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Farmville Leading Big Five Markets in Price Averages

Market Closes for Holidays Today; To Reopen in January

November tobacco sales in North Carolina were 115,520,271 pounds, which sold on 35 markets at an average of 8.81 cents a pound, reports of the State Department of Agriculture show. Compared with last year's figures this is a drop of 5.11 cents a pound under November, 1930, sales, which brought an average of 13.92 cents a pound on a total of 141,608,883 pounds sold.

Warehousemen estimate that 78 per cent of the season's crop had been sold up to December 1st, that is relative to the whole State, but warehousemen of this belt believe that the crop in this territory is almost sold. Season's sales totaled 50,026,790 pounds, as compared with 57,668,029 up to December 1st of last year.

Farmville market has led the markets of the New Bright Belt in price averages most of the entire season, and government figures put this market ahead again last month. In comparison with the big five markets of the belt the average price paid per hundredweight during November follows: Farmville, 5,399,512 pounds pounds with \$9.89 average; Greenville, 15,692,830 with \$9.81; Wilson, 16,111,437 with \$9.68; Rocky Mount, 11,333,060 with \$9.39; Kinston, 8,265,980 with \$7.94.

Tobacco sold well here this week, with almost capacity sales, on Monday, which totaled 430,750 pounds sold at the average price of \$9.09 per hundred, netting planters \$39,169.36. Sales were lighter on Tuesday, but volume of offerings increased Wednesday and Thursday, with a heavy sale expected for Friday. The market officials will close for the Christmas holidays. The reopening date will be announced later.

W. S. Tyson Made Clerk

Greenville Attorney Appointed Chief Accountant of House Committee in Washington

Greenville, Dec. 17.—William S. Tyson, prominent Greenville attorney and solicitor of Pitt County court, has been appointed chief clerk and accountant of the committee on accounts of the United States House of Representatives, it became known today.

The announcement was made through Congressman Lindsay Warren of this district. Mr. Tyson has been in Washington the last few days in connection with the taking over of his new duties.

Mr. Tyson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Yale Law School and has been practicing law in the city for the last several years. For the last two years he has served as solicitor of county court. He is also a lieutenant in the local military unit of North Carolina National Guard.

He is a nephew of the late Senator Lawrence D. Tyson, of Tennessee, who was one of the many men who left this section during young manhood and achieved fame in another state.

Mr. Tyson took an active part in work of the Young Peoples' Democratic committee during the last campaign and was instrumental in the success of the party in this part of the state. He is one of the best known young attorneys of the community and his appointment to the position in Washington was received with interest here.

In his new work at Washington Mr. Tyson will be assisted by Mrs. Lenora Blount Stall of Washington, who for the last four years has been with the Federal Trade Commission.

Tobacco Growers Income Slashed

Have Received Over 21 Millions Less for Crop This Year

Washington, Dec. 17.—North Carolina tobacco producers received \$21,747,833 less for their 1931 crop marketed up to December 1 than they did for the tobacco they carried to market up to the same date last year, a compilation from official U. S. Department of Agriculture figures reveals.

The amount marketed this year as a whole by 56,199,995 pounds, but the average was smaller, 56,417,447 pounds as compared

Bailey to Fight Jonas in Senate

Serves Notice That He Will Oppose Confirmation of Jonas as District Attorney

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Bailey today served notice on Senator Norris, of Nebraska, chairman of the Senate committee on the judiciary, that he would oppose the confirmation of the nomination of Charles A. Jonas, Republican national committeeman, for United States district attorney for the Western District.

Mr. Jonas would have been confirmed for the United States attorney without opposition if he had not made the uncalculated statement, attacking the nomination, just before his nomination was to be voted upon. His manner and language, Democratic members of Congress, Senate and House, declare was untrue. He attacked the Nye investigating committee and Republican-Progressive of the Senate. Following the example of Senator George H. Moses, he referred to them as sons of the wild jackass.

That means a determined effort to prevent approval by the Senate. Senator Morrison did not join Bailey in this action but he thinks that Jonas should not be confirmed. He said late this afternoon he would make no comment at this time. Mr. Bailey declined to give a statement.

The nomination of Mr. Jonas was sent to the Senate during the closing days of the last Congress, but because of an attack he made on North Carolina Democrats and election officers in the State, it was not called up.

Senator Morrison held that Mr. Jonas' language was insulting and he could not consent to confirmation. Congress adjourned, but the day before it quit Representative George M. Pritchard gave notice of a contest against Senator Bailey.

After Christmas, when the judiciary committee meets, a sub-committee will be named to consider the Jonas case. Senator Bailey and Senator Morrison will be heard.

with \$13.57 for the same period last year when lower prices for cigarettes prevailed.

