

Low Prices Prevalent As Markets Open In Georgia

Bright Tobacco Selling at Average of Around 12 Cents, as Compared With Nearly 20¢ Opening Day Last Year; Growers Are Dissatisfied

Atlanta, July 28.—Reports to the state department of agriculture from seven warehouses in the bright leaf tobacco area today showed a price range of from 10 to 15 cents per pound, with the average around 12 cents, a figure which Eugene Talmadge, state commissioner of agriculture, said was below the cost of production.

From Hazlehurst came a report of 400,000 pounds on the floor at market opening time, with a price ranging from 10 to 11 cents. Blackshear reported 250,000 pounds at 12½ cts. Statesboro 200,000 pounds with no price quotation; Waycross, 130,000 pounds at 15 cents; Camilla, 45,000 pounds at 12 cents; Nashville, 350,000 pounds at 12½ cents and Thomasville 125,000 pounds at 12 cents.

Mr. Talmadge said reports from the remaining markets might bring the average prices higher, but that he did not expect it to reach the 1929 cent average of the first week last year. Regardless of any minor increase, he said "the price is below the cost of production, and there is too much disparity between the prices paid the farmer and paid by the purchaser of the finished tobacco product."

The department of agriculture requested all warehouses to report opening sales and prices to insure a check of the opening day's business. A complete list is not expected to be available for a day or two, however. Tifton reported 275,000 pounds at an average of about 13 cents. Another report from Waycross said about 100,000 pounds was sold for an average of \$10.04 per hundred.

Some marketing centers reported that growers complained that there was little difference in the price offered by the bidders, regardless of the quality.

At Hazlehurst one of the most exciting scenes of the day occurred. One man mounted a basket of tobacco after the first hour's selling and shouted: "Don't make another bid on this market."

The crowd cheered. So much disorder followed that the bidding was suspended for a short time.

At Waycross the Kiwanis club took notice of the poor prices being paid in all markets this season. The growers in this district were dissatisfied with the prices paid.

At Douglas, E. G. Westbrook, tobacco specialist of the state college of agriculture, heard the protests that were being made at all markets and issued this statement:

"The opening tobacco markets today were most disappointing to the Georgia farmers. Opening prices were much below the cost of production. Bitter protests indicate some action will be taken, if prices do not improve soon. Investigation meetings may be held to protest the low prices."

A million pounds of tobacco was on the floors of five warehouses at Douglas.

Mass meetings were being held at a number of points tonight to determine what action the growers should take. They expressed a determination not to turn loose any more of the tobacco at such prices as prevailed during the opening day.

Washington, July 28.—Reports of all types of leaf tobacco from the United States increased approximately seven per cent in volume during the six months ending June 30.

The Department of Commerce announced today that 300,285,447 lbs. of leaf was exported, as compared with 225,000,000 lbs. for the similar period in 1929.

Total exports of tobacco, including manufacturers, were valued at \$22,116,441 during the first six months of this year as compared with \$23,129,978 during the same period of 1929. Leaf tobacco exported was valued at \$15,122,259 as compared with \$15,900,022.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss Joan Beckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckman, entertained Friday afternoon at a party at her home in celebration of her third birthday anniversary. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the dining room, where less than half a cow served. Bunches of milk and lily pads were given as favors. Games were played on the lawn by the tiny hostess and her thirty guests, and lunch packages were taken by her mother.

A congratulatory cash payment of 146 cents was made by a group of Jackson County farmers.

WILSON YOUTH IS FATALLY STABBED

Onnie Lamm, Aged 35, Attacks Baudie Strickland, 18, With a Butcher Knife.

Wilson, July 28.—Wilson county officers were early tonight still searching wooded tracts in Oldfields township, near the Nash county line, for Onnie Lamm, 35, who stabbed Baudie Strickland, 18, at a tobacco barn on Strickland's farm yesterday afternoon.

Immediately after inflicting a fire wound in Strickland's abdomen with a butcher knife Lamm, who was said to have been intoxicated, disappeared into a nearby patch of woods and has not since been seen. Citizens in the section where the crime was committed reported to officers investigating that they saw Lamm at various times.

