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SELL TOBACCO IN HOME MARKET

Movement to Preserve Fame of Sandhill Bright Leaf.

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Last week one day a group of men gathered at Jack's, in Southern Pines, to discuss an unfolding prospect in this section, the bright leaf tobacco industry. The main spring in the gathering was a few men from Aberdeen who have been keeping a finger on tobacco, but possibly the significant representation at the meeting was the bankers from all the surrounding towns, who were there to show that they are concerned in this important crop of the Sandhills. Out of more or less discussion came the expression of a sentiment by the bankers that before farmers take their leaf away to distant markets in search of an early sale of tobacco before markets open here it would be wise to talk the matter over with the bankers and see if a way cannot be found to hold the tobacco until local markets are ready for it with their higher prices, for local markets have a record of paying more for Sandhill leaf than the other markets do.

Sandhill tobacco has made a name for itself, and that name is much more impressive in the grading rooms of the big cigarette factories than it is here where the tobacco is grown, for it appears that this leaf makes a type of cigarette that is received with uncommon favor by the cigarette buyer. The factories are trying to keep Sandhill tobacco separate from other kinds and it seems the factories are willing to pay more for straight Sandhill leaf than for mixtures, and therefore they are encouraging Sandhills farmers to market their tobacco in the Sandhills markets that the leaf may be as purely the true type as possible.

This is one thing the bankers saw, and one thing they want to encourage, the marketing of Sandhills tobacco in the Sandhills where it will not be lessened in value by contact with other leaf of lower grade, and the creation of a more pronounced recognition of the Sandhill type. We have unwittingly developed a brand of our own in the Sandhills and that brand seems a highly enviable one. Now the Aberdeen Commercial and Agricultural Club recognizes the worth of that brand, and is trying to capitalize it fully, for it is a discovery that is a gold mine if it is followed and nursed.

Tobacco is going into the barns rapidly now, and the crop is a good one, and the quality excellent. It is apparent that the harvest of Sandhills tobacco this summer is bound to add much to the fame of this type of leaf, and if every effort is made to classify and hold separate Sandhills tobacco from any other kind, so that the factories can get the full benefit of Sandhill excellence the fame of the brand will from this on be unimpeachable. It is not only the tobacco farmer who will be sitting on top of the world, but the whole Sandhills community, for with this whole sandy region capable of producing this peculiar type of tobacco it is easy to expect several million dollars' worth of this high grade leaf in the immediate field. Last week the most remarkable migration of transient tobacco men this belt has ever seen clogged the roads leading into the Sandhills. This presages more tobacco farmers, and another thing helps to make that possible. Peach orchards that are dropping out from time to time make the best possible tobacco farms. Many acres of this sort of land is available now, and from year to year more will be. Tobacco is destined to expand in its acreage and production.

With that production the bankers want to see the type kept distinct in the Sandhills and the Aberdeen folk (Please turn to page 8)

CAMERON

Mrs. I. F. West, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Thagard West, of High Point, Mrs. Lucy Thagard Rice and daughter, of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. C. C. Yates, of Carthage, were visitors Sunday afternoon of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill.

Mrs. Dugald Stewart, of Laurinburg, was the guest the past week of her sister, Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen. Mrs. Harvey Spiers and children, Mrs. Hughes, of Portsmouth, Va., who have been on a visit to Mrs. Spiers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Phillips, returned home Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hartsell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartsell, of Tampa, Mrs. T. A. Hendricks, Miss Annie Hartsell, L. F. Hartsell attended the Hartsell reunion at Oakboro last week.

Mrs. Alice Blue and grandson, John Cameron, of Raeford, were here last week to see E. M. Borst, who is in very ill health, and left last week for the hospital at Rocky Mount, accompanied by his son, M. C. Borst, of Wilmington.

I am pleased to acknowledge a View Letter Card sent me from Greenock, Scotland, from Miss Kate MacKellar, in which she says "Trusting this may give you some idea of one of the bonniest of Scottish Bays" O ban Bay! It is indeed bonny. There are several views of the bay. Among them, Dunollie castle, once the stronghold of the MacDugalds. Miss MacKellar is a near relative of Miss Vera McLean. Her sister, Miss Jessie MacKellar, a very charming young woman, once visited her relatives in Moore County. The Correspondent had the pleasure of meeting her. Bonnie Scotland! When I see pictures of her beautiful lakes and glens, the hills of heather, her towering castles, now crumbling to decay, I am thrilled—although a feeling of homesickness steals over me, and then I know that Scottish blood runs red in me.

Miss Margaret McLean, whose hospitable home is on Rt. 2, with her little niece, Margaret Ayers, of Oak City, were supper guests of Miss Vera McLean an evening of last week.

"Not changing the subject," as folks say when they do change it—In Caruthers Revolutionary Incidents, among the names of many men he mentions, is that of Archibald (Ban) McNeill, the ban in parenthesis. Since he was the husband of "Jennie Ban," possibly that is why she was called "Ban."

