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TOBACCO MARKET OPENS ON TUESDAY

The Aberdeen tobacco market opens another season next Tuesday, and we gather from those acquainted with conditions throughout the tobacco-growing section of the South, it bids fair to be a most successful one. The basis for optimism was succinctly put by a buyer for one of the largest companies the other day:

"The best tobacco this year is in the Middle Belt, and the best tobacco in the Middle Belt is that in the section from which Aberdeen draws. All the companies are looking to Aberdeen for fine tobacco."

The speaker knows whereof he speaks, for he has covered the entire tobacco-growing section of North Carolina during the summer and early fall, and has been around in other belts where tobacco has been on sale for several weeks. He has had the opportunity to compare Border Belt and Middle Belt leaf.

Aberdeen is "all set" for the influx of growers next week. Both its large warehouses are ready, the buyers for the big companies and the independents are on hand, the stores are stocked up to care for the anticipated increased business, and the welcome sign is out.

ANOTHER CELEBRATION AT OLD BETHESDA

This coming Sunday Old Bethesda celebrates its 156th anniversary. The occasion will bring together hundreds who have gone forth from Aberdeen's historic church enriched in religious tutelage from a long line of able and distinguished occupants of this Presbyterian pulpit.

The first American Presbytery was organized in 1706. A group of seven men, four from Ireland, two from Scotland and one from New England made up this early membership. The Scotch were prominent in its activities from the very start. Ten years later the Synod was formed in Virginia and the Carolinas. It is interesting to know that the Orange Presbytery which included North Carolina had its origin in the Philadelphia Synod.


The early colonists had no preacher and turned to Philadelphia for help. The traveling missionary who made short stops after long intervals was not satisfactory. So an attempt was made to establish something like a permanent church in the state. The Rev. Hugh McAdden, a young Pennsylvanian, set out on horseback in the summer of 1775, heading South. Bringing Presbyterianism to North Carolina was an arduous task. Too much tribute cannot be paid the determined young Scot who was truly one of the state's greatest pioneers. For nearly a year he rode through the wilderness country preaching where ever a group could be gathered together. Entering and leaving through Caswell county he made a wide loop that took him through as far as the eastern part of the state and some of South Carolina, sweeping back through Cabarrus, Guilford and Orange counties. McAdden's journey was an historic one. Partly from his efforts grew the Presbyterian church of North Carolina.

Following his return to Philadelphia James Campbell of Argyll was sent to fill an assignment in the Cape Fear country. Campbell preached at the Bluff, Barbecue and Longstreet.

The story of the founding of Aberdeen's Church is interestingly told in the late Bion H. Butler's book, "Old Bethesda", a work which should be in the library of all Presbyterians of this neck of the woods.


CARO-GRAPHICS by MURRAY JONES, JR.

MONTREAT




IS UNLAWFUL HERE TO PLAY CARDS OR DANCE, EVEN IN ONE'S OWN HOME

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?




COURT



NORTH CAROLINA HAD NO COURT-HOUSES UNTIL 1722

ASHEVILLE



"IT'S JUST ANOTHER WILD AT SCHEME I THINK"

WHEN JOHN BURTON ESTABLISHED ASHEVILLE HE SOLD LOTS AT ABOUT \$2.50 A PIECE!

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SHORIA, A FLOWERING SHRUB, A MEMBER OF THE GALAX FAMILY, IS FOUND NOWHERE ELSE EXCEPT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

DID YOU KNOW THAT UNTIL 1851, OF ALL THE HISTORIES OF N. C. THAT HAD BEEN WRITTEN, ONLY ONE HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY A NATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

A REPUTATION WORTH UPHOLDING

Now is the time to plant lawns and parkways.

Southern Pines and the Sandhills section have a reputation to uphold in this respect. Wherever you go in the north you hear: "Oh, yes, that's the place that always looks so green and neat when we drive south in winter. We always remember Southern Pines."

Property owners are urged to plant now, that we may continue to make a favorable and lasting impression on the tourists. There is no better advertising.

"Southern Pines was the prettiest town I drove through on my way from Maryland to Florida last winter," Hervey Allen, author of "Anthony Adverse," told a member of The Pilot staff this summer.

REVOLUTION IN DIXIE

If the mechanical cotton picker now undergoing field tests operates well, its first effect will be to throw hundreds of thousands of people out of work in the South, says the Richmond Times-Leader. The irony of the situation is that the man who invented the machine was once a cotton picker himself and what he wished to do was to lighten the back-breaking labor of the pickers. Perhaps he has succeeded too well. Perhaps he has eliminated that labor altogether.

But this is not the only danger threatening King Cotton. Dr. Howard W. Odum, in his great study, "Southern Regions of the United States," points out that enemies are converging on the King from at least three other directions. One is foreign competition, as the cotton production of such regions as Egypt, the Sudan, India, China and Russian Turkestan increases. Another is the competition of artificial fibers, which are now supplying to the market fabrics handsomer and cheaper than cotton and, for certain purposes, more durable; thereby restricting the market. The third is the terrific competition of the Southwestern States. If the mechanical picker is a success, this will be intensified drastically and immediately, for the problem of picking has done much to hold down the cotton production of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

All things considered, Dr. Odum thinks it very likely that the Southeastern States will soon have to shift the basis of their agricultural economy from cotton. In the long run this might be an excellent thing for the South; but while the shift is in process there will be trouble in plenty. The dethronement of a king who has reigned for centuries is not accomplished easily and without suffering.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Aberdeen Company, Inc., to Howard R. Harrison; property in Mineral Springs township.

