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FIRST SALES ON THE EARLY MARKETS LOW

Good Tobacco Brings Good Prices; Local Tobacco-nists Attend Sales

Among the tobacco-nists from this city who visited the markets in southeastern North Carolina Tuesday on their opening day were the following: Messrs P. H. Kasey, T. S. Ragsdale, A. G. Johnson, and W. H. Lassiter. Some of these gentlemen visited three markets: Fairmont, Lumberton and St. Paul. They bring back the report that the prices are much under the averages of the opening day last year, but say that the indications were bright, good tobacco will sell well. The most of the tobacco marketed Tuesday at these places was of a poor grade. It may be a significant fact that the tobacco sold on those markets is not graded. The farmer takes the tobacco from the stick, carries it to market and places it on the floor ungraded. It looks reasonable that tobacco which is carefully graded would bring a higher price. The average on tobacco marketed at Fairmont was about seven cents, while that of Lumberton averaged between 5 and 6. Better tobacco seemed to be in some demand. Representatives of all the companies were on the market and all were buying some tobacco. Below we give accounts of various markets which may prove of interest even if they do not hold out glowing hopes of high prices:

Tobacco Low at Lumberton
Lumberton, July 19.—The average price on the opening tobacco sales today was less than half as high as on the opening sales last year. About 100,000 pounds was offered here and the average was around five dollars the hundred. The highest price paid was \$19.50 the hundred. The offerings today were largely primings and sand lugs, though the quality was somewhat better than last year. The sales were attended by a large number of people, many being here from the eastern belt.

Farmers generally were much displeased at the price, though it is expected that the price of the better grades will be much higher. Prices on the other markets in Robeson county were about the same as paid here, according to reports reaching Lumberton.—Greensboro News.

Big Drop at Fairmont
Fairmont, July 19.—The price average at the opening sales of the Fairmont leaf tobacco market today were far under last year's average, 89,000 pounds offered averaging \$7.10 per hundred. The quality of the general crop is understood to be good. Large sales are expected tomorrow and Thursday. Sales here last season aggregated \$9,950,000 pounds at an average of \$26.38 per hundred pounds.

Georgia Average Highest
Fitzgerald, Ga., July 19.—The Fitzgerald tobacco market opened today and about 17,000 pounds of tobacco were sold. The top price was 20 cents a pound while the lowest grades sold for 4 and 5 cents. The average price was 12 cents a pound.—News and Observer.

First Curings Average 7 Cents
Florence, S. C., July 19.—First curings of tobacco on the local market today averaged about seven cents and about 50,000 pounds were offered. There were many buyers.—Greensboro News.

Tobacco-nists Flocking to S. C.
Kinston, July 19.—Tobacco-nists from this section are flocking to South Carolina in large numbers, some of them to be employed on the Palmetto markets until the sales season's opening here in September and others to observe the condition and look on at the selling of first "breaks" there. The average price at the South Carolina opening is more often than not a reliable indicator of what may be expected later in the summer.—The Greensboro News.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, of Kenly, Mrs. Z. R. Martin, Mrs. W. S. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith are spending several days this week with relatives at Faison.

SMITHFIELD GIRL TELLS OF TRIP

Miss Parrish Writes Interestingly of San Francisco and Suburbs; N. C. Party of 61.

The letter from Miss Eula Parrish who, with Miss Irene Myatt is attending a summer school at the University of California, was read with such interest that we are giving extracts from another letter which prove quite as interesting, although not written for publication:

"Since I have not written you very much about the University and Berkeley, I will do that before I tell you of the Fourth. As you know I have been here two weeks Sunday. The first impression of Berkeley, I got was that I had landed at a small country place with a very nice station and paved streets. It was not long before my impression changed, however, for a street car came jolting up the street and on, the party of sixty-one crawled. Mrs. Culbert met us just as we were scrambling for seats. She had a delightful supper waiting for us. We met 2 of her regular boarders Mr. Egan of Texas, and Mr. Edmund Verbist, a Belgian, better known as the "Baron." He gets the name "Baron" from the fact that his father is really a Baron. He has been in this country only since last September, but he speaks very good English though at times quite amusing. A few days ago he told one of the girls that he liked her hat and dress for they were "well assorted", meaning they matched well.

