

LEAF MART FEATURES HEAVY SALES

Sales have been heavy on the leaf tobacco market during the past week but the cool Northeast wind that has been blowing through the area for several days is making handling and grading of the leaf more difficult and lighter sales are in prospect unless the weather changes.

Supervisor Don Hughes said this morning that there was a drop in the local floors for more than a week today and attributed that to the unseasonable weather.

He also announced the total sales for the season through Monday, August 25, at 2,538,112 pounds, leaving farmers a total of \$1,450,976.

Some farmers have received exceptionally good crops in sales on the local market in the past few days. One of the best sales recorded here or anywhere else was that of L. B. Phillips of Nichols, S. C., who sold 2407 pounds for \$1723.19, an average of \$71.56. Mr. Phillips' crop sold for 89 cents a pound and he had several others in the 80 to 87 cent per pound class.

Mr. Phillips has sold tobacco here for several years and always has top quality bright leaf which usually attracts a great deal of attention as well as that of the buyers and warehousemen.

During the fourth week of sales on the South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets average prices held fairly steady at quotations of the week before. According to the United States and North Carolina Department of Agriculture quality of offerings was lower and volume of sales heavy.

Gross sales for the week ending August 22 totaled 41,509,498 pounds at an average of \$53.14 per hundred. This was the heaviest volume of the season by around 2 million pounds. The weekly average was the same as last week. Season sales were raised to 111,623,867 pounds averaging \$53.55.

Very little change occurred this week in average prices. Most of the changes recorded were only nominal changes of \$1.00 and \$2.00 per hundred with the gains and losses about equally divided.

Increased proportions of common and low quality leaf grades lowered the general quality of offerings. The percentage of leaf jumped sharply with less lugs and primings. Bulk of sales were common to good leaf, low to good lugs, low and fair primings and non-descript.

Deliveries to the flue-cured Government loan program through Thursday, August 21, were a little under 6 percent of gross sales. Season receipts were approximately 6.2 percent of sales.

Stocks of leaf tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers, as of July 1, 1952 were 1,730,780,000 pounds (Farm - Sales - Weight). This was 173,246,000 pounds more than on July 1, 1951.

The Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association held a meeting Thursday night and voted to postpone the opening of the Middle and Old Belt. The Middle Belt will open Monday, September 8, and the Old Belt September 22.

Ernest S. Cox To Assume Alabama Position

Ernest S. Cox is leaving Sunday for Gadsden, Alabama where he will assume duties as traffic manager at Allis Chalmers.

Cox, son of Mrs. G. S. Cox and the late Dr. Cox, was graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and completed work for a Master's degree in Science at the University of Tennessee this summer.

Two County Men Pass Bar Exams

Two Columbus men were among 139 applicants who passed the written portion of their examinations for law licenses in August.

The State Board of Law examiners announced Thursday in Raleigh that the successful local candidates were Duncan Frank McGowan, Jr., of Tabor City and John A. Dwyer of Whiteville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pugh and son, Leonard, of North Wilkesboro will arrive here Saturday to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leonard.

Worth Fowler Family Together For First Time In 12 Years



THE WORTH FOWLER FAMILY — Sunday, August 12, was the first time in 12 years that the children of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Fowler were together for a family reunion at the Fowler home on route 1, Tabor City. Reading left to right—Neil, of the home; Mrs. Troy Bennett, Tabor City; Mrs. Robert Baker, Wheeling, West. Va.; Mr. Fowler, Mrs. Fowler; Bion, Jr., U. S. Navy, Belford, N. J.; Ralph, Coast Guard, Norfolk, Va.; Edwin, Route 3, Tabor City.

Mr. Fowler is a native of this section and has bartered in Tabor City for 28 years along with his farm operations. He is the son of Mrs. Mattie Fowler and the late Bithel Fowler of Tabor City.

ROTARY HEARS GUESTS SPEAK

The local Rotary club heard three guests make short talks at the regular Monday night meeting.

Rev. Winfrey Davis, former pastor of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, spoke on the needs of Tabor City. He was complimentary of the local community but emphasized the need for additional industry.

Rotarian C. A. Nicholas, of the Whiteville club who was visiting here, discussed the labor union movement in this area, and Rotarian B. D. Bunn, county school supervisor who once lived in Tabor City, discussed the rapid growth of Tabor City along with the rapid growth of schools throughout the county. He pointed out how there would be a scarcity of classrooms when the 1953 school term opens next fall.

Patrol Reiterates Warning On Noise

Sgt. T. P. Hoffer of the State Highway Patrol today issued a final warning to motor vehicle operators who are driving trucks, passenger cars and motorcycles with mufflers which permit "excessive noise."

