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Pre-Opening Tobacco Market News

Sales of the 1952 Crop of South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco began Monday, July 29, on the 11 South Carolina Markets. The North Carolina markets in this belt will not open until Monday August 4. According to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture, first sales last year were held Monday, July 30 on nine of the South Carolina Markets. The North Carolina Markets along with Darlington and Pamlico, South Carolina held initial sales Thursday, August 2. The 1951 marketing season ended October 31.

As of July 1, the U. S. Crop Reporting Board estimated the Type 13 crop (Both N. C. and S. C.) to be 301,110,000 pounds. This production if realized will be around 2 million pounds under the 303,040,000 pounds produced last year. Total production for all types was placed at 1,402,540,000 pounds against 1,451,965,000 pounds in 1951. Producers sales last year set a record in this belt when 321,780,728 pounds were sold at an average of \$52.39 per hundred. Producers' sales of all flue-cured tobacco in 1951 amounted to 1,441,613,016 lbs. averaging \$52.67.

The crop this year is fairly good in some sections while in other sections, the poundage has been cut considerably because of extremely hot and dry spells in June and July. Most tobacco that has been harvested seems to be thinner bodied with a brighter color than last year. At the present time rain is needed badly over the entire area. By opening day harvesting will be near completion in many sections.

Commodity Credit Corporation loans are available to members of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. Most of the loans are the same or \$1.00 higher than the year before. Some red leaf grades were raised from \$4.00 to \$6.00. The only two grades lowered were fine lemon and orange wrappers down \$1.00 and \$2.00 respectively.

Commodity Credit Corporation grade price loan rates for flue-cured tobacco average is 50.6 cents per pound. For untied tobacco the loan rate for each grade is 5 cents per pound below the rate for tied tobacco of the same grade. Loan



TWO FOR THE SHORE— Complete with a waterproof cushion on the shoulder strap, this beach ensemble is ready for either beach or surf wear. The suit and jacket, shown in New York, are done in an attractive print. The jacket is lined in red.

rates for tied offerings range from \$17.00 for nondescript to \$74.00 for choice lemon wrappers. Growers in 1951 delivered 35,838,016 pounds or 11.1 per cent of tobacco in this area to the Stabilization Corporation under the Government Loan Program. Total flue-cured receipts for all types amounted to 142,243,742 pounds—9.9 per cent of net sales.

The South Carolina and Border North Carolina belt consists of 19 markets. All are officially designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to receive Government Inspection and Market News Services. Sales are scheduled to run 5 hours per day or 2,000 piles of tobacco per set of buyers. The maximum basket capacity remains at 300 pounds.

Opening dates for the other flue-cured markets as set by the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, are as follows: Type 12, Eastern North Carolina, Thursday, August 21; Type 11 (B) Middle Belt, Tuesday, Sep-

Governor Scott's Highway Program Is Nearing Goal

Raleigh, July 29—A total of 11,448 miles of secondary roads had been hardsurfaced in North Carolina by June 30 with funds from the \$200,000,000 bond issue voted in 1949, Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan reported today.

Jordan said the aggregate mileage paved was 95.40 per cent of Governor Scott's requested 12,000 mile paving goal on farm-to-market roads.

With nearly 300 road projects now under way, the goal is expected to be reached within the next few weeks. The quarterly progress report, which was prepared by the Statistics and Planning Division, showed that an additional 15,571 miles of county roads had been stabilized for all weather use. That's approximately 45 per cent of the 36,000-mile goal for stabilization, which is being stepped up now that the bond paving program is approaching its end.

Jordan reported that up to June 30, a total of \$181,369,770 of the bond money had been allotted to specific projects on secondary roads, leaving approximately \$18,650,000 yet to be allotted. The Highway Commission has actually paid out \$150,260,000 of the bond money.

Thirty-five counties had passed their paving goal under the secondary road program by June 30. This group included all counties in the mid-State Sixth and Seventh highway divisions. These counties are thus assured of getting as much or more new paved mileage than they were promised when the program began, Jordan reported. Business-like administration of the secondary road program has meant "bonus" mileage to the State.

Counties in which the paving goal has been passed are Chowan, Edgecombe, Hertford, Greene, Lenoir, Pitt, Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Duplin, Sampson, Franklin, Johnston, Nash, Wayne, Wilson, Chatham, Davidson, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Randolph, Robeson, Scotland, Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, Union, Alexander and Polk.

Additional paving will be done in those counties that still have unexpended allotments. Figures on the bond program paving do not include paving on primary highways or other projects not included in the secondary road program, and do not cover resurfacing or widening of secondary roads.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Having qualified as administrators of the estate of Parham V. Southerland, Deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this



JUNGLE IN NEW YORK—Because recent heat wave temperatures in New York were too much for this case-enclosed colony of jungle ants, air-cooling devices were installed to beat the heat down to 74 degrees. Dr. Theodore C. Schneirla, curator of the Department of Animal Behavior at the American Museum of Natural History, checks the 40,000 Army ants which were taken from Barro Colorado Island in the Panama Canal Zone. The colony is a "case summary" of a 20-year study of ants by Dr. Schneirla.

is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Chinquapin, North Carolina, North Carolina, or Grady Mercer, Attorney At Law, Kenansville, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of July, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 28th day of July, 1952.
L. H. Southerland
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Grady Mercer
Attorney At Law
Kenansville, North Carolina
9-4 ST. C.

