

Tobacco Sales Pass Four Million Mark

Average Stronger Following Marked Slump Last Week

Daily Deliveries Exceeding By Small Margin Market's Selling Capacity

After falling to an unexplained but marked slump tobacco prices staged a comeback to possibly more than offset the loss and pull the daily averages back to the middle forties. The price recovery was quite noticeable for the medium grades with little or no great change, at least, in the price for green, heavy tips. Prices for the better grades continue to hold their own, and farmers with that type of tobacco are doing all right, with individual averages going as high as \$65 and \$66 per hundred pounds.

Standing right at three and one-third million pounds at the close of the market Wednesday afternoon, sales today are certain to pass the four-million pound mark today. A block has been in evidence since last Friday, but the carry-over has been fairly small, and for the most part tobacco delivered here is sold the same day. However, most of the deliveries are made one day for the first sale the next.

Yesterday, the market sold 323,684 pounds for \$142,196.00, the average for the day standing right at \$44 per hundred pounds. Up until today, the market had sold 3,660,806 pounds for \$1,682,466.40, or an average right at \$46.00 per hundred pounds, or \$45.96, to be exact. During the first fourteen sale days of last year the market sold 3,174,524 for an average of \$41.96, giving the sales this year more than half a million-pound lead and a price average advantage of exactly four cents a pound.

It was estimated today that more than forty percent of the crop had been sold in this section, that possibly fifty percent or more of the crop will have been sold at the close of sales Friday.

Registration Now Over A Thousand

During the first eight days ending yesterday, 1,006 names of Martin County young men were placed on the registration list for the peace-time draft, but draft officials admitted that the pickings from the group are almost certain to be "slim."

The registration includes 457 white and 549 colored men. There are 401 veterans of World War II, 213 married non-veterans, 330 single men, 43 18-year-olds and nineteen transient registrants.

Men born in 1926 are registering today. Men born in 1927 register on Friday and Saturday of this week. Men born in 1928 register next Monday and Tuesday. Men born in 1929 register on September 15 and 16, and men born in 1930, before September 19, 1930, are to register on September 17 and 18.

Amateurs Make Record Catches

Invading the Swan Quarter fishing grounds yesterday, West End Mayor Exum Ward and Alderman Dennis Hardy, experienced fishermen, with the help of Mayo Moore, L. C. Moore, Chas. Beacham and Dock Banks, amateurs, broke all records for the season today.

Mayor Ward admitted that his take was small, but hastened to explain that he was too busy teaching the others how to fish. After losing more than two dozen of their hooks, the fishermen settled down and caught 282 nice trout, the largest catch reported there this season. Dock Banks hooked the largest fish, an eight and one-quarter pound trout, but lost him right at the edge of the boat, Mayor Ward verifying the weight.

QUESTIONNAIRES

The peace-time draft moved another step toward reality for Martin County men this week when 169 questionnaires were placed in the mail, but draft board officials admittedly were weary over the slight possibility of getting many eligible servicemen out of all the trouble and work now underway.

Two of the questionnaires were prepared and returned to the board Wednesday, neither of the two qualifying for the draft. The other 167 questionnaires are to be filled in and returned to the board on or before September 17.

It has been estimated that the draft will overtake about one out of every 58 registrants. On that basis about three in the first group to receive questionnaires can look forward to a stretch in the army.

Justices Of Peace Hear Many Cases In Past Few Days

Owner In Court for "Stealing" His Own Dog Here A Few Days Ago

Justices John L. Hassell and R. T. Johnson worked overtime this week handling a large number of cases in their courts. The feature case was the one in which a man was charged with "stealing" his own dog. When the facts were presented Justice Johnson quashed the indictment and it was intimated that others would be involved. Johnnie Martin of Pitt County was charged with "stealing" his dog from C. B. Whitehurst here. It was proved that Whitehurst had bought the dog for \$5 from another party, that Martin, seeing the dog while traveling through here, picked him up and carried him back to Pitt. Martin refunded Whitehurst the purchase price.

Other cases handled by Justice Johnson: Drunk and disorderly, Roscoe Morris was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with being drunk, Andrew Stille, George Guilford and William Taylor were each required to pay \$6.85 costs.

James Ramsey, Jr., charged with assaulting a female with a knife and gun, was bound over to the county court in bond of \$200.

