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## THE TOBACCO MARKET

### GOOD GRADES ARE BRINGING GOOD PRICES.

The Oxford Market is Picking Up in Quantity and Quality—Good Money Promised for Good Grades.

In looking over our exchanges the other day we ran across the following paragraph in reference to the sale of tobacco on one of the markets in Eastern Carolina:

"The break was not very large, something over 300,000 pounds were sold at an average price of \$11.50. Several piles of high grade went for remarkable prices, in several instances \$50 and \$60 being paid for the wrapper leaf."

This looked good to the Public Ledger and we hastened to show the paragraph to several of the most reliable tobaccoists in Oxford and asked them to express their opinion as to the correctness of the report.

The four tobacco men that we consulted told us that the Oxford market will go them one better. One buyer was frank enough to admit that he would take all the high grade wrapper leaf that he could get for \$60 and \$65.

The Public Ledger has watched very closely all the reports coming in from the other markets of the State and in almost every instance the newspapers admit that very little good tobacco is being offered and they wind up by saying that the price is about the same it was the day before.

The markets that made a big splash on the opening day in order to catch and hold the tobacco growers for the remainder of the season will have to "come across" better than they have been doing. The prices on the Oxford market on opening day was reported to be the lowest in this section of the State, but the tendency has ever been upward and today the prices are higher than on any of the markets.

We have questioned a number of tobacco growers who have recently sold on the Oxford market and they expressed themselves as being very well satisfied. We have it from the tobacco men themselves that they are determined that Oxford shall lead in high averages.

## THE BOOSTER CHAUTAUQUA

### Three Days' Event at the Orpheum Theatre.

Beginning next Wednesday, October 6, and continuing through Thursday and Friday, the Booster Chautauqua will make things lively for the three days. There are six performances in all, and a season ticket \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children, will admit to all the performances. Here is a chance to see something worthwhile.

More Exhibits—Secretary Crews talks and dreams of the Fair all the time. "I shall not be satisfied until I see a sample of every thing that can be successfully raised in the county on exhibition," said Mr. Crews. Continuing he said "the object of the fair is to stimulate the growth and production of everything that can be raised, and the use of the most modern and intensified methods in attaining the highest results. A spirit of friendly rivalry between the producers is to be engendered so that "Bill Jones" will be encouraged to raise a better pig next year because "Tom White," his neighbor, took the blue ribbon this year."

The Clearing House—The Granville County Fair is intended to be a great clearing house for information about farming methods and products. All sorts of farm products, stock and fowls should be on exhibit. Now is the time to begin making arrangements for the entry of such exhibits. The fair officials are anxious to hear from every possible prospective exhibitor as early as possible. It will not only encourage the officials, but will be a stimulus to others to send their exhibits, when they know that their neighbors are to be represented.

A Pleasant Smile—There is nothing which affords us more pleasure than to see a farmer get a fair price for his tobacco. We actually saw two of them on the market this week draw their checks and smile. The only way we can ascertain the state of the market is to watch the faces of the farmers, and if they smile we know the country is safe. We should like to see more of them smiling.

Civic Club Meeting. The Civic Club will meet in the Commercial Club rooms at 4.30 on the evening of Wednesday, October 7th, at which time important business will be discussed.

Mr. J. P. Sandford, of Route 1, was on our streets Friday.

## CHARGED WITH FELONY

### Ed Jones, Colored, Connected With Bold Robbery on Main Street.

Some days ago Chief Wheeler connected one Ed Jones, colored, with the bold robbery of the Acme Hardware Company on the night of September 19th and by due process Jones was given a hearing before His Honor, Mayor Thad G. Stem Tuesday afternoon. Mr. T. Lanier appeared for the accused.

Several articles were placed in evidence and identified as the property of the Acme Hardware Company. A Clauss razor, manufactured at Fremont, Ohio, was identified by Mr. Chamblee as being their sample razor. Jones sold this razor to Justin Rankoff two days after the robbery. On being questioned by the Court, Jones said he purchased the razor from a colored boy about town. Mr. Rankoff also purchased a flashlight and a number of cartridges from Jones, and these, too, were identified as being the property of the Acme Hardware Company.

Jones could not satisfy His Honor as to where he got the articles but he was able to establish his whereabouts on the night of the robbery, excepting the lapse of a few minutes between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock.

