

VOLUME THIRTY

NUMBER TWELVE

Leaf Average Hovers About 16-Cent Mark

Warehouses Crowded as Farmers Await Space; Most Offerings of Low Quality; Planters Called Upon to Withhold Weed from Auction Floors for Several Days

Valdosta, Ga., July 26.—Check of early second day sales in the Georgia bright leaf tobacco markets today showed prices continuing mostly around a 16 to 18 cents a pound range, sharply off from the 1938 opening of 25 to 30 cents.

Warehouses were crowded with leaf, and farmers waited for cleared spaces in a number of the market towns.

Vidalia, where 780,000 pounds sold on opening day at a 15.50 average, reported a second day range of five to 17 cents, with most sales around 16 to 20 cents.

Valdosta started a new sale with a four to 24 cents range in jammed warehouses. The opening average here was 15.24.

Stronger bidding was noted at Nashville, Ga., where 721,778 pounds brought 16.09 yesterday. Adel similarly reported a tendency showing better prices.

The 16 to 18 cents average on the opening day's auctions in five Georgia sales centers and two in Florida was seven to 12 cents under last season's initial sale average.

Thousands of growers pocketed sales returns from bids which ranged from a low of one cent to 32 cents. In 1938 the first day's bids were from two to 32 cents.

Planters were called on by Tobacco Specialist E. C. Westbrook of the Georgia Extension Service to hold back the bulk of their crop awaiting the outcome of unfavorable weather conditions in the Carolinas.

White Collar Jobs Are Open

Requests Are Made For Office Workers in City; Other Placements Now Open

Greenville, July 26.—W. G. Cherry, Jr., manager of the local State Employment Service, revealed today that numerous requests were being received for office workers and that the general demand for labor is nearing the point of exceeding the supply.

Three orders for experienced office workers came in this morning, Mr. Cherry declared, and he urged any person, especially men, qualified to file with his office immediately. The office manager stated such positions would start at salaries ranging from \$22 to \$25 per week.

Mr. Cherry also stated that he expected to start receiving orders for store clerks in the immediate future and urged persons with such experience to register with the state office. No charge is made for the service, either of the employer or employee.

Demand for ordinary labor is increasing daily, it was revealed and Mr. Cherry said that "we can almost guarantee every able-bodied man and woman willing to work a job this fall." He added that "it appears that the demand for labor will exceed the supply."

"We have dozens of places open for experienced domestic labor and farm hands," he said.

AAA Administrator Speaks in Raleigh

The man who will direct the distribution of nearly one billion dollars in AAA funds to American farmers in 1940 has been scheduled to address a mass meeting of North Carolina farmers in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, August 4.

R. M. Evans, national administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration since October of last year, will discuss crop problems and their relation to the Federal farm program before thousands of Tar Heel farmers who are expected to attend this event.

In addition to Evans, J. B. Hutton, assistant AAA administrator who is in charge of tobacco, will also appear at the meeting to talk specifically on North Carolina's No. 1 cash crop.

State Revenues Top Estimates

Both General and Highway Funds End Fiscal Year with Surpluses

Raleigh, July 27.—The State's official balance sheet for the fiscal year ended June 30 yesterday verified advance estimates used by Governor Hoey as the basis for deciding it would not be necessary to transfer any money from highway to general revenue fund as he was empowered to do by statute.

The State ended the year with a general fund surplus of \$2,242,338 and a highway fund surplus of \$7,721,828, the statement revealed. The general fund surplus compared with \$1,266,962 which the 1937 General Assembly estimated would be available, and with the \$2,200,000 which the Advisory Budget Commission late last fall declared would be necessary to avoid "diversion" from highway revenues.

The actual cash balance in the general fund, he said, was \$11,666,321.91 at the year's end and in the Highway Department it was \$4,695,587.80, but the difference between these figures and the surpluses are accounted for in drafts outstanding and in obligations as yet uncompleted projects.

Expenditures from the general fund totaled \$39,888,011, compared with the \$40,748,760 estimated by the General Assembly to be spent. Highway fund expenditures came to \$37,743,543, whereas the General Assembly had estimated they would be \$40,137,011.

The State did not have to transfer funds from the highway to the general fund, the Governor said, because "general conditions" improved and revenues exceeded estimates.

Also, he pointed out, the State's balance at the end of 1937-38 was \$5,249,144, whereas the 1937 General Assembly had estimated it would be \$3,477,438.

