

TOBACCO TOPICS

"A World of News from the Tobacco World"

By R. H. WYATT
 Growers of flue cured tobacco are "Going to Town" in more ways than one this season. Prices are holding up remarkably well and huge deliveries are reported on all floors—Millions of dollars are being paid daily to the producers in North Carolina alone. In a somewhat cocky manner, our old friend Charlie Stafford, supervisor of sales at Fairmont, N. C., has this to say, "Fairmont's objective of a million pounds of tobacco sold a day for forty days has passed its set mark. Twenty-four selling days have resulted in the disposal of more than 25 million pounds. The record to date yesterday's sale of 1,096,000 gave a season total of 25,669,022 sold for \$6,286,651.93, an average of \$24.49 and that includes every pound of tobacco sold on our market, good, bad and inferior—prices are firm with extra good leaf going at a pleasing figure."

acco at \$24.49 per hundred—good money. The grower will be able to pay his debts and have a little left for the so called "luxuries" of life.
 From Wilson, N. C., comes the report for the first two selling days of the new season a total of 2,513,010 pounds being sold there at an average of \$23.65 as compared to the same days of the 1937 season when 1,114,818 pounds sold for \$21.68; Greenville, N. C., reports sales for the season amounting to 5,538,976 pounds at an average of \$22.27 compared to an average of \$20.31 paid for 3,447,990 during the same week of last season; on the Lumberton, N. C., market sales have reached 16,180,318 pounds which has brought the farmers \$3,878,858.20 or an average price of \$23.91 as compared to sales of 16,997,740 pounds for \$4,011,438.70 or an average of \$23.60 for the same period of last year; sales at Rocky Mount, N. C., have climbed well past the 4,000,000-pound mark at an average of \$22.72 compared to an average of \$22.46 realized for the corresponding time of last season . . . These are but a few of the markets selected at random, but it gives the farmers of the Burley and Dark Fired belts of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky a fairly accurate picture of the situation in the world's greatest tobacco producing area—it is entirely possible that the increased average prices will be reflected in the Burley belt when the markets open early in December.
 The Department of Agriculture in its latest crop report has this to say of tobacco: "If the good yields per acre now expected are finally secured, there will be an above the average production. It was predicted that the production of flue cured tobacco would be 783,600,000 pounds compared to the huge production of 854,882,000 pounds grown in 1937." Production of fire cured to-

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bacco was estimated at 108,127,000 pounds for this year compared to the yield of 117,380,000 grown in 1937; the report estimated that a total of 428,325,000 pounds of air cured (light) tobacco would be produced this year as compared to 427,931,000 grown in 1937.
 In the burley belt new warehouses are being erected to care for the bumper crop which has apparently been produced despite controlled production. The capacity of the Columbia, Tenn., warehouse has been doubled—The Bluegrass Warehouse at Mt. Pleasant, recently destroyed by fire, is to be rebuilt before the beginning of the selling season in December and with a materially increased floor space . . . Lexington, Ky., is erecting new ware-

houses; Greensburg, Ky., is building a new warehouse which will have 40,000 square feet of floor space.
 Farmers would do well this curing season to watch fires in their barns more closely than ever. Students of the situation declare the tobacco in the Black Patch, so seriously damaged by wildfire is particularly susceptible to fire, being tinder dry . . . Reidsville, N. C., reports that tobacco fields have been practically cleared of the 1938 crop . . . At Georgetown, Ohio, one of the largest Burley crops ever grown is being cut and housed . . . James A. Winslow, known by many as "Father of Georgia Tobacco Farming," died last week in a Rochester, Minn., hospital. He was Agricultural Agent for the Central of Georgia railroad and employed to demonstrate the growing of bright leaf tobacco to farmers of Southern Alabama . . . The Canadian tobacco crop for 1937 was the largest ever produced in that country and the quality considered very good. Production from 69,000 acres was recorded at 71,457,000 pounds compared to the 46,116,650 pounds harvested from 55,000 acres in 1936—The acreage increase was almost entirely confined to the flue-cured type. The low yielding crop of flue-cured tobacco in 1936, the shortage of stocks on hand and steadily increasing demand for this type of tobacco were the main reasons for the increased acreage in 1937 . . . Despite unfavorable economic conditions in India during the first quarter of 1938 the cigarette business continued to flourish. Sales have climbed to about 800,000,000 per month . . . Total arrivals of tobacco (manufactured and unmanufactured) in India during the first quarter of 1938 amounted to 1,830,735 pounds registering an advance of more than 100 per cent. in volume and 32 per cent. in value over the corresponding period of 1937—Imports of tobacco into the Republic of Panama during the first quarter showed a material decrease over the same period of last year . . . The Department of Commerce has just released figures giving comparative data on the exportation of American tobacco for the first seven months of 1938 compared to the same period of 1936 and 1937. Exports of bright-flue-cured tobacco until August 1 of this year amounted to 136,821,886 pounds which produced \$44,535,731 against exportation of 105,829,360 pounds worth \$29,555,906 during the same months of 1937. The exportation of burley during the first seven months of this year amounted to 7,332,656 pounds which brought \$1,601,949 as against an importation of 7,145,539 pounds in 1937 which brought 1,568,483. A material slump was noted in the exportation of the dark fired tobacco produced in Kentucky and Tennessee, exportations for the first seven months of this year amounting to but \$4,424,585 compared to exportations of 38,411,227 pounds worth \$4,960,932 in the same months of last year.
 But a significant increase, while not so great as in the exportation of bright flue cured tobacco was in the importation of American made cigarettes—During the first seven months of 1937 foreign countries bought 3,718,908,000 American made cigarettes paying \$7,147,751 for them compared to purchases of 3,312,610,000 in the same months of 1937 and a cash return of \$8,348,396, revealing the growing demand for the American cigarettes despite increased consumption of the un-

manufactured bright tobacco in many of the foreign nations.
 Many tobacco products have not been listed here in the foreign exportations, but the grand total for the first seven months of this year returned \$63,821.00 to America as compared to \$48,326,159.00 for the same months of last year—at the rate of exportation, if maintained during the remainder of the year, foreign markets will have consumed enough American tobacco products, if payments were equally divided, to

give every man, woman and child in the United States each a brand new dollar bill—and that is new wealth produced from the soil of the south.

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NOTICE
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take Notice, certain persons living and residing in the hereinafter described territory, have filed with the Municipal Board of Control of North Carolina, a Petition requesting the said Board to grant an order incorporating the following territory into a municipal corporation to be known as North Elkin: Beginning at Center of N. C. Highway No. 26 at Elkin City Limits,

thence South 78 degrees East 20 chains to stake, thence North 9 degrees East 89 Chains to a stake, thence North 84 degrees West 39 chains to stake, thence South 9 degrees West 115 chains to stake, thence North 46½ degrees East 25 chains to stake, thence North 9 chains to stake, thence East 3 chains, thence South 20 Degrees East 4.32 chains to Point of Beginning.

Take Notice, that said Municipal Board of Control has set a hearing on the above said Petition for October 1, 1938, at ten o'clock a.m. in the hearing room of the Utilities Commission in the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina. This 5th day of September, 1938.

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