

TOBACCO PRICES GOING HIGHER

Shows Considerable Improvement for Good Tobacco

The Zebulon tobacco market has been going higher for the last ten days, and now tobacco of good quality is selling at a good price. The warehousemen are all in good mood, and believe that in the future all good tobacco will bring a good price.

For the last ten days the market has improved to a large extent, and now the farmers who bring good tobacco leave satisfied.

Some very good averages have been made at the Center Brick, and reference to an ad. on another page will show that the market has improved to a considerable extent. It is the opinion of tobacco men that prices will be good from now on.

F. E. Spears sold 564 pounds for \$163.24.

J. T. Scott, sold 548 pounds for \$146.70.

J. H. Webber sold 766 pounds for \$182.95.

This tobacco was sold at Center Brick warehouse this week.

ODD FELLOWS ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

North Carolina officers and delegates of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this State, who left September 12 for Portland, Oregon, to attend the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in that city, September 21 to 25, carried with them an attractive booklet describing North Carolina.

The booklet, which is to be distributed at the convention with the "compliments of the North Carolina delegation" carries on its cover a design of green and brown, showing pine leaves and cones, "North Carolina" being spelled out of the two colors.

Inside, "North Carolina Ideas," a continuous set of facts and ideas of this State, is interspersed with photographs.

WALKING TO N. Y. TO PAY ELECTION BET

Feet blistered, but spirits high, Robert Loar, an attorney of Fairmont, W. Va., who last fall made a bet with a friend that if John W. Davis, the Democratic presidential candidate, was not elected, he would walk barefooted from his home to Tammany Hall, New York, arrived enroute to the latter city at Philadelphia Saturday.

Loar chose to make the 400 mile walk rather than pay the forfeit, which, under the terms of the contract drawn up between the two men, stated he would have to vote the Republican ticket, open ballot, before two witnesses in 1928.

WRATH OF JUDGE AROUSED BY JURY

Jurist Sent Body Home After It Had Freed Defendants in Liquor Charge.

When a petite jury in Mocksville last week came in and returned a verdict of not guilty in an illicit liquor count against J. C. Brewmaker and a colored man, Charlie Tomlin, Judge Stack told the twelve men that there would be no further use for them in his court and they could go home after proving their attendances.

Judge Stack let it be known that he is thoroughly in sympathy with the enforcement of the liquor law and that he would stand for no pussy-footing on the part of juries. Not in words did he openly criticize the body of men who sat upon the case, but his action in dismissing them was even more positive than any words could have been and spoke volumes to the hundreds who crowded the Davie county court house.

A SERIES OF MEETINGS

A series of meetings will begin at the Free-will Baptist Church, on the third Sunday night, next, which is the 20th of September.

It is requested that all members will pray earnestly that a great meeting may be held and much good will come from this meeting.

MANY NOTABLE MEN WILL BE IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, N. C. Sept. 15.—Theodore H. Price, for many years one of the world's most eminent critics and authorities on the subject of cotton has just accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker at the Textile Diversification Dinner at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce on the evening of September 25th. The invitation to Mr. Price was extended by S. B. Alexander, chairman of the committee in charge of the Diversification Dinner.

Mr. Price is editor and publisher of Commerce and Finance and Cotton and Its Products and his address at the Diversification Dinner will be on a phase of textile diversification of intense interest to mill men of this country.

Mr. Alexander also announces the following speakers who will deliver addresses at the Diversification Dinner: Ben F. Geer, president of the Judson Mills, Greenville, S. C., W. J. Vereen of Moultrie, Ga., president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, Geo. H. Harris of Atlanta, president of the Georgia Cotton Manufacturers Association, J. E. Sirrine, president J. E. Sirrine & Co., mill engineers, Greenville, S. C., and Colonel Leroy Springs of Lancaster, S. C.

Mr. W. S. Lee, Vice President of the Southern Power Company, will act as toastmaster at the dinner and arrangements are being made to seek 850 cotton mill executives, bankers and prominent business men of the east and south.

The Textile Diversification Dinner will be one of the big outstanding events held during the coming Exposition.

Last year 650 prominent business men attended this dinner and it was necessary to turn away over 150 who desired to be present.

BUY A MAGAZINE AND HELP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

A contest is now on at the High school. The students are salesmen for three different magazines—Country Gentlemen, \$1.00 for three years; Ladies Home Journal, \$1.00 per year; Saturday Evening Post, \$2.00 for one year.

The profits from the sale of these magazines will go to the Athletic Association. It is hoped that the people of this community will encourage the girls and boys by buying these magazines, thereby helping the Athletic Association.

