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Eastern Belt Opens Wednesday August 21st.

Flue-Cured Market To Use Revised Grades And Rules...

RALEIGH, N. C. - Flue-cured tobacco growers will sell their tobacco under revised grade standards and market regulations this coming season, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Official standard grades for flue-cured tobacco - designed by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to place more emphasis on maturity as a grade determinant - will be in effect when the Eastern North Carolina Belt tobacco auction markets open Wednesday, August 21. The revised grades have been in effect since the Georgia-Florida Belt markets opened July 25, and are being used at South Carolina and Border North Carolina Belt markets.

Walter L. Bradsher, flue-cured district supervisor of the Agricultural Marketing Service's Tobacco Division in Raleigh, says the revised grades are designed to provide a set of 157 grades which will describe more accurately the quality of every lot of tobacco which is offered for inspection. Last season, he says tobacco inspectors graded tobacco according to 173 grades.

The primary purpose of the U. S. grades and grading service for tobacco is to provide meaningful information to growers to help them in judging the quality and, therefore, the value of tobacco which they are offering for sale. Bradsher says the new grades will do a better job of distinguishing between desirable, less desirable, and undesirable tobacco.

The most important change in the new standards is the added weight given to maturity and leaf structure as grade determining factors.

All 3-letter and other straight grades will be required to be ripe

and to have at least a firm leaf structure. Bradsher says that combining both ripe and fairly ripe tobacco into the same grade-as done in the past - was not satisfactory because it allowed too wide a range in quality. This was indicated by a wide variation in the market prices for these grades.

A second indication of the greater emphasis on maturity and leaf structure is the change in the green-

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Prominent Warsaw Attorney E. Walker Stevens Dies From Stroke



Roy Vestal and Rufus Crouch, forester for the Weyerhaeuser Co., Southern Pines, N. C.

Roy Vestal At Forestry Camp

Canton, N. C. Among the 90 boys attending the seventeenth annual North Carolina Forestry Camp for farm boys this week at Camp Hope near here is:

Roy Vestal of Kenansville.

The camp is conducted by the North Carolina Forest Service and is sponsored by Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association. It is financed entirely through the contributions of the member paper companies of the association in North Carolina which are: Champion Papers Inc., Canton; International Paper Co., Raleigh; The Mead Corp., Sylva; Riegel Paper Corp., Riegelwood; and Weyerhaeuser Co., N. C. Division, Plymouth, N. C.

The camp director, B. S. Hays, Fire Prevention Forester with the N. C. Forest Service states that the boys will be put through a rugged five-day mixture of work and play. Under the guidance of foresters from the sponsoring paper companies and the N. C. Forest Service, these future landowners will receive information relating to proper care and development of their farm woodlots. Courses taught will include tree identification, forest management, insect and diseases, fire control, timber estimation and utilization. Opportunities will also be available for the boys to participate in active sports such as swimming, softball, volleyball, and hiking. Prizes will be awarded to top boys who excel in sports and forestry work.

BRIEFS

REUNION

The Grady-Outlaw Annual Reunion will be held on Sunday, August 25 at the B. F. Grady School, announces President LeRoy Simmones. The program will be announced next week. The annual Square Dance will be held on Saturday night, August 24 in the B. F. Grady Gym.

NOTICE TO BEULAVILLE

Mayor Gordon S. Muldrow asks the

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McKinsy Dies In Duplin Jail

George McKinsy, colored male, age 27, of Wallace, N. C., died in the Duplin County jail Friday about 12:00 p. m. McKinsy's body was found about 6:30 Saturday morning when jailer Oscar Houston, was checking on the prisoners. Officers quote the prisoners as saying that they tried to call someone for help when McKinsy became sick. When he died, the prisoners thought that he had gone to sleep. His body was sent to Chapel Hill for an autopsy to be performed, which showed death from natural causes.

McKinsy was incarcerated on a charge of not having operators licenses.

He is survived by his mother in Connecticut and a sister from Duplin County.

Duplin County Farmers Have Best Crop Of Tobacco Ever Produced In County

Average Yield About Ton Per Acre

The Eastern Belt Tobacco Markets open Wednesday, August 21, for the sale of flue-cured tobacco.

The markets on the Eastern Belt are ready for opening day. For the first seven days both tied and untied tobacco will be sold.

The Duplin County 1963 Tobacco crops should be the best crops ever produced in the County. It is expected that the average yield per acre should be more than 2,000 pounds.

This would be the first time Duplin County has ever produced a ton of tobacco per acre.

Farmers have planted many different varieties this year and have tried very hard to produce a good quality of tobacco.

"Since price supports have been lowered on immature tobacco, farmers should grade their tobacco carefully on the farm and separate the green and immature tobacco from the better quality of tobacco", states V. H. Reynolds, County Agent.

Price support on untied tobacco is 6c per-pound less than the price support on tied tobacco. Most farmers should be able to get their tobacco tied for less than 6c a pound.

