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TOBACCO SEASON TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 4

Market Here Will Have Sales First Wednesday Next Month.

Tobacco market will open for the 1918-1919 season on the morning of Wednesday, September 4, according to a decision of the Tobacco Board of Trade at a meeting held Saturday morning to fix a date for the season's first sales. Markets in Oxford, Louisburg, Warrenton, Townsville, Youngsville and other nearby towns will open at the same time, it is understood.

Record prices are looked for both on the opening day and during practically the entire season, unless unforeseen factors enter to cause a turn in the opposite direction. Reports from South Carolina cities, where sales have been on for more than a month, continue to show unusually high prices, with the best crop and the most fabulous sums probably ever offered for the weed.

The crop all over Vance county and adjacent districts is said to be better, perhaps, than for many years. The long drought retarded the growth for a time, but timely rains, followed by warm summer weather, has worked wonders in the maturity of the plants, and a record yield would not be surprising.

SHERIFF HOBGOOD IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

Nor Has He Purchased Bowling's Mountain.

It has been rumored more or less that Sheriff Hobgood would run as an independent candidate for sheriff at the November election.

Sheriff Hobgood authorizes the Public Ledger to say that the rumor is without the semblance of foundation. He would not have the office, he says, if it was tendered to him for twenty years on an independent ticket. He looks forward to his retirement with much pleasure.

It is also rumored that Sheriff Hobgood has an option on Bowling's Mountain. According to the report, it is the Sheriff's desire to build a fine home on the apex of the mountain and keep a close watch out for blockaders down in the valleys. The Sheriff stated that this report, too, is without foundation.

The fact is, Sheriff Hobgood has not as yet informed his friends as to what he intends to follow when he retires from office next December.

The fact that Sheriff Hobgood is a very independent man, financially and other wise, gave rise to the report that he would run as an independent candidate, but he is not the kind of a citizen to sidestep in a political campaign.

EIGHT MERCHANTS IN STATE FOUND GUILTY

Four Wilmington Grocers and Four Others Pay Penalties for Violating Food Regulations.

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—The North Carolina food administration has found eight merchants in the state guilty of violating the food regulations and has allowed them to make contributions to the Red Cross ranging from \$25 to \$100 in lieu of more drastic penalty. The concerns are:

O. H. Harris, of Louisburg, \$100; Bellamy & Co., of Enfield, \$100; Ira D. Wood, of Enfield, \$50; Meyer Grocery Store, Enfield, \$50; People's Supply Company, of Wilmington, \$25; F. M. Ross, Wilmington, \$25; Thomas F. Wood, Inc., Wilmington, \$25.

PALMETTO TOBACCO CROP BRINGING GOOD RETURNS

The Average For July Reached 33.86 Cents.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 14.—The tobacco crop of South Carolina will bring a lot of money into the State this summer. Commissioner A. C. Summers gave out an official statement to the effect that the sales for the month of July had reached the astonishing figure—\$8,125,263.04. This is an increase of \$5,000,000 lbs. and \$4,000,000 over the sales of July of last year. The average price paid for the July, 1918, crop was 33.86 cents, against 21.65 cents last year.

Sugar Facts.
Elsewhere in this paper Horner Bros. Company advise the people to comply with sugar regulations.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION HELD ON 24TH

Call For All Young Men Who Have Become 21 Since the 5th of Last June.

All men who have become 21 since the 5th day of June, 1918, by Presidential Proclamation, will be required to register on August 24th. This registration must not be confused with the larger registration to come early in September.

The Local Board will have full charge of the registration, and the registration for the whole of Granville County will be held at the Court House in Oxford, on the 24th day of August, 1918. It will last from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Let all young men who have become twenty-one since June 5th, 1918, take notice. Register without fail.

September 5, will not be the day for registration of men from 18 to 45 even if Congress passes the bill in time because the largest States in the Union hold primary elections on that date.

The Provost Marshal has no intention, it was said, of creating registration dates for men reaching twenty-one throughout the year, but the present registration was made necessary by the approaching deficiency of man-power.

MAN-BIRD LIGHTS IN OXFORD

Lt. Roy H. Royster On His Way Overseas.

The many friends here of Lt. Roy H. Royster were glad to see him come in from New York this week. He has been in training for several months—at San Diego, Fort Sill and at the aviation field at San Antonio. He was always a handsome young man, but he has now been reduced to bone and sinew and is the picture of health. His nerves are like steel.

