

Georgia Tobacco Prices Averaging Between \$50-\$54

Average This Year About \$6 Above Season Price For 1949 Crop

Tobacco prices on the north Florida and Georgia tobacco markets Monday pushed on to record levels for an opening day, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here.

The opening-day average, based on early sales, ranged from \$50 to \$54, about \$6 per hundred pounds above the opening-day price last year. Some markets claimed an increase of \$8 to \$10 above the first day receipts last year.

Last year's opening day average on the belt was \$46.70 a hundred pounds, which was \$6.50 under the 1948 first day average.

At Valdosta, Ga., Market Supervisor L. G. Cheek reported leaf sold at an average of \$52.53 per hundred pounds in the first half hour of sales, \$4 to \$5 above last year's opening day average. Top price was \$67 paid by a warehouse, while top company price was \$64. Lowest price was \$12.

At Habiba, the first row of 90 baskets sold for an average of \$58.50 per hundred, much going at \$65. Lowest price was \$17.

At Blackshears, the first four rows averaged \$59, several dollars above the 1949 opening. Prices ranged from \$35 to \$68 in the first half hour.

At Adel, 1,000,000 pounds was on warehouse floors. An average of \$58 was paid during the first hour at one warehouse, with \$67 top and \$45 low.

At Tifton, the first 300 baskets, sold at a range of \$60 to \$60 with an average around \$50. Most prices were close to the government loan rate. Between 650,000 and 700,000 pounds were on the floor.

At Quitman, one warehouse reported the top price paid in the first hour was \$66, with an average of \$61-62.25. Prices went as low as \$5 for scraps.

Prospects are that the tobacco crop this year will be about 18,000,000 pounds less than the (Continued on Page Eight)

Auto Accidents In The County

Two automobile accidents were reported on the highways and streets in this county during the past days, resulting in about \$400 property damage and injury to a small child.

Last Wednesday evening about 5:00 o'clock Little Michael E. Ward, two and one-half year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henry Ward of North Grimes Street, Robersonville, suffered a broken left thigh when he ran into the rear left fender of Miss Emily Roberson's 1949 DeSoto in front of the Ward home. The little fellow was removed to a Greenville hospital for treatment, according to Officer Wade Griffin who made the investigation.

Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock William Cortez Hopkins lost control of his 1947 station wagon and crashed into Jesse Gray Lilley's 1949 Pontiac at Paul Lilley's service station, a few miles south of Williamston on Highway 17. The Lilley car was parked about fifteen feet off the highway, Patrolman Parker, making the investigation, reported.

Damage to each vehicle was estimated at \$200 by Patrolman Parker.

NO DEVELOPMENTS

There have been no recent developments on the home front in this county as they relate to the nation's war footing.

The county draft board has received no formal instructions as to the date for opening its office, and it is not known how many men will be called.

The National Guard unit has not been alerted, and it is not believed that the county guardsmen, only recently organized, will be called immediately. However, several units have been alerted in the State.

Postal Income Increase In Local Office Last Quarter

After sagging a bit during the first three months in this year, postal income regained the loss and forged ahead last quarter to reach one of the highest business peaks ever recorded for the three-month period.

Stamp sales fell from \$9,708.51 the first three months of last year to \$9,121.67 during January, February and March of this year. Last quarter the income from the sale of stamps climbed from \$8,506.73 in April, May and June, 1949, to \$10,070.50, an increase of \$1,563.77.

Possibly a slight increase in postal rates accounts for the increase, but Postmaster W. E. Dunn is of the opinion that business continues to expand in the territory served by the local office.

Money order business jumped from \$59,271.61 in second quarter of 1949 to \$61,734.75 last quarter, showing an increase of \$2,463.14. The money order business handled by the local office in the first quarter of this year was about \$5,000 less than the amount handled in the corresponding quarter of 1949.

Most of the gain in stamp sales was centered in the months of May and June. The increase in money order business was also centered mainly in the same months.

WATER SUPPLY

Williamston's water department encountered an emergency last Thursday when one of its deep wells went out of commission and the relief well with its high salt content had to be put back in operation.

A bearing in the well pump at the municipal plant burned out and repair parts have not reached here. It is possible that the well will be out of commission for ten days or two weeks. During the meantime water consumers in about one-half the town will get a liberal helping of salt in their water.

