

# Potatoes Move From Elizabeth City Early Next Week

## HURTS MARKET DIG TOO SOON

**Premature Gathering of Potatoes May Have Disastrous Effect Upon the Prices Say Experts.**

Potatoes are about to move. The first shipment from Eastern North Carolina is believed to have been made from Currituck County Thursday. About 50 barrels went in the first lot which was routed by way of Norfolk according to accounts reaching this city.

Two patches were being dug in Currituck County on Thursday to be shipped Friday according to Earl Griggs, manager of the Carolina Potato Exchange who returned from that county on Friday morning. The patches were located at Grandy and Coinjock.

Currituck potatoes as usual are a little earlier than those in this county. It is expected that the first potatoes from here will move north next week. There is a report that one or two may dig a few this week.

"Farmers will make a great mistake to dig their potatoes too soon" said S. G. Scott, of Brock & Scott, Friday. "If they go to the markets too green they will turn black on the way and will bring low prices and ruin the market. I believe it will be a mistake to dig next week."

Others feel as Mr. Scott does that it will be better for the markets to wait until June 10 to dig potatoes but from all reports there are some who will not wait that long.

A number of potatoes have been brought to town for exhibition. They are about the size of goose eggs and some larger. The potatoes shown are good sizes for the table but their greenness and tenderness makes them perishable when shipped.

Mr. Griggs attended a meeting of the members of the Carolina Potato Exchange Thursday night in Currituck. He urged them to try machine graders this year. After the conference which lasted until after 11 o'clock it was agreed to put the graders to a test and Mr. Griggs was authorized to purchase eight. Friday morning he ordered the graders from Spence Hollowell Company and will have them shipped immediately.

Mr. Griggs found the situation of Currituck County favorable. There will be a fairly good crop there, he says. The majority of the potatoes are too green to ship at present however he believes.

South Carolina is tuning a little closer to the North Carolina crop this season. The price in that state is around \$5 f. o. b. Many are shipping on consignment however as the demand is not strong.

It is expected that the North Carolina crop will open at close to the South Carolina figure. If the growers wait until June 10 to dig the price should be much firmer and Mr. Griggs believes they will receive practically as high a price as that now general in South Carolina, unless something unforeseen happens. The potato market is not to be relied upon and no sure estimate can be made even one day in advance. The commission houses in Elizabeth City are hoping and expecting an opening at \$4 f. o. b. however.

## GIVES DEMONSTRATION OF ALFALFA GROWING

J. H. Aydlott, whose farm is in Nixonton Township cut the crop of alfalfa from his demonstration acre this week. The yield is considered to be very good at two tons, worth \$20 a ton or \$40 per acre for the first cutting.

Mr. Aydlott used 2 tons of lime on his acre and seeded with 25 pounds of seed which he inoculated.

County Agent Falls considers this demonstration as one more proof of the adaptability of this section for alfalfa growing. The deep soils of Portsmouth and Norfolk series are favorable he says. Inoculation is essential to good yield and the use of lime is highly beneficial, says Mr. Falls.

A number of farmers have secured quantities of insecticides in the last few days. Among those who have purchased chemicals from the Buxton White Seed Company are Lloyd Tuttle, Route 5; Dan Morgan, Route 5; Herman Newbern, Camden; and W. H. Gallop, Jarvisburg.

## Farms News and Views

M. B. Sample of Route 5 is spraying his potatoes with a home made mixture of copper sulphate, lime and arsenate of lead. Discovering blight in his crop Mr. Sample is using a mixture that will not only combat the blight but will also kill the bugs.

P. D. Ives of Route 5 has a fine Duroc-Jersey male that is expected to give other swine growers trouble at the Albemarle Fair this fall. Mr. Ives' new male is said to be of the very finest breeding.

A meeting of the sheep and wool committee, H. C. Meade, Cliff Pritchard, E. P. Cartwright, W. T. Brickhouse, W. J. Saunders, and W. O. Etheridge, was called for Saturday afternoon at the office of County Agent Falls. The pool will be held on June 11.