E. P. Hackney and others to Percy L. Carlton; property in Carthage township.

J. T. Murchison and wife to James McNeill and wife; property in McNeill township.

James McNeill and wife to J. T. Murchison and wife; property in McNeill township.

James Covington to Colin G. Spencer; property in Moore county.

Leon T. Lane to P. B. Stokes; property in Moore county.

Grains of Sand

If you've never witnessed a tobacco market opening, don't fail to be at the first sale in Aberdeen next week. We've told you this every year, but some of you have failed to take our tip. It's something worth seeing and hearing—and trying to figure out who's bought what tobacco at what price.

The Rev. John Jordan Dillon, O. P., Ph. D., assistant dean at Providence College, Providence, R. I., has been elevated to the presidency of that institution. He is a nephew of Father Dillon of this diocese.

The first thing we heard upon return from our vacation in the north was:

"We're going to have the biggest season we've ever had in Southern Pines."

The speaker based his prognostication on heavy early rentals of houses, building activities, early arrival of winter residents, school enrollments and reservations, general business improvement in the north, and steadily increasing popularity of the Sandhills.

George T. Dunlap, Jr., former national amateur golf champion, has joined the ranks of Sandhills writers. He had an interesting story in last Sunday's New York Tribune Magazine, on the importance that luck plays in big tournaments.

And Mildred Harrington, former Aberdeenian, has a story in the current Cosmopolitan.

Europe may do as it pleases, but the United States is not going to war. Senator Josiah William Bailey told the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce this week.

More automobiles are in operation in North Carolina today than at any other time in the State's history. The State Motor Vehicle Bureau reported that the all-time 1935 high in motor vehicle license sales already had been broken by 1936 sales, which last week totaled 515,190, as compared to 512,176 for all twelve months of 1935.

EDITORIAL CORRECTION

Editor, The Pilot:
In my letter to you which appeared in your issue of September 11th I referred to "the erection of large and garish signs, so doughtily opposed by Mr. Burt." The word "doughtily" is printed in The Pilot as "doubtfully," which is ambiguous, to say the least, and may be read as in disparagement of Mr. Burt. "Doughtily" means "valiantly" or "bravely," but it also connotes, to me anyway, perseverance against odds, which I think, Mr. Burt has certainly shown. The error was made in copying, of course, but it is not obviously apparent as an error, and I would not want Mr. Burt or anyone else to think that I doubt his good faith or virtue of his cause.

—ALMET JENKS.

September 15, 1936.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Moore county had a school bus accident last year in which fatality played its horrible hand.

Authorities in that county are properly and wisely trying to prevent a recurrence.

The News and Observer reminds us that that county "has set an example which might well be followed by other counties anxious for the safety of the thousands of children

that must be transported daily between home and school under all sorts of conditions."

That newspaper goes on to recount that in detailed explanation of what the school authorities are doing to safeguard the lives of the school children in their jurisdiction that Moore county buses have governors limiting speed to 35 miles an hour. The drivers must have a license, and each must have a substitute appointed by the school principal. One out of every four drivers is an adult. New buses have been purchased and old ones have been overhauled and tested.

These are wise and humane precautionary measures.

How many other counties in North Carolina, some perhaps that have had fatal bus accidents such as occurred in Moore county and others that have been fortunate enough to escape such tragedies, are taking the same foresighted measures to protect the lives of the thousands of children who ride daily in the buses transporting them to and from their schools?

An ounce of prevention is still worth a pound of cure—in Mecklenburg as well as in Moore, in every county in North Carolina!

—Charlotte Observer

Banks in State Now Fewer and Stronger

Hood Report Shows 250 Institutions Now as Compared With 506 in 1927

Fewer and stronger banks in the State, and more resources to guarantee the deposits of North Carolinians—so says the report of State Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood.

A statement received by Hood from the Comptroller of the Currency showed that the total resources of North Carolina banks, as of June 30, were \$420,552,051, as compared with \$239,486,497 on June 30, 1933.

At the same time it was shown that the number of banks has decreased from 506 banks in 1927 to 250 banks in 1936. Branches, however, rose from 73 in 1927 to 94 this year.

"In my opinion, this shows a great-

er centralization of banking and at the same time a weeding out of weak and superfluous banks," Hood said. "During the spring of 1933, we had 76 cities and towns in North Carolina without banking facilities. We have very few at the present time."

To illustrate what he called an "over-banked" condition, Hood said in the "cross-roads" of Leggett, in Edgecombe county, there were two banks a few years ago. "There was no need for two banks in that place," Hood said. "Yet a few years ago that was typical of a dozen places in North Carolina."

Hood showed the following as the resources of the three classes of banks in North Carolina: Commercial banks, \$303,201,179; industrial banks, \$14,095,872; national banks, \$103,255,000.

Mrs. William C. Mudgett entertained at dinner and two tables of bridge on Monday evening.

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TOBACCO BUYERS
TOBACCO WAREHOUSEMEN

AND

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