

WARREN TOBACCO BRINGS BETTER PRICES THAN CROP OF LAST YEAR

STATE CROP 7,000,000 POUNDS SHORT IN SEPT. REPORT.

Production in 1921 Was 65.8 Per Cent As Great As That of 1920. Local Warehouses Sold 75,100 Pounds At An Average of \$18.81 With No Resales Reported For Year.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 20.—The tobacco markets operating in North Carolina during September showed 42 warehouses and 14 markets less than were operating last year, as reported to the State's Co-operative Crop Reporting Service. Sales during the month were about 7,000,000 pounds less than sold during September last year, but the price of sales averages about 3c. per pound higher. Farmers are watching the markets closely and the small amount on the floors bears evidence to the greatly reduced crop.

Sales on Local Market

The Three Warrenton Warehouses sold 75,100 pounds at an average price of \$18.81. The 1920 price average for the same period was \$16.99. There were no resales reported for September, 1921.

28.4 Per Cent. Marketed.

The 1921 production is only 45.4 per cent compared with last year, and to date, only 28.4 per cent of the crop has been marketed. The Wilson market sold 8,036,695 pounds of farmers' tobacco at an average price of \$25.56 per hundred. Greenville marketed 5,702,367 pounds at an average price of \$22.80; and Kinston reported 5,439,585 pounds sold at \$20.43. Rocky Mount market sold 2,495,329 pounds at \$22.17; Farmville 2,045,674 pounds at \$24.46; and Winston-Salem 1,919,139 pounds at \$21.94. These larger markets show an average price of \$23.00 which is only 1-1/4c. better than the State average.

The Fuquay Springs market sold 152,440 pounds and averaged \$33.56 per hundred for sales. It was the only market in the State that was over \$30.00, while Mebane, which is usually one of the State's higher priced markets, reported an average of \$11.49, the lowest.

The total producers' sales reported for the month were 41,541,009 pounds. About 215,000 pounds is estimated as sold by two warehouses failing to report. The total producers' sales to date amount to 55,797,025 pounds or about 2,000,000 pounds less than was sold last year to October 1st.

Good Tobacco Better than 1919?

The following are remarks from the reports of warehousemen giving some description of the offerings for the month. "Tobacco sales—light through entire month of September." "Sales composed largely of first primings of average grades." "Mostly common primings and common tips." "Sales composed mostly of lugs and tips." "Crop damaged by July rains." "Good tobacco is selling better than this date 1919." "No demand for common tobacco." "Good tobacco will be offered this month." "Grades very low for this section (Aberdeen)." "Quality fair." "Tobacco scarce." "Mostly bottom primings with a fair portion of medium to good cutters in the sale." "Average."

65.8 Crop Over Nation

The total production forecasted, 1921 crop, was 991,564,000 pounds. The condition of crop October 1st was 75.6 per cent. Production last year was estimated at 1,508,064,000 pounds. The 1921 production was 65.8 as great as that of 1920.

HOT SUBJECTS FROM THE AMERICAN PULPITS

Things to Preach About.—A newspaper gives a few sermon subjects which some ministers advertise as their Sunday themes: "Slip, Slips, and Slippers," "Wobbling," "Swat the Fly!" "The Honey-moon," "My Mother-in-Law," "The Ass Tied at the Door Without," "Lop-sided Folks," "The Sentimental Journey," "Three White Mice," "Pulling Out a Plum," "A Big Hug," "Psychometric Reading," "Street-car Ventilation," "A Joke on the Conductor," "Hallow'en Tricks and Pranks," "The Doll-makers of Nuremberg," "A Congregationalist in Columbus announced," "A Man with His Nose Out of Joint," "A Methodist minister in Dayton perpetrated," "The Devil-Man's Life, Death and Funeral, in Five Acts," "A minister in California announced," "Two Looks at Another Man's Wife."—Christian Register.

