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Tobacco Markets of North and South Carolina Ordered Closed Immediately

Tobacco Farmers Disappointed At Opening Prices

Opening of Tobacco Market Here Largest In Volume and In Attendance in History.

With the lower grades of tobacco bringing more and better grades less than last season, the Bright Leaf Tobacco markets opened Tuesday, with farmers outspoken in their disappointment, though the general trend of thought was that, expressed by one man here, "not as good as we hoped for, but just about what we expected." Their feelings were visibly written on their countenances but were not shown by tag turning except in a few cases here.

Domestic and export companies and the independents were buying freely on the market of offerings consisting mainly of sand lugs and first primings, with average prices ranging from \$9 to \$14 a hundred.

Thousands of farmers from a distance joined those nearby in swelling the crowd here to around four thousand on the opening, the streets, the market and stores being filled with farmers and their families, all keenly interested in the prices of their main money crop.

Offerings for the opening were the largest in the history of this market, though the scene Tuesday, bought back those of former years, when block sales were the rule for opening day. Farmville market was very proud of its improved facilities and increased floor space enabling it to handle the tremendous sale with all ease.

Official figures for Tuesday; a total of 533,746 pounds, for which tobacco companies paid out \$55,838.86, an average of \$10.46. Figures for the first day of the 1932 season were 190,400 pounds with an average of \$10.18 against an average of \$7.55 for the initial offerings of 1931.

Sales on Wednesday dropped off considerably in volume as is the usual case on the second day of the season, 234,626 pounds bringing \$23,731.86 with an average of \$10.18.

Despite adverse weather conditions sales were fairly heavy here Thursday, 262,398 pounds bringing farmers \$27,126.16 at an average of \$10.34. The average for the third day last season was \$11.23.

The tobacco markets, speaking in general terms, varies and fluctuates constantly, but keeps within certain price ranges everywhere, and though prices are lower than had been anticipated, Farmville, with its many facilities and unmatched situation, together with the attention and courteous service rendered by the warehousemen, who are working untiringly to bring the highest dollar possible to their customers, is unexcelled as a market, and farmers everywhere are becoming more interested in this market and more pleased with their sales here every day.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HAVE AUSPICIOUS CLUB YEAR OPENING

A special program of entertainment, featuring a playlet by members of the Junior Woman's Club, has been planned for the initial meeting of the Woman's Club on Friday afternoon, September 8, according to the president, Mrs. A. Q. Roobuck, which meeting will mark the beginning of the official club year.

The meeting is to take the form of a social occasion and will be held in the garden of Mrs. J. I. Morgan.

Every member of the club is urged to be present and to enter the membership-pay-up contest, the prize for which is to be a hand hooked rug. Prospective members are also invited to attend and present their names for enrollments at this time.

Code Meeting To Be Held In Greenville 4th

Mrs. W. B. Murphy, of Snow Hill, to Deliver Address at Court House Monday Night.

Greenville, Aug. 30.—Continuing preparations for the beginning of the NRA drive in the county Mrs. J. B. Spillman announced this morning that a public meeting would be held in the court house here next Monday night at which time Mrs. W. B. Murphy, of Snow Hill, State Lieutenant, would deliver the principal address. Names of committees in various sections of the county were also made public.

The committee women named so far are as follows: Greenville, Miss Ward Moore and Mrs. C. C. Hilton; Farmville, Mrs. J. L. Shackelford; Gritton, Mrs. Kate Quinerly; Winterville, Mrs. R. E. Davenport.

The meeting at the court house will begin at eight o'clock and an invitation is extended to the general public to attend.

Mrs. Spillman stated this morning that there seemed to be considerable misunderstanding on the part of some people as to the code and it was hoped that everybody who could would be on hand to hear Mrs. Murphy make clear these points.

Checks Now Coming For Cotton Reduction

While a small number of "cotton checks" have been received by county farm agents from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, it is expected that these will begin to arrive in volume during the week of September 4.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the cotton reduction campaign in North Carolina, has been advised by a number of agents that a few checks have been received. H. M. Singletary, farm agent of Chatham County, received about 100 early last week and other agents are getting small numbers.

"During the week of September 4, the checks will move in large numbers," Mr. Schaub said. "We have been advised that the robot machine used for handling these checks will turn them out at the rate of 40,000 to 50,000 a day. Even at this rate it will take until September 22 to write and mail the checks to all Southern farmers who have cooperated in the reduction plan. Then, there are a number of growers with whom adjustments will have to be made so that these particular checks will be delayed."

Mr. Schaub said he had been advised by C. A. Cobb, chief of the cotton section of the AAA, that attached to each check covering cash payment in the case of the combined cash and option contract, there will be an option contract calling for the number of bales optioned by the farmer to whom the check is issued.

These optioned contracts must be detached from the check and held for delivery later. Mr. Cobb will wire the farm agents when delivery may be made. This is necessary, he said, to give equal opportunity to all farmers and to facilitate orderly handling of option contracts in Washington.

When shifts of the tide killed thousands of small fish in the river near New Bern recently, the county agent notified his farmer friends to come haul them home for fertilizer. Trucks were busy for several days.

