

Over 6 Million Pounds Golden Weed Sold Here

Under Adverse Conditions Market Makes Good Showing

At the close of the local tobacco market for the Christmas holidays last Friday, 6,427,622 pounds of the weed had been sold for \$1,749,139.20 making an average season price of \$27.22. It is estimated that the season's total sales will run close to six and three-quarter million pounds, when sales run for a few weeks after the holidays.

Falling short of last season's record by approximately a half million pounds, the market here this year has done even better than it did last year once the conditions under which it worked this year are taken into consideration. These conditions were found outside the market. While the average price made this year may not be the highest in the State, it will stand near the top and means really more than a large number of averages since it was gained under adverse conditions.

All in all the local market has gained a reputation this year in that it is considered one of the most stable markets in the State. It has received knocks, some justifiable probably but many unfounded; it has been praised by many, and it has clearly shown that there is a bright future in the marketing of tobacco here.

The Tobacco Board of Trade, composed of some of the country's leading tobaccoists, extends to every tobacco grower its most sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Red Cross Members Are Added to List

Ten members were added to the Red Cross membership the early part of this week when a small section of the town was canvassed. Around fifty members have been enrolled this year with the greater part of the town yet not canvassed. It is understood that a final canvass will be made before the campaign closes this week.

The names of the members joining recently are, Mrs. C. A. Martin, Mr. R. J. Peeler, Mr. J. S. Gotsinger, Miss Hattie Throver, Mrs. W. R. Cherry, Mrs. J. B. H. Knight, Mrs. W. A. Cherry, Mr. H. L. Roberson, Mr. Jno. Hassell and Mr. P. L. Edwards.

Lindsay Warren Invites President to the State

Washington, Dec. 20.—(Special to The Enterprise.)—Representative Lindsay Warren visited the White House on Saturday and extended an invitation to President Coolidge to make the annual address at the Virginia Dare exercises at Roanoke Island next August and unveil the tablet recently authorized by Congress. Mr. Warren stated that the President expressed great interest, and said he was most anxious to visit North Carolina. He has taken the invitation under consideration and will give an answer in the spring. The First District Congressman said he found the President cordial and agreeable, and that he asked many questions about the eastern section of the State.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
We cordially invite all who will to worship with us during this Christmas season.
A. J. MANNING, Pastor.

STRAND THEATRE

THURSDAY
Bob Custer in
'Beyond the Rockies'
also Episode No. 2
'Phantom Police'

FRIDAY
The Reckless Lady
and
'Fighting Hearts'

Always a Good Show

Rental Rules of Woman's Club Are Announced

January 5 Is Date for Next Meeting of the Club

Rules and regulations affecting the rental of the Christmas Club rooms have just been formulated by members of the club and appear below.

The next meeting of the club will be held the fifth of January, at which time the new year's work will begin. The club will be in a much better condition to serve the needs of the community next year, and it is with this in mind that the rules were made by the club.

The statement prepared by officials of the club follows:

Since the Woman's Club rooms are near completion and inquiries are being made as to occasional rental of same, the executive board, realizing what an asset to community life they may be, if used properly, are asking that the following rules be published that the policy of the club may be thoroughly understood:

1. The rental charge of the club rooms shall be five dollars until further notice.

2. All parties (or dances) conducted at the club rooms must begin at an early hour, not later than 9, and the club rooms must be vacated and closed by 1 o'clock.

3. Parties who rent the club rooms shall be held responsible for leaving the rooms in good condition; when the rooms are rented on Tuesday evenings, they must be cleaned and in good condition by 10 o'clock Wednesday morning (so long as the Kiwanis luncheons are served as now).

4. When dances are held at the club rooms, there will be no intermission, and no one will be permitted to leave the rooms and return unless accompanied by one of the chaperones. This applies to all guests.

5. If at any time an individual or individuals are found to be in an intoxicated condition while in the club rooms, they shall be asked to withdraw; there must positively be no serving of intoxicating drinks at any time in the club rooms.