SCHOOL MEETING ENDORSES PLANS

BOARD ASKED SENTIMENT

Desires To Act In Accord With Voters But Believes Cost Will Exceed \$50,000.

Taxpayers today are discussing the mass meeting held in the Court House by the Trustees of the Warrenton State High School Saturday night. Sentiment expressed then unanimously favored the erection of a school on the Academy property as soon as possible and along the line of plans submitted to the men and women present.

Empowered by the election of Nov. 6, 1920, to spend \$100,000 for school facilities here the trustees had later voiced, but never officially, the opinion that the school could be erected for half that amount, due to the decline in building materials and the cost of labor.

Board Seeks Wishes

"It is the purpose of the Board," Chairman V. F. Ward said yesterday, "to use its power in the behalf and with the sanction of the taxpayers. We do not feel that the building will cost \$100,000 but we can not expect to erect an adequate school for \$50,000. We wished to feel the sentiment of the public and submit the architects plans. We met Saturday night for this purpose."

Hon. Tasker Polk said Saturday night, "I feel that in view of prevailing sentiment in some circles that the building should be held within \$50,000, it would be wise to call for further expression of sentiment when a larger gathering assembles. Personally I will not vote against whatever funds are needed to give Warren necessary school facilities."

Increase Under 20 Cents.

Attendance was not large though representative. Notice had been given in the press, and a banner carried to the homes, but a majority of the electors failed to appear.

The proposed building would increase the tax rate 19 cents on the \$100, a large taxpayer said.

Contractors will be in consultation with the trustees Saturday morning.

Missionary Work In Alaska Discussed

With a background of five years' experience in Alaska, Miss Bessie Blacknall talked to the members of the Warrenton Missionary Societies at the Episcopal Church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Blacknall was in Warrenton as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers.

As a representative of the Missionary Board of the Episcopal church, Miss Blacknall has been in charge of an outpost in Nenana. The present vacation is the first respite from her labors since leaving Henderson for Alaska in 1916.

"We have thirty pupils, children of pure Indians and some halfbreeds. It is our duty—I am assisted by two other missionary teachers—to instruct these charges," Miss Blacknall said. "Frequently the cold is intense enough to freeze the clothing we are trying to laundry. It is always a task to dry the linen and can only be done by the heat from the fire. We string apparel to roof supports and in time it becomes ready for wear."

"The children," she continued, "are worthy all efforts extended in their behalf. The period in service, there has been interesting to me."

Miss Blacknall, formerly of Sandy Creek township and a school teacher of the county, returned to her home in Henderson. She will sail for Alaska within a year.

Co-operative Marketing Solution

"Co-operative marketing grows in favor over the South and Northwest" said President J. B. Davis of the Warren County Association in conversation with friends this week. Mr. Davis is giving his enthusiastic attention toward the perfection of the county unit and is thoroughly convinced that the best interest of the farmer can only be served through banding together for mutual protection. Facts and figures from many sources enlivened his conversation with its conclusion that the South must not fail to heed the call of its greatest opportunity.

CROWD IMPRESSED BY FAMILY ALBUM

MRS. PENDLETON IN CAST

Community Sing Program Had Well-Chosen Parts At Past Bi-Monthly Meeting.

Fostering community spirit the get-together meeting at the Court House Friday night from 8 to 9 o'clock commands public attention. The Family Album presented under the auspices of the Woman's Club by Company C continues to receive comment.

Songs led by Miss Julia Dameron enthused the audience before the characters of the Album appeared. As music ceased Mrs. Frank Allen introduced Mrs. V. L. Pendleton as grandmother. The delineation of the character was impressively perfect, persons present said. Numbers turned in their seats to express by words additional sanction to that sounded by applause.

Mrs. Harry N. Walters portrayed mother. A turn of the page focussed attention upon Miss Will Jones as becoming bride of the days of yore while Miss Virginia Gibbs impersonated the fascinating gentleman of the Old South who had won her heart and hand.