Many farmers have expressed a great disappointment over the price of tobacco which has prevailed on the market this year. Since the end of the sale of untied tobacco on the border belt last Friday, the market average has moved up to 55-60c per pound.

Reynolds feels that when more of the better quality of tobacco reaches the market the average will be considerably higher. Good, ripe tobacco should sell for as much or more than it did in 1962.

Duplin County farmers as a whole have produced a good crop of tobacco this year, and it should pay them good dividends to carefully prepare their tobacco for the market.

Small Tornado Hits Rhodes Milling Co.

A small tornado hit Rhodes Milling Company in the Cabin section of Duplin County on Tuesday afternoon, around 6:30 p. m.

The tornado which hit about a 100 foot wide area seemed to leap from the sky, then jump back up and hit the back porch of the house of John Kennedy, a few miles away, take the porch with it and disappear, according to Mr. Rhodes who watched the tornado from his front porch and then followed it in his car for several miles.

The tornado took part of the roof on Rhodes Milling Company and hit the fertilizer warehouse near it and moved it off its foundation for about six feet. A truck under the shed of the fertilizer house which was loaded with tobacco was knocked about six feet and left in a "top-sidled" condition. Half of the tobacco was blown from the truck.

Two chicken houses, with 10,000 chickens in each, were damaged. The roof on one of them was badly torn up and the other was slightly damaged. All brooders and wasters were torn down and blown all around in the building. Only sixty chickens were killed.

A tobacco barn which was standing between the chicken houses and the mill had just been filled with green tobacco. It was blown off its

Trial & Error

The young lady who works part time for me was on a mission of getting news from Duplin General Hospital. While walking along the street which joins the main part of Kenansville, a gentleman from out-of-state stopped her and asked her where was the business district of Kenansville. We had better wake up.

Was out taking pictures of Mr. Rhodes Milling Company this morning. The tornado hit his Milling Company, fertilizer house, two chicken houses and tobacco barn late Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Rhodes said that it was strange that he had one of the chicken houses insured and the other one was not. Believe it or not, severe damage was done to the insured house and very slight damage to the uninsured one. He said it was really an unusual sight to see the tornado as it came through the sky and cause the destruction then leap back in the sky. He watched it from his porch and followed it in his car.

I also visited in Beulaville this morning. It does one good to walk around in Beulaville and almost see it grow. The sewer system is being installed and they will have some messy walks for awhile but they are willing to sacrifice comfort for growth.

Also visited Mrs. Zannie Cottle at the Town Hall. Mrs. Cottle was busy but had plenty of time to stop and chat and tell me about Beulaville. The fever of growth in Beulaville is contagious.

Ruth

Hill Dies From Shot In Stomach

Aaron J. Hill, of Magnolia RFD who was shot in the stomach on August 4, died in Duke Hospital, Tuesday. Duplin authorities were notified late Tuesday afternoon.

The shooting occurred Sunday morning, when James Henry Robinson, colored male age 25 of Route 2 Rose Hill allegedly shot Hill in the stomach with a shot gun. Robinson is being held in jail without bond, charged with murder.

The affray followed an all night party at the home of Hill, when some boys got into an argument over the sister of Hill's wife. Hill attempted to help one of the boys in the fight and Robinson told him not to do it and to leave him alone. Hill continued to help the boy and Robinson shot him in the stomach.

East Duplin Chosen For Pilot Study

East Duplin is one of the High Schools of the state which has been selected by the State Department of Public Instruction to add a new Vocational Education program to its school. The IVE program (Introduction to Vocational Education) is being offered to students of the ninth grade level.

The justification for a vocational educational course at the early high school level is associated with the needs of this age group. The IVE program will give the students the opportunity to explore their capacities at the ninth grade level which will have an important influence on their later occupational life.

"The overall objective of the course might be stated as follows" said Earl Spell, director of the course, "to help students develop plans regarding their future occupations, to help students gain a firsthand knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the changing employment patterns and opportunities in the North Carolina world of Work."

East Duplin was chosen by the state for a Pilot Study. The school will not have an extra teacher this year but the work will be carried on through the Agriculture Department with Spell as a full time instructor.

Patrolman Stewart Resigns; Will Be Asst. Dean Of Men

Patrolman G. R. Stewart has resigned from the State Highway Patrol, effective August 22.

Stewart has accepted work with Campbell College, Bales Creek, as Assistant to the Dean of Men. Stewart is a 1963 graduate of Campbell College, and is originally from Bales Creek.

Patrolman Stewart has been with the State Patrol for the past 7 1/2 years and has been in Duplin County since starting with the Patrol. He and his wife and two sons will move to Bales Creek the latter part of August from Kenansville.

Reminder To All Parents On Shots

A reminder to parents - immunization shots protect your children from serious illnesses.

Dr. Powers of the Duplin Health Department offers this reminder to parents. Crippling diseases of childhood can be prevented if your child has received a complete series of shots.

