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Local Tob. Market Goes Beyond 20 Million Lbs.

Market Closed Friday for Holidays; To Date 21,338,832 Pounds Sold

The Farmville tobacco market closed for the Christmas holidays with Friday's sale, which carried the number of pounds sold beyond the goal of twenty millions set by warehousemen here, who have worked early and late for its success and to reach this goal. Volume and prices were similar to that of preceding weeks.

Sales for the week totaled 1,182,178 pounds, which sold for \$88,635.28, average \$9.50; for the season, 21,338,832 pounds, for \$2,045,378.05, average \$9.59. For the same week last year, 682,880 pounds for \$75,794.15, average \$11.09; last season, 23,205,290 pounds for \$2,919,143.24, average \$12.58.

The local market scored high in averages for the big five markets in the New Bright Belt, both in September and November, and is expected to do the same for this month.

Most of the tobacco has been sold in this section, though some remains for the sales which will reopen in January of the New Year, and it is universally believed that the prices will be stronger after the holidays and after statistics are tabulated, at which time the shortage will be realized.

Under the existing circumstances the market here has had a most successful season, the warehousemen co-operating and working together for the good of the market and the buyers assisting as much as possible, in striving to keep its reputation of being one of the very best weed markets in the State.

Com. Christmas Tree Services Well Attended

Sponsored by Woman's Club; Contributions of Food, Clothing, Money and Toys Were Liberal

The Community Christmas Tree Service, sponsored by the Woman's Club, with Miss Tabitha DeVisconti in charge, was held on Sunday afternoon in the Christian church, and was well attended and contributions of food, clothing, money and toys for the Christmas stockings were conceded to be liberal, though not nearly sufficient to take care of the needs.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn announced the program, the Scripture lesson being read by Rev. Ford A. Burns. Two delightful Christmas stories, helpful as well as charming, were recounted by Miss Annie Perkins, and the congregation joined with the choir in singing a number of appropriate hymns, the program by the latter, with Mrs. Haywood Smith as director and accompanist. Rev. J. Q. Beckwith pronounced the benediction at the conclusion of the outdoor services held for the first time beneath the living Community Tree, dedicated two years ago to the memory of Leth Morris, who was buried in the cemetery Monday.

The tree, watered and tended by loving hands, has grown handsome and into symmetrical form, and every citizen of the town views it with fondest pride and oft with tear be-dimmed eyes as the memory recounts former days when Mrs. Lang's helping hand was extended to the needy and her cheerful manner lightened their hearts. The tree with its myriads of lights and gifts is indeed a symbolical memorial to "Mother Lang."

Pageant at Episcopal Church Christmas Eve

Beautiful and impressive in every detail will be the pageant, depicting the Birth of the Messiah, which will be presented at the Episcopal church on Christmas Eve at 7:30.

Rehearsals have been going on for several days under the direction of Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, and the pageant promises to be one of the best given here. The entire community is invited to be present.

THREE BANKRUPTCIES FILED FROM GREENE

New Bern, Dec. 22.—Petitions in voluntary bankruptcy have been filed here in Federal court by Felix J. Moore, farmer, of Greene county, near Hookerton, who lists assets of \$2,067 and liabilities of \$7,740; Mrs. Julia A. Moore, widow, of Hookerton, who gives assets at \$3,992 and liabilities of \$7,067.95; and Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, a widow of Hookerton, who gives assets of \$4,042 and liabilities of \$5,885.44.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

M for the mistletoe, merry and bright; E for the evergreen, green as light; R for the room where we sit up the hose; R for red ribbons, red as ribbon bows; Y for the youngsters who scurry to bed.
C for the candy canes, yellow and red; H for the holly that shines through the pane; R for the reindeer we seek for in vain; I for the ice of the valley and hill; S for the stockings, for Santa to fill; T for the tinsel that hangs on the tree; M for the music of laughter and glee; A for the absent, remembered and dear; G for the season's glad greetings of cheer.

Baker to Fight For Liberation

Whether in Ranks or Elsewhere Makes Little Difference

Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.—Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war and mentioned as a probable candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1932, is committed to the cause of "revived liberalism and refreshed idealism," he declared, in a letter to Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal.

"Aside from the personal happiness which I trust is not improvable for me to have, my greatest joy at the moment is coming from the fact that practically all of the comment which suggests a presidential candidacy for me is based upon the need of a revived liberalism and a refreshed idealism in the country," Mr. Baker wrote. "To that cause I am deeply committed and for it I want to fight, whether carrying a banner or marching in the ranks, seems to me to make little difference. If it should seem strange to you to have me say that I want to fight for idealism and liberalism, I can only say that I have slipped into a military phrase to accurately express a conviction which grows with me, namely, that even great pacific causes have to be battled for, not always with carnal weapons it is true, but with as much resoluteness and often with as much courage as is required by military objectives."

