

Advance In Tobacco Prices Is Noted On Local Market Today; More Than Million Pounds Sold

Average Price Here Holding Well Above General Belt Figure

Block Sale Yesterday Cleared This Morning; 185,000 Pounds on Sale Today

While general averages have weakened slightly since the opening a week ago on account of the increased volume of tips and other inferior grades, the price trend on the Williamston Tobacco Market today is upward.

Sales are running smoothly and steady on the market this week. A small block yesterday was cleared early this morning, and the market will clear its floors this afternoon.

Farmers continue well pleased with their sales here, and new customers are making their appearance daily.

Reports coming from individual farmers this morning stated that prices were equally as strong for nearly all grades now as they were last week, and that an advance was noted for some grades.

Supporting the individual reports that the price trend is upward on a number of grades, are the government reports released for the sales yesterday.

Table with columns: Grade, Description, 8-26-41, 9-1-41. Rows include Lemon Leaf (Good, Fair, Orange Leaf (Good, Fair, Low, Common, Red Leaf (Common, Green Leaf (Orange Side) (Low, Common), Orange Smoking Leaf (Good, Fair, Low), Lemon Cutters (Good, Fair, Low), Orange Cutters (Fair, Low), Orange Lugs (Fine, Good, Fair, Low).

One Hurt In Street Intersection Wreck

Magellan Duggins, young colored man, had his elbow cap ripped partly off in an automobile crash at the corner of Church and Smithwick Streets about 8:15 here this morning.

Fill Project Delayed When Big Paving Machine Breaks Down

After approaching maximum production last week, the Roanoke River fill pavers were much delayed by a mechanical breakdown yesterday.

Town Board To Seek Lower Interest Rate

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Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, greatly beloved and esteemed citizen who died at her home here yesterday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock in the local Baptist Church.

Average Number of Marriage Licenses Issued In County

Eight Licenses Are Issued to White and Five to Colored Couples Last Month

Thirteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, eight to white and five to colored couples.

There were comparatively few draft age young men in the group. It was the third month so far this year that the number of marriage licenses issued to white couples was greater than the number going to colored couples.

Licenses were issued by the office of the county register of deeds last month, as follows: White: William Henry Leggett, of Route 1, Robersonville, and Fannie Mae Wynne, of Route 3, Williamston.

Order Delinquent Taxes Advertised First Of October

Meeting in regular session last evening, the local town commissioners took preliminary action to lower the annual bond interest charges by refunding an \$82,500 issue.

Study Cemetery Project and Order Drive Against Non Tax-listers

Fire Bug Strikes Farm Packhouse

Fire of incendiary origin burned a small packhouse and about 4,000 pounds of tobacco on the Whitley farm near here about three o'clock yesterday morning.

Vacation Days Are Drawing To a Close

Vacation days are rapidly drawing to a close for more than 7,000 young folks in the county, the ole professor having ordered an all-out return to the thirty-three white and colored schools on Thursday of this week.

School Bus Routes Remain The Same

The forty school bus routes, 37 white and three colored, have been little changed for the new term from last year.

Three Are Injured In Parmele Wreck

Mrs. L. H. Matthews, of Parmele, and E. R. White and Coen Wessen, both of Windsor, were painfully but not seriously hurt in an automobile truck accident at Parmele last Thursday evening about 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Fannie Biggs, Beloved Resident, Dies At Her Home

Funeral Services Tomorrow For Respected Citizen And Churchwoman

Mrs. Fannie Spruill Biggs, beloved citizen of Williamston for nearly three-quarters of a century, died at her home on Biggs Street here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock.

The daughter of the late Joseph Alexander and wife, Caroline Spruill Alexander, Mrs. Biggs was born in Tyrrell County on June 1, 1851.

While holding membership in the Baptist Church here for many years, Mrs. Biggs was interested in religion not necessarily from a denominational standpoint but from the hope and good it held for all mankind.

Exemplifying true motherhood, Mrs. Biggs endeared herself to the people of this community, her influence of her Christian character reaching out to many in all walks of life.

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Sale Of Real Estate For All Delinquent Taxes Is Ordered By The County Commissioners

More Than 500 Lose Lives In Labor Day Holiday In Nation

Millions of Americans, celebrating the long Labor Day holiday left home last Saturday for the beaches and other resorts, late but still incomplete reports stating at noon today that more than 500 of them never returned home.

Increased Enrollment Predicted In Schools

Schools To Operate On Daylight Saving Schedule in County

Informal Programs To Mark Openings in Nearly All The Schools

A small increase in the school enrollment figures in this county was predicted by several of the principals following a meeting of the school heads here yesterday morning.

Except for final arrangements to be discussed at teachers' meetings in the several schools tomorrow, plans are completed for starting the term in both the white and colored schools Thursday morning.

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