W. A. Muse and sisters, Misses Minnie and Jacksie, called Sunday afternoon to see Arthur Thompson, divinity student, who had the misfortune of having his leg amputated because of disease and not an automobile wreck. It seems very unfortunate for this young man, intellectual, moral, and talented.

Prof. Clyde Kelly accompanied Rev. M. D. McNeill to Lobelia Sunday, where Rev. McNeill baptized the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec McFayden. Rev. M. D. McNeill may quit preaching, but his former members are going to still keep him to marry them, baptize their babies, and preach the funerals of all who pass.

The John McNeill Society met at the Presbyterian church last week with L. B. McKeithen a leader.

Norfleet Ray and family, of Pinehurst, D. S. Ray and family, of Vass, spent Sunday with Mrs. D. S. Ray, and daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Rebecca Ray.

Misses Lorela Rogers, Lucile Rogers, Mary Emma Thomas, I. S. Thomas spent Sunday afternoon at Ashley Heights. M. McL. McKeithen, Mrs. L. B. McKeithen, Misses Mabel Muse, Rebecca Ray and the Correspondent spent an afternoon of last week in Carthage.

Circle No. 2 of the Young Woman's Auxiliary met last week with Misses Margaret and Effie Gilchrist. Program in charge of Miss Thurla Cole, who introduced a Bible contest in which Miss Mabel Muse was win-

NEGRO CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. N. C. Newbold Enlightens Kiwanis Club on Subject.

At the Kiwanis Club Wednesday at Southern Pines, Dr. N. C. Newbold, director of negro education on the State Board, talked about the status of the negro child in the public schools. Dr. Newbold surprised his audience by telling them of the remarkable progress the colored schools are making in North Carolina, for it seems the State practically leads the States of the Union in the work it is accomplishing in this respect. Educators have come to the State from Africa, from Oxford University in England, from other nations and continents, interested in the rapid advances negro education is making in this State, and in the influences it is having on the race. And that influence is astonishing. The speaker mentioned some court records to show that negro crime has made an unsuspected decrease as education has increased, and the figures tell that the negro is in court and in prison much less than the white offender is. From furnishing two-thirds of the criminal population a few years ago the negro now seems to be furnishing only a third, which is largely proportionate with the increase of negro children in schools as compared with the past when negro crime was greater.

Dr. Newbold says the State has a definite program for negro education and is carrying it out. The Rosenwald fund has provided 650 school houses for elementary negro schools, which amount for a third of the population. Towns and cities provide for as many more, and other rural schools are caring for a large share of the remainder. These are not so well provided, but conditions are improving. Three-fourths of the teachers are now fair to good, while but a few years ago the proportion of fair teachers only was not great. High schools are developing, and 58 good ones are now carrying on, besides some that are not so good. Good equipment and good teachers in the high schools are getting good results and a crop of children is going now to the dozen higher institutions that are training teachers and teaching children in other lines as well.

The program is being carried out as well in the schools as available funds permit, but unfortunately the negro does not always get a fair division of the school revenues. Dr. Newbold cited some cases where negro schools get less money than the colored folks of the district pay, a wrong that he said is being corrected as fast as it is recognized, and he has great hopes of much improvement in this direction. He said that he had been asked what is the wisdom of colored schools, and in addition to the change in crime that has followed the multiplication of negro schools, Dr. Newbold said that in 1920 North Carolina negroes had reported to the tax assessors as great a value in property in farms as all the property in North Carolina owned by all tax payers, white or black, a rate of progress that justifies education or anything else that helps to improve the condition of the colored folks. He was well received.

The committee to gather up a fund to provide signs to post along the roads warning travelers not to molest the shrubbery on the highways reported sufficient money, and the signs are now in process of construction.

Sandwiches, pickles and ice tea. Sandwiches, pickles and ice tea. Miss Louise Thomas, of Broadway, is visiting at the home of her grand mother, Mrs. Laura Rogers.

Mrs. L. B. McKeithen was a visitor in Laurinburg this week, guest of Misses Meta and Mary Stuart. (Please turn to page 8)

CARTHAGE

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Billups, of Rutherford College, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Billups' mother, Mrs. Mollie Person.

Miss Bertie May, of Asheboro, is spending the month of August in Carthage.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Caldwell, of Aberdeen, spent Sunday with N. A. McKeithen and family.

Mrs. Alice Thompson and son, R. D., of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. Mamie Harrington.

Mrs. Luther Wallace is visiting friends in Sharon, S. C.

U. L. Spence spent several days last week in Wilmington.

Miss Norman McKeithen is visiting relatives in Aberdeen this week.

E. A. McKethen, of Aberdeen, was in town Monday.

Rev. W. W. Williams spent a few days in town this week. He brings good reports of the boys at camp.

Carl Buchan, of Southern Pines, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ellis, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting Mrs. G. H. Muse.

Mrs. I. T. West, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Thagard West, of High Point, and Mrs. Rice and daughter, Lucile, of Columbia, S. C., visited Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Yates Sunday.

