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Price Average On Farmville Market \$22.42 First Week

Total of 1,093,165 Lbs. Sold Through Wednesday for \$245,069.08, Heavy Sales Expected Next Week

Sales on the Farmville Market showed more strength here today, Thursday with an estimated poundage of 300,000 with a price range from 5 to 48 cents. Official figures were not available at time of going to press, but it was apparent the price average would be equally as good, if not better, than any time since the opening.

The official average for Wednesday was \$22.43, while the average for the first week with Wednesday's sale, brought the total poundage at that time to 1,093,165, for which farmers received \$245,069.08 at an average for the season of \$22.42.

R. A. Fields, sales supervisor, stated that prices were better today on all grades, although the majority of the offerings was still of the sand lug type.

Experts predicted that it would probably be several days yet before sales would begin to be heavy, due to the lateness of most farmers in finishing up with their curings.

Sales Tax Reaps Greater Revenue

Total Collections for August Show Decrease But Sales Tax is Higher

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Even with the new exemptions, sales tax collections in the State reported to the State Department of Revenue were \$844,060.13, an increase over the \$808,094.97 collected in August last year.

General fund collections amounted to \$5,228,709.59 during August and \$10,939,931.15 during the first two months of the fiscal year.

This is a decrease of \$995,096.22 from August of last year and of \$3,254,389.84 from the first two months of 1936-37. However, as far as actual collections are concerned, the State is doing much better this year than last.

The discrepancy of slightly over \$3,000,000 in the two-month collections was in the inheritance division—which was boosted last year by huge contributions from Reynolds tobacco fortunes. In all other important tax divisions, except the franchise tax, collections showed an increase.

Last year during August \$2,910,589.52 was collected in franchise tax compared with \$1,603,875.74 this year.

This variation is "due to substitution of quarterly payments due under the 1937 law beginning July 1 instead of lump sum annual payments of the tax of six per cent of gross receipts of public service corporations," Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell explained. "For the full year, the franchise tax should show a satisfactory increase."

This month's collections reflect the first sales tax revenue with the exemptions of food articles granted by the 1937 General Assembly.

"Most gratifying" was this increase to Commissioner Maxwell who said the increase "is accounted for by continuing improvement in retail trade, to extension of tax to a partial list of building materials and in substantial measure to improved methods of administration."

Beverage tax collections for the month increased only slightly, from \$112,839.17 to \$126,349.25. Gasoline tax increased to \$2,034,575.97 this year from \$1,919,842.86 last August. Inheritance tax for August showed an increase from \$21,746.32 last August to \$97,976.20 for the month this year. However, for the first two months the drop was from \$334,958.84 last year to \$160,943.20 this year.

HIS REWARD.

Philadelphia.—As a reward for his "faithfulness" during twenty years of employment, Charles C. Greenwood, 41-year-old printer, was bequeathed the printing business by the will of Reuben C. Brennar, who died August 1.

BEAR FRIGHTENS RESIDENTS.

Hoquiam, Wash.—Answering the calls of frightened residents, officers ranged nearby woods and shot a 200-pound bear which had been foraging the neighborhood. As soon as the bear's mate is shot, they expect the community to be safe again.

Dr. Thomas Smoot Father Local Man Claimed By Death

Leading Clergyman of Virginia Methodist Conference Succumbs at Home in Norfolk

Greenville, Aug. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Thomas Arthur Smoot, father of T. A. Smoot, Jr., of this city and one of the leading clergymen in the Virginia Methodist conference, died in Norfolk, Va., yesterday after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. Smoot was pastor of the Norfolk Epworth church.

Mr. Smoot and his wife were with the minister when he died, having gone to Norfolk several days ago.

Dr. Smoot has visited in Greenville and is known by a number of local residents. He is survived by his wife the former Miss Lellie Gilchrist McGirt of Wilmington, and two other children besides his son here, Edward Brittingham Smoot and Miss Mary Lily Smoot.

Funeral services were conducted at Epworth church this afternoon. Burial was in Wilmington, where he served as pastor a number of years.

