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PRICE OF TOBACCO IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS RECORD-BREAKER

Same Weed That Brought 17 Cents At Opening Last Year Now Selling at 27 Cents—General Average of Granville Tobacco Expected to Be 50 Cents.

Tobacco prices on the opening of the market in South Carolina last week averaged a third higher than at the same period last year, and with an upward tendency, according to information brought back here by those who were present at the opening sale. They are confident of a prosperous season, and declared that the yellow weed was bringing the highest prices in history in the Palmetto markets.

Tobacco that sold at the opening in July 1917 for 17 cents per pound last week brought a fraction above 27 cents, Wednesday, the second sale day, the prices on all of the markets were still higher.

The quality of the crop is far above the average, and the yield this year is believed to be the largest in the history of the market in the region south of here. Never before have such fancy figures been paid, and seldom has the grade been so good at this time.

Buyers and farmers in this section are always anxious to hear of the South Carolina opening, since that is usually taken as an indication of what is in store for markets in this part of the State, and the news that has been brought back at the beginning of the 1918 season is regarded as the best, for the farmer and the warehouseman to say the least of any recent year.

With tobacco bringing in excess of \$10 per 100 pounds more than last year on the markets in the North-South Carolina belt, local tobaccoists expect East Carolina weed to go to an average beyond \$40 this fall. An average price of \$45 would be compatible with the increase south of here; bright leaf last season brought nearly \$35. Taking into consideration the difference in quality an average of \$50 would not surprise the local tobaccoists.

Well informed tobaccoists estimate the Granville crops this year between eight and nine million pounds. All of these things being true, the outpouring of money for the weed in Granville will make last winter's prosperity look insignificant.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

Fifteen Hundred People Gathered at Hester Church Sunday Afternoon.

Fifteen hundred people from central Granville gathered at Hester Baptist church last Sunday afternoon to witness the dedication of the new church building.

The church is of brick, with beautiful outlines and the interior is very inviting to the eye. It will seat quite as many people as any church in Oxford.

Dr. Marsh reviewed the history of the church from its foundation up to the present magnificent plant that now adorns the spot where stood the small log church of the long ago. Dr. Marsh's review covered much interesting data, embracing the names of those who were the shining lights through the long years.

Other speakers present were Dr. Morgan, of Henderson, Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church; Judge W. A. Devin, and Rev. G. T. Tunstall, the pastor of the church, who has been granted leave of absence for one year to take up the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in the army should his services be required in the near future.

NEW TOBACCO BUYER.

Mr. Morton, of South Boston, Coming to Oxford.

The Public Ledger learns that Mr. Morton, of South Boston, will be the buyer for the American Tobacco Company on the Oxford market this season.

Mr. Morton has rented the Minor home on College street and will move his family here in the near future.

Prof. G. B. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips will vacate the Minor home and take board.

Note the half page adv. of Victor Kaplan on the last page of this paper.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Baptist Host Will Assemble In Oxford Wednesday and Thursday.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual session of the Flat River Baptist Association will meet in the Oxford Baptist church next Wednesday morning, July 17th, and continue through Thursday. There will be not more than fifty delegates in attendance. But, as Dr. Harte stated Sunday, it would be well to place three or four extra names in the pot and ask your country cousins, who may be in attendance, to take dinner with you.

The session will be called to order by Mr. C. D. Ray, moderator, at ten o'clock Wednesday morning. Dr. S. L. Morgan, of Henderson, has been requested to deliver the annual sermon.

The following churches compose the Flat River Association:

Amis Chapel, Antioch, Beulah, Bethany, Bullock, Corinth, Creedmoor, Concord, Dexter, Enon, Fellowship, Florence Avenue, Grassy Creek, Hester, Island Creek, Knap of Reeds, Knott's Grove, Mary's Chapel, Mount Zion, Mountain Creek, Mt. Harmony, Mill Creek, Oxford, Olive Grove, Alive Branch, Peace Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Providence, Poplar Creek, State Line, Stovall, Sharon, Tally Ho, Tabb's Creek, West Oxford.

