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OUR TOBACCO MARKET.

Let's Pull Together For Ten Million Pounds Out of Coming Crop.

The outlook for handling ten million pounds of this year's crop of tobacco on the Oxford market during the season is very encouraging. Of last year's crop nearly 8 million lbs were sold on our market, and it can be put down as a fact that if the warehousemen and business men had exerted themselves the tonnage would have reached the nine million mark. The bare fact that our market did not handle the round number of 9 million pounds indicates a lack of enterprise on the part of not a few business men of the town. No man will be excused for "sleeping on his job" during the coming season; no man among us can afford to sit idle and let the faithful few do all the hustling--let the slogan be "Ten Million or More."

Every merchant should remember that the increase of two million pounds of tobacco this season means an increase of 25 per cent. of their sales. Let those who will not hustle for a greater market figure what their sales would be on a declining market, and then fall in line and help the Public Ledger unload ten million pounds of tobacco on the floor of the Oxford warehouses this season. A strong pull, and a pull altogether is very much needed in securing the increase.

The farmers of Granville county should bear in mind that every pound of tobacco they sell on the home market adds to the financial resources of the county; they should remember that they are favorably known here and that every business man in Oxford extends to them a most cordial greeting. In making up their stocks of goods the merchants of Oxford are in a position to anticipate wants of every farmer's family in this section of the State, and when they go abroad to lay in their goods they figure very close on the high-class goods which are demanded by an intelligent and refined people. There are only one or two "hand-me-down" stores in Oxford and they never advertise; therefore the chances of being "guilted" is not so great as in the towns where "gutter-snipe" stores predominate.

The one great drawing card is that the Oxford tobacco market leads in high averages. The market is always steady and reliable. The number of buyers have been increased, and they are as fine a lot of gentlemen as one would care to meet. With the natural advantages enjoyed by our market it is somewhat inconsistent with things in general that we do not lead in the number of pounds sold as well as in high prices, and the Public Ledger, which has always proclaimed the advantages of an ever-increasing market, will never rest content until it heads the list in every particular. Granville county is the home of the most succulent, the most fragrant and luxurious tobacco on the face of the earth, and just so far as we fail to market it at home we fall short of executing the designs of nature, for it is a law that "What belongs to Caesar is Caesar's."

Let us not prove traitors to our best interests. A farmer, once offended by inattention or by other causes, may or may not return and expose the other cheek. We know of a case where a young clerk in one of the large stores of Oxford offended one of the best men of the county by inattention to duty. That gentleman has transferred all his interests to another section. A farmer is a business man pure and simple, and he is as quick as any other business man to note inaccuracies and inattention to business, and of all men he is the freest to follow the bent of his own feelings. The best thing to do is for every man in Oxford to join the Public Ledger in the forward movement to strengthen and increase the Oxford tobacco market. The warehouses are being repaired, ventilated and made fit for a bumper crop. The personnel of the warehousemen has undergone slight changes for the better since last season, and the number of additional buyers will make things lively. Nothing has been left undone that would in any way disqualify the high reputation the market enjoys, but rather to increase its power and usefulness. And it is well that the forward movement has set in good and strong, less the nearby markets capture a lot of the succulent weed.

It is a custom with the Public Ledger to inquire about the tobacco crop of Granville county, and taking the reports as a basis we are able to figure with a degree of accuracy that while a bumper crop is not anticipated it will be equal to that of last year, if the yield is not slightly greater. It is a notable fact that the demand for the Granville golden leaf is steadily on the increase at home and abroad. It is fast succeeding other grades in new compounds and blendings the world over.

FLUES--When we bought the Tin Shop formerly owned by the late J. F. Edwards we moved it to our new hardware store on Hill-boro Street and are now prepared to make and repair flues. **OXFORD HARDWARE COMPANY.** CHAMBLEE & HOLEMAN

IF IT IS quality you want try Shep-ard and Lee Cream at Lyon Drug Store.

FLUES--Give the Oxford Hardware Co. your order and avoid the rush.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Everything is progressive these days--even the hot wave.

The puncturing of automobile tires goes merely on in Oxford.

The Pendleton residence on Henderson street is nearing completion.

The Odd Fellows are making some decided improvements in their Lodge Room.

Mr. T. C. Harris and family now occupy the Taylor residence in North Oxford.

Hello, George, have you any cool waves corked up that you can let float down this way?

A new brick store is going up on Hillsboro street next to Carolina Power Co's office building.

