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Sales Continue to Grow Heavier on Local Market

Local Market Maintains Its Average of Around \$9.00 Mark Notwithstanding Slump

The block experienced by the local market Monday was cleared without difficulty on Tuesday, 525,734 pounds being sold on the first day at an average of \$10.20 per hundredweight, and 269,036 pounds offered the second, selling for \$9.59 average.

The general slump of prices which is being felt on all markets of this belt is being blamed on the adoption of the silver standard by England and on the necessary readjustment of her commercial trade and affairs. However, this is denied by those who should know.

A great amount of inferior grades was reported to have pulled the average down on Tuesday and Wednesday. But in spite of the odds against it, and the various disturbing rumors, the Farmville market managed to keep its average to the \$9.00 mark, which was much better than many of the neighboring markets.

Members of the local Tobacco Board of Trade, and the warehousemen especially, are constantly planning for the betterment of this market and are bending every effort towards making it the best in North Carolina. So when you bring your tobacco here you may be sure it is bringing the highest dollar.

The lower grades of tobacco are still predominating and no improvement is shown in prices, low averages on these grades prevailing again this week.

The four and a half million mark was passed by this market on Friday for the fourth consecutive sales week and total poundage and averages in comparison with the same period last season are as follows: 5,151,384 pounds for \$514,319.46, at an average of \$9.98, 1930, and for this year, 4,676,774 pounds for \$441,621.99, averaging \$9.42. Sales continue to grow heavier each week.

Sales through Thursday of this, the fifth week, (Friday's figures being unavailable before this paper is printed), brings the total pounds to 1,761,298 for which the buyers paid \$138,067.91, according to the official records of Eugene Hobgood, supervisor of sales for the Tobacco Board of Trade.

Negro Confesses Brutal Guilford County Murder

Will Moore Carried to Penitentiary After Admitting the Killing of School Girl

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—Confessing to the attempted attack upon and the murder of Vera Leonard, 9 year old daughter of a Guilford county farmer, Asbury Rispus, was brought to State's prison here last night by Sheriff Stafford and three deputies following his arrest early in the afternoon.

While no mobs had formed in Greensboro, where the negro was being questioned prior to being brought here, Sheriff Stafford said that there were rumors that attempts would be made to lynch the negro and that he thought it advisable to bring him to the central prison for safekeeping.

Rispu, or Moore, as he has been known in Guilford county for many years, confessed in full to murdering the girl and then burning her body by placing it in the home of her parents and setting fire to the house, Sheriff Stafford said. The confession, he said, was made partially in Greensboro and partially while the negro was being brought to Raleigh. It came only after long questioning by the sheriff and his deputies which started following the finding of blood stained clothes near the home of the negro, who lived a short distance from the Leonard home, the officer said.

Moore told him, Sheriff Stafford said, that he had been drinking heavily all Tuesday night and that he could not account for his act other than "the devil must have gotten hold of me."

The negro said he saw the girl standing in front of her home, waiting for the school bus, and decided to attack her, Sheriff Stafford said. Catching hold of her, he dragged her toward a smokehouse to the rear of the Leonard home, where he intended to carry out his act, the officer said.

The girl screamed and made so much noise that the negro became frightened as he reached a woodpile with stick and struck her over the head, knocking her unconscious, the sheriff said the negro told him.

He had then given up the idea of attacking the girl, the officer said he declared, and decided to hide her body in a patch of woods near the house. He carried the girl, not knowing whether or not she was dead to the woods, but again becoming afraid that his crime would be discovered, he decided to take her back to the house and burn her up by setting fire to the structure, according to the confession made to the officer.

After reaching the house with the body, the negro said he wrapped it in several blankets, put it in a front room, and then set fire to the house, the sheriff said he told him. He then went home, changed his blood-stained clothes and put on an old pair of overalls, going back to the scene of the crime to watch the house burn down, he told the officers, Sheriff Stafford said.

The officer said that Moore denied absolutely that he had attacked the girl but admitted that it was his intention to do so when he got her to the smokehouse.

Moore told officers that his real name was Asbury Rispus, and that he formerly lived in Jackson. He said that he was sentenced to state's prison 16 years ago for the murder of a man in his home town and after serving three years of his sentence, he escaped and has lived in Guilford county practically the entire time.

Durley trial to the effect that Durley made the statement to Mrs. Minnie F. Baker, one of the principal victims of the Tucker estate embezzlements, that Marr had known about the use of the Tucker estate funds for the benefit of the brokerage firm for two years and for six months prior to the revelations of the embezzlement, had known the exact amounts involved.