6. All parties held in the club rooms must have at least two reputable chaperones.

Under these conditions the Woman's Club will be glad for others to enjoy their home. Applications for rental may be made to the following ladies: Mrs. John D. Biggs, president; Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman of House Committee; Mrs. L. B. Harrison, treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, secretary.

Midnight Service at the Episcopal Church

The midnight celebration of the Holy Communion will be held in the Episcopal church—Christmas Eve at 11:30. The candlelight service will also be observed and the townspeople are all invited to be present for these services. This is a very beautiful manner of worship and each year a great many have taken a part in the service which is a regular custom of the church.

On Christmas Day at eleven o'clock the regular Christmas service will be held in the church and a cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

Kiwanis Club Had A Good Meet Wednesday

The Kiwanis club had a delightful Christmas meeting Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Lee was invited to make a talk. He took "service" as his text, making a very helpful speech.

The club passed a vote of thanks to the Woman's club for the fine service it has given since the organization of the Kiwanis club. A vote of thanks was also extended Mrs. J. G. Staton for the beautifully decorated Christmas tree she prepared for the meeting.

An exchange of presents was made within the circle of members present, and the meeting was one of the best yet held.

Baptist Christmas Tree Program

The Christmas tree given by the Baptist Church will be held at the church Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The church is prettily decorated; a short program is prepared, and the hearts of the children are big with expectations of old Santa Claus. Everybody is invited.

Miss Lucille Hassell has returned from Kinston where she visited friends for several days.

The Enterprise's Christmas Carol : : : By A. B. Chapin



Judge Bailey Has Busy Day

Two Cases Are Sent to Superior Court On Appeal

Tuesday was another of those busy days in Recorder's Court here. Judge Bailey and his court worked the greater part of the day trying to thresh out the differences in opinions of many who were brought before him charged with various and sundry offenses.

The two cases in which Fred Jones of Parmele, was charged in one with driving an auto while intoxicated, and in the other with disorderly conduct, proved to be of much interest. Witnesses, both for the State and the defendant, were here from all over that section, some coming from Robersonville, Parmele, and Bethel. In the first instance the State's witnesses clearly stated that the defendant was drunk. The defendant's witnesses, more in number, equally as clearly stated that Mr. Jones was not drunk. Right there we were glad that Mr. Bailey was the judge. At any rate the court adjudged him guilty. Notice of appeal to the superior court was made. The second case was appealed also.

Thurman Hardison, charged with carrying a deadly weapon, plead guilty, and was required to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. Hardison was arrested Wednesday a week ago when he made threats to shoot anybody who attempted to move an automobile from the home of Mr. Hyman Cowling. He was released under a \$100 bond until his trial could be held last Tuesday. He is hardly grown and no cause could be assigned for his carrying a pistol other than that he just felt as if he must have one with him.

Clyde Moore, Ed Moore, and Dan Gardner, young white school boys in the Fairview section, were brought into court charged with having engaged in a free-for-all fight. They were turned from court under suspended sentences.

James Crandall, colored, of Robersonville, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs of the action.

In the case sent to the recorder's court by Justice of the Peace A. T. Crawford a few days ago, Naomi Bland was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs. Jesse Bland was also found guilty, but he escaped sentence when his age was learned to be about 14 years. The charge in this case was assault with a deadly weapon.

Town Will Not Have Queen at Exposition

Williamston will have no queen to represent it at the peanut exposition in Windsor next week. At a meeting of the Kiwanis Club several weeks ago a committee was appointed for the purpose of selecting a queen. Members of the committee failed to produce a queen when several girls refused to serve.

Practically all the towns in this section will be represented by queens. Plymouth, like Williamston, could get no one to accept the offer.

The Enterprise 3 Christmas Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Baptist, Methodist and Christian Churches Have Trees at 7:30

Dec. 26.—Review: Moses to Samuel; Psalm 85: 1-13.

By C. H. DICKEY
We come here not only to the end of the quarter but to the end of the year. We have just covered a great period of great history. We are now to take a backward look at this history, then pass on into a new year and into a new series of lessons. In the new year, we shall begin in the New Testament, and pursue our studies there for some months. And we shall appreciate the New Testament more and understand it better just because we have spent these months and other months, many of them, studying the great passages and the great characters of the Old Testament.

