

Warehousemen Preparing For Big Season In The Farmville Tob. Market

One New Warehouse Erected on Old Bell Warehouse Site; Two Other Houses Enlarged And a New Firm Added For the Coming Season; Imperial Plant Here to be Re-Opened

All of Farmville's warehousemen are ever thinking and working for the best interest of the farmer and the market and are present busily engaged in preparing for the opening on August 26. The buyers, representing the large and various companies, high type men with years of expert training, are also zealous in their efforts to bring success to this market. Buyers on the Farmville market have always cooperated with the warehousemen and the growers, and a mutual feeling of good will has prevailed here for many moons.

Monk's Warehouse
Building an additional hundred feet to the front section of Monk's warehouse, one of the oldest and best known tobacco houses in the State, on the floor of which was sold more than 10,000,000 pounds of the weed last season, and announcement in the beginning of its 28th season that it is behind the AAA program 100 per cent, take the foremost position in its progressive program for this season.

The additional 7500 square feet now being built to the warehouse will make room for more than a day's sale and makes the front section an improvement which has long been desired by the proprietor, J. Y. Monk, one of the best known warehousemen in the auction industry who has successfully operated for twenty-two years, a warehouse on the same identical site. Associated with "J. Y." this year in the management of sales will be Johnnie Carlton and R. D. Rouse, also experienced tobaccoists.

The announcement of the full cooperation with the AAA program is an expression by this house of its appreciation to President Roosevelt for the improved condition of the farmers brought about by his administration, and his recognition of the needs of the farmer.

Knott's Warehouse
"The Farmer's Interest Our First Consideration," is the announced slogan of Knott's warehouse this year, a slogan which has been practiced in spirit and in truth throughout the twenty-one years of its existence.

R. H. Knott and J. M. Hobgood, veteran and expert warehousemen have been connected with the market for many years, and have helped personally to win the recognition the Farmville tobacco market now enjoys, of being the liveliest, fastest growing and steadiest market in the Carolinas. Bob Edmondson, who this firm declares to be the best auctioneer in Eastern Carolina, will serve them again in this capacity this year.

Knott's already a tremendous warehouse, is being enlarged in order to take care of a day and a half sale, and will be, when addition and improvements are completed, one of the largest and best lighted warehouses in the State.

Bell & Bobbitt's Warehouse
Encouraging indeed to this community is the realization of the vision of the promising future of the Farmville tobacco market, and faith in its continuous growth, held by sagacious heads of the selling industry, as seen in the construction of another huge warehouse here during the late spring and summer months, Bell and Bobbitt's New Warehouse.

The commodious brick building covers about an acre and a quarter, with 52,000 feet of floor space, and is said to be the only house in the State with soft scattered lights and without sun spots, these advantages permitting tobacco to show up its color and quality in any place on the floor. The warehouse has no building or trees near it to cast shadows.

Occupying the same site of Bell's warehouse which was burned several years ago, this house is the only one in the Southern section of town and is easily accessible to all highways and particularly that of the Snow Hill-Farmville.

"Sales That Satisfy" is the pledge of this partnership this season, Planter's Warehouse being formerly run by it, and L. R. Bell and J. B. Bobbitt, wide awake and aggressive warehousemen are accustomed to keeping their word. Ben Saunders, will do the auctioneering again this season and Richard Starnell and Walter Deas will assist farmers in placing the weed on the floor. Other members

son will be announced later.

Ferrell & Webb's Warehouse
Marshall C. Ferrell, well known tobaccoist and warehouseman of Wilson, and a former buyer on the Farmville market, and Grover H. Webb, also widely acquainted in this section, where he has been connected with local warehouses for some years, are to be associated together as a team of experienced tobaccoists in Farmville's new tobacco warehouse firm, Ferrell and Webb, which is expected to become one of the strongest organizations in Eastern Carolina, have adopted as their policy, a combination of courtesy and service, such as will insure satisfactory results for their customers.

Mr. Ferrell is the former owner and operator of Ferrell's warehouse, Wilson, and knows the selling end of the business thoroughly. Mr. Webb was proprietor of a Pinetops warehouse, was connected with a Tarboro house for three years, and has been in business here for the past six years, being recognized here and elsewhere as a successful tobaccoist.

