

Tobacco Averages Around \$52.00 On Border Yesterday

Farmers Urged To Hold Back Their Black, Common Tobacco

Tobacco markets along the border of North and South Carolina opened the new season Monday with an estimated price average of approximately \$52.00 per hundred pounds.

Individual market reports ranged considerably higher than the general average, but while the claims were being advanced, there was the solemn warning, urging farmers to hold back their black, common and low-grade tobacco until later in the season in the hope that the demand for it will be stronger.

Medium grades were in demand, the prices ranging from \$12 to \$14 above support figures. The practical top was \$69 per hundred, but the poorest, non-descript was going for as little as \$3 per hundred. The Stabilization Cooperative Corporation received an estimated five percent of the offerings the first day, it was estimated.

The early reports maintained that the opening, both as to quantity and prices, was little changed from that of a year ago. It was said that few tags were turned, that farmers were generally satisfied with their sales.

It is estimated that approximately 40,000 pounds of leaf were placed on the markets at Fayetteville, Lumberton and one or two other markets by Martin County farmers.

Although the growers have not yet completed the harvest in the border area, most of the markets (Continued on Page Five)

Dog Cases Heard In J. P. Courts

Cited to the courts for alleged violation of the anti-rabies law, quite a few Martin County people were in the courts of Justice Chas. R. Mobley and W. M. Tetterton last week. Quite a few of the defendants were dismissed when they proved the warrants had been issued in error or presented certificates of vaccination issued by Dr. Rudolph Peele.

The following cases were not pressed: Lillian Jones, James Mullins, C. H. Whitehurst, C. T. Hardison, Gus Rollins, Allen Vandlingham, Robert Floyd, John T. Davis, Thomas Staton, Joe Lester Peele, Oscar Briley, Pete Dixon, Don Johnson, John Hassell, Alec Jones, Floyd Ward, Ernest Staton, J. W. Guy, Henry Roberson, Nichols Rogerson, Jos. Williams and D. G. Godard.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the following cases: J. H. Johnson, Ella Mae Raynd, Maggie Close, Isaac McCary, Buster Staton, John Brown, George Salsbury, Eli Simmons, Clyde Revels, Bernice Ross, Rufus Moore, Dorothy Mae Williams, Ruff Council, Mary Brown, Hildreth Davis, Jasper Rollins, Verner Richards, Echo Staton, Buck Rhodes, Levi Dolberry, J. G. Cowen, Mose Hudgins, Elizabeth Hill, W. G. Williams, Maggie James, Della Purvis, Orlander Purvis, John Roberson, Willie Parker, Fred Dolberry, L. D. Lanier, Roy Williams, Ernest Ward, Mose Williams, Harry Briley, John Sheppard and Harry Little.

Two defendant, choosing to go to jail rather than pay the costs, later changed their minds and paid out.

Police Car In Minor Accident

Williamston's comparatively new police car was slightly bruised and battered in its first minor accident Sunday afternoon when it was in collision with a pick-up truck at the corner of White and Riddick Streets. Damage to the police car was estimated at about \$30. Little damage was said to have been done to the truck driven by Aaron Wooten.

The police vehicle, sporting a brand new red light on its top, was being driven by Officer Chas. R. Moore at the time of the accident.

Another Arrest Made Last Week In Peanut Theft Case

The wholesale theft of peanuts from local warehouses the early part of this year is gradually being brought to a head, according to a report coming from local police this week. Another arrest was made in the case last week when Chas. B. (Candy Cake) Williams, 32-year-old local colored man, was arrested in Blackstone, Virginia, and returned here for questioning. He continues in jail, and no hearing had been arranged for him up until this morning. Officers would make no comment on the case, but it was learned that Williams denied knowledge of the theft.

Williams was said to have claimed that he was not even in Williamston last January, maintaining that he left here right after last Christmas. However, it

Jurors Are Drawn For Regular Term Of Superior Court

Seventy-Five Persons Are To Serve During The Two-Week Term

Seventy-five Martin County citizens, including one woman, were drawn by the board of commissioners in regular session for duty during the two-week term of superior court next month.

Forty are to serve during the first week and thirty-five are to answer for duty the second week. Judge Walter Bone of Nashville, after a five-year absence, is scheduled to return to the county and preside.

