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Tobacco Prices Are Seen As Ruinous

Growers of Weed Just About Gone, Says Veteran Warehouseman

Williamston, Nov. 4.—W. T. Meadows, veteran tobacco warehouseman, in a letter to the Williamston Enterprise, says tobacco prices are ruinous. The increase over the prices last year promised as a result of reduced acreage has not materialized, he says. On the contrary, the prices are substantially lower than they were last year, and they afforded no profit then. Mr. Meadows' letter follows:

"The United States Department of Agriculture, in the October Bulletin, gives the following figures as indicated to be the yield of bright tobacco in the bright producing states: 694,000,000 pounds for 1931, or about 20 per cent less than the 1930 yield, which was 859,000,000. North Carolina alone is estimated by the mat 491,000,000 for 1931, against 577,000,000 in 1930. This will show North Carolina, according to their statement, at about 15 per cent less than last year. Now this Crop Reporting Service may be a good thing, but every tobacco man who is keeping up with the trend of the markets in North Carolina will be that North Carolina will certainly go 25 per cent short of 1930, if not 30 per cent. But what is the use of going into any figures? It makes no difference if it were 30 per cent short in the Bright Belt, we would get no more.

"Pray look at the September average for North Carolina, and the other states. It is pitiful to behold; and October doesn't look as if it is going to be much better, and the tobacco farmers are just about gone. Their children are all hungry and partially naked, no school books and no money to buy them. Talk about calling the legislature together to cut the acreage, you don't have to do that. It has already cut itself.

"The farmer that has raised his crops in this section by the tenant system, and 65 per cent of them do, is a 'gone con'. They have been carrying them over for three years now, and each year has found them deeper and deeper in debt, and there is no way of getting out except to quit or bust. About 30 per cent of the farmers who own 40 acres, a mule, four half naked children and a few rags for them, can plant a crop. That's all, and that's a plenty.

"I am not going into any detailed figures as to the poundage or distribution of the bright crops for this year, or past years, but I have my files for 15 years back and will meet any doubting Thomases anywhere and at any time, and guarantee what we will find will be held strictly sub rosa.

"Now, I would like to pay a few remarks to the poor old warehousemen. (I am one of them.) It looks like we are all gone broke this time. Making nothing last year; just could break even, and this year, farewell. I guess most of you have done like we have in this neck of the woods, made every edge cut you could, but you just as well tear your commission pages out of your ledger and kiss them goodbye. I am sorry to hear the report going around that a great many markets are padding their averages. Brethren, this is wrong, and should be stopped. I think all of us as a whole, desire to thank the different companies for their loyal support, although they might not see things as well, and the different small dealers come in for their share. While some of them have not been as active this year as usual, that's because tobacco is not selling for 95 cents a pound. However, we have some in our neck of the woods that take the bul by the horns every year and the cheaper the year the more they buy. Good for them; they see what's coming.

"I am writing this article more to show you what you may expect in an acreage cut than from any other standpoint, and I am no novice in the business, being 86 years old and in the game since I walked out of school, as a farmer, an old warehouseman, manufacturer, leaf dealer and having represented one of the largest companies in the world for years (What price glory!).

"Seventy-five per cent of the crop is sold here in the Eastern Belt."

ed on this and with Roanoke Island by private ferry and the same from Pinner's Landing to Ford Landing on the other end, which places the tourist on highway No. 90 to Columbia and over which he may drive direct into Raleigh.

Hold School for Tob. Graders

Plans Made for Fuquay Springs, Farmville and Henderson

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—Because of the demand for information on tobacco grading, arrangements have been made with the North Carolina Division of Markets and the United States Department of Agriculture for conducting tobacco grading schools on Saturday morning, November 7, at 10 o'clock, according to Roy H. Thomas, state supervisor of agricultural education. R. B. Etheridge, chief of division of markets, has arranged for government graders to conduct these schools at the Planters Warehouse, Fuquay Springs, with R. H. Clayton, Jr., in charge; Big Henderson Warehouse, Henderson, with T. J. Penn and J. P. Floyd in charge, and at Monk's Warehouse, Farmville, with W. M. Yeazey in charge.

