

Tobacco Sales Pass Three Million Mark

Gradual Decline In Price Average Reported In Belt

Market Will Hardly Clear The Block Sales Existing Since Friday

Approximately three and one-third million pounds of tobacco have been sold on the Williamston market so far this season as compared with less than three million pounds sold in the first thirteen marketing days last year. Sales going into a block late last Friday will hardly be cleared today, reports from the market this morning stating that the leaf was still moving into the warehouses freely.

Contrary to reports from some sources, there has been a gradual decline in the price average since opening day. Starting off with a \$53.14-cent average on opening day, the 19th, the price average tumbled to its lowest peak of the season last Friday when 310,128 pounds were sold for \$126,583.00, a resulting average of \$40.82.

There is still some talk about inferior quality, and it is true that the market offered some few types of tobacco that the government grades were unable to grade, but, at the same time, prices for certain types are just not up to the level reported earlier in the season.

The government moved in last Friday in a big way, buying approximately one-third of the sale.

Through last Friday, the market had sold 3,021,668 pounds for an average of \$46.40. It is estimated that the sales today will carry the total well over the three and one-third million mark. Prices were reported some stronger early today.

A report from the Georgia belt states that the markets there sold 134,179,598 pounds for an average of \$47.03 as compared with 171,028,181 pounds sold last year for an average of \$37.82. In other words the Georgia farmers received almost as much for two-thirds of a crop this year as they received for a much larger crop last year.

The Middle Belt, opening last week, reported good averages. The markets there sold 6,046,294 pounds last Thursday and Friday for an average price of \$53.08 per hundred pounds.

A general report, released for this belt by the United States Department of Agriculture, follows:

A stronger demand was seen for lugs and primings sold on the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets during the week ending Thursday, September 2, report the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture. However, lower prices were paid for leaf grades which constituted the largest part of the sales. Tobaccos most suitable for cigarette manufacture were from 50c to \$7.00 per hundred higher than in the previous week. Most increases amounted to \$1.00 to \$3.00. Good primings showed the largest gains of \$4.00 to \$7.00 while other grades of lugs and primings were up generally \$1.00 to \$3.00. On the other hand, leaf dropped \$1.00 to \$3.00 with red and green grades showing the weakest trend. Some dissatisfaction was voiced among growers on prices received for these offerings and rejections for resale were

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ROUND-UP

Local, county and state officers worked overtime last week-end rounding up alleged law violators. Sixteen violators, including eleven drunks, two drunken drivers, a peeping Tom and two for assault, were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail.

Nearly half of those arrested and jailed were white, the ages of the group ranging from nineteen to sixty years.

Jaycees Discuss Varied Program At Recent Meet

Observation Battalion Offered Town; Band Flag Displayed To Group

At their regular meeting last Friday evening, held at the Woman's Club, members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce voted to do something about the bleacher situation at the local ball park. After some discussion, the group decided that it was time that some concerted action be taken in regard to this matter, and a committee of Jaycees Bernard T. Harrison, Ed Rowland and Dan Peele was named by President Ward to obtain blue prints and the necessary lumber. All members of the club are expected to work on this project, possibly at night.

State Director Thad Harrison reported on the recent quarterly Board Meeting, as one of the delegates.

The new W. H. S. school flag, which is being presented by the Jaycees to the school band, was displayed to the group. Band Director-Jaycee Jack Butler expressed his appreciation on behalf of the band group. The handsome flag, 4' x 6', is green with white lettering, and it certainly will be in keeping with the crack W. H. S. Band. Cost of the flag is \$117.00.

Membership Chairman Edgar J. Gurganus Installed Daryl V. Clayton, Jr., as a New Member

Jaycee Clayton is assistant manager of the local Firestone store. Mayor Bob Cowen informed the group that the office of Gen. J. B. Van Metts had offered an Observation Battalion to Williamston, provided local citizens form a National Guard Unit and make the necessary arrangements to house the equipment until such time as an armory could be built. The Jaycees decided to request Gen. Van Metts' office to send a representative to meet with the local group at an early date.