He has held many important positions with the Virginia and Southern Methodist conferences. In the general conference he was a member of the hospital board from 1922 to 1926 and the committee on the budget from 1926 to 1930. He was a member of the general board of finance and president of the board of Christian education of the Virginia conference. He was a delegate to the Federal Council of Churches, Cleveland, in 1919, and was a trustee of Randolph Macon college.

PRESBYTERIANS HOLDING SERIES OF MEETINGS

The local Presbyterian congregation, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. H. M. Wilson, has been engaged in a series of meetings this week, which is reported as being most inspirational in regard to both message and song service.

Rev. C. A. Lawrence, of Failand, who held this pastorate at one time, is delivering the Gospel sermons, with C. F. Baucum directing the music.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Wilson, extends a cordial invitation to every one in the community to attend the remainder of the services this week, and the closing service on Sunday evening at the regular worship hour, with the song service beginning at 7:45.

Animals For Exhibit Need Good Attention

Cattle to be exhibited at fairs, this fall should be given extra attention until show time, according to John Arey, of State College.

Good feeding, which should have been started some time back, should be continued to put as much healthy flesh on the animals as possible.

In addition to fitting the animals properly, they should be trained to the halter so they can be handled well in the show ring, Arey continued. Good animals are often placed down the line "because it is impossible for the leader to show them to the best advantage."

Entries in the livestock exhibits are expected to be both numerous and of high quality this year, Arey added.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What are the prospects of reconciliation between the American Federation of Labor and John Lewis and the C. I. O. group?
2. Why were the lights turned out on the delegates attending the convention of the Young Democrats of America?
3. Can one State, obtain most of the money available for constructing low-cost housing units?
4. How long has Mrs. Hattie Wyatt Caraway, of Arkansas, been in the U. S. Senate?
5. In what year was the famous stock market crash?
6. When did Japan create the government of Manchukuo?
7. Did Congress pass a crop insurance law?
8. Is it true that Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek was educated in this country?
9. Is our universe shrinking or expanding?
10. Who was Hamurabi?

(See The Answers on Page 3)

Mellon's Son To Help Distribute Funds To Charity

Paul Mellon, His Brother-in-law, David Bruce, and Donald D. Shepard, Andrew Mellon's Attorney, Named as Trustees Administer Trust

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—Paul Mellon, scholarly son of Andrew W. Mellon, will help carry out his father's wish that the bulk of his vast personal fortune be spent for the improvement of mankind.

Young Mellon, his brother-in-law, David K. E. Bruce, and Donald D. Shepard, his father's attorney, were named as trustees of the A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable trust.

The great financier granted them full discretionary powers under terms of a deed of trust filed with the county recorder two days after the funeral of the one time treasury secretary.

The deed provided for the administration of one of the largest charitable trusts in the world—rivaling the famed Rockefeller foundation.

While exact size of the trust fund will not be disclosed until the filing of the will and a formal accounting close it would range between 100 and 200 millions.

All but \$180,000 of Mellon's personal estate was directed to the trust. The expected sum was bequeathed to personal employees of the banker.

The trustees were given power to dispose of the wealth as they like, with a few qualifications.

The trusteeship is self-perpetuating and irrevocable. Its donor stipulated that in "no event and under no circumstances" could any part of the fund go to members of his family, to the trustees of their successors or to any branch of the state, federal or municipal government unless for "one or more exclusively public purposes."

Washington, Aug. 31.—The board of tax appeals probably will hand down a decision in a month or so on the government's \$3,000,000 claim for additional taxes on Andrew W. Mellon's 1931 income.

The claim has been pending before the board for more than two years. Evidence is being sifted by trial examiners, who are expected to report findings to the board shortly, officials said.

FARMVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Farmville Rotary Club was honored Tuesday evening by the presence of J. A. Park, Rotary Governor for District No. 189. Mr. Park is a distinguished newspaper man, and is editor of the Raleigh Times. His visit to Farmville was the first since being made Governor at the recent Rotary Convention held in Pinehurst last May.

Governor Park spoke on the wide scope of Rotary International with its democratic spirit and voluntary allegiance, stating that Rotary is a product of many minds through many years. He gave an account of his visit to the International Convention, held in Nice, France, last May, and the significance of the spirit of Rotary as he gathered it from the many countries of the world. He stated that Rotary will live because of what it does for men in enabling them to serve in a voluntary and unselfish way.