One shot is not enough" says Dr. Powers. Immunization protects children from many serious diseases. For full protection children must have a complete series of shots. He says he has a complete series of shots - one shot is not

County Court Held Next Week

General County Court will convene next week, beginning, Tuesday, August 20, with Judge Russell J. Lanier, presiding, William E. Craft is Solicitor.

A full calendar is scheduled with 68 cases planned for Tuesday August 20.

10 cases are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Beulaville Sewer System Now Under Construction

Work started last week on the Sewer system for the Town of Beulaville. This project which has been in the process of becoming a reality is the result of about five years planning, stated a spokesman.

Onslow Plumbing Company of Jacksonville in the name of Godwin Building Company of Warsaw is doing the work. Part of the job is to be finished in approximately four months, that is the putting down of the sewer pipes. Then the laggon and out-fall will be let separately. The complete job should be finished within a year.

Money was raised for the City Sewer System through the sale of bonds, and will not affect town taxes. Revenue will be raised from increased water rates.

Bannerman Caught With Liquor

Al Smith Bannerman, colored male, age 32, of Teachey, was arrested approximately 2:00 Saturday morning and was charged with having in his possession 7 cases of non-tax paid liquor. His car, a 1958 Chevrolet was seized by officers.

He was released under a \$500 bond. Arresting officers were Constables Bennie Rich, Bill Sholars; Chief of Police, Bennie Matthews, and Deputy, Synder Dempsey.

Specialist In County Thursday

A Tobacco Marketing Specialist has been made available to Duplin County Tobacco Growers for August 22-23.

Roy Gordon of the Agricultural Marketing Service will conduct six demonstrations on "Preparation and marketing flue cured tobacco", according to R. E. Wilkins, Agricultural Extension Agent for Duplin County. "These demonstrations have proven very beneficial to farmers in the past", Wilkins stated.

There exists quite a lot of concern about our present tobacco status. Some revisions and modifications in our present U. S. official standard grades have been made to the extent that it is vital that growers know these changes, according to the Agent. "These and other existing conditions can materially affect tobacco growers", Wilkins said.

Gordon will meet farmers according to the following schedule:

Thursday August 22, 8:00 A. M. Gilbert Savage farm, Chinquapin; 10:00 A. M. Tom Stokes farm, Rt. 1, Beulaville; 1:00 P. M. Branch Community Center Rt. 2, Mt. Olive; Friday August 23, 10:00 A. M. Fred Williams farm, Rt. 1, Warsaw; 1:00 P. M. - Robert Alderman farm, Teachey; 3:00 P. M. Walter Huffin's farm, Rt. 1, Rose Hill.

Convicts Escape

Three convicts escaped in Duplin and Pender Counties on Wednesday morning.

Willie Shaw, colored of Halifax County, ran from the road gang at Magnolia. Shaw was serving a two year term for misdemeanors.

Near Penderlea at about 12:30, 2 negroes ran from the gang. Leon Settle of Reidsville who was serving a 2-5 year term for breaking and entering and six months for escape, was one of the prisoners. The other was Burnette Goldfield of Haywood County. He was serving a variety of sentences. One for 5 to 7 years for crime against nature.

The prisoners are being tracked by blood hounds, but at press time had not been found.

Average \$59.36 For Border Belt

Higher price averages were realized on markets of the South Carolina and North Carolina border belt on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Higher averages were contributed to better quality leaf and sales of tobacco in bundles.

The Federal-State Market News Service reported 5,332,798 pounds sold for an average of \$59.36. This included 3,792,158 pounds by South Carolina markets at a \$61.99 average and 1,540,640 pounds at a \$56.35 average by North Carolina markets.

Quality of the tobacco improved and sales showed a sharp increase in offerings of legs, cutters, and uncutters over last week when sales were depressed to lower levels.

"Back To School" Dance Friday

The Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual "BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE", August 16th at 8:30 p. m. in the Warsaw National Guard Armory in Warsaw.

All surrounding schools and college students and faculty are cordially invited to attend.

Admission is FREE. The popular "REBELS" will render the music. In the past this dance has been a great success and get together. Let's make this the biggest yet and show your appreciation to the Warsaw Jaycees and their president, Arnold Jones, for putting forth their time, funds, etc. for this wholesome entertainment.

See Your August 16th, Warsaw National Guard Armory 8:30 p. m. Free Music by the Rebels.

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Anthony Westbrock who won a trip to State Wildlife Camp which was held at the Roanoke Island Club Camp near Manteo from August 5-14. Anthony was unable to attend. The money was won on the basis of his Wildlife record book of which he was a county winner. Anthony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Westbrock of Alberton. Also winning the trip (figure was not available) was Bennie Goodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodson of Mt. Olive 2073. He was the 10th in the same way that it was won by Anthony Westbrock. The money will be given to the winner at the end of the trip.

Mary Alice Thomas who attended 4-H State Club week in Knoxville, Tennessee from August 8-19. She was one girl from this state chosen to represent North Carolina for the week. The boy chosen was from Watauga County. Mary Alice was chosen for leadership, project work and overall 4-H activities. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thomas of Magnolia and was fourth in the state.