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL OPENS

Middlesex school opened last Monday with something like 400 pupils, under the superintendency of Prof. Eddins.

Rev. Mr. Nobles, of the Baptist Church of that town made a talk, as also did Rev. E. M. Hall, of Zebulon. Prof. Eddins made a timely talk, in which he outlined a few of the plans of the school.

It is said that the school has an entirely new faculty this year.

ENTERTAINED TEACHERS

On last Friday afternoon from five until seven o'clock, the teachers of the Wakelon school enjoyed the hospitality of many of the parents in the community when they were entertained on the school lawn with a picnic supper.

Preceding supper, "Drop the Handkerchief", in which everybody; and especially Messrs. Campen, Coltrain and Wells, took an active interest, was played. After half an hour's exercise, supper was announced and surely the amount and variety of good food spread upon the table, furnished evidence of the enjoyableness of the occasion for everyone present.

TACKEY PARTY AT WAKE FOREST

Miss Nann Carroll and Miss Estelle Honeycutt delightfully entertained a number of their friends at a tackey party, at the home of their grandfather, R. N. Griffin, at Wake Forest last Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Carroll and Mr. Acil Stephenson won the lady's prize for the two who were dressed the tackiest.

COFFIN MANUFACTURING

The manufacture of coffins has grown into a tremendous industry providing for the utilization of a large quantity of lumber not fit for other construction, due to the fact that coffins in many instances are covered with silk and other fabrics. King Auther had the first coffin in English history, his having been a hollowed-out log.

EASTERN WAKE FAIR, OCT. 2-3

Premium List Being Distributed to Patrons of Fair

We have received the premium list of Eastern Wake Fair, which is to be held at Wendell, N. C., Friday and Saturday, October 2nd and 3rd.

The premium list is neatly gotten up typographically, and is from the presses of the Gold Leaf Farmer. The booklet contains 38 pages besides the cover, giving information as to poultry supplies, sewing, fancy work, tatting, knitting, embroidery, art, oil, basketing, flowers, farm crops, orchards, truck and garden, poultry, livestock, canned fruit and vegetables, pickles, preserves, jams, jelly, cooking, etc., giving the premiums in each of these reports.

Besides the above the premium list contains many advertisements from Zebulon, Wendell and Raleigh merchants, all gotten up in an attractive manner.

The committee on arrangement and decorations are as follows: L. R. Clark, R. E. Richardson, A. Ward, T. H. Hester, Mesdames H. G. Moore, C. A. Flowers, A. L. Fleming, S. T. Wiggins, and S. W. Oldham.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

L. M. Knott—Farm and field crops. Avery Liles—Orchard and garden products.

M. B. Chamblee—Live Stock. E. R. Anderson—Poultry.

Mrs. Paul Whitley—Canning. Mrs. W. O. Clayton—Cooking.

Mrs. T. H. Griffin—Sewing. Mrs. A. Ward—Poultry Supplies.

Mrs. J. J. Mattox—Flowers. Mrs. R. B. Whitley—Art.

OFFICERS

L. R. Clark—President. Mrs. Clarence Chamblee—First Vice President.

Mrs. M. C. Todd—Second Vice President. Mrs. J. T. Allen—Secretary and Treasurer.

The premiums to be given are for first prize, blue ribbon, and for second prize, a red ribbon.

POULTRY FAIR OF EAST WAKE COUNTY, OCT. 2-3.

The poultry interest is steadily growing with leaps. Poultry products are now in greater demand than ever before. Great interest is expected to be shown at our Community Fair on Poultry in Wendell, Oct. 2-3.

We read of men who succeed so well with a certain variety. They give figures to show big profit and incidentally have settings of eggs to sell at big figures. Now figures do not lie but some times "liars" will figure. My experience is this, let high priced fancy breeds alone, because they are too expensive for the average market.

The origin of the common chicken is interesting. It is a hybrid that involves two species. One in the jungle of India called the "jungle fowl" and is still common there. The other breed now extant was the Malay or Asul fowl. The Asul is thought to have been the first domesticated. These two fowls were crossed; thus we have our chickens. There is now in this country alone 104 varieties recognized. All of these are practical fowls except the Game and Bantam. These breeds are known as sport or fancy and ornamental.

The Community Fair is open for any variety of fowls if they are full stock or of a good strain. Bring a trio of each; one cocherel and two pullets or hin. They will look better if they are washed before they are put on exhibit. Be careful how you select your prize winners; there is a standard recognized for all breeds. If you will follow the suggestion below it will help. Have the trio of birds of one size, one recognized breed, with the color of that breed not mixed with feathers of another breed. Be sure to see that their feet and shanks are the same color, watch the ear lobe. Do not bring birds with scaly legs.