C. M. Allen, Bahama; J. C. Jester, Jr., Lowe's Grove; A. E. Williams, Oak Grove; P. T. Long, Boone Trail; W. D. Reynolds, Lillington; J. Paul Shaw, Benson; M. C. Garner, Apex; W. E. Gladstone, Apex; R. S. Dunham, Cary; A. S. Crosby, Cary; Fred L. Hunt, Fuquay Springs; W. F. Tew, Garner, and P. H. Massey, Wakelet, will attend the Fuquay Springs school.

E. C. Jernigan, Spring Hope; T. W. Bridges, Nashville; K. H. McIntyre, Red Oak; T. McL. Carr, Fountain; P. H. Gaston, West Edgecombe; S. L. Daughtridge, South Edgecombe; G. C. Buck, Contentnea; B. F. Daugherty, Pink Hill; E. J. Morgan, LaGrange; M. A. Morgan, Jasper-Daver; L. G. Matthis, Vanceboro, and W. T. Overby, Jamesville, will attend the Farmville school.

Four hours intensive work in demonstration practice grading will be given the teachers of agriculture by the government graders.

O'Berry Opposes Special Session

"Would Be Worts Thing That Could Happen to State," Says N. C. State Treasurer

Goldsboro, Nov. 4.—Nathan O'Berry, North Carolina State Treasurer, expressed strong opposition to the proposal for a special session of the general assembly to consider economic matters, in a statement issued from his home here tonight.

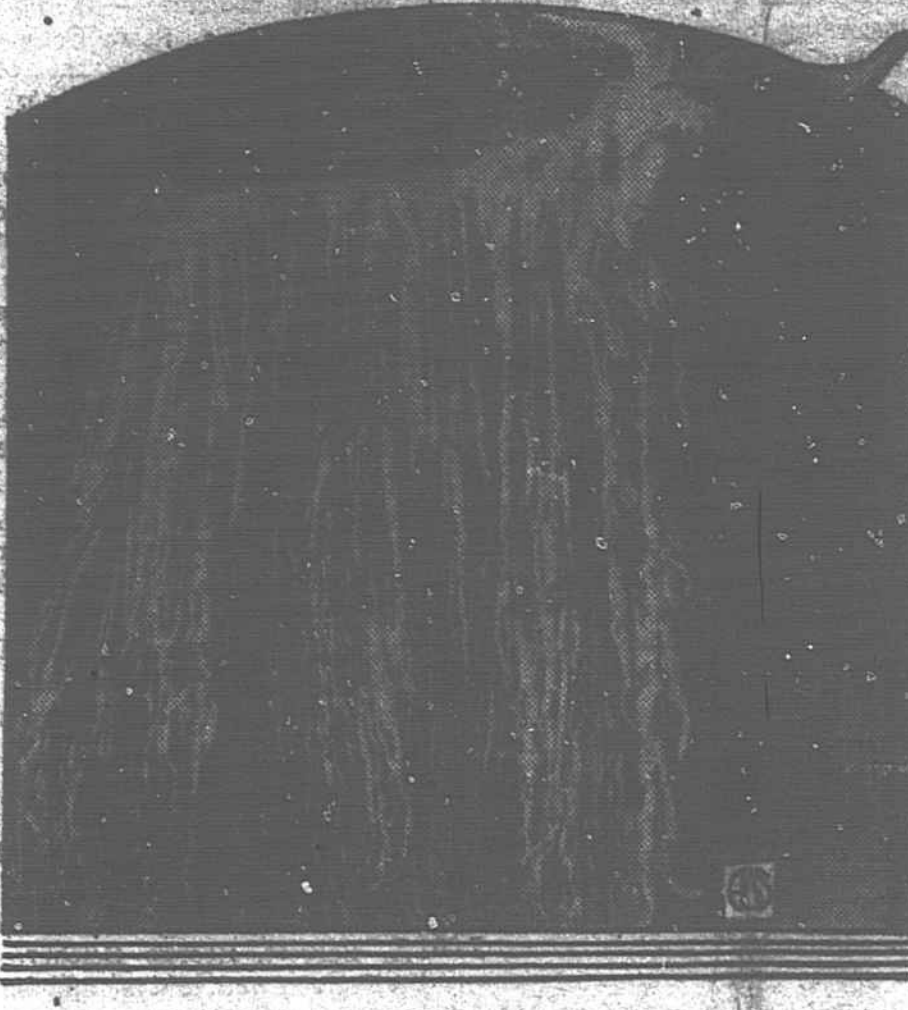
"To my mind a session of the general assembly for any purpose in this time of hysteria would be the worst thing that could happen to the state," the statement said.