IN HONOR OF HOUSE GUESTS.

At the Morgan Home Near Virgilina.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Morgan on Thursday evening, July 11th, there was a Lawn party given in honor of Mrs. L. H. Strum of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. C. C. Stapleford of Raleigh and Messrs. T. Alfred Morgan and Alban W. Strum, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who are house guests at the Morgan home.

The lawn and porches were very attractive with the varied colored Japanese lanterns. During the evening dancing and games were indulged in till a late hour, and refreshments of cream, cake and candy were served, the following guests being present: Misses Hettie Pittard, Virginia Pittard, Janie Wood, Eva Pearson, Bailey, N. C.; Mattie Lou and Annie Sizemore, Helen Elliott, Nita Sizemore, Nellie Woods, Etta Hester and Ethel Mangum, Mrs. Emma Woods, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Winston, and children, Mrs. L. H. Strum, Mrs. C. C. Stapleford and children, Miss Fannie Morgan; Messrs. Tom Woods, John Woods, Herman Chandler, Vernon Mitchell, Howel Winston, Archie and Carlton Sizemore, Julian Elliott, Charlie Winston, Pat Winston, Tom Pittard, W. L. Mangum, Alban D. Strum, T. Alfred Morgan, Charlie and Frank Moragan.

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BULGARIA MAY BE THE FIRST TO QUIT KAISER

London, July 15—Bulgaria, facing starvation and ruin, may be the first of the central powers' alliance to desert Kaiser Wilhelm and his war.

Recent dispatches show that internal conditions in Bulgaria are rapidly approaching a state similar to those in Germany and Austria—particularly Austria.

The Kaiser's Problem. Therefore the kaiser and his minions are face to face with the task of pacifying both their Balkan allies.

Boys Sent to Front. The army has been so weakened by deaths and desertions that the class of 1918 has been sent into the first line trenches.

Intercessory Prayer. The intercessory prayer service will be held next Monday, July 22nd, at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church, led by Mrs. Shotwell and Mrs. Veasey.

Handsome Show Room. The show room of the Carolina Power & Light Company is very attractive. They are now displaying an electric iron and ironing board at popular prices. See the announcement elsewhere in this paper.

There will be demonstration of the International 8-16 tractor by Sam C. Howard at the de la Croix farm all next Saturday afternoon. Will plow and harrow.

GRAND OFFENSIVE OF THE GERMANS RENEWED ON WESTERN FRONT

After Wait of Thirty-three Days Attack Is Delivered Along Sixty Mile Front—Intensity of Action Indicates That Operation Is Renewal of Big Offensive That Allies Have Been Expecting and Preparing To Meet For Weeks.

The Germans at dawn Monday launched a new phase of their mighty offensive by attacking from Chateau-Thierry to Maison de Champagne, north of Massieges and far east of Rheims, over a front about sixty-five miles in length.

Reports show that so far as the length of the line is concerned, the present drive is the greatest of the year. Americans stand firm.

The attack came after a most violent bombardment of high explosives and gas shells throughout the night. The American troops sought shelter wherever it was available. When the enemy infantry appeared, the Americans swarmed out and met the attacks with a rain of machine gun bullets. The Americans wore their gas masks as they fought the attacking Germans.

Long Range Guns. Heavy shells from German naval guns are falling in regions far behind the actual battle lines, many of these projectiles having fallen in the city of Meaux, 25 miles from Chateau-Thierry. In many of these towns the German shell fire is constant, the projectiles being from 10 to 12-inch aval guns.

Capture Brigade Staff. The German prisoners captured in the counter-attack by the Americans at the bend on the Marne number between 1,000 and 1,500. They include a complete brigade staff.

WASHINGTON JUBILANT.