Strength to the arm and zeal to the hearts of our people will boost Oxford this fall and winter.

The Grass-Widower's Club is still in a flourishing condition as new members are being added daily.

Our old friend Alex Feild, of Raleigh, makes a good, quiet journey, why not let him draw the salary?

Sleep eight hours out of the twenty-four; eat three meals a day and walk on the sunny-side of the way.

Be sure and attend the Primary today and vote for the men you want to serve you for the next two years.

Mr. Luther Roberts with his street force will soon finish opening up drains and cleaning out the ditches of the town.

Not finding fault, not getting mad, just keeping on my way so glad that life gives back for all we give. The simple love that helps me live.

It will possibly strengthen your faith in the law of compensations to realize that this is ideal weather for the growing crops.

Mr. Herndon Moore, the pleasant and accommodating carrier on Route 2, is now enjoying his 15 days leave of absence.

We call attention to the advertisement of T. G. Dean offering for sale a good tobacco farm near Willow Springs, Wake county.

By all means attend the primary this afternoon and vote for the men you think will serve the county the most efficiently.

Fill your soul with richness, then when sorrow comes to you her black shadows will be parted into golden rifts by your gathered sunshine.

The Curbstoner--Do you think the women will have a say in this campaign? Blunderbust--I know two that will--Anna Nias and Mollie Coddle.

Mr. Sam Ustry, of Fishing Creek Township, was in town Wednesday afternoon with the first load of home-raised watermelons, and they sold like hot cakes.

Keeping busy--that's the cure. For that worry of the mind. Keeping busy keeps you pure, Tender, gentle, loving, kind.

Mr. G. M. Currin, one of Northern Granville's excellent farmers, was an Oxford visitor Thursday and returned home in quite a nice new surrey purchased from Horner Bros. Co.

With reference to the man who is puffed up with egotism and thinks he knows it all, Holy Writ hath said that he is "wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason."

We regret to learn that Mrs. Ella Gregory, near Stovall, is quite sick and hope will soon recover. Her fine sons, Messrs. William Gregory and Francis Gregory, of Leamington, Canada, are with her.

Our dear little friend, Tom Booth, we deeply regret to say fell on his right arm Wednesday afternoon breaking it. We are pleased to learn that he is getting along nicely and is as bright and happy as ever.

Of course it has been hot this summer, but not as hot as one imagines. 92 has been the highest and this was on June 17th and 18th. So far this month the mercury has ascended only to 90, yet it has seemed much hotter.

The man who wants to succeed and to do the greater things of life will be most unmercifully criticized. No matter what you may be doing there are always some foolish people to condemn you. Never mind them, but go ahead.

It is a matter of common acknowledgment, says the Concord Times, that Colonel A. D. Watts, of Statesville, is the most dependable political prophet in North Carolina. He is a close political student, and his estimates rarely go wrong. Mr. Watts says that Senator Simmons will carry seven of the ten congressional districts of the State.

Among Oxford's greatest needs is good streets.

The various candidates are putting in their last licks today.

Mrs. L. T. Evans, who has been on the sick list, is much better.

Mr. Sam Hobgood has equipped himself with a substantial new red ray.

Master Gonda Barnes, of Henderson, is visiting Master Edward Blackwell this week.

On Sunday morning the candidates can well sing, "What a Difference it makes in the Morning."

Mrs. Koopman Clonts is a house guest at "Woodlawn," near Lewis, for the week. She returns to Atlanta in September.

Rev. Geo. Tunstall is holding a protracted meeting at Providence this week. He succeeded the late beloved Rev. J. A. Stradley as pastor.

Quite a party from "Woodlawn" section attended divine services at old St. John's Church at Williamsboro on Sunday. Mr. Lanier, the Rector, is one of the ablest divines in the State. The old church has marks where Cornwallis bivouached on his way to Yorktown during the Revolutionary war.

Good friends are the ones that stay by you, and don't change. You know they are right there when you need them, and they are somebody to turn to for help and counsel. But they are few and seldom met with. There are plenty of fair-weather friends, and plenty of half-fellow friends in the world, we all have them; but now and then we do find ourselves longing for a good and human friend as dependable and certain as the good books.

Presbyterians Have Picnic.