"We cannot hope to cure our ills with a prescription written by a legislature. A special session would be bound to unsettle the public mind rather than restore confidence. It would embarrass the financial situation. It would prove a setback to business. It would do the farmer no good."

"I am too devoted to personal liberty to favor any plan that will make it a crime for a North Carolina farmer to grow on his own land any crop he may desire, wisely or foolishly, to plant. If we have not enough sense to reduce acreage next year in the face of present prices, I do not see how any legislature can do us any good by putting us in jail.

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Hairiest Animal in All Creation



"Van Deusen of the Redwood Empire" a Mohair goat owned by F. A. Pierce, Humboldt County, Cal., has hair five feet long, a world's record.

Japan Once More Gets Request To Take Forces From Manchuria

Briand Sends Note to Tokyo Urging Withdrawal of the Japanese Troops

Geneva, Nov. 4.—Aristide Briand, in his official capacity as president of the League of Nations Council, tonight called upon Japan for a second time to withdraw her troops from Manchuria, and demanded the immediate appointment of a board of Chinese and Japanese officials to complete the evacuation.

Briand's note, calling attention to the fact that China had accepted in principle all five points laid down by the Japanese, was polite, but firm. The document was delivered to Kenkichi Yoshizawa, Japanese delegate, and simultaneously to all members of the council.

The French foreign minister submitted that China had fully accepted four proposals made by the Japanese through her adherence to the council's resolutions of September 30. The fifth, he contended, was adequately covered by China's offer to settle the question under Article XIII of the covenant of the League.

Briand's letter, sent from Paris, where the veteran statesman is watching the internal politics of his own country, referred to the two Japanese resolutions of September 30 and October 24, as similar in part to the council's resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 13 to 1, with Japan the only dissenter.

Despite the fact, therefore, that this resolution was not unanimously accepted, Briand called attention to the predominant moral force back of the council's decision and once more recalled that Japan had agreed to the speediest possible evacuation of troops.

Briand urged Yoshizawa to give immediate attention to the council resolution to which China has adhered, calling for the immediate designation of representatives to regulate the details and execution of the evacuation, and taking over the evacuated territory in order that the operation may be done regularly and without delay.

It was noteworthy that Japan is not bound by the resolution, but in the opinion of the council's president, she is bound by her promises of September and October to evacuate the disputed territory.

DECLARES DIVIDEND

New York, Nov. 4.—General Motors Corporation today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the common stock.

Dr. B. T. Cox Passes After Brief Illness

Funeral Services Conducted from the Late Home of Beloved Physician in Winterville

Dr. B. T. Cox, 68, former member of the Legislature from Pitt county, and one of the first leaders in the public health movement here, died at his home in Winterville Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered several days ago and from which little hope was held for his recovery.

Funeral services were conducted from his late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial was made in the Winterville cemetery. Rev. J. A. Roberts, Primitive Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. A. C. D. Noe, of Ayden, officiated.

The funeral was attended by hundreds of people from this and other parts of the state, and especially in the territory where he spent most of his life ministering to men and women in all walks of life.

The floral tribute was one of the largest ever marked the passing of a citizen in the Winterville district, and told in a mute way of the esteem and admiration of the people among whom he labored for so many years.

Burialbers were: Active, all nephews of the deceased: J. H. Cox, J. R. Cox, J. J. Carroll, Tom Tyson, John L. Edwards, A. J. Cox, Harvey Stokes, David Cox.