Some discussion and tentative plans for raising funds for a local athlete was held, with more details to be announced later. A committee, composed of Jaycees Stuart Maynard, Ernest Mears and Bob Cowen was assigned to this project.

Approximately 45 Jaycees and guests enjoyed a bountiful country ham dinner served the group by the ladies of the Maple Grove Church. Guests present were Jimmie Ward, Bob Wilson, Rex Best, Junie Peel and Mr. VanLandingham. Jaycee Jim Lowry pronounced the invocation. The attendance prize, awarded by "Cap" York, was won by Bernard Harrison.—Reported.

Child Hurt In Auto Accident

Philip Gilbert, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Morrisette of 208 Watts Street, was hurt but apparently not seriously when the car in which he was riding was in collision with another on the main street in front of Attorney H. G. Horton's office here yesterday morning at 9:20 o'clock. The little fellow, riding in his father's lap with Mr. Robert Lee Bowling, shattered the windshield with his head when the car crashed into one being backed from a parking place by Grady James.

Suffering a small cut on his forehead, he fainted or lost consciousness for a short while, but an examination at the hospital revealed that the little fellow stood the blow as a man and without apparent serious injury.

Very little damage was done to the cars, the driver of the car backing out agreeing to accept the damages.

Moved From Michigan To Rocky Mount Hospital

Badly injured in a highway accident near Detroit three weeks ago, Mr. J. Eason Lilley was removed from a hospital in Wyandotte, Mich., to a Rocky Mount hospital last Thursday. His condition is much improved but he continues quite ill, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

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 it is 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: Donna Sue, fifteen months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Speller, Williamston; Carroll, two and a half, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coltrain, Williamston; Edevena, two, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Peele, Williamston; Bottom row, Kathryn, two, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Roberson, Williamston; Lucy Pat, sixteen months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Worsley, Oak City; Eddie, two, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Powell, Williamston.

Turns Truck Over On County Road

According to unconfirmed reports reaching here, Tommie Griffin, local young man, was hurt and \$300 damage was done to his 1940 Chevrolet pick-up truck when the machine went out of control and turned over on the Bear Grass-Stokes Road about 10:30 o'clock last Saturday night. The driver of the truck, driving from Bear Grass, lost control on a curve and the truck went into a ditch on the left, jumped out, skidded about 120 feet and turned over, coming to a stop right side up in a ditch on the other side of the road.

One report said Griffin was thrown out and was found lying in the ditch.

Patrolmen Powers and Rowe investigated the accident, but they were unable to find Griffin immediately after going to his home and questioning relatives. The extent of his injuries could not be learned.

The patrolmen said they were not certain who was driving the truck at the time of the accident, but they learned from witnesses that Griffin was at the wheel a short time before the wreck.

Former Resident Dies In Hospital

W. E. (Cotton) Davis, former resident of Williamston, died in a Tarboro hospital last Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock of virus pneumonia after an illness of four days.

A native of Easley, South Carolina, he came to Williamston about ten years ago and operated the old Economy Auto Store, moving a few years later to Tarboro and more recently to Farmville where he operated an auto accessory store.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frances K. Allen; two foster daughters, Patsy and Mary Frances Allen, all of Farmville; his mother, Mrs. Lily A. Davis of Easley, S. C.; five brothers, Fred and F. F. of Easley, Albert of Sylacauga, Ala., C. C. of Catechee, S. C., and Melvin Davis of the U. S. Navy; four sisters, Cleo and Louise Davis, Mrs. Ronnie Massey, and Mrs. W. T. Norris, all of Easley. Funeral services were held Monday at 4 p. m. from the Farmville Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. E. R. Clegg, Methodist minister, and the Rev. E. W. Holmes, Baptist minister. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery. Mr. Davis was a Mason, and a member of the Kiwanis club.

Weather Delays Work On Road In Griffins

Completing the base early last week, workers are being delayed by weather conditions on the Griffins Township road project. A tank car of tar is ready for use just as soon as the weather breaks, but the weather man is promising more rain today and tomorrow.

