

## Nearly Million And A Half Pounds Sold On Market To Date

### Little Or No Change Noticed In General Price Trend Since the Opening

Sales on the local tobacco market are nearing the one and one-half million-pound mark today, an official report stating that the sales were in excess of 1,400,000 pounds. Prices are holding fairly firm despite a slight reduction for a few of the nondescript types, but close observers declare they can see little or no change in the general price trend since the opening of the market two weeks ago. While some of the inferior types are a bit weaker, the better grades are showing added strength and the general price average continues well above 42 cents a pound.

Block sales are general and there is no immediate relief in sight. It is still rumored that further sales restrictions will be invoked, but for the present, at least, markets are holding to the three and one-half-hour day, or a maximum of 1,260 piles and a maximum of 250 pounds per basket. About everything possible has been done to limit the sales without declaring a holiday on one or two days each week. It does seem the limitations now in effect would remedy the situation and help relieve the labor shortage.

Despite the heavy influx of tobacco to market, local warehousemen have worked out a system that is proving popular among the growers. For a first sale, the house accepts no more tobacco than can be sold during the day. In other words, the farmer can put his tobacco on the floors today and know it will be sold tomorrow. In some cases, it is possible for the farmer to deliver his tobacco and sell it the same day. However, warehousemen do not guarantee a sale the same day the tobacco is delivered.

It is believed the crop will be harvested in its entirety this week, but farmers are expected to start harvesting peanuts within the next few days. Ordinarily the peanut harvest delays the delivery of tobacco, but it will not be generally felt this season, many believe.

An official market report for the belt follows:

Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco prices during the second week of sales remained steady at opening week levels for the majority of grades. However, averages for a few grades showed declines which were mainly from \$1 to \$4. According to the War Food Administration and North Carolina Department of Agriculture, most of the losses were in primings, green leaf and lugs, and nondescript. The sharpest decline was \$6 per hundred for best thin nondescript. Prices for medium to best qualities were mostly between \$40 and \$46 while a few baskets sold up to \$48, but averages for many of

## Seventy-Six Tires Allotted By Board

Seventy-six tires — 53 passenger, seven for small trucks and six for large trucks — were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday. The large truck tire allotment was the first reported in the county in recent weeks.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

David B. Searight, I. L. Alexander, Louis J. Whites, Sr., J. T. Allen, Mrs. Daisy A. Lewis, E. C. Harrison, Louise H. Parker, Heber Peelle, Marcellus Coltrane, Mrs. Lizzie Griffin Taylor, Mrs. S. W. Mendenhall, H. U. Peele, J. L. Whitfield, Tim Black, A. R. Johnson, Ben C. Peele, Dallas Mizelle, John B. Roberson, Robert A. Barnhill, Edward Griffin, J. C. Eubanks, F. P. Raynor, Claude Simmons, Clyde Ward, Perlie M. Ange, Bill McNeal, Mrs. Nora D. Grimes, John A. Hardison, Cecil Brown, R. R. Thompson, A. E. Purvis, John Gray Corey, Simon Rogers, H. B. Bennett, P. J. Rogers, Ellsworth Beacham, Chas. R. Gray, J. Cox, B. W. Williams, James G. Bullock, Kenneth H. Roberson, Mannings Laundry, I. R. and G. H. Daventop, Johnnie Griffin, Jim Scott, J. L. Whitfield, Elisha Dickens, Hubert Clark, Standard Fertilizer Co.

Small truck tires were issued to the following: Williamston Package Co., John A. Manning, Roberson Slaughter House, Jesse Keel, Joe Ball and V. G. Taylor.

Six large truck tires were allotted to the Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville.

### Presidential Citation For Ninth Air Force

In a letter to his wife, Sergeant W. W. (Breezy) Baird stated that his outfit, the Ninth Army Air Force, had received a Presidential Citation for the part they had taken in the invasion on D-Day. Some of the individuals in the Ninth will have basketfuls of ribbons to take home with them, the sarge said.

## Farmers To Start Harvesting Peanuts In County Tomorrow

A few Martin County farmers are planning to start digging the new peanut crop tomorrow, but the work is hardly expected to approach a climax before the latter part of the month or early October.