All arrangements and necessary renovation of the former Planter's Warehouse, modern and completely equipped for the sale of the weed, have been made, and everything is being put in shape for the opening.

Plants Being Put In Order.
The plants of Liggett and Myers, Export, American, R. J. Reynolds, W. B. Lea, and A. C. Monk & Co. are all being renovated, painted and put in excellent condition for the opening.

Imperial To Be Operated.
The modern and well equipped plant of the Imperial Tobacco company, which has not been in operation for several years, is in process of being prepared and put in readiness for the approaching season.

The Farmville plant, which is to be under the management of Bernard G. Fields, of Wilson, a man with many years experience in the tobacco industry, contains complete redrying facilities for cleaning, stemming, heating, packing in hogsheads, will be pressed, marked for shipment and shipped to manufacturing centers of the Imperial company.

The plant will employ a large amount of local labor and many of the colored residents are looking forward to this additional source of employment.

WPA To Take Over NCERA

Raleigh, July 31.—The North Carolina unit of the Emergency Relief Administration will probably continue to function until about October 1, when it will have been entirely liquidated and absorbed by the Works Progress Administration, it was learned here today. If the WPA get to the place where it can take over the ERA activities before October, it is expected to do so. But present indications are that the NCERA will continue to function in a limited capacity, at least, for another 60 days.

When the NCERA passes out of the picture, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, NCERA administrator, is also expected to pass out of the picture with it, unless she is transferred to some post in the WPA. But according to present indications, especially political, that is not now expected to happen. For the dominating influences in the NCERA have been predominantly state influences, revolving around Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and his political followers and advisors. The dominant political influences in the WPA are Congressional and revolve around Senator Josiah W. Bailey and at least eight of the eleven members of national House of Representatives. And while the WPA has taken over some of the wheels, running gear and other parts of the ERA organization, it has been designed and set up along very different lines.

So while State WPA Administrator George W. Coan, Jr., of Winston-Salem, has already taken over a good portion of the old NCERA personnel, especially the portion that could be most helpful politically and who would be willing to track along with the new organization, it is not expected that he will wear his shirt to a new job for Mrs. O'Berry.

Consequently, when the ERA is finally liquidated about October 1, the prevailing belief here is that Mrs. O'Berry will probably pass out of the picture along with the NCERA unless she is taken to Washington and given a job there. That is not improbable, since it is known that she rates very high with National FWA-ERA Administrator Harry Hopkins.

Big Whiskey Sales In Pitt On Saturday

Land Office Business Done At All Three Stores of The County Opening Day

Legal liquor stores opening at Farmville, Ayden and Greenville last Saturday did a land-office business, it was revealed Monday by figures released by Chas. O'H. Hours, head of the Pitt County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

It was said that approximately \$2,500 was taken in at all three stores, which opened at 9 o'clock and closed at 6, hours which will be observed every day of the week except Sunday.

Greenville, the largest of the three towns, recorded the heaviest sales. The store served a total of 1,240 customers who purchased 1,384 bottles for a total sum of \$1,331.75.

The store in Ayden was reported to have sold approximately \$465 worth of the stock and Farmville went some better with \$643.75.

The store at Fountain was not opened Monday, as previously stated, but probably will be during the week or as soon as the building there has been completed and stock transferred from the storage warehouse in Greenville.

New Electric Survey To Be Made In Pitt

Rural Dwellers To Be Given Another Opportunity To Take Part In Federal Plan

Greenville, July 30.—A new survey will be made in communities of Pitt county not included in the federal rural electrification survey completed here some time ago, it was made known today by I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Department.

Persons desiring this service have been asked to obtain blanks at the local Farm Department and file them for consideration of the Federal Government, which is planning extensive electrification of rural communities throughout the nation.

"It appears," said Dean Schaub, in a communication received from him by the Farm Department today, "that this will be the only opportunity of this sort that the various communities will have to have their conditions looked into by the Rural Electrification Survey Committee, so I trust that you will cooperate with your county in every way."

