

TOBACCO PRICES ADVANCE

**North Carolina Produces
384,000,000 Pounds in 1920**

Raleigh, N. C.—During January, the average price of the 56,470,843 pounds of tobacco sold on 44 markets in North Carolina, was over twenty cents per pound. This was an advance of three cents over the December sales and is less than two cents below the season's average. The month's sales from 140 warehouses were five times the amount sold for the same period of last year by 103 warehouses.

Of almost fifty-seven million pounds of tobacco sold last month the 49,314,570 were for producer's' (first hand) at an average of \$20.28 per hundred pounds. This was a substantial advance over the December average of \$17.27. Thus it is seen that about ten million dollars were exchanged with the farmers for their tobacco last month. Winston-Salem made the best record in sales, amounting to 8,893,108 pounds, averaging \$24.43; Wilson second with 6,398,184 pounds at \$21.53 per hundred. Mebane led with best prices on 893,029 pounds, having averaged \$35.63 cents on three floors there, Roxboro being second at \$32.76 for 1,434,014 pounds.

The 1920 crop was the largest ever produced in North Carolina. Already the first hand sales amount to much more than last year's crop. The Government estimate of 384,000,000 pounds lacks but ten per cent of being reached if we count the North Carolina tobacco sold in Danville and border markets.

Only 35,000,000 pounds is needed to meet the estimated production, which is expected to check closely with the actual production, as it did last year.

The season's average of 22 cents contrasts with 51 cents for last year's. The forecasted acreage to be planted last April showed fourteen per cent increase. Even though that was estimated before any tobacco was planted, it is still considered reasonable. The Crop Reporting Service will issue a 1921 prospectus during March that might be helpful to the farmers in aiding their unfinished and puzzled plans for the 1921 planting.

FATTY ARBUCKLE HAS A RIVAL IN OHIO

HICKSVILLE, OHIO. — Fatty Arbuckle had better watch his step. A rival fat comedian for the film fans is in the making here and he is just about set for a "big time" job.

He's a good looking youngster of eighteen years and his name is Keith Gorrell. From his toes to his forelock he measures six feet two inches and his belt is nearly six feet long. The circumference of his leg is three feet, five inches, and that of his waist line is five feet two inches. He weighs 447 pounds.

All of these bulky attributes have their values in the film land of make-believe and Gorrell may capitalize on them. Cameramen have been here "shooting tests" of Hicksville's youthful giant.

Whenever the big boy's flivver goes wrong, he lifts either the fore or aft, wherever the trouble may be and lets it

down on an automobile jack for repairs. The cameraman caught him in the act of lifting the front end of a farm tractor to permit it to pass a stump.

WOMEN'S ST. VALENTINE'S

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Louise Patterson, Plainfield, beat Mrs. E. L. Scofield, Stamford, 4 and 3; Mrs. Myron W. Marr, Woodland, beat Miss Angus Morbius, North Fork, 4 and 3.

Semi-finals.—Mrs. Waters beat Mrs. Wanner 4 and 3; Mrs. Marr beat Miss Patterson, 2 and 1.

Final.—Mrs. Waters beat Mrs. Marr, 1 up.

CONSOLATION

Mrs. Ellis beat Miss Morbius, 6 and 5.

THIRD EIGHT

First round match play—Mrs. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Whitmarsh, beat Mrs. Geo. W. Statzell, Aronimink, 8 and 6; Miss Virginia Holzderber, Tuxedo, beat Miss Caroline Bogart, Elizabeth, 5 and 4; Mrs. H. C. Beall, Uniontown, beat Mrs. A. S. Higgins, St. Andrews, 8 and 7; Mrs. George A. Magoon, Oakmont, won from Miss Ethel K. Lemont, Phila, by default.

Semi-finals.—Miss Holzderber beat Mrs. Brumbaugh, 1 up; Mrs. Magoon beat Mrs. Beall, 3 and 2.

Final.—Mrs. Magoon beat Miss Holzderber, 4 and 3.

CONSOLATION

Miss Bogart beat Mrs. Higgins, 3 and 1

FOURTH EIGHT

First round match play.—Mrs. W. J. Platt, Roxborough, beat Mrs. Victor Frey, Aronimink, 3 and 2; Mrs. Henrietta McKeen, a bye; Mrs. A. S. Gilman, Cleveland, beat Miss Dorothy Barber, Englewood, 2 and 1; Mrs. C. P. Holzderber, Tuxedo, beat Mrs. M. B. Sparks, Terre Haute, 7 and 5.

Semi-finals.—Mrs. McKeen won from Mrs. Platt by default; Mrs. Sparks beat Mrs. Gilman, 8 and 6.

Final.—Mrs. Sparks beat Mrs. McKeen 10 and 8.

CONSOLATION

Miss Barber won from Mrs. Frey by default.

AT THE GUN CLUB

There will be a weekly handicap target tournament at the Gun Club every Tuesday if there are five entries or more, for a sterling trophy, Ideal Leggett traps. Bird handicap. The handicap is limited to twenty birds. A sterling trophy will be given for the four best scores made each month during the months of January, February and March, in the weekly handicap tournaments from 16 yards at 400 targets. Annie Oakley will instruct ladies in the art of shooting, free of charge. Weekly prizes will be given to the ladies making the highest score at the rifle range.

AMAZING INFORMATION

Newman—I met your wife today for the first time, and, for one thing, I found she was out-spoken.

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