

## Georgia Markets Averaged \$52.53 First Two Days

Price Nearly Ten Cents A  
Pound Higher Than the  
Average Year Ago

The Georgia-Florida tobacco markets during the first two days of the current season last week sold 16,654,986 pounds of loose leaf for an average of \$52.53, according to official figures released by the United States Department of Agriculture. In the corresponding two days a year ago, the markets there sold 15,538,310 for an average of \$43.95, the price this year: unning \$8.58 per one hundred pounds higher.

A strong demand or the flue-cured tobacco there offered during the first two days of sales boosted average prices by grades from \$3.00 to \$13.50 per hundred higher than during the corresponding period in 1947. Most of the increases were from \$8.00 to \$11.00. The United States Department of Agriculture reports a gross volume of 16,654,986 pounds was marketed for an average of \$52.53 per hundred. The poundage was around one million more than that sold on first sales last season and the average was \$8.58 higher. Receipts of the Stabilization Corporation were estimated at slightly over 6 percent of sales.

Comparative price increases with those established on early sales the year before show most leaf grades up \$7.00 and \$8.00. Cutters advanced \$8.00 to \$12.00 and most lugs from \$8.00 to \$11.00 per hundred. A comparatively small volume of primings offered showed improvement from \$9.00 to \$11.00 and nondescript grades from \$8.25 to \$11.75. Common to good tobacco brought prices substantially above their loan values while the top offerings of lugs and cutters advanced only from \$1.00 to \$4.00 above.

The general quality of the early marketings was surprisingly better than last year. The percentage of low quality leaf was less. However, there were slightly more greenish grades on the markets and considerably less cutters, especially of lemon color. As a whole the tobacco was slightly lower in quality but had sufficient merit to be termed "good and usable" for cigarette manufacture. Most sales consisted of low to fine lugs, fair and good leaf, and fair cutters.

A total of 21 markets are operating this season, the same as last year. For the first two days of sales individual market averages ranged from a low of \$49.47 to a high of \$55.43 per hundred.

Late reports state that the top had jumped from 63 cents to 65 cents, that tobacco ordinarily booked as trash was selling for forty cents or more.

## Infant Has Narrow Near Post Office

T. Fearing, Jr., infant son of Cpl. and Mrs. T. Fearing, had a narrow escape as he rested in his carriage in front of the post office here just before noon yesterday. His carriage, watched by a small attendant, was stopped near the post office steps when a car driven by Roland Leggett of Windsor bounded over the curb, pushed the carriage a short distance and jammed it against a mail box post. The carriage was bent in several inches, but the little fellow apparently was not hurt. Mrs. Fearing, while excited, carefully extricated the baby and carried him in her arms to a doctor's office around the corner on Smithwick Street where an examination revealed that it was not hurt.

Leggett explained that his brakes held all right when he stopped for a traffic light a few blocks away just a matter of minutes before the accident. The brakes failed to hold when he started to park in front of the office. A formal hearing has been tentatively scheduled for later in the week, it was announced by Chief W. E. Saunders.

## CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done, The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Johnny, seven, and James, four, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gurganus, Williamston; Mary, seven, and Gary, four, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Willoughby, Williamston; Nancy, six, and Billy, two, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stalls, Everett; Bottom Row: daughter and son, ages three and two, of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fisher, Williamston; Nina, five, and Jack, three, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edmondson, Williamston, and Howard, four and Phyllis, three, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McKnight of Williamston.

### SCHEDULE

Just recently installed after a delay in delivery, the chimes in the local Baptist church will be played each evening at 7:00 o'clock on all seven days in the week. Two records are being used in the week days and a longer program will be offered Sunday evening. A short program is also being offered each Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Parson Stewart Simms said that additional records are being purchased, that the church planned to offer a special program at Christmas.

## Find No Trace Of Missing Man

No trace had been found early this morning of Johnny Wilder, 35-year old colored man, who was last seen near Sweet Water Creek late last Saturday afternoon. While the man could have boarded a car or walked away, no one could assign any reason for such an act, and it is generally believed that he went to the creek to fish and drowned.

