

Predicts Better Tobacco Prices For This Year

Medium Type Said to be Selling as Well If Not Some Better

Mr. James I. Miller, president of the James I. Miller Tobacco Co., predicts slightly better prices for the tobacco crop this year as compared with the one last season. Mr. Miller has visited many of the Georgia markets, and makes the following report:

Judging by the opening prices, measured by the quality of the leaf offered on sale, together with a general knowledge of the world demand, Mr. Miller said that he had seen his prediction made several weeks ago on his return from Europe being borne out, namely, that the better or a medium type of tobacco would sell as well as last year, if not some better. With particular reference to the bright belts of eastern and central North Carolina. Mr. Miller said that the finest tobacco in the world was grown in these sections, and most of it would come under the general rating of medium grades, and that, therefore, good prices would prevail for the weed this fall.

The Georgia crop, said Mr. Miller, is slightly larger than last year, and will amount to a total of 50,000,000 pounds, it is estimated, as compared with 41,000,000 pounds marketed in that belt last season. The crop is very late, much of it being still in the field, and with curing continuing and likely to continue for the next three weeks, he thought. However, the crop is of good quality. It has all been primed and the leaves on the upper stalk are now being taken off. Color is lacking in this year's yield, however, most of the weed having an orange tint. It is much better suited to domestic uses than for foreign shipment.

Three Cars in Wreck Near Here Sunday

Colored sweethearts, driving on the Williamston-Everetts highway Sunday night, came near doing serious damage. The car, a Ford sedan, belonged to Noah Teel, but had been loaned to his friend, Edgar Eason, who in turn "set his gal" at the wheel. Things went well for a while, because they were both cold sober, but when the glaring lights of two cars meeting them cast their beams into the love nest, it was just more than the loving damsel could bear, and she twisted the wheel hard to the left and shot it about midship into the car of James Sadler, of Washington, wiping off his running board and accessories on the left-hand side.

Just as the Sadler car swung clear, a car driven by J. Daniel Roberson, of Robersonville, came up and suffered exactly the same fate that the Sadler car did, but it managed to so damage and tear up the Ford sedan, that it was not in shape to get back in the road to tear up any other cars but quietly rested in the ditch the balance of the night.

The strange thing about it was the two colored lovers jumped out of the car and ran away as hard as they could and did not return. The girl left her hat and the boy left his coat with his name in it, by which the sheriff was able to locate the drivers.

Says He Has Best Crop in Many Years

Mr. W. L. Gurganus, of route 2, was in town yesterday. He says he thinks he has the best crop he has raised in many years. Though he finds it very hard to "kill out" his tobacco, when it does come out it is, from appearance, of fine quality.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY
Bob Custer in
'BULLDOG PLUCK'
Two-Reel Comedy
'Maid in Morocco'
Free ticket for the Friday show.
Always a Good Show.

Farm Exhibits at Fair This Year Expected to Surpass Anything Previously Shown

5,000 Licenses Are Sold Here

This Year's Sales Double Those of the Past Two Years

The automobile license bureau of the Carolina Motor Club, stationed here, during the months of June and July exactly 5,000 car and truck license tags. The local bureau sold 21 tags the last day it was open, bringing the number sold to 5,000. A few calls for tags have been made since the bureau closed on Saturday, July 30, but the calls were referred to the office in Raleigh. The cash money, no other kind being accepted, handled by the local bureau amounted to \$35,401.25, quite a large sum for an agricultural section.

On June 30, the office sold 678 tags, the largest number ever sold in one day since the office has been in operation here. Of the 5,000 tags sold, 4,597 were for automobiles and 403 for trucks. An exact distribution of the licenses could not be had, but sales for three days, one at the beginning, one in the middle, and one at the end, showed that around 87 per cent of the tags went either on Ford cars or Ford trucks. Chevrolet cars and trucks were next, while there were not more than 100 tags issued to go on the larger cars.

The department at Raleigh estimated that the tag sale here would reach around 2,400, but after the first few days repeat orders were given, and then the office here was out of plates for certain types of cars and trucks.

