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FARMVILLE TOBACCO MARKET AVERAGED \$28.28 ON OPENING

Prices Went Beyond Expectations and Compared Well With Record Breaking Season of 1919

TWO SETS OF BUYERS SCHEDULED TO BE ON THIS MARKET BEGINNING AUGUST 27

Guaranteeing Factors In Support of the Farmville Market

Tobacco Board Trade, Warehousemen and Their Forces, Buyers From All the Big Companies, and Citizens of Farmville, Cooperating One Hundred Percent

Four factors constitute a guarantee of continued adequate support of the Farmville market, unquestionably strong and sound; the Tobacco Board of Trade, a fraternity made up of representatives from every firm, corporation and person, identified with the sale of tobacco on this market. Organized in 1907, it settles the various problems of the market and works for its promotion. G. A. Jones, Imperial branch man, and veteran buyer, is head of the Board again this year. J. Sterling Gates is vice-president, G. A. Rouse, secretary and publicity director, and J. T. Bundy, sales supervisor.

Warehousemen and Forces.

Experienced and popular tobacco-ists head the warehouses as proprietors; J. Y. Monk, of Monk's warehouse, is entering his 28 year as one of the most successful and highly esteemed warehousemen in the State, twenty-one years being spent in running a sales house at the same location.

Mr. Monk's sales force includes this year: Grover H. Webb and Johnnie Carlton, assistant sales managers; James Monk, Jr., assistant general manager; auctioneer, George M. Moore and J. N. Edwards; ticket market markers, W. J. Teel and R. D. Rouse; floor men, Leonard Carlton, Lewis Creech, Adie Flowers; Jack Hardy; book men and office, John R. Joyner, Mrs. M. V. Jones, L. P. Thomas, Buck James, Frank Fonville; weighers, Curtis Flanagan, Robert Lang, Jack Laughinghouse; check out man, Bennie Wheeler; leaf men, Wyatt Tucker, J. H. Stark, B. M. Lewis, Paul Frizzelle; door men, Bob Euford, H. G. Vandiford; trade men, S. T. Lewis, A. R. Cannon, Jack Tyson; watchmen, E. L. Russell, Edward Daughtry.

Knott's Warehouse.

Masters in sales management, wide awake and progressive warehousemen are R. H. Knott and J. M. Hobgood, operators of Knott's warehouse, Mr. Knott having run this house for 20 years, and Mr. Hobgood, who was associated with him last season, is a veteran warehouseman. The management of Hobgood's warehouse in Lumberton, and Knott's

Farmville Is Again Chosen For Federal Grading This Year

Selecting Farmville as a representative market of the true Eastern Carolina type, government officials met with warehousemen here Monday night for completing plans for continuing government grading on the Farmville market this year, supported by the financial assistance of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the State Bureau of Markets and the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Frank B. Wilkinson, in charge of the Tobacco Standardization and Grading of the Federal Department of Agriculture, was present at the meeting and M. I. Dum, who is to be Federal Supervisor of this market, was in attendance also.

The service, which is to be optional as heretofore, will be maintained here this year, with only a small charge to growers for grading the weed.

The middle and old belts will also have one key market only this year. Farmers are well pleased with this service, which has steadily drawn new patrons to the Farmville market, as they realize the advantage of expert classification.

Interest in government grading brought pupils, comprising the agriculture class of the South Edgecombe high school, to the Farmville market, with a load of weed early in October of the past season, the Young Tar Teel Farmers, as they term themselves, learning the value of this service and being well pleased at the sales, resulting in prices which went above the government standard.

Another Cotton Loan Ordered By Pres. Roosevelt

Farmers To Receive 12 Cents A Pound for Unsold Crop; Reduction In Surplus Predicted

Washington, Aug. 21.—Another government loan on cotton to help the southern farmers—12 cents a pound this time—was authorized yesterday by President Roosevelt.

The announcement was made just before Mr. Roosevelt left Washington for the mid-west to attend the funeral of Speaker Henry T. Rainey. The President said in his statement he had "requested the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make funds available to the commodity credit corporation that will enable it to increase its lending from 10 to 12 cents a pound on cotton, classing low middling or better, which is and has been continuously in the possession of the producer."

This means that any cotton grower, if he does not wish to sell his staple at this time, may borrow 12 cents a pound from federal agencies on the commodity.

Detailed regulations were not announced, although officials said that in all essentials they would follow those governing the 10-cent-a-pound loan last year.

If the same regulations apply, the government takes the risk should cotton go below 12 cents and stay there. Should the price climb during the season, the grower may repay the loan, sell his bales and pocket the profit.