Durley's testimony in complete contradiction, climaxed the failure of the state, with Securities Commissioner Stanley Winborne counselling the solicitor to connect Marr directly with the irregularities. Members of the bar who followed the case as disinterested spectators questioned whether the prosecution has developed enough evidence to go to the jury.

Aimee Takes Third Husband



Aimee Temple McPherson, pastor of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, to Arizona secretly and was married to David L. Hutton, who sings baritone in her choir. He weighs 250 pounds.

Young Pitt Men To Serve Terms

Decision of the Supreme Court Announced in Sensational Highway Robbery Case

Greenville, Sept. 30.—Elmer Whitley and Rodney Cox, young white men convicted of the highway robbery of Mrs. G. H. Ballard here during last December and sentenced at the April term of Pitt superior court to from seven to nine years in the state penitentiary, will be required to serve their terms in prison, according to a decision of the supreme court rendered today.

Following their conviction in April, notice of appeal was given, although it was several weeks before Whitley and Cox could provide their bonds of \$8,000. The opinion of the higher court upholding the action of superior court brings to an end one of the most sensational criminal cases in the annals of the local courts.

The most sensational part of the case was the developments following a civil action brought by Whitley against Mrs. Ballard for \$5,000 damages for defamation of character. At the time of criminal hearing Mrs. Ballard testified that the \$4,200 alleged to have been taken by Whitley and Cox was all the money she had in the world. Counsel for the defendants obtained a court order for opening a safe deposit box which Mrs. Ballard rented in a Wilson bank, and this was found to contain \$6,600. Mrs. Ballard vigorously asserted the money did not belong to her, but was a fund she was keeping for a relative.

The key to the box was placed in the hands of the authorities to be held until the case comes up for hearing. Despite the fact that efforts have been made to arrange bonds and obtain possession of the box, authorities still were in possession of the key today, the required bond demanded by the court having been almost twice as much as the funds said to have been represented in the box.

It has not been determined what steps attorneys for Whitley and Cox will now take.

Farmers, Bankers, Business Men, Warehousemen, Editors, Supply Merchants Hold Meet

Appoint Steering Committee to Work Out Program to Help Tobacco Growers

Goldsboro, Sept. 30.—Farmers, bankers, warehousemen, supply merchants, chamber of commerce secretaries, business men of various vocations, members of the legislature and newspaper men met in the Goldsboro Hotel in Goldsboro yesterday, at a call issued by newspaper editors for the purpose of getting together and discussing the agricultural situation in Eastern North Carolina, for the purpose of perfecting an organization and working out some program which would help to remedy the present economic situation in this part of the state.

The uppermost idea in the minds of those gathered there was to assist in tobacco acreage reduction for the coming year, and the raising of quality tobacco since there is little demand for the tobacco going abroad, on account of the economic conditions existing in Europe and China, and only our cigarette stocks which require standard grades are in demand, and the further extension of the Live at Home program since there is still too much that can be raised on the farms coming into the state.

The meeting sat down squarely on any legislation for either cotton or tobacco, the farmers declaring they had too much legislation now, and it was time for the farmer to think and act for himself and stop running to either the state or the national government for help. One farmer said that if there had never been a Farm Board or a Land Bank, and the farmer had felt it was up to him to work out his own salvation, that the farmer and the country would be better off.

It was one of the best meetings we have attended. The newspaper folks announced to start with that the meeting was not to place themselves out in front and advertise themselves, but to help all the interests of Eastern North Carolina, through a campaign of education and the tying up of all engaged in beneficial work, to bring about an improvement in agriculture, since agriculture is our greatest enterprise and we are all dependent on the farmer for our happiness and prosperity.

The statement was made by the chairman of the meeting that every

Stevens Will Be Big Gun at Fair

State to Honor National Commander When He Speaks Wednesday of Fair Week

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—This year the management of the State Fair, which usually has some nationally outstanding figure to deliver the principal address, has found its "big gun" within the borders of North Carolina. National Commander Henry L. Stevens, Jr., of the American Legion, yesterday wired his acceptance of the invitation to speak before the Fair Grounds grandstand on "Wednesday of fair week," which is October 14.

Joining with the fair management to make the Stevens appearance here a state celebration in honor of the national commander, as well as a feature of the fair, Raleigh Post No. 1 of the American Legion is planning a gala reception with a farewell to the commander, who leaves for Legion headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., on the following day. Post Commander R. L. McMillan said last night that all Legionnaires of the state would be invited.

