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The Farmville Market Again Leads In Prices Paid To Tobacco Growers--Average \$22.33

About Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Here For Opening and a Crowd Estimated Around Five Thousand Were in Attendance--Quality Off But Color Good--Higher Averages are Drawing a Large Number from a Distance to the Farmville Market This Season--Customers Pleased.

With one of the best opening breaks in Farmville's long and successful tobacco history, the big warehouses here Tuesday were scenes of unusual activity when the buyers from the biggest manufacturers in the world started buying the bright leaf that filled the warehouses here for the opening.

COOPS OPEN 34 MARKETS

Association Pays Members the Highest Cash Payments Ever Made in Eastern Carolina

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—The Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association opened its third season at 34 markets in Eastern North Carolina Tuesday, September 2, with the highest cash payments ever made to its members—the majority of association grades were raised from one to five dollars a grade and the members who doubted last season's deliveries on the opening day by bringing over half a million pounds of the weed to their own warehouses, were thoroughly pleased with the association's advances and grading—the ability of every member to get 75 per cent of the cash value of every delivery as established by bankers, has proved a great advantage to the organized tobacco farmers.

Payment of \$500,000 by the association to its Eastern Carolina members on September 27 will bring their receipts on the 1923 crop to \$11.3 per cent of the tobacco valuation.

As usual Farmville lead all of the other Eastern Carolina markets in the average price paid. Averaging \$22.33 per hundred for the entire two hundred pound break, which, according to published reports from other markets, was from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a hundred the leader.

The crop is estimated to be a short one. The leaf is fairly good as to color but thin and light. It is somewhat heavier than many had expected.

Between four and five thousand farmers were in the city Tuesday creating a goodly increase in business throughout the day. A cordial welcome was extended by Farmville business men, and a spirit of optimism prevailed, speaking plainly the satisfaction of the farmers with the prices received here.

big season in FARMVILLE this year, due to several new buyers being added and with more competition among the buyers.

Other surrounding town report large breaks on the opening but none of whom came up to standard set by the Farmville market in prices paid to the farmers for their offerings.

WILSON REPORTS BIG SALE BUT LOW AVERAGE.

Wilson, Sept. 3.—The Wilson Times says: That things are not always what they seem is indicated by the prices on the opening of the Wilson tobacco market. Of course they are higher here than on any market in the east, but that is not the point at issue. Every one expected that the opening price would be at least 25 cents per pound. The best estimate we could make yesterday was that the opening was around 22.50.

However, the official figures show that the opening average was only 20.34, and that is considered by the editor of The Times a very low average considering the quality of the tobacco which is better than we expected, and is keeping with the demand for the tobacco on account of the short crop due to the heavy rains in the South Carolina belt, which washed the substances out of it. It is different, however, in this section. The quality of the tobacco is decidedly better.

According to the official report of Mr. J. E. Petty, supervisor of sales on the Wilson tobacco market, the sales yesterday were 263,694 pounds, for \$175,638.44, at an average of 20.34.

The same day, or opening day last year, the sales were 430,296 pounds at an average of 21.24 per pound.

GREENVILLE WAY UNDER OTHER EASTERN MARKETS

Greenville, Sept. 3.—The Greenville Reflector says: With total offerings reaching around a 1,000,000 pounds, the local market on yesterday sold 523,345 pounds at an average price on all receipts of \$18.55 per hundred.

The quality generally offered on the warehouse floors represented mainly the first and best cuttings with comparatively little of the higher grades. Growers here showed considerable concern for the quality of tobacco offered.

The number of points on the opening day exceeded those of several previous years. It required all day yesterday to get the buyers to clear the stacks. The day was a struggle to get the buyers to clear the stacks.

QUAKE RECALLED BY MANY

Many Were Cussing and Praying and One Preacher Bolted; Shook Earth for Two Days.

Older residents last night recalled that exactly 38 years have elapsed since the Charleston earthquake. Tremors and shakings from the earthquake were forcibly felt in this vicinity on the night of August 31, 1886. Successive tremors shook the earth around Charleston, S. C., for two days, August 31 and September 1, 1886, practically destroying the city, but the quake felt here and the excitement it caused, lasted only a few minutes, old-timers relate.

In this section the earthquake caused great excitement and in many instances terror. Many thought Gabriel had sounded the last trump and that judgment day had come.

In those days a church for negroes was standing in South Greensboro, near Five Points. On that eventful night in August, 38 years ago, the church was packed and jammed with listeners while a negro minister, of tall and angular proportions, and accented a powerful exhorter, was haranguing the congregation, painting vivid word pictures of a golden paradise on the one hand, and graphic pictures of a torment—in hell of fire and brimstone on the other.

The sermon was hearing its close. With deep fervor and excitement the angular divine was picturing the final day of judgment—the great separation—the goats to the one side, the sheep to the other—when of a sudden the church was shaken by a

"Tommy, stop eating with your fingers." "But, mammas, weren't fingers made before forks."

One of the main objections to another war seems to be that it would be followed by another peace conference.

