

# Kinston's Tobacco Market Enjoying Excellent Year

With sales nearing the halfway mark for the 1963 selling season of the flue-cured tobacco grown in Eastern Carolina it is possible to say with some satisfaction that things are considerably better this year than last.

Through Tuesday of this week the Kinston market had sold 33,968,038 pounds of tobacco and had paid out a total of \$20,353,701.54 at an average of \$59.92 per hundred pounds.

For the entire 1962 selling season which ended on October 30th the Kinston market sold 55,805,410 pounds of tobacco and paid out \$32,413,662.38 for a seasonal average of \$58.08.

That particular part of the to-

bacco that is grown in the Kinston trade area had a much more favorable year weatherwise than it has had in several years and this had accounted both for a greater volume and for higher prices grade for grade than in '62.

One other factor that has played an important part in boosting the price levels on the Kinston market has been a vastly improved picture insofar as cultivation practices are concerned.

For a decade tobacco specialists have been pleading with flue-cured tobacco growers, begging them to let the tobacco ripen in the field. This year the Kinston growing area had an extremely cold spring and early summer which set the crop

back at least two and in some instances three weeks.

This cold spring was a blessing in disguise because a very large part of the local crop was still in the field when the Georgia-Florida markets opened and it was soon made apparent that the buying companies were not going to buy the slick, flavorless tobacco that results from pulling it to early and from lack of full maturity of the leaf. Atop this the government had lowered sharply the support prices for slick, white tobacco.

The sharp drop in prices in the Georgia-Florida markets converted the tobacco farmers who for so many years had ignored the sermons preached to them by the tobacco specialists.

More tobacco ripened on the stalk in East Carolina this year than has ripened on the stalk in 20 years. This stretched the curing season into mid-September, nearly a month longer than the curing season generally last in the Kinston trade area.

But the combined delays of a cold spring and the sudden decision to ripen tobacco in the field were another blessing in disguise, because by the time this crop began to move to the market in any great volume it was much more than apparent that the dry weather in the northwestern part of the Eastern Belt and over practically all of the Middle Belt was going to cut short the estimates of the total '63 flue-cured

tobacco crop.

This immediately had a strengthening effect on the Eastern Belt in general and on the Kinston market in particular. This has permitted the Kinston market to stay in front during the entire '63 selling season in total pounds sold, total dollars paid out and in overall average.

Some Kinston tobaccoists are even optimistic enough to believe Kinston will move back into the No. 2 spot in total sales that it held for several years.

None is optimistic enough to believe that even with all these favorable things working for Kinston that it will have a chance of moving ahead of Wilson, which has been the nation's No. 1 tobacco market for many, many years.

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### Action to Recover Wilcox Farm Dismissed; Appeal Is Filed to Supreme Court

Tuesday afternoon Superior Court Judge Henry Stevens granted a demurrer filed by defendants in a civil suit who sought to have an action dismissed that had been brought by nine of the 11 daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wilcox against the other two daughters and their husbands.

Notice of appeal from Judge Stevens' decision was given by attorneys representing the nine plaintiffs and their husbands.

The farm of the Wilcoxs now belongs to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fordham and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Moore.

The nine sisters bringing the action claim that the 194.34-acre farm was held in trust for them, rather than belonging in fee simple to their other sisters and their husbands.

In court Tuesday the defense tendered warranty deeds to the tract of land which did not include any conditions of transfer.

The plaintiffs claimed that their parents had deeded the land to the Fordhams upon the condition that the land would be divided among all 12 of the Wilcox children at their death.

In addition to asking for return of the land they also asked \$3,000 per year rental from the Fordhams since 1951 when Fordham was named guardian to Wilcox.

### Bookmobile Schedule

Wise Fork Community Building 10:00-11:30  
Foy Methodist Church 11:45-12:15  
Wayne Haskins Service Station 1:30-2:30  
Jarman's Store 2:35-3:15  
Leslie White's Store 3:30-4:10

### Baseball Meeting

One of the most important meetings of the year for the Kinston Baseball Company which owns and operates the professional baseball franchise in Kinston is scheduled for 8 Monday night in the city hall. Eagle President Jack Rider urges all fans who are interested in keeping baseball in Kinston for another year to make plans now to attend this meeting. All persons who purchase season passes to Eagle home games are qualified to take part in all such meetings of the baseball company and Rider urges all to speak their piece on any improvements that might be made for the coming year.

### Swine Vote Tuesday

All persons who are in the business of growing hogs for market are urged to fully inform themselves and to take time to vote in the swine referendum that is being held in every part of North Carolina next Tuesday, October 1st. The basic idea is to apply money directly from the grower as with Tobacco Associates and Nickels for No How, but in order to collect the five cents per head on hogs that sell for \$10 or more it is necessary for at least two-thirds of all hog growers to vote in favor of the program. Everyone who shares in the proceeds of hogs sold for slaughter is eligible to vote.

### LaRoque, Wallace Get 50-year Pins From St. John Lodge

Wednesday night in a special open meeting of St. John Masonic Lodge No. 4 two Master Masons of Kinston were honored in receiving 50-year pins, signifying their membership in the order for a half century.

The honored pair, Frank LaRoque and Fitzhugh Wallace, received their pins from Former Mayor Guy Elliott after Gordon Street Christian Church Pastor Douglas Bell had spoken on their service.

A social hour was held at Fairfield Recreation Center after the awards program ended. The meeting was held in Richard Caswell Lodge Hall on Greenbriar Road.

### Barrus Low Bidder on Highway Resurfacing

Among 15 road projects approved Tuesday by the State Highway Commission were two resurfacing jobs in this area upon which Barrus Construction Company of Kinston was low bidder.

