

Will Take Action If Tobacco Price Falls Below \$32

Tobaccoists Looking For An Average of About \$37 In Georgia. Farmers and market operators are not so certain about "good" prices for flue-cured tobacco as the Georgia markets make ready for the opening tomorrow, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here indirectly during the past few days.

Guesses for the Georgia opening—and it should be remembered they are only guesses—place the opening-day price average at about \$37.00 per hundred pounds, a figure several cents below the average last year.

James W. Allen of Creedmoor, a director of the corporation, said that the organization did not expect it would be necessary to help maintain prices when the auction season gets underway Wednesday with the opening of the Georgia-Florida belt, but the organization was set-up so that "it could be placed in operation on two hours notice."

A so-called "stabilizing price" would be set for each grade of tobacco, with the stabilizing price figured so that the average for all grades would be approximately \$31.30, and if a pile of tobacco failed to bring the stabilizing price, the corporation would purchase it.

Allan said that the system was (Continued on page six)

Funeral Thursday For G. R. Glenn

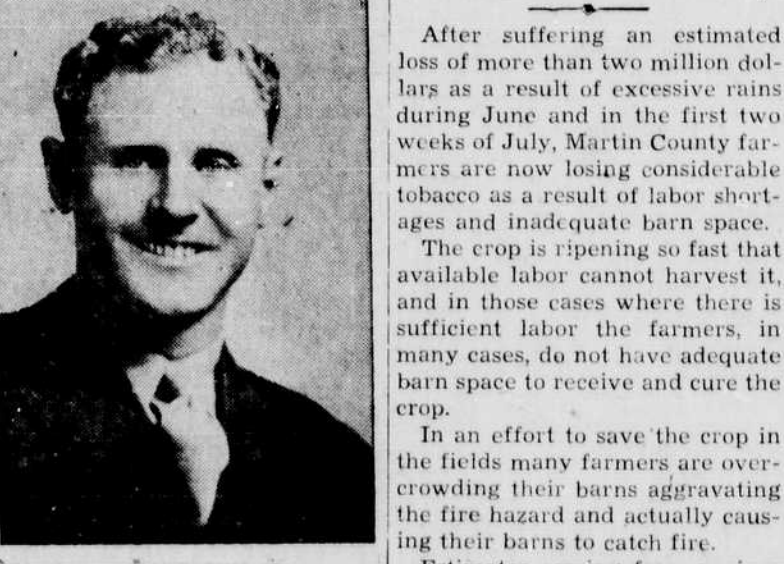
Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Prospect (Va.) Methodist Church for Mr. Geo. R. Glenn who died suddenly in his sleep at his home here last Tuesday night at 11:00 o'clock.

Slight Increase In Postal Receipts Last Quarter

After dropping nearly \$2,000 in the first quarter from the high point reached in the first three months of 1945, postal receipts at the local office just about held their own last quarter, it was learned this week from Postmaster W. E. Dunn.

Income from postage stamp sales last quarter amounted to \$8,214.28 as compared with \$7,654.77 reported in the first three months of this year and \$8,448.48 reported in the second three months period, a year ago. The

Addresses Local Lions Thursday



James W. Kirkwood, widely-known speaker from California, will address the regular dinner meeting of the local Lions Club Thursday evening. In addition to the members, the club is extending invitations to other local citizens to attend as special guests.

Mr. Kirkwood, who is on a speaking tour of this section of the country, comes here highly recommended as a very interesting speaker. He holds A. B. and M. A. degrees from the University of Southern California, where he gained national recognition by winning three National Interscholarship Championships.

During the past year Mr. Kirkwood has spoken before more than four hundred Service Clubs, Women's Organizations, Forums, Masonic Groups, Chambers of Commerce and similar bodies. In the past ten years he has appeared before over three thousand audiences in almost every major city of the U. S.

Injured In Car Wreck Yesterday

Mrs. Dave Daniel was painfully but not seriously hurt Monday morning when the car driven by her husband crashed into a road machine on Highway 171 about one mile north of Old Ford in Beaufort County.

