



OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

Breaks Good and Prices the Highest Obtainable Anywhere.

Our tobacco market is brisk and the prices for all grades of bright tobacco ranges high, and there seems to be no let up in the great volume that began to flow in early in the season. The old saying that the Oxford market is so steady that the farmers know to a fraction what they will receive for their product before they leave home is practically true, but it is nevertheless true that the prices on our market have steadily increased from year to year, and to day we stand pre-eminently at the head of the list. As to number of pounds marketed this season Oxford stands fourth in the State and second in the old tobacco belt, the October sales reaching 2,098,321 pounds, to say nothing of the 507,146 pounds sold on the Creedmoor market, which contributes materially to swell our county pride.

Our four warehousemen are pleased to see from time to time new faces on the market, farmers who drive in with a load from adjoining counties and not infrequently from over the State line, and it is worthy of note that when they bring their tobacco here they always return home highly pleased with high averages for which our market is noted. The weather thus far has been ideal, and this has been a great inducement for farmers in the more distant counties to gratify their desire to patronize the most stable market in the State, knowing as they drive along the good highways leading to Oxford that they will be rewarded for their long journey. We are informed that the average for all grades sold on the floors of the Farmers Warehouse during October was \$20.20 per hundred pounds, and equally as high averages were maintained at our other three warehouses.

A pleasant feature, too, in connection with our tobacco market is the all important fact that our merchants anticipated the wants of all who come here. Their stocks of goods are replete and the prices are right, and many are the happy, satisfied customers that depart from our stores loaded down with high-grade goods.

A Violation—Lady Hurt.

While Miss Lee Davidson was passing along Gilliam street near the old Lanier place Wednesday evening a little after dusk, a colored boy, riding a bicycle, came down the sidewalk full tilt, striking and hurling her into the street, and it is strange to relate that she was not seriously hurt.

The boy is guilty of two offenses, first, for being on the sidewalk, and second, for having no light. This is a frequent occurrence, and the police should enforce the law governing riding bicycles on the sidewalks without lights. Stop it before some one is hurt or killed.

Banner Warehouse Burned.

At the hour of going to press (11 o'clock Friday morning) the fire alarm was turned in, and the Edwards Hose & Ladder Company and the Colored Fire Company hastened to the Banner Warehouse to find one of the most stubborn fires that has confronted them in many a long day.

The origin of the fire was caused by a barrel of paint, which was thinned down with gasoline and stood inside the warehouse near the office, and it is presumed that some one in passing threw a cigar or match into it, at any rate there was an explosion and the large crowd in the great building were startled by the loud report and the instantaneous burst of flame ran pell-mell for their lives. With a seething barrel of paint giving out its terrific flame it made a hot bed that drank the great volume of water the noble firemen played upon it. It was an alarming sight and with the brisk wind that fanned the caldron the whole square seemed doomed. The firemen contended every inch of ground and were successful in holding the fire to the prescribed limits of the great building, and only one flame was permitted to reach out and licked the paint from the end of the Exchange Hotel.

The sale of tobacco had been concluded only about 15 minutes when the explosion took place and the buyers had not had time to get their tobacco off the floor, and the loss is estimated at about \$3,000. Not counting the great loss in business at this season of the year Mr. Mitchell, the proprietor, sustains a loss from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Two wagons which were in the wings of the warehouse were consumed. The books and papers were saved. We learn that Mr. Mitchell had the warehouse insured.

Young Sizemore, who was standing near the barrel when it exploded, was slightly burned. Mr. Leonard Mitchell had the presence of mind to place his books in the safe, lock it and flee for safety.

The citizens aided Mr. Pete Bullock and Mr. Wolf in removing their stock of goods from which they will suffer some damage.

The Public Ledger congratulates the brave, the noble, the energetic firemen on the signal victory they won to-day, and the whole town has just cause to be proud of them.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Hope now springs eternal in the pie hunter's breast.

This winter Old King Coal will prove an expensive old soul.

The silent vote will now begin to make a noise at the pie counter.

Some people can look so far into the future that they can't see the past.

Read the sale of land advertised on the 4th page by L. T. Green, Trustee.

Read sale of lot advertised by Mrs. M. L. Hargrove in another column.

Mrs. W. J. Burchett and two daughters have gone to Greensboro to live.