There are two other Granville boys in the aviation service, but Lt. Royster is our sole representative in the air. He has qualified for duties overseas and the next thing is to get the lay of the land and the nest of the Huns.

Like all true soldiers, Lt. Royster will not commit himself further than to say that the sooner we get at the job the sooner it will be finished. He wears upon his left breast the insignia of the flying squadron—a bird with outstretched wings, wrought in silver.

Lt. Royster will leave this week for an American port. Asked as to when he would sail, he answered by saying that they are sending the men over very rapidly just now.

AMERICAN NEGROES WIN WAR CROSSES

Whole Regiment is Cited For Repulse of Germans At Belleau Wood.

(Paris Special.)

One regiment of negroes in the American Army (No. deleted by censor) has had its baptism of fire on the fighting fields of France and acquitted itself so well that the French commander of the sector has cited the whole regiment as worthy of receiving the war cross. This regiment's repulse of the enemy attack on the early morning of June 12 (possibly at Belleau Wood or Bouches) was briefly referred to in the official communique.

CROPS GOING TO WASTE.

The Scarcity of Labor Is a Serious Proposition in Granville.

The farmers of the county are as busy as bees. It is practically certain that much vegetation can not be saved on account of the scarcity of labor. The last reserves, including very young boys and girls, are doing the work of men on the farms.

It would be well for some of the idle labor in town to go to the country and help save the crops.

THE OXFORD WATER COMPANY.

Ask Permission of the Town Board to Increase Rates.

The town commissioners have under consideration a petition from the Oxford Water Company asking permission to increase the rate.

Mr. Calton, of Caltolina, was in Oxford a few hours Thursday.

GERMAN ARMY FALLING BACK TO THE OLD HINDENBURG LINE

Eighteen Hundred Square Miles Territory and 1,700 Guns Taken—Germans May Be Able to Make Stand at Hindenburg Line But They'll Need to Get Busy Soon.

(Associated Press Report.)

Four weeks ago Marshal Foch took the initiative on the western side of the Marne salient and a week ago the French and British hit the German lines east and southeast of Amiens. In the four weeks the Allies have reclaimed nearly 1,800 square miles of territory, improved their positions to the detriment of the enemy, freed the important railways running east and north from Paris and unofficially have captured 73,000 prisoners and 1,700 guns. These are the physical gains, the future holds the others.

New Drive Expected.

Many army officers in Washington expect that a new drive shortly will be made against the enemy. Flanders or the area between the Oise and Soissons are believed to be the most likely fields of action.

Old Hindenburg Line.

Military critics express the view that if the Germans reach the old Hindenburg trenches in formation, the Allies will crush them out.

Man-Power Bill.

Thursday Chairman Chamberlain disclosed to the Senate that General March told the military committee it was up to the United States to put enough men in France to win the war on the west front, and he expressed the belief that 4,000,000 Americans under one commander could go through the German lines whenever they pleased.

Three Million Men by June

The report also revealed that the new man power agreement calls for eighty divisions or something over 3,000,000 men, in France by June 30 next year, with eighteen more divisions in training at home then.

EVERYMAN'S PLEDGE

America Shall Win the War.

Therefore, I will Work. I will Save. I will Sacrifice. I will Endure. I will Fight—cheerfully, and to my utmost—as if the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone. I will thus prove I am a one hundred per cent American.

UNLAWFUL TO ENTICE CHILDREN FROM THE ORPHANAGE

Superintendent R. L. Brown Is Worried at Recent Happenings.

Dear Editor:—

It becomes my duty as Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to call the attention of the citizens of this and other counties to the following Act of the Legislature, passed March 5, 1917, Chapter 133 of the General Laws of North Carolina:

SECTION 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person to entice or attempt to entice, persuade, harbor or conceal, or in any manner induce and indignant child to leave any of the institutions hereinbefore mentioned without the knowledge or consent of the authorities of such institution.