Eager persons awaited the turn of another page to applaud Miss Mary Polk as a winsome, charming belle of the sixties.

The age of childhood showed Edward Knight and little sister, costumed quaintly. It closed a realistic picture of a fine old family album, toward which guests' attention have always been directed.

This entertainment was one of the two given free each month. The second for October is due the 28 and is to be under the group direction of Company B, led by Miss Lillie Belle Dameron.

More than 125 persons applauded the program of Friday night and endorsed the work of the club in promoting noble community spirit.

Disabled Veterans Are Treated Better

The Headquarters of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau for District No. 5 in Atlanta, Georgia, reports that splendid results are being obtained from the Clean-Up Campaign which has as its objective reaching every disabled soldier in the Fifth District, comprised of the states of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, in order to afford disabled ex-service men an opportunity to present their claims for compensation, vocational training, dental, medical or hospital care.

An erroneous impression has been created that these Clean-up Squads are empowered to dispose of all cases immediately, this is impracticable, because of the necessity of obtaining necessary military records before final action can be taken on a case.

5000 Claimed Compensation.

From August 1st to October 15th, there has been reached over 30,000 ex-service men in this district.

Approximately 5000 have filed claims for compensation for disabilities alleged to have been incurred in service, 9000 have men have been examined, 600 have been placed in hospitals, 2000 have filed application for vocational training and about 7000 have taken up miscellaneous questions with the Clean-up Squads in regard to their cases.

The American Legion and American Red Cross through its posts and chapters are co-operating fully in this most worthy work and splendid results are being obtained. It is expected before the conclusion of the campaign in this District about 50,000 will have been reached by the five squads operating in the District.

Big Scott in County.

Big Jack Scott rated among the first string pitchers of Boston Red Sox has returned to Warren county with Mrs. Scott and their young son. Scott ranked high among the batters of the National League and said that he expected to return for another season with Boston. His team finished in the first division this year and at one time loomed as a pennant possibility.

FACTIONAL FEELING CAUSED NEW RIDGEWAY SCHOOL DESTRUCTION

RE-ELECTION OF J. M. BURCHETTE SAID TO BE CAUSE.

Each Faction Claims The Other Is Responsible For Total Loss By Fire of the New \$4,200 Colored School Monday Night. Property Fully Insured Says Board Education.

Factional feeling over the re-election of James M. Burchette as principal of the new Ridgeway colored school is responsible for the building being in ashes today according to the belief of school authorities. This is the latest of a number of fires in that community said to be incendiary.

Fire demolished the \$4,200 building Monday night. It had been completed during the Summer and was thoroughly modern. Each of the four rooms were built upon plans outlined by the Board of Education and sanctioned by the Rosenwald Fund which contributed \$1200 toward the cost.

CROAKS A CROW WITH PISTOL SHOT FROM CAR

A crow is missing from the flock today. Safely perched, according to the average laws of marksmanship, twenty yards from the Reedy Creek road the bird took no precaution in flight as Chief E. L. Green's car slowed under the pressure of brakes. He whipped a pistol from his pocket, fired to the rear, and tumbled the crow to the earth.

Night Policeman Tom Robertson scrambled from the machine with an exclamation of approval at such a shot. The ball, driving with the velocity of a 38 calibre, shattered both wing bones and marked a perfect hit.

The feat adds another niche to the shooting fame of Green who has previously killed a graveyard rabbit on the run. He also has dropped many a rabid dog with unerring aim. In the Summer when not engaged in a popular pastime of destroying illicit stills he some times punctures lilly pads on nearby ponds to keep in form for whatever duty circumstance may force the law to take.

Robertson's comment was, "The best shot I ever saw. The car had hardly stopped rolling, Green's feet were still putting pressure on the control pedals, and there was no delay in sending the bullet to the mark."

Rides Not as Free.

