

Border Tobacco Markets Open With Low Prices; Few Refusals

Farmers Prepared For Small Return By Result In Georgia; Receipts Small On All The Floors; Growers Busy Curing, Hold Back In Hope Of Increase In Price.

Prices were low on border belt tobacco markets Tuesday, opening day of the season, but few tickets were turned. Farmers were prepared by having knowledge of what happened on the Georgia market last week. Fairmont, largest North Carolina market in the Border belt, reported an average of \$8.44. The Fairmont average on the opening day last year was \$8.71. Fair Bluff had an average of \$8.24. Clarkton's average was \$8.53 and Lumberton's \$7.85.

The better grades of tobacco were selling in some instances better than they did last year. The common grades are as usual in little demand and in less demand this year than usual.

Total sales on the seven border belt markets aggregated only about half a million pounds. Farmers are still busy curing their tobacco and are apparently holding back to see if prices will not get better.

AVERAGE OF \$7.10 PER 100 LBS. AT CHADBOURN

Chadburn, Aug. 4.—Official figures released by warehousemen early tonight disclose a poundage of 42,614. The average price was given at \$7.10 per hundred pounds. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company bought freely of types desired. Good tobaccos used by domestic concerns are said to have sold as high, and in some instances higher, than last year. Growers showed little inclination to reject the sales and were apparently adjusting themselves to pre-war prices.

GOOD GRADES SELL BETTER THAN IN 1930

Fair Bluff, Aug. 4.—Official figures released by three of the four tobacco warehouses here today show an opening delivery of 31,208 pounds. The average price paid was \$8.24 per hundred pounds. The fourth warehouse was running sales late in the afternoon, with an exceptionally big break. Total tonnage for the Fair Bluff market is expected to reach 100,000 pounds.

Practically all of today's offerings were first pickings, and good grades sold in many instances better than on the opening day last year. Deliveries here exceeded last year's offerings. It is said very little dissatisfaction was registered by producers, they being apparently willing to accept prices offered without complaint.

SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM REPORTED AT FAIRMONT

Fairmont, Aug. 4.—A spirit of optimism is in the air here today, where the tobacco sales opened for the season. Less tobacco was called in than on any previous opening sales in years. While nothing but first primings was on the market yet these showed color and grain, and on all tobacco of this kind, which is used for smoking and cigarette purposes, all of the domestic manufacturers were lively bidders and many of these grades were higher in price than last season. Undoubtedly the farmers are going to be benefited by the raise in the price of cigarettes a short while ago. The common grades, from \$3 to \$6, seem to have no friends, nor does it appear that they will have any this season, due to conditions in foreign countries. The official report of sales issued by the supervisor this evening reads:

"Sales for the day, 129,426 pounds; money paid out, \$10,876.65; average, \$8.44 per hundred pounds."

On the opening day last season the average was \$8.71. A few baskets of high-grade primings was on the sales today, and brought from \$25 a hundred to \$42 a hundred. Light sales are expected the balance of the week, as the crop in this section is a little late. E. J. Chambers, one of the pioneer warehousemen of the town, was honored last night by being elected as president of the Tobacco Board of Trade.

FEW TICKETS TURNED ON WHITEVILLE MARKET

Whiteville, Aug. 4.—Fairly heavy offerings featured the opening of the Whiteville tobacco market to-

DROUGHT BROKEN BY A SEVERE STORM

Wind And Lightning Do Much Damage Near Raeford; Corn Crop Suffers Severely; Barn Blown Down.

A drought of moderate duration was broken in and around Raeford Sunday when rains visited the section, though some places failed to get rains that day.

Tuesday evening, however, rains visited all sections of the county heard from a storm, accompanied by some wind and a great deal of electricity, seemed to be rather general.

On the farm of Mr. N. B. Blue, wind blew down a barn in which two mules were housed, and flattened the animals out under a veritable mass of timbers and roofing. A small group of men went from Raeford to the scene and managed to extricate them from their bad plight and to the surprise of everyone, they appear to have sustained no permanent injury. Crops in the neighborhood were blown over by the wind, corn suffering the greatest damage.

In Quewhiffle Township, lightning struck a tobacco barn of Mr. Jonah Cole and tore a hole in the roof though the barn was not burned. The tobacco therein was damaged some but Mr. Cole feels that he got off light in not losing his building.

The storm that came about midnight was accompanied by an unusually great amount of lightning and rains following on Wednesday indicate that the "dry spell" has passed, though the weather continued very hot.

"Drink," said the Irish preacher, "is the greatest curse of our country. It makes ye quarrel with yer neighbors. It makes ye shoot at yer landlord. And it makes ye miss y'r m'm."