In building your cage make it roomy with a place to give them water and feed. The cages should be made so the chickens can be seen easily and be taken out and examined by the poultry judge. Any one is eligible. For the winner of the best display a sack of Peruna Poultry feed will be given by the Stedman Stores of Zebulon, valued at \$4. D. D. Chamblee, Esq. one of the directors of the Poultry Department, Wakefield, N. C.

RELIEF REPORT STORM DISASTER

Figures Show \$2,619.32 Were Spent Spent for Relief

We have received a tabulated statement of the donation and expenditures of the hail storm sufferers of Wake, Franklin and other Counties, which the storm destroyed the crops of many farmers which were in the path of the storm. Pilot Pearce's community and sections around and beyond these communities suffered heavily when the hail storm passed along during the month of July of this year.

Many farmers lost every thing they had invested in the farming interest.

The American Red Cross sent representatives here to help the sufferers. Donation came in from all directions. From organizations and individuals, \$1,973.32 were received at headquarters here in Zebulon. From Red Cross Chapters, \$146.00, and from the American Red Cross, National headquarters, Washington, D. C., the sum of \$500 was donated, making a total of \$2,619.32 from all sources. The statement of receipts and disbursements follows which are signed by Otto J. Case, Director Relief Accountant:

"American National Red Cross, Wake, Franklin and Nash Counties, Hail Storm Relief. Statement of receipts and expenditures close of Business August 19, 1925.

Receipts

From State, County and Municipal government None

From organizations and individuals \$1,973.32

From Red Cross Chapters 146.00

From American Red Cross, National headquarters 500.00

\$2,619.32

Expenditures

Maintenance (food, clothing and medical aid) \$2,619.32

Recapitulation

Total receipts \$2,619.32

Total expenditures \$2,619.32

Balance None

Above statement does not include administrative expenses, which are provided for by the American National Red Cross out of a separate fund appropriated for that purpose, which constitutes an additional donation by the American National Red Cross to this relief.

OTTO J. CASE, Disaster Relief Accountant. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of August, 1925.

Signed: J. D. DAVIS. My commission expires June 25, 1927.

NO DRASTIC CHANGES AT CASWELL SCHOOL

The new State Advisory Commission headed by Dr. W. S. Rankin has decided it would recommend no immediate drastic changes in the policy of the administration of the Caswell Training School at Kinston. All but two members of the body of nine visited the institution for Mental Defectives. Gilbert Stephenson, of Raleigh, was elected secretary of the commission. The members inspected the school and were told by Miss Elsa Ernest, staff expert, that 65 per cent of the inmates were capable of some mental improvement.

Dr. Rankin suggested that the commission's members make a study of the training of the feeble-minded and said he would secure data and assist in other ways. The commission expressed the opinion that the administration should admit children of higher grades in preference to idiots for the present.

It is expected that a report on the body's findings with regard to the local institution will not be rendered for some weeks. Delay will be necessitated by study and research, which will be comprehensive. Dr. W. W. Dawson, of the trustees, indicated that the population would be increased to 500 as soon as possible. About 350 are being cared for now.

INSURANCE STABILITY PREVENTS DISASTER

Former President H. A. Smith of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, in commenting on the 1924 fire loss of \$548,000,000, said:

"That this enormous destruction causes no ripple on the commercial sea, speaks well for the stability of stock fire insurance, but such a waste if unchecked, nevertheless threatens our economic life.

"If business men in the community would take up the fire waste problem and apply practical business methods to its solution, this country in another twelve months would see a material reduction in this needless economic loss which continues to be a heavy drain on our national wealth."

Dealing with taxation and legislation, Mr. Smith attributed the large number of bills introduced at every legislative session, in part, to the tendency toward government by bureau, which he regards as highly dangerous.

"Of late years," he said, "the people seem to be learning more and more heavily upon a paternal government, but the insidious encroachment of government upon private business is bound to undermine our prosperity and bring disaster. The hand of government in business is the touch of death. If we would prevent it we must so conduct our affairs that the people who are the government will not feel interference is necessary."

UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES CUT ROAD MILEAGE

Our annual road bill is approaching the billion dollar mark. The cost of state highways, not to mention county roads, runs up to astonishing totals—millions and millions of dollars per state.

With thousands of miles of road to be paved in practically every state, and available funds for only some hundreds of miles, it is essential that the officials charged with the expenditures of the taxpayer's dollar study types of pavement which will give the maximum wear and mileage at a minimum of expense for first cost and maintenance.

The California Oil World criticizes the highway program in California, which it claims, calls for an unnecessary expenditure of \$10,000 a mile for highway repair work where cement concrete is used for surfacing, when more satisfactory results could be secured with asphaltic concrete at a great saving.

