

Opposing Camps Voice Pleasure at Leaf Prices

**Hutson and Williams
Both Express Their
Satisfaction; Former
Sees Average Well
Above Parity**

Washington, Aug. 2.—Complete satisfaction over the prices paid for leaf tobacco at the opening of the flue-cured tobacco markets in Georgia was expressed from two very different sources today.

J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the AAA and S. Clay Williams, an official for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., and spokesman for all the tobacco companies, deadlocked last week on the question of a marketing agreement for the 1934 crop of flue-cured tobacco and a hearing on the question last week ended in a sharp clash between the two.

But both were in complete agreement today in interpreting the opening prices paid on the Georgia market as indicative of satisfactory prices for the entire 1934 flue-cured crop.

"Our figures are incomplete, but the figures we have are sufficient to show that an average of between 21 and 24 cents was paid on the opening day as compared with an average price of 11.3 cents for the entire 1933 crop of Georgia tobacco," said Mr. Hutson.

"These prices are very satisfactory and indicate that the 1934 crop will sell well above parity and will bring as much as the larger 1933 crop," he continued.

"I am highly gratified to learn from the press that the market seems to have opened on a basis indicating that the flue-cured crop is going to bring satisfactory prices," said Mr. Williams.

Other Developments.
There were two other important developments in the tobacco situation today.

It was reliably learned that the AAA has worked out a plan whereby cooperating farmers growing less tobacco than they are entitled to sell tax free under the Kerr-Smith bill may use their excess warrants to sell the excess tobacco of other cooperating growers. An official announcement of this plan is expected shortly.

The Kerr-Smith bill imposes a tax of 25 per cent on the market cost of the tobacco. The trading arrangement will not be open to non-cooperating growers, but will be advantageous to cooperating growers who because of weather or other conditions have raised less than their quotas and will also be advantageous to those who have raised more than their quotas, since the latter group will have to pay for the use of tax-exempt warrants, but presumably will pay considerably less than the rate of the tax.

It was also learned today that the tax plan offered by Mr. Hutson in a speech at Raleigh yesterday was far from the plan of one man.

"I don't remember," was the smiling reply of Mr. Hutson when he was asked if he had submitted the plan to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace before offering it in his Raleigh speech.

Exactly the same reply was made to another question as to whether

Cotton Tax Blanks Here

**Exemption Blanks To
Be Distributed By
Committeemen**

Greenville, Aug. 3.—We are informed by County Agent Arnold that under the Bankhead Act all cotton growers who wish to sell tax-free cotton must make formal application for allotments and tax exemption certificates. Blanks for this purpose will be in the hands of local committeemen in each township on Thursday morning, August 2, and thereafter for a period of one week, ending August 8. No time extension will be made. Those interested are requested to call on their committeemen promptly at the usual place of meeting and furnish the required information, as these allotments and tax exemption certificates must be made and placed in the hands of the growers before ginning can begin.

It will be necessary that all banks, loan banks, insurance companies and other corporations which expect to have an agent sign for them furnish such agent with a "power of attorney" to be attached to their applications. Simple forms for this have been placed in the hands of the committeemen and may be had upon request.

Farmville Playground Is Thrown Open

Good Enrollment Reported Both At Farmville and Ayden First of Week

(By Mrs. Eugene Robeson)

The Farmville Playground opened on Monday morning with an enrollment of 59 children, ages 5 to 12 years, Miss Vivian Case, director of Farmville, reported. As the age limit is now to be extended to from four to fourteen years of age, it was expected that the enrollment would be doubled in a very short time.

Farmville has the same instructors, the same playground site and practically the same children, so the work was organized quickly and the children are giving a play on Friday morning, August 3, "Hans Who Made the Princess Laugh," to which they expect to invite the public.

The folk games and dance hours and story hours have been started, and the children are already enjoying supervised recreation hours.

The Ayden playground opened Monday and by Tuesday the registration had reached 53 children, Mrs. Sally Evans, director, reported. Baseball clubs were organized, story hours held, and the senior girls have organized their Dramatic Club and are working on Cinderella for their first public performance.

Mrs. B. L. Ross, director of the Greenville playground, reports an added roll on Tuesday of 53 new members, which brings the total on the Greenville playgrounds to 203 children which are composed of 25 pre-school children, 90 children from the 1, 2, 3, and 4th grades, and 90 children from 5, 6, 7 and 8th grades. As the recreation park has not been thoroughly cleaned from poison vines, rubbish, etc., an the work is not able to organize as it will be by the end of the week, however the children are thoroughly enjoying the lovely sand beds, the seesaws, the story hours and the folk games and music hours. These latter are held in the High School auditorium.