Mrs. J. C. Horner has returned from a visit to her parents at Fon du Lac, Wisconsin.

Money may get a man into trouble, but it can also get him out when poverty can't.

Three long and loud cheers for the old reliable high-averaged Oxford Tobacco Market!

Mr. J. M. Tillotson, of Route 1, sold a small barn of tobacco on the market for the nice sum of \$237.25.

There's nothing harder for a woman to do than to keep on saying her prayers when the telephone rings.

Don't forget to read what the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. has to say in another part of this paper.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of the sale of the Landis stock of hardware at public auction.

If you want to buy town property read sale of lots advertised in another column by B. S. Royster, Commissioner.

We regret to learn of the severe illness of Mrs. Wayne Horner, near Providence, and wish her a rapid recovery.

Mr. J. G. Hall has had a very nice new front put in his drug store, and thus the march of improvement continues.

Mr. S. V. Morton has become the owner of the old Shields Hundley residence on Penn Avenue, paying over \$4,000 for it.

It has got so we never know when a false friend is going to "get our goat" for failure to continue to worship at his deceptive shrine.

We were glad to meet in town on Thursday our old friend Leroy Elliott, of Adoniram, who has been confined at home several months on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carrington, of Tally Ho Township, have purchased a cottage from Mr. Isaac Harris in West Oxford and have moved in, and the Public Ledger extends them a warm welcome.

There will be a concert at the Opera house to-night (Friday) under the auspices of some of the members of the Presbyterian church, at which it is planned to present an attractive program.

Miss Lucile Anderson, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with Miss Sadie Parham on Front street. She greatly delighted the congregation of the Baptist Church at both morning and evening services with her singing.

Some folks can "cuss" us if they will we intend to continue working to help build up town and county still. The people seem to appreciate our efforts as we have booked 41 new subscribers since the election.

Note the special change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power & Light Company, which is trying to get our people interested in modern electrical appliances. The electrical cooking range is one of the finest on the market.

An entertainment will be at Salem Public School house on Friday night, Nov. 22, exercises beginning at seven o'clock. Admission, adults 25c, and children 10c. Of course the whole neighborhood will turn out and encourage the dear children.

On Friday evening, Nov. 22d, the splendid comedy, "Girls Incog," will be given in the Opera House. The best talent of Oxford is being trained by Misses Burkheimer, of Charlotte, whose success in the beautiful play some months ago is pleasantly remembered.

Gov. Kitchin gives out his campaign expense account, over \$6,000, and his Thanksgiving proclamation for publication on the same day. His Excellency should be thankful that his expense account was not larger as McNinch believed in the liberal use printer's ink.

We are requested to announce that the usual morning and evening services will be held at Presbyterian church next Sunday, and there will be special music at each service. The subject of the morning sermon will be, "The Joys of Heaven," and the night subject will be, "The Wise and Foolish Virgins."

A great many people take to the woods on Thanksgiving Day for sport, while others go to Norfolk and Richmond to see the football games.

Mr. Walter Howell, of Fishing Creek township, who took the premium at the County Fair on turnips, brought two to town Thursday which weighed 4 pounds each. Mr. Howell informed us that he had sold \$15 worth out of the patch since he captured the \$5.00 premium at the Fair.

Rev. W. C. McLaughlin, of Richmond, representing the Foreign Mission Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church, spoke at the Wednesday evening prayer service at the Presbyterian church under appointment to the Chinese Mission; and is completing a special course of study at Union Theological Seminary under the Moses D. Hoge scholarship.

The friends of Mrs. G. C. Daniel will deeply sympathize with her in the death of her father, which occurred in a Richmond hospital Thursday morning. She left Oxford some days ago to visit her father and stopped over in Petersburg to see her sister when her daughter broke out with scarlet fever. She was quarantined and did not get to Richmond to see her father before he passed away.

"Home, Sweet Home."

Mr. J. Robert Wood used an old familiar quotation on the fourth page of this paper. The poet was right, "There is no place like home," and it is the duty of every man to furnish his home the best he can. Mr. Wood has certainly made it easy to add some nice things to the home. He has done his part. Now it is "up to you."

Horses and Mules.