In addressing the court, Mr. Lanier counsel for the accused, stated that while it looked rather dark for Jones he was satisfied that others were investigated in the robbery.

Mayor Stem bound Jones over to the November term of Court, fixing the bond at \$300, which the prisoner failed to justify.

It is up to the prisoner to establish where he got the stolen goods. A failure to do so means a long term in the State Prison.

## AUTOMOBILE WRECK

### Car Dashes Through Wire Fence on National Highway.

A big touring car containing Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hawes, of Richmond, was wrecked late Monday evening on the National Highway between the home of Senator Titus Currin and Providence. They left Oxford at six o'clock in the evening with the intention of spending the night in Durham and proceed to Graham early the following morning.

It is stated that they were not making more than fifteen miles an hour when all of a sudden the car left the road and dashed through a wire fence Mr. Hawes and his driver were slightly hurt, but Mrs. Hawes escaped without a bruise. The car was badly wrecked.

Mr. J. N. Norwood hastened to the rescue and brought the party back to Oxford. The car was mended and they returned to Richmond Wednesday. Mr. Hawes is the millionaire coal dealer of Richmond.

## NEWS OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

### Taken From the Newspaper Files of September 25, 1865.

We find the following paragraph in the Richmond-Times Dispatch under a head line entitled, "The News Fifty Years Ago."

Mrs. Parthenia Harris, wife of Haman Harris, was brutally murdered in Granville County, N. C., by a negro woman who had formerly belonged to the Harris family. When the colored woman was arrested she confessed her crime, and coolly told how she beat the woman's brains out with a stone.

We consulted Col. Gregory and some other well informed men about county affairs as to the correctness of the incident and they stated that they have no recollection of such an occurrence.

It has been suggested that Capt. Clements is likely to know about the brutal affair. There is no public record, so far as we are able to locate, of such a murder in Granville County. If it is not confirmed by a reliable source we will take it for granted that there was no such occurrence in old Granville.

## DEATH OF INFANT

### "The Lord Giveth and the Lord Taketh Away."

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis N. Taylor, of Stovall, sympathize with them in the loss of their infant son, Lewis N. Taylor, Jr., early Wednesday morning. Dr. F. H. T. Horsfield conducted the funeral services in St. Peter's Episcopal church, Stovall, and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

## Woodmen of the World.

Wilton Camp Woodmen of the World No. 366 will unveil a monument to the memory of Robt. I. Newton near Tar River station at the home of the deceased, on Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited and it is the desire of this Camp that all Woodmen in the county shall attend this exercise and they are hereby fraternally invited to be present.

C. R. GORDON, C. C.  
Wilton Camp N. 366.

## THE COUNTY FAIR

### THE THREE DAY'S EVENT IN OCTOBER

### Fine Exhibits Promised—Large Crowd Anticipated—The Amusement Features Unsurpassed—It is to be One of the Best All Round County Fairs in the State.

They are coming from the broad fields and rolling hills of old Granville. They are coming in buggies, wagons, automobiles, on horseback, and on the hurricane deck of the Granville county mule—they are all coming to the County Fair, October 13th, 14th, and 15th. Young, and old, big and little, short and long,



MR. BEN. W. PARHAM  
Chief Marshal

pretty and nearly pretty, the patriarch and the young blood—all this part of the world will be here for the great three days' event.

Men are now coming to town to say that the Fair will be a holiday time for the people, in their section—they are going to adorn themselves in their best bib and tucker, put on their prettiest frocks, press out the old pants and get ready for three long, happy days.

No use to try to see anybody at home that day—no use to send word that you will be there to take dinner with your neighbors, because the people you want to spend the day with will be in Oxford—at the County Fair. It is going to be a great time full of rejoicing. The old town will be filled with the best blood of the land. The streets will be packed and jammed with the people you have been wanting to see for a long time. It is "Home Coming Week" and it is going to be a gathering for kindreds and long separated friends.

Mayor Thad G. Stem has already kicked down all the gates leading into town and the big welcome sign will flutter in the breeze. The business men and householders, rich and poor, all alike, will turn themselves loose and by ignoring precedent have a whaling good time with our country cousins—God bless them all.