E. F. Arnold, director of the Farm Department, said today he had received a batch of blanks and urged persons desiring to take part in the survey to visit the office and obtain copies.

Although the survey had been completed here, Mr. Arnold made known that some sections of the county had not been included, and believed that those regions will take advantage of the new survey now being started.

Considerable publicity is being given the survey throughout the State in an effort to give every rural dweller an opportunity to take part in the Federal movement if he desires.

Proposed New Tax Rates Made Public

Washington, July 30.—Proposed new tax rates, tapping incomes as low as \$50,000 and taking away 3-4 of that portion of an income over \$5,000,000 were made public today by the house ways and means committee.

The new schedule has been tentatively approved by committee democrats who previously had agreed both to levy additional taxes on income under \$150,000 and to supply the maximum 75 percent rate only to income over \$10,000,000.

At present the tax on a \$55,000 income is \$5,500. The proposed new schedule would make it \$9,500.

The present levy on \$10,000,000 however, is \$583,000 whereas the new tax would amount to \$641,000. The proposed new individual income tax schedule was made public as chairman Doughton, democrat, N. C., called the first meeting of the full committee to consider the bill drafted to carry out President Roosevelt's idea of wealth distribution.

Prepare New Game Laws

Seasons For Shooting Wild Game Set Forth Today by County Warden.

Greenville, July 30.—The new game laws as passed by the last General Assembly are being printed and will be ready for distribution in the next several days, it was made known today by Cecil Jones, Pitt county game warden.

Along with this announcement Jones stated that combination hunting and fishing licenses had been placed on sale in various places throughout the county, and urged sportsmen to buy at once so they will have no run-in with the law.

The seasons for shooting of various types of wild game as set forth by the new law follows:

- Bear—October 1 to January 1.
- Deer (male)—October 1 to January 1.
- Mink, muskrat, otter—November 1 to February 15.
- Opossum, raccoon (with gun or dogs)—October 1 to February 1.
- Opossum, raccoon (trapping)—November 1 to February 15.
- Quail—Thanksgiving day of each year to February 15.
- Rabbit—Thanksgiving day of each year to February 15.
- Turkey—Thanksgiving day of each year to February 1.
- Woodcock—December 1 to December 31.
- Ruffed grouse—November 20 to December 15.
- Wildcat, weasel, skunk—no closed season.
- Beaver, buffalo, elk, doe deer and pheasants—no open season.
- Dove, ducks, geese, brant and other migratory water fowls—Federal regulations.
- Snipe, sora, marsh hens, rails, gallinules—Federal regulations.
- Fox—county regulations.
- Squirrel (exceptions)—October 1 to January 15.
- Squirrel—in all counties west of an including Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Rutherford—September 15 to January 15.

Tobacco Warehousemen Adopt New Agreement

Greenville, July 30.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Carolina Tobacco Warehouse Association was held in this city last night for the purpose of setting up the machinery necessary for the proper enforcement of the voluntary warehouse agreement. Inasmuch as the required ninety per cent of the members of the Association had signed the agreement, it was declared to be in full force and effect and binding upon all signatory parties.

The Board approved the following member warehousemen of the Association as the Governing Council who will be charged with the duty of securing compliance with the terms of the agreement: W. S. Moye, Greenville; M. C. Ferrell, Farmville; J. J. Gibbons, Wilson; B. H. Bunn, Rocky Mount; and E. V. Webb, Kinston. The first meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held in Greenville on next Tuesday night, August 6, at which time one of its members will be appointed as Chairman to preside at subsequent meetings of the Council. An Administrator will also be appointed to administer the provisions of the agreement.