Governor Ehringhaus Is Joined By Governor Blackwood Today in Proclamation Declaring a Holiday.

Proclamation By Governor

Here is the Governor's Proclamation in full text: WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the agricultural life of our people with particular reference to the tobacco crop; and WHEREAS, the tobacco farmers of both North and South Carolina are facing the opening of our tobacco market with prices far below the parity level which is being sought by our Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, to market the crop upon the present basis means a loss of unbearable proportion on our tobacco farmers; and WHEREAS, the Federal Government is authorized to deal with the agricultural situation, particularly as provided in the Agricultural Adjustment Act passed by the recent Congress; and

WHEREAS, some time ago request was made by the undersigned of the Secretary of Agriculture of the Federal Government for prompt and careful attention to the existing situation with reference to flue-cured tobacco and again this day I telegraphed for immediate consideration and action; and

WHEREAS, no doubt the said Secretary is giving thought to this situation and will, as expeditiously as possible, take some step according to law to prevent the impending catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of North Carolina have this day, in meeting assembled, protested present conditions and called upon the undersigned to close the warehouses in North Carolina by declaration of martial law; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of North Carolina (Declaration of Rights) Article 1, Section 9, the Governor has no power to suspend the laws or, under Article 12, Section 3, to call out the militia for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, appeal can only be made by proclamation for the suspension of sales for a reasonable time pending action by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, cooperation between the farmers and warehousemen can provide this opportunity for presentation of the emergency to Washington and considered and rational action by the authorities of the Federal Government and it is desirable to promote such action by orderly, and not disorderly, methods:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. B. EHRLINGHAUS, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby declare a voluntary marketing holiday, to continue until further proclamation and in order to provide reasonable opportunity for action by the Federal Government, and I do hereby call upon our farmers, warehousemen, and all good citizens to cooperate in this marketing holiday and during its continuance to refrain from selling or offering tobacco for sale under the Warehouse Laws of North Carolina.

Done at our Capital City of Raleigh this 31st day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and in the 158th year of our American Independence.

(Signed) J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS, Governor of North Carolina.

State's Tobacco Growers Plan Business Meeting

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Farm agents in 57 counties growing flue-cured tobacco are holding organization meetings this week, looking to the selection of three delegates each to attend the state-wide business meeting of tobacco growers to be held at State College on Wednesday, September 6, Dean I. O. Schaub, has announced.

Mr. Schaub, last week, asked the farm agents to hold these county meetings not later than Saturday, September 2, at which time the growers will set up temporary associations and will elect three grower-representatives. At the same time, the county meetings are asked to prepare suitable resolutions and programs which the growers may desire to have presented to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. At the state meeting on September 6, the county delegates will prepare resolutions for the whole flue-cured area and these together with those from the individual counties will be sent to Washington.

Mr. Schaub has asked that only tobacco growers be selected as delegates to represent the various counties at the state meeting. "It is desired, he said, that the state meeting shall be a serious business gathering and not the usual "hot air" mass meeting which in the past has resulted in nothing being accomplished.

It is also desired that the meetings in the 57 counties shall result in the formation of county tobacco associations which will later amalgamate into a state federation if necessary and can go to work immediately in putting into operation acreage reduction plans under contract with the AAA. Mr. Schaub says the AAA will certainly attempt to secure parity prices for tobacco this fall looking to a special program for the weed next season. The domestic allotment plan

will probably be used based on the grades of tobacco produced in a given area.

Under such a plan, growers will be given allotments on which they will be paid an increase over the market price in return for contracts for a reduction in acreage to meet market demands. The allotment for the whole flue-cured area will be that amount of the weed consumed in this country and will be divided into states, counties and individual farms. As in the case of wheat, administration of the allotment plan will be under the supervision of county control associations.

Nothing definite has been said at Washington that this is the plan to be followed but indications are that it is. The tobacco program is more complicated than the wheat due to the various grades of the weed grown in the different sections, Mr. Schaub, said.

TO HOLD MEETING IN ARTHUR

Rev. C. T. Thrift of Durham, will begin a series of meetings at the Methodist church at Arthur, Monday, Sept. 11th, preaching at night only. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PUBLIC PLAYGROUND TO CLOSE FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Miss Vivian Case, director of the public playground, which has been a great source of pleasure to the children of Farmville for the past few weeks, has announced its closing on Friday, Sept. 8, with a pageant, "King Cole Comes To Town," which will be given in the school building in the afternoon of that day at 3:00.

FARMERS DEMAND QUICK ACTION; LEADERS OPPOSE ANY VIOLENCE

The Governor Will Accompany Delegation to Washington next week to Seek Immediate Federal Action; Congressmen Asked to Join Committee in Washington.

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Acting upon resolutions adopted by a mass meeting of tobacco growers here yesterday, Governor Ehringhaus last night issued a proclamation declaring a marketing holiday for the selling of leaf tobacco and calling upon all good citizens to see that no tobacco is sold "in order to provide a reasonable opportunity for action by the Federal Government."