The Presbyterian Sunday School went out to Providence Wednesday and whiled away the day in the dense shade of the giant oaks. The tables fairly groaned under a load of good things, and everybody proceeded to enjoy themselves without restraint and there was an abundance and to spare. The little men enjoyed their bath in the magic waters of the mighty Tar; others enjoyed watching the bobs on fishing lines; the little girls, deserted by their brothers, were in a class to themselves, and the woodland rang with their sweet voices as they skipped the rope and romped about the grounds; the older and more sedate members of the party were careful to hug the shade.

Fire Company Returns Home.

The fire laddies have returned from a ten day's sojourn at Atlantic City, and their presence establishes a sense of security. Their bare skins tell the story of the sun and the wave. There never embarked a better, good natured, jollier set of fire fighters than the faithful home company; they enjoyed every minute of the time spent en route and at the famous sea-side resort. Ever mindful of the treacherous and merciless flame the first thing they asked on their return to Oxford was "Is every thing all right within the fire limits?" The rest and recreation was quite beneficial. Capt. W. H. Britt is the recipient of a piece of silk taken from the Vincham trans-Atlantic balloon which exploded in front of Atlantic City ten days ago, killing five people.

New Manufacturing Plant.

Through the activities of the Granville Commercial Club and the Merchant's Association, a branch manufacturing plant of the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company of Durham, is to be located in Oxford. This concern is one of the largest of its kind in the country to manufacture cloth bags for tobacco, and they have an immense plant in Durham where they employ nearly 1000 people. They have rented the old Hicks' factory on Rectory street, and are now making hurried preparations to begin work in a couple of weeks. This factory will offer employment to young women. We cordially welcome the Golden Belt to Oxford and commend the Commercial Club and Merchants' Association, and especially the untiring efforts of Mr. A. H. Powell for their good work.

Church Notes.

Rev. R. L. Wharton, formerly of Greensboro, who is now the pastor of the Rev. John G. Hall Memorial, at Cardenas, Cuba, made an interesting talk Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church on conditions in Cuba. The Memorial here spoken of was established by the father of our townsman, Mr. John R. Hall.

The second of the series of the summer union meetings was held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday night, and was well attended. Dr. A. P. Tyler, of the Methodist church, conducted the meeting. His sermon was one of those efforts in which the Doctor holds the attention of the congregation for thirty minutes, during which time one could hear a pin drop. All the ministers of Oxford are putting much thought into their sermons, even if the weather is warm, and he who fails to attend either the union or regular meetings certainly does stand in his own light.

It has been announced that the union meeting next Sunday night will be held at the Baptist church.

Creedmoor Chronicles.

Mr. Charlie Lasley, of Mebane, N. C., spent a few days here last week.

Miss Lella Lyon, of Lyon, spent the past week with Mrs. Viola Aiken.

Mr. Watts Lyon spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Bahama.

Miss Maude Beck, of Northside, was the guest of Mrs. S. C. Lyon several days ago.

Mrs. L. H. Jones, of Wakefield, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck the past week.

Mrs. Claude Evans and children, of Henderson, visited friends in Creedmoor the past week.

Mrs. Nat Wheeler, of Oxford, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Cannady.

Mr. J. T. Thomasson, of Raleigh, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomasson and other relatives last week.

Mrs. Carrie Pierce and two daughters of Durham, are spending some time with Mrs. S. A. Fleming, of Hester.

Miss Nellie Whitaker and brother, of Franklinton, spent the week-end with Misses Felsie and Myrtle Whitaker.

Miss Vida Peed, of Norfolk, Va., is on an extended visit to her father, Mr. Joe Peed, and sister Mrs. Ed Cottrell.

Miss Minnie Winston is on an extended trip to Youngsville, visiting her sisters, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Sherron.

Mrs. Anna Ross, of Grissom, spent the week-end in Creedmoor as the guest of her niece, Mrs. D. L. Mangum.

Mrs. Sion Rogers and children, Carmen and John, left last Friday to visit friends and relatives in Eastern Carolina.

Misses Renette and Nancy Allen, of Chase City, Va., were the guests of Misses Fredda and Sadie Bragg last week.

Miss Ziba Fleming left Wednesday to spend some time with Misses Cammie and Magruda Yancey, of Clarks-ville, Va.

Miss Louetta Jeffreys, of Drakes Branch, Va., passed through here last Wednesday to visit the family of Mr. G. L. Allen, of Route 1.

Mrs. Mary Waller, of Raleigh, arrived here Wednesday to spend some time with her daughter, Miss Mayne, who is the guest of Mrs. W. R. Walters.

Mr. Ben Lawrence, accompanied by his two sisters, Mary Ellen and Anna Warren, visited the family of Mr. Edwin Green, at Dutchville Saturday and Sunday.