The farmers are beginning the task in the face of a serious labor shortage, but the situation is certain to be relieved to some extent by the return of war prisoner labor to the peanut fields. More than 225 farmers in the county have applied for that type of labor, and it is apparent that the demand can hardly be met by the camp here. The peanut harvest, it is understood, has priority over the labor demands made by general industry, and it is likely that war prisoners now engaged by various industrial plants will be diverted to the peanut fields. However, it is also understood that efforts are

being made to get additional prisoners to help relieve the manpower demand during the harvest.

It was learned officially this week that a uniform price of 11-12 cents a stack had been fixed for handling the current harvest.

Farmers R. A. Haislip and E. V. Smith of Goose Nest and Farmer J. N. Hopkins of near Williamston have spoken for prisoners to start work tomorrow. Farmer Smith said yesterday that it was unusually early to start the harvest, and went on to explain that he was taking the war prisoners when he could get them and that it had been so dry that the peanuts "were doing nothing."

Lt. Vincent Veihar, commanding officer, and his camp personnel are cooperating in every way possible to help relieve the acute labor shortage and save the peanut crop in this section.

## American First Army Drives Into Germany

### SCHOOLS

A series of meetings will be held this week by officials and teachers preparatory to the opening of the schools in the county next Monday.

The several principals will meet with representatives from Raleigh in the high school here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Holding a county-wide meeting in the high school Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, the teachers will hear health and welfare officials and discuss various problems.

On Friday, the principals will call their teachers for meetings in the several schools.

## Lt. Marvin Corey Flies 53 Missions

Based at a 12th AAF B-26 Marauder Base—2nd Lt. Marvin W. Corey, 28, Jamesville, N. C., has flown 53 combat missions over targets in both Italy and southern France as pilot of a B-26 Marauder.

Flying with the oldest medium bomb group in the Mediterranean theater, he has earned the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his missions, which include attacks on Florence, Rome, Cassino, Anzio and the Abbey di Montecassino.

Though he has twice come home from missions on one engine, Lieutenant Corey ranks the attacks on German troop concentrations and gun positions along the perimeter of the Anzio beachhead as the roughest he's seen.

"Flak was always almost unbelievable over Anzio," he says. "I was over there nine times and sometimes came back with as many as 30 holes in my plane. Luckily, they were never serious ones."

Lieutenant Corey brought his Marauder back from an attack on Rome with only one engine functioning in a flight that lasted an hour and 45 minutes—a feat once believed impossible for the stubby-winged B-26.

His Marauder group was recently cited twice by President Roosevelt for their "pinpoint bombing" of both the Florence and Rome rail yards—bombing which devastated the yards but left nearby religious and cultural monuments untouched.

Lieut. Corey attended Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., and was North Carolina and South Carolina representative for the Standard Coffee Co., New Orleans, before entering the AAF in February, 1942. Commissioned at advanced flying school, Waco, Texas, he has been overseas eight months.

A brother, Electrician's Mate 1/c David A. Corey, 26, is in the Coast Guard, stationed at Norfolk.

## Four New Teachers In Local Schools

Twenty-two of the 24 teacher positions in the local white schools have been filled, and efforts are being made to complete the list in time for the opening next Monday. Five new teachers, including Principal E. G. Bourne, have been elected to date.

The faculty roster follows: High school, Mrs. A. R. White, Miss Ann Golden, Miss Verna B. Lowery, Miss Evelyn Baker and Miss Mildred Watson. Elementary school: Mrs. Evelyn H. Manning, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, Miss Mary Whitley, Mrs. Ruby Malone Rejency, Mrs. Elizabeth Eagles, Miss Lucille Belle, Mrs. Velma H. Coburn, Miss Katherine Bradley, Miss Margaret Elliott, Miss Ruth Manning, Miss Leta Brentley, Miss Estelle Crawford, Mrs. Mary Benson Cartstphen, Miss Lamina Baker, Miss Grace Talton, Miss Frances Turnage and Miss Kathryn Mewborn.

## American Ships And Planes Score Great Gain In Philippines

### Great Air Battles Renewed Over Germany in the Past Few Days

Decisive blows that are bound to have their effect in hastening the peace were delivered yesterday when General Hodges' First American Army drove five miles into German territory and carrier-borne aircraft and warships of Admiral William F. Halsey's Third United States Fleet struck the Japs a blow in the Philippines. Supporting the drive into Germany are four other Allied armies which are moving into position along a line facing Germany. The British are driving across Holland. General Patton and General Patch have joined forces and are now moving up for the final drive.