Governor Ehringhaus not only acted before a delegation appointed to present the resolutions could reach him at his home in Elizabeth City, where he is spending a part of his vacation, but followed up his proclamation with three telegrams, addressed to Dr. J. Y. Joyner, chairman of the mass meeting, Secretary of Agriculture Harry A. Wallace and Governor Ibra C. Blackwood of South Carolina.

He wired Dr. Joyner that he would be glad to accompany the delegation appointed by the mass meeting to go to Washington and urged immediate action looking to relief.

In his telegram to Secretary Wallace, the Governor declared present prices "destructive" and begged the assistance of the secretary in securing a fair return.

Blackwood Will Act.

Governor Ehringhaus wired Governor Blackwood, requesting him to call a marketing holiday in that State and declaring "delay will be disastrous to our farmers."

Governor Blackwood, who has been confined to the Governor's Mansion in Columbia with laryngitis for several days and who declined a similar request by South Carolina growers a few days ago, last night informed The News and Observer by long distance telephone of his intention of taking action similar to that taken by Governor Ehringhaus.

"I am glad at all times to co-operate with Governor Ehringhaus as I think he is making a great Governor," declared the South Carolina executive.

"I am in full sympathy with the spirit and purpose of his proclamation and it seems to be about what the people of this State want. Unless I am strongly advised to the contrary by our people, I shall take the same action tomorrow."

Governor Blackwood also declared that he would co-operate in every possible way to secure favorable action by the Federal Government.

Warehousemen To Co-Operate Ernest Webb, of Kinston, president of the East Carolina Warehousemen's Association last night assured Governor Ehringhaus that the warehousemen of the belt would co-operate fully and would "do nothing to antagonize suspension of sales."

Mr. Webb asked that the Governor delay his proclamation for one day so that tobacco already on the floors might be sold today. He informed the Governor that unless this was done there would be a loss of \$1,000,000 by deterioration of tobacco over the week end.

Governor Ehringhaus informed Mr. Webb that the warehousemen would be willing to modify his proclamation only after consultation with Dr. Joyner or some other representative of the mass meeting. He issued the modification after hearing from the com-

mittee at Greenville.

Action Result Protest Meeting The action of the protest committee and of Governor Ehringhaus followed a mass meeting held in Raleigh, Thursday when upward of two thousand tobacco growers gathered in Memorial Auditorium demanding swift action in alleviation of the tobacco price situation.

Vigorously applauding a remark that "for 440 years we've been adopting resolutions and getting nowhere," the growers put their demand for action in a tense request to Governor Ehringhaus:

"... be it resolved, by the tobacco farmers in mass meeting assembled x x x that His Excellency, the Governor of North Carolina, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, be requested to close every tobacco warehouse in North Carolina, under his exercise of martial law, and that he keep them closed until the Federal Government has time to put into effect measures that will raise the prices of tobacco to a level of a twenty cent average or more, or until the tobacco companies agree of their own accord to raise the prices to that level."

The resolution, offered by Representative O. S. Faulkner of Vance County, was adopted unanimously following unanimous adoption of another resolution calling upon the Federal Agricultural Administration for immediate assistance toward raising tobacco prices in the parity level by means of a processing tax predicated upon acreage reduction contracts for next season or any other method available for insuring producers a living return for their crop.

Exhortations to resort to force from Representative C. W. Spruill of Bertie County, and other allusions to revolutions, evoked softer words from Dr. J. Y. Joyner, who was elected chairman of the meeting, and United States Senator J. W. Bailey, who declared that such meetings were "fine—they tend to throw light on a situation."

Opposes Violence "But," asserted the Senator, "I am against violence. I do not believe in the power of force or the prudence of violence. The power of right is so much greater than the power of guns that I hesitate to make the comparison. I am not for tortures, not for shotguns. I am for ideas."

Dr. Joyner, after the resolution for seeking federal assistance had been

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Farm Notes

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I am advised that the Federal Government has agents on the Richmond Live Stock Market authorized to pay the premiums offered by the Department of Agriculture, which are as follows: piggy sows weighing 275 and up \$4.00 and no dockage above market price; total price for pigs including premiums 25 to 30 pounds, 9c per pound, 31 to 35 pounds 8 3-4c per pound, 36 to 40 pounds 8 1-2c per pound, 41 to 45 pounds 8c per pound, 46 to 50 pounds 7 3-4c per pound, 51 to 55 pounds 7 1-2c per pound, 56 to 60 pounds 7 1-4c per pound, 61 to 65 pounds 7c per pound, 66 to 70 pounds 7c per pound, 71 to 75 pounds 6 3-4c per pound, 76 to 80 pounds 6 1-2c per pound, 81 to 85 pounds 6 1-4c per pound, 86 to 90 pounds 6c per pound, 91 to 95 pounds 5 3-4c per pound and 96 to 100 pounds 5 - 7/8c per pound.

The Pitt County Mutual Exchange has been authorized to handle carlot shipments from Pitt county and farmers who wish to take advantage of these prices should list any hogs they wish to ship with the county agent.