The small boat he and James Walston used earlier in the afternoon was found caught in some bushes or snags just below the creek bridge during a search started Sunday morning when he did not return home. No trace of his straw hat or any other signs supporting the drowning theory could be found. Extensive searches were made, and if he drowned it is thought that the body would have surfaced before today.

Wilder and his friend, Walston, went fishing that afternoon, and after setting some trot lines they started home. Wilder had a bicycle and he told Walston to go ahead and ride it home, that he preferred to walk.

It was reported that Wilder was seen fishing in the boat, but it could not be learned, if he was seen before or after Wilder and Walston had separated.

Wilder, employed at White's Tin Shop here for 14 years, was a dependable worker, and it is believed that he would have returned if nothing had happened to him.

## Lightning Strikes Home In Country

No one was hurt but considerable damage resulted when lightning struck the Arthur Robinson home in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township during an electrical storm last Friday afternoon.

The bolt fired the radio in the living room, tore up the electric stove and wrecked the meter box and telephone. The fire was put out before it could spread.

Members of the family were at home but none happened to be near the radio or stove when the bolt landed.

## Losing Security Benefits in Area

During the second quarter of this year, April through June, almost ten thousand dollars loss in Social Security Payments was discovered by the Rocky Mount Social Security office according to a statement made today by Marshall H. Barney, manager.

In the fifteen counties serviced by the local offices, 23 retired workers had failed to file claims for payment resulting in 68 hundred dollars lost. Eight survivors of workers who had died insured under Social Security lost 28 hundred dollars by filing late.

There were many reasons given for the late filing. Some thought they had to file a claim to receive payments; some thought that Old-age and Survivors Insurance is a form of charity; others thought that the date of filing a claim was immaterial (there is a three-month retroactive period); some workers didn't consider themselves retired but continued to look for work until their resources including savings were entirely used up; most just didn't do anything about it.

Mr. Barney expressed great concern over these losses of benefits. If people were just curious enough to write in and ask a question about their status in case of death of a wage-earner, or in case of retirement of a worker over 65, he said, that would give us a clue and we could get a claim started. But when no one lets us know, there is nothing we can do.

Mr. Barney praised the newspapers in his area for their splendid cooperation in publishing releases designed to let the reading public know what action to take. His office staff makes speeches before schools groups, civic organizations, over the radio (50 speeches were made during this same last quarter) in an effort to cut down on late-filing. He asked for everybody's cooperation in advising potential claimants for Old-Age or Survivor's Insurance to direct an inquiry to the local office. His office will take over

## Minor Car Wreck At Intersection

No one was hurt but considerable damage resulted when two cars crashed at the Houghton-Main stoplight intersection Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock.

Robt. Bailey Odum of Windsor was driving toward the depot on Houghton Street and S. Earl Simmons of Williamston was traveling west on Main when they got the signals mixed up and their cars crashed.

Investigating the accident, Officer Chas. R. Moore stated that approximately \$100 damage was done to the Odum car and that damage to the other machine was negligible.

## New Draftees To Start Moving To Camps October 1

County Draft Board Awaits  
Formal Appointments  
By The Governor

While machinery for handling the registration and selective service is at a standstill pending official appointment of local board members, Selective Service Chief Lewis B. Hershey is making plans to start calling men to the colors on or soon after October 1. The registration is slated to get underway on August 30. During the meantime, Messrs. L. R. Everett of Hamilton, Chas. R. Gray of Robersonville and Eugene Rice of Williamston, are expected to get their official appointments from Governor R. G. Cherry, perfect their organization and be ready to take over possibly not later than the middle of August.

Plans for handling the draft have not been announced, but it is probable that the draft first will be pointed directly at the 25-year-olds. However, Hershey predicted that only about 8,000 would be inducted out of a total of 1,200,000 men aged 25. He said deferments in this bracket would be more than liberal.

He said industry would not be hit very hard.

The method of selecting draftees will be either by age groups or by a form of lottery, Hershey said. This will be decided this week.

He explained why he favored the age group plan, calling men aged 25 first: Because 100,000 of the 25-year-olds become 26 every month and are not eligible for the draft.