"The first Sunday night we were here, we went for a walk through the University grounds, which are the prettiest I think I ever saw. Most of the buildings are of white marble. They have a beautiful campville, and trees, shrubs, and flowers are everywhere. With the five or six thousand students here during the summer and the eight or nine thousand in the winter, the grounds are spotlessly clean. The grass looks like a great, green velvet carpet. Students are allowed to walk on it, sit on it and some even take naps.

"The only Greek theatre in this country is here. I went there Saturday night to see the play, "Romeo and Juliet." The play was fairly good, but I was more interested in the theater than I was in the play.

The population of Berkeley is about 60,000. Berkeley is a continuation of Oakland which has a population of about 250,000. Sunday afternoon, Dixon Hood, who came in San Francisco last week, came to see us. He took us to San Francisco, and showed us over his boat, the destroyer, Parrott, which is named for a Kinston man. The boat is manned by 114 men, four 14-inch guns and 12 torpedoes. We went over to Oakland for dinner.

I know you want to hear about the great city of San Francisco. Saturday afternoon was my first real visit over the city. Mr. Edgerton had engaged two rubberneck cars, and we truly went rubber-necking. We rode over the city proper first. I have never seen such streets. They are fierce—rough and steep. Some of them a car cannot even go up, and on one street a street car run by underground cables is used to carry the people to and from their homes. After the city, came Golden Gate park containing 1,013 acres, in which every flower, shrub and tree was planted, (nothing as nature had placed it.) It was one beautiful place. There we saw deer and buffaloes. Also two Dutch windmills were quite interesting. The park ends at the Pacific Ocean so we had a wonderful view of that body of water. We stopped at the cliff house, went out on the terrace and watched the sea come out on the rocks for a sun bath.

"Our ride took us through Richmond, a suburb of San Francisco. The homes there were very pretty most of them built of cement or stucco. Every house had flowers.

"Then we drove through Presidio, the U. S. Military Reservation. There we saw the large guns which guard the Pacific coast. Out in the bay on an island is the Federal Military Prison.

We got back to the city about six o'clock, had dinner and then started on our tour through Chinatown. The first place visited was a Chinese temple called the Joss (which means God) House. Next we visited the largest Chinese store, the Sing Fat Co. The articles were beautiful and very reasonable. After that we vis-

CHAMBER COMMERCE CAMPAIGN NOW ON

Drive for Members Started Tuesday; List of Those Who Have Joined

Tuesday of this week a campaign was launched to secure members of the city chamber of commerce. Mr. John Morris, who recently came here from Goldsboro to give his full time as secretary to the chamber is endeavoring to enlist as many as possible as members, realizing that "all the people all the time" must pull together in order to make an organization of this kind a success. There are two classes of members in this organization, owners and managers of businesses and all other interested citizens. Owners and managers of the business concerns are certainly vitally interested in the growth and expansion of our town, but it is the desire of the chamber of commerce to enlist every clerk, carpenter, painter, or whatever occupation in this movement and start Smithfield on an upward bound that will know no falling back. A special membership fee of \$12 per year to be paid quarterly has been made in favor of citizens not owners or managers of business establishments, with the hope that a large number will respond. The Secretary can be reached at his office in the Commercial club. His telephone number is 277.