General Hodges, moving in force across the German border at Trier, was reported today to be strengthening his position, and it is reasonable to believe that the Germans will never regain the five miles of the Siegfried line lost by the American lightning move.

It was a black day for German arms, for the Third United States Army seized a great part of the old French Maginot Line intact, and was breaking the last German line of defense on French soil—the Moselle river positions.

The British Second Army broke across the frontier of Holland and was bound for the weakest link in the 400 miles of the West Wall—the thin line of pillboxes, tank traps and forts stretching south from the German city of Kleve across the shortest route to Berlin.

Other elements of the First Army already were fighting through the minefields of the Siegfried Line south of the key city of Aachen, little more than eight miles from Germany's frontier, and were blasting fortifications inside the Reich with heavy artillery.

Not since the days of Napoleon has Germany been entered in a direct, and the Doughboys who accomplished this modern feat had fought clear across the little Duchy of Luxembourg in one day, freeing its capital of the same name en route.

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## Spending Few Days In Convalescent Hospital

Daytona Beach, Fla., Sept. 10.—Pfc. George W. Revels, who formerly lived in Williamston, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach. The carefully-planned program of physical and occupational reconditioning will not only keep him very busy, but will also return him to good physical condition.

Pvt. Revels was engaged in farming before his entry into the Army in December, 1942, at Fort Bragg. He has served more than nine months in England and France.

### ROUND-UP

The week-end round-up of alleged law violators struck heavily at non-licensed motor vehicle drivers. Several, including a 14-year-old lad, were cited to the courts and two were jailed for operating cars without drivers' licenses. Six persons were jailed during the week-end period, three white and three colored. Four were booked for public drunkenness.

The ages of the group arrested and jailed ranged from 22 to 41 years.

## TOWN - FARM

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

### Blue Tokens, Farewell

If you've got some blue tokens in your purse, better use them now, because after September 30, they will be good only for the kids to play with. Until next Sunday the Office of Price Administration says, you can use them just as you always have used them. Beginning Sunday, September 17th, retailers will cease giving blue tokens to consumers as ration change, and shoppers will be able to spend them only in groups of 10. If necessary, shoppers may pool tokens to make up groups of 10. Removal of practically all canned and bottled vegetables and fruit spreads and specialties from rationing September 17 makes use of blue tokens unnecessary. Beginning September 17 point values on canned fruits, canned juices, canned tomatoes, catsup and chili sauce will be designated in multiples of 10.

### Those Tire Inspection Records

Keep those tire inspection records until you get your new Mileage Rationing Record form along with your new "A" book, OPA says. Since discontinuance of periodic tire inspection last April, tire inspection records have been kept primarily as a record of gasoline rations issued each automobile, and will no longer be necessary when the new form is issued. The new "A" book will go into use in the 17 East Coast States, on February 9th.

### Loosen Lid on Stove Rationing

The rationing of coal and wood stoves to consumers will end October 15th, the War Production Board and OPA have announced, although rationing of oil and gas stoves will continue. Supplies of coal and wood stoves have grown sufficiently since nationwide rationing started in August, 1943, to make continued rationing unnecessary.

### Shoe Rationing Still With Us

Civilians cannot hope for an early end of shoe rationing, WPB says, unless imports of hides increase or unless there is a large cutback in military orders. Hide shortages continue in spite of a large domestic kill of cows and calves. Heavy civilian and military consumption and decreased imports account for the shortages.

### Please Don't Buy Our Shoes

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## Earns Commission In Army Air Corps

Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M.—Aviation Cadet Arthur Anderson, son of Mr. Oscar S. Anderson, of Williamston, N. C., a recent graduate of the Army Air Forces bombardier school here has been commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded the silver "wings" of the aerial bombardier, supplementing previously won aerial gunner's insignia.

Lieut. Anderson is a graduate of Williamston High School, class of 1940, where as an undergraduate he played football, basketball, softball and golf. He later attended Mars Hill Junior College, where he received his A. B. degree upon graduation in 1942. In civilian life he was employed as a welder.

Prior to his successful completion of 18 weeks of flight and combat training in high level precision bombing and navigation at Kirtland Field, Lieut. Anderson was stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada, where he graduated from the Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school as an aerial gunner.

Now ready for active duty, his destination is not disclosed.