John Overman of Route 5 has been busy picking strawberries this week.

Carlton Jennings added an automatic poultry fountain to his equipment a day or two ago.

Some visitors to Elizabeth City in the last day or two for poultry supplies and feeds and such are: W. G. Mercer, Shiloh; C. C. Meads, Weeksville; Coston Sawyer, Shiloh; W. H. Scott, Weeksville; W. S. Meads, Weeksville; and W. R. Perry, City Route 2; R. D. Fisher, Jarvisburg; J. W. Ballance, Shiloh; L. S. Parkerson; J. W. Harrison, St. Brides; Lowry Davis, City Route 3; L. B. Woodhouse, Grandy; Walter Owens, Shiloh.

## POINT HARBOR FARMER MAKES RECORD ON PEAS

One of the best records for a high yield on the May pea crop is reported on a two acre field raised by T. G. Griggs of Point Harbor. Mr. Griggs produced 308 baskets on a planting of 2 bags.

The average yield is about 50 to 1 and rarely over 100 to 1. Mr. Griggs yield averages 154 to 1. This is considered quite an accomplishment for this Currituck County farmer.

## BIG STRAWBERRY CROP

Onancock, Va., May 31.—Strawberries in tremendous shipments will be moving from the eastern shore of Virginia to northern markets by the end of the month. Northampton county will have the largest crop in its history. The crop in the Delmarvia peninsula will total 35,000,000 quarts.

## COTTON AND CORN IS LOOKING FINE

**If Albemarle Farmers Can Successfully Fight Boll Weevil Cotton Crop May be Good.**

Corn and cotton are looking fine these days. There is apparently a good stand of both crops in all directions from Elizabeth City and there is some feeling that with proper care in repelling the weevil there may be a good crop of cotton after all.

Some of the finest corn may be seen between Elizabeth City and Weeksville. One or two places in this district have corn patches with stalks over a foot high and flourishing.

The corn everywhere is looking pretty. Some of the farmers who have the best showing of corn are F. P. Markham, Jr., Mason Trueblood, of the Weeksville section, C. L. Ball, W. S. Jennings, and B. F. Bray.

About half the farmers in this section have an excellent stand of cotton, according to the estimates of County Agent Grover Falls. Three

quarters, approximately, have a good stand, he believes, while about 25 per cent of the growers have only a poor showing at this stage of the game.

The recent rains and cold nights have combined against some farmers and have cut their stand considerably. Mr. Falls finds in his trips about the County.

In some cold soils the cotton has had a tendency to die, says Mr. Falls.

It is hard to estimate the cotton situation at present as many of the

farmers have not chopped it out yet. Mr. Falls calls attention to the fact that thick spacing of cotton has proved better under weevil conditions and recommends that growers not chop out their cotton to wide spacing. The width of a hoe blade is recommended.

This is the season when preparations for weevil fighting should be made. Cultivation is now in order and in a few weeks it will be necessary to go into the fight in earnest to save the crop from the boll weevils. After the first squares appear it

is recommended that the crop be cultivated every 5 to 7 days.

# May Peas

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD  
Let us handle them for you. Our prices, service and appreciation of your patronage will not be excelled.

**Spence-Hollowell Co.**

# Must Sell

WE WILL SUBDIVIDE THE FARM LANDS OF J. J. MORRIS AND H. D. MORRIS LOCATED NEAR THE WEEKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, AND PRACTICALLY BOUNDED BY THE ESLIP AND RAMSEY ROADS.

THIS PROPERTY MUST BE SOLD EITHER IN SUBDIVISION OR AS A WHOLE.

— FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE —

**Gallop-Sawyer Realty Corp.**

# Only 3 More Days

Reduction on our Bed Room and Dining Room Suites

10% TO 40%  
—OFF—

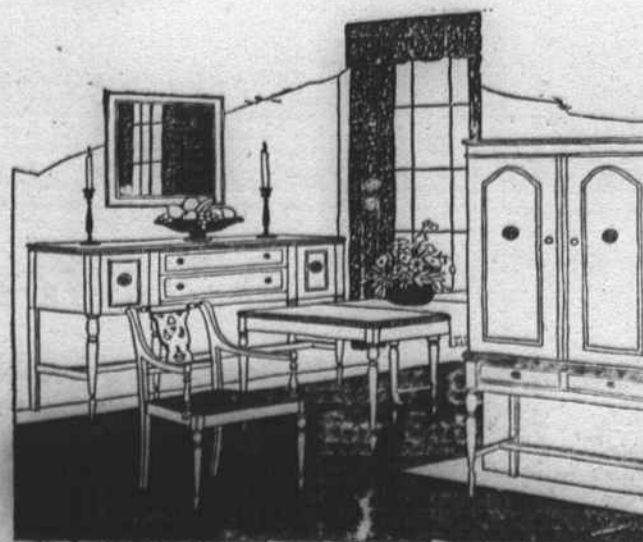
On any Suite of Bed Room or Dining Room Furniture in our Store. THEY WON'T LAST LONG AT THESE PRICES

**Dont Delay-Buy Today**

We will store for future delivery

**M. G. Morrisette & Co.**

The Main Street Furniture Store



**You'll Get Better Results with a BUCKEYE Cultivator**

BUCKEYE Cultivators are built right—all the way through. They're remarkable for simplicity of operation, lightness of draft, balance and flexibility—highest quality cultivators you can buy. Several different outfits—for every need. It will pay you to see us before you buy your cultivator.

ELIZABETH CITY  
BUGGY CO.

## Alemite Lubrication

If your car is not equipped with Alemite fittings let us equip it for you. Costs from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

If it is, let us grease it for you and change your oil in the motor.

**Tide-Water Buick Co.**

## Vegetables

Spring Cabbage, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Squash, Beets, Turnips, New Irish Potatoes, May Peas, Strawberries.

J. W. Shannonhouse & Son  
PHONE 187

## MONUMENTS

**Lawson & Newton**

The Monument People  
Estimates Given on Work  
Set Complete

Monticello Ave. at 11th St  
NORFOLK, VA.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN R.R.

announces  
**Popular Excursion**

to Jacksonville, Fla., Tampa, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Fort Myers, Moore Haven, Fla. Round trip fares to Jacksonville from the following points are as indicated:

Edenton, \$14.50; Elizabeth City, \$15.00; Greenville, \$13.00; Kingston, \$12.50; New Bern, \$12.50; Plymouth, \$14.00; Washington, \$13.50; Wilson, \$13.00.

To points south of Jacksonville, \$7.00 higher. Tickets on sale May 29, 1924; tickets to Jacksonville limited four days in addition to date of sale, and to points south of Jacksonville limited to 8 days in addition to date of sale.

For further information apply to Norfolk Southern ticket agents or write to

J. F. DALTON,  
General Passenger Agent,  
Norfolk, Va.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN R.R.

Announces  
**Third Educational All Expense Tour**

To  
Washington, D. C.  
June 9th-12th, 1924. Special sleeper will be operated to Norfolk where night ride requires same and all expenses of the tour will be included in the fare which will cover transportation, hotel accommodations, berths, meals, automobile tours, guide fees, etc. For full information apply to any Norfolk Southern ticket agent, or communicate with the undersigned.

J. F. DALTON  
General Passenger Agent  
Norfolk, Va.

## THE SELECTION

OF A  
**PROPER INVESTMENT**

For your individual needs, can best be obtained by selecting a financial institution of experience and one which offers a large list of securities to select from.

We offer safe, conservative investments, suitable to every individual need.

## BOND DEPARTMENT

**AMERICAN TRUST CO.**  
Charlotte, N. C.

FRANK B. GREEN, Mgr.