History is merely the story of its great men; and this is nothing other than biography. One can not study the section of Scripture we have just passed through without studying the biographies of these conspicuous men. And one can not study their biographies without getting a major portion of the history of their times. Both these things we have been doing. A close study of the Old Testament will many times repay the effort put forth. One does not, can not, fully comprehend the New Testament until he knows something of the Old, out of which it springs. It is impossible to be a Bible scholar in any sense of the word without knowing these Old Scriptures, and they constitute by far the greater number, both of chapters and pages.

"From Moses to Samuel." This means from slavery to civilization. It means from Egypt to the Promised Land. It means from menial service to a free existence. It means from idolatry to the worship of the One and Only true God. It means from a military form of government to a nation which ideally a theocracy, but actually about to become a monarchy.

If Moses started this mighty movement, it is fitting that Samuel, the just judge, should be at the helm of state until the monarchy was begun. Those were palmy days when Moses and Joshua and Samuel held the destiny of these people in their hands. It was not much of a day for them when they took a notion that they wanted to be like other nations and have a king. They did rise, under David and Solomon, to a magnificence and splendor which dazzled the Orientals. But there was always a generous admixture of troubles and difficulties. Moses and Joshua and Samuel and others not only talked to the people, but talked to God about the people. Their kings did not always do this.

Moses started a movement that has blessed practically all of humanity. Samuel did what he could to conserve the best of that movement. The world has never get gotten out from under the influence of these great men—please God, it never shall. But where are the kings of Israel and Judah?

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS GOOD IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER

General expressions of satisfaction were made by merchants when asked about the Christmas trade. Business has been good here in spite of the unfavorable weather.

How many of them can one name? But the riches of Moses's great spiritual nature, the fruits of the just judges—these linger on.

In closing, let it be said that one of the very best ways to study the Scriptures is to do it by a study of men. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul and others. A course of study like this will enrich any one who pursues it and is not difficult. When we take our Bible study as seriously as we do our historical studies and the studies of current events we shall find hidden treasures and hidden pearls here that we never dreamed about before.

First Peanut Exposition Ever Held Will Begin in Windsor Monday; Lasts Through Week

No Tuesday Issue of the Enterprise Next Week

Following the custom established some years ago, no issue of the Enterprise will appear next Tuesday. Once each year the shop closes its doors and the force is allowed a day or two of rest. The next issue will appear Friday, December 31. During the meantime, we will be wishing for all our readers and patrons an enjoyable Christmas and one of the best New Years ever.

B. & L. Earns Seven Per Cent

3,000 Shares of Stock Held by About 300 Stockholders

That the Martin County Building & Loan Association has had a successful year is evidenced by its earnings this year, the association having earned 7 per cent. This earning goes to the value of the stock.

There are approximately 3,000 shares of stock in the association, and these shares are held by about 250 stockholders. The work of the Martin County Building & Loan Association is doing more to develop the community than any one agent in the way of providing homes, and the report is gladly received by the town's citizens.

Sunday Services at The Baptist Church

The Memorial Baptist Church will have Sunday school at the regular hour Sunday morning. Just as the Sunday school closes its session at 10:30 o'clock, the morning church service will begin without any intermission. It is suggested that the teachers sit with their pupils for this service, which will be brief.

The Scriptural text used for this sermon will be this one: "The Lord Taketh Pleasure in His People." This is a glorious text—one that is rarely ever emphasized.

There will be no preaching service in this church at the evening hour. And the only service held at the church through the week will be a midnight watch service, just at 12 o'clock next Friday night. While brief, it is planned to make the service very impressive. Anybody will be welcome who comes for this night worship period.

The Memorial Church wishes to take this opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation to The Enterprise for its many, many courtesies throughout the year. The editor, and every man and boy on the staff, has been courteous, prompt, precise, and a greatly accommodating. There are not many papers which give as much space to church news as this paper. But in so doing, it reflects the good judgment of the paper, for it recognizes that the churches are great assets to any town and community.

Therefore, we wish for Mr. W. C. Manning and his efficient and courteous co-workers the best holiday season they have ever had.