Many bureaus reported increased sales, as high as 5,000; but so far as it can be learned, few doubled their sales over those of 1926. The local bureau more than doubled its sales and sold almost as many as Wilmington and other large bureaus.

Messrs. Woolard and Green, managers of the local bureau, were very highly commended for their work in handling the sale of the license tags. Tags were sold to car owners as far away as Murphy, in the western part of the State, and as far away as Northampton County, in the eastern part. The majority was sold in Beaufort, Bertie, and this county, however.

Capture Three Men and Still

Boy Tries To Get Man To Leave Still for Tobacco Field

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Grimes raided an old nest not far from the Billy Mizell farm, in Bear Grass Township, near the Beaufort County line, last Saturday morning, where they found a steam still with a full head of steam on and 17 barrels of beer lying near by. The liquor had just commenced to pour out of the worm when the officers came up.

There happened to be three persons present, and all of them were taken in custody. One, a young negro man named Jones, from Williams Township, seemed to be the chief operating engineer. A colored boy named Askew was down as an assistant in getting things fired up in proper shape. The third was a 10-year-old white boy named Terry, who was trying to get Askew to change jobs from the still to the tobacco field. It seems that both Jones and Askew were employed by the Terry boy's father and did both field and woods work.

The two colored men were arrested but the boy was released owing to his tender age.

The officers, however, thought it proper for some one to stand sponsor for him; and, thinking his father responsible for the whole trouble, procured a warrant for him.

Federal officers took a still from almost the same spot a few months ago, where they also caught several men, one of them, named Howkins, was from Pitt County.

Only two weeks ago the sheriff and his deputy caught another at about the same place. The beer barrels were made from the scraps picked up from former wrecks.

BOYSCOUTS RETURN FROM TRIP TO NAGS HEAD

The local troop of boy scouts returned last Sunday from Nags Head where they spent two weeks on their annual camping trip. Mr. J. W. Watts, jr. had the boys in charge and he reports a very pleasant trip.

Premiums Have Been Greatly Increased In Departments

The premium list of the Roanoke Fair Association will be ready for distribution the latter part of this and the first part of next week. The printers are assembling the books this week, and it is the hope of the fair officials to have the list in the hands of the prospective exhibitors not later than the latter part of the next week.

County Agent T. B. Brandon, who has charge of the farm departments, A, B, and C, stated yesterday that the exhibits in these three departments can be expected to surpass any seen in exhibit heretofore. The crops are good in the most sections of the county, and a large collection of the various products are expected to be entered.

Mr. Brandon stated further that many farmers are taking special care with certain products with the intention of selecting some particular exhibit. This is very important, stated the agent, for a prize given at the fair is won by the care and attention given the exhibit while it is in the making. During the past two years, the agent has assisted many of the farmers to select exhibits for the fair and with a splendid crop this year throughout the county, he states that the exhibits here this year, if properly attended to, can be expected to equal any agricultural exhibit in the State.

The premiums in these three departments have been rearranged and increased. Community and school exhibits have been materially increased over those of last year, and these exhibits are expected to be the best ever seen here. There are six prizes offered in this department, ranging from \$25 to \$75. The increase is noted throughout the department.

Mr. Brandon says that it is very important that exhibitors at the fair should begin now to make their selections and to care for every minor detail in developing a perfect product. Particular attention is also called to the farm and home exhibits. The premiums for these exhibits have been increased from \$45 to around \$200.

The premiums offered throughout the entire book are of sufficient size to make it worth while for farmers and other exhibitors to prepare articles for the fair this year. Mr. Brandon will be glad to assist any farmer in making selections of the various products and assist in preparing them.

Wins Beautiful Watch and Chain

Miss Hattie Thrower is now wearing the most beautiful watch and chain in town, which is a Hamilton open-face gold watch. Miss Thrower was awarded this watch as a prize by the Elizabeth City Independent for the best name for the monument soon to be erected on the beach at Kill Devil Hills, where the Wright brothers flew the first plane upon which man ever rode the air.

Miss Thrower's suggestions was "The Wright Beacon," which was accepted by a half dozen judges as the most appropriate name for the monument.

