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HIGH RANK FOR ABERDEEN IN TOBACCO MART

Federal Figures Show Heavy
Sales at Prices Above
Average.

TOWN BECOMES LEADER.

The North Carolina and the United States Departments of Agriculture in their joint report of the tobacco markets in September afford the Aberdeen market a gratifying rank. The Aberdeen sales averaged 15.74, as against an average in the State of \$15.05. In the South Carolina belt, flue-cured type, the prices averaged \$13.90, Fairmont, with \$15.12, being the highest. In the old bright belt, flue-cured type all the average was \$13.67. This is the belt in which are Aberdeen, Carthage, Sanford, etc., and as will be noted by the table, Aberdeen led all the rest, and also came within 59 cents of equaling the average of this belt for last year. Only three other markets in the State equalled Aberdeen in price in September, Tarboro, Wallace and Williamston, at \$16.13, 16.40 and \$15.84. So much for prices at Aberdeen.

The sales at Aberdeen for September were exceeded by five points in the belt, Durham, Fuquay, Henderson, Wendell and Zebulon. The table shows the number of pounds sold at the various markets in the belt in which Aberdeen is located:

Markets	Total Sales	Average Price
Aberdeen	629,460	\$15.74
Carthage	262,606	13.49
Durham	1,575,476	14.40
Fuquay Sp	637,482	12.63
Henderson	1,104,314	14.40
Louisburg	352,354	11.77
Oxford	400,000	13.71
Sanford	117,730	12.40
Warrenton	160,638	12.56
Wendell	917,940	12.54
Zebulon	771,994	13.00
Total	7,018,390	\$13.67

State Fair Opens At Raleigh Monday.

Record Attendance for Best Exhibition in History Predicted.

The North Carolina State Fair gives opportunity for expressing the spirit of North Carolina in an impressive manner and for impressing on other states the true greatness of this commonwealth, according to the opinion expressed by Governor A. W. McLean to officials of the fair.

The fair, which opens Monday, October 22, and continues through the entire week in the fine new plant provided by the State Government, will be by far the greatest event of its kind ever held in this State, said W. S. Mays, the secretary and manager. The tremendous number of exhibits already gives assurance that the fair will attain in its first showing a place of high importance among the means of educating the residents of this and other states concerning the diversity, abundance, and quality of North Carolina products. Requests are coming in daily for entry blanks, this is especially true as to the winners in many of the county fairs.

Almost unlimited evidences of cooperation by the public in the preparations for this fair, which will be housed in a plant provided by the State Government at a cost of more than \$200,000, are regarded by fair officials as proof of the wisdom of the Legislature which created this institution, and of a record attendance, it was said by fair officials.

The fair officials have not confined their efforts, however, to the preparation of a place for showing the exhibits and to encouraging the entering of exhibits. A great expense is incurred in arranging for a wide variety of amusements, races, and various other contests, all for the purpose of encouraging attendance. That activity was part of the great task of making the fair "an exposition that will be both educational and entertaining." The program of horse races is one of the fair's most important offerings.

The Pilot is on sale each Friday in Hayes' Book Store, Southern Pines; Fox Drug Company, Aberdeen, and Dupont's Newstand, Pinehurst.

PINEHURST BAROMETER SHOWS BIG SEASON AHEAD

There are definite figures to warrant the prediction on the part of the Pinehurst Corporation and Pinehurst real estate men that this winter is to be the biggest and best in the history of that winter haven.

A year ago on October 1st, seventeen houses had been rented for the season and there were 24 still available.

On October 1st this year, thirty houses had been leased and there were only 15 available.

These early season reservations for winter homes, plus early reservations for winter accommodations at the Carolina and other Pinehurst hotels, are the annual barometer of winter business. We are informed by the general offices at Pinehurst that the hotel reservations are heavier than in the past, so there is every reason to believe that the 1928-'29 winter season will be a record-breaking one.