The following resolution was adopted by the directors: WHEREAS, the Agricultural Adjustment program offered by our Government, sponsored by our Governor and supported almost unanimously by the warehousemen and the tobacco farmers, has proved most beneficial to the tobacco industry by a more equitable distribution of the profit derived from tobacco and its products; and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Warehouse Code contributed materially to this result by safeguarding the interests of the growers in the sale of tobacco at auction by eliminating unfair competitive practices which were detrimental to the buyer, the warehousemen and the grower, and by providing a more orderly market for the sale of tobacco, through requiring correct weights, by preventing unnecessary speed in selling tobacco, by prohibiting speculation in tobacco by warehouse employees, and by the correction of other practices harmful to the growers; and

WHEREAS, the entire body of East Carolina warehousemen, with a few exceptions, realizing the benefits that followed from the Code, have voluntarily adopted a contract and agreement designed to continue the provisions contained in the Code; and WHEREAS, it is manifestly unfair to those warehousemen who desire to

Postponement Of School Opening Been Suggested

Advises Postponement of State Schools Until October First as Infantile Paralysis Precaution

Raleigh, July 31.—Postponement of public school openings, scheduled for September was advised yesterday by Dr. J. C. Knox, state epidemiologist, who said the expected seasonal decline of infantile paralysis may be slow as to make it advisable for the institutions not to begin their fall terms until October 1.

Dr. Knox also advised that circuses and fairs scheduled for the state in August and September, rearrange their itineraries in order to lessen the danger of spreading the disease. Poliomyelitis, he explained, makes a rapid rise in hot months, and based on experience in other epidemics, starts a slow decline in August or September. Since it is impossible to tell now when or how the decline will start, Dr. Knox said, it is wise to take every feasible precaution to protect children in North Carolina.

Dr. Knox sounded his advice as the State Board of Health listed nine cases of infantile paralysis, bringing the total this year to 473, divided as follows: July 216 to date; June 188; May 44, and 15 prior to May.

Already split season schools slated to start in late July and August with a fall holiday to allow children in the rural areas to aid with harvesting, have deferred their openings. Around 50,000 children in the southern and piedmont sections of the state attend these summer school sessions.

Many requests regarding the feasibility of opening schools in September have been received. The question as to the advisability is being referred to the State Board of Health by the State School Commission because of the paralysis situation.

Dr. Knox emphasized, he was not proposing an official ban on school openings and shows in August and September, but merely was giving an advisory opinion on the matter.

Constitutionality Of AAA Measure Upheld in Tenn

Memphis, Tenn., July 29.—Processing taxes are legal under the welfare clause of the Constitution, District Federal Judge John D. Martin ruled in upholding the validity of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Martin, a life-long Democrat and president of the Southern Baseball Association, only recently was appointed to the Federal judgeship by President Roosevelt.

The Judge, in his oral decision late Saturday night, took cognizance that "certain district judges have pronounced the act unconstitutional, and the United States Court for the first district in a two-to-one decision has so held," but that his court feels free despite such decisions "to espouse independent views."

He held Congress has fixed the products to be taxed under the act, set up a scale of prices and therefore did not delegate taxing authority to the Secretary of Agriculture; that it was a tax and not a revenue measure.

Judge Martin's decision dismissed a suit brought by Jacob G. Lacroix, Memphis packer, to recover \$6,883 paid in processing taxes and denied an injunction to restrain the government from collecting a penalty of \$1,297 for failure to file a return within the legal time limit. The case is to be appealed.

FRACUS CAUSES FATAL STROKE
A stroke, which resulted in the death of her mother, was said to have been caused by a disturbance between Estelle Deane, Negro, and Mack Kennedy, who is alleged to have beaten the girl Tuesday night, and returned Wednesday morning in a drunken state and quarrelsome mood. Police were notified upon the Negro's return to the Deane home, the mother suffering a stroke and dying a few hours afterwards. The Negro is being held in the local jail.

Conducting Widespread Investigation On Alleged AAA Contract Violations

Negro Slayer Is Lynched By Mob Near Louisburg

Louisburg, July 31.—Governor "Snead" Ward, 25-year-old negro axe slayer of C. G. Stokes, Franklin county farmer, was lynched yesterday by a mob which took him from officers and hanged him to an oak tree, half a mile from the scene of the killing.

While state highway patrolmen and national guard and county officers sought the mob in an effort to prevent the lynching, its members hanged the negro, described by Sheriff J. T. Moore as "crazy" to a huge oak, half a mile down the road from where he chopped off Stokes' head with an axe yesterday morning.