After an hour of good fellowship the meeting was adjourned.

FARMER AT 3.

Nevada, Iowa.—In Dean Rose, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rose, Nevada has a potential "future farmer." The boy, in spite of his tender years, a milk the cows, drive a pair of mules, and corral stray calves with the skill of an old-time cowboy. The parents, who moved to the farm less than two years ago, are at a loss to explain the boy's strength and skill.



Government graders on the Farmville Tobacco Market this season, reading from left to right; Charles W. Donaldson, J. C. Muse, George W. Jones, T. J. Reese, M. M. Veasey, F. G. Powell, F. W. A. Mills, J. E. O'Hara.

DEMOCRATIC DIVISIONS LEADERSHIP DESERTED IS ROOSEVELT RIGHT? DEMANDS HIS PROGRAM BURDEN ON CONGRESS DEFEATS WERE MANY REPUBLICANS TICKLED INTERESTING SPEECHES WHAT OF THE SOUTH?

(By Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent)

Now that Congress has adjourned and the members are back at home, in touch with their constituents, it is a very popular pastime to glance back at the record set by the first session of the 76th Congress. It is not an entirely pleasing picture that the Democrats present to the nation because the work of the two houses and the indicated purposes of the Administration do not blend at all.

Elected last fall the Congressmen were supposed to be in complete harmony with the New Deal chieftain, who had scored a spectacular popular victory at the polls. In fact, many of the Democrats owed their presence in the legislative halls to the firm grip that they kept on the coattails of F. D. R. when they were before the voters of their district. However, the program of the Administration was not carried through although no one can deny that the President asked for action. He did not get it and the bonus for the failure rests directly upon the factions in both houses which were able to block the demands of the party chief.

What worries the leaders of these factions, who joined Republicans in demolishing the legislative proposals, is the fear that the President may be right in the belief that the people of the country are behind him. This would mean only one result, their defeat when they come up for reelection. Certainly, those who have made names for themselves among the opposition to the New Deal will face determined opposition within the party primaries. This will be true regardless of whether the Administration attempts to punish the recalcitrants or not. There is always somebody ready to take a Congressman's job, in spite of the summer heat that makes Washington sweeter.

While the President is not apt to take a direct hand in party battles the reader may take it for granted that Mr. Roosevelt intends to explain the present political situation to the voters. He will not, since words do not retract any advocacy of legislative plans to complete the reforms that he insists the nation desires. The President, it can be stated, does not feel that Congress has responded to the expressed will of the people, as manifested in the national elections of 1936, and for that reason will make the record clear to the voters, confident that when this is done, the voters will take care of the opposition.

The much-advertised split of the Democratic party does not exist in the President's mind for the simple reason that he does not think that the personal views of certain Congressmen represent the voters of their bailiwicks. Mr. Roosevelt is confident that the majority of the people are with him on the court battle, the wages and hours bill and his effort to improve the lot of the average American. He looks to the vast numbers of "average Americans" to constitute a political majority in the nation that will be ready to support an administration which firmly sets its talents to taking care of the welfare of the average man. The rule of this majority expressed at the polls, is his idea of democracy and it is plain that his present purpose is to weld this majority into a permanent political power.

For this majority to be expressive and effective it is necessary that (Continued on page four)

Predict Prompt Removal of Embargo at Shanghai

Closing Port to American Ships Regarded as Temporary at Washington

Washington, Aug. 31.—Naval orders forbidding American vessels to enter Shanghai will be revoked soon, informed officials predicted today.

Reopening the port to American commerce, it was said, would be in conformity with the State Department's standing policy of strictly maintaining all American rights in the Orient regardless of the prevailing conflict between China and Japan.

The order was issued yesterday by naval authorities after the bombing of a Dollar Line ship, the President Hoover, by a Chinese warplane while the vessel was making for Shanghai to assist in the evacuation of American refugees there.

For the bombing, the Chinese minister, Dr. Chengting T. Wang, expressed to Secretary Hull today his government's profound apologies. He offered full financial reparation and punishment for the offending pilot. The terms were said to be acceptable here.