Willie Purvis was fined \$15 and taxed with \$6.50 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with failing to dim his lights, Clarence Rogers was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Joe Jordan Rogers was fined \$5 and required to pay \$5.85 costs for failing to stop at a road intersection.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Minnie Mendenhall with failing to stop at a road intersection.

Justice Hassell handled the following cases:

Running through a red traffic light, Samuel Abna Wilkins was

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Crowded Ballots Promised For Election In November

Crowded ballots will greet Martin County voters when they go to the polls in the general election on November 2. The State Supreme Court has given the Democrats a place on the presidential ballot along with the Democrats, Republicans and Progressives. In the State there'll be contests between the Republicans and Democrats. While there'll be no opposition at the county level, the county Democrats will offer their nominees for election. Then there will be several amendments to the State Constitution to be considered.

Judge J. C. Smith Has Sixteen Cases In County's Court

Tribunal In Session Hardly An Hour Last Monday Morning

Ignoring the provision for a day of rest offered by the legal Labor Day Holiday proclamation, Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson cranked up their court machinery and meted out justice as usual in a session lasting hardly an hour last Monday morning. Sixteen cases were handled, but fines, apparently reflecting the tobacco price slump, dropped to a new low of \$175 that day. Several cases were continued for one reason or another. Very few spectators were present.

Proceedings: His case having been continued under prayer for judgment at a previous session, Turner Ward, charged with non-support was directed to pay \$100 to Lizzie Moore for the support of their two children. The defendant is to report again early next January for further judgment.

The cases charging John Bunting with being drunk and disorderly and Emma A. Eide with being publicly drunk were dismissed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Aubrey Eugene Butler was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Jas. Edward Moore with being a Peeping Tom and N. S. Nichols with larceny were continued until October 4.

Eveline Kearse pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and was fined \$25, plus costs.

A continuance was allowed until September 13 in the case charging Snowden W. Quigley with drunken driving.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Fred L. Cahoon pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus the court costs.

Raymond Mills Campbell was fined \$15 and required to pay the court costs for speeding. He pleaded guilty.

Pleading guilty in the case in which he was charged with bastardy, Leslie Rogers was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$20 a month for the support of his son, Robert Lee Rogers. The defendant is to pay the \$50 hospital bill.

James Purvis, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and the costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, Alfred Wiggins pleaded guilty and was fined \$20, plus costs.

Charged with speeding, Eugene Pendleton Banks, George Sutcliffe and Edward Fords Bagnos, each pleaded guilty and each was fined \$15 and taxed with the court costs.

Special Picture For Legion Meet

The showing of an American Legion film, "America Sails the Seas," will highlight the regular meeting of John W. Hassell Post No. 163, Monday night, September 13, 1948, Commander W. W. Gurganus announced today.

"America Sails the Seas," a 33 minute sound film in full color, tells the story of the vital role which the US merchant marine plays in the economic life of our country.

In an introduction, the National Commander of the American Legion, James F. O'Neil expresses concern that our merchant marine has already declined to a deplorable state in the two years since the end of World War II. He urges strongly that we maintain a merchant marine adequate to meet the tasks thrust upon it.

"Every Legionnaire will benefit from seeing this film," Commander Gurganus said. "I urge every member to be present and to bring with him as many interested guests as he can." Admission is free.

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: Kenneth, one, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Loudon, Williamston; Clifton, II, eight months, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ward, Williamston; Linda, twenty months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jones, Williamston; Bottom row, Lewis, II, four months, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Davis, Jamesville; Larry, fifteen months, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Speller, Williamston; and Judy, five months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Letchworth, Williamston.

Farm Life Asking For Lunch Room

Pointing out the need for a lunch room for their school, representatives from Farm Life at a special meeting of the Martin County Board of Education here yesterday said the patrons and friends of the school would build a suitable structure if the county would furnish the materials. The board was impressed with the most liberal offer and will carry the proposal before the county commissioners for their consideration. "The offer is a very generous one and we can't see why it will not be accepted," Chairman J. D. Woolard said.

It is estimated that the materials, including cinder or concrete blocks, will cost approximately \$4,000. The proposed building is to be 28 by 56 feet.

If and when the project is approved, the labor volunteers plan to start work on the building without delay. It was planned to contact the commissioner as soon as possible, Chairman J. H. Edwards of the Board of Commissioners stating that he favored the plan, but could not speak for the board as a whole.

Members Ferd Holliday, J. D. Woolard, George C. Griffin and H. C. Norman attended the meeting. Member Ernest Edmondson could not be present.