Washington, July 15.—An air of elation was apparent in government circles tonight as Associated Press dispatches from France unfolded the story of the valiant stand of American troops along the Marne, where they hold the left flank of the great battle front, while the French army aided near Rheims by Italian divisions, stood fast over the far greater extent of the line they defended against assaults by the enemy.

VON HINDENBURG AGAIN REPORTED TO BE DEAD

Death Said to Have Followed Stormy Interview With the German Emperor.

Amsterdam, July 13—Field von Hindenburg is dead, according to the newspaper Les Nouvelles. His death is said to have occurred after a stormy interview with the German emperor at great headquarters at Spa. The emperor and the field marshal are declared to have had serious differences of opinion concerning the German offensive toward Paris. The field marshal died from congestion of the brain.

The violent interview between Von Hindenburg and Emperor William occurred on May 16, Les Nouvelles says. It was followed by an apoplectic stroke which ultimately resulted in the field marshal's death.

The newspaper says its information was obtained from "good sources" in the occupied district of Belgium.

NEWS OF MILITARY MEN.

Some Across the Sea—Others are Elsewhere.

—First Sergeant Elliott Cooper, who was stationed at Camp Jackson has been transferred to Atlanta.

—Corporal Norman Devent, son of L. H. Devent, is said to be one of the handsomest soldiers at Camp Jackson.

—Private Luther Davis writes his mother, Mrs. J. H. Davis, that he hopes to take Christmas dinner with her. Of course he hopes to go to Berlin before he returns to Oxford.

—Sergt. Robert L. Williford, fine son of Mr. L. T. Williford, writes his father from Camp Funston, where he has charge of the camp bakery, that he hopes to get a furlough in August to come home.

THE USE OF SUGAR. Food Administrator B. W. Parham Quotes Scriptures.

I desire to call attention to one or two matters with reference to the present regulation as to the purchase of sugar. We have some good people who are making a practice of buying sugar at two or three different stores and in this way evading the express direction of the Food Administration. Merchants are instructed not to sell sugar to customers whom they know to be buying sugar at other stores. I confess my inability to understand the mental or moral processes of an intelligent mind which concludes that it is proper to deprive suffering humanity of an amount of food, provided it be done through two or three stores. However, there are still a few good people in the world who haven't yet begun to think.

One other thing I should like to suggest. The Flat River Association meets with the Baptist church of Oxford this week and I wish to call attention to the wheatless Wednesday, as well as the sugar scarcity. The people who entertain visitors will have an opportunity to offer an example of patriotism, loyalty, and, I may add, Christianity. "For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat."

MORE THAN MILLION AMERICANS NOW IN FRANCE

North Carolina National Guard Men Including Oxford Company, in 30th Division, Second Corps (Washington Special.)

The number of American troops in France or on their way there, now is 1,100,000, General March, chief of staff, Saturday told the Senate Military committee at his weekly conference.

Three army corps of from 325,000 to 250,000 each have been definitely organized from American divisions in France, General March, chief of staff, announced.

In announcing the designation of the army corps, General March showed that five regular divisions, nine National Guard and four National Army divisions have been used to make up the three corps.

The second army corps, he said, is composed of the following: Seventy-seventh National Army (New York troops); 35th National Guard (Kansas and Missouri troops) 82nd National Army, (Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee troops); the 30th National Guard (Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and District of Columbia troops); 28th National Guard (Pennsylvania troops); and the fourth division of regulars.

CROWDER CALLS FOR THREE THOUSAND MEN TO WORK SPRUCE PINE

Provost Marshall General Crowder has issued a call for an additional 3,000 men from 38 state to produce spruce wood in the forest of the Northwest for airplane construction. From class one only men who are qualified for special or limited service will be accepted.

The men are to entrain July 29 for Vancouver Barracks, Washington. The allotments by States includes North Carolina, 20; South Carolina, 25; Tennessee, 95; Virginia, 10.