Below we print the names of firms and citizens who have already joined the chamber of commerce:

Whitehead & Springs, Sanders, Cunningham, Ward Co., J. A. Narron, E. A. Johnson, J. E. Gregory, J. J. Williams, City Grocery Co., L. E. Watson, N. M. Lawrence, E. P. Lore, Thel Hooks, J. D. Stephenson, J. D. Parker, J. E. Lewis, T. H. Franks, H. B. Morrow, J. W. Stephenson, J. A. Keene, A. G. Rabil, Dupree & Powell, Worley Furniture Co., L. A. Parrish, J. H. Kirkman, Dr. N. T. Holland, E. F. Boyett, Dr. A. H. Rose, Thornton Music House, E. F. Ward, H. P. Johnson, C. A. Creech, F. P. Edmundson, Stevens & Johnson, Dr. Carl V. Tyner, B. W. Sugg, W. T. Adams, G. T. Whitely, U. S. Cafe, Roger A. Smith, Jr., W. L. Woodall Sons, Abell & Gray, Hood Bros., J. D. Spiers, Ivanhoe Manufacturing Co., Sanders Motor Co., Creech Drug Co., Jordan-Edmundson Hardware Co., W. M. Pugh, The Smithfield Herald, W. H. Lyon, W. H. Byrd, N. B. Grantham, Smithfield Hardware Co., Turnage & Talton, W. H. Austin Co., First National Bank, Citizens National Bank, T. S. Ragsdale Co., Cotter-Underwood Co., Byrd Drug Co., J. W. Stout & Co., Carolina T. & T. Co., Scotton Motor Co., B. & K. Motor Co., Peedin & Peterson, Holt Oil Co., W. M. Sanders, Chas. Davis, Farmers Warehouse, Banner Warehouse, Center Brick Warehouse, H. I. Ogburn, Johnston County Publishing Co., W. S. Ragsdale, Dr. R. L. Tomlinson, G. A. Martin, L. S. Stevens, H. P. Stevens, R. H. Alford, R. A. Wellons.

Meeting Changed

Rev. R. L. Gay was here yesterday and asked us to state that owing to a protracted meeting going on at Bethesda church the union meeting will be held this time on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August at Pisgah Baptist church. This changes both the place and time of holding the meeting.

Lady Astor Changes Style of Her Hat

London, July.—For the first time since she entered Parliament, more than a year ago, Lady Astor discarded her sober toque. She appears now in the house of commons wearing a sweeping black straw hat, trimmed with Marguerites. Members infer that she intends, henceforth to display variety in her headdress in the historic chamber.

It is a Chinese tenement house and my. I can smell it yet! Next came the Chinese Music House. Speaking of weird music, that was certainly weird!

Here I have filled my letter with the cities and nothing of the Fourth. I will say, however, that they had a great parade, a sham battle and fire works at night.

BEE KEEPING IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Apiaries of Mr. R. W. Etheridge, Selma, and Mr. L. Parker, of Benson

By S. J. KIRBY, County Agent

Although beekeepers in this county are following such methods and using such antiquated equipment in their work as to make this important industry far less remunerative than it should be, there are two outstanding pieces of work that should be of special interest to our beekeepers. One of these, that of Mr. R. W. Etheridge, of Selma, is fairly well known to a limited number of beekeepers in this county and should be known to them all. Mr. Etheridge is demonstrating the success of keeping bees in a real, modern way.

Bob, as Mr. Etheridge is familiarly known, started out on a limited scale with a few colonies of ordinary black bees. They were put into modern hives, the old black queens were destroyed and pure breed queens of Italian breed introduced. Soon the whole colonies were completely Italianized and instead of the little black stinging bees large yellow bees took their places. Today, Bob has one of the finest apiaries to be found anywhere. It is equipped up to the last letter in modern bee equipment and Bob is proving by actual results that beekeeping is a very profitable business when done in an improved way. A visit to his apiary will be worth a great deal to any beekeeper. Some of the leading bee men in this country have complimented his work very highly.

Bob is doing much for the Bee Industry in the county. He is very much interested in getting out beekeepers here in the county to use better equipment, improve their methods and thereby insure increased profits from the investment and a permanent place for beekeeping in our section which is so favorable to the development of this industry.