Honorary: Drs. Joseph Dixon, M. T. Frizzelle, G. G. Dixon, G. H. Summrell, Joe Smith, L. C. Skinner, E. B. Pace, J. C. Green, E. P. Spence, J. L. Winstead, Jenness Morrill and A. W. Ange, R. H. Hunsucker, J. E. Green, R. L. Abbott, R. T. Cox, Jesse Rollins, F. C. Harding, J. F. Harrington, J. L. Little, F. M. Wooten, Robert Worthington, Alex. McLawhorn, Tom McLawhorn, H. L. Brake, J. E. Mewborn.

Surviving the deceased are his wife and four daughters, Misses Venetia Cox, missionary in China; Mrs. A. T. St. Amand, Wilmington; Mrs. J. T. Gaylord, Wilmington; Mrs. T. W. Rouse, Greenville. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Fannie Carroll, of Cox Mill.

Dr. Cox was born at Coxville, Pitt county, July 30, 1863, the son of J. Josiah and Sally Ann Tyson Cox.

He first attended the public schools of Pitt county and a private school conducted by Mrs. Mary Smith at Coxville, after which he took two years' academic and medical departments of the University of North Carolina. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1888 with the degree of doctor of medicine and returned to Pitt county to take up the practice of his profession. He practiced near Ayden for 11 years and in 1899 moved to Winterville where he remained during the rest of his life.

Dr. Cox was one of the pioneers in the public health movement of the county and from September, 1889 to September, 1892, he was superintendent of the board of health of the county. He maintained active interest in development of this work after his retirement and played an important part in the widespread endeavor to improve health conditions in the various communities.

A staunch Democrat, he always exhibited interest in the political life of the community and represented Pitt county in the General Assembly in the regular session of 1909, was re-elected to the same body and served during the regular and call sessions of 1913. In 1926 he was again his party's nominee for the same office.

He was a member of the Pitt County Medical Society, having served as president of the organization and the North Carolina Medical Society.

He was one of the presidents and directors of the old Farmers Bank of Greenville, president of the Bank of Winterville, and one of its directors. He was also president of the Pitt County Oil Mill at Winterville, and vice president of the Home Fire Insurance Company.

A loyal member of the Hancock Primitive Baptist church, Dr. Cox always manifested considerable interest in the work of the congregation and it was largely through his effort that the church grew to be one of the most influential of the district.

He was an extensive property owner, having acquired considerable land in and around Winterville as well as being connected with various business enterprises.

On July 22, 1891, Dr. Cox married Miss Mary V. Smith, at Coxville, daughter of the late William H. and Polly Nelson Smith.

Sales on the Farmville Market Breaks Record

463,180 Pounds Being Sold at an Average of \$12.41 Per Hundred

Elder Brother of Chicago Gang Lord Fails in Efforts to Stay Court's Sentence

Washington, Nov. 3.—It's just one legal reverse after another nowadays for the Capone family of Chicago. Attorneys today asked the supreme court to delay notifying a court of appeals that it had refused to review Ralph's conviction for violating income tax laws.

The lawyers explained they intended to ask the supreme court for a rehearing.

"Too late," Charges Elmore Crowley, clerk of the court, told them. "The court of appeals has already been notified."

Only a little while afterwards two judges of the Seventh circuit court of appeals denied Capone a stay of the order which will send him to prison soon.

His attorneys again said they intended to ask the supreme court for a rehearing, but the judges answered they saw no reason for a further delay.

Capone is now out on bail, but a warrant ordering his delivery to prison was expected to be in the hands of a United States marshal by tomorrow.

The supreme court could step in and hold up his departure for Leavenworth until it acts on his petition for a rehearing.

This would give Ralph almost a month more of liberty. The court is in recess until November 23. It would not act on the petition until November 30.

There was no indication today that it intended to take any such step or that it would grant him a rehearing.

Unlike a woman, the court seldom changes its mind.

Economic Plans Takes New Steps

Hoover Confers With Glass at White House on Banking Legislation

Washington, Nov. 3.—The bipartisan emergency economic program moved along today at a series of conferences revolving about President Hoover and Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia.

The President called Senator Glass to the White House from his Lynchburg, Va., home to go over his ideas and plans on the financial situation. A fairly general understanding between Mr. Hoover and the Democratic spokesman on banking legislation was reached.

Later, Eugene Meyer, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and a group of the board's experts called on Senator Glass at the Capitol. Earlier in the day, George L. Harrison, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, conferred with Glass.