Local Boys Discharged By Services Recently

Billy Mercer, after serving with the Marine Corps in Japan for almost a year, was discharged last week at Camp Lejeune. "The Dick" is the best thing the Marine Corps puts out," the young man said. He plans to complete his schooling at Chapel Hill.

Phantom Convict Reported Seen In County Recently

A colored man wearing a beard and possessing unusually large feet and believed to have escaped from a prison camp either in this or an adjoining state has been operating in this area during the past four or five weeks, attempting assaults upon at least two young colored girls. So many reports on the man's activities have been received that officers are bewildered by the case, and the man is now referred to as the "Phantom Convict."

Officers were first notified of the man's appearance about a month ago when he attempted to assault a small Tyner girl in the Jackie Springs community, not far from Williamston. The child screamed and the man was frightened away. Working on the case, officers learned that the man had been sleeping in Skewarkey church, but every attempt to run the man down there was fouled by couples who would park near the church and by others who even entered the building for immoral purposes.

An out-door bed was found along the railroad, not so far from the town's main street, officers stating that they believed the man was being shielded. The next outbreak was reported in Griffins Township when a man, believed to have been the same one who attacked the Tyner girl, sneaked out of the woods and frightened several children who were working in an adjoining field.

Officers picked up his trail on the Riddick farm not so far from the Coast Line water tank on Sweet Water Creek early last week. They got in sight of the man in that chase, but lost him in the woods. Last Friday he attempted to assault a young colored woman on the old Riddick farm, not far from Cedar Hill. He was again frightened away. Going to the scene of the alleged attack, officers traced him over a course of possibly half a mile and lost the trail when he entered the woods.

Former Resident Died Last Sunday

Mrs. Oliver Gilbert, former resident of Williamston in the late thirties and early forties for about thirty years, died last Sunday at her sisters, Mrs. Jennings, in Athol, Massachusetts, last Sunday. She had been in declining health for some time.

Minor Car Wreck Near Cross Roads

No one was hurt and no sizable property damage resulted when two cars, one driven by James E. Ayers and the other by James E. Gilbert Mobley, crashed at an intersection a short distance from Cross Roads church last Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Investigating the accident, Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the highway patrol, estimated the damage to both cars at about \$250. It was explained that the vision of both drivers was blocked by a corn field.

Moderation Must Be Practiced For Greatest Comfort

Overeating and violent exertion dangerous to one's health. (The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—Ed.) Keeping cool in the summer is an art. It's an art well worth cultivating when the rays of the sun beat down at their hottest in mid-summer. It's an art which can be learned if one thing is kept in mind—moderation.

Moderation in eating, in play, in all types of physical exertion will make the summer heat less bearable. Getting all "het up" about the weather will only make us more uncomfortable. Since we cannot change the weather and many of us cannot move on to cooler climes, when hot days approach, it is just as well to try to be as comfortable as possible. Here are a few simple rules which, if followed, may help make the summer more pleasant.

1.—Dress comfortably. Light clothes that are not too confining should be worn on hot days. 2.—Eat sensibly. Heavy foods, difficult to digest, should be avoided. This does not mean living on sandwiches and salads throughout the summer. A well-balanced diet is necessary at all times, and hot meals, if well planned, will not add to the discomfort of summer. Rich, heavy foods, however, cause the body to work overtime in the digestive process and should be omitted from the diet in hot weather.

3.—Drink plenty of water and fruit juices. Because the body perspires more in the summer than in the winter, it is necessary to consume an extra amount of liquids. Cool water and lemonade are particularly good on hot days. Extra salt is needed, too, because the body loses much salt in perspiration. This salt may be obtained by adding it to fruit drinks or by eating salt tablets. 4.—Be careful to avoid over-exposure to the sun.

Many people look forward to getting doses of sunshine during the summer, but too much sun may prove a health hazard. It may cause a painful sunburn or it may lead to sunstroke, which swiftly brings on unconsciousness and may cause death. Sunstroke occurs most frequently among people exposed to the direct heat of the sun and who are too heavily clad. It is more common among men than among women and children. It may come on suddenly, but usually it is the result of long exposure and may come on gradually. The symptoms are a pain in the head, dizziness, a feeling of oppression, the absence of perspiration and, sometimes, nausea and vomiting. While a doctor is being summoned, the patient should be removed to a cool spot. His clothing should be loosened and an effort made to reduce his temperature rapidly. If he is conscious, he should be given salt and water to drink or fruit juices.

