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WILLIAMSTON MARKET TAKES FIRST PLACE

WITH FOUR WAREHOUSES 200,000 POUNDS OF TOBACCO WERE SOLD—PRICES HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE—MARKET MADE BEST AVERAGE IN STATE.

THE LARGE RE-DRYING PLANT IN FULL OPERATION

The opening of the Williamston Tobacco Market on Wednesday, was the greatest in the number of pounds and prices that has ever been on this, the highest market in the State. It was also greater in floor space for the opening the Brick Warehouse made four salesrooms, and puts Williamston up with the largest markets in the belt. More than a thousand people, men, women and children, white and colored came to town to witness the sales, and only the heavy showers marred the pleasure of the day. It is estimated that were 200,000 pounds of the weed on the floors, and the lateness of the hours prevented the sales on the Brick Warehouse, which was congested with the farmers' golden yellow. The room on all the floors was packed, and Williamston has never had such a sale. Perhaps, it is needless to mention the prices, which all over the belt are unprecedented, for at last the tobacco farmer has come into his own. Nothing but the commoner grades were offered, and these brought prices greater than that for which the better grades sold last year. There were plenty of buyers and the warehousemen were strictly on the job.

The Washington (N. C.) correspondent to the News & Observer recently in boosting the home market, put Williamston, Farmville, and Robersonville in the list of smaller markets. If that same booster wants to state the truth, he will acknowledge that last year, Williamston sold more than Washington, and ranks above that market. If he had been here yesterday he might have seen what the market here is and what it will be before the season closes. The Williamston market has the warehousemen, the buyers, the money, the space, the re-dryer, the push, the energy that goes to make for the best market in the belt. If you don't believe it, come and get an ocular demonstration as well as a check on one of the banks.

The average on the market was 23 cents, which was higher than that of the larger markets. But everybody expected that when they brought their weed here.

The farmers received about \$50,000--the largest sum that has ever been handed out in one day in Martin County for tobacco.

Little Miss Mary Andrews went to Robersonville to-day.

Dr. J. H. Saunders went to Beaufort to join Mrs. Saunders and Master Buckie, who have been there for several weeks.

Miss Deborah Fleming and Mrs. W. E. Warren were called Wednesday to the bed-side of their niece, Sophia Little, who was seriously ill. It will be remembered by many that the little child spends much of her time here.

Martin County Boys at Raleigh.

The Martin County Corn Club members at West Raleigh attending the Club short course are Edgar Turner, Palmyra; Willie Ausbon, T. Brown Williams, Robersonville; Jack Daniels, Harry Hopkins, Earl K. Garrett, Williamston; Henry C. Roberson, Joseph P. Sykes, James E. Smith, William Sexton, Joseph Davis, Jamesville.

These boys are fine spirits and are doing fine; I am proud of them. There are about 525 boys in attendance. They seemed to be having the time of their lives. The college faculty is doing everything possible of the boys. Let the farmers and their wives be here on the 28-29-30th, and see what the State is doing for the advancement of our agriculture. Raleigh, N. C. J. L. Holliday, Aug. 21, 1917 County Agent

Bank Your Money.

Every newspaper in the tobacco belt is urging the farmers who sell tobacco and receive the cash, to leave the money in some bank. The Enterprise adds its word of warning to that already uttered, because there are so many cases of robbery every year, and with the present conditions, it is reasonable to suppose that the number of thieves has been increased. When a farmer has his check, he should put it in his pocket unless he wants to deposit it, and should never cash it before leaving town, if he would avoid a probable loss. The banks will keep your money safe for you, and thieves do not break in and steal. The prudent man will not travel along the country roads with a pocket full of coin. Don't work and make money for wicked men to steal and live on.

Hamilton Items

Fate Phippen and family, of Whitakers, spent the week-end with his brother.

D. G. Matthews, Robert Roebuck, Steve Ewell, Leroy Taylor and P. P. Peel left Tuesday for Washington City.

M. W. Ballard spent last week in Richmond.

H. S. Johnson spent Thursday in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport, Dr. Fleming and Miss Hattie Floyd spent Tuesday in Greenville.

Mrs. Willoughby Roberson is visiting her daughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle are spending the week at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Harry Waldo and daughter and Mrs. M. W. Ballard left Wednesday for Ocean View.

Walter Davenport and family spent Thursday here.

PERSONAL

W. A. James went to Wilson Monday.

John W. Hassell left Sunday for Memphis.

Mrs. Levi Reddick spent Tuesday out of town.