All of the children are showing much interest and entering wholeheartedly into the opportunities given them by the Welfare Department and the City Fathers in each community.

The merchants have co-operated wonderfully in helping with the equipment for the playgrounds, and shortly a full list of donations will be printed.

Greenville and Ayden picture shows are giving a number of tickets each week for good sportsmanship, eye on the playgrounds, and there will be swimming pool tickets for those who have the best attendance, best cooperation and who conform to the playground rules and enter into the activities or otherwise are the best playground sports each week. These tickets will be given in Farmville this week and in Greenville and Ayden children for the Greenville swimming pool as soon as opened.

The playground staff are hoping that the people of Ayden will soon get together and open the lovely swimming pool in Ayden, now lying idle so that the children there may, too, enjoy this healthful recreation at home.

It is indeed gratifying to know that already over 300 of the Pitt County children are enjoying outdoor, supervised play and it is hoped that very soon even more will take advantage of health-giving, character-building recreation and soon all of the children may have the privilege of taking part.

Again please let it be known that all white children in or near these three towns are cordially invited to become a part of the Pitt County Playground Association.

Notes: Attendance for the first five days at the Farmville playground has averaged 65, and a swim in the Municipal pool will mark each Friday of the week for pupils who have made their attendance and come up to the standard of conduct.

Reports, dealing with the opening and progress of the first week, from representatives of the larger and smaller groups are as follows:

"A number of children, their ages ranging from 8 to 14, assembled on July 30, at the Farmville school, for the opening of the local playground, which will continue to meet here for seven weeks.

An average of sixty-six children have enjoyed folk dancing, story-

Early Opening To Promote More Orderly Marketing of Tobacco

**Crop In This Section
Marked By Quality;
Parity Price Chief
Concern**

A more orderly marketing of tobacco as a result of a longer selling period, together with the opportunity extended for better handling of the weed, conducive to the production of a finer quality, are among the benefits expected from the early opening of the markets this year, as well as to provide a means whereby farmers, who have some of their weed ready to place on sale, may obtain some ready cash.

Sales will doubtless be on a restricted basis in some belts during the first and second weeks following the opening, since marketing will probably be comparatively light, but planters are being assured by those in official positions, both government and manufacturing, that buyers will be kept on the market until the crop is sold.

Warehouses here are being completely renovated; the floors are being cleaned and marked, scales tested, trucks and baskets repaired or replaced, and everything put into shape for the growers when they arrive with their weed for the opening on August 23, for the Farmville market is anticipating another successful season, and expects to hold its record not only of high averages but of paramount marketing conditions and courteous dealings with customers.

The warehousemen, themselves, are quite busy, spending nearly every day in the country now, calling on their customers, and advising them that the same three warehouses, Monk's, Knott's and Planter's, which have put this market on the map in Eastern Carolina and kept it there, fixed and steadfast, will be ready to serve them again this season.

Crops in this section at the present time, point favorably to an exceptional product as to quality, and since the reports of "checkers" of tobacco acreage reveal that the growers, instead of "chiseling" have actually cut their crops some more than was necessary, due in part to peal in cooperation with the government as well as to inadequate experience in measuring, and have met the terms of the AAA fully, they have every right to expect a fair and square deal in the matter of prices.

Governor Ehringhaus, in emphasis

izing the fact that a price of 22c a pound for tobacco this year, is not enough to carry on the recovery program in the tobacco belts, presses the point that manufacturers must pay at least 25c a pound, and a parity of 27 to 30 cents is regarded as a true parity, if parity prices are to mean prices in terms of buying power, as everything the farmer buys has greatly increased in value. The growers should, and doubtless will, demand a fair share of the immense profits of the industry this year.

Deputy Harris Victim Of Knife In Hands Of Negro

Greenville, July 31.—Deputy Sheriff Herbert Harris, who was dangerously injured when attacked by a negro man named Jesse Dudley early Sunday morning near Farmville, was reported today as resting comfortably as possible at Pitt Community hospital. Mr. Harris suffered knife wounds which necessitated more than a hundred stitches, it was reported.

A widespread search is under way for the negro, who is said to reside in Greenville.