Draft machinery is being quickly whipped into shape for action in October. Hershey announced today that 20 state directors al-

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## Bogus \$20 Bill Found In County

A bogus \$20 bill was passed by a party yet unknown to the unsuspecting victim in this county last Friday. Officers are working on the case, but no definite lead had been established in the case early today, according to a report coming from the sheriff's office.

Arthur Harrison received the bill, giving \$19.95 change to the man who had bought a soft drink in Harrison's place of business in Bear Grass.

Accepting the bill as a valid \$20 currency medium, Harrison did not learn it was worthless until he offered it in payment for goods delivered to his store later.

The bill is believed to be one of thousands printed by a New Jersey counterfeit ring. Many of them have been circulated in this State during recent weeks, and it is possible that others were passed by the same group and are still in circulation. The bill picked up in Bear Grass is a fairly good duplicate of the valid Jackson \$20 bill, but it is of series B. It can be detected by careful inspection or when compared with the real bill.

Members of the distribution ring were arrested in Greenville last week-end, and the counterfeiters in New Jersey have been arrested, tried and convicted. It is fairly certain, however, that more of the spurious bills are still in circulation in this section.

## Local Engineer Gets Promotion

J. C. Parkin, resident engineer for the State Highway and Public Works Commission with headquarters in Williamston for the past several years, has been promoted to district engineer with headquarters in Asheville. He is succeeding George H. Mack who is being transferred to District No. 1 which embraces those counties nearer the coast. Mr. Parkin, his promotion becoming effective on August 1, plans to locate in Asheville as soon as he can get living quarters. He will be in charge of maintenance in Bertie, Hertford, Martin and Northampton Counties.

## Owner Claims His Stolen Auto Here Friday Afternoon

Jewelry and Trinkets With  
A \$1,500 Value, Re-  
ported Stolen

Ben Fried, native Hungarian who was naturalized a citizen of this country some years ago, came here last Friday afternoon to claim his DeSoto sedan stolen from him in Norfolk between midnight Saturday, July 17, and the following morning. A retired jewelry store operator, Fried had been "peddling" jewelry and trinkets throughout the country, and was making a tour of Virginia when his car and more than \$1,500 worth of jewelry were stolen in Granby Street near the Atlantic Hotel.

Very little damage was done to the car other than a broken glass where the thieves gained an entrance. A wheel and tire were stolen along with jewelry valued at about \$1,500. Among the stolen goods were several Illinois watches and a cut diamond. The car was abandoned on East Church Street here the early part of last week by a young man and woman. It was pulled into the police station by Officers Haislip and Rawls, and Chief Saunders after a search in three states by police and state highway radio located the owner in Norfolk Thursday. Fried, coming here Friday by bus, said he had been waiting in Norfolk for word from his car since it was stolen.

He explained to police Friday night that some of the goods stolen from his recently had been stolen previously and recovered in Mobile, Alabama, where he wrecked his car. Removed from his wrecked car at the time of the accident last January, he was in the hospital when thieves looted his car. The thieves were caught and most of the stolen goods were recovered there.

Last Thursday just before he was advised that his car had been found, Fried said, he had just

ing it again. It was fairly apparent that since the car and part of his jewelry were recovered he did not worry so much about his other loss.

Expressing his appreciation to local officers for making extra effort to locate him and report the recovery of the car, Fried said, "in some places they would have said nothing until an inquiry reached them."

## Arrest Boys On Conduct Charge

Jesse Earl Wynne, 28, Edward Mobley, 20, and William R. Price, 28, were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail Sunday for allegedly ordering gasoline put in their car and driving away from the station in Hassell without paying for it.

The operator reported the incident to the patrol radio and Patrolman R. P. Narron picked up the trio a short time later and booked them for trial in the county court.

Wynne was said to have told officers that he deserted an Army Air Force ground crew at Chanute Field, Illinois, three and one-half years ago. The case was reported to army authorities, but no immediate action was taken.

### ROUND-UP

"I don't recall that our office ever had a busier period than it did last week-end," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said yesterday in reviewing activities on the crime front.

Eleven persons were jailed Saturday and Sunday, three for assaults, two for drunkenness, one for drunken driving, four for disorderly conduct and one for larceny and receiving. Eight of the eleven were colored, and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 29 years.