Simon Jas. Ward Died Monday At Home Near Here

Funeral Tuesday Afternoon At Home for Well-Known Citizen - Farmer

Simon James Ward, well-known citizen and farmer of Bear Grass Township, died at his home there Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock following a long illness and months of intense but patient suffering. Mr. Ward, in declining health for more than five years, underwent several operations in hospital in this state and Virginia during that time. He had been confined to his bed for about eight weeks and his condition had been considered grave since last Friday.

Mr. Ward, 49 years old, was born in Bear Grass Township, not far from the Beaufort County line on U. S. Highway 17, on January 6, 1899, the son of the late James Henry and Ellen Griffin Ward. He spent all his life on the farm in or near his native community, and lived the life of a good neighbor and friend. He found enjoyment in his work and despite failing health he held to his tasks almost until his last serious illness. Despite his affliction which he bore without complaint, he looked on the bright side of life, cheering others along the way and extending an encouraging and helping hand at every opportunity. Mr. Ward, member of a family long prominent in the history of the county, was a member of the church at Macedonia for nearly a quarter of a century, attending its services regularly until forced into retirement by his last serious illness.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Mittie Perry who survives with seven children, two sons, Floyd and J. R. Ward of the home; and five daughters, Mrs. Jack Melton of Farmville, Mrs. Jack Sullivan of Williamston, and Misses Thelma, Mary Ellen and Geraldine Ward, all of the home; two grandchildren; three brothers, Burras Ward of Beaufort County and John and Will Ward of this county; three sisters, Mrs. Jonah Stalls and Mrs. Oliver Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, and Mrs. Nat Cherry of Washington.

Funeral services are being conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home.

More Jurors For Superior Court

Fairly certain that the number of jurors drawn last month will not be sufficient to serve the two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court convening the 20th of this month, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck discussed the expected shortage with the county commissioners Monday and twelve additional jurors were drawn. It was explained that several of the women jurors had offered acceptable excuses, that some other jurors had moved out of the county since the list was drawn and that one, Mr. J. Eason Lilley, would hardly be able to serve on account of injuries received in an automobile accident three weeks ago.

The names of the jurors drawn to supplement the regular list follow:

First Week
Jamesville, Woodrow Wells; Bear Grass, John R. Roberson and W. A. Gurganus; Williamston, Gerald James and S. A. Perry; Robertsonville, Louis Brown.

Second Week
Griffins, T. C. Griffin; Williamston, Noah Daniel Griffin and R. E. Peel; Bear Grass, Clyde Revels; Cross Roads, J. Marion Griffin; Hamilton, W. W. Briley.

Child Slightly Hurt In Fall From Moving Car

A small colored child, whose name could not be learned here, was slightly bruised and scratched in a fall from a moving car on the Jamesville Highway early yesterday morning. The child was given medical treatment and discharged when it was learned that no bones were broken and the bruises were not serious.

One report stated the door came open and the child rolled out.

Submit Petition for Agriculture School

STRONGER

Although it has not climbed back to its opening-day perch, the price average on the local tobacco market this morning was decidedly stronger. Farmers, selling the remainder of split barns this morning, stated that their prices averaged much more than they did a week ago, indicating that the market has recovered, partially at least, from the slump it found itself in last Thursday and Friday.

Farmer Joe Leggett, placing a keen eye on the early morning sales, said the price is much better.

Assault Victim And Deaf Mutes Disturb Peace

Deaf Mute Goes To Sleep With His Foot On Automobile Horn Saturday

A deaf mute, unconscious of the act, and a victim of an assault disturbed the peace on the town's main street early last Saturday morning. Guests in the hotel were disturbed early that morning when Joe Henry Ashley allegedly assaulted Ollie Mae Whitley and she yelled bloody murder in front of the police station. Most of the guests were awakened before police could quiet her.

Driving into the Central Service Station at the other end of the business block shortly before day-break, two deaf and dumb mutes stopped their car, and twisting their bodies contortionist like, dropped off to sleep. The foot of one came to rest on the steering wheel horn. Sleepers in the Williamston and Tar Heel Apartments and those in nearby residences were awakened. Police immediately started an investigation. The officers tried to call the sleeping men, but the only answer were deep, base snoring sounds. The windows were up and the doors were locked. The officers went around the car, pounding on the sides and windows, the horn still blowing a ghastly blast. Finally, the officers forced open a small ventilator, reached into the car and lifted the man's foot off the horn.