Kiwanis Leader Decries Loss Of Pioneer Spirit

Carolinian District Governor Crow Says Something Is Missing In Attitude

Carolinian District Governor of Kiwanis Dr. Oren Crow of Columbia, South Carolina, called on the local Kiwanians at their Thursday dinner meeting to "do what you can to keep our America safe and strong as we face the future" as he warned them of the need to maintain the American way of life and freedom in the chaotic world today.

Dr. Crow was introduced by District Secretary Herbert Hennig of Darlington, South Carolina, who spoke briefly of the fine record and accomplishments being made by the affable Governor.

Modern life, he asserted, has taken something out of the attitude of the people today and he warned that if this trend continues "we will lose something of the spirit of the pioneer heroes who founded America." He declared that unless "We work at the preservation of that spirit our country can't endure." "Our boys and girls are the only thing from which we can make citizens of tomorrow. We as Kiwanians should take more interest in public affairs and the simpler things of life such as the sponsorship of new activities and underprivileged children," the Governor pointed out.

The speaker stressed the importance of each Kiwanian carrying out his individual responsibilities and obligations as a part of Kiwanis International. "We should emphasize and live friendship and service and carry out to the best of our abilities the spirit and intent of the Kiwanis program."

District Governor L. H. Fountain of Tarboro and Tommie Lawrence, president of the Tarboro club were also present at the meeting.

Auto Burns In County Late Saturday Night

A 1941 Buick car belonging to Russell Ward Norman of Williamston was badly damaged by fire late Saturday night. Fire started in the wiring system under the dash board, it was reported.

Williamston's fire department was called out and saved the tires.

Illicit Liquor Law Violators In The Spotlight Again

Several Manufacturing Plants Wrecked In County During Past Few Days

Illicit liquor law violators and the illicit liquor manufacturing business broke into the spotlight in this county during the latter part of last week, according to information coming from ABC Officer, J. H. Roebuck. One of the plants was located right near Williamston's northeastern town limits.

Last Thursday the ABC officer, accompanied by Deputy Roy Peel and Beaufort and Pitt ABC officers raided along the Martin-Beaufort boundary and wrecked a large plant. The manufacturing equipment included a 250-gallon capacity submarine type still, a 50-gallon doubler, two 50-gallon coolers, forty 50-gallon and one 300-gallon fermenters, sixty gallons of oil, two still worms, a number of oil cans and oil burners. The raiders poured out five gallons of liquor and 2,300 gallons of mash.

Starting at 5:00 last Friday morning, Officer Joe Roebuck and Deputies Raymond Rawls and Roy Peel raided in the Flat Swamp area of Robersonville Township and wrecked a 100-gallon capacity submarine type still and equipment, including six fermenters, coolers and oil burners. They poured out 300 gallons of mash.

Returning to Williamston, the officers raided a short distance back of the Wells-Oates Lumber Company plant and took a 50-gallon capacity copper still on Herring Gut. They poured out 100 gallons of sugar mash and tore down fermenters and other equipment.

Saturday evening, Officer Roebuck, accompanied by Deputies Rawls and Peel and Officers Bunting and Craft of Oak City raided the home of Noah Council not far from Stingy Point on Highway 11 and confiscated one and one-half gallons of white liquor.

Later that evening Officers Roebuck, Rawls and Peel visited the home of Bertha Collins at Hassell and found Clarence Tycho in the act of pouring out a drink of white liquor. In court Monday Tyson accepted the rap, declaring the liquor was his and that he did not go to the Collins home to buy a drink. He was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for having illicit liquor in his possession.

Mrs. Frank Lee Haislip, Jr., Died Last Thursday

Succumbs to Heart Ailment In Baltimore Hospital; Funeral Saturday

Mrs. Christine Taylor Haislip, 37, wife of Frank Lee Haislip, Jr. of Hamilton, died last Thursday afternoon at 12:40 o'clock in the Johns-Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., the victim of a heart ailment. She had entered the hospital a week earlier after having spent two weeks in a Rocky Mount hospital.