Of the three prizes offered for the best names, women won just three of them. It seems that women can just naturally think of the best things to say and the best names to apply.

Beautifying Grounds Around Courthouse

Miss Anna Trentham, county home demonstration agent, has planted shrubs and flowers around the courthouse this week. She was assisted by several Federal prisoners who were permitted to do the work for exercise. The courthouse is away above 40 years old, and this is the first time a flower has ever been planted on the grounds.

Fall Business Is Expected to Be Very Good

Five Federal Reserve Banks Lower Their Interest Rates

Business reports coming from the large financial centers of the country indicate a flourishing business this fall. The reports are based mostly on the money market, freight car loadings, bond market and steel and automobile trade.

Last week's report states: "Business last week appeared to have reached a point of almost perfect balance between the spring and fall seasons. Most industries were marking time while preparations went forward for intensive efforts in the final quarter of the year, regarding which there is considerable optimism in commercial quarters."

Probably the outstanding development of the week, if not the summer, as related to future business was the reduction of the rediscount rates of four of the Federal Reserve Banks, making a total of five such downward revisions. Similar action by the boards of the seven remaining Federal Reserve Banks are considered a matter of course.

Cut in Interest Rate

The most important of these cuts was in the New York Federal Reserve Bank, which occupies a position in American analogous to the government-controlled central banks of European countries. The banks in St. Louis, Cleveland, and Boston dropped their discount rates almost simultaneously with the change here, while action was taken in Kansas City one week earlier.

Prominent Wall Street leaders see in the essentially easy money conditions which the reductions in discount rates reflect, the foundation for excellent business in the fall and winter season. The presence in this country of huge quantities of gold, and the enormous amounts of money which pour into the credit reservoir each quarter in interest and dividend payments are deemed factors which, in the absence of some major happenings of unfavorable character, will keep the money market reasonably easy for some little time to come.

Reports coming from merchants here state that local business, up to the month of August, was ahead of that of last year up to that time. Business so far this month is holding its own, and while it is just a little ahead of that for the same month last year, it does not show as great an increase as does the other months of this year over those of last year. While the report is not near complete locally, several representative stores state that business this year has shown an increase in both time and cash transactions. Credit transactions were said to have undergone a greater increase, however, than those made by cash.

State to Let 12 Road Contracts August 25

The State Highway Commission will let 12 new road-building contracts on August 25. According to estimates by State engineers, it will require about \$800,000 to complete the work.

Only one project is located in the first district, which is 12.86 miles of hard surface on Route No. 321, in Chowan and Perquimans Counties.

The letting will include the completion of the hard-surface on Route No. 30 from Vanceboro to the Beaufort County line, which will fill the entire line of hard surface on Route 20 from Williamston to Wilmington.

Local Masons to Meet Tonight

Members of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M., are urged to attend the regular meeting scheduled for tonight, as there is some important matters to be taken up.

Misses Charles and Harden, of Washington visited here a few hours this morning.

Local Tobacco Market Has Fine Prospects

Solicitors Are Covering New Territory This Season

On their return each day, solicitors for the local tobacco market report very favorably on the tobacco market here. In brief, they say the market has the brightest prospects it ever had, that more tobacco will be sold here this year than has ever been known to be sold in any one year.

The solicitors are covering more territory this year than has been the custom, and in each new territory favorable remarks have been made by the growers. The solicitors, bringing first-hand information, state that the crop is unusually good in the greater part of the territory so far covered. With a good crop and a promise of good prices, this year's tobacco season can be expected to boost conditions in the farmer's domain, where conditions following almost poverty have existed for several seasons.

The three warehouses here are making extensive preparations for handling the crop in this section, and with its personnel, the market is expected to enjoy one of its best years.

Federal Officers Catch Moonshiner

Federal agents picked up a moonshiner about 2 miles west of Corey's store Monday. They were very near the still when discovered by the operator, who broke to run, but young McDuffie was too swift for him and overtook him in a very few jumps.

The officers found a very large copper still, which was estimated to hold three barrels of mash. There were also about 1,000 gallons of beer and 20 gallons of liquor, with the necessary kegs, jugs, etc., to take care of the outfit.