Names of those drawn for jury duty follow:

First Week
Jamesville Township: E. T. Bedwell, Robert Mobley, James B. Holliday and O. W. Hamilton. Griffins Township: J. Eason Revels, Nathan E. Roberson, Jr., J. LeRoy Griffin, Henry S. Griffin and Lawrence Eason Lilly.

Bear Grass Township: Henry O. Gurganus, Elmer Griffin, Johnnie W. Rogerson, J. W. Sawyer, Geo. W. Cowen, K. O. Rogers and Luther Harris.

Williamston Township: Mrs. R. W. Bondurant, Garland Cowin, J. Haywood Rodgers, Sr., Harry J. Smith, C. Wendell Peel, R. A. Robertson, Ellis G. Keel, Thurman Nicholson, Nathaniel L. Coltrain and John Henry Lee.

Cross Roads Township: G. G. Bailey and James S. Whitehurst. Robersonville Township: I. F. Keel, Evan Crisp, Dennis Crisp and Louis T. Johnson.

Poplar Point Township: D. O. Cherry. Hamilton Township: J. E. Hill, Dalton Purvis, H. E. Leggett and Jumbo Newsome.

Goose Nest Township: L. D. Ianier, J. E. Copeland, Jr., and N. L. Hyman.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: Camille Fleming Rawls, Murray Davis, Geo. F. Hooper and Bettie Ruth Modlin.

William Township: Jack Hardison. Griffins Township: Oliver Woodard, A. L. Roberson, V. L. Peel, Jr., and Hubert Harris.

Bear Grass Township: Thurman Bowen, J. H. Biggs, G. Hoyt Coltrain, S. T. Bowen and Jasper Scott.

Williamston Township: John F. Bowen, Lee Savage, Jos. W. Griffin, J. J. Cherry, Joe Hollis, Jr., Church E. Modlin, John R. Rogerson and Benjamin J. Hopkins.

Robersonville Township: Pete Eason Luther Lewis, Joe Brafe (Continued From Page Six)

CONGRESS QUITS

After giving away hunks of the nation's resources to the chosen few, Congress folded its tent shortly after last midnight. The members immediately started the exodus, leaving behind little or nothing in the way of accomplishments.

Adjournment, coming about 12:30 this morning, was delayed slightly while Senator Wayne Morse charged his colleagues with turning the clock back on progress and selling the nation "short".

Hot-Dry Weather Prevailed During The Past Month

Rainfall More Than Three Inches Below Normal During Period

July with the exception of a few days held to the hot side and the weather went right on to establish one of the driest periods on record in this section.

Rainfall, measuring only 1.29 inches was 3.41 inches below normal. Rain fell on seven different days and there were traces on four other days. There were a few clouds on still other days, but the clouds simply would not deliver, and crops suffered while humans panted.

Hugh Spruill, bridgekeeper on the Roanoke and keeper of the official rain and temperature gauges, said last month was the driest in twenty-four years, and that is as far back as the records go at this point. Mr. Spruill briefly reviewed the July rainfall for twenty-four years as follows: 1930, 4.42 inches; 1931, 5.26; 1932, 3.45; 1933, 6.08; 1934, 7.89; 1935, 11.34; 1936, 9.76; 1937, 7.02; 1938, 6.49; 1939, 7.63; 1940, 4.56; 1941, 4.27; 1942, 2.50; 1943, 8.49; 1944, 4.34; 1945, 8.20; 1946, 7.27; 1947, 9.70; 1948, 4.08; 1949, 7.64; 1950, 12.10; 1951, 4.89; 1952, 7.35; and 1953, 1.29 inches.

No records were shattered by the mercury, but it was plenty warm in this area during last month. Apparently it is a degree or two cooler on "Roanoke Beach" than it is up town, about a mile away. It was agreed that the mercury was well above the 100 mark several days last week.

The old Roanoke behaved itself after an admirable fashion during July, running through the month with hardly more than a 12-inch variation.