President Emeritus, of Harvard, says that complete prohibition enforcement is in sight. So is the planet Mars, but we haven't reached it yet.

The newspaper declares that Mr. Hughes is feeling uneasy because since her agreement with Russia, China, is acknowledging her own national aims and is striving to thrust off the yoke of foreign capitalists. Mr. Hughes, it adds, is afraid for the future of American interests in China which he considers as a colony for growing American industrialism.

SUPPER AT WEBB'S LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turnage entertained a few of their friends at a delightful supper on Monday evening at Webb's Lake.

The merry party left town about 5 o'clock and motored to the lake where swimming was enjoyed before supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnage's guests were Capt. E. L. Turnage and Mrs. Turnage, who have recently returned from Haiti; Mrs. Bernice Moore and son, of Andrews, S. C.; Mrs. J. L. Morgan and Irvin, Jr.; Mrs. E. F. Knott; Mrs. J. M. Hobbard and Billy Morton.

Which One Will Get Your Vote?



In connection with 1700 other newspapers in all parts of the United States, this newspaper is now conducting a presidential poll, so that supporters of each candidate may know how their respective candidates are running. Vote now on the sample ballot and mail or bring it to this newspaper office.

INCREASE IN SEC. OFFICE

Has Issued 2,825,546 Auto and Truck Licenses During This Year and Collected \$3,975,658.27; Gasoline Tax Yields \$38,724.57; Other Items of Interest Showing Revenues.

The number of automobiles and trucks in the state have increased 274,157 within the past ten years. The 1914 registration being 11,889, and the 1924 registration being 285,546, according to the biennial report of the secretary of state issued by W. N. Everett today. The total amount of taxes collected on motors and gasoline sales since 1911 was stated to be \$20,038,109.45.

The report also shows that the amount collected for the registration transfers was \$9,046.82 as of November 30, 1914. June 30, 1924, the collection was \$8,975,658.27.

The gasoline tax collected for the year June 30, 1922, was \$888,724.57 while the tax collected up to June 23, 1924, was \$3,979,855.40. During the past two years the secretary has issued 2,405 domestic charters for domestic corporations, and collected \$5,192.47, while during the same period the certificates issued were 375 corporations and \$16,075.00 has been collected. Since 1922, 65 banks have filed with the office and 63 trademarks have been registered and five railroads granted charters.

VESPER SERVICES BROUGHT TO CLOSE SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. N. N. Fleming Delivers Powerful Message to Large Audience

The service on Sunday evening last brought to a close the summer vesper services enjoyed by this community during the last few weeks and although attendance has not been as large as desired by the leaders the influence and inspiration gained by those who attended regularly cannot be measured.

A large congregation was present for the closing service, and the speaker, Rev. N. N. Fleming, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian church, offered Fleming's subject was "Fishers of Men," and his sermon was based on the fifth chapter of Luke, fourth verse. In a powerful message he admonished the people to heed the command, "Launch Out," and help spread the gospel, not only in our own land, but to "launch out into the deep" of the world. He defined the nets as used in the command, "let down your nets," as the force we have, be it mental or physical, to give in His service, and emphasized the fact that as the fishermen let down their nets to receive a draught, so Christians must have faith and ever anticipate results in their work of soul-winning.

Rev. D. E. Hill, Baptist minister, led the prayer service and Attorney W. G. Sheppard, who deserves much praise for his faithful and efficient directing of the music, led the songs. Special musical numbers which added much to the program were a duet rendered by Miss Daisy Holmes, and a quartet by Rev. D. E. Hill and Messrs. Moses Moye, J. D. Holmes and W. G. Sheppard.

IN INTEREST OF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Felix Harvey Calls the Meeting for Friday, Sept. 12 at Kinston, 5:30 O'clock.

A meeting of more than passing importance has been called by Chairman Felix Harvey, Jr., of the section-wide membership campaign of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, for Friday, September 12, at Kinston, at 5:30 o'clock. Representative business men of Eastern Carolina have been invited to this conference. The purpose of the conference as stated by Chairman Harvey, is to outline to those present, the full plans of the big membership campaign to be held the week of October 6. It is very necessary the local chairmen know all about the campaign and this is the occasion for this conference.

After the meeting, those present will be guests of the Kinston Kiwanis club at a special luncheon for the occasion. A good representation from all sections of Eastern Carolina is expected in Kinston on that date. No memberships will be solicited until the week of October 6, when the campaign will be put on simultaneously in 46 counties. Chairman Harvey plans to have the whole thing finished in one week, and then there will be nothing left except planning for the 1925 program.

Those memberships at present whose memberships expire before July 1, will be entitled to renewal on the basis of one half of the first year's dues being paid. This will make all memberships due each year October 1. Those present members, whose dues expire after July 1 may renew with three fourths of the first year's dues being paid. This will make their dues fall due October 1 next year and from then on all dues will come due at the same time, October 1. This in the opinion of the committee will make it much easier to keep the records up in the office.

Under the administration of the great Woodrow Wilson, whose fame is as imperishable as history itself, no grafter dared to poke his head inside the White House or any of the departments. John W. Davis is another Woodrow Wilson. Come on, boys; let's put another Woodrow Wilson in the White House.

