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## FARMERS ARE ASKED NOT TO RUSH THE MARKETS

### Farmville Market Re-Opened Monday; Better Prices Prevailing—Not Lasting

### Government Hopes to Effect Price Selling Agreement Very Soon

#### Governor Appeals For Shorter Market Hours

##### Thinks Change Would Be Helpful in Bringing Better Prices For Tobacco

Raleigh, Sept. 29. — Governor Ehringhaus last night issued an appeal to warehousemen and tobacco growers to reduce sales hours each day from seven to five so as to keep off the market more tobacco than can be absorbed and to assist in increasing prices. He also announced that an early announcement from Washington was expected as to agreements through which it is hoped to bring about parity prices.

In Washington, Farm Administration officials worked on details of the agreement by which domestic buyers would buy between now and March 31 as much tobacco as they used during the last year at an average of not less than 17 cents a pound.

It was stated that the agreement was being held up by the government's effort to word it so as to retain the right to license domestic buyers if this should become necessary.

#### Alotment Fund For Waterway

##### \$1,250,000 Assigned To Improvement of Intra-Coastal Highways in North Carolina

Washington, Sept. 28.—Major-General Lytle Brown, announced today the allotment of \$1,250,000 for the improvement of the intra-coastal waterway Cape Fear River, North Carolina, to Winyah Bay and South Carolina. Various sections of the waterway will be dredged and three bridges will be built across the waterway in Horry County, South Carolina. This allotment is from the fund assigned to the War Department by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

#### U. S. Refuses To Halt Navy Building

Washington, Sept. 26.—The United States has told the British Government that this country cannot postpone any part of the naval building program now under way as was suggested last week by British officials in London.

#### New Association Ready For Work

##### Will Promote General Betterment Movement For Eastern Carolina

Greenville, Sept. 28.—The Eastern North Carolina Association, incorporated, is now ready to function, the officers for the coming year having been elected. Headquarters will be located at Greenville and modern, well equipped offices have been opened in the State Bank and Trust building. The same officers also will serve the Carolina Shippers' Association, which will carry on its work as usual pertaining to transportation matters. The new organization will promote a general betterment movement for eastern North Carolina and will cover 37 counties. Its affairs will be under the direction of a board of directors, which will be composed of outstanding business and professional men of the section.

The plan of organization is to have one member of the board from each county in the section and one from each city with a population of 3,000 or more. All individuals, firms and corporations in the section will be eligible for membership and will be contacted in due time.

The following officers have been elected by the members to serve during the coming year: Dr. R. H. Wright, Greenville, president; Stanley Woodland, Morehead City, W. J. Corbett, Henderson, vice presidents; Martin Swartz, Greenville, treasurer. Directors, Talbot Patric, Goldsboro; C. A. Flynn, Washington; C. T. Hellingner, New Bern; H. H. McCoy, Kinston; W. M. Rogers, Wilson; M. D. Munn, Rocky Mount; S. G. Scott, Elizabeth City; C. F. Cowell, Washington; Larry L. Moore, New Bern; D. C. McCotter, Pamlico; M. O. Blount, Bethel; W. S. Carawan, Tyrrell; H. G. Walker, Creswell; Penn T. Watson, Wilson; Thad Thigpen, Mt. Olive; E. V. Webb, Kinston.

#### Branch Office of Bank is Opened

##### Federal Institution Sets Up New Arrangements For Hurrying Farm Loans

Rocky Mount, Sept. 27.—A branch office of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., was established in Rocky Mount today with more than 20 employees serving 27 northeastern North Carolina counties.

T. E. Haigler, native of South Carolina but connected with the bank in this State for several months, is in charge of the new institution.

The purpose of the branch office here, Mr. Haigler said, will be to expedite the handling of appraisals on farm land and thus to facilitate extension of loans.

Mr. Haigler said the regional bank found difficulty in handling the numerous applications from farmers in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and that branch offices have been deemed a necessity.

No loans will be made by the local bank, Mr. Haigler said, but appraisals and all information desired by the public will be collected locally. Loans are made direct from Columbia. Applications for loans, however, will be accepted here.

