construction and staffing of hospitals for veterans and that the shortage of both doctors and nurses was crippling the hospitalization program.

Commander Galloway spoke to the Post Monday evening prior to installation of officers for the coming year, and then officiated at the installation ceremony.

Officers inducted to posts were: R. D. McMillan, Jr., commander; Al H. Grant and Charles E. Leigh, Jr., vice commanders; A. C. Stephenson, adjutant; Dr. H. G. Bedinger, chaplain; and Sam Thomas, sergeant-at-arms.

Officers of the Auxiliary installed at the same time were: Mrs. M. Thomas, president; Mrs. J. P. Ray, vice president; Mrs. J. Q. Adams, secretary; Mrs. E. H. Alexander, treasurer; Mrs. R. D. McMillan, Jr., sergeant-at-arms.

Annual Meet Of County's FCX's Next Thursday

LUMBERTON.—The annual meeting and picnic for the stockholders and patrons of the Robeson, St. Pauls and Fairmont FCX Services will be held Thursday, August 19, 1948, at 4:00 p. m. at the wholesale warehouse, Lumberton.

H. M. King, N. A. McMillan and J. W. Burns, chairman of the Robeson, St. Pauls and Fairmont FCX Boards announced here today.

The local FCX chairman said that the 1948 meeting and picnic would also include the annual horse-shoe tournament for the men and fashion parade of practical dresses made from printed feed bags for the women. Prizes will be awarded in each contest and the two winners will represent this county in the State-wide contest, which will be held in Raleigh in late September.

The business session will include the election of officers, a report of the year's business and a speech by M. G. Mann, general manager of the FCX.

A barbecue picnic will be served on the grounds following the business sessions.

Arrangements for the meeting are being handled by H. E. Prevatte, B. E. Wilson and D. L. Rhodes local warehouse managers and Robert A. Ponton, director of Membership Relations from the Raleigh office.

Members of the Robeson Board of Directors are: H. M. King, St. Pauls; Lambert Lewis, Pembroke; W. F. Humphrey, R-1, Lumberton; John Kinlaw, R-5, Lumberton; and James Adams, Rowland, St. Pauls; N. A. McMillan, Park

Bible Professor



The Reverend Philip Leslie Bullock of Houston, Texas, who will be head of the Bible department at Flora Macdonald college in 1948-49, succeeding Mrs. Annie Sikes.

Mr. Bullock, who has been pastor of the Church of the Covenant in Houston for the past four years, received his B. A. degree from the North State Teachers College in Denton Texas; his B. Div. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia; and his Th.D. degree from Union in 1944; and is at present working on his Th.D. degree at the Seminary during vacations.

Mr. Bullock has a delightful personality, and is a brilliant student. His wife, the former Edith Williams of Alderson, W. Va., is a graduate of Flora Macdonald, and was president of the student Christian association here in 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullock will move to Red Springs in August, and will make their home in the Pace house on Third Avenue, which was purchased by the college last year.

Teachers Named For RS Schools

Red Springs.—J. W. Carruth, science teacher and director of athletics and recreation, has resigned from this position to leave a single vacancy in the faculty lists for the Red Springs Schools, according to Walter R. Dudley, superintendent.

Mr. Carruth has accepted a position with Encyclopaedia Britannica films division, and will travel for that concern. He will continue to reside at his home here and Mrs. Carruth will continue on the grammar school staff.

The increased attendance netted the white grammar school one additional teacher this year and Miss Mary McNeill has been elected to this place. There was one replacement. Miss Elizabeth Murray, for the past three years religious education director of Pullen Memorial Baptist church of Raleigh, has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Sara Strom Cook.

The faculty list is as follows: White Elementary School, Miss Lillian Nance, Prin. Miss Julia Ann Nunberger, Mrs. Pearl Pruvette, Mrs. Mildred Lewis, Miss Elizabeth Murray, Miss Edith Wombie, Miss Helen Buie, Miss Mary McNeill, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Miss Rachel Perkins, Mrs. Dorothy Carruth

High School, Walter R. Dudley, Supt. Miss Blanche Fisher, Mr. J. W. Carruth, Miss Cornelia Ayers, Miss Bessie Covington, Miss Maude Ketchum, Miss Lois Lambie, Mrs. A. L. Campbell, Miss May Boone

Colored Schools, Red Springs: J. T. Peterson, Prin. Josephine Kittrell, Mollie V. Leake, S. C. McCorke, Sybil Hale, Pluma D. Graham, Clarretta McNeill, Katie M. Peterson, Eula McNeill, Estella D. Robertson, Mary Moore, Joseph L. Gillespie, Laddie McRae, Naomi Martin, Georgia Crews

Snow Hill School: Gavester Harrington, Hannah Lee McCallum, Wessie J. Jackson, Shannon School: Sadie Douglas, Mary D. Townsend, Bertha Brooks, Alberta Morgan

Mt. Zion School: Alice Smith Bryan, C. C. Harrington, St. Pauls; C. R. Council, Parkton; Bill Herndon, R-1, Parkton and Bill Atkinson, St. Pauls

J. W. Burns, Fairmont; George L. Floyd, Fairmont; W. W. Lewis, Fairmont; Ray Pittman, Fairmont; and I. P. Ivey, Proctorville.

Baptists Installing Delosh Organ And Making Other Improvements

RED SPRINGS.—Installation of a new Delosh pipe organ is expected to be completed within a few days as the first step in a church improvement program now underway by the First Baptist church here, it was stated today by William S. Morgan, chairman of the organ committee.

