

Cotton Official Tells Farmers To Store Yield

RALEIGH — Reports from throughout the state indicate farmers are rushing their cotton to market and selling it in many cases for less than they could obtain through the government loan program, according to M. G. Mann, general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, and native of Newport.

This represents losses of hard-earned money that could amount to millions of dollars before the season is over, he said.

Storage Space Available
Reports also have been circulated through cotton counties that no more space is available for storing this year's crop. Mann said those reports are untrue, since ample storage for thousands of bales still exists in licensed cotton warehouses over the state.

"Farmers who sell their cotton for only as much as or less than they could obtain through the government loan program are literally throwing money away," the cooperative official declared.

Mann urged all growers to place their cotton in the government loan and wait for advancing prices. Present indications are that up to 50 per cent of the South's 1953 crop may find its way into the loan, he said.

"However, even if no more than 5 to 6 million bales went into the loan," he said, "that plus the pros-

Must I Make a Date To Renew My License?

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of questions and answers regarding North Carolina's motor vehicle laws. The series is compiled by Ed Walston, license examiner for this county and Cherry Point.

Mr. Walston examines prospective drivers Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the state highway patrol office, Camp Glenn; at the court house annex in Beaufort Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and during the same hours Wednesday at the housing project office, Cherry Point. The office is located on the left after entering the old main gate at the base.

Question: Must I make an appointment to renew my driver's license?

Answer: No, but you may if you like. We take appointments for those who wish them but it is not required.

pect of a controlled crop next year should tend to force prices substantially above their present levels by next summer."

Agricultural officials now believe that acreage controls are certain for the 1954 cotton crop. Under the existing law, no more than 17½ million acres could be planted in the entire nation next year if controls are invoked.

Judging from the grades and staples of the approximately 25,000 bales already handled by the Cotton Association this year, Mann said, grades are brighter and staples longer than in previous years.

Defendant Gets Two-Year Term

Nathaniel Watson pleaded guilty to assaulting a woman with a knife and was sent to the roads for two years in Beaufort Recorder's Court last Tuesday. Officer W. Carlton Garner stated that he arrested Watson last week after he allegedly slashed Lucinda Fisher, Beaufort, in the back.

Judge Earl Mason invoked a suspended sentence against Rufus Fair Sr. Fair will serve six months on Beaufort streets. He was found guilty of possessing a small quantity of non-taxpaid whiskey.

Appeals Case
Charles E. Lewis gave notice of appeal when he was found guilty of driving carelessly and recklessly. He was given a 60-day suspended sentence upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. The state decided not to prosecute a second charge against him, cutting through a service station. His appeal bond has been set at \$50.

George C. Williams Jr., Esther Anderson, and Charles Mack Willis paid costs. Williams pleaded guilty to allowing a person to operate a car without a license. The Anderson woman was charged with operating a car without a license and Willis pleaded guilty to failing to stop at a stop light and cutting through a service station.

Cases Dismissed
Two cases were dismissed. One was against Clyde Alvin George, charged with failure to display 1953 tags on his trailer and having no brakes. The other was against James Miles Collins, charged with careless and reckless driving and damage of property amounting to \$150.

The state decided not to prosecute at present the case against Blaine Baugus, charged with failure to support a child, claimed by Hattie Strickland to be his.

Cases continued until next week were the following: Isaac E. Pennell, operating car with improper muffler; William Ward King, failing to stop at stop sign; Gurney Murray, George Turner, Harry Simpson, Duane Gustafson, George Pierce, Preston Fulcher and Billie Fulcher, all charged with public drunkenness.

Motorists often are fined in Rome, but the fines amount to only 50 cents each and can be settled at the time of arrest.

News from NEWPORT

Oct. 7—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ashford of Kinston were guests of Miss Nina Garner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb left Tuesday to return to their home in Hopewell, Va., after spending several days with their daughter, Mrs. Zeb Mauney Jr. and her family.

Mrs. Sallie Dudley spent the weekend in Rocky Mount with Mrs. L. P. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hunnings and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunnings, all of New Bern, visited Mrs. Martha Hunnings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harness and daughters of Raleigh came Friday to spend this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Garner.

Bill Dugee, Ormsby Mann and Leon Mann Jr., were business visitors in Raleigh Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath visited relatives in Cove City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Garner announce the birth of a baby boy, Wednesday, October 7, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill and Mrs. C. M. Hill visited relatives in Plymouth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Garner and son, Bobby, of Pensacola, Florida, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bell.

Mrs. W. J. Kirby was a business visitor in New Bern last week.

Mrs. S. D. Edwards is spending several days with relatives in Atlantic this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Todd of Wendell visited friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Howard and family and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Howard and family spent Sunday in Greenville with their father who was celebrating his birthday.

Little Jeannie Garner spent the weekend with her great aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Mann and her cousin Mrs. Ruby Woodruff. Her sister, Sue Ella, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Garner, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Leland D. Garner took their vacation in the mountains. They left Thursday evening and returned Sunday night.

Mrs. Whittiker Entertains

Mrs. C. S. Long and Miss Nina Garner were special guests when Mrs. G. R. Whittiker entertained her bridge club Friday evening. Mrs. Parker Guthrie won high score, Mrs. Eugene Fox second high, Mrs. Sammy Barnes, traveling and Miss Garner won bingo prize. The hostess served chicken salad on lettuce, potato chips, crackers, and iced drinks.

Gertie Howard Circle

Mrs. Jack Howard was hostess to the Gertie Howard Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church Tuesday night. The second study course of the year, "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World," was begun and was used as the program, Mrs. Ada Allen gave the devotional and Mrs. Stanley Mann, Mrs. C. M. Hill and Mrs.

Lauel Mann presented the first three chapters of the book, "That the World May Know."

Mrs. Floyd Garner, chairman, presided over the business session. Routine business was transacted and a letter was read from Mrs. George Pollard Jr., the society president, telling about the sub-district meeting in Atlantic, Tuesday, October 13.

Announcement was made of the barbecue supper and bake sale to be sponsored by the organ committee Saturday from 5:30 until 7:30 at the educational building. Following adjournment the hostess served gingerbread with whipped cream and coffee.

Lib Mauney Circle

The Lib Mauney circle of the WSCS met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Gerald Merrill, with Mrs. Claud Henderson as co-hostess, Mrs. Zeb Mauney Jr., chairman, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Sammy Barnes was put in charge of collecting Octagon and other coupons to be sent to the Methodist orphanage. Mrs. Robert Montague announced that \$150.50 was the profit made from the sale of birth-dated calendars.

Following the Business, Mrs. W. D. Heath Jr. gave the devotional, and Mrs. Mauney presented the introduction and the first chapter of the study course. Mrs. Doney Carroll and Mrs. Heath gave the next two chapters.

Following the program, the hostesses served pineapple-lime jello pie and iced drinks. Mrs. Merrill read a poem for the spiritual part of the program and gave the benediction.

Fire Chief Says 'Check Stoves'

Fire Chief W. C. Dugee of Newport reminded residents of western part of the county to be sure to check all heating appliances before the heating season begins.

Chief Dugee stated that the ordinary pipe used with most floor furnaces has a life of three to five years.

Because most of the piping is installed underneath the house many homeowners neglect to check the pipe before firing up their heaters. With a little wind, sparks coming from a rusted out pipe could easily start a fire underneath a house, he said.

All other heating appliances should be checked for proper functioning. Musty smells around gas heaters are a sure indication of leaks and the service man should be called.

This month's pleasant weather make repairs much easier now than during the winter months, Chief Dugee concluded.

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