Farmers Making Ready For Peanut Harvest

Martin County farmers are making ready for the peanut harvest, but it will be a week or ten days, possibly longer, before the task gets under way on any appreciable scale.

Reports declare that the crop is badly spotted, that it is very good on certain types of land where there was moisture, but on the heavy lands, the quality of the crop is exceedingly poor and there are few nuts on the vines.

Apply Pressure To Check Drive For Beer Sale Ban

Climaxing a concerted drive launched by some of the beer dealers to check a movement to ban the sale of beer and wines in the county, pressure was reported this week to have been applied in at least one case with the possibility that strong hints had been dropped in other cases.

Slow to chip in with a \$10 contribution to fight the dry movement, one retailer was denied a supply of beer by at least two distributors. Unconfirmed reports declared that a whispering campaign had been directed against at least one retailer, and that a general invitation had been extended to all retailers to attend meetings to discuss plans for combatting any and all dry movements.

The wets were said to have attempted to form an organization

Parole Officials Plan Hearing In Frank Green Case

Determined Proponents Offer To Transport Opponents To Raleigh

The determined movement to parole Frank Green, convicted killer, will be aired at a public hearing tentatively scheduled to be held some time and some where, possibly in Raleigh next Wednesday, it was learned here yesterday.

Those interested in releasing Green are offering to furnish transportation to any one opposing the parole and who aren't able to furnish his own transportation, it was learned. There is some deep opposition to the all-out movement to parole Green, but there is some doubt if it will be possible for the opponents to make a trip to Raleigh at that time.

According to the best information available, a weak and almost disgusting field investigation was entered in the record some weeks ago or before Killer Green had served hardly a year for the wanton crime. The investigator, allegedly sent out by Commissioner of Paroles Hathaway Cross, went within a few feet of those acquainted with the case and who were in all justice to fairness and common decency should have been heard. He passed them by and jumped from place to place in the county, gaining no idea of the opposition to Green's parole, as far as it could be learned here. The investigation was rated as being little more than mockery.

Green, while in a drunken condition, ran down, killed and injured several occupants of a car at the intersection of the Bear Grass Road and Highway 17 early last year. He was tried in the courts of this county and was sentenced to prison for not less than five and not more than seven years. It was directly or indirectly suggested at the time that if the unfortunate victims of Green's crime were given a decent settlement in the civil courts, the sentence would be commuted to not more than five and not less than three years.

The move to effect a "decent" settlement was bitterly contested in the courts, and by the time doctors' and hospital bills and other expenses were paid, the direct and indirect victims of the crime were left just about penniless. It is now reported that relatives of the victims and some of the victims themselves are depending on public welfare and other friends for the bare necessities of life.

It is an established fact that more interest has been shown in paroling Frank Green than there has been in the welfare of those whom he wantonly ran down, murdered and maimed. One who is well acquainted with the case was quoted as saying only yesterday that, "If half as much interest had been shown in those who bore the brunt of Green's criminal action as there had been

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Military Drops Negro "Quota"

Washington—The military has dropped from its peacetime draft the quota system used for Negroes during World War II, defense officials said here.

A spokesman for Selective Service headquarters said in answer to a question that no quota is fixed, the Negroes and whites are being "taken as they come."

During the war, a quota was set for the draft of Negroes. The aim was to call approximately as many Negroes as the proportion of their race to national population. That is about 10 percent. Negroes will get their basic training at camps anywhere in the country to which they happen to be assigned, either in the North or South, Army spokesmen said.

They denied a published report that no Negroes would be trained in the South. A Negro will be assigned to any unit where needed, regardless of location, when his basic training has been fixed, the spokesman said.

Consider Removal of Few Parking Meters

INSPECTION LANE

North Carolina's Department of Motor Vehicles will open an inspection lane on the street between the Planters Warehouse and the Better Chevrolet Company in Robersonville next Tuesday, September 14. It will be open for three days.

The deadline has passed for the inspection of certain models, and the department points out that September 30 is the deadline for inspecting models 1937 and 1946.

The lane will not be back in Williamston this month and those wishing to beat the inspection deadline for 1937 and 1946 model cars will have to hit the lane at Robersonville next week or drive to Washington Sept. 23 to 27 for inspections. The lane will also be in Washington on October 6 which is within the 10-day grace period.