Decline In Game Law Violations

Fish and game law violations in North Carolina in June declined slightly from the 1946 peak established in May, according to records released by C. D. Kirkpatrick, chief of law enforcement of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries. During June the division's fish and game protectors obtained 440 convictions, as against 480 for May. Violators last month paid out \$1,661.70 in fines and \$2,813.61 in court costs, as against \$2,152.11 in fines and \$2,696.14 in costs paid in May. Largest single type of violation in June was fishing without license, which accounted for nearly one-third of the convictions. Next was the taking of undersize fish, of which about one-fifth of the violators were convicted.

Close Vote Predicted In School Election Saturday

A close vote was predicted to more money, and it is about time scheduled to be held in the Jamesville district on Saturday of this year by a large number of qualified voters will decide whether the schools there will have a 20-cent tax to supplement the minimum state supported term.

According to reliable reports reaching here, the opposition has, possibly unintentionally, spread the false report that the election is calling for a 20 percent tax. Proponents, appealing for the welfare of the schools in the district, are working in various areas pointing out that the proposal calls for a tax of only 20 cents on the \$100 assessed property valuation. They state that if a man's property is valued at \$1,000, he will be asked to pay only \$2 to support better schools. "We are throwing away a hundred times

Five More Barns Burn In County

Five more tobacco barns were destroyed by fire in the county last week, according to incomplete reports reaching here over the week-end. Farmer A. P. Barnhill lost a new barn on the Burroughs farm between Williamston and Everetts last Wednesday. Woolard Peel lost a barn on his farm near Everetts last Friday. A third barn was burned Friday on the Wilson farm near Williamston, and a fourth was reported lost on the old Greenville Road Friday evening. Dr. J. S. Rhodes lost a barn on his farm near the high school building here Saturday morning. Placing near 1,000 sticks of his best tobacco in the barn early in the week, Charlie Robertson, tenant, had just removed a load of tobacco from a second barn and was carrying it to his packhouse near the cemetery. Officer J. H. Roebuck, seeing the smoke as he rode out North Houghton Street, turned in a fire alarm, but the top of the barn had fallen in before firemen reached the scene. No insurance was carried on the barn and tobacco.

Approximately twelve barns are known to have been destroyed by fire in the county so far this season. Farmer Beach almost lost a barn on his farm near Everetts Monday when one of the oil burners went out of control. Smoke was pouring out the top and strings on the tobacco were burning when the farmer went into the barn and cut off the oil. He almost blinded himself by going into the barn. Most of the barns lost by fire so far this year in the county were equipped with oil curers.

Farmers Plant In Excess of Quotas

Checking 1,004 out of the 1,583 tobacco farms in this county, "surveys of acreages" found 203 of them with acreages in excess of allotments, according to a report released this week by the office of the county agent. The excess ranged from a low of one-tenth an acre to 8.2 acres, and the total excess of 156.6 acres. Quite a few of those exceeding their allotments are experiencing much difficulty in handling the crop with insufficient labor and inadequate facilities. The task of measuring the 1,004 farms has been figured at \$1,944, it was learned.

Eye Clinic To Be Held August 23rd

The Martin County Welfare department with the cooperation of the Williamston Lion's Club and the Health Department will conduct a one-day eye clinic for adults on August 23rd. Dr. Thornhill of Raleigh, will be the examining physician and the medical social worker from the state commission for the blind will assist him. Only those adults who are absolutely unable to pay for eye examinations and glasses will be eligible to attend this clinic.

Muddled OPA Bill Offered By House And Senate Group

Rebirth of Agency Has More Or Less Control Over Various Prices. The OPA has been given a new lease on life, but after being battered and strangled by big business there is some doubt if the agency will have more or less power to control prices. At its best, the proposed legislation cooked and rebathed by a Senate-House conference committee, is nothing more than a big muddle.