Rides are not as free nor travel as plentiful as in the heyday of tobacco and cotton prices when most every one had a gas buggy of some description or other. Today many are learning to walk—a past time almost extinguished by the banner auto sales of yesteryear. The shoe merchants are not kicking. The garage men are hopeful that increased cents will alter sentiment.

Stood the Strain Well.

Farm business brought Mr. Sidney Pritchard of Sandy Creek to town this week. He expressed satisfaction at the sale of the weed on the Warrenton market. A big car and other evidence of prosperity showed that he had weathered the economic storm because of foresight and energy.

NEED BIRTH REPORTS SAYS STATE BOARD

RALEIGH, Oct. 20.—Special attention will be given to the reports of births in North Carolina says the State Board of Health. The reports of deaths are now practically 100 per cent complete, but there is reason to believe that quite a number of births are not reported, as required by law. North Carolina according to the reports made leads all the states of the Union with the highest birth rate, nearly eighty-five thousand births having been recorded during the past year. At the same time it is known that quite frequently a birth is not reported to the local registrars. It is to find these, and to stimulate more complete reports, that the intensive checking is being instituted.

Law Compels Birth Report.

Under the laws of North Carolina it is a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment for an attending physician or midwife to fail to promptly report to the local registrar any birth. The birth certificate contains such necessary information as the name of the child, the name of the parents, place of residence, and other important information. A birth certificate is a document that may prove of the highest value, and is inherent right of every child born in the State.

Thirty desks were destroyed with other furniture of the building. Twenty desks had previously been moved to the Norlina white school. The property was fully insured.

To Consolidate School

"It had been the purpose of the Board of Education," Supt. J. Edward Allen said yesterday, "to consolidate with the Bloomsbury school and have the teachers increased from three of last year to four. One hundred and sixty attended the school at Ridgeway last year. It was to have opened within several days."

Each Faction Accuses Other.

Colored patrons of one faction had arranged to equal the contribution of the Rosenwald fund with a loan negotiated with a bank. The other faction was also working to arrange a loan. Today each faction claims the other is responsible for the destruction.

Flames were leaping from the roof and piercing the darkness from the windows of a rear room when discovered at 11 o'clock Monday night by Donald Scott, returning home from a fish fry. With no means of fighting the blaze, the fire completed its work unhampered. Only the chimney stands today.

Many Insisted on Burchette.

It is said that Burchette failed to assist in the social work in the community and that feeling was bitter against him. The other faction, however, was strong for his return and insisted that the authorities name him again as principal.

Persons in the community today recall the Scott fire, the loss of the old Major Blake Alston store and other incidents which point to a human agency rather than carelessness or accidental origin.

CROP REPORT REVEALS PROGRESS OVER STATE

A light frost in the piedmont and costal sections of North Carolina and a killing frost in the mountain areas are reported by the county agents to the Crop Reporting Service for the week ending October 10, 1921. The Weather Bureau reports favorable weather for cutting hay and forage crops.

Preparations for sowing wheat are going forward and fall plowing is making satisfactory progress. The harvesting of corn is well under way, the crop being entirely harvested in many areas. Most of the cotton crop of the State is open now owing to the unusually warm weather in September and the crop is being gathered rapidly. The marketing of tobacco, which is practically all harvested, is in full swing; sales are reported as moderate.

Late gardens are being planted in some of the southern piedmont counties and truck is reported to have improved in Forsyth, but the crop generally is poor. A great deal of hay has been harvested, the crop being below normal in yield and ranging in quality from fair to poor. Pastures are improving some what but in most localities the fields were permanently ruined by the drought and recent rains have not benefited them.

Cattle are reported to be in need of pastures and in some piedmont areas to be scarce and thin, but they average fair to medium over the State. Hogs are normal in supply and condition.

Farm work generally is up-to-date and harvesting of all crops is proceeding well. Farmers in Perquimans are digging peanuts; cotton picking is still in progress but it will probably be completed in many districts in a few weeks. Cover crops are being planted.