His appearance at the fair will give the state at large its only opportunity to play its full part in honoring the 35 year old Warsaw attorney who has been chosen to lead what most people believe is the strongest organization in America. Tuesday, at Warsaw, there was a home coming celebration which was attended by governor, senators and other dignitaries, but it was essentially the welcome of Commander Stevens' neighbors in the little town in which he lives. On October 9, in Charlotte, will be held the official Legion welcome, but it will be, essentially, the affair of members of the organization. At the fair, however, Mr. Stevens will be the guest of the state and its citizens, as the principal figure at their most important assembly.

The Legion, however, will take back its own after the fair celebration, and the Raleigh post will be Commander Stevens' host at the farewell that night. During the day the local drum and bugle corps and other Legionnaires will join in the program, but they won't take charge until after it is over.

Nobody appreciates genius until it acquires a bank roll.

Oh Doctor Local Play Friday Night Oct. 2nd

Entertainment Sponsored by American Legion Promises to Be Hit of the Season Locally

State to Honor National Commander When He Speaks Wednesday of Fair Week

This week has been given over by the cast in "Oh Doctor!"—the play sponsored by the American Legion, which is to be given on Friday evening, October 2, in Perkins Hall—to intensive rehearsals and the perfecting of their parts in this outstanding entertainment event of the season.

Patricia's role of the heroine is charmingly done by Miss Mary Whelless; her mother, Mrs. Eddens, is Miss Edna Foust Harris; her father, R. H. Gason; and Dr. Jim, the hero, is well cast in the person of Elbert Holmes. Miss Lillian Gardner is Kitty, the kid sister; Julian Rumley plays Gerrill, Charles Baum is Johnson Hewitt, Emily Windham, Penelope, and the play is given some of its best comedy by Mrs. Harold Suggs Askew as Nessa, and John Dwight Holmes in colorful (black) character roles. The entire cast is well chosen and is going through the paces in first rate style.

Other end outstanding features of the show are snappy choruses: the Harlequin, the Bowery, the Love, Nerve, and Kitty choruses, which give the spice and gaiety to the entertainment necessary for a correct balance. In fact, the choruses, composed of a bevy of attractive, dashing darlings almost "steal the thunder" from the main artists. They will probably win enough applause to quite turn their pretty heads any way. Though the principal "players" after all is sung and danced, are Mrs. M. V. Jones and Mrs. R. E. Boyd, pianists.

Jack Spicer, the capable director, in addition to "bossing the works," takes the part of the "refined" crook (he would be refined). Being a radio singing artist of note, having broadcast regularly from Columbus, Ohio, and Fairmont, W. Va., stations for the past several months, the playgoers are anticipating a treat in song numbers. Special solo work will be done by John and Elbert Holmes, favorite local singers who also have won fame in the radio field.

Cannon Case to Be Laid Before Grand Jury

District Attorney Rover Announces Decision to Conduct Investigation

Washington, Sept. 30.—The case of Bishop Cannon is to be laid before a grand jury.

Evidence obtained by the senate campaign funds committee will be presented to determine whether the churchman's anti-Smith activities of 1928 were in violation of the corrupt practices law.

District Attorney Rover announced today he would take this action. The inquiry is to begin next Thursday.

Miss Ada L. Burroughs, of Richmond, Va., treasurer of the state anti-Smith Democratic committee, headed by Bishop Cannon, will be included in the grand jury investigation, he said.

Subpoenas were sent out for more than a score of witnesses. It was understood the list includes those who were called by the senate committee in inquiring into the charge of Representative Tinkham, Republican, of Massachusetts, that Bishop Cannon had failed to account for a major part of 65,000 contributed to his campaign by E. C. Jameson, a New York Republican.

The bishop has challenged the authority of the committee to inquire into his campaign expenditures on the ground that his activities were confined to one state and, therefore, beyond jurisdiction of the federal corrupt practices act. He has repeatedly stated that he welcomed a grand jury investigation.

Miss Burroughs has twice refused to testify before the committee. Bishop Cannon has been invited by Chairman Nye of the committee, to explain the record of his financial transactions in the 1928 campaign, but has given no intimation of accepting this invitation.

District Attorney Rover has had before him for several weeks the evidence put before the senate committee by a score of bankers and political leaders. He conferred, too, with Basil Manly, the committee's investigator.

Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, former Republican senator from New Jersey, sent a telegram to the committee today volunteering to testify at any time on the \$20,000 which he said he gave to Bishop Cannon in 1928.

Manly said there was no record that Bishop Cannon had reported either the receipt or the expenditure of this sum.