Charles P. Mason, of the real estate firm of Mason & Gardner, states that inquiries for property to lease and to sell have been more numerous this summer and fall than in any previous year.

VERMONT AVE. IMPROVED TO JOIN HIGHWAYS

State's Steam Shovel Excavates
to Prepare for Hard
Surface.

DOUBLE-ROAD OPENED.

One of the State Highway department's large steam shovels has been spending the week excavating in Vermont avenue, Southern Pines, preparatory to hard-surfacing this street, the new connecting link between Route 50, the main highway, and Route 792, the road from Pinehurst. This improvement is being made by the State as the result of a petition filed recently by the Southern Pines commissioners, as announced in The Pilot.

With the completion of this improvement, motor traffic will more readily be diverted into and through the business section of Southern Pines, and motorists with Pinehurst as their destination will find a better connection to the new double road. The lighted sign which now calls the attention of the touring populace to the business section of town from its location at the corner of May street and New Hampshire avenue will be transferred to the corner of May and Vermont as soon as the hard-surfacing has been completed. The head of the State Highway Commission, Frank Page, expects to open the new thoroughfare to the public before the winter season is far under way.

It is expected that the work of improving the southern end of Broad street from Pennsylvania avenue to Brewer's Service Station will be undertaken by the Southern Pines commissioners in the very near future.

Traffic is now open through from Southern Pines to Pinehurst on the resurfaced double road, which lacks only the top dressing for completion. The only trouble with the new road is, according to some of our high-powered friends, it's too great a temptation to "open her up and see what she'll do."

NEW YORK STYLE SHOP IN SO. PINES BURGLARIZED.

The New York Style Shop on Broad street in Southern Pines was entered through a rear window last Saturday night and goods of the value of approximately \$700 stolen. The window was removed as several others in the vicinity have been of late. The stolen goods included the new stock of coats, dresses, lingerie and hosiery which had just arrived for the opening of the store's winter season.

THANKS, SAY WE.

To The Pilot:

I wish to commend highly the staff of The Pilot for the very excellent paper which they printed last week. It was a credit to both themselves and the Sandhills and I congratulate the new owner.

R. E. P., Southern Pines.

FINEST AIR FIELD IN U. S., SAYS EXPERT

Representative of Big Airways
Corporation Praises
Local Site.

HAD HOPED TO LEASE IT.

"This is the best aviation field I have seen in the United States," said Joseph E. Kerrigan, representative of the Massachusetts Airways Corporation, Springfield, Mass., who visited the field in company with Dr. W. C. Mudgett early in the week.

"If you carry out the plans you have in mind for the development of this field, you will have something to be proud of and fliers will not find a better landing spot in the country."

Mr. Kerrigan came here as the representative of his company with the hope that he might be able to take over the local field, picturesquely located on Knollwood Heights just beyond the Southern Pines water works. The Massachusetts Airways Corporation operates passenger planes in various parts of the East, and is making arrangements for landing fields along the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida. Many fields have already been taken over for the company's use, and Mr. Kerrigan was disappointed that for the present, at least, those in charge of the local development were unable to lease the field to him. L. O. Yost, who has had charge of flying operations in Pinehurst, will be here again this winter and will inaugurate the new field, operating several planes from there, both for sight-seeing and for hurried trips of business men or others to distant points.

In Perfect Condition.

Mr. Kerrigan said that in all his journeys around the various aviation centers of the country he had yet to find such turf and landing possibilities as on the new Knollwood field. The field is in perfect condition at present, the Bermuda grass cut very closely and the soil hard and level. The higher trees near the landing area will be thinned out to eliminate danger of aircraft underpinning coming in contact with branches in landing or taking off. In time flood lights and a giant beacon will be erected to designate the field plainly from above and make night landing safe and feasible.

It is expected that the new flying field will become one of the gathering places of the class during the winter season, as well as a show place for the steady stream of visitors who come to the Sandhills. There has been little question that it is the finest field in the country from a picturesque and scenic standpoint, and to hear from an authority that it was perfect from the practical point of view of operators of aircraft was particularly pleasing to those who have been interested in its location and development.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION SPEEDS UP ROAD REPAIR WORK.

