

## TOBACCO SALES IN VA. AVERAGE UPWARD OF \$20

More Than Million and Half  
Pounds of Leaf Sold in  
September

Richmond, Va., Oct. 28.—There were 1,585,313 pounds of leaf tobacco of the 1922 crop sold for producers during September, according to the Virginia crop reporting service. Last year 1,719,206 pounds were sold in September by fifty-seven warehouses, while this year only fifteen were operating. In 1920, seventy-seven warehouses sold \$4,317,198 pounds during September. Reports were received from the bright markets only, as none of the dark opened before October 1.

Prices have started off well and as early sales are usually of the poorer grades, the averages made in September are considered good. The average price of all tobacco sold during September was \$20.84 per hundred, which compares with \$16.69 per hundred for September, 1921, and \$20.14 the season's average last year for bright tobacco. The Martinsville market reported an average of \$27.58, which was the highest made during the month. This market also reported the best grades of tobacco, having only 10 per cent. common, while some markets on the eastern edge of the belt reported as much as 60 to 70 per cent. common.

According to estimates of the warehousemen the September sales graded 20 per cent. good, 40 per cent. medium and 40 per cent. common, compared with 22 per cent. good, 34 per cent. medium and 44 per cent. common last year.

The latest estimate of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics for Virginia's 1922 crop is 173,053,000 pounds, which compared with 96,634,000 pounds sold last year, and 179,580,000 pounds in 1920.

## WARRENTON DOG IS SOLD TO D. C. MAN FOR \$4,000

Warrenton, Va., Oct. 28.—S. F. Jackson has sold his fine hunting dog "Frixie" to a Washington sportsman for the sum of \$4,000.

This is the largest sum on record for the sale of a Farquhar dog.

## SIX-YEAR-OLD PREACHER HOLDS SUNDAY SERVICE

Baltimore, Oct. 28.—Newton E. Hastings, Salisbury, Md., is only six years old; he has just entered the public schools of his home town and has had no conscious preparation or coaching for ecclesiastical pursuits; but on Sunday he conducted services in St. Paul's Methodist Protestant church in the manner of an experienced minister.

The youthful preacher for the last six months has been speaking before congregations in Salisbury and nearby towns. His father says that the boy has had no Biblical instruction other than the Bible stories and passages which have been read to him in his home and at Sunday school.

## PLAN \$50,000 EXTENSION STRUCTURE FOR VIRGINIA POLY

Blacksburg, Va., Oct. 28.—Plans are under way for the erection of a building to house the extension division at V. P. L., to cost about \$50,000. The building will be adjacent to the agricultural hall and will form a part of the general scheme of architecture which it is proposed shall predominate in the future.

In the last few years the extension division force throughout the state has nearly trebled and the force located at Blacksburg has doubled.

The freshman class has elected the following officers for the year: E. R. Gaines, Culpeper, president; G. B. Bullock, Norfolk, vice president; F. W. Holly, Atlanta, secretary; W. H. Gallup, Norfolk, treasurer; J. P. Kite, Orange, sergeant-at-arms. The members of the executive committee are: C. E. Koepfen, Fredericksburg; W. W. Kavanaugh and G. W. Cannady, Roanoke.

The rich man lay dying. He was bidding his chauffeur goodbye. "Ah, Sykes," he said, "I am going on a long journey and over a more rugged road than you ever drove me over."

"Yes, sir," said the chauffeur, adding consolingly, "but there is one comfort. It will all be down hill!"

Petersburg Progress and Index Appeal.

Of course, children may not know quite as much as their parents do, but they know it better, perhaps.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED

For Approximately \$400,000  
of Highways in Virginia

Richmond, Oct. 25.—(Special)—Awarding \$1,112,384 in road contracts, the acceptance of loans under the Robertson Act to the amount of approximately \$400,000 and final decisions following public hearings as to the routing of three sections of the State highway system, were the high points of the two day session of the Virginia State Highway Commission in Columbia and Richmond this week. The public hearing preceding the final location of the Richmond-Fredericksburg section of the Richmond-Washington highway was set for November 27 in Richmond. Action on numerous requests made of the commission for additions of sections of road under the law, which permits adding 2 1-2 per cent. per annum, was deferred until all of the requests could be considered at the same time. The Commission will hold a hearing in Orange county during the coming week. In attendance at the meeting of the commission were Chairman Henry G. Shirley, Richmond, Secretary Wade H. Hascie, Washington, Va., R. K. Saunders, Saltville, Hugh B. Sprunt, Staunton, and Major I. Walke Traxton, Norfolk.

Following the public hearing as to the routing of the section of the Richmond-Newport News highway between Richmond and Providence Forge, the highway will be located via Richmond, Seven Pines thence to a point east of Bottoms Bridge thence to a point near Mountcastle, thence to Providence Forge.

The section of route No. 2 was designated from Fork Union north, by way of Dixie, to the west side of Palmyra, following the hearing at Columbia. The commission also adopted the routing on the river road out of Richmond to connect with route No. 2 from Goosechland C. H. via Dogtown by the most direct route through Fife, Columbia to Dixie, at which point the connection with Route No. 2 will be made.

Contracts awarded are as follows: Project 170, route 3, between Martinsville and Daniels Creek, 3.43 miles of 18 foot concrete, to W. W. Boxley, Roanoke, \$108,621.70.

Project 256, route 11, between Burke's Garden siding and Tazewell, 1.99 miles 16 foot bituminous macadam to G. T. Franklin & Co., Bazetts, \$41,448.01.

Project 192A, route 3, north of Greenville toward Fairfield, 5 miles 18 foot bituminous macadam to Pace Construction Company, Roanoke, \$125,146.55.

Project 217, route 11z, Clintwood towards Fremont, 1.03 miles 12 foot bituminous macadam to Clintwood Construction Company, Clintwood, \$31,298.23.

Project S219, route 18, Streets of Halifax, 1.84 miles of 18 and 24 ft. concrete to Southern Construction Company, Petersburg, \$41,586.41.

Project 170B, route 3, bridge over Beaver Creek, 113 feet long to Pittsburg-DesMoines Steel Company, Pittsburg, Pa., \$8,902.01.

Project 139, route 25, Greenwich-Milford Mills, .93 miles 12 foot surfaced treated macadam to L. J. Chandler, Virginia, \$18,502.25.

Project 203, route 25, New Baltimore to Greenwich, 1.4 miles 12 foot surface treated macadam to L. J. Chandler, Virginia, \$29,694.45.

Project 168, route 6, Chantilly-Loudoun county line, 5 miles of 16 foot bituminous macadam to Cardoe-Gillespie Company, Fairfax, \$122,615.22.

Contracts totalling \$580,800 authorized by mail vote of the members of the Commission were formally approved.

The loan of Arlington county of \$40,000 for the construction of one and three-eighths of miles of highway between Falls Church and Halls Hill under the Robertson act were accepted.

The loan of Wise county of \$100,000 for the construction of a section of route No. 11 between the Dickinson county line and Donkey under the terms of the Robertson act were accepted.

Additional allocations to projects under way totalling approximately \$80,000 were made.

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