

LARGE LEAF MOVEMENT IN PREBLE;
ONE BUYER HAS SHIPPED 35 CARS

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The weather man had not been kind to tobacco farmers this spring. The cool, rainy spring season was not auspicious for sowing, and growth was slow later on for lack of sunshine. In a trip covering many miles not a single field was discovered that showed a sign of transplanting though some fields may have been overlooked. We understand, however, that considerable tobacco has been set out within the last week near Eldorado and with continued sunshine it will not be long until all the proposed acreage will be taken care of.

D. E. Karn, on the New Paris-Eaton pike, said he had about 10,000 pounds of leaf on hand and that they proposed to plant about 20 acres including what would be put in on the Horace Stamback land, which adjoins. Last season the two farms had 22 acres in tobacco. So far as he had learned no large crops had been sold in his vicinity, but a few farmers around Gettysburg had sold some small crops. At Gettysburg it was learned that five farmers living in that neighborhood had cashed in their tobacco, either at Eaton or Eldorado.

At Eldorado it was learned that a resident of Lewisburg is buying for Lewis Bros. of Cincinnati, bought 44 cases of seed leaf at Eldorado last week, which will be delivered within a few days and shipped direct to Cincinnati. These were selected from four crops, we believe, and were simply purchased to make a test of quality after a sweet Albertus Goetting and H. H. Rinehart were among those who sold and the price paid was 12 and 13 cents.

Have Sold 700 Cases

A little inquiry at Eldorado showed that a total of about 700 cases have been marketed at that point, and that a lot of leaf is expected to come in on next delivery day, Monday, June 23. The bulk of the buying has been done by Bert Eddins, of Eldorado, for Pierce and Morris, managers of the Lewis Newbergh company of Hamilton, O. In addition to the purchases made by the Newbergh folks Harry O'Neill of Dayton, picked up one car for shipment from Eldorado, and a week or two of the 700 cases above noted not all have yet been shipped, but are included in the purchases to come in on next delivery day. Some of the tobacco so far received ranks well up with the best crops in a number of years, but some growers had unfortunate weather conditions when the tobacco was cut, and others suffered from hail. This means that a portion of the product of this district will have to be sold for whatever it will bring.

In our incomplete list of shipments printed last week we omitted the names of four quite important growers, as follows: Joe Maiden, 9,680 pounds; Denver Wilt, 3,960 pounds; George Zumbur, 5,440 pounds; and Amer Roughs, 5,550 pounds, of Spanish.

Six Cars at New Madison.

Six cars were taken in at New Madison on Saturday, June 14, all Zimmer Spanish, the following named growers making delivery:

J. Riegle, 9,000 lbs.; E. Downing, 2,000 lbs.; L. Kettering, 7,400 lbs.; G. Edgar, 3,500 lbs.; O. Kettering, 4,500 lbs.; E. Ross, 3,000 lbs.; Patrick Tooley, 6,000 lbs.; Joe Tooley, 4,000 lbs.; H. B. McCabe, 7,000 lbs.; O. Riegel, 7,000 lbs.; J. Arnacost, 4,000 lbs.; A. P. Nossie, 12,300 lbs.; M. Kettering, 7,300 lbs.; C. Hawkey, 3,900 lbs.; J. Witters, 1,100 lbs.; J. H. Sleppy, 4,000 lbs.; J. H. Ludy, 12,000 lbs.; Walter Threewits, 7,000 lbs.; C. Harter, 10,000 lbs.; D. P. Albright, 5,000; C. Drew, 6,500 lbs.; William Lipps, 7,400 lbs.; William Brinley, 3,223 lbs.; R. D. Peffley, 2,805 lbs.; R. R. Royer, 1,500 lbs.; H. Kettering, 4,500 lbs.; L. Rush, 4,000 lbs.

In the weights given account of odd pounds have been generally omitted, and the receipts actually weighed in more than the above figures really show. Four cars were loaded before dinner and the last two cars were ready to be pulled out at 4 o'clock. This made a six car shipment, the very first to move out of New Madison in more than 18 months, for the 1917 crop was sold early throughout the Miami Valley, much of it indeed in the field, and all went promptly forward into the warehouses as soon as packed.

A Lot of 1917 Leaf.

When the buyers invaded the Ohio tobacco fields in quest of 1917 crops Uncle Sam's boys were heading for an invasion of Germany. Money was a surplus crop just then, and everybody seemingly had it in plenty. Prices on every commodity went skyrocketing and tobacco was no exception. Now the 1917 crop, under ordinary conditions, would be just now coming into use in the manufacture of cigars of the better quality, naturally aged and properly cured. Indeed the men who have some 1917 crop next year at this time will be lucky; that is to say the cigar manufacturer will; for he can make a better cigar than his competitor who has only "younger" leaf. A number of the jobbers who backed their faith with cash, or who took a header on a chance, still have a lot of 1917 leaf stacked up. We know of but few of these, east or west, who can get out from under the load at actual cost of the leaf today; taking all expenses, shrinkage, etc., into account. Many of them have, however, taken their medicine and made a turn over. Numerous cigar manufacturers also have a lot of this high priced leaf, which they are using sparingly as a blend with cheaper grades, and those who smoke their output are the sufferers. Nor are pipe tobaccos what they once were. The ageing and mellowing of two to four years is almost a forgotten tradition. Six months' sweating, doctoring, processing, etc., does the work of two years, and the cheapest leaf possible is often used where clean, bright goods was formerly the rule.