Strickland and Lamm had an argument at a tobacco barn where Strickland was curing tobacco. The youth was asleep when Lamm walked up and threw a bucket of water on him. Strickland ordered Lamm to leave. He left, but returned and threw another bucket of water on the younger man. A quarrel ensued in which Robert Lee Eatman and Eddie Ayers parted the two men. Lamm left again but returned shortly. He walked up to Strickland and stabbed him in the pit of the stomach with the knife and fled before the two witnesses could intervene. Strickland died while being rushed to a doctor's office.

WORLD'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

What Is Going on in the Other Countries That Is of Interest to This Country

The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce plans to open an office at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, about Aug. 1, 1930. With the opening of this office the Bureau will have fifty-seven offices located in the principal foreign countries.

A Canadian appraisers' bulletin of June 16, 1930, issues instructions to Canadian appraisers officers to satisfy themselves as to fluctuations in the market value of goods in the country of export, between the dates of purchase and the date of shipment by requiring importers to produce information as to the date of purchase and the home consumption value of that date, according to a cable from Commercial Attache Lynn W. Macklin, Ottawa, to the department of commerce. Such information will facilitate entry of goods where there are fluctuations in the market value between the date of purchase and the date of shipment. It is suggested that American exporters to Canada incorporate this information on their invoices in the use of goods subject to market fluctuations. The purpose of these instructions is to assist the customs officers in determining whether or not dumping duty is applicable. Under the dumping clause of the Canadian tariff, the amount of any advance in the market value between the time of purchase and the date of shipment is not subject to dumping duty. Where there is a reduction in the fair market value between the date of purchase and the date of shipment a claim to the following effect often appears on invoices: "The difference between the value in the two columns on this invoice is accounted for by fluctuations in the market value between date of purchase and date of shipment."

Creation of a tobacco division in the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce which has been necessitated by the increased requests for commercial services pertaining to the foreign marketing of American tobacco and tobacco products, was announced June 27 by William I. Cooper, director.

Since July, 1923, this phase of the bureau's foreign trade-promotive work has been carried on in a specialized section of the foodstuffs division of the bureau, one of the thirteen specialized commodity units.

Demands for the services made available through the tobacco section has increased so rapidly, however, that it has now been found necessary to establish an administrative efficiency to give to this work a more individual status.

Benjamin D. Hill, who has been in charge of the tobacco section of the bureau since February, 1925, has been named chief of the new division.

Exports of tobacco and tobacco products from the United States during 1929 were valued at \$171,724,164.

If He Isn't the World's Oldest He Looks It



Doctors who have examined Zek Agba, the Turkish visitor to the United States who claims to be 120 years old, say he is a bundle of great age and good for many years more. He fought in 14 wars, has lost 12 wives, drinks nothing stronger than milk, eats no meat, and has had three sets of teeth.

WALTER HARPER BELIEVED SUICIDE

Young Banker on Vacation Is Found Shot to Death in His Automobile Near Home

Rocky Mount, July 28.—Walter Harper, young North Carolina Bank and Trust Company teller, is believed to have taken his life here today. A pistol ball was fired into his side and a second into his brain. No reason for the supposed suicide has been advanced.

Harper returned last night from Virginia Beach with a party of friends and apparently in the best of spirits. This morning he arose early said that he wanted to borrow a friend's car to visit a farm near the city and was found at 8 o'clock slumped down in the car in a garage, unconscious. He was rushed to a hospital but died before he regained consciousness.

It is believed that he went from the house of R. E. Daughtridge, where he stayed last night, to the bank where he worked, got his 45 calibre revolver and returned to the garage back of the house to kill himself. Coroner J. E. L. Thomas of Tarboro, investigated the affair today and said it was suicide.

The first ball had entered the left side of his chest but was not fatal. The second ball entered the right side of his head and caused death. The bullet passed completely through his head.

He was on his vacation and had spent some time at the beach with his young wife.

F. F. Fagan and D. P. Spruill, vice presidents of the bank where Harper worked, said that his accounts were in perfect order and that he was a highly respected employee.