Born in Robersonville February 1, 1913, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Taylor of Robersonville. After attending Robersonville High School, Meredith College, Raleigh and E. C. T. C., Greenville, she was married to Mr. Haislip May 15, 1934. They resided in Robersonville until 1942 when they moved to Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband and parents, and two daughters, Rebecca and Betty Frances Haislip of the home.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the home with Rev. E. R. Stewart, pastor of the Hamilton Baptist church, officiating. Assisting in the services were Rev. Ralph Ferguson, Robersonville Baptist minister, and Rev. Thomas Hastings, rector of Episcopal Churches at Williamston and Hamilton. Interment was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Swimming Meet Held Thursday

Boy Scouts from four troops, Robersonville, Bear Grass and Williamston, participated in a district swimming meet at the municipal pool here last Thursday evening, the event creating much interest and attracting a large audience. The boys made a fine showing and greatly enjoyed the event.

Robersonville's Troop 72, Jimmy Wallace, scoutmaster, led the field with 750 points. Troop 74 of Williamston, T. H. Matthews, scoutmaster, was second with 700 points. Troop 218 of Bear Grass, Clayton Revels, scoutmaster, was next with 575 points, and Williamston's Troop 29, Alex Jones, scout master, took fourth place with 525 points.

In the explorer events, Troop 27 led with 400 points, Troop 72 following closely with 350 points. Troop 218 was third with 300 points, and Troop 29 was fourth with 250 points.

Competition was close in the Boy Scout events. Troop 72 made 400 points and Troop 27 was next with 300 points. Troops 218 and 29 tied for third place with 275 points each.

Sam Zemon announced the events and James Bullock, Kelly Gay and K. P. Lindsley judged the meet.

The Eastern Carolina Council will hold a meet in Tarboro on September 2 and the troops in this county are to be represented there.

The meet was the first of its kind held since the pool was opened here.

Native Grasses Will Make Good Lawn In The East

J. H. Harris, horticulturist with the State College Extension Service, says, "If your yard is level and covered with a fair sod of grass, my advice is to leave what you have and apply plenty of fertilizer and lime. If it is kept mown, you will soon have a thick sod of native grasses. In the Piedmont and eastern parts of the State, some of our most attractive summer lawns consist of nothing but native grasses and clovers. Each fall these lawns are seeded with Italian ryegrass to keep them green through the winter."

Reported Much Improved In Hospital Here Today

Quite ill in the local hospital for more than two weeks, Mr. B. S. Courtney, well-known business man, was reported to be feeling much better this morning. If he continues to show improvement, he'll return to his home this week-end, it was stated.

ROUND-UP

Local, county and state officers rounded up and detained temporarily eight persons for alleged law violations last week-end.

Four were booked for public drunkenness, two for issuing worthless checks and one each for drunken driving and larceny.

Four were white and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 42 years.

Flier From County Tells Of Bombing Mission In Korea

Lt. Luc B. Mallory Says Extensive Bombing Raids Are Made

In one of the first letters written in a Martin County man about the Korean war, Lt. Luc B. Mallory told his mother, Mrs. Effie Mallory of Oak City, about the extensive bombing missions directed against the Red forces in North Korea. Lt. Mallory, a World War II veteran, said in his recent letter that extensive raids had been directed against the invaders, and went on to express the opinion that while "no one knows how long this business will last, many seem to think we will be through with it within a few weeks or we really will be in a big shooting war."

Dispatched during June to an air force base not too far from Korea, Lt. Mallory went on to say that his group had operated extensively, that they flew fourteen out of sixteen days and chalked up fifty hours in the air in one week.

Commanding a big bomber, the young man described a bombing mission in North Korea on July 5. His plane dumped more than thirty 500-pound bombs on a bridge across Hamburg River. "When the smoke cleared away, the bridge was gone. Boy, that was a beautiful hit if I have ever seen one; that, is if you can call such things beautiful."

The lieutenant told about operations leading to the rescue of eight of eleven airmen who went down to sea, but nothing was said about the opposition.

The officer said that the Korean trouble took nearly everyone by surprise, but assured his mother that there was nothing to worry about unless someone else stepped in to help the North Koreans.

Official pictures of the big bombing raid were clipped from an Army newspaper and forwarded to Mrs. Mallory. One picture shows the big mobs falling on the target, and a second picture shows the spot where the bridge once stood.

Several other Martin County young men are in the Korean area, but little has been heard from them since the invasion.