He reiterated his declaration to crack down on muffler law violators, stating that most persons would find it cheaper to change or repair equipment than they would be cited to court.

An Editorial . . .

TIME NOW FOR ACTION

For many years organizations and individuals in Tabor City have worked for the procurement of industry in order to better stabilize our economy; thereby benefitting the area whose people could have regular jobs if they chose and helping the businessman by releasing a regular weekly payroll.

At long last, we have our best opportunity to succeed in this endeavor. Two substantial industrial prospects are interested in our little town. Either or both would be of considerable help to the community. As far as businessmen are concerned, from the largest store to the smallest hot dog stand there would be felt the direct results of this industry.

Indeed it seems to us that our future is strongly linked with the diversification of our economy, and that without it we can not hope to continue the rapid growth which has made us unique in the last quarter of a century.

This time we can get some industry—some industry of which we would be proud. But we must do our part, as in almost every undertaking. We must construct the buildings to house the firms who are making large investments of their own in machinery, moving, training employees and etc.

The men who attended the Monday night meeting pledged liberally to support this movement. There are many others in Tabor City who can pledge liberally. And it will take a huge amount of money to carry the program through to a successful conclusion.

Therefore, businessmen are urged to make every effort to pledge financial assistance to the best of his ability, resting assured that in addition to putting it in good, sound real estate, there is the additional advantage of more cash customers in your store every week.

A member of the committee will see every businessman. Think it over now and decide what you can and will invest. Remembering that every dollar is an investment in your business as well as an investment in the future of Tabor City.

W. D. Williamson Accident Victim

William Darack Williamson, 28, of route 3 Conway, floor manager of Planter's Warehouse, Tabor City was killed at 11:30 p. m. Saturday about four miles from Loris on the Red Bluff Highway when his truck hit a powerpole.

The pole was snapped and a wire fell on the truck. Whether Williamson died as a result of the crash or high voltage could not be determined.

Funeral services were held Monday at 4 o'clock p. m. from the residence of his brother, C. L. Williamson by the Rev. S. A. Hatley, and the Rev. J. Robert Carter. Burial was in the Grainger cemetery, near Red Bluff.

Pallbearers were Carl E. Todd, Ben Royals, Paul Royals, Lloyd Cox, Toy Cox and Earroughs Hardee, Jr.

Williamson was born in Horry County Jan. 16, 1924, a son of Curtis L. Williamson and Belva Cox Williamson. He was a veteran of World War II, with service in the Navy.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, the former Althea Todd two children, Julie and Darra; three sisters Mrs. Robert B. Payne of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Kerwin Bell of Nixonville and Miss Susanne Williamson of route 3, Conway; and a brother, Curtis L. Williamson, Jr., Air Force, stationed at Hondo, Texas.

Old Model Cars Make Stop Here

Twenty-one old model cars, from 1905 to 1925, stopped in Tabor City Sunday afternoon and created a great deal of excitement on Railroad Street. The men driving the cars were returning from Windy Hill Beach where they organized a chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club of the Carolinas.

The men were dressed in old time motoring clothes with jerseys and white coats. One of them, dressed like policemen in olden times, assisted Police Chief L. R. Watson direct traffic when it became congested.

The cars had halted here when one of the old models could go no further. It was loaded on a truck and moved.

Of the cars, 13 were Fords, two were Cadillac, one Packard, two Essex, one Reo, one Stutz Bearcat and one Mercer.

Carol C. Watts Route Carrier

Carol C. Watts, an employee of the local post office for three and one-half years, has received appointment by transfer, as rural mail carrier for route 2, Tabor City, postal officials announced, this week.

Watts replaces Robert Elliott, a ste. route carrier, who took route 2 on a temporary appointment, replacing Hartford Fowler who retired several months ago.

Watts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Watts of Tabor City and is married to the former Miss G.acie Arnette. They have one child, Timothy.

Horace Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cox, is replacing Watts as clerk in the post office. He is married to the former Miss LaFaye Cox, and has been working here as a grocery clerk after service with the Marine Corps.

LEGION MEETING

The Tabor City American Legion Post 101 will hold a special meeting at the hut here Thursday night at 7:30. All Legionnaires are urged to attend. Plans for the personal appearance of a well known magician here next month will be discussed at the meeting.

Sandy Plain Women Hold Club Meeting

The Sandy Plain Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Bob Ward and Mrs. Earl Cox Tuesday evening at the home of the former. The devotional was given by Mrs. Marvin Lewis.

Plans were made for the membership to attend the county HD picnic at Lake Waccamaw on Friday evening, August 29.