A second piece of work in which beekeepers will be much interested is the very splendid piece of work being done by Mr. L. Parker, Benson, Route 2. Mr. Parker lives within a quarter of a mile of Peacock's Cross Roads, and, although not so well known, perhaps to the bee men in this county, as the work of Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Parker's work is known and rated very high by beekeepers throughout many sections of this country and Canada.

Mr. Parker is not confining his efforts much to honey productions as to the rearing of Italian queens of the Dr. C. Miller three-striped strain. Mr. Sams, our Federal Bee Expert, says this is one of the very best strains of Italian bees and while down here some time ago inspected Mr. Parker's work and complimented it very highly. The writer visited Mr. Parker's apiary a few days since and while there was shown orders for queens from as far away as the State of Minnesota. Parker is doing a good size business in rearing queens and has a large number of well pleased customers in a great many States of this country and in the provinces of Canada.

According to the experience of the best beekeepers in this and other sections the Italian breed of bees thrive and do much better than the common blacks do. The former have long beaks which enable them to extract honey from many deep flowers among which the later type would starve. Furthermore, the Italian bees will actually produce more honey than the blacks will and are practically harmless, rarely ever stinging anyone.

The European Fowl Brood, a deadly bee disease, is wiping out black bees in many sections. Italian bees are immune to this malady. These factors are causing many of our more progressive beekeepers to Italianize their colonies. This can be easily and readily done where bees are kept in modern hives, but of course would be impractical with the old type hive or gum. To Italianize a hive the old black queen is taken out and killed and the new Italian queen introduced immediately. This new queen begins to lay eggs of her own kind and within a few weeks all bees will be of a large yellow type except in rare cases where hybridization has occurred.

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DR. FITZGERALD LOCATES HERE

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist Takes Over the Practice of Dr. A. G. Woodard

Smithfield and Johnston county are fortunate in having Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, reared in this county, come back to his native heath to practice his chosen profession. He has just finished specialization courses in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in the Polyclinic and Medico-Chirurgical hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., and comes with the most approved methods of treating these troubles.

Dr. Fitzgerald was raised near Pine Level, and went first to the country school near his home. His first year in high school was spent in the Princeton school, and then he went to Trinity Park at Durham. Having made the highest average in his class in the second and third years, he was awarded a scholarship for the fourth year. He was a member of the Grady literary society and won the Grady debater's medal. He was also pitcher on the baseball team and won all high school games played as well as over Virginia Military Institute, Wake Forest and Trinity colleges. He was one of 42 to receive diplomas, and received a scholarship to Trinity college.

He received his pre-medical training and first two years of medicine at the University of North Carolina, again taking an active interest in baseball. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and of the Phi Chi medical fraternity. Leaving the University he went to Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, Pa., where he graduated.

He was a successful candidate in competitive examination for position of Resident physician in the Polyclinic and Medico-Chirurgical hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

These hospitals are under the same management and compose the post-graduate medical school of the University of Pennsylvania. The teaching staff is composed of some of the most famous physicians in the medical profession. Among them are: Professors John B. Deaver, Gleason, Stengel, Rowssel, John B. Roberts, Leplace, Ridpath, L. Webster Fox, and Chevelier Jackson. Physicians come from all parts of the world to "specialize" in this large and well known institution.

Dr. Fitzgerald will occupy the offices formerly used by Dr. Woodard and will take over his practice. Dr. Woodard left here several months ago to locate in Goldsboro, but has made regular visits back here each week.

Lake City Averages \$8.

Leaf tobacco prices at Lake City and Florence, South Carolina, were better than had been generally expected in view of the quality of the offerings, in the opinion of G. L. Davis, vice president and general manager of the Stallings-Davis Tobacco Company, of Raleigh, who returned to the city yesterday afternoon after attending the opening sales on the two Palmetto State markets Tuesday.

Lake City which is the largest market in South Carolina, averaged about \$8 per hundred, said Mr. Davis, with \$40 for wrappers and fine cutters the maximum for the day. The sales approximated a quarter of a million pounds, but the percentage of the better grades was relatively small. Bright lugs at Lake City brought from 1 to 25 cents and fine cutters and wrappers from 30 to 40 cents.—News and Observer, July 21st.