Telling a press conference of the ambassador's visit, Secretary Hull, at the same time, was at pains to excuse the naval order closing the port to American vessels at the natural impulse of those in command at the scene of the bombing.

Was Natural When the incident occurred, he said it was to have been expected that officials on the ground would insist that merchant vessels stay out of the immediate zone for the time being.

In view of the department's known opposition to surrendering the least of American rights and privileges in China, including the right of American vessels to enter Chinese ports, the secretary's emphasis upon the phrases "for the time being" was regarded as deeply significant. Those who follow such developments closely expected that the Navy quickly would rescind its order.

Hull went into detail in describing the Chinese ambassador's visit, and at the same time took occasion to apply some scathing adjectives to the bombing of the President Hoover. He called it unlawful, inexcusable and negligent.

As soon as word was received of the incident, he said, the commander of the Asiatic squadron of the Navy and himself, acting separately, asked the American ambassador to China to make the most earnest representations to the Chinese government.

The Chinese government, he continued, promptly acknowledged responsibility for the incident and, through its ambassador here, proposed what Mr. Hull called every sort of financial reparation, expressed deepest regret and apologized in definite language.

The head of the Chinese government, he went on to say, took especial interest in the facts of the matter and made it a definite undertaking that the pilot of the airplane would be court-martialed and severely punished.

FARMVILLE SCOUTS WIN THIRD PLACE AT MEET

Boy Scouts, representing Farmville and the Green District, won third place for the second time in the annual Scout swimming meet, conducted in the Tarboro pool, Friday evening, making a fine showing. Scouts from ten towns took part in the meet.

Farmville Scouts swimming for this District were; Graydon Lyles, Horton Routree, Howard Harris, Harding Beaman and Billy Oglesby.

FINDS SISTER AFTER 41 YEARS.

Rochester, N. Y.—Locating his sister after forty-one years, William G. Fluker went to Dayton, Ohio, to see her for the first time since she was six years old.

Port At Shanghai Closed To All American Ships Except Naval Vessels By Officials

School Opens With Seven Hundred On Roll Book

The Farmville graded school began its fall semester Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock, with many of the parents present for the formal opening exercises, indicating their interest in the educational life of the community. Superintendent J. H. Moore expressed his appreciation for the splendid spirit manifested by teachers, pupils and patrons alike.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Christian church, led the devotional and emphasized the value of developing a well rounded life.

Mayor George W. Davis welcomed the new teachers as well as those who have taught here before, and pointed out the position of trust and confidence they hold in the community.

Rev. D. A. Clarke, pastor of the Methodist church, and speaker of the occasion, presented his subject of "Beginnings" by revealing the significance of a beginning and the wisdom of losing one's self in a worthy task. Rev. Mr. Clarke used the figure of a tiny stream, beginning in the Great Smokies, losing itself in other streams on its way to the ocean, as an illustration.

The chairman of the school board, J. W. Holmes, was presented to the school, and Dr. P. E. Jones and J. L. Morgan, members, made brief remarks on cooperation.

J. T. Thorne, member of the Pitt County Board of Education, was present and brought a note of cheerful encouragement to the pupils and faculty.

Superintendent Moore made announcement of the school's objectives, which will tend towards making this one of the greatest educational years that Farmville has experienced.

A Boost To The Potatoe Crop

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, has just received authority from the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation to purchase for their account up to 1,500,000 pounds of North Carolina sweet potatoes for distribution to needy persons in this state and throughout the nation.

This is a total of 50 freight carloads, 20 of which will be distributed in North Carolina. The remaining 30 will go to other states. Camden and Currituck counties will furnish the bulk of the potatoes. Distribution will start within the next two weeks.

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is furnishing the funds with which to pay for the potatoes and is getting the price to be paid, as well as furnishing experienced buyers to do the actual purchasing. The State Welfare Department is merely serving as agent in paying for the potatoes in order to facilitate the prompt liquidation of the growers' invoices.

It is estimated in the letter of authority received by Mrs. Bost that approximately \$16,000 will be required to carry on the purchase program. The sum is being transferred to the state and will be lodged with State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, who will, upon presentation of proper documentary evidence, pay the bill.

