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Averages Above 50 Cents Are Made Here by Many Farmers

PRICES HIGHEST IN MANY YEARS; ALL ARE PLEASED

Local Market Has Already Sold Nearly As Much As All Last Season

With nearly all the companies showing a greater demand for tobacco, offerings on the Williamston market today were commanding, without a doubt, the highest prices in many seasons. Prices soared to almost unheard-of levels, hundreds of farmers averaging 40 cents and more, a considerable number passing the 50-cent average. Complete satisfaction was expressed on the sales in their entirety this week, leaving no doubt in one's mind that tobacco on the Williamston market is bringing prices as high as those on any market and higher in some instances.

The sales organization has not let up in its efforts, but continues day by day to put more push and vigor in the art of selling tobacco for the high dollar. The selling forces have built a favorable reputation among farmers from 18 counties, and new customers are turning to the market in greater numbers.

Farmers referred to the prices received today as doggone good, and added there was only room for rejoicing. Several colored farmers beamed with serene contentment and bubbled over with happiness this morning when they saw their offerings command high prices. The farmers had set up prices in their own minds, and after the buyers had passed they compared their guesses with the actual figures and in every case the prices received were higher by wide margins.

According to Mr. McFarland, sales supervisor, statistics on the local market continue to show new and better records. Yesterday the market sold 157,210 pounds for \$49,926.28, an average of \$31.79. "In this, as is always the case on the Williamston market, everything sold is reckoned," Mr. McFarland said. "Nothing is left off so as to inflate the verge," he added. The supervisor explained that had 86 piles of tobacco which was "damaged" been set aside and not included, the general average would have been around \$33.

Up to yesterday, the Williamston market had, within 26 selling days, sold within 557,834 pounds of the entire amount sold last season. During that time the market has paid out \$452,772 more than the entire receipts of last season. With approximately 190,000 pounds on the floors today, the market will come within about 367,834 pounds of the entire amount sold last season. Sales for the season up to today amount to 4,275,608 pounds and brought \$1,137,187.48, or a resulting average of \$26.59 per 100 pounds.

FIRE DESTROYS NEGRO HOMES

Four - Family House On Leggett's Lane Burned Late Yesterday

The first fire of the fall season locally wrecked the home of four colored families on Leggett's Lane late yesterday afternoon. Its origin undetermined, the fire was burning rapidly when the alarm was received at the fire station, and only a few of the contents were saved.

Believed to have started in the apartment of Rosetta Rascoe, the fire rapidly burned its way to other rooms in the long one-story building. The Rascoe children were playing in the street when the fire started, they said, and did not know its origin.

Owned by the W. H. Leggett estate, the connecting huts were occupied by Wiley Perkins, Will Scott and Rosetta Rascoe and their families. No insurance was carried on either the building or contents, it is understood.

Two Negroes To Be Given Hearing in Assault Case

James and Elmer Rogers, colored men, charged with brutally assaulting Sylvester Wynn, white man, near J. D. Gray's pressing club on Washington Street last Saturday night, will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here tomorrow morning. George Perkins, a third defendant to the assault charge, has not been arrested, reports received from the sheriff's office yesterday stated.

The two Rogers men are out on bond. Details surrounding the attack have not been learned, but they will likely be advanced at the hearing tomorrow.

HUTSON TO BE HERE

Representative Lindsay Warren announced this week that J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, will speak at Williamston on October 31st, at the pageant portraying the benefits of the New Deal in Eastern Carolina, which is being sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce as a feature of the Roanoke Fair.

While Mr. Hutson's work is well known to every tobacco farmer in the state, interest is added to his coming because he has recently been placed in control of the peanut situation, and he is expected to draw a great crowd of tobacco and peanut farmers.

NEW MILK LAW TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TOWN OCTOBER 5

Producers Have Until Next Friday to Secure Their Handling Permits

While ratings have already been posted in several stores and hotels, the town's new milk ordinance will not go into effect until next Friday, it was officially announced yesterday following a visit by a representative of the State Health Department. Producers and distributors of milk products will have until next Friday to procure their handling permits, and those continuing to operate without permits after that time will be subject to court action, a fine of \$50 and imprisonment being in order in the discretion of the court, it was announced.

Distributors have only one requirement to meet, and that is the proper grading of their milk. After the permits are issued, the dairymen will be given a reasonable time to purchase caps for their bottles, it was said. Applications for handling permits will be received by the inspection department at the municipal water plant or from the mayor's office.