FAILURE TO REPORT COSTLY

Three Women Pay \$1,000 in Fines to Customs Officials.

New York, Sept. 3.—Failure to declare foreign goods in their possession on arrival at this port cost three women a total of \$1,072.23 in fines imposed after a hearing before Edward Barnes, assistant solicitor of the legal division at the customs house today.

Two of the cases involved Mrs. Sally M. Livingston, of Kankakee, Ill., and Mrs. Lewis Boyd, wife of the president of the Boyd Manufacturing company, of Cleveland. Both were passengers on the Borongaria, which docked here last Friday. They brought with them from Europe a large quantity of gowns and lingerie on which they made no declaration. Deputy Surveyor James F. Long seized the goods. It cost Mrs. Livingston \$3,14.08 to redeem her share.

The third case involved the seizure of an undeclared fur coat in the possession of Miss Helen McCarthy Adams, of Los Angeles, Cal. In order to recover the coat Miss Adams will have to pay the customs department \$700.

FINAL CLINIC PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL

The tonsil and adenoid clinic held in the high school building on Tuesday of this week was successful in every way. Nineteen operations were performed by Dr. G. J. Ellis, of Greenville, assisted by Dr. W. M. Willis of this city, and Dr. Gulland, county health supervisor. Mrs. Outland and Miss McGees of Greenville, and Miss Eugenia Crouch, local community nurse, rendered valuable assistance to the physicians.

Lunch was served as on previous occasions by the Parent-Teacher Association. This organization desires to take this means of expressing appreciation for acts loaned by R. L. Davis and Dr. mattresses loaned by Farmville Furniture Co., and services rendered by other individuals of the town.

NAVAL FORCES FOUR NATIONS

Center to Protect Their Nationals at Shanghai and Will Keep Their Vessels There to Patrol the Chinese Waters; Other Neutral Ships Have Been There for Some Time.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Naval forces of the United States, Japan, Great Britain and France, kept for patrol work in Asiatic waters, are being assembled at Shanghai, China.

Some already are there and others are proceeding, moving as neutral ships, but prepared to act swiftly in the event they are called upon to protect their respective nationals, commercial and trade interests, now menaced by danger of hostilities between military forces commanded by two provincial governors.

The diplomatic agents of the four governments already have advised the Peking foreign office that "the idea of a naval battle in the greatest harbor of the east was unthinkable and could not be tolerated," pointing out that the Shanghai waters constitute one vast harbor in which the ships of every nation float and that the present status of affairs presents a situation that cannot be regarded with equanimity by them.

Admiral Thomas Washington, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, and Edward Bell, charge of the legation in Peking, reported today to the Washington government on the situation at Shanghai.

Admiral Washington said nine destroyers, the Borie, Smith, Thompson, Tracy, Hurlbut, J. D. Evans, Preble, Pruitt, Penguin and Whipple had been dispatched from the summer base at Chefoo to Shanghai and, in addition, the gunboat Isabel, flagship of the river patrol, had been ordered there from Kinkang.

The situation now developing at Shanghai is attributed by officials here familiar with conditions in Chinese waters to a crisis which has existed a year or more between Generalissimo Chi Hsiang-Yuan and Lu Yung-Hsiang, military governors respectively of Kiangsu and Chekiang, adjoining provinces. A conflict between them is feared would tend to throw other provincial forces into the struggle, and it is said, might result in general warfare in China.

The question at issue between the two provincial leaders is said to resolve itself practically into a contest between them for military control of Shanghai.

DESK NEEDED BY RED CROSS

Will some citizen of the town who has a desk sitting idle in some corner offer same to the Red Cross? Miss Crouch, our community nurse, finds that she needs a desk at once and it is hoped that some kind friend will come forward and meet this need. The desk will be placed in Miss Crouch's office at the high school building, and the best of care will be given it while in her service. Please notify the secretary, Mrs. J. L. Shackelford, if this "friend in need" is you.

PLANNING TO BUY COTTON

Representative of German Firm Here in Interest of Buying Cotton For Country.

Norfolk, Sept. 3.—Germany will want 1,750,000 bales of cotton from the United States this year but must wait for the recently negotiated loan from Morgan to become effective before they can pay for it, according to H. Knoke, general manager of the cotton department of L. Behrens and Son, Hamburg, bankers, who is here on the first stop of a trip through the south to buy 25,000 bales of cotton. Europeans as a whole will need 40,000,000 bales of the staple, Herr Knoke estimated.

"Conditions in Germany are slowly beginning to adjust themselves," Herr Knoke said, "and just now all depends upon the success of the Morgan loan which will be extended in October." For example, my firm and hundreds of other firms are eager for cotton, and we have orders booked for months ahead—but we have no present credit and must wait for the loan." He added that part of his mission here is to establish pleasant relationships between the United States and Germany.

After getting first hand information as to existing conditions here tomorrow he will leave for Savannah to begin checking up on the cotton crop of the south.

THE BEST OF FRIENDS MUST PART