Such potatoes as may be purchased and allotted to North Carolina will be distributed through the office of A. E. Langston, director of the Commodity Distribution Division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

VESPER SERVICES SUNDAY METHODIST CHURCH

We will begin regular Vesper Services Sunday at the 5:30 hour. This service was dispensed with during July and August, but is now resumed as a permanent part of the church program.

The public is most cordially invited to attend both preaching services each Sunday at 11 o'clock and 5:30 o'clock p. m.

Rev. D. A. Clarke, Pastor.

Post Office Will Be Open One Hour On Labor Day

The local Post Office will be open from eleven to twelve o'clock only on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, according to Postmaster R. O. Turnage, who states that this will be done for the convenience of the public.

General Chiang Kai-Shek Demands Immediate Foreign Intervention to End Hostilities; Chinese Officials Accept Responsibility for Bombing President Hoover; Offer Redress

Shanghai, Aug. 31.—The United States authorities closed the port of Shanghai today to all American ships except naval vessels, while the second air attack on a mercy ship in two days increased the peril to civilian life at sea in Chinese waters.

An air bomber of unknown identity power-dived and bombed the Italian-operated steamer Lung Shan, thronged with Chinese refugees. It created mad panic but caused no damage.

The ship was bombed near Woosung, north of Shanghai, where the Whangpoo and Yangtze rivers flow together for the city's only waterway and only avenue of escape to the sea.

General Chiang Kai-Shek, virtual civil and military commander of wartime China, in effect, demanded immediate foreign intervention to end the hostilities.

Chiang warned at Nanking "Japanese aggression" to establish "a continental empire for herself" is a threat not only to the sovereignty of China but also to "international safety."

The attack on the Italian ship followed by a day the bombing of the U. S. Dollar liner President Hoover by Chinese planes in the China sea off the Yangtze estuary.

Chinese officials have accepted responsibility and have offered to redress for the attack in which a seaman was killed, other sailors and passengers hurt, and the ship's hull pierced by shrapnel.

On the Shanghai battlefield, Japanese commanders declared Japanese forces captured Woosung 12 miles north of Shanghai, at the outset of a "big push" against the city's Chinese troops.

Final Rites For Mrs. J.W. Holmes

The Baptist Church was filled to overflowing on Tuesday afternoon, with friends gathered for the final rites held for Mrs. Emily Britt Holmes, 56, wife of John W. Holmes, and a highly esteemed citizen, who succumbed from complications and the effects of uremic poison in a Rocky Mount hospital on Monday afternoon, at 4:15 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. L. R. Ennis, was in charge, with Rev. J. M. Duncan, of Murfreesboro, a former pastor, and Rev. Jack Tyson, of the Baptist orphanage at Middlesex, assisting in the service.

A choir, composed of Mrs. J. S. Gates, Mrs. C. N. Bostic, Miss Ida Privette, of Scotland Neck, Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt, the Rev. F. Pittman, of Ayden, C. F. Baucum and the Rev. Mr. Ennis rendered the following hymns: "It Is Well With My Soul," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," at the church services, and "Abide With Me" at the graveside. A solo, "Wonderful Peace," was sung by the Rev. Mr. Pittman, and a duet, "Blessed Home of Peace," was rendered by the Reverends Mr. Pittman and Mr. Ennis. Mrs. Haywood Smith was at the piano.

Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery under a floral tribute, large and handsome, and befitting one, whose garden treasures had at some time brightened nearly every home in Farmville.

In paying a sincere tribute of highest praise to his friend, the Rev. Mr. Ennis compared her to St. Paul; expressed his admiration for her Christian characteristics; strong convictions, consecration and loyalty to her church, revealed in the great activities, which have identified her with every phase of work done by this congregation since its organization twenty-eight years ago, and reflected in her home life and the devotion given to the rearing of daughter and sons.

In concluding his remarks her late pastor said, "Three things I have received as precious and lasting gifts at her hands; an understanding friendship, the inspiration of her unflinching courage and the blessing of an unblemished example of Christian living. I, as her pastor, went to her to minister unto and instead, always always felt that I was ministered to." Mrs. Holmes accepted the Baptist faith at the tender age of eight years and was a consistent follower throughout her life.

She was the daughter of the late U. P. and Susan Britt; a native of (Continued on page four)