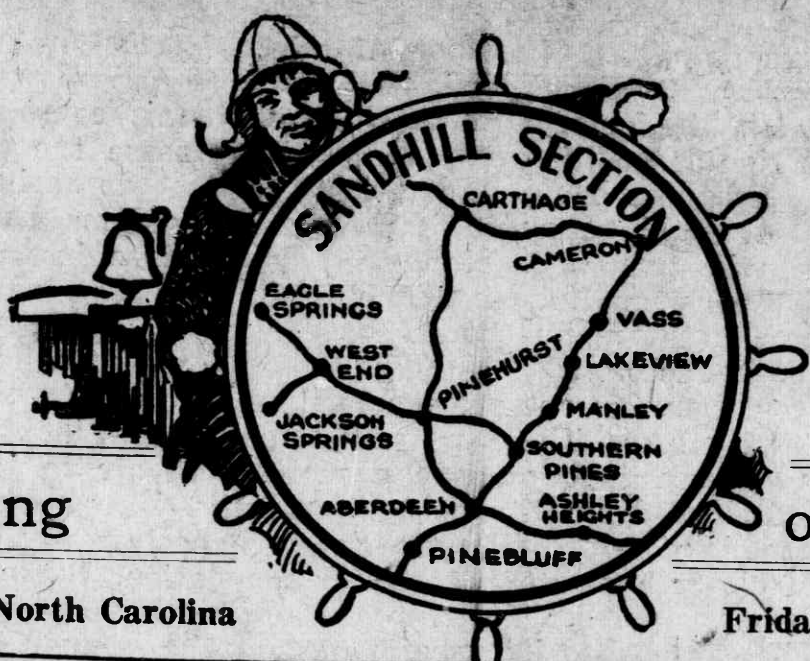


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FRANK PAGE NOT TO HEAD TOBACCO CO-OP MOVEMENT

Believes as Chairman of Southeastern Regional Council He Can Render Greater Aid

J. R. PAGE MENTIONED

Frank Page, Aberdeen and Raleigh banker, declined on Monday to head the movement for organization of a tobacco co-operative association, basing his declination on the belief that as chairman of the Southeastern Regional Council he could be of greater assistance in solving the trouble of the tobacco grower than in the new position unanimously offered him last week. The Southeastern Regional Council was formed last spring at Asheville at a conference of governors and business men of seven southeastern states in an effort to improve business conditions. Mr. Page declared that the tobacco problem is a problem for all the states engaged in growing bright leaf tobacco.

"I have pledged to Governor Gardner my time and all my energy in carrying through this Southeastern Regional Council," said Mr. Page, "and it seems to me that the problem of the North Carolina tobacco grower today is merely a part of the work this council is undertaking. I am sure that the men composing this council realize that a non-profitable crop in any of the area is a loss to the whole area, and it will be the purpose of the next meeting of this council to take up vigorously the matter of growing and marketing tobacco in what is known as the Southern bright belt."

Accepts Bigger Job

"Mr. Page, in refusing to lead a State organization, accepted even a bigger job today in pledging his support to lead the way for relief to the tobacco growers in the Southeast," Governor Gardner said in commenting on Mr. Page's refusal to take the leadership in a State organization.

In the meanwhile, organization of a tobacco cooperative in the state continued with the adoption at Raleigh of a tentative contract, charter and by-laws by a committee of growers and farm leaders, to be submitted next Monday to the general organization committee. And while this was going on, names were being considered for the job of heading up the organization in view of Frank Page's refusal to serve.

Prominent among the men mentioned for the position was Frank Page's brother, J. R. Page of Aberdeen, banker, farmer and business man. W. G. Clark, prominent Edgecombe county leader, was another mentioned.

POLO PONIES ARRIVE FOR SEASON AT PINEHURST

It begins to look like this winter season at the Pinehurst race track and polo fields. Eleven new ponies from Texas have arrived for S. V. Slocock to school for the winter tournaments, and the Sandhill Polo Club ponies, the Raymond ponies and Col. Hawes' horses are coming down from Winston-Salem next week. They have been turned out up there during the summer months.

DR. MUDGETT ENJOYED LONDON-PARIS FLIGHT

Dr. William C. Mudgett, of Southern Pines, who has just returned from study in the hospitals of Edinburgh, Scotland, enjoyed a trip from London to Paris by airplane while abroad. It was the doctor's first adventure in the air and he states that after the first few minutes of recovering from the sensation of flying the trip across the English Channel was most enjoyable and a worth while experience.

PRITCHARD AT CARTHAGE

A large and enthusiastic audience numbering Democrats as well as Republicans turned out to hear the Republican Senatorial nominee, George M. Pritchard of Asheville at 8 o'clock last night in the Court House. Congressman Pritchard discussed issues of the day as affecting state and nation.