The weather data, including the river gauge readings, as released by Mr. Spruill for the month of July follows, with the date in the first column, the river gauge readings in the second column, the maximum temperature reading in the third, minimum temperature reading in the fourth and the rainfall in the fifth column for each day of the month:

Date	River	H	L	Rain
1.	4.1	95	69	.0
2.	4.3	97	68	.0
3.	4.4	96	74	.0
4.	4.6	93	69	.07
5.	4.3	95	68	.0
6.	4.2	94	73	*
7.	4.0	95	73	*
8.	4.1	92	71	.0
9.	4.2	92	70	.28
10.	4.7	85	66	.16
11.	4.5	79	58	*
12.	4.2	80	57	*
13.	3.7	82	56	.0
14.	3.5	84	64	.0
15.	3.4	90	58	*
16.	4.6	93	57	.0
17.	4.8	96	61	.0
18.	5.2	95	63	.0
19.	4.8	94	68	.0
20.	4.5	93	70	.40
21.	3.8	96	65	.0
22.	3.5	94	70	.0
23.	4.2	88	70	.04
24.	4.5	93	60	.02
25.	4.7	87	64	.0
26.	4.5	88	56	.0
27.	4.3	93	63	.0
28.	4.0	97	66	.0
29.	4.1	98	65	.0
30.	4.3	98	70	.32
31.	4.5	99	71	.0

* Trace of rain

Victim Of Polio Reported Better

Miss Jackie Waters, 14-year-old Jamesville girl stricken with polio week before last, was reported much improved in a Portsmouth hospital yesterday. The third to fall victim of polio in the county this year, Miss Waters is responding to treatment and a full recovery is now thought possible.

She is expected to be able to return to her home shortly, according to last reports reaching here.

His condition improved, Master Robert J. Kloeti returned to his home in Williamston last Saturday from a Greensboro hospital. He is to continue in bed for about two weeks.

A third victim, Moses Lewis Island, 15-month-old colored child of Robersonville, was last reported in a Durham hospital, that it was responding to treatment.

Graphic Story Of Armistice Ending The Korean War

Truce Was Unbelievable At First To The Men In The Front Lines

Henry S. Haywood, writing for the Christian Science Monitor, offered the following graphic story of the truce, marking the end of the fighting in Korea on July 27:

It was a warm night with a full moon. Nearly 12 hours before at Pammunjom, miles to the west, the armistices had been signed by Allied and Communist representatives.

Now it was time for words to take shape in action. Acting under specific orders, United Nations units along the entire battle front—including South Korean divisions—commenced their own cease fire 15 minutes ahead of the agreed deadline of 10 p. m.

Even prior to 9:45 Allied firing slackened noticeably. The Chinese across no man's land, however, fired heavily in the early evening, especially mortar bursts.

Along toward the end, enemy fire also tapered off. In the four hours prior to the cease fire, however, 44,000 incoming shells rained upon Allied positions.

At a front-line observation post near T-Bone Hill the final deadline minute passed slowly—and in silence.

Enemy positions could be seen in the moonlight. Within vision were disputed Old Baldy and Pork Chop—sites of famous battles and heavy casualties for both sides.

Then lightes began to go an across the way. Chinese Communist trucks that formerly operated only in total darkness were turning on their headlights.

Our side remained blacked out as a precautionary measure for remainder of the night.

Almost Unbelievable
Everyone watched the other side. The men glanced repeatedly at their watches. The truce was true, but it was unbelievable. One kept almost holding his breath expecting something to happen to shatter the silence—and the armistice.

Everyone kept hoping this would not prove to be some cruel trick. But as the minutes passed, it became apparent the armistice was working.

The most delicate moment was over. Reports filtered in from other units up and down the line. The same miracle was taking place everywhere along the front.

Only one shell was reported to have fallen after the deadline. Eight minutes after 10 o'clock an enemy mortar burst on an Allied position.

It was believed to have been fired by an outlying Communist battery that either did not get the word promptly or that misjudged the time. It was not reported as an armistice violation.

Meanwhile, there were celebrations. There was no rushing across no man's land to fraternize with the enemy.

It Just Stopped
The war just stopped. It was shut off in a moment, as though some greater power suddenly had stilled every man's impulse to fire a weapon.

On out front 45 minutes later, one bunker turned on lights. A nearby officer started in amazement, and his reaction was a natural reflex after months of night fighting.

"Douse those lights!" he roared. "Don't you guys know there's a war on?"

Then a sheepish look spread over his face as he realized his (Continued on Page Two)

More Tenants In Office Building

Following closely behind Radio Station WIAM, more tenants are moving into Williamston's new and modern office building on East Main Street near the post office.

The General Electric Company, Dr. L. S. Christian, Production Credit Association, Wheeler Manning, Chas. Manning, Roanoke Real Estate and Auction Company and Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company are now housed in the building.