R. L. Hill spent the week-end in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crawford went to Wilson yesterday.

Miss Gladys Hornthal spent a few hours here Tuesday.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning spent Monday in Robersonville.

D. T. Ward, of Robersonville, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs left Saturday for Atlantic City.

Miss Eula Lee Waters is in the North purchasing fall millinery.

Rev. W. R. Burrell went to Roxobel Monday to hold a meeting.

Francis Leggett went to Norfolk Wednesday to accept a position.

Mrs. George M. Burras, of Jamesville, is visiting her son here.

Francis M. Manning went to Garland Monday to visit Henry Cook, Jr.

Roy Anderson is at home from Alabama. He will leave this week for Ft. Oglethorpe.

Mrs. J. W. Andrews and children are at home after a visit to Williamsport, Pa.

Miss Martell, of Norfolk, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otis Andrews.

Joseph Bennett and little daughter are visiting relatives in town.

Benjamin Lilley, of Jamesville, was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Miss Johnnie Sparks, of Robersonville, is the guest of friends here.

Captain Wright, of Wilson, visited friends near town this week.

Harry A. Biggs left yesterday for a trip to the Western part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pope with their children and Miss Laurie Ellison spent Sunday here.

Miss Ruth Roberts, of Norfolk, is the guest of the Misses Manning on Haughton Street.

Mrs. Bettie Harrell is at home from New York where she took a course at Columbia College.

W. H. Harrell, who is a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Fountain Lipscomb and little child are visiting Mrs. C. W. Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Grimes, who were married in Robersonville last week, arrived here Monday.

Mrs. Fred M. Shute and little girl left yesterday for Scotland Neck and thence to Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hardison are preparing to go housekeeping in the residence lately occupied by G. E. Lacy on Haughton St.

Roland Roberson left Monday for Suffolk, where he has accepted a position in the office of the A. C. L. Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Manning, W. Henry Gurkin and Clayton Stokes left Saturday morning on a motor trip through the Shandoah Valley.

Let The Merchants Close

Williamston has many of the marks of the progressive town, but yet there are some things lacking that reminds one of years ago. It is true, too, that everything cannot be had at once, still the people are looking and hoping for all things progressive. The Sunday law seemed to strike cold chills down the spine of the public, but after several Sundays everybody realized what a good thing it was, and how it saves the vitality of many who had no rest on the Sabbath. Now comes the question of the reasonableness of closing the business houses all through the year at 7 o'clock as has been done this summer. At this time, every pound of coal, every turn of the electric meter means much to the business man, to say nothing of the vigor of the clerks and proprietors themselves. Many of the houses open extremely early and the hour is late before closing; often it is that a friend or two will come in and sit around the stove and for this reason the doors are kept open, while lights and coal are being consumed, and not a penny being taken in. Better service could be given by the clerks, if they were given release from the weary hours that they have to spend in the stores after supper. Any one who desires to make a purchase during the fall and winter can surely reach the stores before 7 o'clock, as in the winter, suppers are eaten an hour or more before.

There is no doubt if this matter was brought clearly to the attention of the business men of the town there would be no hesitating on their part in the matter. Now is the time to conserve in the smallest way--not only food, money, etc., but strength. Let's get together and close the business every night in the week, except Saturdays; let's be progressive along all lines.

In Honor of Miss Futrelle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn gave a delightfully barty at their home in Union, Tuesday evening, July 31st., to announce the approaching marriage of their niece, Miss Margrette Futrelle to Mr. and Charles Roebuck, of Williamston.

The game of progressive hearts was played, which proved to be quite interesting. Miss Marie Hines, of Boykins, winning the prize for the highest score. After the game the guests marched into the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's March played by Miss Bertie Matthews. On the stool stood little Willie Pearl Laurence posing as Cupid with drawn bow and arrow, while in one hand she held a telegram which was given to Miss Irma Duke to read aloud the message, which announced the date of the marriage of Miss Futrelle and Mr. Roebuck, September, 12th, 1917.

She then gave a toast to the bride-elect who responded with a toast. At the hour named, dainty refreshment were served. Quite a number of friends were happy to be present on this occasion.

Haywood E. Green, who was with the Enterprise for several months, left Wednesday for Mars Hill Academy in the Western part of the State.

Mayor and Mrs. B. F. Godwin left Tuesday for New York City to visit their son, Donald C. Godwin, whose ship is in the waters there.