SEED REMOVED FROM EAR

Sidney Sikes, Jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sikes, while at play Monday night got two cantaloupe seeds in his ear, a matter which could have proved serious. The child was immediately taken to Dr. R. L. Murray, who removed the seeds.

COTTON LEADS ALSO IN WINTER STYLES

Cotton Fabrics For Winter Wear Said To Be More Healthful, Especially In Southern Climates.

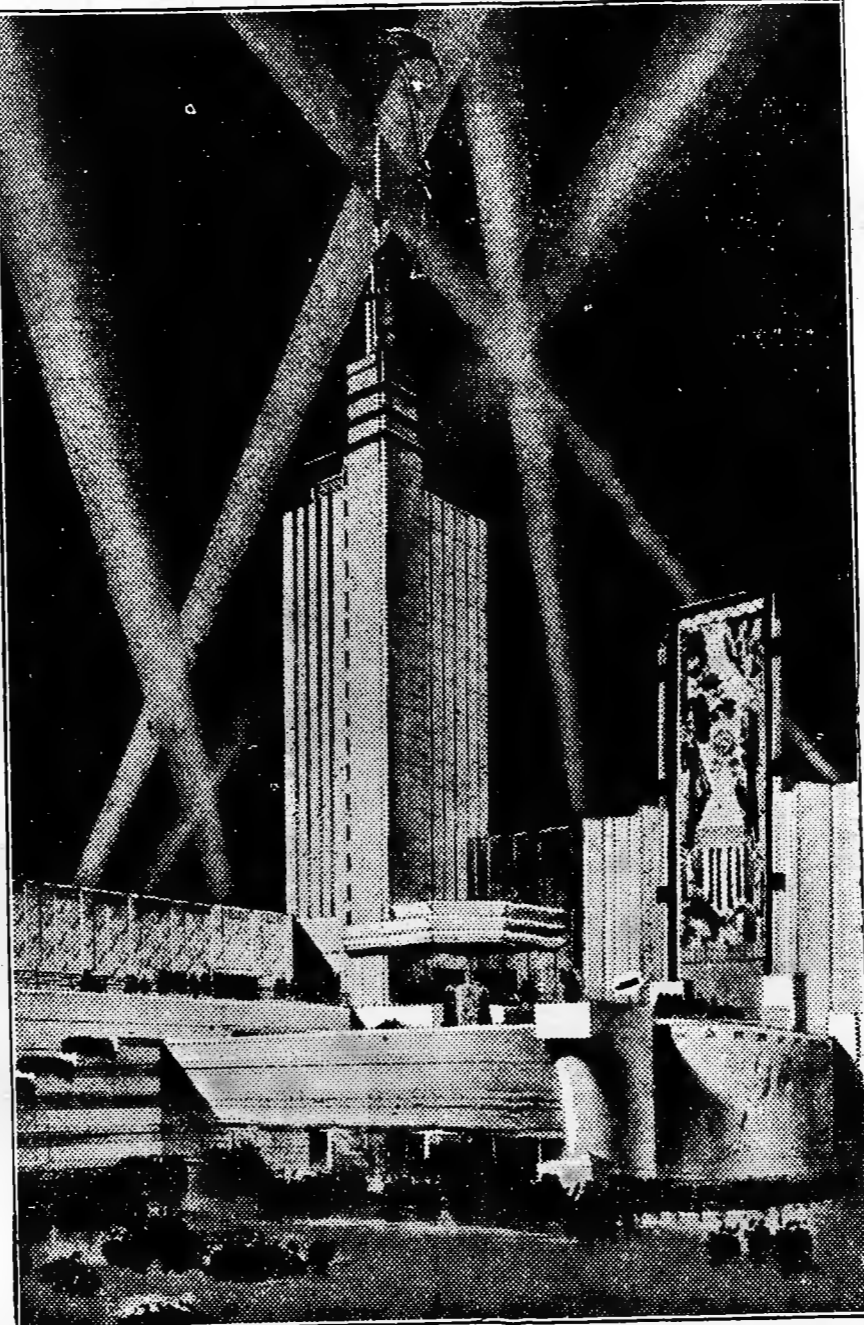
Gastonia, N. C.—The entire South will welcome the news from Parisian Couturiers that cotton constitutes the high notes in Fall Fashions.

It was with enthusiasm that we welcomed King Cotton in the early Spring. We hailed his ascendancy to the throne with hundreds of Cotton Carnivals and Fashion Shows in every cotton producing state. Similar celebrations this fall promise to be even more elaborate for all are anxious to see the new, gorgeous, never before heard of Cottons for Fall.