In addition to his young widow, who was Miss Hazel Short, prior to her marriage, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George Stokes and Miss Pattie Harper, of this city, and three brothers, Henry Harper, Greenville; S. C. John Harper, Wilson, and Ed Harper of Goldsboro.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The July meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Shackelford on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The following interesting program was presented: Roll call answered with short readings on "Pleasing Color Schemes in Flower Arrangement," with colored illustrations; Mrs. J. W. Joyner made a talk on "The Art of Lawn Mowing"; Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt read a selection, "Good and Bad Taste in Landscaping"; and Mrs. W. H. Nance read "Suggestions for August," from the N. C. Year Book. "Some Questions on Wild Flowers" were asked by the hostess.

After adjournment the guests were invited into the garden, where a contest on the flowers planted there was enjoyed. Refreshments were served and tiny balloons from a balloon vine were given as favors.

MRS. GREGORY HOSTESS TO CARD CLUB

Mrs. J. N. Gregory was hostess to the Progressive Bridge club this week. The attractive home was decorated with summer flowers in charming arrangement.

Tea and sandwiches were served as the guests arrived and games of whist were normal side and solo. He is planning to experiment on a more extensive scale next year and probably will have interest surrounding planters in the production of the lucky crop.

PROTESTS RUM IN BRITISH EMBASSY

Former Mayor of Charlottesville Writes Stinging Letter to Sir Ronald Lindsay.

Charlottesville, Va., July 28.—Samuel Woods, former mayor of Charlottesville, but now a leading farmer of Albemarle county has written a letter to Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador at Washington protesting against the use of liquor in the embassy building.

"You have been willing to take advantage of a technicality and of the humanity of your office to do yourself what would be a crime for a citizen of the United States to do," says Mr. Woods. "Whether you intend it or not, you show disrespect for the Constitution and contempt for the laws of our nation to which you have been accredited as a diplomat."

The communication from this Mr. Woods recalls a similar letter written in May, 1929, to Sir James Howard then British Ambassador, by James T. Carter, an ardent prohibitionist of Lynchburg, Va. Sir James, in reply, expressed a willingness to waive the diplomatic liquor privilege and subsequently announced that he would sign no more liquor permits. He made it plain, however, that this was a personal decision. Other members of the Embassy staff continued to receive liquor and Sir Ronald resumed the custom when he came to Washington as Sir Eme's successor.

Mr. Woods made this action by Sir Eme one of the reasons for his protest, saying:

"You have not followed the noble example of General Foch when in our country; you are going much to weaken the friendship of the United States for Great Britain, which Sir Eme Howard and the recent action of Canada have strengthened. You are wounding and estranging England's best friends and delighting those who seem by nature to be her enemies, the foreigners and near foreigners in our midst, and the wet politicians seeking their votes."

"You are encouraging those who fear of this foreign vote are delaying and trying to defeat the treaty just tentatively agreed on between our nations."

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Birmingham, Ala., July 28.—Burglars of this city took to the trees over the week end and relieved the city's champion tree sitter of 12 and a watch.

Russell Martin, Jr., 12, the victim, saw nothing of his visitor until this morning when he discovered the loss of his watch.

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NO FEDERAL HELP FOR TOBACCO AND COTTON PLANTERS

Farm Board Appears to Be Up in Air Over Problems Confronting the South; Tobacco Markets in Georgia Open But Price Is Unsatisfactory

Washington, July 28.—The Farm Board is as much in the air over cotton and tobacco as it is about wheat. Tobacco is selling on the Georgia markets. James C. Stone, the tobacco member of the Farm Board, said today that no plans have been made for handling the tobacco situation.

With the exception of a small South Carolina cooperative, the tobacco farmers of the Carolinas are unorganized. Until they do organize the Farm Board is without legal authority to act except to offer its favorite prescription of reducing production.

Mr. Stone said today that progress is being made in organization of Virginia growers. He attended a meeting in Richmond last week. He thinks the educational work will be helpful. Unless tobacco prices slump there is no likelihood that Eastern North Carolina tobacco growers will organize. They averaged 19 cents last year. The prolonged drought may cut the crop short this year. The condition of the crop is reported by the Department of Agriculture as below the average.