Deputy Harris received a telephone call Saturday night at 12:00 o'clock requesting him to investigate an automobile wreck up the Farmville road. He did as requested but found no wreck. However, he heard a negro cursing a negro named Ella Armstrong at the side of the road.

The officer stopped to investigate the disturbance and when he attempted to arrest Dudley, the latter slashed Harris several times with a knife, inflicting wounds on the face, neck, arms, chest and back.

Sheriff Harris had left his gun locked in the car and was unable to reach it when the negro viciously swinging the knife, prevented the officer from reaching the machine.

Leaving the officer streaming with blood, the negro escaped to the woods and no word as to his whereabouts had been received up to press time.

Harris climbed into his car and drove to Farmville where he was immediately rushed to the local hospital where considerable time was required in closing the wounds.

Sheriff's officers said the Armstrong woman, who was later questioned, identified the negro as Jesse Dudley.

Official Announcement From A.A.A On Tobacco

Washington, Aug. 1.—Domestic buyers of flue-cured tobacco, who were unwilling Friday to enter into a marketing agreement for the 1934 season will have an opportunity to make certain on the markets their prediction that flue-cured prices will be above parity, the Agricultural Administration announced today.

The buyers' agreement that the flue-cured situation is such that an average above parity will be maintained this season even without an agreement was reiterated at a conference Friday attended by growers, buyers and officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's tobacco section. The view that an agreement is necessary was first expressed Tuesday at a conference of buyers with tobacco section officials. The buyers contended an agreement would work hardships on some companies and that a competitive market, with a reduced crop, would mean a parity price for farmers without the machinery of a marketing agreement.

J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section, and virtually all of the farmers from the Carolinas, Virginia, and Georgia who attended the conference agreed that prospects for satisfactory prices this season are much brighter but they contended a marketing agreement with a minimum average price would mean a more orderly marketing of the crop. They pointed out that flue-cured growers, by signing production adjustment contracts, had lived up to their agreement to reduce production this season and therefore were entitled to the benefits to be derived from a marketing agreement similar to the one in effect for part of the flue-cured selling season last year.

Although the tobacco section submitted to the buyers a tentative draft of a proposed agreement, none of the suggested terms was discussed as the buyers held steadfastly to their position that an agreement is unnecessary.

The buyers pointed out that any agreement signed would be entered into voluntarily and if the companies declined to sign an agree-

ment there was no need to discuss its possible terms. The draft of the proposed agreement contains a section providing for a minimum price which was to have been agreed upon at the conference. It also included a section designed to fix the number of pounds each company would agree to buy.

At the conclusion of the conference the attitude of the buyers was summed up in these words:

"It is the individual judgment of the different companies that the current crop of tobacco will sell above a parity price and therefore we see no need for a marketing agreement."

In answer to a question by Claude T. Hall of Woodville, N. C., president of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Advisory Committee, S. Clay Williams of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company said "parity is figured right now at between 18 and 19 cents a pound." He emphasized that he did not mean any parity "that might be anticipated."

Mr. Hutson explained that if prices of commodities farmers buy continue to advance during the next 12 months at a rate equal to that of the last 12 months, parity price for the 1934 crop will be above 20 cents a pound. He further indicated that over a long period there had not been a great deal of difference between the returns from a large crop and those from a small crop and that if the income from the 1934 crop was to be more than the income from 1933 crop, a price above 22 cents a pound would be required.

When it became evident that no accord would be reached on an agreement, the growers voted, on motion of L. M. Lawson of Darlington, S. C., to form growers' organizations in South Carolina and Virginia similar to those now functioning in North Carolina and Georgia. These four state organizations are to be coordinated, under the plan outlined by Lawson, so that they may act as a unit "in the event of an emergency."

Midway of the conference, the growers, meeting separately, adopted

Pres. Paul Von Hindenburg Dead

**Former Leader of German
Armies in World
War Succumbs To Ill-
ness Thursday**

Berlin, Aug. 2.—President Paul von Hindenburg died today and within seven hours Chancellor Hitler had succeeded him and ordered a nationwide presidential plebiscite to be held August 19.

Also within that seven hours was formulated a new oath by which the reichwehr—the standing army of Germany—will pledge its allegiance to Hitler.

Von Hindenburg died in his 87th year at 9 a. m. (Germany Time) in his country mansion at Neudeck, East Prussia.

Also simultaneously with the announcement of his death came the announcement that the office of chancellor and the presidency had been merged.