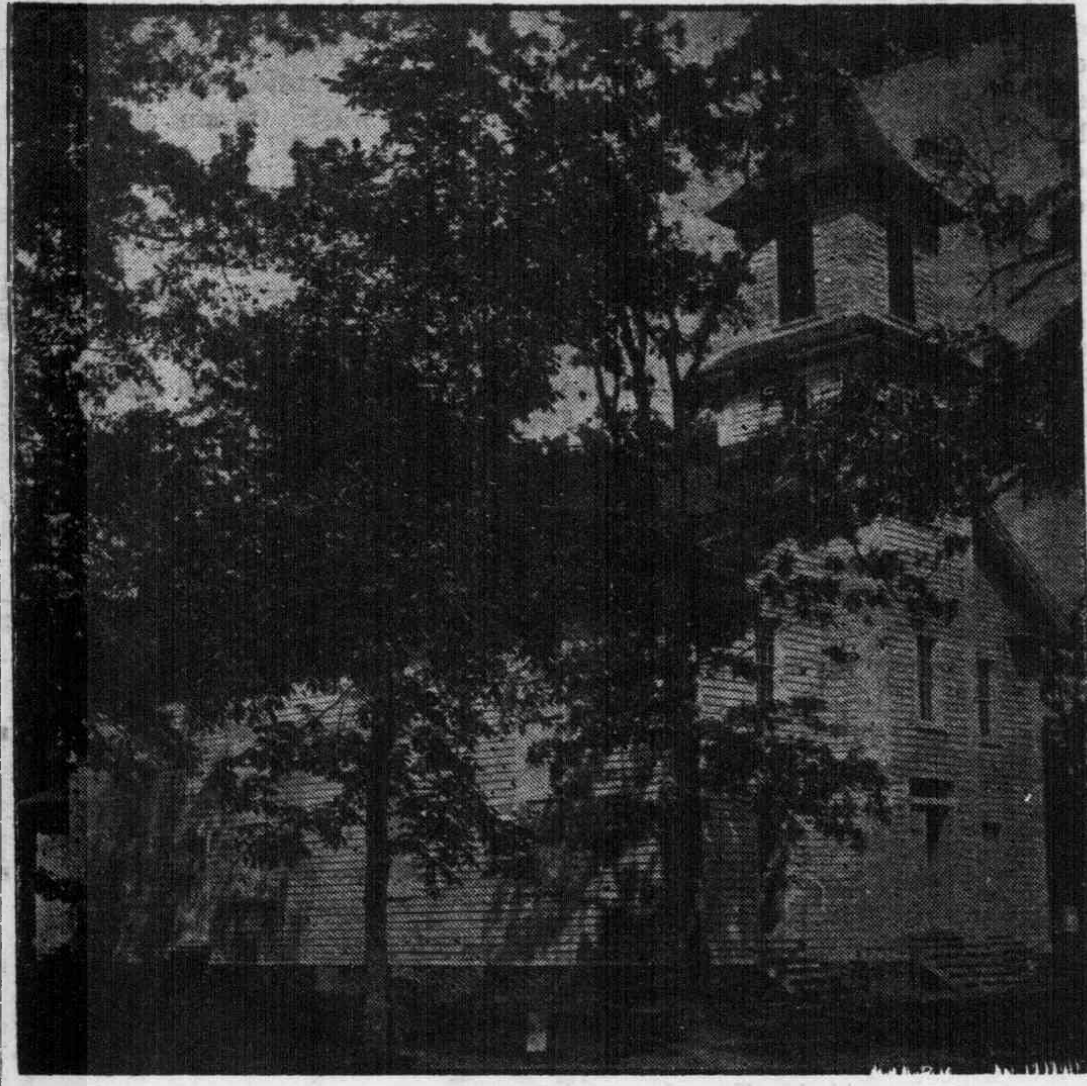
The County Highway commission is doing a good job in getting the roads in good shape again after the storms. Pilgrims from The Pilot office have been making tire tracks over a good share of the county in the last week or two, and it is surprising at the quick restoration that has taken place in much of the roads. Of course some of it is not yet nicker-plated, nor up to the standard of six months ago, but it is better than the most hopeful citizen anticipated, and it is getting better every day. Pretty good outfit, those road commissioners and their gang, and this is a good time to recognize it.