An increase of 8½ per cent in the blue-ribbon tobacco acreage this year may thus be offset by the drought. Otherwise, there would be a larger crop this year than last, when overproduction was claimed.

Chairman Legge said today that it is too clearly for the board to take steps in handling of the cotton crops, as it is not known what the probable yield will be. August will tell that story. It is then that the boll weevil does its worst.

Representative Ayers of Kansas, today said that after ten years of study by the Congress, and one year's operation under the Farm Relief Act and expenditure of a large part of the \$800,000,000 appropriation, we now have for consideration of the American wheat farmers the following proposals:

First: Reduction of wheat acreage one-fourth and consequent curtailment of some 200,000,000 bushels of production, which means in many sections a sentence of wheat farmers to quit farming.

Second: The Farm Board's plan would welcome the assistance of the droughts, floods and such plagues as chinch bugs, grasshoppers, boll weevils and army worms, to bring about aid to distressed agriculture.

FALLS FROM TREE SKULL FRACTURED

Rocky Mount Youth Sustains Serious Injuries Last Monday; Strikes Head on Pipe.

Rocky Mount, July 28.—The city's tree-sitting contest, started last Friday evening when ten boys, lured by offers of prizes by merchants and various other business people of the city, climbed into trees in an endurance contest, came to an abrupt end this afternoon.

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JOHN T. THORNE OF FARMVILLE, HEAD OF COTTON CO-OPS

Succeeds Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Who Has Been President Since 1924. Blalock Re-Appointed as General Manager, Is Prominent in Cotton Affairs.

John T. Thorne, 32 Farmville, was elected president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association at a meeting of the association's board of directors, in Raleigh Monday. He succeeds Dr. B. W. Kilgore, who has served as president since 1924 and who requested the board not to re-elect him this year.

U. Benton Blalock, who has served as general manager of the association since its beginning and as secretary-treasurer and general manager since 1925, was yesterday appointed by Governor Gardner as public director of the association. The membership of the association elects four directors and the governor appoints one to represent the public. The board of directors of the association also elected Mr. Blalock vice-president and general manager.

Mr. Thorne is well known in Eastern North Carolina as a successful business man, banker and farmer. He is a thorough believer in the live at home system of farming and practices it on his farm, but he also grows cotton, tobacco and pecans and he is familiar with the problems which the producers of these crops have to meet. He assumes his duties as president of the co-operative association thoroughly equipped with a knowledge of the problems of the organization, having served as director and member of the executive committee since 1925 and as vice-president for two and a half years.

In accepting the appointment as public director of the association, Mr. Blalock is beginning his second term of service in that capacity, having been appointed public director in 1924 by Governor Cameron Morrison. In addition to his duties of vice-president and general manager of the North Carolina Co-operative, Mr. Blalock is now director and member of the American Cotton Co-operative association and a member of the Cotton advisory committee of the Federal Farm Board.

PEOPLE SLEEPING IN WASHINGTON

Many Carry Their Beds to Hills, Parks and Water Front for Relief from Heat

Washington, D. C., July 28.—The heat tortured residents of the nation's capital have claimed the most formal outdoor show places in the city for open air dormitories.

With alarm clocks, watermelons, family watch dogs, umbrellas and banyos as well as bedding, hundreds are going nightly to parks and public grounds to sleep in torrid night through in night gown or pajamas.

A policeman making his rounds among them early this morning estimated that more than a thousand were resting on the ground in water-bracketed Potomac park, their only shelter the moonless, star crowded sky.

Far from disapproving are the city fathers. Suffering like the lowliest citizens, they recently guaranteed police protection to all sleepers out.

Officers accepted the burden of additional responsibility cheerfully, though one, last night, did frown when a woman solemnly commanded him from her mattress at the water's edge: "You can wake me at 7 a. m."

The favorite resort from sultry quarters in the crowded, sun-baked brick houses in the peninsula-like park stretching between the two branches of the Potomac river, where sea breezes blow. Many, however, prefer the hills of Rock Creek Park, where day long shade gives a night air like that of the mountains in contrast to the blistering streets.