EXPECT COTTON WARRANTS SOON

Applications From County Have Been Approved By State Board

Applications filed by Martin County cotton farmers for tax-free warrants for marketing the current crop have been received and approved by the State Allotment Board in Raleigh, it was learned here yesterday following a visit of Messrs. T. B. Slade and T. B. Brandon to Raleigh. The tax-free certificates are expected here within the next ten days, it was announced.

The amount of cotton that can be marketed tax-free in this county has not been announced, but it is estimated that approximately 3,500 bales will be allotted the 1,200 or more cotton growers.

Many Vendors Want Free Permits Locally

Apparently realizing a marked improvement in the financial situation has followed the opening of the tobacco market here, vendors of various articles, including "sure-shot" remedies for all ailments, are applying one after another for selling permits at the office of Mayor Hassell. A self-styled traveling evangelist wanted to sell his religion from a box in the busy and congested warehouse district, but the mayor advised him to find a building.

Homes Are Found for Three Davenport Children

Their mother murdered and their father in prison, three of the Joe Davenport children were given permanent homes under the direction of the superior court. Gilbert, 3 years old, is already happily located with his new parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Robersonville Township. Edward, 7, and Clifton, 5 years old, are being adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Leggett, also of Robersonville Township.

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Several Cases Disposed of Since End of Church Case Thursday

While the trial of the Smithwick's Creek church case held the limelight, the superior court disposed of several other cases yesterday and is hearing motions this morning. The jury was discharged following the trial of Colt company against Barber. A verdict favoring the defendant was returned in the case, which had previously been heard by Judge Hunt Parker and then forwarded to the state supreme court, which granted a new trial.

The judgment rendered several months ago in the case charging M. L. Bunting with embezzlement was corrected and the matter was scheduled for trial at the next term of criminal court here.

A settlement was reported in the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against T. T. and G. E. Moore.

Harrison Wholesale Company and J. M. Mathias, Inc., were empowered to institute certain proceedings against E. G. Anderson, receiver.

The case of P. L. Salsbury against J. F. Flanagan was settled out of court.

Sadie Coburn was granted a divorce from Calvin Coburn, the action being based on the grounds of adultery.

While the judgments had not been entered early today, it is understood that Mrs. Annie Beach won in her suit to recover a one-third interest in the \$5,000 bequest made her mother by the will of the late F. L. Gladstone.

The issues in the case of Branch Banking & Trust Company, ex-relations of Farmers and Merchants Bank against Ernest Griffin Bagley, executor, were decided in favor of the plaintiff, it is understood. The defendant claimed that 17 shares of certain stocks were the property of the Simpson estate, and that he was not liable for them. It is further understood that the late J. D. Simpson willed all his property to his wife, who in turn gave it to the Bagleys, and the action yesterday recognized the stock as a part of the property.

BIG PREMIUMS AT ROANOKE FAIR

Indications Point To One of Best Fairs Ever Held In This Section

Indications point to one of the best fairs ever held in this section, when the Greater Roanoke Fair opens up at Williamston, October 29th, according to a statement made by Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of the fair. Mr. Bartlett stated that the program now is complete and that everything will be done to have a creditable showing of exhibits in all the different departments. \$1,500 is being offered in cash premiums in the various departments usually recognized by the fair.

Secretary Bartlett particularly called attention to the attractive prizes being offered for community and individual farm exhibits. The community exhibit, which must be participated in by at least three individuals carry first prize of \$30, second prize \$20, and third prize \$10, plus \$15 for expenses of booth. In other words, whether you win a prize or not, each community farm exhibitor will be paid \$15. Individual farm exhibits will be \$25 first, \$15 second, and \$10 third, with the same \$15 expense.

The poultry department also offers attractive prizes as well as in the hog and cattle division. Miss Katherine Hardison, of Williamston, has been appointed assistant secretary and an office will be opened in the down-town section immediately. Mr. Bartlett stated to just remember that this will be "A Real Fair."

Local High Gridders Play in Ahoskie Today

Their game with Ayden postponed at the last minute, the local high school football boys are playing Ahoskie at Ahoskie in the season's opener this afternoon. The failure of Oscar Anderson, Jr., to return left the captain's position on the team vacant. At a meeting of the boys this week, Walter Cooke was chosen to lead the team. This is young Cooke's last year on the squad, and in addition to his duties as captain he will also direct the team from the quarterback position.

NEGRO MAN SHOT IN FIGHT SUNDAY DIES IN HOSPITAL

Haywood Scott Died Tuesday Afternoon; Wilson Held in Jail Here

Haywood Scott, young colored man shot by James Wilson, also colored, here last Sunday morning, died in a Washington hospital late last Tuesday afternoon.