Any doubt as to what position the reichwehr, long faithful to Von Hindenburg, might take was dispelled at least temporarily by the Minister of War who announced that the army would take the new oath.

Paris, Aug. 2.—France has sent her condolence to Germany to-day for the death of President Von Hindenburg whose passing may mean much to this country and an official described his death as a threat to European peace.

President Albert Lebrun and Premier Gaston Doumergue telegraphed Hitler expression of sympathy.

Louis Barthou, Foreign Minister, sent a message to the German Foreign Minister. Doumergue and Barthou sent aids to the German embassy to deliver personal condolences on the death of the man who directed Germany troops advances into France during the World War.

London, Aug. 2.—Sincere grief and considerable apprehension over the political future of Germany was manifested in high governmental circles today after the death of President Paul von Hindenburg.

Even during the World War when the so-called Hindenburg "pill boxes" on the Belgian coast menaced England all Britain held the German military leader in great respect.

Since then he had been regarded as the chief stabilizing force for both republicans and Hitlerites in Germany.

King George was abroad the royal yacht at Cowes when he was notified of the passing of Von Hindenburg. A message of sympathy from the king was sent to the president's son instead of to Chancellor Hitler. Official sources explained this was because there had been no official notification that Hitler had assumed the presidency.

The raspberry project of the lower piedmont is making excellent progress. Those who planted this spring report strong growth of new canes for next season's crop.

More than 200 Orange County farmers recently met to discuss rural electrification in the county and to make plans for obtaining current in 13 communities.

Wilkes County farmers report a good flow of sourwood nectar, a wonderful corn crop, and plans for digging more trench silos to aid the dairy industry.

A resolution urging that a marketing agreement be established. It also contained a provision "That in the event the manufacturers and the buyers are not able or willing to enter in a marketing agreement at this time, the markets be permitted to open and that if prices on the markets are not satisfactory further consideration be given to a marketing agreement."

The resolution was drawn up by a committee composed of Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hall and Mr. J. A. Brown of Chadbourne, N. C., Mr. J. H. Whitehead of Chatham, Va., and Mr. E. P. Bowen, Jr., of Tifton, Ga. These men acted as principal spokesmen for the growers present as well as the thousands of growers they represented.

Representatives of domestic manufacturing companies present were W. W. Flowers of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company; H. M. Robertson, T. M. Anderson and C. G. Gregory of Brown and Williams Tobacco Company; S. Clay Williams of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; R. E. Cobe and W. T. Reed, Jr., of Larus and Brother Company; Sherwood E. Sillman of the American Tobacco Company, and J. B. Kuhn of Philip Morris Company, Ltd., Inc., and the Continental Tobacco Company.

Tobacco is Good on The Georgia Markets

**State is Behind
Farmers States
Gov. Ehringhaus**

**Governor Intimates Action
May Be Forthcoming
In View of Tobacco
Situation**

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Governor Ehringhaus told North Carolina farmers last night that the State administration is behind them in their battle to restore agriculture to its rightful place as a business and an industry.

The administration realizes, he said, that prosperity cannot be restored generally until agriculture is placed back on its feet, with the farmer getting a square deal from all.

The Governor spoke to farm men and women attending Farm and Home week at State College. His address concluded a series of talks last night by agricultural and educational leaders of the State.

The Farm and Home Week enters its third day today with a full program. Tobacco and cotton growers will hear heads of their AAA departments in the morning, and this afternoon the final event in the State dairymen held their annual meeting yesterday.

If tobacco does not bring a fair price this year, the governor promised, the administration will take action to see that the prices are raised. "Something may be necessary, he intimated, since the buyers did not sign the marketing agreement this year.

He expressed hope that the State can do something soon to help the Irish potato growers, who have experienced difficulty with congested markets and low prices.

"The price of fertilizer is entirely too high," he declared. "It must come down. Freight rates are too high, they must come down."

He said that agriculture and industry cannot strike a fair balance as long as industrial employees receive wages of \$14 a week while the farmer hardly gets that much a month.

Rural electrification is another important factor in the rural rehabilitation of the State, he said in mentioning the electrification program now under way.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, told the farmers last night that the day is passing when they must bargain alone against organized corporations and marketing agencies.

"The farmers of America are on the march," he declared, "because they have organized for cooperation. . . Organization and education will mean the emancipation of the farmer from economic slavery."

