

Lumberton Market Opens August 3 Six Firms Ready To Serve You

Higher prices are anticipated when the 1961 tobacco auction season is inaugurated in Lumberton on Thursday morning, August 3.

Bob Thompson, Lumberton sales supervisor, said the spirit of optimism had mounted as surveys showed that hail and water damage was spotty rather than general.

"While the weight of the crop may be a little less than last year, there is every reason to believe that higher prices will more than offset that loss," Thompson said. "In fact we are predicting that 1961 will be a better year dollar-wise than the fine season of 1960."

Once again, the Lumberton market will have 30 acres of floor space for the auctioning of tobacco, selling 6000 baskets of tobacco daily, six of the larger firms among those operating on the Border Belt will serve as go-between as the 1961 crop is transferred from the growers to the buying companies. These firms are the Carolina, Cooperative, Hedgpeth, Liberty, Smith-Dixie, and Star.

Opening ceremonies will be conducted Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in Cooperative Warehouse. Among the visiting dignitaries will be Fred S. Royster, managing director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association.

Mayor R. A. Hedgpeth, a warehouseman, himself, will be on hand

to greet farmers, buyers and visitors.

Buying power will be at its peak this year, Supervisor Thompson said. Three sets of buyers will be sent to the market by all the big tobacco manufacturing companies and by the larger buying firms from all over the world.

Person-Garrett, Mullins Leaf Tobacco Company, Interstate and China American Tobacco Company will join buyers from Reynolds, Export, American, Imperial and Liggett and Myers to provide the "strength which has been a factor in the success of the market over the years," Supervisor Thompson added.

Furman K. Biggs, Jr. is president of the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade.

"About the best and most important thing we can say as the opening nears is that our warehousemen are ready," the sales supervisor asserted in connection with the August 3rd date. "They have rounded up an experienced staff. A few new faces will be seen in the various warehouses, but mostly they are old hands at the business who are replacements for those, who, for one reason or another, are not returning. Old-timers tell me that the market is in the best shape for receipts of tobacco that it has been in many years."

The crop which will reach the market this season will rank with the best from the standpoint of quality. Very little of the heavy leaf which went into the hands of the stabilization corporation in recent years is in prospect.

"Because producers have sought to grow what the buyers have shown they want, we feel that Lumberton reached an all-time high in price average," Thompson concluded. "Thus, the outlook is good and we're very optimistic."

Carolina Warehouse, managed by J. E. Johnson, Eas. Leroy Townsend, Marvin Roycroft, Johnnie Curran, Jr., Johnnie Roycroft, Cooperative Warehouse, managed by C. E. McLaurin.

Hedgpeth Warehouse, Managed by R. A. Hedgpeth, Leroy Rollins, Horace Hicks, Leroy, Walker, Sales Manager.

Liberty Warehouse, managed by Frank White, H. D. Goode.

Smith Dixie Warehouse, managed by F. K. Biggs, Jr., Alex Kinlaw, Milton Huggins and Leroy Townsend, Jr., Sales Manager.

Star Warehouse, Hogan Teater, D. T. (Tom) Stephenson.

Lumberton three redrying plants include the following: Interstate Tobacco Co. W. E. Elmore, Vice-President and manager.

Whitehead and Anderson, Inc. A. H. Martin, President and Treas.

Person-Garrett, Inc. Ralph Garrett, Jr. Vice-President and manager of Lumberton branch.

Thompson's job on the Lumberton market never stops. He works for the farmer in the Lumberton area beginning at plant bed time and follows on through transplanting, harvesting, grading, and until the crop is sold and the farmer is happy. He is on hand to help the farmer in anyway possible concerning his tobacco from January to January.

Civil Service

A new examination for Immigration Patrol Inspector has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, for filling positions paying \$5,355 a year with the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U. S. Department of Justice.

These positions offer young men interested in immigration law enforcement, an opportunity to begin a career in such work with on-the-job training for positions of greater responsibility. As Immigration Patrol Inspectors, they patrol

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No experience is required for these positions. To qualify, applicants must pass a written test of verbal abilities, judgment, and aptitude for learning a foreign language. Those who pass the test will be interviewed to determine if they have the personal qualities needed for the work. Since the duties are arduous, applicants must be in sound physical condition. They must be at least 68 inches tall, weigh at least 140 pounds,

and have reached their 21st birthday at the time of appointment.

Persons interested in early consideration should apply before September 1. The closing date for

receipt of applications is December 8, 1961. Full information is given in Announcement No. 263 B

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