Wilson, only 20 years old, continues in the county jail here; no formal charges having been preferred against him up to this time. A warrant charging first-degree murder will probably be issued today and a hearing arranged for the early part of next week.

Wilson, on the eve of Scott's funeral yesterday afternoon, was unusually nervous, claiming that he had no intention whatever of killing or even hitting Scott. He explained that he wanted to frighten him. "I shot three times into the air," Wilson said, and "I did not know I had hit him when I fired through a side door to Ed Brown's Barber Shop." The man was not long learning what he had done, for he was off to the woods a few minutes later.

According to Wilson's story, the trouble started when Scott crawled out of a barber's chair and interrupted a conversation he (Wilson) was having with Herbert Mason. "He slapped me down and choked me," Wilson claims, "and after they pulled him off of me, I went home and got the pistol." About 30 minutes later Wilson saw Scott at the barber shop and opened fire. Scott ran into the side door seeking a place of safety. He pushed the door to, and Wilson fired, the bullet passing through the door and into the belly of Scott, puncturing the intestines in 12 or 14 places.

Wilson said yesterday morning that he would like to attend the funeral that afternoon.

COTTON STYLE SHOW OCT. 4-5

25 Local Merchants Are Cooperating in Event Here Next Week

Judging by the interest local merchants are taking in the fashion revue and cotton style show, Williamston's first observance of cotton—is developing into one of the biggest trade events staged in Williamston in quite some time. Twenty-five business firms of the town have entered representatives in the "Parade of the cotton queens" the feature of the attraction to be presented at the Watts Theatre on Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday evening, October 4 and 5, as an added attraction to the regular screen program and at the regular prices of admission.

Twenty-five local lovely young ladies will appear as models, displaying the season's latest fashions for local stores, and interspersing these modeling numbers, several local entertainers will be introduced in singing and dancing numbers.

In the cotton parade, at which time "Miss Cotton Queen" of Williamston will be selected, each young lady will be introduced as the representative of her local merchant sponsor. Much rivalry is expected in this part of the performance, as the winner will be selected by the applause of the audience. Miss Ernestine Poston, who was given this title at New Bern, will appear here as guest of this show.

Merchants of Williamston have cooperated whole-heartedly in staging the event, proceeds of which will go toward purchasing school-owned books for the sixth grade. The home economics department of the local school is also working on the project.

Presbyterian Services for Next Week Announced

Sunday, September 30: Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. The message of the morning will be brought by the Rev. M. O. Sommers, of Clinton, N. C.

Bear Grass Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Young peoples' service at 7 p. m.

Poplar Point Church school at 4 p. m. Message by Rev. M. O. Sommers. Roberson's Chapel

Worship service and sermon at 7:45 p. m. There will be no Sunday school hour in the afternoon. The series of services being conducted by Rev. M. O. Sommers will continue through Thursday night of next week. A packed house has greeted the minister each night. A cordial invitation is extended to all to join with us in either or all of these services. Go to church and Sunday school, too, each Sunday.

Jury Returns Verdict in Favor Majority Side in Church Case

AAA Is Expected To Take Hand in Peanut Situation

While no definite price has been assured for the current crop, it is certain that something is being done to protect peanut farmers, according to reports reaching here.

Two factors are expected to enter into the fixing of the peanut price this season. One of the factors will be the curtailment of the crop through the purchase of about 20 per cent of the crop by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. The other main factor is advanced by the AAA, probably under similar methods as followed in handling the tobacco crop. Prices ranging from \$45 to \$47 have been tentatively set for peanuts on the vines by the ton. The peanuts would be dug and stacked in the fields to cure, and would be hauled away by relief forces, according to present plans.

NOT TO VOTE ON CONSTITUTION IN NEXT ELECTION

Court's Decision Decreases Interest In November Election in District

Interest in the next November 6 election was reduced to a minimum in this county when the state supreme court ruled that the proposed new constitution cannot be submitted at that time. An election will be held, all right, for the people to vote for congressmen, one or two judges and county officers, but the constitution will not be an issue. As the election of Democrats to the man is certain in this section the vote on the constitution was about the only thing left to create any more than passing interest. Surely, a substantial vote will be cast in the county next November, but the action will hardly be more than one of mere formality.

Action of the Supreme Court in holding unconstitutional sends the question of constitutional revision back to the General Assembly, which may re-submit the entire new constitution, any separate amendments, or call a convention of the people to write a new organic law to replace the present constitution which was adopted in 1868. Attempts in recent years to call a constitutional convention have failed, and the fate of virtually every recently submitted amendment has been defeated at the polls.