The measure opens the way for another 30 days of holiday on price ceilings for meats, dairy products, grains, cottonseed and soybeans and food and feed products made from them. There is no assurance that controls will be restored on these items at all. Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) of the House Banking Committee, who led the administration battle for a strong OPA, said: "I don't think it is a very effective bill, but it is the best we can do. I think the House and Senate will pass it. I believe the president will sign it as a last recourse."

However, OPA Administrator Paul Porter declined to say whether he would recommend another veto. He told reporters "We now are working on an analysis of the bill's economic consequences for submission to President Truman." The compromise finally arrived at does not restore price ceilings immediately on meats, dairy products, grains, cottonseed and soybeans and foods and feed products made from them. However, it creates a three-man board with higher authority than OPA to determine whether these items shall be recontrolled. If this board fails to act by August 20, OPA then will have authority to restore the ceilings at its own election. There was a difference of opinion among the conferees whether the bill they drafted would permit the control board to restore prices on these food items before August 20 under any circumstances. They will have another look at the measure tomorrow at that point before tossing it to the House and Senate. The board, however, would have authority to restore ceilings, prior to August 20 if it sees fit on poultry, eggs, food and feed products made from them, tobacco and its products, and petroleum and its products. This was the middle ground on the troublesome food issue arrived at after agents for the House vigorously insisted on erasing from the bill all the Senate bans on further price controls for major market basket items. As the bill will go to the House and Senate Tuesday for show-down votes, here are the major provisions: 1. A year's continuation of modified price control, and rent authority unchanged. OPA would have all its old power to set rent ceilings, since the compromise knocks out a Senate bill provision that would have eliminated federal controls where states had entered the rent field. 2. A new pricing formula that will mean higher prices for many manufactured articles. This formula requires that producers, manufacturers and processors' ceilings be placed high enough to take care of the average increase in costs in their industry since (Continued on page six)

State Bird Crop Reduced by Rains

Excessive rains in many sections of the State have destroyed much of the young bird crop, according to reports coming from the Department of Conservation and Development. Protectors Alex Davis of Carteret County and Eugene Jones of District 11 (Chatham, Lee, Moore, and Randolph counties) have disturbing reports on possible damage to game, and Protector Lester A. Pierce of Pasquotank County, although reporting good conditions for fish and game food at present, drops a hint of danger ahead if there is more rain. Good reports on game come from scattered sections. Protector H. Grady Farthing, noting the finest crop of young quail on hand that he has ever seen at this time of year, says it appears that hunting will be good on both quail and grouse in Watauga, Ashe, and Allegheny counties, and on quail in Wilkes. He also reports that young rabbits are very much in evidence this year. Protector George Barr of Stokes County reports seeing the first young quail of the year, and says prospects for the fall are good— if flooding rains don't come. Protector Robert Wade reports the sighting of young turkeys in Granville County.

Dr. F. E. Wilson Joins Red Cross

Dr. Frank E. Wilson of Concord, N. C., for the past several months health officer of Cabarrus and Stanley counties, was recently appointed deputy medical director of the American National Red Cross. After five years with the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Wilson was released last February with the rank of Colonel. He served two years overseas in the European theatre as surgeon of the Third Replacement Depot with the First Army and later as commanding officer of the 80th Hospital Center which commanded five general and two station hospitals. His earlier medical career includes three years in the practice of general medicine in Mooresville, N. C.; Martin County, N. C. Health officer in 1939, and district health officer for Edgecombe and Greene counties, N. C., in 1940. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee college of medicine, Chicago.

Wins In Physical Culture Contest

Bill Holloman, young son of Mrs. W. J. Smith of Williamston, recently won first place in a physical culture contest at Miami Beach, and incidentally his picture made the front pages of the papers there. Instructor in physical education for the South Seas Hotel, Miami Beach, the young man is at home attending a reunion of his family. "It is the first time in seven years all of us have been together," he said. A veteran of Guadalcanal, Young Holloman plans to spend part of a month's vacation at home and visit in New York and Chicago.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end, the number holding to the same figure reported for each of the several preceding weeks. With a fairly large shipment of liquor to draw on during the latter part of the week, the drunks took over, the jail register showing that six of the seven were booked for public drunkenness, that the seventh was charged with drunkenness plus an assault. Two of the seven were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 51 years.