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The executive committee of the Sandy Creek Association is to meet in Sanford next Wednesday, October 24, at 10 o'clock. This notice is given to remind the churches that if they have any business to bring before the committee, they will have it in readiness for that meeting. All applications for meetings must come before the committee.

Blanks on which to apply for it may be had by writing to Dr. C. E. Madrey, Raleigh, N. C., or to O. A. Keller, Jonesboro, N. C.

"Old Union"



Old Union Church Forty Years Ago

Recollections of the Early Preachers and Congregations—Impressive Communion Services
Twice Each Year.

BY THE LATE MRS. J. MacK. HARRINGTON.

"I should like to sit once more
In the church,
Where I sat in days of yore
While the search
Of the pastor for the hymn,
Looking through his glass rim,
Gave a chance for glances shy
From the girls.
For the blushes sweet and faint,
From the maid who was no saint
Yet had little human taint
To her pearls,
Pearls of love and joy,
That time cannot destroy,
Woman's truth."

My first recollections of Presbyterian are associated with Old Union: A great crowd of people, buggies, carriages, horses, but most conspicuous of all, a great many preachers in tall silk hats, riding in "sulkies." If I remember correctly, this date was '67 or '68. That was a great event in the history of my childhood. Preparation: were going on for weeks and I thought the time would never come, for I was to go Saturday and Sunday. The minister we were to entertain was Rev. Duncan Black, a friend of my grandfather's. I don't remember what I wore, I had not begun to think of how I looked, as yet. I wanted to see Presbyterian, and what it looked like. I remember Rev. Fairley, McByrde, Black and McKinnon. Rev. Martin McQueen was pastor. On Sunday, Rev. Mr. McKinnon preached in the grove from the "stead." I was young to remember the sermon, but

he gave out the hymn, "Crown Him Lord of All," from memory, and his face was so lighted with emotion that I was greatly impressed, and afterwards memorized the hymn. Soon after that he was killed by lightning.

Early Days.
The first preacher I remember was Rev. Mr. Russell. He was a bachelor, and boarded with my grand-uncle, Maj. Koy McNeill. I was very fond of him, and used to sit on his lap, and listen to the chickens in his watch. My father and grandfather were elders in Union church. They died many years ago, and lie buried in the family burying ground, now at Lakeview. I was ten years old before I was ever inside any church but the Presbyterian. I entered the female academy at Carthage and boarded with my teacher, Miss Cattie Robertson, afterwards Mrs. Martin McQueen. On Sunday I went to the Methodist church with her and when the time came to pray, I stood up. I looked around, saw every one kneeling, (they knelt in those days.) For a moment I was thunder struck. Then I quietly knelt down, feeling like a criminal, expecting my teacher to reprove me, but she didn't. She knew I was a good Presbyterian.

The first time I ever saw Rev. Martin McQueen was a my uncle's, Capt. Blue, of Union Church. One afternoon a gentleman rode up to the gate, and inquired the way to Dr. (Please Turn to Page Twelve)

SEASON ON AS CAROLINA OPENS DOORS MONDAY

Pinehurst to Greet Officials of
American Telephone and
Telegraph Co.