Up to December 1 of this year, the latest data available, producers had received a total of \$34,364,765.92 for their tobacco; any warehousemen estimated that 78 per cent of the crop had been marketed. On the same date last year they had received \$56,112,098.93.

The \$34,364,65.92 paid to producers so far this year was for 357,222,090 pounds of tobacco. The producers received for 418,421,484 pounds in the same period last year the sum of \$56,112,098.93.

Prices paid this year have held considerably under the average of 1930, the November, 1931 average price for 100 pounds being \$8.81 against \$13.92 in November, 1930.

Hsueh-Liang Out of Manchuria

Young War Lord Resigns as Commander of Chinese Forces

Peiping, Dec. 16.—Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang resigned as commander of the Chinese forces in Manchuria today in favor of Chang Tso-Hsiang former governor of the province of Kirin.

A general reorganization, interpreted as meaning that Chang Hsueh-Liang had definitely cut loose from Manchuria, was announced tonight after a conference of Manchurian leaders here.

Marshal Chang resigned as commander in chief of the Manchurian forces and nominated Chang Tso-Hsiang as his successor.

He gave up the post of vice commander in chief of the national army, navy and air forces, but was invited by the Nanking government to accept appointment as military commissioner in north China.

Instead of accepting that appointment, he recommended to the Nanking government that military affairs in North China be handled by a military council, with himself as chairman. He also recommended that a political council be formed of representatives of various military factions in north and northwest China, prominent bankers, educators and politicians.

A finance council, with Wang Keh-Min, director of the Bank of China and former finance minister, as a member, already has been appointed.

Legion Dance To Be Brilliant Social Affair

Moonlight, Music, Elaborate Decorations to Be in Keeping With Holiday Season

Promising to be the most elaborate, brilliant and enjoyable social event of the holidays and of the early winter season is the American Legion dance to be held at Knott's warehouse Monday, December 21, from 9:30 to 2 o'clock.

Music for this momentous occasion will be furnished by Weede Meyer's 12 piece orchestra of Huntington, W. Va., every member of which is an expert musician, the soloist and choruses being special features of its program. A number of novel stunts performed by this organization will add much to the merriment of the evening. It is one of the most popular orchestras of the South and has met with great favor in Eastern Carolina.

The decoration committee of the American Legion is planning to make the dance section of the large warehouse a marvel of beauty, using the Christmas colors and decorative motifs, with a huge Christmas tree overshadowing all. A moon will give the picturesque effect for the enjoyable moonlight waltzes, and favors will be most attractive.

Use Old Tactics in Bank Robbery

Little Indiana Town Is Scene of \$4,500 Robbery Reminiscent of James Boys

Roachdale, Ind., Dec. 16.—A gang using the same tactics employed by the James boys came into this town of 900 inhabitants early today and robbed the Roachdale Bank of \$4,500 in cash and negotiable securities.

To guard against outside interruption, the gang cut telephone and telegraph cables. A switch in the local power plant was also pulled, making it possible for the robbery to be committed in darkness. The robbers used three or four charges of nitroglycerin in blasting open the bank vault.

Having looted the bank the robber band departed, leaving no clues. The bandits encountered little opposition. Ed Grantham, a merchant, asleep in the rear of his store near the bank, heard the explosions. Grantham grabbed a rifle, stepped outside and fired two shots at a man who was patrolling the street in front of the bank. A return fire came from a revolver and a shotgun and the merchant retreated.

The only townspeople who came into contact with the bandits were F. R. Jarvis, railroad station agent; Miss Pauline Smith, 17 year old telephone operator and Miss Smith's 7-year old sister, Margerie.

Three of the robbers grabbed Jarvis as he was gathering up mail left by a train that passed through the town at 2:30 a. m. They pulled Jarvis' cap down over his face and escorted him into the station, where they cut the telegraph wires. He then was taken to the town power plant where a fourth man was waiting. This man threw the switch that put the town in darkness.

The station agent then was taken to the telephone office. He and the Smith girls crouched in the room while the building shook from the blasts.

Jarvis said there were at least six men in the bandit gang but he believed there might have been four more.

After the gang left Jarvis found his telegraph lines intact and he summoned aid from nearby cities.

The gang's methods were similar in many respects to those employed several weeks ago by robbers who obtained several thousand dollars by a night raid on a bank at Litzon, a town 15 miles east of here.

VISIT INTERRUPTED

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Among the guests brought back to Raleigh by Dr. J. E. Swinell, Dr. V. M. Hicks and Dr. A. C. Campbell, from a hunting trip around Lake Landing, Hyde county, was one with an identification tag indicating that the goose had come down from Canada to spend the winter in Carolina waters.