Three factors combined to make submission of the proposed constitution this year invalid. They were: The repeal election held last November 7, the act of the 1933 General Assembly calling that repeal election, and the 4-1 opinion of the Supreme Court on which the 1933 General Assembly relied in terminating the 1933 repeal election "a general election."

The constitutional hitch was: The present constitution provides that any constitutional amendments must be submitted at the "next general election" following the General Assembly which passed them. Under normal course of things, the election in November would have been the next general election, but the repeal election upset that normal course of things.

October "Loyalty Month" At Methodist Church Here

C. T. Rogers, pastor. October is to be known as "Loyalty Month." Every member of the church is asked and urged to make an unswerving effort to make this a great spiritual success. Every day, and especially every Sunday we are to be found doing what God would have us do. Play four-square with God this month. Every member every Sunday at church. Sign one of the cards taken to you, and may God bless you in keeping the vow. Strangers and friends invited to meet with us.

Preaching services, 11 a. m.—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. No services at night. Our congregation has been invited to worship with the Pentecostal Holiness at the tent meeting now going on Sunday night.

Episcopal Services in County Announced

Church of the Advent Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock. Holy Trinity Mission Sunday school and preaching service, 3:30 p. m. St. Martins, Hamilton Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

CASE IS BROUGHT TO END IN COURT HERE THURSDAY

Jury Out Only 15 Minutes In Reaching Decision On First Ballot

Another chapter in the history of the more-than-a-century-old Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist church in this county was closed, as far as the law is concerned, yesterday when a Martin County Superior Court jury returned a verdict favoring the plaintiffs in their action to get possession of the property and have the rights of the minority faction to the property annulled. That the action yesterday marks the close of a long and regrettable controversy of nearly six years was substantiated a short while after the trial was concluded when the few defendants, faithful to their cause to the last, turned over the keys to the church. The few members of the defense apparently remained hopeful to the end, for they had to go to their homes for the keys. The verdict was the same as the one returned in 1930 and which Judge N. A. Sinclair set aside.

No appeal to the higher courts is expected, as members of the minority group, burdened with the cost of the case, are said to have inquired after the amount with the intention of making immediate settlement. The cost is estimated at \$150, leaving a like amount to be paid the jurors by the county.

SCHOOL NOTES OF JAMESVILLE

Attendance Shows Increase After Opening; Parents Visited by Teachers

The first two weeks of school ended with an increase of 27 students, 5 in the high school and 22 in the elementary school, making a total of 110 in high school and 396 in the elementary school. Mr. Uzle expects a further increase in the next few days.

Parents of the school district. Every home represented in the district has been visited. In order that the teachers and parents might get to know each other and that those students out of school might be encouraged to attend. The faculty expects to make more visits and keep in close contact with the parents of the children.

Attitude of Students The attitude of the students toward their work and the school in general is the best that it has been in years.

Parent-Teacher Association The parent-teacher association will be reorganized the latter part of the week and plans will be formulated for the coming year's work.

Athletics Plans are being made for the basketball season. With all the regulars returning except two, the girls are again anticipating a good season. The ranks of the boys will be filled by regulars of last season.—Reported.

Juror On Church Case Jailed for Being Drunk

"I've played the mischievous now, for I came down to church, got drunk and landed in jail," Perlie Nelson, of near Robersonville, said when he imbibed too freely of the spirits at noon Tuesday and unable to continue as a juror in the Smithwick's Creek church case.

Feeling a bit under the weather that morning, Mr. Nelson said he drank a bottle of beer, and followed it with a drink of liquor at noon. Before the noon recess he napped while on duty and when he returned for the afternoon session, the judge ordered him to jail to await the termination of the trial.

"I hate it worse than anything in the world," Nelson said, explaining that he had never pulled one that bad in his life before. "I'm not expecting any pay for the time I did serve, and I just hope the judge won't fine me or send me to the roads."

The man was very happy when the judge ordered his release at noon on Thursday.

Profitable To Inoculate Austrian Winter Peas

Austrian winter peas make better growth when the seed are inoculated and the soil is given an application of ground limestone.

50 Marketing Cards for Surplus Leaf Delivered

Approximately 50 allotment cards for marketing tobacco have been delivered to farmers in this county. Assistant Agent Murphy Barnes said yesterday. Additional cards are ready for delivery, and it is almost certain that contract signers will be able to market all their excess tobacco through the use of the Georgia cards.

Boy Bitten by Snake Near School Building

Walter Brown, 13 years old, was bitten by a snake while playing near the grammar grade school here yesterday afternoon. He was given medical treatment immediately and is getting along very well at this time. The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brown, of Poplar Point, he was playing on a log near a ditch when the moccasin bit him on the ankle.