Messrs. C. W. Bryan and J. W. Mangum returned from Richmond Thursday with a big car of horses and mules for Horner Bros. Co. It will pay prospective buyers to call and see this stock, as well as the fine buggies and wagons they are handling. Read their advertisement on the fourth page of this paper.

Christmas is Coming.

There are many nice things in the show windows at the Hamilton Drug Company's store—Christmas presents for both ladies and gentlemen. What ever article purchased at Hamilton's it is sure to have the stamp of approval on it, and this applies to all drugs, which are protected by the pure food and drug act. See their advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Teachers' Association.

The Primary Teachers' Association meets in Greensboro Nov. 28, 29 and 30th. This is of vital interest to every primary teacher in the State. Each teacher who attends will surely be benefitted by the lectures of foremost educators, the round table discussions, designed to meet the everyday problems of school life and the intercourse with other teachers.

First Load in Eighteen Years

Mr. Robert L. Lyon, a very substantial farmer and business man, of Buffalo Junction, Va., brought a load of tobacco to the Oxford market last Tuesday, and was highly pleased with the good prices he received. It had been eighteen years since Mr. Lyon sold tobacco on our market, and he talks interestingly of the many improvements that have been made in Oxford during his absence.

Two Hearts Beat as One.

Miss Annie Belle Averett and Mr. Maxie Parham were happily married at the home of Mr. J. W. Brown on High street Tuesday night, November, 12th. Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon officiating. After the ceremony they quietly took an automobile and went to the home of Mr. Taylor Hobgood, near Oxford, where a sumptuous supper was served in honor of the happy couple. We wish them all the joy that life can give.

Engagements Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hill Parham announce the engagement of their daughter Maud Clay to Mr. William Milton Pugh of Greenville, North Carolina.

The event to take place in December. The bride to be is a social favorite in Oxford and possesses unusual talent and is a fine vocalist.

The groom to be is a native of Virginia, and is now engaged in the lumber business in Eastern Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Birdsall requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mazie to Mr. Walter Edwin Stark on Wednesday, November the twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred twelve at twelve o'clock 313 Atlantic Avenue Manassas, New Jersey.

At home after December tenth, Oxford, North Carolina. Mr. Stark, the groom to be, is one of Oxford's best and most popular young men, and the good people of Oxford wish him and the bride-to-be much happiness.

Creedmoor Chronicles.

Mr. Hugh Whitfield visited his father, Mr. J. H. Whitfield, of Route 1, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Adcock, of Oxford are visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. M. Peace, of Oxford, was in Creedmoor recently shaking hands with his many friends.

Messrs. Claude Garner and J. R. Singleton have returned from a business trip to Mebane.

Dr. John L. Bullock enjoyed a visit from his friend, Dr. Hornady, of Burlington, last week.

Mr. J. T. Thomason, of Raleigh, is spending some time around here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henrietta Lyon, Mrs. Claude Lyon and Mrs. Joseph Thompson were Durham visitors last week.

Miss Louise Jeffreys spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Miss Sude Tingen, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sanderford, of Durham, are spending sometime with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Sanderford.

Misses Gertrude and Flora Wilkins, of Knap of Reeds, spent last Friday night with Miss Annie Lawrence near Creedmoor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tingen and children, Floy, Ethelene, Zelia and Garland, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Charley Morris, of Wilton.

Misses Freda Bragg, Sadie Bragg, Kathleen Moss, Messrs. Roy Mangum, W. B. Moss and Herbert Jones spent last Sunday with friends near Brassfield.

Misses Litia Midgette, Edith Fagan, Juvann Phelps and Myrtle Renn were the pleasant guests of the family of Mr. E. B. Parrott, of Route 1, Saturday and Sunday.

Many of our farmers are through shucking corn and selling tobacco and have begun making preparations for the winter. The corn and potato crops are not as plentiful as last year, yet in some of the farms that have been well cultivated and improved the supply is good.

It has been announced that the Deacons Contest of Creedmoor High School will take place this Friday evening in the chapel of the High School. There are several boys who will declaim for the highest honor of winning here, and this will entitle him to a chance in the next contest which will be held at Durham some time soon.

Last Saturday evening the base ball team of Creedmoor High School went over to Wilkins and played an interesting game of ball with Knap of Reeds. The game was interesting from the first. Yet the young men of Knap of Reeds won the victory, owing to the fact that several of the good players of Creedmoor were unable to be at their respective places.