Judge H. O. Peele moved his office from Baltimore Street to the new building next to the Manning building last week-end. Offices vacated by the other tenants now in the new building, have not been occupied.

Other tenants are expected to move into the building within a few days.

Native Of County Home From Tour Of South America

Former Everetts Girl Was Honored By Nurses At Norfolk General

Miss Anna Barnhill, daughter of Fabian Barnhill of Hampton, Va., and the late Mrs. Essie Clark Barnhill of this county, recently returned from a tour of South America, the honored guest of Norfolk General Hospital Nurses.

The following story, appearing in one of the Norfolk papers, tells about her trip:

"They're small and have mustaches, and I don't like mustaches," said the young lady of South American men.

Miss Anna Barnhill, 19-year-old daughter of Fabian Barnhill, of Hampton, was back in the starched white uniform and pet cap of a nursing student at Norfolk General Hospital. She just returned last Friday from a meeting of the International Congress and Council of Nurses at Petropolis, Brazil.

Asked what she thought of South American men, she said, "There are no big men. You just didn't see any."

Besides, Miss Barnhill was flashing a diamond on the third finger of her left hand.

But she had a wonderful time. Especially when the West Coast All-Star Basketball team showed up, and squired the nurses around.

Miss Barnhill was one of six United States student nurses who attended the convention. The others were from the University of Minnesota, Yale University Nursing School, Cornell University Nursing School, Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, and Emory University School of Nursing.

Two nurses from King's Daughters' Hospital here also attended the meeting. They were the Misses Laura L. and Lena L. Stewart.

Separated into about five groups, the American nurses were conducted on guided tours at each Latin American country visited. Miss Barnhill said they stayed at Panama three days, Lima, Peru, three days; Sao Paulo, Brazil, one day, and Petropolis, one week. On the way back they stopped at Rio for four days and at San Juan, Puerto Rico for one day.

The student body at Norfolk General financed the trip by conducting rummage sales, selling plates and holding other benefits. About \$1,200 was raised. Miss (Continued on Page Five)

County Boy Now Serving In Korea

With the I corps in Korea—Pvt Maurice A. Coltrain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Coltrain, Route 1, Box 202, Oak City, N. C., recently arrived in Korea for duty with the I corps.

Private Coltrain, a wireman in Battery A of the 96th Field Artillery Battalion, received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Before entering the Army in January he was a farmer. Coltrain is a graduate of Oak City High School.

A tactical command between divisional and Army levels, I corps is one of three in Korea. Corps perform duties for some or all of the organizations under its command.

Planning To Return Home From Hospital

Mr. Henry D. Harrison, patient in a Richmond hospital since June 20, is expected home within the next day or two, possibly Thursday of this week. Plans are being made to transfer him by ambulance to a hospital here.

While he continues quite ill, his condition has shown some improvement during the past ten days and he is able to be up in a rolling chair for short periods.

Oppose Pending Site For Bus Station Here

Town Board Holds Discussion On The Removal Of Curbs

An important meeting of peanut farmers, business men and others interested in the future of peanuts will be held in the county courthouse here tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

The referendum to be held the last of this month to determine whether or not a levy of one cent per hundred pounds should be assessed to promote peanut research and marketing, will be discussed along with other phases of the peanut program.

Another Step Taken For Creation Of Town Zoning Body

In a sympathetic but meaningful petition presented to the town commissioners in their regular meeting here last evening, the board of deacons of the Memorial Baptist Church opposed the proposed location for a bus terminal on Smithwick Street just to the rear of the George Reynolds Hotel.

The letter from the church board of deacons reads, as follows:

"At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons of the Memorial Baptist Church, held on Friday, July 31, 1953, a motion was made before the board, duly seconded and passed, as follows:

1. That this body go on record as objecting to the establishment or location of a bus terminal within the block of North Smithwick Street in which our church building is located.

2. Whereas, traffic conditions in this block are now very congested and very unsatisfactory, we feel that location of a bus station in this area will increase the present hazards.

3. This board also feels that the noise and hubbub that are usually prevalent in the vicinity of a bus terminal, will tend to detract from the religious atmosphere of our sanctuary.

4. That this board petition the Town Commissioners to make every effort to discourage the proposed location of a bus station within a city block of any other Williamston church.