The man, who gave him name as Grover Pauley, was taken before U. S. Commissioner W. C. Manning and bound over to the fall term of the U. S. district court, to be held in Washington October 17.

Pauley stated that his home was in Selma; that until four months ago he had served as a United States soldier, when he completed a three-years enlistment and was discharged. According to his statement, he was married about six weeks ago, and after ending a three-weeks honeymoon came down to Martin County to engage in the manufacture of liquor, which he has done during the past three weeks.

When asked why he should leave a three-weeks bride and his home to come to a strange place to lie in the woods among the red bugs, ticks, and mosquitoes and engage in law violation, his answer was that he had heard so much while in the Army about places in Martin County where it was easy to do business that he wanted to come down and try it.

The fact that he had been a servant and friend of the government and had had opportunities to know better, and the fact that he wanted to leave his own home and come to a strange land to break the law and impose on a people his unlawful depredations seemed to be sufficient ground to strengthen his bond to insure his appearance at the court.

Peanut Growers Meet In Suffolk Tomorrow

Peanut growers from North Carolina and Virginia will meet tomorrow in Suffolk for the purpose of studying and discussing the peanut situation in America and to take necessary steps to meet the needs of the peanut farmer.

The old plan of dumping the peanut crop generally proves very disastrous to the grower because it naturally forces the price down with the market glutted.

The necessity of holding a large proportion of the crop off the market and feeding the demand by degrees is one of the greatest needs of the peanut farmer, and it is along this line of discussion that the meeting will follow.

70 Rowan Farmers Spend Today Here

Growers of Soy Beans Meeting Here in Short Meeting Thursday Morning at 9 O'clock

Visitors from all over the United States began arriving in Washington late last evening to attend the eighth annual convention of the American Soybean Association. The first session of the convention opens tonight when more than 400 delegates are expected to hear Congressman Lindsay Warren and other speakers. Washington has made elaborate plans for the convention, having decorated the city and arranged a unique program.

The three-day program will carry the members of the association into eight counties where they will observe the large tracts of land bearing soybeans and witness the various methods used in cultivation. The party of 400 or more is expected to arrive in Williamston Thursday morning around 9 o'clock. A short meeting will be held here before the party passes on to Windsor and Elizabeth City where programs will be held. Farmers of this section are invited and are urged to be here that morning and attend the meeting.

Mr. Fred P. Lyham, of Belhaven, one of the leading farmers in the State, is president of the association, and it is due largely to his efforts that the convention is held in this section this year. Last year the convention was held in Mississippi. A different section of the country is visited every year by the convention. The soybean crop in Eastern North Carolina is fast becoming one of the principal crops of this section. Particularly is this true in Hyde county where thousand of acres are cultivated each year. The party will travel in automobiles through the eight counties, going first to Hyde county tomorrow and through this immediate section en route to Elizabeth City Thursday.

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Cotton Prices Up 200 Points

Million Bale Shortage is Prediction of the Government

A turn favoring the farmer was recorded yesterday when the price of cotton advanced 200 points or two cents a pound on the exchange in New York City. The price advance was due to the publication of the U. S. Government report which indicates a shortage amounting to around one million bales, or a crop 69.5 of the normal yield. The report caused the prices to go the full one day limit, amounting to around a \$10 advance.

The government report came rather unexpectedly and caught the market almost devoid of cotton. A 20-minute recess had been called to receive the report, and when trading on the exchange was resumed an uproar broke out as traders shouted their buying orders. On the frantic rise, October cotton reached 18.84, going from 16.84, while December cotton jumped from 17.17 to 19.10.

Even at the day's top price, many traders were unable to execute buying orders received from their customers as little cotton was offered for sale. This was due to recent heavy liquidation which had practically eliminated speculative long lines.

The rise in cotton was accompanied by an advance of 58 to 83 points in the price of cotton seed oil, due to the report and to a sharp increase in lard quotations.

