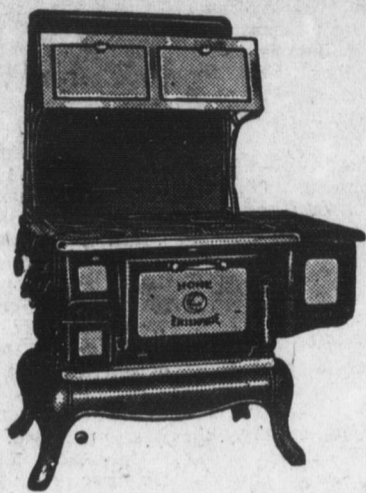


TOBACCO TOPICS

"A World of News from the Tobacco World"

By R. H. WYATT
The process of pouring millions of dollars into the pockets of the tobacco farmers of North Carolina and Virginia will be multi-

plied this week by the opening of the markets in the Old Bright Belt—Selling gets underway in real earnest on such markets as Winston - Salem, Burlington,



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Reldsville, Roxboro, Mebane, North Carolina, South Boston, Madison and Stonville . . . As the Old Belt warehouses were made ready for the first sale on September 27, according to the Caswell Messenger, published at Yanceyville, N. C., "A spirit of optimism prevails throughout the section . . . business men and merchants have noted an upward trend in business for the past ten days or two weeks and they and growers alike eagerly wait for the chant of the auctioneer." Just here the writer of this column pauses to doff his hat to the Caswell Messenger, its editor Erwin D. Stephens, and a corps of most efficient workers—The last issue of this newspaper contained forty-four pages of live readable news and advertising that really pulls—it was the Thirteenth Annual Tobacco Edition of the Messenger and therefore devoted much of its space to the weed which annually brings the farmers of North Carolina many millions of dollars.

From Valdosta, Ga., comes information that the validity of the AAA of 1938 has moved one step nearer the Supreme Court following arguments by attorneys in that city. The constitutionality of tobacco penalty taxes and marketing quotas for farmers is involved. A three judge federal court heard the arguments.

Here is more cheering news for those who produce Bright and Burley tobaccos—Withdrawals of cigarettes during the month of August of this year increased very materially over the corresponding month of 1937. Figures released by the Treasury Department show the sale of stamps for 15,891,586,977 small cigarettes for August of this year compared to sales of stamps for 15,097,837,400 for the same month of last year . . . At the same time there was a material increase in the use of chewing and smoking tobacco the tax being paid on 27,507,542 pounds in August of this year compared to 25,351,631 pounds in August of 1937. The use of large cigars increased very largely too, stamps being sold for 427,809,885 in August of this year compared to 401,805,315 for August of 1937. In fact Uncle Sam's Treasury was enriched during August by the sum of \$47,676,340.61 compared to collections of \$45,294,859.19 for August of 1937 so far as cigarettes were concerned—Then the consumers of chewing and smoking tobacco contributed \$4,951,177.51 compared to \$5,563,319.77 for August of last year. Cigar users sweetened the pot to the tune of \$1,161,243.70 and dippers of snuff dropped in \$533,960.59 while the makers of cigarette papers and tubes contributed \$108,978.50 . . . And here is a news item. The United States government collected but a single five dollar bill for leaf dealer penalties for the entire month, proving beyond a doubt that tobacco dealers are keeping right up with Uncle Sam's payments . . . But during the single month of August the tobacco industry was worth \$54,431,700.91 to the federal government—at the same rate for a full year the total would run to \$653,180,410.92—and that would buy quite a lot of tobacco at current prices. But pause for a moment—that is the sum paid to the federal government on tobacco products—the several states must then take their "drag" . . . For instance the Tennessee state tax is one-half the amount collected by the federal government on cigarettes—Then adding fifty per cent. to the annual collections by the federal government we find a total of \$979,770,161.38 collected in taxes each year upon tobacco products, using the month of August as a basis for calculations—Nearly a billion dollars a year tribute levied upon those who produce tobacco . . . But here is a hopeful report from Washington—Senator M. M. Logan of Kentucky has endorsed a suggestion by the American Farm Bureau Federation for a co-ordinated federal state tobacco tax plan. Under this plan twenty per cent. of the federal tobacco tax would be returned to the states which levy no tax on tobacco and whose political subdivisions have no such taxes. It is estimated that the refund would amount to 1.2 cents on every package of cigarettes sold and might be an inducement to the several states to repeal the existing taxes on manufactured tobacco products.