Mr. Baker wrote Mr. Martin to express his appreciation of an editorial published in the Journal December 15 in which an appeal was made to the former secretary of war not to discourage his friends who were working for his nomination for the presidency.

SANFORD HAS LARGEST CHICKEN SALE OF YEAR

Sanford, Dec. 22.—The final co-operative poultry sale of the year was held here yesterday, and was the largest as yet held.

There were 251 farmers who brought poultry, totalling 10,753 pounds, for which they received the sum of \$1,675.97. The largest amount paid to any single person was \$113.04 paid to L. W. Dean for 743 pounds.

The sales have shown a steady increase each year since they were first inaugurated. The farmers are deriving a substantial sum from raising poultry and many are increasing their flocks as a result.

To err is not only human, but it seems to be a habit.

BLESSED LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE

MYRTLE KOON CHERRYMAN

SOME things at Christmas time are queer:

The skies are often dark as slate; The trees are bare, the hills are drear; Yet faces are elate.

The cold comes down as though to kill; And bodies feel the freezing storm; Yet human hearts, amid the chill, Were never quite so warm.

We love the tree, on summer days; That gives a shelter from the heat; On street and lawn, we give our praise.

And think it duly meet; A pleasing drink for you and me; The ordinary trees have made; But the blessed little Christmas tree Gives light, as well as shade.

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BRUSH from the heart's own hearth stone
The dull, dead ashes of care;
Breathe, with the breath of the soul, new life
In the embers of love glowing there;
Kindle anew with friendship
The full, warm glow—till the eye
Shines with the spirit of Christmastime
On the humblest of passersby.

"Ichabod"
—Detroit News

Japan Starts New Drive in Manchuria

China Makes Protest in Statement Interpreted as Plea for United States Intervention

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Japan started a new drive in Manchuria to the south of Mukden today and although the command said the movement was directed against bandits, there were those who believed that its purpose was to capture Chinchow before Christmas day.

China sent a note of protest to the League of Nations and the foreign office issued a statement interpreted as a direct appeal to the United States to intervene in behalf of the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg Briand Pact.

Dr. Wellington Koo recalled that Theodore Roosevelt once prophesied that the Pacific would be the storm center of international politics in this century. He insisted that Manchuria should remain an integral part of China and that the Japanese military occupation was a violation of right and justice.

A Japanese estimate placed the

brighter outlook upon the world since the great war.

Dr. Koo further recalled the part various American statesmen have played in upholding the integrity of China from "predatory powers."

The Japanese invasion, he said, violates article one of the Nine-Power treaty and also the Kellogg-Briand pact and the covenant of the League of Nations.

Observers here expressed the opinion that the renewed Japanese military activities have led the Chinese government to believe that the Japanese have begun the final phase of a movement which is destined to obliterate the last semblance of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria and to place in its stead a permanent Japanese administration.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION NOTES

Donations of five bushels of corn by J. B. Joyner and several cords of wood by Dr. Paul E. Jones and S. T. Lewis were received by the local Relief Association this week. Further contributions along these same lines are requested by those in charge.

Our navy, despite slurs, seems to be the only thing Uncle Sam owns that is on top of the deep.

That fellow McFadden is a talkative cuss.

Near Break as Flooded Rivers Strain at Levees

For the CHRISTMAS CARVER

EFFICIENCY beyond compare—The only kind that matters—Attains perfection in the man Who carves...and never spatters.

The test of rare ability And skill that's most appealing Is this: To cut the turkey and Get none on walls or ceiling.

—Detroit News

Missing Student Finally Located

Virginia Penfield, Ohio Heiress, Discovered in Hotel at Providence

Providence, R. I., Dec. 21.—A widespread search for Virginia Penfield, 19 year old Columbus, Ohio, heiress, ended today when she was found in a local hotel.

Dr. Arthur Brown, hotel physician, said the girl was ill, due to over-study. He refused to permit questioning of her beyond a brief interrogation by police which served to confirm her identification.

The girl disappeared from Philadelphia last Thursday while en route home from a fashionable school. Next day she registered at the Narragansett hotel here as "B. Scott." Attaches of the hotel said she had left her room only once or twice since her arrival. She had no visitors, they said.

Dr. Brown identified the girl when he was called to give medical attention. He said she readily gave "Virginia" as her first name, and appeared hazy about her last name, but finally furnished it. Told that her father was seeking her, Dr. Brown said she asked that he be notified of her whereabouts. At this point, Dr. Brown said, she buried her head in the bed clothing and he advised against further questioning.