Sara Joiner's Column

We are all afraid of something. Fear is our constant companion all through life. With some, it is the fear of losing a job. With others, it is the fear of illness or losing a loved one. What is your pet bugaboo? Your mirror tells you that you are growing old. Old age is the thing you fear above all else. You have always dreaded the last years of life, and you hate the telltale gray hair that is coming into your hair. Gray hair is something that has always looked mighty lovely (but on some one else). More important, what about your dreams that have still to come true? You need time. You can't afford to grow old. But what if you are fifty or if your next birthday brings you close to sixty? History is full of shining examples of those who

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KEEPING UP ON FARMING WITH UNCLE WALT

Well, we had a little shower of rain out our way last Wednesday and by the time that got soaked in good here come another one on Thursday. Both of them was the slow soaking kind—the kind that is some good.

That stuff was so pretty a fall there on Thursday 'til I told Fannie I was a good mind to jest git out there in it. She 'lowed it'd look when they were in the evening of life. Look at Eleanor Roosevelt. Any other great grandma would be sitting with her knitting and waiting for Father Time to arrive with his scythe.

What keeps people young? What do we do to keep young? It's important for you to take care of your body, but old age begins in the mind. Stop looking into the mirror and counting the wrinkles. Instead, change your thinking and you can recreate yourself.

No one is ever too old to work. Get you something to do. No matter how old you are a vital interest will give you a second lease on living. Then, next time your birthday rolls around to frighten you, you'll be so busy being young that you'll forget how old you are.

Perhaps poverty is the thing you fear above everything and your pocket book tells you that you are poor. Well, take courage. Did you know that Rockefeller's salary was once only six dollars a week? Did you know that the Warner Brothers had between them only forty six cents when they decided to storm the citadel of Hollywood? Maria Dressler was broke and forgotten when she borrowed the money to rent a house, hire a butler, and throw a party that so dazzled the movie moguls into signing her to a big contract.

No matter how poor you are, you can give of your self and your time. Riches don't make happiness.

mighty foolish for a old feller like me to git out and get wet on a purpose. I tell you though I was so glad to see it fall 'til I wanted to git every benefit I could from it. We was setin there on the porch when it commenced and when the wind started blowin it in on us Fannie moved over to the other side of the porch but I set right there where I was and let it blow in on me. Lord knows I was glad to see it.

We just in a manner ain't got no garden this time. We had real good prospects for awhile but the dry weather and all pretty well took care of it. I went out to it Sunday morning to git a few tomatoes and I come back to the house with two, I put out 3 dozen plants and figgered big on raisin enough to can some, but if we can any tomatoes at our house this year, they'll be to buy.

About the same thing holds true on our other stuff. I quit dustin and paying any 'tention to our beans about three weeks ago, 'cause they was done too far gone for rain to do them any good. For awhile, we was gittin right much okra but who wants that stuff 'less you got some other kind of fresh vegetables to go along with it.

I rode to town last Monday to git some chicken feed and when I went by Ned Barnes' farm I saw him out there a irrigatin his pasture. I reckon he figgered if he didn't do somethin, his pasture was gonna jest dry up.

That's the second one of them irrigatin outfits I'd seen and, believe me, they're real tricks. I didn't stop but I could see a ridin by that that thing was really spravin the water. He's got a big pond down on the lower side of his pasture and he was gittin his water out of it.

Ned's pasture oughta be pretty well fed now accordin to the water he put on it and that what Old Mother Nature saw fit to leave.

Speakin of Ned, he come over to the house the other day and was tellin me about him gittin hold of some more beef cattle. I believe he said he bought 10 more head so he's got about 42 head over there now. He's a real farmer, that Ned is, and he's got a good farm too. I reckon he's about the biggest and best farmer we've got in this section and he's thought about as much as anybody else around here.

Ned's one of those fellers who started from scratch on a little old piece of land that wouldn't hardly grow blackgums. Nobody thought he'd make it when he first moved over there but he pitched in and got that place cleared up and he ain't hardly let up since then. He's been a livin there now 22 years, I reckon, but they's a lot happened around there durin that time. He's got the 24 acres he started out with, and about 200 more adjoining acres which he's bought as he saw his way clear.

Ned works. He's not one of those fellers who sets under a shade tree and tells somebody else what he wants done. He git out there in his overalls and works just like his next meal depended on it. I bet if the truth was knowed, he's got enough right now to where him and his wife could live good the rest of their life without strikin another lick of work. He's just not that kind of feller though.

I asked him the other day why he kept on workin so hard. I said, "You've got a good farm and a nice home and you're not gittin any younger so why don't you take it easy like me." He said, "You know, my wife's been after me to do the same thing, but I just can't make myself do it. I get too much satisfaction out of tendin to my livestock and watchin my crops grow to give it up now. I've worked hard gettin my place fixed up like I want it and I have it equipped to where I can do twice as much work as I use to be able to do in almost half the amount of time."

I guess Ned's got somethin there. Why should he slave all his life gittin his farm in good shape and then turn it over to somebody else. It just goes to show that when farmin gits in a man's bones,

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