Monday evening was an occasion indeed to be remembered by all our people, as it was the evening of the concert given by the Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage. The program was splendid, and consisted of songs, readings and pantomimes, suited to the young and old. Each child performed their parts well and made the audience feel proud of their talent and ability as well as their teachers who have trained them so carefully. Every seat in the chapel was filled and several standing around. The people realized a good treat in store, and came several miles to hear these children whom we always enjoy having in our homes and town.

We are very sorry to chronicle the death of Mr. Duncan Loyd at his home near Creedmoor last Saturday. He had been in declining health for a good while, and his death was unexpected to his family and friends who had watched by his bedside for a long time. He was a good friend, neighbor and citizen and will be missed not only in his home, by his family but by the community. The funeral and burial took place Sunday evening at the home place of Mr. Charley Burnette, near Hester, where a large crowd had gathered to pay their last respects to the dead. The floral offerings were beautiful. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends.

Quite a number of our young people attended the box party given at the Pleasant Grove School last Friday evening. The teachers, Miss Dora Jenkins and Miss Pauline Howard and the young ladies of the school had transformed the school rooms into very attractive places, carrying out the color scheme of scarlet and green. Mr. Alvis Rogers was auctioneer of the occasion, handling the boxes with care and a business like manner, as he does in the warehouse where he handles the golden leaves, dear to the farmers heart. A nice sum was realized from the sales of these boxes that contained fruit, candy, etc. prepared by the young ladies, and purchased by the young men bidding the highest.

RAMBLER. GEO. E. NISSEN and Thornhill Wagons. None better. Sold by Horner Bros. Co.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mr. Will Dorsey, of Route 3, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Garrett, of Route 3, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. H. King, of Culbreth, was in town Thursday.

Mr. George Royster, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Graham Daniel, of Providence, was in town Friday.

Mr. S. O. Parham, of Route 3, was an Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. G. E. Dickerson, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon was a Raleigh visitor Wednesday.

Mr. J. T. Cozart, of Route 3, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Miss Cohn, of Baltimore, is visiting her brothers in Oxford.

Mr. S. P. Adcock, of Berea, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. E. P. Wheeler, of Stem, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. Elliott, of Route 1, was on tobacco breaks Thursday.

Mr. J. G. Hays, of Route 2, was on the breaks Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Currin, of Route 1, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. E. Stem, of Route 6, was on our tobacco market Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Tillotson, of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Averett, of Route 5, were on our streets Thursday.

Mr. C. W. Bryan returned Thursday from a business trip to Richmond.

Mr. Wm. Farabow, of Hester, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

Mr. Elijah Currin, of Tar River, was among the town visitors Thursday.

Mr. Sam Clayton, of Moriah section, was on the tobacco breaks Wednesday.

Mr. Willie Lee Currin, of Route 1, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. M. W. Clement, of Northern Granville, was on our streets Wednesday.

Treasurer-elect A. E. Bobbitt, of Wilton, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. E. W. Kinton, of Oak Hill township, was in Oxford yesterday selling tobacco.

Mr. R. H. Pleasant, of Oak Hill township, was among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. John Taylor, of Richmond, who was on a visit to his aged mother near Oxford, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday shaking hands with his old friends.

Store Robbed.

Our town is at the mercy of a band of robbers. They grow bolder and bolder, and Thursday night they robbed the fruit store of Dames & Contos, on the corner of Hillsboro and College street, and secured \$125 from the safe, which, unfortunately, was not locked. The robbers gained entrance by breaking a glass window on the Hillsboro street front and crawling through the hole. This was such a bold robbery that the business men of Oxford stand aghast; and well may they ask who will be the next. It is time that some step was taken to insure our safety, ere the old town will be startled by the cry of highway robbery, murder and fire! The only way to put a stop to it and guarantee a degree of security to life and property is to put a strong and determined policeman on night duty. No municipality can ill afford to be without adequate protection even for a night. Now the question arises, will our town authorities give us the protection? If they fail to do so, then it is the part of wisdom for the business men to unite on some scheme to suppress this bad and dangerous element.

An attempt was made, evidently by the same parties, to enter the store of Horner Bros. Co.

Death of Young John Hunt.