To Start Drilling For Oil in Greenville Soon

The Westbrook Oil Co. will start drilling for oil in the town of Greenville, beginning operations about the first of 1927. Several months ago, while some heavy blasting was being done on the property of Mrs. J. L. Westbrook in Southwest Greenville, some substance containing oil was released and since that time a real oil boom has been in the Greenville air. State geologists say the substance found contains oil, and the Greenville people have such faith that they are determined to go into the depths of the earth to see if they can find a gusher.

COUNTY AGENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING VACATION

Having completed the year's schedule in practically all the phases of his work, County Agent T. B. Brandon left Thursday morning for York, S. C. where he will spend the vacation season. He will return here January 3 to resume his duties for the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stanley and J. W. Manning attended a Christmas tree given by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company in Tarboro last Tuesday night.

Program For the Show Is Complete; Large Crowd Expected

America's first peanut exposition will begin next Monday afternoon in Windsor, when a big parade will be held at 2 o'clock. Lasting for five days the exposition has exceptional attractions booked for the entire time and the event promises to be of much success. Cooperation on the part of the citizens of Windsor with those in charge of the exposition is evidenced on every hand, for they have offered their homes to visitors, money has been spent in large sums, warehouses decorated and just hundreds of other details are being cared for by them. With the boys and girls home from the various colleges and schools, the crowds to attend the exposition are expected to beat all records for events of similar nature.

The attractions have been so arranged that there will be amusement there for all. The program, which is one of the best that is possible to prepare is complete with speeches, singing, music, circus acts, basketball tournament, queen contests, and other forms of amusement.

The formal opening of the exposition will be at 2:30 Monday afternoon when Judge Francis D. Winston delivers the address of welcome. Mr. John W. Holmes will make the response to the judge's welcome. The two addresses will come immediately after the parade.

The evening program beginning at 7:00 o'clock, includes a concert by the Carolina-Virginia Aces Orchestra, circus acts, concert by Miss Kathryn Meisle, seeing the exhibits. At 11 o'clock the queen's ball will begin and will last until 2 a. m.

The Tuesday afternoon program begins with a concert by the orchestra. The indoor circus acts follow, and after the last act of these the inter-high school basketball tournament will begin. This tournament promises to be an excellent part of the program, and teams in this county are daily practicing for the event. The Jamesville five and subs are at work here most every afternoon, and with two teams of its make Martin County will make a strong bid for the championship. The evening program, beginning at 7:30, will be in keeping with the one of the afternoon; no dances will be held that night.

Wednesday morning a special program will be rendered for colored people. Dr. G. W. Carver, of Tuskegee, Alabama, will deliver the address. There will also be a concert at that time. The Wednesday afternoon program will likely include the finals of the basketball tournament. Then there will be the circus acts and concerts. The Wednesday evening program will be featured by a mammoth style show having the latest creation and living models. No dance will be held on this night.

Thursday, Virginia Day, will be a banner one, when the queens representing towns all over eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia will be presented to the exposition. At 11 that night the dance begins and ends at 2.

Featured by a New Year's Eve ball, the Friday night program will, without a doubt, be the best of all, and will bring to a close America's first peanut exposition. Coronation of queens will take place at 8:15 that night, and the program will be crowded with other events.

Numbers of exhibits are being prepared for the show by many of the counties and by firms of eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. Dr. G. W. Carver's display of 193 products will be a feature of the exposition that the peanut growers of this section can't well afford to miss.

DEMONSTRATES USE OF PYRATOL EXPLOSIVE

Mr. J. L. Holloman, of the Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, has been giving demonstrations of the use of Pyratol in Bertie County this week. Pyratol, a high explosive, is used extensively by farmers in this section of the State, several cars having been shipped to this and surrounding counties. Mr. Holloman is in Beaufort at the present time offering demonstrations to farmers of that county.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Bell of Windsor were here for a short while yesterday.

Editor W. H. Mizelle of Robersonville was here for a short while Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Perlie Perry is at home from Kentucky to spend the holidays.

Mr. F. U. Barnes leaves today for Pockomoke, Maryland.