#### Cotton Farmers To Receive Full Amount of Loan

##### Manager of Association Says His Organization Would Loan The Full Amount on Cotton

Washington, Sept. 27.—E. F. Creekmore, general manager of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, told newspapermen today that his organization intended to lend "the full amount of the government loan on cotton" to its members as soon as the government had worked out details of the plan.

Creekmore, other officials of the American Cotton Cooperative Association and cotton factors today discussed details of the government loan plans announced recently with Oscar Johnston, finance administrator of the farm adjustment administration.

The farm administration announced it would lend ten cents a pound on cotton still in the hands of producers.

The meeting was called to discuss whether premiums were to be loaned on cotton of a higher quality than low middling seven eighths inch.

The grade and length of staple has been tentatively selected as the base for the ten cents a pound loan.

Creekmore said his organization plans to assist the campaign to advance cotton prices by lending the full amount that the government decided upon the various grades and staples.

#### Names 99 New Bank Examiners

##### H. W. Turnage, formerly of Farmville, Included in N. C. List

Washington, Sept. 28.—The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced appointment of 99 new bank examiners to look into qualifications of banks for membership in the corporation.

The corporation will commence guaranteeing bank deposits after January 1.

The force will supplement the present staff of national bank examiners now under direction of the Comptroller of the Currency. Others are to be named later.

The list included: Georgia: (Examiners—J. N. Bell, Griffin; Angus Edwards, Cairo; Samuel E. Groover, Statesboro; Wm. L. Paulin, Fort Gaines; John G. Pullen, McDonough.

#### The Feast of the Red Corn

##### American Indian Operetta To Be Given by H. S. Glee Club

The Feast of the Red Corn, an event referred to with veiled hints in these columns last week, turns out to be a charming and entertaining American Indian operetta by Paul Bliss, which will be presented by the Farmville High School Glee Club on Friday evening, October 6, at 8:00 o'clock, under the direction of Miss Vivian Case with Mrs. Haywood Smith as accompanist. An admission fee of 10c and 25c will be charged at the door of Perkins Hall, where the operetta is to be presented.

The Glee Club, composed of thirty girls, musical and endowed with dramatic ability, holds an important place in the life of the school, and a large audience will doubtless be present when the curtain rises for the first act.

Rehearsals have been held at intervals throughout the summer months and the operetta is now in process of being given a superior finish, by the experienced director, which few amateur productions have.

The cast and program are as follows: Queen Weed Wants—Ruth Hart. Impee Light—Helen Willis.

Fudgee, Fudgee, Wudgee—Betsy Willis and Ann Jones. Sorecess—Frances Cutchins. Other Soloists—Eva Mae Hardy, Louise Harris, Martha Turnage Raspberry.

Chorus: Spranoo—Mary L. Ward, Mary E. Smith, Annie M. Ward, Mary E. Potter, Caro L. Patterson, Virginia Mottinger, Martha Cobb, Frances Beaman, Ethel Murphy, Elvira Tyson, Eloise Hendricks, Virginia Harris, Annie L. Joyner.

Altos—Bertha Lang, Rebecca Wheeler, Elsie M. Cartaway, Jean Horton, Frances Joyner, Fannie C. Barrett, Sula Carr, Virginia Spell, Hazel Bass.

Act I — Overture—Mrs. Haywood Smith. Cho. "Dead Leaves Amid the Corn"—Chorus.

"Somebody's Been Up To Something"—Sorecess and Chorus. Cho. "She Is A Regular Indian"—Chorus.

Cho. "Burn Her At The Stake"—Chorus. "O Star of the Farthest North"—Queen.

"What Did Impee Light Do"—Fudgee, Fudgee, Wudgee. "I've Inherited A Most Peculiar Felling"—Impee Light.

"Shadow Dance"—Sopranos. "Sleep Song"—Queen and Chorus. — Act II — "Tale of the Little Bears"—Impee Light and Chorus.

"Canoe Song"—Queen and Instrumental. "Entrance of Sorecess"—Instrumental. "Song of Sorrow"—Sorecess.