Record Numbers See Lost Colony

Manteo, N. C.—According to a check of the big Free Parking lot maintained by The Lost Colony here at Waterside Theatre, persons from 27 States saw a single performance of The Lost Colony last Saturday. Automobiles bearing license tags of each of the three west coast states, California, Oregon and Washington were noted by the park lot checkers. There were also automobiles from Indiana, Texas, North Dakota, Wyoming, and just about every state east of the Mississippi. Largest number of cars were from North Carolina, but close runner-up was Virginia. A total of 1,465 persons witnessed the Saturday performance - the largest audience to pay to see the show this year.

Officials of the show credited the season's largest audience to date cooperation given the symphonic drama by press and radio. On Thursday Arthur Godfrey spent five minutes of his morning program talking about The Lost Colony - America's longest running outdoor production, now in its 10th season.

Opening Swim Class for Women

A special swimming class for women will get under way at the municipal pool here tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock under the sponsorship of the Red Cross and as a part of the water safety program, it was announced by Mrs. Edna Bondurant, secretary.

Between twelve and fifteen persons have already registered for the course, and there are openings for others, it was stated. Women between the ages of 16 and 60 years may take the instruction.

Classes are to be conducted by Dr. J. A. Edens for one hour each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening.

Realty Company To Open Office

The Roanoke Realty Company, James H. Gray, Sr., and Henry A. Johnson, proprietors, is opening an office here in the Dr. J. B. Knight building, near the post office on Main Street.

Occupying the building for the past several months Dr. J. D. Hemmingway is moving today to Jamesville where he will open an office next to Hardison Farm Supply Company.

Crops Are Damaged By Hail In County

Slight Damage By Electrical Storm And Wind Friday

Hail, striking for the third time in the county this season, did considerable damage to crops in Goose Nest Township about the middle of the afternoon last Friday. Lightning and strong wind aggravated the damage, reports stated.

Incomplete reports point to about forty hail losses in the Oak City-Palmyra area during the storm last Friday. The damage apparently was centered on the River Road, the Smith Brothers, N. M. Hyman, Henry Early, Perlie Manning and others in that section being quoted as saying that the damage was extensive on their farms. Adjustments are being made today by insurance company representatives but no official report on the losses could be had immediately. Samples of damage losses could be had immediately. Samples of damage stalks taken from a field on the old Hopkins farm about three miles west of Oak City had leaves either badly punctured or broken and a few or none left undamaged.

The hail was said to have cracked window glass and battered automobile tops.

There was some hail in Cross Roads Township and in the Farm Life section of Griffins, but the resulting damage was said to have been light.

Wind blew down a few shelters and trees, but the damage was negligible.

Lightning struck several places, but no one was hurt and damage was limited. A relay in the electrical system at the Roanoke River bridge was burned out by lightning, and the bridge had to be turned manually about 6:00 o'clock. The equipment was repaired and back in use before the bridge was turned for another boat at 10:00 o'clock that evening.

The hail damage was the third of serious consequence in the county this year. On June 19 crops were damaged in some sections of Griffins and Bear Grass Township, and on July 14 hail struck a number of farms in the Popular Point Area. Losses in the Popular Point ran as high as \$1,875, several losses ranging up to about \$800 there.

It is estimated that there have been between 150 and 200 hail losses in the county this year. The damage runs well up into the thousands of dollars, but no estimates on the loss could be had.

The main damage to tobacco, however, is traceable to excessive rains, some observers estimating the damage at a million or more dollars in this county. Tobacco is yellowing rapidly in the fields and farmers are finding it impossible to handle the harvest on time, causing considerable loss in both poundage and quality. Barn room, ordinary adequate to house the crop (Continued on page eight)

Curing Barn Fire Losses Climbing In Martin County

Six Fires Are Reported In Five Townships Through Last Sunday

Tobacco curing barn fires, holding to a fairly low number during the early part of the season, are now climbing rapidly in this county, according to incomplete reports reaching here. A preliminary survey, completed Monday, shows that there had been six barn losses through Sunday, July 23. Jamesville Township reported two losses, one of them being the first in the county this season. Four other townships reported one loss each.

Nearly all types of curing equipment was used, including wood burners, oil burners and stokers.

Mrs. Mattie Davis of near Jamesville reported the first loss. The barn was equipped with oil burners.

J. C. Ross of near Oak City reported a loss on the 13th. His barn was equipped with oil burners.

A barn on the E. H. Ange farm in Angenton burned on the 17th. It was equipped with wood burning furnaces.