RECORD WINTER EXPECTED

The season in the Sandhills opens officially next Monday when the Carolina receives the hundred or more members of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company who are coming to the convention which runs through the entire week. Forces have been busy connecting up one room in the hotel in booths and the various requirements for talking all over the earth, and the members of the convention when they arrive can hook up with their home offices in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, or anywhere else and talk as much they want to. The convention will keep the Carolina occupied for the opening week, although along with the telephone folks will arrive a number of other patrons, for the Carolina has a certain right permanent clientele, which seems to head this way earlier each year as the hotel opens earlier. The bookings are excellent, and Mr. Fitzgerald says all the signs point to a bigger house count this year than last year which was the biggest in the history of the house.

Many Improvements.

Pinehurst has a fashion of each summer making vast improvements, involving the outlay of thousands of dollars and this year has been no exception. A new approach to the building has been created, giving a wholly different appearance, and probably making a more satisfactory scheme for handling the increasing daily traffic. But while the outside has been materially changed, the house inside is largely a new equipment. Over 60 rooms have been remodeled, with new oak floor, new walls, and with a complete refurnishing. The furniture and draperies are in keeping with the character of the place, and one of the pleasing features is that the bulk of the new furniture came from the factories at High Point, which turn out some of the best furniture made in the world. Different groups of rooms have been provided with different patterns of furniture, yet the groups are large so that a harmony runs through the whole project, and more or less of similarity is apparent.

While the building is still in the hands of the carpenters, painters and other workmen, Mr. Fitzgerald says that on the day of opening the skies will be as clear as a noonday sun, and all in readiness for the coming crowds. By the time the telegraphers have finished their week of work and play the books indicate that enough of the regular guests will be on hand to give the usual Carolina air to the house, and the prospects are unusually good up to the Christmas holidays when a lull always takes place as many people go back home for the year end. After that the season starts off again in full blast for the balance of the winter, and the signs are that a new record will be made with the winter now ahead.

YEAR'S DEATH RATE IN STATE SHOWS DECIDED DECREASE.

The death rate in North Carolina in 1927 dropped to 11.36 per thousand as against a rate of 12.09 in 1926. The greatest decrease was in pneumonia, which claimed only 2,186 victims in 1927, 2,677 in 1926. Rate from influenza fell from 56.6 per 100,000 to 37.6. Heart disease claimed 3,858 in 1927, 3,869 in 1926. Nephritis also declined slightly, the rate being 100.7 to 94.4. Tuberculosis caused 2,578 deaths in 1927 as against 2,794 in 1926.

OPEN SANDHILLS WOMAN'S EXCHANGE ABOUT NOV. 15.

The Sandhills Woman's Exchange will open for the season about the fifteenth of November, the exact date depending upon the completion of the new wing. No consignments should be sent in before that date.

Many new and attractive articles have been made during the summer, and will be on sale when the shop opens. The Committee has decided to accept no broom-straw brushes this year, and wishes to call the attention to consignors to this notice.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE SINGERS TO APPEAR IN ABERDEEN.

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, with a new personnel and an attractive program of music, songs, recitations, drills and an operetta, will appear in the Aberdeen High School Auditorium Friday evening, October 26th at 8 o'clock. G. A. Charles, chairman of the committee of arrangements, states the evening will be one of rare enjoyment. "Enjoy the children while they help the Home," he says.

HUNTING LICENSES IN BIG DEMAND, SAYS WARDEN.

Alex Fields, game warden for Moore County, says he has already issued more hunting licenses so far than were taken out altogether last year, and that he encounters but little opposition to the enforcement of the new laws. He is confident that the proper protection of wild life will permit it to multiply decidedly in the county, and that before long Moore County will be full of game animals again, and a better hunting field than in a long time. He has been obliged to make a few violators walk the plank, but he does it with no compunctions of conscience and says it is having its effects.

PROMPT TAX PAYMENTS URGED TO HELP ROADS AND SCHOOLS

J. D. McLean, the chief of the receipt of taxes at Carthage, says the money is starting to come in freely, and perhaps better than at any previous year at this time. But he adds that the roads and the schools are needing anything that can come along, and that he has a tax receipt ready to sign for every one who will make a quick contribution.