"Dance of Flaming Arrow"—Altos. "Song of Sorrow"—Chorus. "Funeral March"—Instrumental. "Was There Ever Anybody"—Chorus.

"Incantation"—Sorecess and Chorus. "O Little Red Ear"—Finale.

#### Farmers Told To Hold Leaf Off The Market

##### State Farm Head Says Blocked Sales Resulting In Damaged Tobacco

Greenville, Sept. 28.—E. F. Arnold, director of the Pitt County Department of Agriculture today received a telegram from I. O. Schaub, director of the Agricultural Extension Department of the College, to use his power to encourage farmers to hold their tobacco crop off the market the next few days until a satisfactory price develops.

Mr. Schaub, who directed the tobacco reduction drive in North Carolina, said reports indicated "blocked sales on all markets were resulting in damage to tobacco and consequently lower prices."

More orderly marketing, it was said, should help Washington in developing a more satisfactory agreement.

Mr. Arnold said he would immediately take steps to advise farmers of the danger of glutting the markets and urge them to take their time and wait until prices have had a chance to develop.

The advice of the Farm Director is similar to that given by Governor Ehringhaus when the marketing holiday came to a close. The chief executive stressed the danger of rushing the market, but growers, intent on getting their products on the floors of the warehouses, did not heed the warning and have seen price averages dwindle the last two days.

"Referring to the tobacco reduction recently completed in this county, the farm director here, said only five growers refused to sign the government contracts. They were: F. L. Stanley, S. T. Hooker, E. M. Tyson, Henry Congleton and Rev. Luther Joyner.

#### Think That Leaf Contract May Boost Prices

##### Warehousemen of Belt Hope Washington Agreement May End Dissatisfaction

Raleigh, Sept. 28.—Tobacco warehousemen of the North and South Carolina belts today expressed the hope that reports of an agreement in Washington to peg prices at 17 cents a pound would check what appeared to be growing dissatisfaction of the farmers.

Discontent at prices paid following the termination of the voluntary marketing holiday on Monday was apparent on a number of markets yesterday.

Prices on the markets of the belt showed little change yesterday but some markets reported an improvement in the value of the superior grades.

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North Carolina: J. E. Bobbitt, Raleigh; G. C. Hunter, Kinston; H. W. Turnage, Albemarle; William M. Wiggins, Raleigh.

South Carolina: C. B. Carter, Chester; P. C. Evans, Marion; J. A. Price, Newberry.

Wilkes county farmers report 13 new trench silos for this past summer and most of them have been filled with corn for winter feeding.

T. T. Foster has dug and filled the first trench silo for Caswell county. He put six acres of corn estimated to yield 25 bushels of grain a acre into the silo.

#### Much Dissatisfaction Results From Daily Decline Since Monday

##### Farmville Market Ranks Second In August Turnovers

The battle for warehouse profits does not necessarily go to the big markets, an analysis of the August tobacco sales report shows. While a large market with six or more houses may sell more tobacco than a three-house market, the circumstances may make the larger market a money loser and the smaller one a money maker. With prices around the 10 and 12-cent level it is doubtful if many warehouses are actually making money, however.

As a rule, the big markets lead in poundage per day per house, and the smaller the market the less business it does, but this is not true in every case. This poundage per day per warehouse is more significant than any other index to the warehousemen's business. The Farmville market ranks second in the acreage of turnovers per day during the first week of the season.

The average sale per house per day in the entire new bright belt was 64,560 pounds, and in the border belt, 66,144 pounds. More markets dropped below this figure than exceeded it. At what point the market crosses the border line from loss into profit, is, of course, impossible for his column to say, but that must depend largely on local circumstances.