In addition to the crime activities, the officer said that an investigation was made in an effort to find a missing man.

## Limited Quarantine Suggested for Polio

Report No Cases  
Of Polio In The  
County To Date

Request Children 16 Years  
And Under To Remain  
Away From Crowds

While no cases of poliomyelitis have been reported in this county so far this year, the Martin County Health Department yesterday called for a limited quarantine of a voluntary nature as a precautionary measure against the disease. The action was taken after County Health Officer John W. Williams attended a conference with health authorities and specialists in Raleigh during the week-end.

"All children sixteen years of age or under are requested not to congregate, to remain away from schools, churches, picnics, theaters, swimming pools and other public centers or events," the health officer said, and continued, "No visitors from affected areas of the State are welcome to Martin County, and if children do come, they are asked to remain in quarantine for three weeks. Martin County citizens are requested not to visit affected areas."

"It is suggested that no operations, especially about the nose and throat be performed at present unless in emergencies. Parents are urged to keep their children in the best physical condition possible, especially their nutrition at a high peak. Children should not over-play to exhaustion or over chill."

"If a change is noted in disposition, or if there are signs of fever, sore throat, muscular soreness, the child should be put to bed and a doctor called. Following such a condition the child should be kept in bed two weeks, even if there is no paralysis or muscular weakness noted."

The two most important steps the doctor will take is to get resistance up and bowels open at once. Not so much water should be given to quench thirst, but quantities of fruit juices should be given.

"Should a child fall ill and the ailment is infantile paralysis of bulbar (abuse of brain) or of the respiratory type, the victim should be moved to a hospital when it can be handled. Otherwise, the victim is better off at home during the acute period when fever is present. The victim can stand the shock better at home than the shock of transportation of more than sixty miles. Hospitals are badly crowded now."

"Dry hot packs are indicated in some cases, but they can cause damage. The use of sulfa drugs is not advisable."

The health department will gladly assist in any way it can but consultation is invited if doctor

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## Change Schedule Swimming Pool

Patronage of the Municipal Swimming Pool having been greatly curtailed because of the fear of poliomyelitis in this section, Coach Stuart Maynard who is handling the local recreation program this year, has announced that the pool will not be open to the public during morning hours for the rest of the summer.

Until further notice the pool is to be open in the afternoon from 2 to 4 and at night from 7 to 9 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The pool will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 to 12 for the classes being conducted for non-swimmers only.

It appears likely that the baby pool which is maintained for the very young will be closed after this week since its patronage has dwindled away to almost nothing. The swimming pool was cleaned out yesterday and filled with fresh water to give the swimmers a fresh start this afternoon.

### PROMISES LAW

Contacted by quite a few people, A. Corey, Jamesville man recently nominated by Martin County voters for a seat in the State House of Representatives, stated that action would be taken in the next session of the legislature to make the use of profane language and disorderly conduct unlawful any place in the county. "We'll either amend the present law, under which Martin County is now exempt, or pass a new one, offering iron-clad protection to all citizens against abuse," Mr. Corey said.

In the courts recently, defendants, charged with the use of profane language, were adjudged not guilty when it was pointed out that there was no law against such conduct except in incorporated towns where ordinances made the questionable practice illegal, and in and around public properties.

## Victim Of Severe Electric Shock

Mrs. Henry Griffin was critically hurt about 2:00 o'clock last Saturday afternoon when she came in contact with a "grounded" floor lamp on the back porch of the Griffin home on Grace Street. Although she is still suffering from the severe shock, her condition is much improved and she is expected to be out soon, the attending physician said yesterday.

The porch concrete floor had just been washed and it is possible that some water fell into the switch controlling an indirect light at the base of the iron lamp. Mrs. Griffin started, however, and in the confusion she stepped through her body possibly two or three minutes before the nurse in the home and neighbors could reach her and break the circuit. Rushing to Mrs. Griffin, the nurse grabbed her and was badly shocked. She then moved around and pulled the plug from a wall socket. Mrs. A. J. Manning, rushing there from her home two doors away in answer to a cry for help, reached Mrs. Griffin just in time to keep her from falling to the floor. Rendered unconscious, Mrs. Griffin stopped breathing for an interval, and Tom Brandon, next-door neighbor, applied artificial respiration and revived her. A doctor was called and after receiving first aid treatment she regained consciousness later in the afternoon.