The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture has lowered its 1938 estimate of total tobacco production but raised its forecast for Burley. The total crop forecast was 1,470,224,000 pounds on the basis of September 1 conditions compared to the August estimate of 1,478,851,000 and a production of 1,553,405,000 pounds last year. The new burley estimate was 402,029,000 pounds compared to the estimate of 399,450,000 pounds in August. The September forecasts for principal tobacco producing states included North Carolina 529,950,000 pounds;

Kentucky 347,733,000 pounds; Tennessee 113,705,000 pounds; Virginia 100,115,000 pounds; Georgia 91,990,000 pounds; South Carolina 90,900,000 pounds; Maryland 30,030,000 pounds; Florida 18,784,000; Indiana 10,688,000; Missouri 8,000,000, and Ohio 28,800,000 pounds . . . Dividends declared during the month of August by tobacco corporations listed on the New York Stock Exchange amounted to \$4,221,164 compared to \$11,060,893 for the same month of 1937 . . . Harvesting of the 1938 Ontario tobacco crop has practically been completed and it is estimated that Ontario producers will receive about \$18,000,000 . . . Winchester, England, had a famous tobacco pipe factory incorporated in 1619 and developed a considerable export trade to the American colonies and a high value was placed on these pipes by the American Indians. In fact William Penn included 300 such pipes in the merchandise he traded to the Indians in exchange for the tract of land in what is now Pennsylvania.

Some fine sales reports come from North Carolina markets—Farmville is breaking own record with sales amounting to 6,570,442 pounds at average of \$21.10; Fairmont reports sales of 31,473,518 with an average of \$23.68; the market at Durham opened during the past week and the first report indicated sales of 4,100,110 pounds at an average of \$21.65; latest reports from Greenville show sales for the week to have been 5,092,788 and the average at \$20.75; Oxford reports sales of 2,052,484 for the week at an average of \$21.96 . . . At Mullins, S. C., the sales for the season have climbed to 32,500,000 with an average of \$23.22 reported . . . South Hill Boston is offering \$1,000 in cash prizes to farmers who sell their tobacco on that market this season . . . Complete figures of the Georgia State Department of Agriculture show that the 1938 tobacco sales in Georgia reached a record of \$19,295,385. The poundage was 94,877,201 which brought an average of \$20.34. Except for 1930 when 103,305,159 pounds were sold the 1938 poundage was the heaviest ever sold in the state and the income for total sales and for Georgia tobacco was the highest on record, the department said.

Pastor Honored At Roaring Gap

On Sunday, September 11, many people gathered for an all-day service at Roaring Gap to honor Rev. Grant Cothren on the 30th anniversary as pastor of the church. The occasion was also his 69th birthday.

People were present from several North Carolina counties and from points in Virginia to pay their respects to one of the most beloved ministers in this section of the state. Following is a brief outline of the program carried out during the day: Songs by Roaring Gap choir, led by W. W. Calloway; devotional by J. A. Gilliam; sermon by Rev. C. M. Caudill, moderator of Stone Mountain Baptist association; offering taken as birthday present for pastor.

At noon a bountiful dinner was spread on a long table. More than 600 people enjoyed the dinner. The first number on the afternoon program was songs by three girls from Pleasant Hill

church. Rev. Levi McCann made an interesting talk, telling of the great work Rev. Mr. Cothren had done through the many years he has been a minister. Representative R. L. Doughton made an interesting talk, in which he paid tribute to the honored pastor, who for many years had served the people in this part of the state, helping to organize churches, traveling for many miles on foot, horseback or by horse and buggy to reach churches in widely separated communities.

Monroe Gentry, a former citizen of that community, made a short talk, in which he pointed

out the great improvement in that section of Wilkes county and how the church had progressed under the pastor's leadership. The closing prayer was led by Rev. David Day. At the close of the service hundreds wished for Rev. Mr. Cothren many more successful years as pastor and many more happy birthdays.—Reported.

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