Cotton is selling for more than 13 cents a pound at present but several factors have caused uneasiness. One has been the projected general strike in the textile industry. This would stop mill buying, presumably, and have a bearish influence.

President Hurries Back to Capital as NRA Row Breaks

Urgent Matters Cause Roosevelt To Change Plans; Richberg Silent On NRA Rumor

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt hurried back to the White House as fresh reports sprang up of a sharp controversy over the reorganization of NRA.

The chief executive, who paid his last respects to the late Speaker Henry T. Rainey yesterday, changed his original plans to go directly to his summer home at Hyde Park, N. J., and returned to Washington instead in order to attend to some urgent matters. The recovery program was one of the items slated for Presidential attention.

Richberg Silent. In Washington, Donald R. Richberg, Mr. Roosevelt's chief industrial advisor, declined to discuss reports that he and Hugh S. Johnson, Blue Eagle Chief, were in a bitter dispute over a new NRA structure. On his return to the White House the President is expected to take command of the situation and outline definitely principles for recovery reorganization.

Unofficial observers of the NRA situation believed whatever differences existed among the New Deal advisors were due to whether the proposed board to govern NRA should have actual control along with Johnson or should be dominated by him as now.

Other differences were believed to have arisen over whether Federal supervision should be relaxed under the new set-up, with private industry being given control of its own affairs through the code authorities.

Another group was said to feel Federal control should be increased with an acceleration of legal efforts to enforce code compliance.

Bethany Beach, Del., Aug. 23.—Hugh S. Johnson used five words today to deny emphatically there had been a split between him and Donald R. Richberg and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins over NRA policies.

The NRA administrator was informed that reports of a sharp dispute in high command of his industrial recovery campaign had been published in Washington. He replied categorically:

"1. No break.
"2. No further comment."

Cumberland cotton growers received \$46,000 in rental checks last week.

Higher Prices Brings Smiles To Farmers Who Crowded Sales

Opening Sales Considered Most Satisfactory In 15 Years; Heavy Rain Storm Causes Buying To Cease In Mid-Afternoon; Prices Equally as Good Today

Thousands of farmers and their families returned to homes from this market, Thursday, weary and fatigued in body from the strain and excessive heat that made the warehouses almost unbearable, but happy and comforted mentally by the high prices realized from the sale of their tobacco, many of whom received more than double for their offering what they did on the opening sale a year ago.

A heavy break of offerings from a wide spread area was experienced on the Farmville market, the sale of which was not completed. A storm with accompanying darkness caused the market to close in mid afternoon. Official figures for the opening are: poundage, 199,366; money paid to farmers, \$56,348.92; average \$28.28.

Prices Beyond Expectations

Prices went far beyond expectations and compared favorably with the record breaking season of 1919. Business men here joining with farmers in jubilation over the improvement as the great surge of activity and liberation of thousands of dollars, in tobacco town, brought the liveliest trade to the business district that has been experienced for years on opening day.

First harvested offerings prevailing, in which smoking type predominated, seemed to be most desirable to buying concerns with bidding being spirited throughout the day. Prices ranged between 5c and 80c. One bill noted, of good quality primings, brought from \$34.00 to \$50.00 per hundred.

Tremendous Crowd.

The opening was also marked by the tremendous crowd on hand, the largest in the history of the market, which was jubilant and oblivious to everything except the sales, the noting and comparing of prices. Factory hands experienced great difficulty in removing purchases made by their respective companies, as no attention was paid to roller carriers and tobacco hooks by the throngs of people.

By dawn Thursday morning the streets were crowded with motors and people, warehouse driveways were full of loaded wagons and trucks that apparently came in an endless stream, bringing to the market the first offerings of the bright leaf crop. To the tempo of traffic, pedestrian and vehicular, was added a quick step of anticipation.

Long rows of tobacco were lined up on the multi-thousand feet of floor space of the three huge tobacco warehouses here for the inspection and approval of the buyers, the remaining space, every available foot, being crowded with farmers and their families, pulses quickened by excitement, as the warehousemen, looking at their timepieces and passing greetings with acquaintances in the horde of spectators as they moved down the golden weed lined aisles. Recognized and customary positions of the warehousemen, assistant sales managers, auctioneers, ticket markets and buyers were assumed, a nod from the warehousemen as the nine o'clock hour marked, the "sing-song" of the auctioneer began and the tobacco season of 1934-35 swung open in Farmville and the Bright Leaf Belt.

Big Bad Wolf To Be Ousted.