A wee young lassie arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Aiken not long ago, she did not bring any trunk or baggage, yet we are sure she came to stay quite a while.

Miss Mae Fleming and niece, Miss Francis Fleming, of Asbury, are spending some time with Mrs. Carl Cozart. Miss Francis graduated at the Raleigh High School this year.

Miss Ruth Crews, one of the popular young ladies of Watkins, who has been the guest of Miss Louise Jeffreys returned to her home Monday. Miss Crews made many friends while here.

Misses Maggie and Bell Veazey, of Wilkins, their guest Miss Mary Waller, of Durham, Misses Gertrude and Ziba Fleming and Ollie Lyon, of Lyon; Misses Maggie Lyon and Ethel Roycroft, of Northside; Misses Mary and Carrie Parrott, of Route 1; Miss Janie Mitchell, of Greensboro, were Creedmoor visitors last week.

On July 8th, 1912, the death angel entered the home of Mr. Lee Wagstaff and claimed him for his own. He had been in very feeble health for some time, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Wagstaff leaves behind two brothers several sons and daughters to mourn his loss, his wife having preceded him to the great beyond a good many years ago. He was a good father, brother and neighbor, was respected and loved by all who knew him, and was a kind and generous neighbor. He is sadly missed by relatives and friends but there are none who will miss him so keenly as his own family, because there is a vacant seat in his home that never can be filled, and a voice hushed that can never be heard. His remains were laid away in the family burying ground near his home in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends, who had gathered to pay their last respects to the dead. Rev. M. L. Martin assisted by the Masons conducted a beautiful masonic burial. He also made a touching talk on his life and upright character, his devout and loyal life. God giveth and God taketh, we know not the hours, therefore he commands us to watch. We extend to the bereaved children our heartfelt sympathy, and point them to the Savior who is able to wipe away all tears and heal all wounds made by death. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

RAMBLER.

LOST--Between the Fire House and Buchanan's store Monday night one Brass Hub Cap. The finder will please return to W. H. Britt.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mrs. Melacampe is visiting relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Richard Gooch, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

Mr. S. A. Fleming, of Hester, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. P. L. Thomasson, of Tally Ho, was in town Thursday.

Mr. N. G. Crews, of Dabney, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baird and child are at Panacea Springs.

Capt. W. A. Devin returned Thursday afternoon from a short trip to Norfolk.

Mr. S. C. Lyon, of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Meadows, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Goodrich Wilson, of Stovall, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Wyatt Cannady has returned from a visit to Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Niles and children are at Morehead City.

Mrs. W. D. Bryan and children have returned from Panacea Springs.

Mrs. S. F. Dyer is visiting her niece, Mrs. B. T. Hicks, near Bullock.

Mr. Durell Brummitt, of Dickerson section, was in town Thursday.

Miss Lois Perkinson attended the Flat River Association at Virgilina.

Mr. T. E. Bobbitt, of Dickerson section, was in Oxford Thursday morning.

Mrs. Eugene Currin, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Currin on High street.

Mr. Josh King returned Wednesday from a two weeks stay at Buffalo Springs.

Mrs. Ben Dean and daughter, Irene of Route 4, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. John Webb and interesting family are enjoying the mountain breeze at Montreat.

Miss Helon Paris returned Thursday from a visit to relatives at Rocky Mount.

Little Miss Sallie Lewis, of Henderson, is visiting Misses Susie Meadows and Ruth White.

Miss Maud Kingsbury of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Sophia Taylor on Raleigh street.

Miss Annie Crews, of Watkins, was in Oxford Wednesday shaking hands with many friends.

Mr. Berkley Devin and sister, Miss Mary, of Virginia, are visiting their brother, Mr. W. W. Devin.

Mrs. Samuel T. Pleasants and son of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Lee, on Broad street.

Mrs. John M. Taylor and children, of Richmond, are visiting at the pretty home of Mr. T. G. Taylor, near town.

Miss Lizzie Goch has returned from Wadesboro, where she spent several pleasant days, the house guest of kin-people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith and Mr. R. W. Harris and daughters returned from a visit to Franklinton Thursday.

Mr. A. L. Babcock and 3 daughters, of Route 7, accompanied by his intelligent father, Mr. G. M. Babcock, of New York City, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Route 4 Routings.

Look out girl! as Mr. Roy Dean purchased a new buggy Saturday.