Work on New Road from Aberdeen to Laurinburg to Be Started Soon

Contracts Will Be Let at Next Meeting of Highway Commission.—To Improve No. 1

That work on the new road between Aberdeen and Laurinburg will begin almost immediately and that available funds will be used for the prompt improving of U. S. Route No. 1 south of Aberdeen was the outcome of the meeting held here on Monday of this week when Moore, Scotland and Hoke county representatives met with State Highway Commissioners J. Elwood Cox and James McNair. The meeting was held in the office of Johnson & Johnson Monday afternoon after the commissioners had spent the day inspecting the roads of this section requiring attention.

The contract for the section of the Laurinburg road from Aberdeen to the point where the route crosses the river two miles below Blue's Bridge will be let at the next meeting of the Highway Commission, it was said. Hoke County highway engineers were here Monday ready to bid on the job then, but because of the fact that the road will be built partially from Federal funds, there must be a public letting of the contract after proper bids. The road will be of sand and gravel at first, to be paved later. The Scotland county end of the construction work is ready to go ahead, it is said, the contracts for both the highway and

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STATE AND COUNTY CLINICS START FIRST OF NEW YEAR

Many of the children of Moore county are looking forward eagerly to the State clinic which is planned to begin about the first day of 1931. This clinic is made possible by a most generous personal offer of \$900.00 by Mrs. Francis T. Keating of the Health & Welfare Association who has done so much in the past in the interest of the health and welfare of Moore county. Mrs. Keating has guaranteed the fund necessary to procure the State clinic for Moore county.

The dental clinic at present being conducted on Saturday forenoons from 9 to 12 o'clock started through a gift of \$500.00 from Mrs. Keating, is being very well attended and the majority of the dentists of the county are planning to give their services free of charge and so with the splendid gift of the dentists the clinic will be made free to those children who could not otherwise have their teeth treated. This will mean much to the health of the children who are privileged to attend these clinics.

COUNTY-WIDE INTEREST IN FAIR AT CARTHAGE

Interest in the forthcoming Moore County Fair is becoming county-wide, and farmers particularly are preparing for the event. The Premium List is out and shows splendid prizes for all kinds of produce, needlework and goodness knows what-all, and if you have the best something in the county, you are sure to leave the fair richer for its exhibit there.

Those needing any help in making selections of exhibits should call on County Agent E. H. Garrison at Carthage or drop a line to the Fair Association there. Sheets of all this information are being prepared for distribution to those desiring them. The Fair is scheduled for October 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

REVIVAL SERVICES

The revival services scheduled for the Presbyterian churches at Union, Cypress, Lakeview and Vass during the month of October are being looked forward to with much interest by the various congregations. Mr. Brigham, an evangelist singer of note, will come from Binghamton, N. Y., to assist the pastor, the Rev. Charles A. Lawrence, during the four weeks.

FOOTBALL HERE TODAY

Aberdeen High School's football team plays its first home game of the season this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock against the strong Elise Academy team. The game will be played on Keith's Field.

On Lipton's Yacht

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Eckert of Southern Pines View Races as Guest of Sir Tom

Standing alongside the rail with Sir Thomas Lipton as he watched his Shamrock in its losing quest of the world's yachting supremacy were Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Eckert of Southern Pines. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert were guests of Sir Thomas throughout the recent races between the Shamrock and America's Enterprise off Newport, Rhode Island.

Mrs. Eckert's brother represents an American firm in London and there met Lipton some time ago. It was through him that Mr. and Mrs. Eckert became acquainted with the famous challenger for America's cup, and when he came to America again this year he invited the Eckerts to spend the period of the races with him on his yacht, from which they followed the progress of the four races. Unfortunately for Sir Tom, it was not a cheerful view, for his Shamrock was always trailing behind the craft sailed by Harold Vanderbilt.

Three Auto Accidents During Past Week

Sailors Have Narrow Escape in Collision at Vass.—Baby Injured

Three automobile accidents, all apparently due to careless driving, marked the week in the Sandhills. Fortunately, none were of a very serious nature, but the need for a State operators' license law is becoming more and more vital to curbing recklessness and slaughter on the highways. Last month's death toll in the state, due to the automobile, was a serious reflection on the state's lack of control over drivers.

"Sailors' luck" was given as the explanation of the miraculous escape from death or injury of H. D. Fore and J. L. Forbes of the U. S. S. Wyoming on Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were being given a lift collided with the automobile of Jim Elliott as he was about to leave the highway in Vass to turn onto the Union road. The sailor boys, who were enroute to Atlanta, had been picked up this side of Sanford by S. B. Howell, a school teacher, who was on his way to Florida. Howell's car struck Elliott's and then turned over against an electric light pole, badly damaging the car, but inflicting no injury whatever to the occupants. Elliott's wife and little adopted son and "Aunt" Charity McKeithen, all highly respected colored residents of Vass, were in the other car and they too escaped injury.