Mules For The Farms

To the large number of splendid mules in Martin County with which the crops are made, has been added another consignment by John C. Chitty, who has just returned from the West, and can be seen at the stables of the Martin County Live Stock Co., on Main Street. Mr. Chitty sold an immense number of mules last season, and expects to serve the farmers this season with the best that can be bought on the markets of the West.

Two Scholarships

Two scholarships for Martin County boys are offered by the A. M. College, Raleigh; one of these is in the mechanical department, the other in the agricultural department. This is a good opportunity for two Martin County boys. These scholarships are worth \$45 each. For application blanks, write

A. J. Manning,
County Supt.

A Valuable Book.

The Peoples Bank is giving away a book of valuable information that any farmer will profit by reading as it contains over 100 practical suggestions that will save both Time and Money. The next time you are in town go by and get one as they are free for asking.

Has Sold X-Ray Machine.

Dr. Hugh B. York has recently sold and delivered his X-Ray equipment in his office here. Unless he disposes of his machine in his office in Washington he will move same here and install as it is a more powerful and up-to-date machine. Dr. York, however, is awaiting a call from the War Department, he having tendered his services months ago, and also one of his machines. He will probably receive his commission in a short while, and if the Department demands it, he will take his machine.

New Firm Here.

Readers of the paper will note with interest that a new mercantile firm will soon open a store in Williamston within the next month. The building lately used as a pool room is being remodeled and will be fitted with all modern fixtures and furnishings. The business is owned by Messrs. Simon Rutenberg and Abe Adler two experienced young business men. Mr. Rutenberg is well known to the trade at Williamston, as he was in business here several years ago, and people remember the attractive establishment which he had at that time, and also his cleverness and square dealing with his customers. The firm has an announcement in this issue.

Infant Dead.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Lanier that was taken to Baltimore for treatment, died there last week and was brought here for interment on Friday. The body was carried to the cemetery near Bear Grass, on the arrival of the train here, and interred in the family plot there.

Mrs. F. K. Hodges and Leota Gurganus left to-day for Suffolk to visit Mrs. J. A. Parker.

A. R. Dunning has been in Norfolk and Suffolk this week on business.

One Half Acre Of Crimson Clover

Use land that is well drained and fairly fertile.

Prepare land deep and as thoroughly as for turnips. If conditions permit, break 8 or 10 inches deep at least three weeks before planting, preferably longer. Do not break so deep if breaking must be done close to planting time; however with plenty of rolling or dragging and harrowing, it would be all right to break to good depth.

If no lime has been applied within the last two years, apply 1000 lbs burnt lime or 2000 lbs ground limestone. Also apply 200 lbs acid phosphate to the 1-2-acre also 2 or 3 tons of stable manure.

Work this thoroughly into soil by thoroughly harrowing with disc harrow and smoothing harrowing (section harrow). Do this not later than two weeks before planting.

Have soil in ideal condition before planting. Work surface into almost a dust. This is very important.

Thoroughly inoculate soil or seed. Secure soil from where Crimson clover was successfully grown last year, if possible, and spread this evenly over ground though not necessarily thick. If no such soil is available, use liquid pure cultures. This may be secured free through your County Farm Demonstration Agent from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Full directions go with each package. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully, or you may fail to get results.

Plant between Sept. 15th and Oct. 15th. Use 10 lbs seed for 1-2-acre plot.

The soil must have plenty of moisture in it when the seed are planted to insure a stand. It is best to plant just before or after a good shower. A mighty good time is just as soon as the soil is dry after a good rain. Do not cover over 1-2 in. A weeder is a good implement to use for this purpose.

If grazed, do not let stock on clover until it is about six inches high.

It would be a good plan to use 1 pk. of Abruzzi rye with clover, where desired.

A good growth of Crimson clover on one-half acre will be worth more to the land than an application of 600 to 800 lbs. of cotton seed meal.

Save seed from at least one-half of the 1-2-acre plot. This is requested because seed are extremely high, and good seed very scarce, and because the home-gathered rough seed usually give as good if not better stands than the clean bought seed.

For further information apply to the Farm Demonstration Agent.

Joseph L. Holliday,
Farm Demonstration Agent.

The banks in town showed their strength on Wednesday for the coin was passed across to the farmers, who did not deposit that day.

Don't forget that barbecue can be had at the Lilley place on Main Street. Comfortable arrangements have been made for the serving of the 'cue, and tomorrow is the weekly feast. Adv.

The question of opening school is often asked and while it has been hoped that the new building would be ready for the opening it is now beyond question, and it is understood that provisions will be made to open at about the usual time.