His body was filled with pistol and shotgun wounds, but whether he was shot and then hanged, or the slugs fired into his body after it was tied by the rope, could not be determined.

Ward, a medium-sized, ginger-cake negro, was taken from the sheriff and Deputy T. M. Bean ten miles from here, shortly before noon as they were hurrying from the county with him as a precaution against violence. The sheriff said there were about 25 men, some negroes and some white, in the group which stopped the car and took Ward.

Immediately after the mob went off with the negro, the sheriff notified his office. When word of it reached Governor Ehringhaus he ordered all available members of the State Highway Patrol here and also had Company C 120th Infantry national guards of Henderson, called out.

The negro was hanged before the patrolmen or the guardsmen could reach the scene.

Ward killed Stokes and decapitated him with an axe yesterday morning when the farmer sought to calm the negro who had attacked a negro woman and Farmer Sturgeon Ayscue in what apparently was a mad frenzy. Officers who brought the negro to Louisburg after the killing, said witnesses told them that Ward suddenly went amuck about 9 a. m., at the home of his sister, and struck her down with a rock. Ayscue who was passing by, intervened and was knocked down with a bottle. Stokes was working across the road from the woman's home and started to the assistance of Ayscue. As he tried to reason with the enraged negro he was knocked unconscious with a rock. Ward then seized an axe and severed the farmer's head. Other negroes working nearby overpowered Ward and held him until officers arrived.

Pitt Tobacco Crop Best In Recent Years

Quality Described As
Far Above Average
This Year; Curings
Excellent

The Pitt County tobacco crop is described as the best in many years by persons who have visited various sections of the county during the last several days.

Although rain two weeks damaged the crop somewhat, it was said that there was still enough tobacco left to go well above the federal allotment, and that it is curing up splendidly.

One man said it was the finest cigarette tobacco he believed he ever saw in any single crop year. The leaf was reported as generally uniform throughout the county, and because of its fine quality is expected to make up for any loss which growers suffered from the rain.

It was reported that the rain last Friday night would probably result in considerable damage, but observers said today the rapidly ripening leaf had been retarded by the wet weather, enabling farmers to get it out of the fields without loss.

Farmers were harvesting and curing their crop at full speed today and were said to be overjoyed by the excellence of their cures, described as the best in years.

Although the rainfall Friday night was heavy, growers were able to go into their fields again the next day to resume housing the crop which last year was valued at \$10,000,000.

M. S. Cox of Effort County will caponize 175 young cockerels this season as a demonstration in this phase of poultry production.

One Planter Ordered To Plow Up 50 Acres Tobacco and Make Parity Adjustments With Tenants

Wilson, July 30.—A widespread investigation into alleged agricultural Adjustment Administration crop contract violations is underway in Wilson and adjoining counties with five investigators from the AAA working out of this city.

The investigation launched ten days ago is revealing contract violations and today under orders of the Federal investigators a fifty-acre tract of tobacco on lands owned by Josephus Parker, former chairman of the Wilson County Board of Commissioners, and his son, J. D. Parker, was being plowed up.

The tobacco being plowed under was valued at \$10,000 and it was said by representatives of the government that the Parkers would be required to make parity and adjustment settlements with tenants on their lands that would probably cost \$4,000 which is the amount due for the 1934 crop but payment of which has been withheld by the government.

Breach of contract will also cost the Parkers about \$1,500 in rental and parity payments on this year's crop as the government will confiscate these payments.

The federal investigators are also conducting an exhaustive inquiry into the AAA contracts handled by Miley C. Glover, trust officer of the Branch Banking and Trust Company. Field investigators have been busily engaged working on these records are the past week and indications are that the inquiry will be a long drawn out affair. The government men would not comment on the Glover case today, saying that it would not be possible to issue a statement of the condition of the contracts within a week or two.

Before the investigation closes government men said they expected to investigate every contract in the county.

In an interview with Mr. Glover this morning he had the following to say regarding the investigation: "In handling so many accounts and estimating the acreages of land it is very difficult to be exact. There may be small variations of allotments in some instances which may be long or short, but if there are any in any contract, they will be gladly and promptly adjusted."