Marr Trial Nears End As Durley Accepts Blame

Convicted Executive, as State's Witness in His Partner's Trial, Surprises Solicitor

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—The state's case against S. Wade Marr, on trial for aiding Cary K. Durley, his brokerage partner, in rifling the estate of the late Mrs. Florence Tucker, of which Durley was executor, crumbled yesterday afternoon when Durley, awaiting sentence following conviction as principal in the embezzlement assumed responsibility.

Durley, the witness on whom the state was chiefly relying for the conviction of Marr, testified that he had not discussed the Tucker estate shortage with his partner, prior to the collapse of their firm, and in response to the direct question answered: "I can't say he knew it."

Before the opening of the Marr case, indictment in which was not returned until after Durley was convicted week before last, Durley, through his attorney, Charles U. Harris, entered a plea of nolo contendere in 12 cases still pending against him, involving both the Tucker embezzlement and alleged embezzlements from customers of Durley and Marr brokerage concern which smashed up a year ago. In at least one of the indicted jointly. Other indictments against him were identical with those against Marr. Sentences was deferred.

Shortly after Durley left the stand, court recessed with Solicitor J. C. Little indicating that he would have other witnesses but obviously disconnected by the turn of testimony.

Marr, accompanied by his attorneys, C. A. Douglas, J. Wilbur Dunn and Banks Arndall, Mrs. Marr and friends, left the court room silent.

The end of the case, barring unexpected developments is anticipated later next today.

The high point in the present case, allowed direct testimony in the Dur-

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For Week Beginning				
October 5				
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Tuesday	2	2	1	1
Wednesday	1	1	2	2
Thursday	2	2	1	1
Friday	1	1	2	2

Orders Prof. Kane Held For Grand Jurors

Mother of Victim Overcome by Emotion as She Tells of Tragic Day

Hampton, Va., Sept. 30.—Elisha Kane Kent, III, University of Tennessee professor, was held for the grand jury today at the conclusion of a preliminary hearing on a charge of drowning his wife, Jenny Graham Kane, in Chesapeake Bay last month.

Magistrate J. E. Dixon, of Elizabeth City county, decided to send the case to the grand jury after he had heard 20 minutes of argument summing up the testimony given by the father, mother and brother of Mrs. Kane and seven other witnesses. No witnesses were offered by the defense.

The regular Elizabeth City county grand jury meets here next Monday. Kane heard his wife's father and mother testify today that their daughter seemed to dread the fatal swimming party on Grandview Beach. Mrs. W. G. Graham, mother of the dead woman, gave way to mysteries and was led sobbing from the court room after answering four questions. There was no opportunity for cross examination.

She told me her husband wanted to go to the beach to swim and she looked at me with appealing eyes that seemed to say: "Don't let me go or go with me." Mrs. Graham sobbed just before she was removed from the stand. "They went and my darling daughter never came back alive."

Coroner George K. Vanderlist testified that information given him by Hop Graham, a brother of Mrs. Kane, about letters from "another woman," and domestic difficulties of the Kanes caused him to change a verdict of accidental drowning to murder. He said members of the family had destroyed the letters except for one in his possession signed "Betty."

Betty, identified as Mrs. E. H. Dahl, of Mount Holly, N. J., was not present today, and counsel said she was not expected.

The state brought forward a number of fishermen who claim to have witnessed the drowning. They testified to seeing two persons splashing in the water and hearing screams "at first playful and later distressing."

Mail Fraud Case Received by Jury

Under Ruling Verdict, If Reached, Will Not Be Announced Until Today

Asheville, Sept. 30.—A jury in United States district court here was given the mail fraud case at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon, but under Judge E. Yates Webb's ruling no verdict will be received before Thursday morning.

Judge Webb spent two hours and twenty minutes in reviewing the government's contention in the trial of Wallace B. Davis and William D. Harris on charges of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of \$3,655,000 in bonds of Central Securities Company of Asheville, Inc.

Upon completion of his charges, the case was given the jury but not before Judge Webb had informed it that he would not receive a verdict before 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Concluding arguments were made this morning by Special Prosecutor Thomas J. Harkins for the government and Robert E. Williams for the defense. Judge Webb did not deliver his charge until after the noon recess.

The trial started August 31, and during the more than three weeks devoted to testimony, 50 witnesses from 14 states and the District of Columbia testified, mostly for the prosecution.

Davis was president and Harris vice president and treasurer of Central Securities Company, an affiliate of the Central Bank and Trust Company. The bank failed last November 19, resulting in the appointment of a federal receiver for the Securities corporation a few weeks later.

The two men are charged in 11 specific counts with using the mails to defraud in sale of \$3,655,000 of Central Securities bonds.