Miss Hilda Gorrell, of Mt. Vernon Springs escorting two teachers of the Gibson school southward on Route 50 about 4:00 o'clock last Sunday afternoon were struck by a Ford car coming out of Young's road. The Ford driven by Eddie Williams, colored, threw the heavier Buick off the road, badly damaging both cars. Some of Eddie's colored passengers were severely bruised and shaken while the passengers in the Buick escaped serious injury.

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W. N. HUTT OF WEST END MARRIED IN NEW YORK

W. N. Hutt of West End and Miss Anne E. Cox of New York were married in New York on August 30th, according to announcement just received here, and after a northern honeymoon will return to the Sandhills early in October.

CHILD INJURED

Little Dewey Cameron, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cameron of Lemon Springs was riding with his father on a truck last Monday, when he accidentally fell off, fracturing his skull and also receiving internal injuries.

BETTER CONDITION IN CHINA AID TO TOBACCO GROWERS

China Second Only to Great Britain in Importation of U. S. Bright Leaf

USES 160,000,000 POUNDS

By Bion H. Butler

Talk on the floor of the warehouses Tuesday points to a rather definite state of satisfaction among the farmers, who appear to regard the prices and prospects of the market as better than they had expected, and with a feeling that things are not as bad as they had been painted. The quality of the leaf on the floors told of a better crop than the average, and from what tobacco men who have been in other sections say the harvest in this section has been of a higher grade than in many of those places where prices have been less satisfactory.

It is true that some complaint is heard of the effect of the dry weather, although on the other hand the weather conditions are credited with the production of a better type of tobacco. As is usual many opinions are forthcoming on these lines as on others at all times. It is believed that the display on the warehouse floors on Tuesday was one of the best ever shown in Aberdeen in the opening days. No doubt this had to do with the more satisfactory prices than were expected. But it is predicted by observers of the offerings in other sections that the local market will continue to bring out higher grades than the average over the state, which encourages hope of prices that will be reasonably satisfactory.

Other influences are mentioned by tobacco men. One is the interest that is said to be shown by independent buyers, men who represent concerns that are securing tobacco for export, or on their own responsibility, or for smaller manufacturing agencies that are calling for a considerable quantity of good leaf. This factor is said to be growing important in the trade from year to year, although the figures are not at hand to determine to what extent. Another influence is thought to be seen in the apparently improved civil conditions in China. War over there has been disturbing all commerce, which includes imports of tobacco. With the tidings of peace in China hope is expressed that the Chinese tobacco trade will stimulate the local markets. In 1928 the exports of American manufactured bright flue cured tobacco to China reached 160,000,000 pounds, making China, next to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the biggest buyer of American unmanufactured tobacco, and so close a second to Great Britain that these two countries took over 320,000,000 pounds of American bright flue-cured, furnishing the chief market. It is noticeable that while these two countries take such a vast quantity of American bright flue-cured tobacco they use little of any other types, the burley going abroad in unmanufactured form being not more than two per cent as much as the bright leaf to China and Britain alone.

70 Per Cent Exported

Another thing that gives much interest to the war conditions in China is that China and Britain together take in unmanufactured form almost

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DR. JACOBS TO SUCCEED LATE DR. LAUGHINGHOUSE

Dr. William Pickard Jacobs of Edenton has been elected secretary of the State Board of Health to succeed the late Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse. Dr. Jacobs' acceptance of the position came in the form of a cable from India, where he is engaged in health work at present. Dr. Jacobs captained the University of North Carolina football team in his college days, and was probably the greatest quarterback of his day.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer of Southern Pines had been among those prominently mentioned to succeed Dr. Laughinghouse.

Bull Market Greeted by Tobacco Growers on Opening Day of New Bright Belt Here

Nearly 200,000 Pounds Sold on Warehouse Floors at Average Close to 16 Cents

BEST OPENING DAY IN HISTORY

"The best opening day in Aberdeen's history as a tobacco market," as several expressed it, seems to size up the story of Tuesday's opening on the floors of the two local warehouses. Everybody seemed happy, and the farmers, basing their expectations on prices paid in earlier markets elsewhere, a little surprised at the returns from their leaf.

It was good tobacco, and the buyers ready to pay for it, with the result that the average price for the nearly 200,000 pounds offered here Tuesday ranged around 16 cents. Strange as it may seem in the face of reports from other sections so far this season, this average is better by two and one-half cents than the average on Aberdeen's opening day a year ago. The sales also exceeded last year's opening day sales by about 100,000 pounds, but last year's opening was a rainy day and many growers failed to put in an appearance. On the first sunny day of last year's local market, sales reached 150,000 pounds. The first three days' total a year ago was 300,000 pounds. This figure was almost reached in two days this season.