On the 18th John W. Cherry lost a barn on his farm near Hassell. It could not be learned what type of curing equipment was used in the barn.

J. W. Rogers of Bear Grass Township lost a barn last Friday. Farmer Lucian J. Hardison lost a barn on his farm in Williams Township about 2:00 o'clock Sunday morning. The barn was equipped with a stoker curing system.

Most of the losses were covered by insurance, but the coverage in every case was said to have been considerably the actual cost of production.

To aggravate the losses there is an acute barn shortage, meaning that in most cases where there were fires the farmers will lose because they cannot harvest the leaf in time. One or two farmers have replaced their barns, but most of them are looking around for available curing space on the farms of neighbors and other friends.

The crop, as a whole is curing (Continued on page eight)

Continue Classes In Swimming

Swimming classes are being continued at the Williamston Municipal Swimming Pool with small groups reporting to the several instructors, Coach Stuart Maynard reported yesterday.

Doug Feil, Ann Peel, Dickie Clayton, Billy Glover and Don Christopher have successfully completed a Junior Life Saving Course under the direction of Instructor Rush Bondurant. This was a fine class, Coach Maynard reports, and responded very well to instruction.

Instructor Guy Carrow is working with Lin Taylor, Ed Laughinghouse, Evelyn Coburn and several adults not listed.

Instructor Dewey Edwards is handling a class which includes Enoch Christ, Benny Taylor, Joseph Clayton and Jacob Zemon.

Jockey Davis is also giving instructions and Bobby Rogers is holding classes each morning from 10 to 12 each Sunday.

The Recreation Department has announced that it will continue with this program as long as one person reports for instruction.

NO EXAMINER

No motor vehicle license examiner will be stationed in Robersonville this week and next, it was announced by the Highway Safety Division. Examiner Weatherington is on vacation and no replacement is available, it was reported. He'll return on Thursday, August 10.

During the meantime, the license bureau will be open in the county courthouse each Wednesday and Thursday, as usual and applicants may take their examinations there.

CONTRACT

A contract has been let to V. P. Loftis Company of Charlotte for the construction of an oil terminal on Roanoke River here for the Texas Oil Company. The contract calls for the construction of an office and truck shed and the erection of several large storage tanks. It was learned that an Elizabeth City firm would build the dock for the terminal.

A representative of the Loftis Company was here yesterday and it was reported that work on the project would get under way immediately.

Cold Facts About Loyalty Of Those On Public Payroll

Communism Does Not Frighten Attorney General J. H. McGrath

The cold facts about the investigation of loyalty among Federal employees and the accomplishments of the Department of Justice in combatting communism were listed by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath in an important speech at Omaha recently.

After detailed description of the careful screening carried on by the Government's various loyalty review boards of the Civil Service Commission, headed by a conservative Republican of highest personal reputation, the Attorney General pointed out:

"This program has established that only in a small fraction of cases, less than 1-10 of one percent of the persons checked, has there been found any reasonable ground for belief that a government employee was disloyal. That is a wonderful record and attests to the high caliber of character among Federal employees."

"Final checks of governmental employees now show that not one single person who has been finally adjudicated as disloyal under the loyalty program is employed by the Government at the present time.

"This Administration has not only been alert to the danger of Communist infiltration of the Government. It has also fought communism at every turn. The Department of Justice of which I have the honor to be the head has fought communism with action—not words.

"It was this Administration, the Department of Justice, which prosecuted and obtained convictions of 11 communists in New York. These men constituted the communist politbureau for the United States.

"The Department of Justice has been successful in obtaining convictions against sixteen alleged communists in California and seven in Colorado, on charges of contempt in refusing to testify before a Federal grand jury.

"Within the past two years it has successfully prosecuted thirty-four communists in Washington for contempt. It has successfully prosecuted Marzania, Howard, Coplon, Bridges, Hiss, and many others for crimes related to communism.

"The Government has commenced action to revoke the citizenship of Harry Bridges on the ground that it was obtained by fraud. . . . The Department of Justice has under investigation the cases of 700 more citizens for the purpose of determining whether (Continued from Page Six)

Anniversary Event At Hospital Here Wednesday

Special friends are making plans for the observance of the 11th anniversary of Brown's Community Hospital here Wednesday evening at 5:30 o'clock, it was announced by W. Dave Daniel who is in charge of the special arrangements.