The new fashion for Fall and Winter Cottons is something new under the sun. It is something that Southern women have needed for a long time. Heretofore there has been no in-between type of fabric that would be suitable in weight for the Southern climate and yet "wintery" in color and texture. It is a known medical fact that the overheating of a body too warmly clad is the cause of most all head colds. This year one may be fashionable, and yet more alert and in better health than ever before.

With the new vogue for Cottons for Fall, the average Southern woman will be enabled to wear street and spectator sports frocks tailored with Parisian chic, in the dark rich shades decreed for Fall and Winter wear, and yet being of a

For Chicago's 1933 Exposition



One of the entrances to the medical exhibit in the Hall of Science of A Century of Progress—Chicago's 1933 World's Fair—construction of which has already commenced. Rising from colored terraces and decorated in white, gray, red and gold, this 700 by 400 foot structure will be a masterpiece of modernist architectural design.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MANY DROWN IN BRIDGE DISASTER

Raeford School Denied Nine Months Term; Schools To Open September 14; Same Number Colored Teachers.

The County Board of Education met in regular session on last Monday with all members being present.

Some of the members of the Raeford Board of Trustees came before the board to request that they approve a term of nine months. It was pointed out that the school had always operated for nine months and the teachers had been employed thinking that the school would run for nine months as it had in the past. It was also pointed out that the Raeford District is in good financial condition with all bills paid and a substantial surplus from uncollected taxes which is an asset and will be realized at some future time. It was pointed out that the

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Georgetown, S. C., August 4—Twenty bodies had been recovered late today as searchers probed the black 40-foot depth of the Sampit river with grapple hooks for the 23 victims of the drawbridge disaster.

Those recovered included Warren Newton, 52-year-old farmer, and his son, Olin, 2, and 18 Negroes, members of the picnic party which was riding in Newton's school bus when it crashed through the barrier across the open bridge and plunged into the water beneath.

The accident occurred shortly before last midnight.

Only one person on the crowded bus escaped. He was Jerome Fraser, Negro newsboy of Georgetown. All the others, from Georgetown and

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Hundreds Attend Homecoming At Bethel Church; Interesting History

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

Request For Paving Of Route No. 70 Made To The State Highway Commission; Jurors Drawn.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held at the court-house, Monday morning, with all members present except Mr. N. P. Watson, who is confined to his home by sickness.

The audit of the county records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, by Jas. M. Williams and company, of Raleigh, was presented to the board, and accepted as satisfactory.

A resolution was adopted calling attention of the district solicitor, and the solicitor of the Recorder's Court, to those sections of the consolidated statutes relative to witness fees in criminal cases, where the county is required to pay the costs. These officials were requested to keep these statutes in mind, with a view to curtailing county costs.

The Commissioners made an order to request the State Highway Commission to pave Route 70, from Raeford to the Robeson County line, as soon as possible, and also to request the district road force to complete the old Wire Road from Mildwood School House to the Cumberland County line.

A petition was laid before the board for a special election in the Allendale Special School Tax District to determine whether the special school tax heretofore voted in that district should be discontinued. This petition was referred to the Board of Education for action.

A jury list was drawn for the mixed term of court to be held beginning August 24th.

There were some requests made for changes in property valuation, but these were not acted upon.

HOUSE PARTY AT WHITE LAKE

Misses Isabelle McFadyen, Kathryn Pulley, of Kinston, Louise Blue, Lucille McLeod, Dorothy McPhaul, Sarah Catharine Cromartie, and Mr. and Mrs. Gariand Moon, are spending this week at White Lake, on a house party.

THREE CASES BEFORE RECORDER'S COURT

Three Convictions; One Appeal; Two Bound Over To Superior Court On Charge Of Defrauding.

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Lonnie McNair, young colored man, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, said weapon being a pistol. He was found guilty and sentenced to work two months on the roads. Clayton McCrimmon, young white man, was tried on two charges—one for carrying a concealed weapon and one for driving a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He pleaded not guilty under both indictments. Evidence tended to show that last Saturday night he parked his car on Main Street near the A & R passenger station and that officers Howell and McNeill saw him hiding something under the cushion of the car. They examined the car and found a pistol under the cushion. Watching for McCrimmon's return, they saw him look under the cushion and get in his car and drive away. He went out of Main Street on the Wagram road and turned through the Western edge of town and went out toward Aberdeen at a high rate of speed. The officers endeavored to overtake him and bring him to a stop but were unsuccessful until they neared Montrose and shot a tire from under his car. They testified that he was going at a high rate of speed and was driving all over the road. They also testified that he was drunk when they caught him. He was

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Bethel Nearly 150 Years Old: Rev. W. C. Brown Preaches Prior To Communion Service; Picnic Lunch Served; History Given By Rev. A. D. Carswell.