"EYES OF THE ARMY."

Handsome Picture of Lieutenant Roy H. Royster.

General Royster was showing friends the other day a recent picture of his son, Lt. Roy H. Royster. The photo shows him seated in his aeroplane, ready to adjust his eyeshield and take a flight.

After qualifying as a marksman at Fort Sill, shooting from an altitude of several thousand yards, Lieutenant Royster visited his pretty wife in New York and reported to the aviation field in Texas last week.

Oxford Jewelry Company. Owing to the proposed Federal tax law now pending in Congress, the Oxford Jewelry Company will maintain the 1917 prices on all goods up to the time the new law goes into effect. By reference to the announcement of the manager of the Oxford Jewelry Company, elsewhere in this paper, it will be seen that a great saving to customers await their pleasure.

MRS. WILL COLEY KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Was Born and Reared Near Stem and Was Previous to Her Marriage Miss Hattie Haskins.

(Special to The Public Ledger)

Stem, N. C., July 15.—Our community learns with deep regret of the tragic death of Mrs. Will Coley which occurred in an auto accident near Little River seven miles this side of Durham Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Coley and two children were returning to their home in Durham in a large automobile and had reached a point a few hundred yards this side of Little River when Mr. Coley attempted to pass an auto on the deep fill about two hundred yards from the river bridge. The road forces it seems had mowed the weeds from side of road at this point and being cut level with road bed the road had the appearance of being wider than it actually was. Mr. Coley is supposed to have run into these high weed stubs thinking he was still in the road. When he was nearly opposite the car he was passing he suddenly turned over, Mrs. Coley falling out and the edge of the car striking her body across the breast as the machine turned over into the ditch. Mr. Coley still held to the steering wheel and was not thrown out, and escaped sustaining only a slight injury to one hand and the two children miraculously escaped unhurt. Mrs. Coley was killed instantly and was breathing her last when her husband reached her. Dr. Robinson, related to the deceased by marriage, was among the number who first arrived from Durham and found that her lungs were crushed from the impact of the car and death resulted from blood strangulation. The funeral was held in Durham Monday afternoon and the remains interred in the city cemetery. Mrs. Coley was born near Stem and was previous to her marriage, Miss Hattie Haskins, daughter of the late Henry Haskins, grand daughter of the late Woodson Duncan of this community. Her husband, frantic with grief is said to have remarked to those who gathered around the mutilated corpse that "I blame no one but myself." "Why is it that I should make such an awkward drive as this as much experience as I have had in driving machines."

SOME FAT JOBS

With the Work Cut Out of Them.

Senator Lee S. Overman has received notice of the appointment of J. H. Haywood of Bryson City, Swain county, to a position as an inspector in the internal revenue service. He will receive a salary of \$1,800 and expenses. Senator Overman has also been advised of the transfer of Col. John C. Cunningham of Durham from North Carolina to the first district in the Illinois revenue service. He will draw a salary of \$1,500. Senator Simmons secured a position for Grover C. Hamrick of Shelby, as tax inspector. His salary will approximate \$2,000. He will be stationed in North Carolina.

MR. GEO. W. FULLER DEAD.

Remains Taken to Franklin County For Burial.

Mr. George W. Fuller died at his home in the Hurricane Saturday after an illness of several weeks.

The deceased was a noble citizen and counted his friends by the thousands. His home was at all times the abode of genuine hospitality.

Mr. Fuller often boasted that he lived in the geographical center of the Hurricane and that his home was the capital.

He was a good, kind jovial man and will be greatly missed. His remains were taken to Franklin county for interment.

THE WIRE BILL.

Government Takes Over Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

The resolution authorizing the President to take over the telegraph and telephone lines in the United States was passed by the senate Saturday night by a vote of 46 to 16. The measure now goes to the President, having been passed by the house.

Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. Talton and two children, of Selma, are at the old Hays homestead for a month.