Senator Glass said the various conferences had no relation and the Federal Reserve officials insisted no immediate new steps were in prospect.

Mr. Hoover spent nearly all morning in conference with a group of real estate and insurance men, bankers and builders on plans to accelerate home building, and some relation between this conference and the subsequent moves was seen.

Senator Glass is a co-author of the Federal Reserve Act and there was some speculation on whether federal funds were to be made available in any way for the unannounced home building program.

Glass has opposed opening to any extent the doors of the Federal Reserve System for the rediscounting of new paper and the fact that he and the President found themselves in

Sales were beyond the capacity of the warehouses here on Monday of this week, 463,180 pounds going under the hammer for an average of \$12.41 per hundredweight, with the block disposed of on Tuesday and medium sales on Wednesday and Thursday. Stronger tones prevailed, bids of 70c, 75c and 80c were made, and averages rose, this being particularly noticeable on superior grades. A big break is anticipated for Friday as many thousands of pounds are being placed on the floors as this goes to press.

The goal of 25,000,000 pounds of tobacco sold on the local market this season has been adopted by the warehousemen and others interested in the market. The five warehouse proprietors, J. Y. Monk, J. M. Hobgood, L. R. Bell, R. H. Knott and G. H. Webb, who operate the four large warehouses here, are steadily and earnestly striving towards this goal, and are optimistic about prospects of its being realized as farmers from a longer distance are bringing their tobacco here and new patrons are coming in daily to this market.

Cermak Wants Candidate To Have Smith Supt.

Chicago Mayor Feels There Is No Seriousness in Smith-Roosevelt Break

New York, Nov. 3.—Optimistic that the Democrats will nominate a presidential candidate next year who has the endorsement of former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Mayor Anton J. Cermak tonight was on his way home to Chicago, where he hopes the party's national convention will be held.

While the mayor came to New York to organize support for Chicago's convention bid and to determine what basis there was for reports of a breach between Smith and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was the former object he emphasized during his visit and on his departure.

"We have talked with a group of New York leaders and feel confident they will back our bid to have the convention in Chicago," he said.

But he took with him a feeling that there was no seriousness in any disagreement between New York's governor and former governor. He called it a minor matter after he had conferred with John F. Curry, leader of Tammany Hall; Mayor Frank Hague, of Jersey City, and Mayor James J. Walker, of New York.

It was indicated by members of his party that he and other Illinois Democrats were anxious that the 1932 Democratic nominee have Smith's support. The mayor himself reiterated several times during his visit, the candidate must be an out-and-out wet in order to suit the Illinois delegation.

The only definite statement he made about what the Illinois delegation will do in the convention was that it would seek to nominate Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, and failing that, would support Governor Roosevelt, "if his wet stand at that time suits us."

More lights are to be placed on the Statue of Liberty. Too many bright lights have given many a man his liberty.

A small town is the place where everybody knows everything about the other person's business.

general accord quieted speculation of any drastic move along this line.

In this connection the Virginia Senator today announced opposition to legislative proposals advanced yesterday by Senator Vandenberg, Republican, of Michigan. However, they will be considered by his special banking committee.

The day's round of conferences was taken as fresh evidence of the intention of the administration to seek a united front in dealing with the Nation's economic situation, in accordance with bi-partisan understanding reached at the White House perley last month.

It's all right to enjoy a good joke, but Americans should quit electing some of them to office.

Noah is the envy of every poker player. He was the first to have a pair of every kind.

Queen of Dairy Show

Miss Mary, Norwich, N. Y., 14, 2 1/2 years old, Cornell, won first prize in dairy contest. Her father is a farmer.

FARMVILLE TOBACCO MARKET

SALE CARD	Hobgood's	Knott's	Monk's	Bell's
For Week Beginning				
NOVEMBER 9				
Monday	1	1	2	2
Tuesday	2	2	1	1
Wednesday	1	1	2	2
Thursday	2	2	1	1
Friday	1	1	2	2

Came to Meet Hoover



Premier Pierre Laval of France, accepted the President's invitation to run over and help him plan methods to beat the world's depression.