Tobacco Market Opens Sept 6

The tobacco markets of Smithfield and all eastern Carolina will open on Tuesday, September 6th. The markets in the southern part of North Carolina and in South Carolina opened Tuesday of this week. By selling early there and a little later here the companies can use some of the same men in both districts. By the time of our opening it is to be hoped business conditions will make further gains and prices will be better. Farmers need better prices for both cotton and tobacco. Unless better prices are obtained the hard times will surely continue.

Miss Florence Boyett, of Lucama, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clendon F. Boyett, who live near town.

FISHING FOR AUTOS IN ROCK QUARRY

Hudson Super Six Is Taken From Fifty Feet of Water; Will Pump Hole Dry

Raleigh, July 19.—North Carolina's granite bed from which was quarried the state capitol delivered a Hudson super-six Monday from a depth of 50-feet of water showed it had been the property of Wilton Muse, Raleigh.

With that discovery the city is moved to pump the abysmal hole dry enough to see how many machines, babies and grownups lie at the bottom. One subscription of \$100 has been made and Fire Chief Hubert Horton thinks he can turn the trick in 48 hours with the city's engine. The police superintended the fishing party of 500 Monday afternoon. From the top of the city's skyscraper bank building scores watched the party more than a mile away. The insurance men who have been paying heavy theft damages suspected the quarry hole as the auto limbo. Divers with only bathing suits as paraphernalia negotiated the distance and hooked cables to the big machine which came up with two dozen tugging at it. They pulled it far enough out to see the number. Young Muse was present and watched the resurrection of his machine bought last year, and insured, it is said, for \$2,500.

Moral certainty that a King eight and a Ford have been caught leads police to hope for at least two more deliveries tomorrow. Not only do insurance men believe that the rockbed is full of machines, perhaps 25; they believe also that the human wreckage may exceed the mechanical. Two dead men have been found there in the past. It was once a fashionable suicide resort, occasionally a failure being reported.

The police do not know how came the insurance men to suspect the old quarry. It took much persuasion to send the divers there. L. Francis, motorcycle salesman, artist and swimmer did the diving. Once the machine caught deep under the water, whereupon he dived to the steering wheel, turned it and changed the machine's course. When it emerged from the water he was riding it.

The police now think that the notorious Kelly who had been tried in the local courts was at the head of the automobile gang which mystified all officers wherever they went early in the present year, and late in the last. The unusual demand for theft auto insurance added to the suspicion that not all the machines have been taken by thieves.

The rock quarry is ideally situated for drowning machines. Chief Glenr. thinks the method of pushing autos into the water was the use of high speed rather than shoving. The men would open the throttle, stand on the running board and leap before the machine plunged. By that method no marks were left in the bank.

That the Hudson did not reach the bottom in 60 foot water is apparent to diver Francis who thinks he did not go deeper than 20 feet. The machine doubtless rested on another and there may be others under both. Continued search tomorrow is expected to bring up others.

Upon sufficient guarantees of the payment of expenses, Chairman Frank Page of the State highway commission will authorize the use of pumping equipment in his possession for clearing out the 7,200,000 gallons of water in the Old Rock Quarry and within the next four days, it is believed that the thousands of citizens who for four days past have watched the grappling for lost automobiles in the quarry will see the bottom of the hole.

The Highway Commission has a 10-inch rotary pump that is capable of pumping 1,500 gallons per minute at ordinary speeds. The pump is electrically driven and Charlie Farmer, who directs the great motor equipment work suggests that it be mounted on a flat in the quarry, wires run to the Martin street crossing and the current turned on. Oiling is all the attention that the pump would need. He thinks the cost would be very small.—News and Observer, July 21st.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Baucom have been spending several days this week with Mrs. Baucom's parents in Robeson County.