Roy A. Hinson, Local Resident, Died Yesterday

Taken Ill Early That Morning in Greensboro and Died Short Time Later

Roy Avant Hinson, local young man and veteran of World War II, died suddenly in Piedmont Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, yesterday morning at 8:10 o'clock. Working out of Greensboro for a short time with the Reid Hayden Insulating Company, he was taken ill shortly after 3:00 o'clock yesterday morning in his hotel room. Not thinking his condition was serious, he did not call for help immediately, but later got up and dressed and called for a taxi to take him to the hospital. He died before his ailment could be diagnosed, but it is thought he died of a heart attack. No report on an autopsy could be had here immediately.

The son of the late Waitus Hinson and Ollie Lilley Hinson Nicholson, he was born in Roanoke Rapids 31 years ago, but moved to this county when quite young, locating on the old Mizelle farm near Williamston where he lived with his grandfather, Stubbs Lilley. Later he made his home in Williamston with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lilley, until he entered the service in the early forties. He served with the Army Engineers overseas several years, returning home in 1945. Since that time he had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Modlin on Park Street. He operated a taxi here for a while since the war but more recently he went with the insulating firm. He was in his usual health Tuesday when he handled his regularly assigned tasks. Since returning home from service he had been troubled with phlebitis and was quite ill at one time. However, he apparently had recovered from that ailment.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Nathan Scott of Pitt County; two half-brothers, Berkley and Lonnie Mack Nicholson, and a half-sister, (Continued from Page Four)

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Boosters Plan Festival Here

At the meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners Tuesday night, permission was granted the Williamston Boosters, to stage a three-day Harvest festival on October 14, 15 and 16, the Board advancing \$300 to help meet certain costs.

Tentative plans call for all big events of the festival to take place on Friday, October 15.

Mr. Taylor urges that all members of the Williamston Boosters be present at a meeting at the court house at 8 o'clock on Friday, September 10. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the members with the tentative plans for the festival. Arrangements have been taken care of but are subject to the acceptance or rejection by Booster members. The directors will attempt to contact each member the latter part of this week by letter, urging each merchant to take an active part by appearing at the meeting.

Will Start Drive Against Rodents Week After Next

Board In Meeting Tuesday Buys Equipment For Gas, Fires

Holding their regular meeting last Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners handled a varied business program, including discussions on the recently-installed parking meters, town promotion, purchase of equipment for fighting gasoline fires, a drive against rats, streets and street lights, retirement of bonds, and increased pay for policemen.

While no action was taken for their immediate removal, parking meters near the Watts Street intersection on East Main and those near the Haughton intersection on West Main Street apparently have been found unnecessary, and there is a possibility that several of the meters will be removed in due time. It was the general opinion of the board that the meters had helped solve the parking problem in the more congested areas of the business district, and as far as it can be determined just now meters in the congested areas will be retained even after the six-month trial period.

The commissioners voted to allow \$300 for promoting the interests of the town at a festival to be advanced by the Boosters.

Including a \$1,250 appropriation in the current budget for financing a campaign against rats, the board completed arrangements for handling the project which is to last for six months. Working in cooperation with the county health department and federal forces, the town is to employ one person and the federal government will furnish a truck and supervise the work. It is believed that the drive will prove the most effective ever advanced here. The appropriation for the work provides a \$40 week salary.

Recognizing the presence of an unusually large number of gasoline storage tanks and the movement of numerous oil transports and tank delivery trucks through the streets, the commissioners decided to invest \$80 in special equipment for fighting gasoline fires. The board also instructed Fire Chief G. P. Hall to purchase about \$75 worth of chemicals and 150 additional feet of small hose.

Delivered just a short time ago, a new motor grader is to be used in improving dirt streets and opening new ones to isolated sections, Street Department Superintendent R. E. Manning told the board. One of the immediate projects is the improvement of Faulk Street, leading to the Odd Fellows Cemetery, and an outlet for citizens living on the west side of the Plymouth Branch of the A. C. L. Railroad Company track.

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More New Books For Public Library Here

The following new books were recently added to the Williamston Public Library:

Lace Curtain, Only the Brave, Asylum for the Brave, The Vagabond Virgin, Office Nurse, Gale Warning, Ann Starr at Warm Springs, Experiment in Crime, The Smokestack Iron, The Patient of Maigret, Bullets over Broken Leg, When Hearts are Young, Tried for Murder, Orchids for Mother, A Stylish Marriage, Call of the Land, Discovery, F as in Flight, A Foolish Gentlewoman, Peony, The Naked and the Dead, The Beloved Country, and Columbus.