Misses Mary and Janie Underwood and Mrs. Edgar Underwood, of Sanford, were Carthage visitors Monday.

Rev. William Currie, of Jackson, is visiting his brother, Wilburn Currie.

Mrs. Jack Lane, of Martinsburg, W. Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Jackson.

Mrs. Clyde Kennedy, of Charlotte, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mammie Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Black, of Jonesboro, spent the week end in town.

Miss Gladys Watson has returned to her home after spending some time in the mountains.

W. M. McVallum and sons, William and Rogers, of McColl, S. C., visited relatives here last week end.

Rev. J. W. Wright has returned to his home in Carthage after undergoing treatment in the Central Carolina hospital.

The Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 28. Mrs. Flora Black and Miss Zora Lee Fry were hostesses for the afternoon.

Messrs. Arch Smith and Ben Harris, of Fayetteville, were the guests of Mrs. Joe Downing Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Murdock and two children of Charlotte, and Mrs. Bullock, of Lexington, were the guests of Mrs. J. A. Long.

Miss Margaret Bartlette and Mrs. Clara Kelly, of Richmond, Va., are visiting their sister, Mrs. O. D. Wallace.

Miss Dorothy Tyson is visiting relatives in Henderson.

Master Billy Clegg is visiting relatives in Aberdeen this week.

Mrs. Henry Ledbetter has returned to her home in Rockingham after visiting relatives in Carthage.

Rowland Beasley, of Aberdeen, and Miss Nell Bezzell, of Mt. Vernon Springs, were married in Carthage Monday night, August 1.

Misses Elizabeth and Eliza Green, of Raleigh, spent the week end in Carthage with their mother, Mrs. R. L. Phillips.

The following old soldiers are attending the reunion of the Confederacy in Raleigh this week: Mr. John C. Monroe and Mr. Brewer, of Bensalem, Mr. Charlie McLean, Mr. Connell and Mr. Guledge, of Carthage, and Mr. Thomas Mashburn, of Deep River. They were accompanied by Sheriff Fry, of Carthage, and Mr. Dunlap, of Sheffield Township.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

Ice cream supper at Eureka Saturday night, Aug. 6. Proceeds go for benefit of the church. Come.

JAMES BARBER'S DEVELOPMENT

Golf Course and Club House North of Knollwood Village.

The development James Barber is making north of Knollwood village, just beyond the reservoir of the Southern Pines water works, is taking shape that tells the magnitude of his plans. The golf course is in the hands of a score of men who have already cleared much of the ground for the eighteen holes, and the work has gone far enough to show that the new links will be among the most interesting in the South. Mr. Barber has not planned his course for a difficult proposition. But he has laid out a picturesque tract on the summit of the hills, which gives a constant outlook all over the country. Below the fairways the reservoir with its sixty acres of open lake spreads out along the whole west side of the course. From the high spots on the course Southern Pines is visible, Carthage, the territory around Vass, Pinehurst and into the indefinite distance in all directions. The club house is rising under the hill, not far from the reservoir, a big log cabin with the modern equipment, fitting the rural into the general scheme.

The old Seals road from Pinehurst out to the Carthage-Southern Pines road passes through the new golf course, which permits approach from Southern Pines on the east side of the creek, or from the Midlands road a broad clayed road reaches the club house from the Pinehurst side and from Southern Pines. It is easy now to drive through the heart of the golf course, and the route is an attractive one already. But far more than attractive it is instructive, for it tells the story of what is just ahead in the triangle embracing Southern Pines, Pinehurst and the Knollwood section. Mr. Barber's lands adjoin the Knollwood and Pine Needles property, embracing several hundred acres. His development comes to the State highway recently taken over between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and to the road to Carthage past the water plant. With Barber, Knollwood, Pinehurst and Pine Needles all working together in the ground included in this area the whole tract is now undergoing a decided expansion that is putting out hundreds of thousands of dollars.

From Pinehurst to Knollwood is a broad ridge. From the water works up to the Barber golf course is a broad, not very steep valley, with some cleared land, some woods, and on the east side the large scope of country cut into the links. On the south and west is the Midland farm country, and Knollwood on the south. The whole picture is flat in front of the Barber golf course, no matter where the players turn and when once the grounds are open for players that is certain to be a busy scene.

At the entrance to the property from the Midland road Mr. Fuller is arranging to build a pair of stone pillars to give the property line a significant gate way and to mark the point of departure. From this point to the club house the whole road side is fitted for a number of desirable homes, the high ground giving good outlook, and a level sweep to facilitate building. Across the little creek on the road leading to the club house are fine sites in the pleasant cove for more picturesque home sites. Then all over the hill around the links are numerous places where interesting homes can be made if Mr. Barber is inclined to encourage settlement through that quarter.

The drive going on by the Midland road and crossing the stream, up by the club house, on past the progressing golf links and back by the Seals road and the Carthage road and the water works is worth while now, for it will afford a wholly new concep-

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