The Big Bad Wolf of Debts has a good chance of being driven from the door of the tobacco farmer this year. When the farmer was invited by President Roosevelt to tell some of his troubles and needs to the Federal government, he told it an "earful." He told his government of the growing impossibility of securing loans on seemingly substantial collateral from his banker to meet maturing obligations; weakened by four successive years of depression, he told it of the serious situation brought about by a surplusage of everything he produced, and of the serious danger of his being eliminated from the economic picture altogether.

Realizing the farmer's plight, the administration called for intervention in his behalf, and the surplus problem is in process of being overcome and a profitable agricultural system is being constructed. Agriculture is indeed an industry "on its way" to recovery, and not a mere cog in the wheel but the hub.

The farmer has a big responsibility to preserve this manifestation of faith and confidence that the administration has demonstrated in a tangible and practical way.

Popularity Farmville Market Grows

Competition is keen in all bright tobacco towns, each one striving to reach a preeminent position in regard to poundage and price. All of this reacts in favor of the customer and proves the assertion of each that it is on its toes.

Farmville being situated in the exact center of the large Eastern markets, has, from the beginning, experienced strong competition from established rival markets, but confidence of the growers has been consistently maintained.

A check of one day during the past season found the following counties represented by tobacco growers selling on the Farmville market; Pitt, Wilson, Greene, Edgecombe, Martin, Beaufort, Lenoir, Wayne, Craven, Jones, Hyde, Duplin, Sampson, Nash, Johnston, Pender and Onslow, proving the great popularity of this market among the growers.

Double Sales To Begin Monday.

Two sets of buyers will begin Monday purchasing tobacco on the Farmville market, all the Bright Leaf markets being handicapped this week by an insufficient buying clientele, owing to the early opening, which did not succeed the height of the border belt season as usual, but which is expected to promote the more orderly marketing of the weed in this belt this season.

Arizona Farmers Order Japs to Leave Salt River

State Department Is Aroused Over Possibility of Violence Which May Precipitate Trouble for Americans in Manchuria

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 22.—The Federal government took steps today to prevent possible violence against nearly 1,000 Japanese ordered by white farmers "to get out and stay out" of the fertile Salt River Valley.

Gov. B. B. McSwain was asked by the State Department to prevent happenings "which would create difficulties in the relations between the United States and Japan." The governor was expected to make a public statement on the situation today.

Simultaneously county officials went ahead to enforce the alien land law which forbids Orientals who are not native Americans owning or leasing agricultural land in Arizona.

It was the asserted violation of this law which led to a mass meeting of 600 white farmers in Fowler district last week and their ultimatum which they said they would enforce Saturday.

Farmers Quizzed Concerning Crops

Thousands Of Agriculture Questionnaires Mailed In State

Farmers were urged to answer special feed and livestock inquiries sent them by the crop-reporting service of the Department of Agriculture in a statement issued Thursday by officials of the Raleigh Bureau.

Fourteen thousand such inquiries sought in an effort to bring the livestock and feed requirements together, were mailed to farmers in North Carolina. Pointing out that Tar Heel farmers had "wonderful crops, with a surplus of hay and corn, officials are endeavoring to have the State well represented in the report on a national survey.

The report must be compiled and analyzed at Raleigh, completed and released in Washington before September 12, only 20 days being allowed for the entire survey.

The Department of Agriculture reported thousands of Bankhead cotton compliance reports are being received daily.

All crops in Catawba County are reported in excellent condition with an abundant harvest forecast.

Askew Confesses Kidnap Story Untrue; Wrote Notes

Says He Needed A Rest Badly; Evidence Collected Turned Over To U. S. District Attorney

in Richmond.

From Richmond the sheriff said Askew went to Washington by bus and sent a telegram from there to Mrs. Askew telling her "to have the money ready by Saturday."

Askew went from Washington to Knoxville and from there to Nashville, making both trips by bus.

P. M. Stapleton, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the bureau of investigation, participated with Garrison in the questioning of Askew. He declined to discuss the possibility of prosecution of Askew for sending ransom notes through the mail but said as a matter of course all the evidence collected would be turned over to the United States district attorney.

Wilmington, Aug. 22.—J. O. Carr, Wilmington U. S. district attorney, said this afternoon he would have no comment on the proposed confession of R. W. Askew, Goldsboro Four Square gospel minister, that his story of being kidnaped was untrue until he has been officially notified by federal agents investigating the case.

Mr. Carr said that for other than the newspaper story he had no information concerning the kidnaping and subsequent investigation. He did not offer any comment when reminded of the ransom note having been sent through the mails and Askew had confessed he mailed them to his wife.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Miss Alice Coggins, Home Economics teacher, who is directing the remodeling of the cottage, to be used by this department this session, left Wednesday to attend the George Reed annual conference of George Reed teachers, held in Greensboro, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.