An aluminum tag attached to the bird's leg bore the following inscription: "Write to Jack Miner, Kingsville, Ontario, P.O. 4111. No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly."

Miner, who owns a bird sanctuary in Canada, is widely known in Canada and America through his writings in various magazines, including the National Geographic and many dealers.

Moratorium Has Center of Stage in Capital Drama

Congressional Activity of Varied Character Is Featured by War Debt Scrap

Washington, Dec. 16.—Congressional activity today was as varied as the hundreds of legislators themselves, and again the moratorium provided the excitement.

Before the Senate and House committees, the administration's argument for early ratification of the debt holiday were elaborated. But the headlines were written on the House floor, where one Republican accused another of falsehood for having said President Hoover contrived the moratorium to rob the American people.

It was Representative Beedy, of Maine, who arraigned McFadden, of Pennsylvania, listening silently seated nearby. Numerous Republicans rose applauding.

There was none of this intensity in the short Senate meeting. Two more ballots, making 19 in all, failed to settle the dispute over Senator Moses as president pro tem. No debating on it; just a quiet repetition of votes.

The Western Republican Independents, whom Senator Moses once termed the "Sons of the Wild Jackass," gave their 13 votes to Senator Hobart, of Rhode Island, a Republican regular, on the eighteenth and nineteenth ballots.

But the 32 Republicans voting stood by Moses and the 42 Democrats answering the call again lined up solidly behind Pittman, of Nevada, and no election resulted. A majority is necessary.

Before getting to the balloting, the Senate did debate for an hour the only bill that has reached its calendar from the committees, the Walcott measure for protection of wild life. It was laid aside without action after opposition to some provisions developed.

The independents opposing re-election of Moses were reported tonight to have sent word to the Republican leadership they would vote for any other Republican candidate. However, Senator Watson, of Indiana, is standing by Moses.

Election of a Democrat seems to be the only way out unless Moses is allowed to continue by default, without any election.

Adjournment was taken until tomorrow after the nineteenth ballot. So far, not one word of debate over the issues involved in this personal controversy has been uttered.

Likelihood of a decision this session on the World Court diminished.

The foreign relations committee pigeonholed the adherence question until "pressing domestic matters are disposed of," as Chairman Borah put it. He opposes joining the court.

The committee recommended Senate adoption of the Johnson resolution demanding the official correspondence on the Manchurian troubles.

Not until after Christmas does the Democratic policy committee expect to agree on a legislative program. Speaker Garner said the next few days will be too busy with immediate matters.

House Republicans against prohibition selected Representative Beck, of Pennsylvania, to lead them. They numbered 64. Heretofore head of a bi-partisan wet bloc, Representative Linthicum, of Maryland, Democrat, said:

"If the thinkers of the Republican party believe we can accomplish more by working along party lines, that's all right with me."

Secretary Stimson, before the House Ways and Means committee, seconded yesterday's testimony by Under Secretary Mills, of the Treasury, that the moratorium was a fruitful emergency measure warranting quick endorsement. Mills, meanwhile, emphatically contended to the Senate finance committee that rejection of the debt suspension would wreak damage.

Twenty-five Pennsylvania Republicans rebuked their colleague McFadden by getting together and voting as one in approval of the moratorium. He was unworried by that as well as by Beedy's subsequent attack.

All day long the House galleries were crowded, even though debate through most of the afternoon on a bill for increased District of Columbia taxation was a comparatively listless affair. At times only 70 or so members were scattered among the 500 seats on the floor.

Local Relief Association Asks For Clothing

Community Tree Service At The Christian Church

The citizenship of Farmville is called upon by the local Relief Association to give liberally of clothing during this month, the relief workers feeling confident that realization of the great need in this particular line will bring the desired results.

Other communities are faced with the same situation and conditions that are facing Farmville this winter, and though it is a monumental task, Farmville will do as much for her unfortunates as other communities no doubt. The activities of the local organization will be kept before the public in these columns by the people who are giving their time and talent to this work, so you will not be in doubt as to how your money is spent or donations handled.

The sum of \$14.70 was realized from the recent Fox film given for this purpose by that company and shown without charge by the management of the Paramount Theatre here.

Employment was given to several men this week in the cutting of eight cords of wood, 12 pounds of flour and two pairs of shoes were contributed to needy cases.

Announcement of the present hours for receiving relief calls is given by the executive secretary, Miss Tabitha DeVivons, at 2 to 3 o'clock on Tuesday and Friday, in the Firemen's room at the City Hall.