Resurfacing of 18.4 miles in Pitt and Beaufort counties went to the Kinston firm at the low of \$78,016.

Resurfacing of 29.5 miles in Lenoir, Greene and Jones Counties also went to Barrus at the low bid of \$125,666.

The only other East Carolina projects were resurfacing of 24.63 in Pamlico, Craven and Carteret counties which went to Nello Teer Company of Durham for \$102,819.

Total of the 15 bids let was \$4,029,230 and as usual the majority of the projects were in and around Raleigh or west of Raleigh.

### Jones Whisky Store Looted Last Week

Last Thursday night thieves chiselled a hole in the rear of the Wyse Forks Store of the Jones ABC system and hauled away a goodly load of whisky.

The loot included 283 pints, 12 fifths and 11 tenths of assorted brands of whisky.

And old model car with an out-of-state license plate was seen speeding away from the scene by a person in the neighborhood, and this is the only clue the sheriff's department has to work with in trying to solve the robbery.

### Free Chest X-Rays For Jones Countians

A mobile x-ray unit will be in Jones County next week. A free chest x-ray will be available to all persons 15 years of age and older.

The trailer is open from 10 until 4 each day according to the following schedule:

September 28, October 1-2, Comfort; October 3, 4, and 5, Trenton; October 8 and 9, Pollocksville; and October 10, 11, and 12, Maysville.

The Jones County Tuberculosis Association in cooperation with the State Board of Health has made this possible.

### Rural Development Meet In Trenton Wednesday

A Rural Area Development meeting was held at Trenton in Jones County Wednesday. Charlie Davis, Neuse Area Development Vice-President of Agriculture presided over the meeting which was attended by leading farmers, business leaders, and professional workers from Jones, Onslow, Duplin, Greene, Craven and Carteret Counties.

Officials from several agencies were present and explained how each of these agencies can help in area or communities seeking assistance in development. Assistance from these agencies is available in both technical planning and financing projects in rural communities.

Olin P. Wearn of the Small Business Administration explained loans made by its agency.

W. W. Black of Community Facilities Administration gave a summary of his agency's loan program which serves primarily for public works in rural communities.

John Donnelly of the Department of Conservation and Development told of assistance that is generally available in both planning and fi-

### New Trial Ordered for Jones County Dealer

The State Supreme Court Wednesday ordered that a new trial be given George Mitchell, who was fined \$500 in Jones County Superior Court earlier this year for numerous violations of the liquor laws.

The court ruled that Judge Rudolph Mintz had made a prejudicial error in his charge to the jury, and this was sufficient excuse to put the county to the additional expense of trying Mitchell again.

### Maysville First Baptist Church Sets Revival

The First Baptist Church will hold its fall revival beginning with the evening service Sunday October 6 through morning services, Sunday, October 13. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 and a nursery will be provided for the children.

Rev. M. E. Gibson, pastor of the church, will bring the message. Immediately following the morning service Sunday October 13, Homecoming will be observed with a picnic held on the church grounds.

Members are urged to attend, visitors are cordially invited.

### BULL ON HANCOCK

George R. Bull Jr., radarman, of Route 1, Pollocksville, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock which recently visited the port of Sasebo, Japan.

nancing community improvement projects.

Paul Stone, Extension Community Development Specialist gave a summary of the meeting on services offered each agency.

The meeting was also attended by Marion C. Holland, Farmers Home Administration and State RAD representative who led in the discussion period. Individual groups met after the meeting with these officials in consultation of their individual project or situation needing assistance.

### PRICE IN BOOT CAMP

Raymond T. Price, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford R. Price of Route 2, Trenton, is undergoing nine weeks basic at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

### NOT GUILTY

Recorder Emmett Wooten found Cornelius Simmons and James Buddy Fisher not guilty of assault charges placed against the Happersville pair over the weekend.

### Probationary Sentence For Man Who Killed His Cousin at Drinking Spree

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Tuesday Judge Henry Stevens sentenced Godfrey Wilder to one year in prison after the court had accepted a plea of guilty to manslaughter from the defendant. But the prison term was suspended on condition that Wilder remain on probation for 5 years and not use or have in his possession in that 5-year period any alcoholic beverage of any kind.

Evidence before the court indicated that Wilder shot his first cousin J. B. Harris at close range with a 12 gauge shotgun late in the afternoon of May 26, 1962.

Wilder had brought Harris and three others to his home for a drink of stumphole whisky, which lasted until nearly a half gallon had been consumed. Then the visiting quartet got loud and profane and were asked to leave by Wilder because of the language they were using before his wife and children.

When they refused to leave he got his shotgun, and a witness said the four backed Wilder all the way around his house before he pulled the trigger and killed Harris. When this happened the other three left in a hurry.

Wilder had been in the state hospital for tubercular patients since shortly after the killing. He was recently released but is still under close surveillance as is his family by county health authorities.

### New Trenton Lawyer

James Hood has joined Donald Brock to form the law firm of Brock and Hood, and to become Jones County's newest attorney. Hood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hood of the Wyse Fork Community. Hood is a graduate of Jones Central High School, the University of North Carolina in 1959 and earned his law degree at Duke University in 1962. He passed the state bar examination in 1962 and has practiced law in Tarboro with Taylor and Brinson since that time, and until he joined the Trenton firm. His wife is the former Nancy Carol Mallard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Mallard, and they have one three-year-old son.

### Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in the county during the past week:

From Cora Moore to Walter Moore 99 acres in Beaver Creek Township.

From John Larkins and George Hughes to Eldridge Sumerell one lot in Trenton.

From Dinah Norman to Harry Lee Norman one acre in White Oak Township.

From Louise Stillely to Eleanor Eubank one lot in Chiquapin Township.