The young men came here from Thomasville to visit friends and decided to sleep a few minutes.

No material harm was done, but quite a few sleepers were awakened in time to see the sun rise.

Hundreds of Cars Go Through Lane

Operating here for the past six days, the motor vehicle inspection lane handled an estimated 1,200 vehicles, and just about cleared inspections for those vehicles facing the deadline. It is fairly certain that ninety percent of the models up to and including 1936 and the models for 1947 and 1948 have been inspected and beat the August 31 deadline. Ten days of grace were granted, meaning that after Friday of this week the owner of a 1936 or prior model vehicle or year models 1947 and 1948 will be subject to action in the courts if he has not had his vehicle inspected.

The lane left here yesterday and is opening for a six-day run in Plymouth. It is to return here in about six weeks, or too late to get the 1937 and 1946 models over the September 30 deadline.

All motor vehicles of the year models 1933, 1939, 1943, 1944 and 1945 shall be inspected on or before October 31, 1948. The 1940 and 1942 models are to be inspected on or before November 30, 1948, and all 1941 and 1949 models are to be inspected on or before December 31, 1948.

A person acquiring a vehicle that has not been inspected is allowed twenty days to have it inspected.

Commissioners In Regular Session Monday Morning

Petitions for School Of Agriculture and Several Roads Received

Meeting in regular session Monday morning, the Martin County commissioners handled their routine duties and received petitions for a school of agriculture and several road projects. Advised that several women members of the September Superior court jury had already been excused or would be excused and that several men drawn for service had moved away or would not be able to serve, the commissioners drew twelve additional jurors, six for the first and six for the second week of the term. The officials completed their work and adjourned before lunch.

Carrying the names of twenty-eight World War II veterans who are seriously considering making agriculture their life's work a petition was presented to the board urging the establishment of a school of agriculture in Williamston. The petition reads, as follows: "We, the undersigned vets and agriculture students are petitioning this body to exercise every effort to begin an agriculture school in the town of Williamston. As it is at the present time, some of us are forced to go to agriculture schools in the towns of Windsor, Jamesville, Roper, Robertsonville and Oak City. This has and is continuing to work a hardship on most of us. Since Williamston and its vicinity are the population center of this area, we feel that we are deserving of a school here and are, therefore, bringing this matter to your attention in hopes that it can be handled at the earliest possible moment." The petition was signed by R. G. Slade, H. H. Cowen, Jr., J. G. Barnhill, Jr., Roland M. Baddard, Cecil W. Pierce, Leslie W. Price, James J. Wynn, Clifton Hollis, Joe White, James R. Edmondson, Slade R. White, William H. Revels, Jesse Edmondson, Edgar M. Taylor, James Otis Bullock, Eli Marion Taylor, R. V. Bunting, Carroll W. Mobley, William V. Roebuck, William R. White, William Harrison, Edmond David Harris, Albert S. Harris, T. F. Harrison, Walter Brown, Paul VanLandingham, Mack L. Peel, Jr., and Hildreth Rogerson.

The board discussed the petition with education authorities who explained that it would be impossible to establish the school any time soon, that neither space nor a teacher are available. Speaking for twenty-seven petitioners, J. A. Everett of Goose Nest asked the board to recommend that the State Highway Commission take over and maintain that section of road in Goose Nest Township, leading off N. C. 125 from the L. G. Shields and Mizelle farms and running north-easterly a distance of three-quarters of a mile. The road serves five families. Speaking for citizens in Griffins Township, Mr. Sylvester Peel and

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REGISTRATION

The registration of young men—18-26 years old—up until today stood at 757, including 342 white and 415 colored. Only 98 men—59 white and 39 colored—were registered last Saturday.

There was no registration yesterday, but the round-up task for potential manpower in the peacetime draft is again under way in the Legion Hut here.

Men born in 1925 are registering today. Men born in 1926 register Wednesday and Thursday, and men born in 1927 are to register on Friday and Saturday. Others will register next week.