Chief of Detectives John Kelly and Mrs. Mae McDonald, a woman protective officer, called to interview the girl, but the physician advised against it. Kelly found a card in the girl's room bearing the inscription "V. Penfield, 341 South Columbia Road, Bexley, Columbus, O." He also said jewelry and clothing found in her room checked with descriptions broadcast when her disappearance was announced.

After notifying her father, Clare J. Penfield, Columbus chain store head, Brown administered a sedative and requested that the police refrain from interrogation. Mrs. MacDonald remained on duty in the girl's room, refusing admission to all pending the arrival of her father. He was expected tonight.

Kelly said the girl told him the last thing she remembered clearly was a visit to a Philadelphia department store, and had only vague recollections of riding on railroad trains. She told Kelly she had no reason for visiting this city and had not been here before.

U. D. C. TO MEET JANUARY 1

The Rebecca Winbourne Chapter U. D. C. will meet on Friday, January 1, 1932, at the home of Mrs. L. E. Flowers.

WAIT'S CAROL

By Barbara Young

In New York Times

GIVE ye good-den,

Sweet gentlemen,

And comely ladies, too,

Give ye good-den,

For once again,

The Lord Christ comes to you.

By moor and street

His holy feet

Shall pass upon the way,

And give good-den

To beasts and men,

For this is Christmas day.

Ye gentle poor,

See wide the door

So He may enter in,

Bring up and plate

With simple state,

And let the feast begin.

And ye who hold

The purse of gold,

Come out and spend and pay,

And give good-den

To beggar men

For that is Christmas day.

Crowder, Miss., Citizens Work in Shifts to Hold Levees

Batesville, Miss., Dec. 21.—Fear of levee breaks at Asa, eight miles south of this city, became acute today as flood waters of the Tallahatchie river rose to within a few inches of the embankment's crest.

Reports had reached here that the levee protecting Asa was smashed by the turbulent tide but that proved erroneous. A group of men went from Batesville to the threatened area today and found the levee intact but under great pressure.

There is also danger of a break at Crowder, a village nearby. Sand-bags have been used to strengthen the levee but the rapid rise of the water threatened to offset that precaution.

Hundreds of refugees flocked to Batesville have been sent to plantations in the hill country north of the city. There were more here than could be adequately provided for by the city. Others gathered in adjacent towns likewise will be sent to the plantations on higher ground.

Planters of the countryside and business men of the towns are co-operating in caring for the homeless and have built living quarters for them on ground high above the overflow.

Although conditions in Southern Panola county and northeast of the Quitman-Panola county border line are improving the danger mark for the regions southwest of those points has by no means been passed.

Citizens in Crowder worked in shifts last night and today in an effort to strengthen levees on the north side of the river. Water from the Tallahatchie is coming through a crevasse in the levee two miles away.

The situation in lowlands south of Crowder is reported to be even more serious than at that point. Several thousand acres three miles north of the town went under water during the night and more than 100 negroes fled to high ground.

Citizens said that by tomorrow night the situation in northern and eastern Quitman county may reach such a stage as to endanger human life. Crowder people have sent villagers with boats to all surrounding sections to pick up those still marooned.

Mimms, Carrier, Curtis Station, Asa and Stone, which went under water when the Tallahatchie river levee broke Friday, were still submerged today.

Some hardy settlers remained in their habitations in some of the points, refusing to evacuate, in spite of high water. Boats have been sent out and they will be urged to evacuate their homes.

Having crested yesterday at 26.5 feet, the Tombigbee at Columbus today had fallen to 25.8 feet with prospects that speedy relief was in sight for the entire valley.

As the water fell, local highway detours were expected to be removed and traffic returned to normal.

New Liner Is Burned

Merchant Princess Is Smouldering Hulk at Newport News Dock

Newport News, Va., Dec. 21.—The liner Segovia, which soon was to take her place on the seas as a merchant princess, today was a half submerged smouldering hulk.

Five yesterday burned the United Mail Steamship Company vessel at the pier of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

City and shipyard firemen failed to prevent the ship's listing and finally the giant craft wallowed over on her side, the propellers exposed. Her masts and stack rested on the pier where she was receiving final touches before being commissioned January 30. She was a \$3,525,000 ship and was scheduled to follow her sister ship, the Talamanca, in Pan-American trade. A third sister ship, the Chiriqui, berthed at the next pier, was not damaged by the fire.

The Segovia and the Talamanca were christened by Mrs. Herbert Hoover at a double launching last August.

One fireman received burns while combating the flames and several others were slightly injured.

The fire had gained considerable headway when the alarm was sounded although most of the blaze was centered around hold Number 3. Although lines were thrown over the superstructure at the first list, the craft soon settled on her side.

No workmen had been aboard the ship since noon Saturday. The blaze was discovered by a watchman at 4:45 a. m. yesterday morning.