Big Crowd on Hand

B. B. Saunders had the opening session Tuesday, and the vicinity of the warehouse looked as if the circus had come to town. Parking space anywhere near the big building was at a premium. Crowds watched the sale. Much tobacco was here for which farmers had refused what they considered too low a price on other markets, and were rewarded for waiting. One

grower refused six and one-half cents for a lot at another market and was offered 15 for it here. Prices ran from two to three cents on an average better for the same quality leaf as on the earlier markets. It was a regular bull market. Saunders had over 100,000 pounds on the floor that morning.

Edwards, Lewis & Williams, who are again operating the Aberdeen Warehouse this year, had a fine opening day business Tuesday afternoon. Their quantity was not quite as great as at the morning session but prices held up. At both warehouses the prices paid for inferior grades was a surprise. Another surprise was the excellent quality of the better grade leaf. One lot sold at 55 cents.

E. B. Maynard of Aberdeen spent a busy Tuesday as auctioneer. It was a hot day and E. B. looked as if he'd just played four quarters of a football game in July before he'd gone down one tier of baskets. You could wring him out. We meant to get his weight before and after taking. He lost more than his shirt.

Wednesday was an anti-climax to the big opener, but some 75,000 pounds came to town and brought good prices.

Meanwhile, Carthage did well at its opening. About 150,000 pounds was disposed of there, the price averaging well up toward 14 cents. The quality of the offerings were unusually high, and the farmers agreeably surprised with their returns.

Sanford had a record quantity on hand and was unable to market it all the opening day.

Home-Coming at Old Bethesda October 5

Dr. A. R. Shaw of Charlotte, a Son of the Church, Will Preach in Morning

The annual Home Coming at Old Bethesda will be celebrated on the first Sunday in October, the 5th. An all-day program is being planned. Dr. A. R. Shaw, of Charlotte, a son of the church, will preach the sermon at the morning hour of worship. This is an announcement of interest to all as he has had wide family connections here and throughout the state, and still a wider circle of friends who will be glad to see and hear him. An outstanding layman has been asked to speak to the congregation at the afternoon hour, and as soon as his acceptance has been secured further announcement will be made.

A basket dinner will be served on the grounds. The importance of all comers bringing baskets well filled cannot be stressed too much. We trust that all will see to it that such baskets are prepared for they will be needed.

It is also asked that those who are interested in the old church and home-coming will extend special invitations to former members and friends who have moved away, that they may be here on that occasion.

LIGHTNING STRIKES ON FARM OF BEN BRADIN

While the family was away from home Tuesday afternoon fire, supposed to have come from a stroke of lightning during the fierce storm, broke out in the poultry lot at the house of Ben Bradin, east of Southern Pines, and for a time threatened to destroy the entire group of buildings, house and all. But the neighbors arrived and confined the flames to the minor structures and a small number of fowls. The whole valley of the upper James creek was blanketed in smoke for a brief period, and with the wind blowing fiercely and the storm raging the outlook was not promising. But it proved to be less extensive than appearance indicated.

Barber Has Trouble Addressing Kiwanis

John Bloxham Tries to 'Hog' Floor But President Rules Him Out

The Rev. Ernest L. Barber of the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church, after considerable difficulty, was assigned the job of principal speaker at this week's Kiwanis Club meeting held Wednesday noon at the new Pinehurst Community Church. John Bloxham, of the Program committee, announced that he himself would speak and carried four huge volumes to the rostrum, but this inspired Murdoch Johnson to arise in his wrath and state that the club had heard from John so much of late the members were getting sick and tired of it. The Rev. Fred Stimson of Southern Pines also objected on the ground that John was not properly clothed to address the club. John was wearing his short pants. President Shamburger ruled Brother Bloxham out as speaker, and Mr. Barber stepped to the front. Of course it was all in fun.

"Things we should do to make the community a better place in which to live," was the subject of Mr. Barber's talk, and he stressed the need of advertising, organizing, deodorizing, spiritualizing and a few other things hereabouts. Mr. Barber couldn't find much to complain about with the Sandhills and wants the world to know what a grand place we have here.

It was decided at the meeting to elect delegates to the State convention at Raleigh November 5, 6 and 7 at next week's meeting.

COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR MAKES EXCELLENT REPORT

J. D. McLean, county tax collector, has made settlement for 1929 taxes with what is considered an excellent showing. Nearly 92 per cent of the 1929 taxes was collected, about seven per cent sold for taxes and certificates of sale covering the sales, and about one per cent was declared insolvent. Mr. McLean was reappointed Tax Collector.