The records below gives the average sales per house per day for the East Carolina markets open in August:

New Bright Belt		Aver. Per
Farmville	Houses	House
Farmville	3	102,891
Ahoskie	2	26,195
Goldsboro	3	39,013
Greenville	8	90,743
Kinston	6	113,683
New Bern	2	29,069
Robersonville	3	32,421
Rocky Mount	7	56,829
Smithfield	3	37,573
Tarboro	2	35,036
Wallace	2	7,768
Washington	2	47,249
Williamston	3	23,308
Wilson	9	83,196

#### U. S. Government Watches Tobacco

Washington, Sept. 28.—Chester Davis, chief of production of the farm administration, said today finishing of the flue cured marketing agreement was being held up by the government's scrutiny of a provision covering the administration's proposed agreement not to invoke its licensing power at this time on domestic manufacturers who signed the contract.

Davis said the government wants to retain the right to license domestic buyers on their flue cured operations only later on if it is necessary to license companies that do not sign the contract.

He emphasized this was intended as a precautionary measure to protect the growers and assure the government of its ability to enforce the contract if this should become necessary.

Davis said the farm administration was not only desirous of giving the contract every consideration but that it was also anxious to get the reaction from the Carolina markets before signing the marketing agreement. He said the administration has several investigators in the Carolinas who are making daily reports on prices, grades and the reaction of growers to the proposed marketing agreement.

"We are anxious to see how the manufacturers are putting their plan into effect on the market," said Davis.

"We plan to send a number of additional probes to the Carolina markets so that we can keep right up with the situation."

He said the agreement probably would be signed by the end of the week.

#### Farmville Market Closed the Week Today With Each of The Warehouses A Whole Day Behind Schedule; Change In Selling Arrangement To Start Monday

The Farmville tobacco market reopened on Monday of this week, following the closing of the warehouse holiday, proclaimed by Governor Ehringhaus three weeks previously, with the floors of the three huge warehouses swamped with the weed, a condition which has prevailed throughout the past five days, and which has set a precedent in volume of sales experienced by this market and all others of the belt.

The reason for the rush marketing is laid to the desperation of the tobacco growers and anxiety to realize cash with which to meet mounting obligations, the warehouse holiday giving them opportunity to grade the weed and the atmospheric conditions making it difficult to keep afterwards.

Local warehousemen and their forces, scarcely taking time to eat or sleep in their struggle to clear floors of the deluge, are to be commended for the admirable manner in which they have handled the situation.

Though prices were far short of the promised parity average of 17c, a spirit of optimism reigned on this market during Monday, when prices showed a decided improvement over those of opening week, and relief from the strain showed plainly on the faces of the growers, as they prepared for their first realization of a fair deal under the New Deal. A total of 588,352 pounds was sold for \$75,940.75 at an average of \$12.91.

Figures for the opening day of this season were 533,746 pounds with an average of \$10.46, those of opening day for the 1932 season were 190,400 pounds, average \$10.18. The day the warehouses closed for the tobacco holiday 411,513 pounds were sold for a \$9.62 average, the corresponding day of the previous season 84,820 pounds average \$11.27 per hundred-weight.

Tuesday, prices began dropping perceptibly with a large amount of damaged tobacco being blamed for the average of \$11.53 realized by growers, who sold 530,742 pounds on that day.

A slight strengthening was noted on Wednesday, which brought the average of \$11.63 for 559,942 pounds, a gain of ten cents per hundred over the previous day.

Dissatisfaction became more and more apparent throughout the entire belt on Tuesday and Wednesday, with disorderly conditions reported on the Wendell market, where sales were interrupted by bitter farmers, and prices continued to decline on Thursday when 573,282 pounds brought farmers on this market, \$61,241.41, an average of \$10.68.

Official figures for today (Friday), are unobtainable but prices show no improvement, according to observers, though the quality is better, with very little damaged weed on the floors.

#### CONTENTINEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE HERE OCT. 6-8

Local Primitive Baptists and those of the entire district are looking forward with great anticipation to the Contentinea Primitive Baptist Association, which will convene here in Damascus church, Friday, October 6, for three days session, to be featured with sermons by some of the most godly men of this denomination. A basket spread each day in the Horton grove.

As the membership of the local church is very small, it is expected that the usual fine spirit of cooperation, in things pertaining to the uplift of the community, will be manifested, and that friends will assist in entertaining the hundreds of visitors.