We understand that the first shipment of tobacco direct from West

Manchester in well over a year was made by Harry Fudge of Eaton on June 11. Two cars were loaded on that date. We are informed that another lot is expected to go out from this point in a few days. Several parties living near West Manchester have sold at Eldorado.

So far as we have been able to learn the Lewis Newbergh company have been by far the largest buyers in Preble county and in adjoining districts. Outside of their purchases to date the sales have been "scattering." Their total shipments, including the six cars from New Madison on Saturday, comprise 35 carloads. Their purchases in the Ansonia neighborhood will be delivered today, June 16. They expect to take in considerable leaf at Union City, Ind., on Wednesday and to load a few cars at Greenville, Ohio, on Thursday. On Saturday they will ship out a car or two from Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

More or less tobacco is being sold in various spots throughout the Miami Valley, but the movement is by no means general, at least not yet. There are many who believe in a future for cigar leaf, are satisfied that they have good tobacco in prime condition and that it will be in wider demand at higher prices later on. Of men of this faith there are many who expect to have not one crop, but two, to sell later on, unless prices are materially advanced.

Indiana News Brevities

MONTICELLO—About \$50,000 loss was suffered when the 350-foot dam of the Interstate Electric company completely wrecked the power plant.

MUNCIE—Jay Young, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young of Daleville, west of here, was drowned while swimming in the White River. His body was recovered two hours later.

INDIANAPOLIS—Because the young woman had been calling on him "turned him down," Charles D. Mullins, 18, attempted suicide by swallowing poison. He will recover.

NOBLESVILLE—Eighteen people hurt in an interurban collision near here are reported improved, except one. A Lancia, whose condition is considered serious. The funeral of Jacob Castetter, the only person killed, was held at the United Brethren church here Sunday afternoon.

LOGANSPOUT—Farmers are alarmed by invasion of millions of army worms in this county and the southern part of Fulton county. Fields of timothy, rye and corn have been literally cut to the earth. Great trenches are being dug in an effort to check the worms.

BOONVILLE—Judge Union W. Youngblood held that it was a violation of Nat Roeder's constitutional rights for policemen to snoop around prying into a basket containing liquor carried by him. The police were ordered to return the liquor to Roeder.

KNIGHTSTOWN—Twenty-three orphans will graduate from the Soldiers and Sailors' orphans' home here Wednesday. Governor James P. Goodrich will address the class reunion at 10 o'clock Thursday.

LAFAYETTE—Lewis Nalley, 24, is dead as a result of injuries received when a touring car in which he was riding plunged down a 20-foot embankment five miles east of Lafayette. He had recently been discharged from the army.

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News Dispatches From Surrounding Communities

OXFORD—Over three hundred graduates and former students of Miami University were here Saturday to attend alumni day exercises. The morning was taken up with reunions of "Old Miami" and "New Miami" classes, and at noon there was a procession in which the Miami men who served in the war took a prominent place. The Rev. T. J. Simpson, 12, of Eaton, presided at the luncheon speech-making. The principal address was delivered by Captain A. S. Robinson, 11, of Cleveland, U. S. Army Medical Reserve Corps, who spent eleven months in a German prison camp. Colonel J. R. Simpson, 99, of Boston, who was purchasing agent for the army, and Dr. W. J. McSurely, 56, of Oxford, also spoke. Alumni officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Carl F. Basler, 99, of Cincinnati; vice president, Miss Adella W. Cone, 97; Dr. W. J. McSurely, 56, and H. H. Brown, 58, all of Oxford; secretary, Dr. A. H. Upham, 97, of Oxford.

Saturday night the campus was beautifully illuminated, and three one-act plays, written by students of the department of dramatic interpretation, were given in the open. They were "Fools and Angels," by Miss Mary Lou Phillips, of Cincinnati; "I've Come to Stay," by Clarice Luger of Dayton, and "Ta-Choe," founded on a Chinese legend, by Miss Frances Newton.

Sunday afternoon the baccalaureate service was held, the address being delivered by President Raymond Hughes. Today the board of trustees will hold its annual meeting.

WINCHESTER—The board of county commissioners in session here ordered advertisements to be made for bids to overhaul and equip the Old Ladies' Home for a hospital. This home was deeded by Hetty Vorhis, the founder, to the county to be used as a county hospital. The repairs are estimated to cost \$15,000, and when completed it will be one of the most up-to-date hospitals in eastern Indiana. At the same meeting four bridges were allowed and advertisements ordered. The question of re-roofing the court house has not been fully decided.