## Guest Missionary To Address Meeting

Dr. V. C. Carpenter, for thirty-eight years a missionary of Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico, will address a one-day fellowship meeting at Oak Grove Church, four miles south of Robersonville, on Tuesday, September 19th, it was announced this week by Rev. C. C. Ware, secretary.

The one-day meeting, open to all churches in Martin and adjoining counties, gets underway at 11 o'clock and continues into the afternoon. In addition to Dr. Carpenter's address, Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of A. C. College, Wilson, and Mrs. H. B. Settle, of Greenville, and Rev. C. C. Ware, of Wilson, will have parts on the program.

## Local Boy Is Promoted To Rank Of First Lieutenant

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Price received a letter this week from their son, Darrel M. Price, stating that he had been promoted to the rank of a first lieutenant. Lt. Price is located in Italy and is connected with the Psychological Warfare Branch of the Allied Force headquarters.

## Record Payments Reported by Tax Collector M. Luther Peel

The new 1944 county tax collections are off to a record start, according to a report just released by Collector M. L. Peel. The new levy—\$193,280.14—has already been reduced by more than \$30,000, the collector explaining that the notices had been in the mail hardy a week. Possibly without exception, the outlook for tax collections is the brightest in tax history, and it is believed that the unpaid amount will be quite small by the end of the marketing season.

The new levy is \$6,735.60 smaller than the one last year. The reduction, traceable in the main to a 10-cent decrease in the general county rate, was also influenced by the separate collection of dog taxes and the elimination of a 4-cent special road tax in Williamston Township. It will be remembered that the dog

tax ordinarily amounts to about \$3,000, the collector having accounted for about that amount when the dogs were vaccinated last spring and the owners paid the tax right along with the vaccination fee. The special road tax in Williamston last year was roughly estimated at \$1,000.

After considering the two items, the new 1944-45 tax picture shows a net decrease of about \$3,000. However, when the valuation increase of about one million dollars is taken into consideration, there is, in reality, no marked reduction in the overall tax bill. The tax rate of \$1.10 is based on a total valuation of approximately \$15,000,000, a figure that is about the highest on record.

Property owners are now receiving a discount on their tax payments, and they are rushing in a fairly steady line to square their accounts.

## County Schools Open Term September 18th

## Authorities Making Renewed Efforts To Fill Faculty Places

### No Formal Openings Planned; Teachers Hold Meetings This Week

Despite unfilled positions in several of the faculties, all county schools, white and colored, will start the 1944-45 term next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, it was announced by the office of the superintendent late yesterday. No formal openings are being planned, but parents and patrons will be invited to attend a formal chapel exercise later in the week, it was announced.

The first day of the term will be devoted mostly to room assignments, the distribution of books and lesson assignments preparatory to a full-day schedule on Tuesday. The first-day activities should be completed before noon.

Daily schedules will be discussed by the principals at a special meeting here tomorrow and they will be announced next Monday. It is likely that some of the schools will observe a "short" schedule beginning next Tuesday, but it is fairly certain that Williamston will open each morning at 8:30 o'clock after the first day.

Bus drivers' positions have been filled, authorities explaining that a dozen or more girls will drive this year and that they have materially helped to solve the driver shortage. With the exception of a few minor changes, the bus routes remain unchanged this year.

Parents can materially aid the teachers by sending book rental fees by their children the first day. The schedule of fees follows: grades 1 and 2, \$1; grades 3, 4 and 5, \$1.10; grades 6 and 7, \$1.20; grades 8, 9, 10, and 11, \$3. To this amount all pupils taking home economics are asked to add 50 cents.

Announcing plans for opening the local schools, Principal E. G. Bourne explained that two teacher positions were yet to be filled, one in the elementary and the other in the high school.

### Suffers Serious Wound In Shot Gun Accident

Fred Rogers, home on a short furlough from Fort Jackson for a visit with his wife and three children, was badly wounded in a shot gun accident at the home of J. P. Holliday on the Hamilton Road near here last Sunday evening. The young man fired the greater part of a load of gun shot into his left wrist. Reports from the local hospital where he was removed for treatment, stated that possibly his hand could be saved, but that the arm would be limited.

The young man, just a few weeks in the service, started out to kill a chicken. He was climbing a fence when, his foot got caught and he lunged forward, his left wrist coming to a stop on the ground at the end of the gun barrel just as the weapon accidentally fired.