It is necessary to lay a heavier course of cement concrete over a broken or shattered piece of road than would be required with asphaltic concrete, because the cement does not have the elastic qualities of the asphalt to bind the broken and loose particles of the road base into a shock absorbing resilient mass.

Every dollar unnecessarily expended for new pavement or maintenance, means that road which could otherwise be hard-surfaced must go unpaved.

COUPLE RE-MARRIED AFTER 38-YEAR PERIOD

After having lived apart for 38 years, James W. Chase, 66, of Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Ida L. Chase, 61, of Miami, Fla., were remarried there by the Rev. Spencer B. Owens. The Chases were divorced June 29, 1887. Before her marriage Mrs. Chase was Miss Eshbaugh of Lockport, N. Y.

WAKELON SCHOOL NEWS

Beginning next week we hope to have a section of this paper devoted to Wakelon High School. The plans are now on foot to have one gentleman and one lady to edit the school news. We want to set apart a certain section each week and hope the school section will be made of interest to all.

HEAVY RAIN FALL TUESDAY NIGHT

After a long and protracted dry and hot spell, Wednesday morning saw relief that has been looked for several days.

During Tuesday night thunders rolled and lightning flashed for several hours. Nor was this all—it was not merely thunder and lightning—for the down-pour of rain came as a relief to all sections around this community. Wednesday arrived with a cloudy sky and refreshing breeze.

MR. PATTERSON MAKES POINT

Says Quality of Crop Better Than the Average

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 15.—The statement issued by General Manager Richard R. Patterson, of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, in Raleigh this week, as published in the State papers, has stirred the bankers and business men of Eastern North Carolina to a realization of a serious financial condition which, it is widely believed, would have been even more distressing but for the operation this year of the growers' organization.

Reports to association headquarters since Mr. Patterson and a committee of bankers' experts visited the markets in Eastern Carolina indicate that the receipts in strong auction territory have doubled during the past week. The receipts in South Carolina, it is now predicted, will be more than twice what they were in 1924. The associations price level has been maintained in the South Carolina and Eastern belts.

Mr. Patterson's statement: "I have been repeatedly asked since the tobacco markets opened in Eastern North Carolina what the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association expects to do about the distressing conditions which have followed the below-production-cost prices offered to the growers on the auction floor.

"My reply is that the association now is going to do just what it has done since organization: Provide for the grower a service corporation which will enable him to market his tobacco in an orderly way. Unless and until the grower and the business man avail themselves of this service, no power beneath the blue canopy of Heaven can do anything about the low prices the growers are now receiving.

"Two excuses are being offered by the dealers. One is that the Chinese revolution is to blame. The other is that the crop is of poor quality. "It is true that the Chinese boycott has practically forced the Export Tobacco Company which usually buys one third or more of the bright leaf tobacco produced in four States off the market. We hope this condition may be only temporary but, the crop in the meantime is leaving the hands of the growers and falling into the hands of dealers.

"The association does not want to run orderly marketing down the throat of anybody. What it will do depends upon what the business men and other opponents of co-operative marketing, in the past, do now. The association can take the tobacco, re-dry it and sell it to the best advantage of the grower. Unless this course is followed, the tobacco passes from his hands into the hands of dealers who had nothing on earth to do with making the crop and who will have nothing to do with the profit in it.

"As for the quality of the crop this year: It is far better than the average crop of tobacco I have seen in North Carolina for the past ten years. I believe I am a competent judge.

"If I did not know for myself that it is the best crop produced in years, I certainly would have been so persuaded by the statements the dealers made in the newspapers prior to the opening on the markets.

"I know that eastern North Carolina is suffering from the low prices offered on auction floors. I know that the grower is broke again. They might as well give him ten cents as to give him twelve and fourteen.

"The business man, the banker and the professional man in eastern North Carolina can remedy this situation now. It is up to them. When they whole-heartedly wish for better marketing conditions and improved prices, they can get them.

"It is a historic fact that when Rome was burning down and the news was carried to Nero he sent back word that it was a case for the fire department. The deplorable, the pathetic condition in eastern North Carolina is a case for the merchant and banker of eastern North Carolina."

THE ROUND DOZEN CLUB MEETS

The Round Dozen Club met last week with Mrs. L. M. Gould at her home on Horton street. As the guests arrived they were invited into the living room, where they were presented to Mrs. J. Mike Whitley, a recent bride. After all the members had arrived they spent an hour playing "Cuckoo."

Mrs. B. H. Johnson was voted the best actress and received the prize, the booty going to Mrs. J. Mike Whitley.