We want to see the streets in the business section of Oxford look like the Boardwalk in Atlantic City on a hot July Sunday afternoon. Mayor Stem has already said that the old town belongs to our country cousins during the entire week, and don't forget that there will be something doing all the time. The Public Ledger bids you a thousand welcomes, COME.

## Chief Marshal and Aids.

Ben W. Parham, Chief Marshal.  
Henderson—E. H. Perry, J. P. Zoll-coffer, M. C. Cooper, and Allison Cooper.  
Durham—Robert Hackney, R. O. Everett, J. E. Pegram and Jno. S. Cunningham.  
Clarksville, Va.—J. C. Clements and Samuel Davis.  
Raleigh—W. B. Jones and J. W. Hinsdale, Jr.  
Roxboro—Matt Long and L. M. Cotton.  
Youngsville—B. G. Mitchell.  
Fayetteville—J. C. Cooper, Jr.  
Virgilina, Va.—Luther Shoemaker, Thomas Pool, James Pleasant, and D. C. Mac Rae.  
Bullock—John G. Morton and J. G. Royster.  
Stovall—H. Taylor Jackson, W. H. Gregory and Richard Gregory.  
Berea—J. E. Michael and A. L. Calton.  
Creedmoor—J. D. Mangum, John Fleming, Garland Bullock and M. D. York.  
Northside—John Currin and Tom Fleming.  
Hester—John Edward Pittard and Frank Hester.  
Franklinton, R. F. D.—William Bobbitt.  
Oxford, R. F. D.—Nat Brummitt, J. A. Clay, Richard Harris, J. Ed Knott, Garland Hobgood, Therman Knott, Howard Hester, Ernest Pruitt,

## WILL BUILD HANDSOME HOME

### Mr. W. G. Pace Will Build Bungalow on the Crest of the Hill.

As soon as Mr. R. G. Lassiter arrived from Washington this week for a brief rest people began to talk real estate to him. His holdings a half mile west of Oxford overlooking the town is very tempting. As a whole it is worth a mint of money, but it is not for sale for either love or money, recognizing the fact that good neighbors are desirable, Mr. Lassiter this week sold several acres on the brow of the hill west side of the main thoroughfare near the Fair grounds to Mr. W. G. Pace, on which it is understood that Mr. Pace will build a handsome six or seven room bungalow, work to begin at once. Mr. Pace's purchase is bounded on the west by the handsome lots of Mr. S. W. Parker and we anticipate many handsome homes in that section in the near future.

The Public Ledger learns that the contractors are figuring on five other neat homes to be erected in Oxford at an early date, but we are not permitted to divulge the names of the parties at present.

## FIRE PREVENTION DAY

### Governor Craig Names the Day, Saturday, October 9th.

We are very much impressed with the flaming poster sent out by the State urging the people to do all they can to avert a destructive fire by cleaning up on Saturday, October 9. The poster carries a cut of a brave fireman descending a long ladder with a child in his arms, with the following injunction: "They will do their part when the fire starts; do your part before the fire starts."

## Pickings Still Good.

Thrifty people to whom saving money appeals are daily taking advantage of the offerings of the Green-Hunt stock of goods, as handled by Horner Bros. Company at their big store on Hillsboro street. We invite attention to the adv. elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

## Thanks to Business Men.

The Woman's Civic Club desires to thank the business men and firms of Oxford, who by their generous premiums offered to the Chrysanthemum Show, have shown their interest in, and appreciation of the work of this organization.

## Returns From the North.

Mr. R. R. Herring has returned from the Northern markets where he spent several days in the interest of J. G. Hall, the druggist. He states that he got on the market in good time to get a nice line of German toys of which there is bound to be a scarcity soon.

## Premiums Offered

Mrs. A. H. Powell has kindly furnished the Public Ledger with a list of premiums offered at the Oxford Chrysanthemum Show to be held October 28-29. The list with rules and regulations, will appear in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

## The Pierian Literary Society

The Pierian Literary Society held its regular meeting in the auditorium on September 24, 1915. The subject for the afternoon was "Queen Elizabeth." Misses Lelia Currin, Treva Garman Bedford Rountree, Ruth Pitchford and Oliver Webb presented applications for membership, and were received. Some of the members furnished some music which was greatly enjoyed. L.C.W.

Edward Crews, Roy Crews, Hood Parham, Theodore Parham, Shields Parham and W. E. Dorsey.