He singled out the organization of the Farmers' Cooperation exchange as the biggest agricultural achievement of the year.

The failure of the State to make any direct appropriations for agricultural research was deplored by Dr. Graham, who said that in Wisconsin the money spent on experiment station work has been worth more financially to the farmers there than all the money appropriated to the State College.

Mrs. Gordon Reid, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, urged the club women to go into politics to promote the advancement of club work. "Vote for the man who is for club work," she requested.

Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian, spoke in place of W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture, who was unable to take his part on the program. He told of the work the department of agriculture has been doing in the eradication of cattle disease.

Col. John W. Harrelson, administrative dean of State College, who spoke first on the program, stated that the recent plight of agriculture had its beginning when farmers began to strip the timber from their land.

The best farming and growing season in years is reported by farmers of Alleghany County who say they will produce the biggest crop of Irish potatoes in five years.

MISS RUMLEY HOSTESS

A delightful affair of the week was a swimming party at which Miss Mary Louise Rumley was hostess, to thirty friends, honoring her house guest, Miss Carolyn Bidick, of Hertford. After swimming, a watermelon slicing was enjoyed at the Municipal Pool.

**Prices Average 10 Cent
Higher Than Last
Year; All Markets Show
Great Price Gain; Esti-
mate Around 20 to 22
Cents**

Tifton, Ga., Aug. 1.—The Tifton bright leaf tobacco market opened today with more than 500,000 pounds of tobacco offered.

First row sales ran from 12 to 45 cents a pound.

The Tifton Gazette said an unofficial estimate placed the average price at 10 cents a pound over last season.

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 1.—Thousands of pounds of tobacco went on sale today at fifteen South Georgia markets with the tobacco growers undergoing the new experience of having their product sold by allotments.

Boards leading to the state's markets were filled with trucks late yesterday bringing the weed to markets opening this morning. There was approximately 12,000 farmers growing tobacco in the state under the tobacco reduction agreement and practically all the farmers said they expected a good break in the opening prices.

The markets which had announced opening today were at Valdosta, Tifton, Douglas, Moultrie, Nashville, Blackshear, Adel, Barkley, Hahira, Hezelhurst, Metter, Pelham, Statesboro, Vidalia and Waycross.

Official figures from the Tobacco Board of Trade of Valdosta, Ga., placed Wednesday's sales at 419,544 pounds, or an average of 24.47 cents per pound. The total receipts were \$102,699.51.

Last year's opening figures were 523,688 pounds bringing \$64,263.25, or an average of 12.27 cents per pound.

Official figures at Moultrie showed 436,290 pounds sold on the opening day at an average price of 24.11 cents per pound.

At Waycross 44,526 pounds were sold on the first day for \$9,727.86, or an average price of 21.84 cents per pound. The highest price was \$41.00 a hundred pounds.

Hahira's three warehouses sold 92,744 pounds at an average of 24.15 cents per pound, bringing \$22,396.59 to growers.

On the basis of private reports received by The Enterprise from Georgia tobacco markets it was indicated that the average price would be around 20 cents a pound or better, as compared with an average of between nine and ten cents for the opening day last season.

From J. C. Carlton at Hazelhurst, Ga., came the following telegram: "Average between 20 and 23 cents."

J. H. Stark wires as follows from Hahira, Ga.: "Quality good, estimated average around 23 cents pound."

Pitt Convict Escapes

**Bill Clark, Colored,
Makes Successful Bid
For Liberty at Bruce**

Greenville, Aug. 1.—Bill Clark, 20-year-old negro convict, escaped from the state prison road forces on the Falkland highway yesterday, it was made known today by Manley Sellers, camp superintendent.

The negro, along with several others were shrubbing along the highway when Clark was said to have suddenly dived into the woods and escaped while the guard was not looking.

The negro was serving twelve months for breaking and entering. He was being sought by officers today and it was expected he would again be back in his prison garb by tonight, if not earlier.

After his successful break for liberty the negro was said to have entered the home of Jack Jones in the Bruce community and made away with a gray suit of clothes in addition to other wearing apparel. Investigating officers said the negro left his prison stripes on the floor of the room in which the change of clothing was made.

He was reported to have been seen a short distance from Bruce last night dressed in a gray suit. Notified of the negro's presence, officers immediately attempted to nab him but he evaded capture.

Superintendent Sellers said every effort was being made to capture Clark, and that the negro would face a new charge of breaking and entering, growing out of the entering of the Jones home.