Thousands of years ago, we read in Genesis, the Lord said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel." Last week over five hundred members, former members, and friends of historic Bethel Church in Hoke County, heard and obeyed a similar message that came to them, and gathered at the old church for its Homecoming Day, on last Sunday, August 2nd.

Those who had not visited the old church for some time were quick to notice the preparations made by the local members. The grounds and old cemetery were well cared for, and the church was neat and clean.

The Homecoming exercises began at 11:30, with Rev. A. D. Carswell, pastor of Bethel, in charge, and prayer by Rev. Hector McDiarmid, of Shelby. Rev. W. C. Brown, of Barium Springs, who was pastor of Bethel from 1907 to 1916, was introduced as the man, now living, most loved by the people of the Bethel section, preached at this service. In his opening remarks he expressed his joy in returning to Bethel, and his emotions were quite apparent to members of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Brown chose as his text, Exodus 15:2, and read these words from the old Bible which has been on the Bethel pulpit for so many years: "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him." Then followed an excellent and inspiring sermon on the Family Altar.

Following the sermon, the hymn "O God of Bethel" was sung by the congregation, and after this the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

At this time the people left the church to gather around the tables under the trees, where a bountiful dinner was being spread, and to shake hands with people whom they had not seen in years, and in some cases, since childhood, and to talk happily of old times, of people now passed on, and of incidents in the life of old Bethel. These people soon forgot the heat and accompanying physical discomfort, in the spirit of reunion, and by the time dinner—it must not be called lunch—was over, those who had been indifferent about coming, were the happiest people present, having a most wonderful time among friends.

About three o'clock the old bell of the church silenced the talking crowds, who were asked to gather again in the church to hear its inspiring history given. Rev. Mr. Carswell, had prepared a very interesting account of Bethel, going back as far as records were available. The present church building was erected in 1850, and is the third building on approximately the same site. The first structure was of logs, and this was followed by a frame building which gave way to the present structure. Dates with regard to the first two buildings are unavailable.

Bethel Church is definitely known to have been in existence in 1796, and it is believed that the church organization took place from ten to fifteen years prior to this date, this belief being well founded, but without actual proof, as the records have been lost. The deed was dated 1796, and recorded in Robeson county, N. C.

Many bits of interesting history brought amusement to the people listening. One incident which seems to be well authenticated had to do with a former Bethel pastor, who was addicted to liquor. His wife had been sick, and, it was thought, died. She was, of course, buried, and the night after the burial grave robbers came along to remove a ring from her finger. As the robbers started to amputate the finger to get the ring, the supposed corpse, cried, "Oh," and rose to a sitting position. The robbers immediately fled, and the minister's wife left her grave, and returned home alone. It is said that her husband hearing her footsteps, said, "If my wife were not dead, I'd say that I heard her walking," and just as he finished, in she walked, frightening her husband

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POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

The next Congress will include some of the queerest assortments of state delegations in the Senate that have ever been witnessed. From Ohio we will have the garrulous, nervous Simeon Fess and retiring, serene Robt. Bulkley. Colorado sends us Charles Watman, Republican reactionary, and Edward P. Costigan, Progressive Democrat. Louisiana has replaced sedate Mr. Ransdell with flamboyant Huey P. Long, who is a contrast also to his unobtrusive colleague, Senator Broussard. Cordell Hull of Tennessee, scholarly and meticulous of speech, will represent the same electorate as does Kenneth McKellar who is sometimes hot-tempered and very often rash in his utterances.

In addition, there will be the anomalies that have existed for some time. Pennsylvania's two Senators, elegant, lugubrious David Reed and booming, beaming "Puddler Jim" Davis constitute the most amusing contrast in officialdom. It is impossible even to compare flaming Hiram Johnson, California's senior Senator, with the junior Senator, "Solemn Sam" Shortridge. Borah has so far overshadowed his colleague, John Thomas, that there actu-

ally are few people who can recall the latter's name.

New Hampshire's George Moses, whose acid tongue evokes hate, fear and admiration, has little in common with Henry Keyes, a quiet and obedient person. From New York we have Royal D. Copeland, whose frequent, declamatory tirades are an antithesis to Robert Wagner's more occasional and much more meaty speeches.

Who will be President pro tempore of the Senate in December is a congressional question ranking in importance just after that of the House Speakership. George Moses of New Hampshire now holds the position, but the Progressives are gunning for him. "Witty George" is too witty for his own good. His epithets, notably the "sons of the wild Jackass" characterization, rankle in sensitive insurgent hearts. Senator Nye of North Dakota has not forgiven Moses' violation of senatorial ethics in placing the Nye Committee's fat expense account in the Congressional Record. Other incidents have stirred the Western senators' ire against the New Hampshire wisecracker and classicist.

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