## Native Of County Drowns Saturday

Mike C. Ward, a native of the Parmele section and a resident of Williamston for two or three years, was drowned in a millpond near Richmond last Saturday night. The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchin Ward of Greenville, was in a boat and jumped out for a swim and did not come up. His body was recovered a short time later, and sent to Greenville where funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock, interment following in Greenville's Greenwood Cemetery.

Living in the home on Smithwick Street just back of the Sinclair filling station, the victim is remembered as a good-natured, white haired little lad of just a few years. He moved to Greenville when he was a lad. Twenty-four years old, he served as a radioman on a submarine in the recent war, and attended school in Richmond since his discharge in 1946, later accepting a job in Fredericksburg, Va.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, L. Eugene Ward of Washington, and W. Hutchin Ward of Greenville; a sister Mrs. Chas. A. Rumley of Greenville, and several cousins of Williamston.

## Child's Suspicion Leads To Arrest Of Thief Sunday

Jas. Arrington Being Held  
For Trial In Default  
Of \$400 Bond

The suspicion and alertness of little Miss Pat Hardison, eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Hardison, led to the arrest of James Arrington, young Plymouth colored man who operated as a thief in this county last week-end. Becoming suspicious of the man when he operated his old model car up and down the road in front of their home near Hardison's Crossing in Williams Township last Wednesday, the young girl took down the car license number and turned it over to officers when her father's outboard motor and Clinton Jones's cow were stolen last Saturday.

The car was listed in the name of James Miner, but officers learned that the machine had been sold to Arrington. In addition to the license number, the girl offered the officers a good description of the car. Deputy Murray Holloman went into Washington County Sunday but Arrington could not be found at the time. Later in the afternoon Sheriff Reid and Plymouth police picked up Arrington. He first denied the thefts, but after questioning he admitted the theft of the motor, told where he had sold it and aided the recovery from a man named Wynne who had paid \$70 for the motor.

Turned over to Martin officers, Arrington denied the theft of Jones' cow, but when Ned Williams identified Arrington as the man he saw loading the cow on a truck, the cow theft was admitted. Arrington said he sold the cow to a butcher for \$40. Last reports state that Jones had not recovered the amount paid for his cow.

Arrington, veteran attending a night school for trainees, went to the Harrison home the middle of last week. He saw the children in the yard, and saw the cow being directly to the shed where the boat motor could be seen from the road. When he reached the back yard, Mrs. Hardison asked him what he wanted, and he explained that he wanted to see the motor her husband had for sale. Told that the motor was not for sale, Arrington left. Last Saturday night the motor was stolen.

During the meantime, Arrington went to Jones' premises back of No. 90 station, threw a chain around the young cow's head, fastened it to the rear of his car and literally dragged her several miles to the old Daniel homeplace on the Holly Springs-Farm Life road. Arrington tied the cow there, came to town and got Jerry Williams and his truck. They loaded the animal on the truck about 6:30 o'clock that morning.

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## Motorcycle-Auto Crash Near Here

No one was badly hurt but William Frederick Brown, 18, of 167 1-2 W. South Street, Raleigh, suffered severe shock when his motorcycle crashed with a 1938 Chevrolet driven by Herbert Reaves, of Williamston, at the road intersection on Highway 64 near Hardy's store, one mile west of here at 2:55 o'clock Sunday morning.

Brown was riding into town when Reaves, 39-year-old colored man, driving west, started to make a left turn into the dirt road. The motorcycle plowed into the right side of the car, throwing Brown into the air. He landed on his back on the concrete. Removed to the hospital in an ambulance, Brown was examined and when it was learned no bones were broken and that he had suffered only from shock, he left the hospital later in the day.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman M. F. Powers said he estimated the damage to the motorcycle at \$200 and that to the car at \$150. Reaves, booked for alleged drunken driving, is to face Judge J. C. Smith in the county court next Monday.