Mr. John Wesley Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hunt, of Oxford, died Friday morning after a short illness of typhoid fever at the home of his parents on Asylum street. He was a student at Trinity College, and came home to cast his first vote. He was a promising young man and it was the wish of his parents that his talents would lead him into the ministry, and with this end in view he was placed at Trinity College.

The remains will leave the residence at 12:30 Sunday and conveyed to Salem Church, where the burial will take place at 2 o'clock.

The Public Ledger extends sympathy to these good people in their hour of bereavement.

THE GAS PLANT WILL COME

The Town Commissioners Grants Permit to Do Business.

The Town Commissioners are to be congratulated on their wise decision to permit the gas company to come in. Mr. B. K. Lassiter, attorney for the gas company, states that practically all the details have been complied with and the work of laying the main from Henderson will soon be under way.

The Public Ledger extends its well-wishes to the new enterprise and bid it abundant success, as we do to all enterprises that desire to locate in our midst and aid in the upbuilding of Oxford. It will come none too soon. A look upon the once vast woodlands of Granville, and compare it with the thin forests of to-day, will convince any one that the day is not far distant when we will be compelled to look elsewhere for fuel, and it is a noticeable fact that the coal barons grow richer as the forests diminish, and nothing holds them in check as does "dollar" gas. And when we take into consideration that the "servant question" will become more and more perplexing as the years roll by, we can well afford to welcome the gas company into the plan of economic scheming. It is stated that on good authority that if gas was withdrawn from the cities of New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, coal would advance fifty per cent in price over night, and in order to fight that great octopus the people throughout our broad land have been compelled to construct their houses along lines so that they can heat and cook by gas. The cry that gas is unhealthy and that the "whole thing smells" is entirely without foundation, but we would state, however, that when gas is piped to our homes no one in Oxford will be foolish enough to extinguish the flame with his breath and retire without turning it off, as some of the people from the far West do when they come East, only to "find themselves dead" next morning.

The King's Daughters.

The Ministering Circle of the Kings Daughters of Oxford was organized September, 1911, but did not get fairly to work until November of that year. Since their meetings have been held once a month, except during the heated term, and the attendance has been good. The work of the circle has been chiefly for the relief of suffering among the sick and needy. The first little effort made was to supply some children who were very poor the necessary school books which they were not able to purchase. When winter came wood was furnished several times to those who had no money to buy it.

Help was rendered a needy family when death visited them and removed a brother who had been their stay and comfort; a nurse for two weeks was provided for a mother who was ill and had no one to take care of her and her little children. On many other occasions a substantial aid was rendered the sick and needy.

The best work accomplished was that done for a girl at the cotton mill, who the doctors said could only survive a short time without an operation. She was suffering from tuberculosis of the leg. She was sent to a hospital, the limb removed and she is now apparently in the best of health.

The dues to State and National orders have been paid and a contribution of \$5 to the Jackson Training school has been made, also \$12 paid to the home for old ladies, Raleigh, which is one of the charities of the Kings Daughters of the State.

All that has been done was done in His name, for the benefit and relief of our fellow beings. The work accomplished by this little band of women without ostentation and without display is most gratifying. The money has come without great effort almost, I may say, fallen into their hands. A rummage sale added something to the treasury, and then they were able to realize from a supper furnished the young men for a dance. Only once have they solicited from the public and that was to help send the girl to the hospital.

The membership is now 26. We feel that if so few could do as much as these have done in the past twelve months great things might be accomplished with a large membership. We do earnestly trust that many more of our charitably inclined may enroll their names with us.

The Civic League has adopted this order as its charity branch and has rendered substantial aid to it, and we hope eventually to have all who belong to the Civic League to join us.

Respectfully submitted in His name, MRS. CHAS. G. ELLIOTT, Leader.

Exchange of Rectors.

On Sunday Rev. J. J. Lanier, Rector of Emmanuel Church at Warrenton, will officiate in St. Stephen's Church at the usual services, preaching at the 11 o'clock morning service. Mr. Lanier is recognized as one of the foremost theologians of the Episcopal Church in the South, and is an author of excellent repute. Rev. H. T. Horsfield will be out of town on Sunday officiating in Emmanuel Church at Warrenton.

Mr. C. D. Ray returned Thursday from a business trip.