An installation crew from the Delosh company arrived this week and rapid progress is being made in installing the organ, and electrically controlled two manual instrument.

Underway also is a remodeling job on the Sunday School rooms of the church, where ceilings are being changed and repainting done

Installation of a new oil-burning heating plant has been completed in which an even-heat circulating system is built for the re-circulation and conditioning of the air. Failure of the old heating plant last winter resulted in soiling of a new pair of job in the auditorium of the church, and plans now call

for redecoration of that part of the church. John McManus and R. W. Owen have charge of this part of the improvement program. Purchase of a new carpet for the church is under consideration by the committee and it is expected that action on the carpet matter will be considered within a few weeks.

Maxton Guard Unit Seems Assured; Proposed Armory Site At Air Base

Legion And Lions Meet Jointly To Plan Organization

MAXTON.—The proposed National Guard unit at Maxton is nearing fruition. Possible temporary armory buildings have been checked on, and found; the needed officer strength for activation has been reached, and as soon as 20 enlisted men are recruited, the unit will receive its initial allowance of equipment, becoming Maxton's first national guard outfit, Battery "D" of the 67th AAA Battalion.

An armory site-seeking delegation, of Mayor C. M. Castevan, Alton C. Greene, Percy Phillips, Rufus Pittman and Col. Younger Sneed, (battalion commander of the 67th), went to the Maxton-Laurinburg airport to check on possible buildings which might be used; and were well pleased with their findings. There are a number of vacant warehouses at the airport which would serve the purpose, but the building which all agreed was perfect for an armory, was the 150 x 75' parachute hangar.

Used during the war for the drying and packing of chutes, the building is exactly what the group was looking for. Consent to use it will have to come from the airport commission, but they expect no difficulty in obtaining permission of its use.

It was a joint meeting of the Maxton Legion and the Maxton Lions, which met last Thursday night, to further discuss the unit's activation, with about 45 interested members present. At the meeting in a technical advisory capacity were Col. Sneed, of Raeford, and

Special Meeting It was decided, at a special meeting held Monday night, between the Maxton National Guard committee and Col. Younger Sneed, battalion commander of the 67th AAA, to form the new unit Battery D, as adjoint Maxton-Laurinburg outfit. For this reason, Col. Sneed is having the mayors of the two towns to each appoint a three-man committee to meet this Friday night at the Operations Base at the airport, to complete plans for organizing the new battery.

Gala Opening Launches Pine Crest; Over 500 Attend Club Opening Tues.

By CHRIS DIGGLE

White shoulders and black tie mingled together against a colorful background of soft lights and brilliant hued summer flowers as Robeson County turned out for the gala opening of Pinecrest Country Club on Tuesday night at 8:00. Around 500 guests from Lumberton and surrounding cities enjoyed the delicious buffet supper and accompanying music furnished by Sam Hensley and his 10 piece orchestra from Timmonsville, S. C.

Among the cities represented by out of town guests were Red Springs, St. Pauls, Elizabethtown, Bladenboro, Evergreen, Fairmont, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Dillon, S. C.

Everyone expressed delight over the beautiful decor throughout the club. A committee composed of local women were responsible for the entire interior decoration, which was tastefully and colorfully done and these women deserve a great deal of credit for their work. The club itself is on a par with the best clubs, both in facilities and architecture and every-

thing for the comfort and pleasure of the guest has been arranged, from the trim neat entrance hall to the very modern antiseptic kitchen.

J. E. Johnson, president of the club, stated that work on the grounds and landscaping is nearing completion and fall should see the start of green lawns surrounding the front, sides and around the patio.

Meals are to be served daily and on Sunday, special dinners will be served starting at 12:00 until 3:00. On Sunday night, Mr. Blanchard plans to serve buffet suppers. The club members take full advantage of the club's facilities. Mrs. Blanchard particularly wanted the younger crowd to know she would be on hand at all times to welcome them and help arrange their entertainment.

The planning and building of such a modern and beautiful club house marks another milestone on the road of Lumberton's progress and is an achievement which should make all of its citizens proud.

Painters and carpenters are still working every day and it will be several weeks before the work is entirely completed, but so numerous were the demands for the theatre to open, that the management decided to open the doors at the earliest possible date in spite of the uncompleted condition.

The enlarged lobby was quite attractive with the several baskets of flowers sent by friends for the opening night. Many were the ohs and ahs of patrons as they entered the foyer and for the first time saw the arrangement of the theatre, its beauty and spacious appearance.

For the benefit of the many patrons who do not understand the significance of the "Crying Room", the management wishes to explain that it is a soundproof room to which mothers who have small children may take them. There is a large double plate glass window through which the mother may see the picture. There is also a speaker on the wall which enables her to hear the sound of the picture. At the same time, the soundproof quality of the room relieves the mother of the feeling that her child may be disturbing the other members of the audience.

At the present time, attendance is well up to normal, in spite of the polo quarantine, and still there are many persons who are asking when the theatre will open.

Capitol Theatre Now Open In New Remodeled House In Fairmont

FAIRMONT.—The Capitol Theatre opened its doors to the public Monday night for the first time since its closing by fire last December. The entire house was filled shortly after the opening of the box-office at seven o'clock.

According to the comments of the various members of the audience, they were well pleased with the new building and its appearance. Both beauty and comfort have been stressed by the owners and the completed, or almost completed building is one of which every citizen of Fairmont should be proud.

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