The jury in the case of Charles Surface vs. Lee Conning, in which Surface sued for damages, alleging that Conning sold him a diseased horse, returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$145. The men live near Arba.

John C. Burnworth has filed suit against Mabel Burnworth, alleging desertion.

Jed L. Teagarden filed suit for foreclosure of street assessment against Sarah A. Cooter.

Mrs. Olive B. Lewis, of Indianapolis, state organizer of the Suffrage Franchise League of Indiana, held a meeting Friday afternoon at the city building, for the purpose of organizing a league in this city.

County Supt. Lee L. Driver received the degree of Master of Arts from Earlham college. The Degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Indiana University has also been conferred upon Mr. Driver. He prepared and presented his thesis for this last named degree some months ago.

Albert W. Gregory, 18 years old, an employee of the Hixon Lumber company, had two fingers on his left hand badly mangled Wednesday, when unloading cement blocks.

The house of John F. Williams, four miles south of Winchester, was struck by lightning during a storm. There was no fire but the house was damaged to quite an extent. The entire building was moved several inches off the foundation. Mr. Williams had a barn destroyed by fire last fall.

The Bramham House, of Union City, one of the oldest hotels in Eastern Indiana, has been sold to Bruce Beatty. Mr. Beatty will remodel the hotel and place it in first class condition.

Examination For Postmaster
At Centerville Wednesday

An examination for postmaster will be conducted in the county superintendent's office in the court house, Wednesday, June 18, to fill a vacancy made in Centerville by the resignation of Frank Lasley, who will take up farming.

Several applications have already been received and as there is no limit to the number who may take the examination a large number of applicants is expected.

Clarence W. Foreman, superintendent of mails at the Richmond post-office, will be in charge.

Ohio News Flashes

CINCINNATI—Increase from six to six and one-half cents in the street car rates, to become effective July 1, has been announced. Officials say this will be the last increase unless some unusual conditions should arise.

BELLEFONTAINE—Members of the Menonite church were upheld in their contention that their school children should not be compelled to salute the flag in school, by the court of appeals here.

KENT—Charles Goldnick, 25 years old, of Cleveland, was drowned when a canoe overturned in a lake here.

HAMILTON—Telephone and electric light lines were put out of commission by an electrical storm here. The rural districts were also affected by the storm. Streets of Hamilton were flooded by the heavy rainfall.

CINCINNATI—Covington police arrested four persons, two men and two women, for bathing "in the nude" in the Ohio river near Covington. The party declared they were cooling off after a day at Latonia.

Leaguers Of District To Meet At Winchester

WINCHESTER, Ind., June 16.—The Epworth League convention of the Richmond district, will meet here on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Leone Clark will give the address of welcome and Miss Pearl Warren of Saratoga, this county, will respond. "Fellowship" will be an address by Ira Andes of Union City; "Training"

by Miss Mary Clark, and "Recreation and Sports" by Miss Ruth Hinshaw, both of this city. Rev. Arthur Cates of Union City will speak on "Our Soldier Dead."

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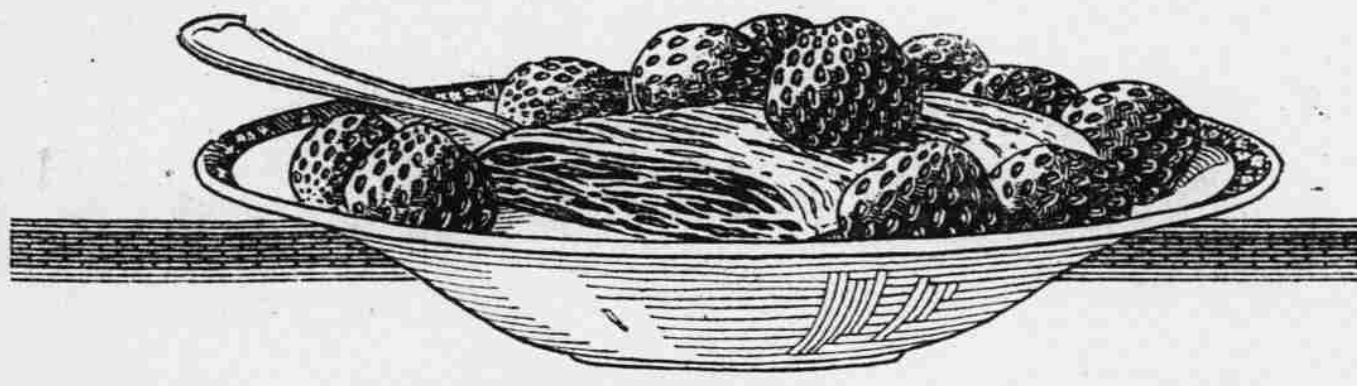
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