### ROUND-UP

While organized forces of the law are rounding up alleged violators to preserve order and decency on the home front, L. V. Ange, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange of Jamesville Township, is rounding 'em up over in France, presumably to hurry up and get the war over and return home.

An indirect report from the young man stated that he with the help of another soldier had rounded up nine Jerries at one time.

## Trying To Complete Red Cross Dressings By Thursday Night

### Approximately 2,000 Large Dressings To Be Handled By Local Unit

Faithful volunteers, reporting regularly at the local Red Cross bandage room here, today are rapidly nearing the end of their August goal, a late report from the chairman stating that there were only 2,000 dressings to be prepared here. There are possibly several hundred to be prepared in each of the units at Bear Grass, Macedonia, Jamesville and Hamilton. While no late reports have been received from those units, it is understood that the work is progressing according to schedule and it is possible the August allotment of 50,400 dressings will be completed this week and made ready for shipment. With a reasonable response from thoughtful and patriotic citizens, it is possible that the task will be completed here by Thursday night or Friday.

Macedonia turned in 1,500 dressings this week and work on others is still underway there.

Mrs. G. A. Peele, chairman of the unit at Bear Grass, has made no progress report, but she did say that few volunteers could find time to report for work. Up until last week, Mrs. Sam Mobley, Mrs. Willie Gurganus, Mrs. Edmund Harris, Mrs. John Ashley Harrison, Mrs. Irving Terry, Mrs. Ruth Hazel Harris and Mrs. Peel had reported, some of them going twice. It should be pointed out that the ladies in the rural communities are quite busy with other duties just now and it is not convenient or hardly possible for them to lend a helping hand. They can be counted on later to take a leading part in the work.

The following volunteers reported to the local room since last Thursday night:

Friday afternoon: Mesdames M. M. Levin, Carlyle Langley, Charles H. Godwin, Jr., G. W. Lewis and Frank Weaver and Miss Kate Philpott.

Friday night: Mesdames B. S. Courtney, Coy J. Roberson, John Gray Corey, Jack Hardison, Hildreth Mobley, J. C. Anderson, and G. P. Hall and Miss Mary Louise Taylor.

Saturday afternoon: Mesdames George Grimes, Luther Peel and Jno. R. Peel.

Saturday night: Mesdames J. B. Taylor and B. S. Courtney.

Sunday afternoon: Mesdames J. B. Taylor, H. D. Harrison, B. A. Critcher, J. W. Watts, William Gurganus, Theodore Gurganus, Irving Terry, Carl Mobley, B. S. Courtney and Miss Evelyn Hope Davenport.

Monday afternoon: Mrs. J. B. Taylor, W. C. Manning and Abner Brown.

Monday night: Mesdames Billy Griffin, Alex Jones, O. L. Willard, J. C. Manning, James B. Peele, Exum Ward, Jr., G. G. Woodard, W. B. Gay.

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## Jamesville Native Dies In Georgia

The Cairo Messenger of Grady County, Georgia, in a recent issue carried an account of the life and death of the Rev. J. W. Lilley, Methodist minister, who died on August 13th, at his home in Cairo. He was a member of the South Georgia Conference and was superannuated last December after 43 years of active ministry, having served as pastor at Columbus, Macon, Waycross, Fort Gaines, Davisboro, Pelham, Boston, Buena Vista and Cairo.

He was a talented musician, which added greatly to the effectiveness of his ministry, especially among young people. In youth he worked on a newspaper for part time and during his years as a minister wrote "Lilley Lines" as church news for local papers wherever he was pastor.

For many years he was active in the Masonic organization, being a Shriner.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate for August carried a picture of Mr. Lilley with an article speaking in high terms of his work and character, as does the Cairo Messenger.

He was born in Martin County, N. C., on November 8, 1870, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lilley. He married Miss Mamie Connel Dec. 14, 1898. She survives with one son, J. W. Lilley, Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif. Other survivors include a brother, W. J. Lilley, of Jamesville, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Donie Sexton, of Jamesville, and Mesdames R. B. Brown and Gussie Ward, of Wendell.

The final rites were held at the First Methodist Church of Cairo, with the pastor, Rev. M. P. Webb, in charge, assisted by other ministers, and burial was in that city.

## Suit For Divorce Filed In The Superior Court

A suit for divorce was filed in the Martin County Superior Court this week by Herman Farmer of Robersonville against his wife, Mrs. Rhoda James, where he is in overseas service. The action is based on two years of separation.