The action advanced the creation of a zoning commission one step farther, and if the commission is blocked in its efforts there is the possibility of declaring the proposed project a public nuisance and one designed not in the best interest of the public. Three members, G. P. Hall, Walter Martin and W. B. Gaylord have already been named members of the commission, and the town board directed the mayor to contact the N. C. League of Municipalities or the Institute of Government for guidance. One of the agencies will be asked to send a representative here to discuss the creation of a zoning commission and to outline its duties and functions.

In a meeting lasting more than three hours, the board members discussed a wide variety of problems. Including in the list was the removal of curbing around certain properties. It was pointed out that no permission had ever been granted for the removal of curbing, and one property owner where the sidewalk had been all but obliterated voluntarily agreed that something should be done to correct a bad situation. "We are not trying to single out anyone, but the pedestrians still should have some rights," a member of the board declared. No action was taken at the meeting last night to have any of the curbing replaced, but some action of some kind is anticipated. A committee was named to contact property owners and discuss with them the possibility of striking a happy medium, the board agreeing that it was not its purpose to deny anyone the right of ingress or egress, but that the rights of all should be considered. (Continued on Page Six)

Minor Wrecks On Roads In County

No one was injured and property damage was held to a low figure in two minor automobile accidents on the highways in this county last week-end, according to reports coming from the county patrol office.

Driving west on Highway 64 between Williamston and Everetts, Ira Peed started to make a left turn just as Louisiana Perkins of Robersonville started to pass in a 1951 Pontiac last Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock. The cars crashed, causing about \$40 damage to the Perkins car and about \$35 damage to Peed's 1939 Ford.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Lela Marilyn Scott started to cross Highway 17 near the Robt. Lee Perry farm when her 1949 Chevrolet was in collision with a 1941 Plymouth driven by Brown L. Buffalo of Portsmouth. The Chevrolet, it was said, stopped for traffic at the intersection, and the driver thought she could make it across ahead of the Buffalo car which was traveling south on Highway 17. Buffalo swerved his car to his right and the other car was swerved to the left, the two vehicles hitting side-on. No one was injured and damage was limited to \$60 on the Chevrolet and \$40 on the Plymouth.

Another Curing Barn Destroyed

The fourth tobacco curing barn known to have been destroyed by fire in this county so far this season was burned on the Henry Wallace farm about one-mile out of Everetts on the Spring Green Road Sunday morning shortly after 9:00 o'clock. The barn was equipped with oil burners and no insurance was carried on the property, Wallace said.

The owner was "killing out" about 500 sticks of choice tobacco. Williamston's fire-fighting equipment was called there and firemen kept the fire from spreading to a nearby barn.

County Board In Regular Meeting Monday Morning

With Taxes Behind Them For Another Year, Board Had Little Business

With tax problems settled for another year, the Martin County commissioners in regular session Monday had no major problems to solve. Of course there were road matters to be discussed along with routine matters, but the officials completed their work and quit shortly before lunch time.

The \$1.35 tax levy was formally adopted and entered in the records for 1953, and the auditor's office force will start writing notices and receipts this week. The job will take ten days or two weeks.

A permit to sell patent medicines in this county was granted Geo. W. Edwards, colored disabled war veteran of Kinston. The permit is good until next February 1.

A resolution was duly passed, giving the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission a quit claim deed for a by-pass or belt line over the site for the proposed National Guard Armory on Highway 64 just outside of town. It is understood that the preliminaries for the truck route are just about complete and that the project possibly will be included in the contracts to be let in September.

The board recommended for black topping three-tenths of a mile of road in Robersonville Township, leading from the town of Robersonville to Robert R. Nelson's farm.

In his monthly report to the commissioners, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$369,377.51 of the \$394,820 levy for 1952 had been collected. He also reported that \$13,055.94 was unpaid on the \$372,688.88 levy for 1951. All but \$6,570.55 of the \$337,392.79 levy for 1950 had been collected. There is still due \$4,234.01 on the \$314,225.04 levy for 1949, the collector (Continued on Page Five)

ROUND-UP

Crime activities in this area were slowed down considerably possibly by the hot weather during the past week-end. Only five persons were arrested and detained in the county jail during the period. Two each were booked for public drunkenness and issuing worthless checks and one for larceny.

Three of the five were white and the ages of the group ranged from 26 to 40 years.