Miss Irene Wright made a project report on Food Conservation and Mrs. Ressie Norris reported on Gardening. The demonstration entitled "Improving Household Skills" was given by Mrs. Luther Norris, and Mrs. Ted Soles made a book report.

Mrs. John Showen was welcomed as a visitor to the club. During the social period refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Garrell had as their guests at Myrtle Beach last week Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buffkin of Nichols, W. E. Williams of Live Oak, Fla. joined them late in the week for a several day visit.

Businessmen Pledge Support To Proposed Industry In TC

12,000 COLUMBUS STUDENTS BEGIN SCHOOL TERM

Approximately 12,000 Columbus County school children and 372 teachers returned to their classrooms Wednesday, Aug. 27, when schools in the county system opened for the 1952-53 term.

A fleet of 138 buses went into action early in the morning to transport a large percentage of the children to their schools in time for the opening hour, which is 8:30 o'clock.

C. J. Brinson, transportation supervisor, said today that all buses were ready to go into operation. The buses went out Tuesday after a meeting of drivers and safety officials at the county garage in Whiteville.

Negro teachers from all over the county held a meeting Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Central High School. White teachers will not meet until Thursday, a day after the opening, when they will gather in the school auditorium here at 2:30 p. m.

Superintendent T. Ward Guy estimated this year's enrollment at close to 12,000 after a check showed an enrollment of 11,491 during 1951-52. This total does not include children attending schools in the Whiteville City Administrative Unit.

Last year there were 5,777 pupils in white elementary schools and 1,473 in the white high schools.

Negroes had 3,270 in their elementary schools and 790 in high school.

Indians had 162 in their elementary schools and only nine in high school.

Totals in the three divisions were as follows: White, 7,260; Negro, 4,060; and Indian, 171. Most of the schools have completed the selection of teachers, although the task is reported to have been far more difficult this year than in recent years. The turn-over incidence was extremely high.

Prince Brothers Entertain Employees

Prince Brothers entertained with a dinner party at Bob's Place, Conway, S. C. Friday evening for their employees.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Buell Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Dupree Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Norris, Mildred Holt, Russell Barnes and Willard Norris.

Sgt. Fred M. Jernigan, Jr. has returned to Rockville, Ind. after a leave here with his parents.

Mrs. Wayne Baxter and daughter, Selma, have returned from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Eva Yarbrough, in Daytona, Fla.

Light Calendar Set For Court

A light calendar faces Superior Court which is to be convened here on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Although the term is scheduled for two weeks, Solicitor Clifton L. Moore found a modest number of cases when he visited Whiteville on Friday to meet with members of the Columbus County Bar to arrange a calendar.

All cases have been set for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. However, it is possible that some of these may not be reached until early in the second week of the term.

The court will not open on Monday of next week because September 1 is a Labor Day holiday and all courthouse offices will be closed. Jurors have been summoned to appear Tuesday and witnesses and defendants should take note that it is not necessary for them to appear Monday.

Run-of-the-mine cases comprise most of calendar. None of the Ku Klux Klan cases have been set for trial, although the original "Klux" case is to be called Thursday of next week.

This is the case in which Pink Jacobs, Russell Blickman and Johnnie Ward are accused of threatening to "Klux" a Cypress Creek farmer if he refused to get rid of a Negro tenant. The defendants were not identified as members of the Klan.

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington will preside at the two-week term of court.

Methodist Circles Schedule Meeting

The two circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Saint Pauls Methodist church, will meet on Tuesday evening, September 2, at 8 o'clock Mrs. Doc Bruton, president, announced.

The Lula Cox circle will meet with Mrs. Everette Prince and Mrs. A. V. Elliott, Jr. at the Prince residence, and Mrs. A. E. Goldfinch and Mrs. Charles O'Connor will entertain the Anne Cox group at the home of Mrs. Goldfinch.

All members are urged to attend the Tuesday evening meeting which will mark the first schedule of individual meetings since the vacation season.

WACCAMAW BANK TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY

The Waccamaw Bank and Trust company will be closed all day Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day, Ben L. Nesmith, Jr., vice president, announced.

Miss Peggy Ann Fipps spent last week in Wilmington as the guest of Miss Betty Sue Mills.

GOOD HAUL OF SPANISH MACKEREL



C. G. Westmoreland, W. Horace Cater, J. L. Winstead and Rev. P. C. Gantt proudly pose with their catch of 46 Spanish Mackerel recently caught off Little River aboard Skipper Westmoreland's "Frances Ann." The truth of the matter is that Westmoreland was so enthralled in pulling in the fish that Mr. Gantt was skipper a large part of the time. In that most fish are usually heavier if you don't bother to put them on the scales, this local group estimated the weight of the catch at about 75 pounds. (Photo by Bill Oakley.)