"Of course," the Governor said, "our surplus for last fiscal year is down from the surplus of the year before, but we expected that."

Realizing that favorable action was improbable and that the prevailing wage fight was lost, some labor leaders turned their attention to a drive to secure additional funds for the PWA, which provides full-time jobs at prevailing rates of pay in many sections.

The widespread discount of WPA workers over the abandonment of the prevailing wage, expressed by serious strikes in certain areas, was directed against Congress. The prevailing wage was written out of the law by Congress and neither the administrators of WPA nor the President had any power to change it.

Pitt Schools To Open Sept. 4th

Public Asked Not To Trespass on School Property During Summer Months

D. H. Conley, county school superintendent, today announced that the Pitt County Board of Education had designated Monday, September 4, as the opening date for Pitt schools.

Schools in the county will open two days earlier than last year, but the two-day loss is expected to be handled during the Christmas holiday season. Conley said that it is planned to complete half the county school year by the Christmas holidays and have mid-term examinations before the holiday period is started.

It was explained that if exams were held at this time, records of all students, including those who might move out of the county, would be clear.

Superintendent Conley said the general maintenance division of the Pitt County Board of Education reported that windowpane replacements created the biggest item in the upkeep of the schools. He revealed that a large number of windows in several schools in the county were either "shot out or knocked out during the summer months."

The Board of Education today issued an appeal to the residents to refrain from trespassing on school property during the summer months to delay upkeep expenditures.

Windowpanes were broken in the county during the summer months, possibly through the neglect of the total cost, have been accepted by the Board of Education.

Baltimore, Md.—Cutting quickly to the side of the highway and barely missing a telephone pole, John Sann got out of his automobile and frantically stopped an approaching automobile in order to save the life of a "man" lying prone on the highway.

John Sann, a man who lives on the highway, today revealed that the victim was a dummy, a pair of trousers and a shirt, stuffed with rags and waste paper. Police are investigating.

United States Notifies Japan Of Abrogation of 1911 Friendship Pact

WPA Dismissals Stand at 6,180

Washington, July 26.—The United States served notice tonight that it was terminating its 1911 treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan, opening the way toward an embargo on the shipment of raw materials to that country.

On behalf of Secretary of State Hull, Francis B. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of State, handed a note to an official of the Japanese embassy informing him of the step.

The government's action came like a lightning bolt from a "blue sky," since the Senate foreign relations committee discussing a resolution calling for the denunciation of the treaty postponed discussion on it today until later in the week.

Earlier today Secretary Hull conferred with President Roosevelt following talks with his Far Eastern advisers. The President approved, perhaps ordered, the action.

Six months must pass from today before the abrogation can go into effect. They will be by January 26, 1940, at which time Congress will be in session and can discuss an embargo on raw materials shipment to Japan.

The State Department regards the 1911 treaty as a legal obstacle in the way of a resolution by Senator Pittman (D., Nev.) calling for the embargo. Article 6, Paragraph Three, of the pact, said, "Nor shall any prohibition be enforced by either country on the importation or exportation of any article from or to the territories of the other which shall not equally extend to the like article imported from or exported to any other country."

Consequently, if the United States wanted to embargo shipments to Japan, she would have to do so with regard to all other nations as well as long as the treaty remained in force.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) introduced a resolution some days ago calling for the abrogation of the 1911 treaty with a view to possible negotiation of a new one affording better protection to American rights in China.

Rest of 8,500 to Go In Two Weeks, with More Let Out from Time to Time

WPA Dismissals Stand at 6,180

Raleigh, July 27.—Carrying out the Congressional mandate to suspend all relief workers with 18 months' continuous service, the Works Progress Administration through yesterday had issued "pink slips" to 6,180 persons out of an estimated 8,500 affected in North Carolina.

State Administrator C. C. McGinnis said the remainder of the total would be suspended within two weeks, and that additional workers passing this 18-month limit would be let out on succeeding pay days.

It was emphasized that the restrictions on relief workers' length of service was a permanent feature of the new WPA set-up, applying inflexibly to every WPA employee who exceeds the limit during this fiscal year.

Suspended workers are ineligible for re-assignment to relief projects until a month after they are let out, and only on condition of being re-certified as of relief status and qualified for employment, Mr. McGinnis stated.