James Haywood Long Died Early Saturday

James Haywood Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Long, who live near Williamston, died early Saturday morning in the Washington Hospital from peritonitis, caused from an attack of appendicitis. The young was nearing 19 years old; a quiet industrious sober Christian young gentleman; one that still was willing to follow the teachings of Solomon in honoring father and mother. He united with the Christian church about two months before his death.

The funeral was held in the old Philippi Church at Cherry, Washington County, Sunday at 11 o'clock, by J. J. Langston, pastor of the church, and the young man was buried in the family plot near Creswell at the residence formerly occupied by the Long family, who moved to this county about two years ago.

Leave for Washington to Attend Soybean Convention

Seventy farmers from Rowan County, headed by their county agent, Mr. Yager, the clever Dutchman, left Salisbury Monday morning and came down on Route 10 to Raleigh, where they took No. 90 and reached Edgecombe last night and struck camp. After being shown around several fine farms in Edgecombe, they steered for Martin County, where they found delight in looking at the fine fields of corn, cotton, peanuts, tobacco, sweet potatoes, and soy beans.

At 12:30 they were served a luncheon in a warehouse here, consisting of Martin County barbecue; corn bread, crown, ground, and cooked in Martin County; also a few of the dressings, such as slaw, tomatoes, water-melons, soft drinks, ice water, etc.

The Rowan fellows have always been men from the days of the Revolution, on through the Civil War, and then in the great World War; they have always gladly marched in the front line, and now it is easily understood why they are always dependable. The home base is built on the foundation of good citizenship, which was easily seen from a view of the visitors today.

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Over Quarter Million Licenses Sold by Club

More than a quarter million State automobile license plates were handled at the 35 offices of the Carolina Motor Club during June and July. C. W. Roberts, vice president, announced today. This was an increase of more than 75,000 over the same period last year.

During July 95,819 plates were sold, and in June the figure was 131,525—a total of 227,344, compared with 151,155 for June and July, 1926.

Charlotte led the motor club offices in distributing plates, a total of 19,901 tags being shovled across the counter by Manager E. W. Powers and his assistants. Last year the two months sale was 14,786. Greensboro was runner-up with 17,167 sales this year and 12,402 in 1926. Asheville was third with 16,530, as compared with 12,758. Durham fourth with 7,760, as compared with 5,285 last year.

Officials of the motor vehicle bureau of the department of revenue have highly complimented the work of the 35 Carolina Motor Club offices in letters to headquarters of the organization.

The tremendous increase in plates sold during June and July indicates that North Carolinians gradually are learning to "shop early" for their license tags and also points to an increase in automotive registration. North Carolina last year showed the greatest gain in new car sales of any Southern State, statistics disclosed by the national automobile chamber of commerce disclosed.

New Model Ford Is Expected Here Soon

According to information from the Ford office, a new model Ford is scheduled to arrive here next Monday. Its features and characteristics remain unknown quantities, however.

Managers of the local agency expressed some doubt as to the car's arrival next Monday, but thought it would not be long thereafter before the first show model would arrive. Regular shipments of the new cars are not expected until September 1, or after.

Baptist Picnic at Colerain Thursday

The Williamston Baptist Sunday School will have its annual picnic on Thursday of this week at Colerain Beach. All members of the Sunday school who desire to go are asked to meet at the church Thursday promptly at 1:30 and go from there.

Mr. S. W. Baker, of Washington City, visited friends here during the week end.

Border Market Prices About Same As Opening Last Year

Telegraphic reports coming from the border markets at noon today fell below the expectations of most tobacco people who have followed the tobacco situation during the past several weeks. Mr. H. H. Morton, of the Farmers warehouse here, was on the Lumberton market and he stated that common and medium grades

sold well and the better grades reasonably well. While no certain average could be determined at noon today, Mr. Morton stated the average would be around 18 or 19 cents. He did not mention the size of the break nor the quality of the tobacco on the Lumberton market. Mr. Victor Shelburne, of the

brick warehouse here, was on the Fairmont market and he reports better grades there than last year with larger crop prospects. He stated that medium and common grades on that market were selling about the same as they did last year. Grades ranging from twenty cents up were one fourth lower than they were last year.