Oxford—Ernest Howard, A. H. A. Williams, J. F. Veasey, Halstead Caldwell, B. K. Lassiter, T. G. Stem, Dr. W. N. Thomas, H. F. Lee, A. H. Taylor, W. L. Mitchell, James White, P. C. Venable, A. W. Graham, Jr., J. W. Hester, C. L. Wright.  
Chapel Hill—B. S. Royster, Jr.

## Three Prizes Offered for Floats

The County Fair Association will give a prize of \$5.00 for the best commercial float in the parade at the County Fair. There will also be a prize of \$5.00 given for the best farm float and a prize of \$5.00 for the best decorated automobile. The parade this year is expected to outclass anything of the kind which Oxford has ever had. Several of the business concerns of Oxford have announced their intention of winning the prize offered for the best commercial float and the management of the fair have been assured that some good farm floats would be in the parade, if this feature should be worked out. With the great number of automobiles in the county a number of beautifully decorated automobiles will no doubt be seen.

## FUTURE GREATNESS

### THE GROWTH OF OXFORD IS SLOW, BUT SURE

### The Population of Town and County Within the Next Twenty Years Will Have Doubled, Trebled and Then Some.

In conversation with a progressive citizen the other day we fancy that we saw a disposition to worry over the slow growth of our fair town. He said that the methods in vogue were not exactly what they should be, and he offered as a solution a more thorough organization of interests and co-operation along all lines.

People may talk and kick the old town all they please, but there have been wonderful changes within our borders within the last fifteen or twenty years.

While we progress, those of us who are on the ground every day become impatient and sometimes think we are standing still; yet, those of our elder citizens who remember fifteen and twenty years ago and review the past are astonished at the wonderful progress that has been made along all lines in Oxford and Granville county. It is almost unbelievable to compare the progress that has been made in the town and county, educationally, agriculturally, morally, and every other way. If your memory is good and you will trace back ten, fifteen or twenty years and compare conditions then with now, the progress we have made will make your heart glad, if you are one of those who have fought for progress and kept your face to the rising sun.

Twenty years ago Oxford was a small village, likened unto "Grimes Cross Roads." Today it is a progressive, hustling, bustling little city of nearly six thousand population, backed up by one of the best and most prosperous rural sections in the State. Twenty years from today the population of Oxford will have doubled, trebled and then some. It is destined to be an important, but conservative city. Oxford should be proud of her progress and we should get together, as our friend suggests, and work as a unit for her future greatness.

## TYPICAL SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

### Col. R. O. Gregory Celebrates Natal Day.

Col. R. O. Gregory was 83 years old Thursday. Hale and hearty and as straight as a ramrod, he is much younger than a great many fifty-year-old men.

To the younger generation we would point to Col. Gregory as a typical Southern gentleman. "As to historical data regarding the county, the Public Ledger claims the privilege of calling on Col. Gregory with the blessed assurance of ascertaining the best in the store house of knowledge. His elegant presence among us brings to mind that period when knighthood was in flower.

## BRITISH BATTER THIRD LINE

### The German Loss, Killed and Taken Prisoners, Estimated at 120,000.

German casualties in the recent offensive of the French and British including killed, wounded and prisoners, were given officially by the French war office Thursday as in excess of three army corps, or more than 120,000 men. There is no interruption of the fighting in Champagne.

Progress of the French in the Oris region, northwestern France, continues.

North of Massiges the war office says 1,000 Germans surrendered.

The British are battering the third line of the Germans in the vicinity of Loos. The French are maintaining their offensive in Champagne. The Germans in Argonne apparently have been unable to make important gains, and have not materially checked the Allies' movement.

This sums up briefly the western situation as seen in London.

No great change is shown, but England attaches great importance to the fact that the offensive is not to be relaxed. A short breathing spell has been noted in the German pressure at points where the offensive has been greatest.

## Notice to Tax Payers

The Town tax books will be completed by Oct. 1st, and the following discounts and penalties will apply in the payment of taxes, viz:

On payment in Oct. 2 per cent discount.  
On payment in Nov. 1 per cent discount.  
On payment in Dec. nothing.  
On payment after January 1st 2 per cent penalty will be added.

By order of the Commissioners.  
R. B. HINES, Tax Collector.  
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