Still other sleepers opt over there for no place to curl up with the stately terraces sloping away from the Washington monument, and the landscape garden surrounding the Lincoln Memorial has its own patrons, who insist the very view of the classic marble pillars of the monument is refreshing.

By sundown thousands have found places in their favorite spot. Cars are parked double around the tip of Potomac Park. Whole families, groups of young people and couples wander over the lawns. Until midnight the atmosphere is that of a country folk then those just "cooling off" move away, giving place to the serious sleepers.

Under low sweeping clouds along the water's edge sleepers were lined, in couples, groups and singly.

Back from the water's edge, also, the sleepers were shown, over a terrace.

PORTS BARRED TO VESSELS LOADED WITH PULPWOOD

Open Break in Russo-American Trade Relations Precipitated by Action; New Tariff Act Will Put Embargo on Other Ships Coming Here

New York, July 28.—Their holds loaded with Soviet pulpwood from Archangel, two freighters today were denied port entry and cargo discharge permits on orders from the United States Treasury Department.

Development of this breach in commerce between Soviet Russia and the United States came under the authority of the Hawley-Smoot tariff. It coincided with efforts of American manufacturers and others to have additional embargoes declared.

The vessels affected are the Norwegian freighter Christian Bore and the British freighter Gremlin. Their cargoes are consigned to respectively the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the Soviet trade agency here; and Garcia and Diaz, ship operators.

Section 307 of the new tariff empowers the Treasury department to place an embargo on foreign goods manufactured by forced labor. Last week Assistant Secretary Seymour Lowman proclaimed an embargo on pulpwood such as would be lifted under that head and the two ships now riding at anchor in the harbor are the first to come under the ban. Two other vessels flying British flags were permitted to land their pulpwood cargoes last Wednesday.

Both the Christian Bore, which arrived Saturday, and the Gremlin, arriving today, were permitted to pass quarantine on temporary permits, which allowed them shelter in the harbor. The blow came when their agents went to the customs house and made the routine application for permission to enter port and discharge cargo. Henry C. Stuart, deputy surveyor of commerce, declined to issue the permits, and as news of his refusal spread, it created a sensation in shipping circles.

Close to 40 other freighters loaded with pulpwood are understood to be en route here and contracts arranged among S. and D. Amtorg and the National Paper Company.

Peter A. Boga, nov. chairman of the board of Amtorg, which handles the expenditure of \$100,000,000 and year in this country, issued a statement which had no direct reference to the day's happenings, but which might be construed as an intimation of a threat to reduce American purchases.

"Our imports into this country are meeting a number of obstacles," the statement read in part. "It is obvious that in order for the Soviet Union to make purchases abroad, it must have markets for its exports. In the United States, sales of Soviet products do not exceed one-third of the purchases of the Soviet Union. A curtailment in imports of Soviet products into this country will necessarily be reflected in the purchases."

MRS. HANNIE SABAKI PASSES

Mrs. Hannie Sabaki, who died last Saturday after an illness of five weeks of paralysis, was buried here last Sunday. She was the mother of Felix Sabaki of this place and Mrs. S. B. Muford of New Bern. There was a large number of her native countrymen from out of town in attendance at the funeral.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us in the our sad bereavement in the recent death of our dear mother.

Felix Sabaki and Family.

acres picnic ground beautified by flower beds in geometric pattern.

One sector of the edge of the tidal basin, was occupied by riggers, another was given to Chinese from the miniature Chinatown in Washington's hottest, treeless downtown.

Officers, patrolling the grounds all night long, take their chores roundly. An aged woman lost her spectacles in the grass tied a handkerchief to a dandelion near her resting place, and asked the police to find them for her. They returned them the next night.

By 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning the early walkers began to stir. They gather up their bedding and march off. Strangers driving the parks have been started at dawn by sheet-draped figures.

"Not a single robbery has been reported," the officer said. "We have not had to send away half a dozen parties. It would help, though, if they picked up their newspapers and watermelon rinds."