Many voters found wary on "liberal" and "radical" survey shows political leaders labeled.

Five full days of education and entertainment are in store for rural men and women who attend State College's 36th annual Farm and Home Week, July 31-August 4.

With advanced registrations already above last year's mark at the same time, State College officials believe this year's attendance will smash all previous records.

Upon payment of the registration fee of one dollar, either in advance or on arrival at the college Monday, July 31, the visitor will be entitled to a room in one of the college dormitories for the entire week. Meals may be obtained in the college cafeteria for 75 cents to one dollar a day.

All Plans Are Completed For Farm Convention

WPA Dismissals Stand at 6,180

Five full days of education and entertainment are in store for rural men and women who attend State College's 36th annual Farm and Home Week, July 31-August 4.

With advanced registrations already above last year's mark at the same time, State College officials believe this year's attendance will smash all previous records.

Upon payment of the registration fee of one dollar, either in advance or on arrival at the college Monday, July 31, the visitor will be entitled to a room in one of the college dormitories for the entire week. Meals may be obtained in the college cafeteria for 75 cents to one dollar a day.

This year's program has been heightened considerably. John W. Goodman and Miss Ruth Current, of the State College Extension Service, said. More stress will be placed on things to see rather than things to hear.

Toward this end, the college staff has arranged a multitude of exhibits and displays that is expected to give visitors a picture of modern, scientific farming and home-making. For instance, the man will see elaborate displays of farm machinery, while the woman will see model kitchens and labor-saving devices.

An impressive list of speakers, headed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, has been secured for this annual event. Some of those to be heard include: Dr. E. V. McClum, head of the School of Hygiene and Public Health of John Hopkins University; Oscar Johnston, president of the National Cotton Council; Dr. Maynard Carter and Dr. Randolph Jones, Jr., both of Duke University Medical School; and T. B. Hutchison, head of the U. S. I. agronomy department.

County and home agents can furnish complete details of this event, to which every farmer and farm woman is invited.

There is now available the price of the 1938 Farm and Home Week. The price is \$2.50 for two weeks with no refund. This means of extension publicity. The State Department will announce a new tariff to remove a tariff on the wool.

Five in Race For Governor

Unofficial and Informal Campaigns Now Under Way

Raleigh, July 26.—North Carolina's unofficial and informal campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1940 rocked along today with five candidates doing all they can to get support without any formal announcement of candidacy.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell issued a statement last night saying he had "no thought of making a definite announcement at this time as a candidate for governor, and no thought of beginning a campaign for that purpose at this time."

The commissioner said an interview with him at Winston-Salem yesterday quoted him correctly when he said, "It may be definitely assumed that I will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor next year. Although Governor Hoey has requested that no formal announcement of candidacy be made yet, it is generally assumed that I will be in the race."

Maxwell, J. M. Broughton and Willie Smith, both Raleigh lawyers and former legislators, as well as Lewis Gov. W. F. Hovton and Mayor Thomas E. Copper of Wilmington the weeks have been telling their personal friends they plan to file for the gubernatorial race. Each has been careful, however, not to make any announcement of the publication.

Hoey Tells Youths To Stay On Farms

Raleigh, July 25.—Governor Hoey urged 1,000 boys and girls today to stay on the farm, remain in the state and aid in building a greater North Carolina.

Small Farmers To Gain From 1940 AAA Program

A greater opportunity for small farmers to participate will be one of the most important features of the 1940 AAA program, according to E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

Public Asked Not To Trespass on School Property During Summer Months

D. H. Conley, county school superintendent, today announced that the Pitt County Board of Education had designated Monday, September 4, as the opening date for Pitt schools.

ABC Officers Seize 100-Gallon Distillery

J. L. Taylor, law enforcement officer of the Pitt county ABC board, today revealed the capture of a 100-gallon illicit steam plant in Martin county by ABC officers of Pitt and the neighboring county.

Rest of 8,500 to Go In Two Weeks, with More Let Out from Time to Time

Raleigh, July 27.—Carrying out the Congressional mandate to suspend all relief workers with 18 months' continuous service, the Works Progress Administration through yesterday had issued "pink slips" to 6,180 persons out of an estimated 8,500 affected in North Carolina.

WPA Dismissals Stand at 6,180

Washington, July 26.—The United States served notice tonight that it was terminating its 1911 treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan, opening the way toward an embargo on the shipment of raw materials to that country.