We are glad to say that tobacco and corn is looking well in this section.

Mr. G. Puckett's fine horse had the misfortune of setting out very bad on a barb wire the past week.

Mrs. Dick Watkins and pretty little ones, of Oxford, were the guests of Mrs. Ben Currin Saturday and Sunday.

We are very sorry to know that Mrs. Tazzie Brazwell left Wednesday for Richmond, where she is to be treated for appendicitis.

Messrs. Wesley Y. Thorpe, L. Daniel, Matt Satterwhite and Miss Mary Fort, of Oxford, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burwell's Sunday.

Attention Veterans!

The Confederate Veterans of Granville county will meet in the Court House in Oxford at 12 o'clock on Monday, July 29, to elect officers, and to make preparations to attend the State Reunion at Winston-Salem August 7th and 8th. All Veterans who can attend will please send in their names at once to M. Blalock, Adjutant, or A. W. GRAHAM, Commander.

INTERESTING MEETING.

Flat River Association Holds an Enthusiastic Session at Virgilina.

The regular annual meeting of Flat River Association convened at Virgilina last Tuesday morning. Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon, of the Oxford Baptist church, preached the introductory sermon Thursday morning.

Rev. P. H. Fontaine, of North Granville, was elected moderator; Mr. J. C. Howard was elected clerk, and Mr. Lewis Clark, treasurer.

There was much routine work transacted at this session of the Association, and Poplar Creek church, five miles east of Oxford, was selected as the place to hold the next annual meeting.

The committee having in charge the erection of the monument to the beloved memory of the late Rev. J. A. Stradley reported that they have in hand something like three hundred dollars for the purpose. The shaft is to be a plain one, costing not less than \$325.

The church at which the meeting was held is situated in North Carolina, within a stone-throw of the Virginia-Carolina State line. It is a very interesting section of Granville county. The meeting was largely attended by people from all parts of the county and quite a number from Mecklenburg county, Virginia, were in attendance at the two-day session. A large number of people from Oxford caught the early train Tuesday morning and reached the meeting by changing cars at Jeffries Junction to the Norfolk & Danville division of the Southern Railway. Those who remained over for the second day's meeting were entertained in the many good hospitable homes for which that section is noted.

The tables were spread under the large oaks trees in the grove surrounding the church. Those who were in attendance at the meeting speak in praise of the many nice edibles prepared by the good ladies for the occasion.

The good people residing in the Poplar Creek section, where the next meeting of the Flat River Association will be held, will have to put on their studying caps to compete with the many courtesies that were manifested on every hand at Virgilina. One thing, however, seems reasonably sure, and that is that the crowd in attendance at Poplar Creek will be somewhat larger by virtue of its proximity to Henderson and Oxford and the density of population in that section. In point of attendance and the ability to entertain the crowd it is doubtful if a better place could be found in the county than is Poplar Creek section.

Industrious Little Birds.

Workmen in repairing the gutters, flues and belfry of the Presbyterian church removed a wagon load of hay and straw from the tower, which had been deposited there by the industrious little English sparrows. Well does their energy illustrate the old adage that "little drops of water and little grains of sand makes a mighty ocean in a mighty land." A wire has been fixed so as to exclude them from their long habitation. These little scavengers have been known to carry matches to their habitations, and this is a very dangerous thing if rats and mice frequent the place. The history of the English sparrow in America is very interesting. Fifty of the little birds were imported from England in 1833 by an act of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and these were liberated in the capital square at Richmond, and if one desires he can call on Dr. McIlwaine, State librarian, and he will point out the House journal in which the act is incorporated, and it will be seen that the little birds were protected by law, and who ever killed them were made to pay a \$5 fine. Twenty years after the birds were liberated in Richmond it was noticed that there were more of the specie at Weldon and along the Roanoke River than elsewhere in the land of their adoption.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

At the solicitation of many friends I have finally decided to become a candidate for County Commissioner subject to action of Democratic primaries. I favor a progressive administration of county affairs, but am unalterably opposed to borrowing large sums of money without submitting it to a vote of the people. I make this statement so no one may be deceived in voting for me. **FELIX O. BUMPASS.** Itpd Oak Hill Township

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RECEIVED during the last week 6 car loads of building material. I have the right goods at the right prices. **C. D. RAY.**

REMEMBER you can get from me the best grades of lime, cement and plaster. **4t C. D. RAY.**

Several nice Porch Swings, the good kind, at a low price, call quick. Upchurch & Currin.