The attitude of the entire State at this season is one of determination to banish depression and give inspiration to those unable to buy as in former years as well as to shoppers, and to give in large degree the real spirit of Christmas, which does not consist in merely an exchange of gifts or even in filling stockings, but the true realization of the Christ Child's birth.

Homes should be more brilliantly lighted and decorated than ever before. Christmas trees cost so little and give so much cheer in return for the trouble involved. Decorate living trees and keep the windows of your homes unshaded so that passerby may enjoy with you the beauty of your decorations.

The Community Christmas Tree, dedicated to Mrs. Annie Lang, well beloved and known as "Mother of Farmville," has grown to great proportions and is a thing of beauty and splendor ablaze with its vari-colored lights. The annual Community Tree service will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at the Christian church. A splendid program of music and oratory is being planned for this event by the committee in charge and it is hoped that the church will be overflowing with people and that the tree will be laden with gifts for the poor.

CO-OP PRESIDENT ASKS FOR COTTON CHRISTMAS

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—U. B. Blalock, president of the American Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, whose members now total more than 200,000, has broadcast a south-wide appeal for a "cotton Christmas."

Mr. Blalock pointed out that every new or increased use of cotton means added income for the south and its 2,000,000 cotton growers, hundreds of thousands of textile workers and business in general.

"Cotton gifts," he added, "are practical, suitable, durable and serviceable, and when compared with other gifts are inexpensive."

Country Life Program

Organization Looks to Improvement of Conditions of Rural Citizen

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Active and enthusiastic promotion of the "Country Life Program" as a part of the "Ten Year Plan" for rehabilitation of North Carolina is anticipated as a result of the announced intention of its chairman, George Watts Hill, young Durham capitalist, dairyman and member of the State Board of Agriculture, to push the program and work, along with his committee, toward realizing the greatest possible benefit from its operation.

Mr. Hill has written to all of the 14 members of his committee asking for any suggestions they may have looking toward the advancement of the program. He plans to name a small working committee to take these suggestions and work them out into a plan of action to be submitted to a later meeting of the full committee for approval or change, the final plan to be submitted to the board of the "Ten Year Plan."

The Country Life program, as originally announced, embraces eight phases, including: continued emphasis on the live at home idea; designation of a farm in each county as a "model farm"; a pure bred livestock program; study and promotion of farm industries, such as processing and marketing them under an advertised trade mark; an annual county life institute to be held at the University or State College; study relative to bringing in Americanized Danish, Dutch and German small farmers; savings accounts for children in public schools; electrification

of farm homes.

These items, Mr. Hill states, will be carefully studied and such as may be of value to rural life promoted, while still others may be included in the program to be worked out. The chairman is particularly interested in the marketing phase of farm development, which, he believes, is more important now even than the production end. Cooperative marketing, Mr. Hill states, will be given a prominent place in the program.

A survey of country life activities, worked out on a score card basis, is suggested by George R. Ross, director of state owned farms, who points out that a study of the results, indicating what crops should be increased, which decreased on the basis of community needs, would be beneficial. In a letter to all members of the committee Mr. Ross suggests that "Every community should be mapped, showing rivers, highways, railroads, neighborhoods, towns, natural boundaries and county seat," as a basis for activity.

Limestone, legumes and livestock seems to be the only sensible farming system in preparing for 1932, say extension workers attending the recent workers farm conference.

Rotary Club Has Regular Meeting

Lieut. Gov. Fountain, Candidate for Governor, Talks on Taxes

The Rotary Club had its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock and enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. Following the policy of sponsoring boys' work, Bob Boyd had Charles Rouse Lewis as his guest.

John Lewis was in charge of the program and invited R. T. Fountain, candidate for governor, to talk to the club. Without any definite subject he spoke informally to the club along the line of business and government. After the usual initial remarks Mr. Fountain launched into a discussion of the so-called big business methods, stating that the present depression was brought about by the act of foresight by the business leaders, and relief would not be forthcoming until the big mergers and combinations were broken up so as to give the individual consumer a chance. He then compared the business situation to the government, saying that the same system is being invoked into our government so as to take away from the individual voter his right to participate in the government. He referred specifically to the Brookings Report which if adopted would make all of the executive officers appointive by the Governor of North Carolina rather than elected by the people as at present. He also took a firm stand in favor of retention of county boundaries and county government.

Concerning taxation he said, "Relief must be given to the taxpayers on land before the return of prosperity as the land is the source of all wealth." He disagreed with anyone who desires a retrenchment in our educational program, and advocated that the schools be entirely supported by means other than any ad valorem on land.

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