SECTION 4. That any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

We have enjoyed the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the citizens of this State in the past to a marked degree for which we are most profoundly grateful, but of late since labor is scarce, some few individuals in Granville and Vance counties have been trying to obtain the labor of our children in an unlawful manner. We should very much dislike to invoke the enforcement of the law but wish to give notice that we shall not hesitate to use every means in our power to protect our children from those who, for selfish and sordid reasons, wish to unlawfully obtain the labor of our children. Respectfully,

R. L. BROWN, Superintendent.

Mr. Mott Pinnix has returned from Ocean View. The sun scorched his arms and back to a beautiful brown.

REGISTRARS APPOINTED FOR NEW DRAFT REGISTRATION

The Date of Registration Will Be Announced Later.

The Granville County Exemption Board has appointed the following registrars for the new registration to be held soon. As far as possible the gentlemen who served June 5th, 1917, have been asked to serve again.

Dement—W. S. Howell, A. P. Overton.

Wilton—Dr. J. A. Morris, Philo White.

Grissom—E. P. Davis, C. E. Floyd.

Creedmoor—O. A. Curl, U. O. Peed.

Wilkins—Hugh Fleming, R. T. Roycroft.

Stem—W. S. Gooch, Melville H. Brags.

Berea—L. S. Russell, S. T. Slaughter.

Howard—C. M. Knott, P. G. Pruitt.

Oak Hill—J. S. Watkins, R. L. Eake.

Buchanan—D. C. Winston, Ballard Norwood.

Stovall—Frank Gregory, Dr. W. L. Taylor.

Bullock—C. G. Royster, I. A. Royster.

Salem—L. G. Breedlove, E. A. Hunt.

N. Oxford—J. C. Howard, D. G. Brummitt, W. J. Webb.

S. Oxford—W. H. Walker, Cam Easton, Kerr Taylor.

Bell Town—C. N. Gordon, L. T. Buchanan.

CAPT. BEN K. HAYS LOOKS HANDSOME IN KHAKI

Capt. W. H. White Calls on the Distinguished Granville Physician At New Haven.

Capt. W. H. White has returned from a visit of a month, in New Haven, Conn., at the home of his sister, Mrs. Whitfield, with whom Capt. White's son, Rogers White, makes his home, being now employed in a large government munition plant, in New Haven. While there Capt. White called to see Dr. Ben Hays, who is located for the present at United States Hospital, No. 16, where special treatment is arranged for tuberculosis patients. This hospital is two miles from New Haven where Capt. White found Dr. Hays in fine spirits and looking remarkably well in his uniform, in rank of Captain.

Capt. White enjoyed a fine auto trip of 700 miles, in company with his nephew, Mr. Nathan Whitfield, who is manager of the Overland cars and trucks—going from North Carolina his friends here are glad to hear of his success in New Haven.

HELP THE SUFFERING PEOPLE.

Granville County Is Asked to Subscribe \$1,500.

Please give notice that on Monday August 19th, by proclamation of the Governor, (on August 14th) this State has been requested to raise \$100,000 for the relief of suffering Jews in Europe and Asia and that \$1,500 of this amount has been allotted to Granville county. If we knew the poverty and suffering as it exists we could raise much more.

The following committee has been appointed to look after the canvassing:

R. H. Lewis, Oxford

Samuel Cohn, Oxford

Isaac Wolf, Oxford

Chas. G. Royster, Bullocks.

D. A. Burwell, Stovall.

Hugh Fleming, Creedmoor.

C. E. Lyon, Creedmoor.

G. L. Allen, Creedmoor.

W. S. Gooch, Stem.

E. C. Harris, Oxford.

In addition to this committee I call upon all our good people to aid in this great work of relief.

A. A. HICKS,

Chairman Jewish Relief Fund.

Preachers, Please Take Notice.

The Granville County Exemption Board requests the Public Ledger to ask the preachers of the county, both white and colored, to announce from their pulpits next Sunday that there will be a special registration on August 24th of all young men who have become 21 years of age since June 5, 1918.

The Hub.

Everything is new and stylish at The Hub, and new goods are arriving daily. See announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

CHIEF FRUITS OF THE VICTORY WILL NOT BE SEEN ON MAP OF WAR

The Greatest Part of War Is to Find Out What Is Taking Place Behind the Enemy's Line. (London Special.)

Writing on "The Moral of Victory," after a single paragraph, H. Sidebotham, summarizing, the situation cabled:

"The importance of victory is not so much geographical as moral, for once the German newspapers give a better idea of the real value of our victory than the map. Hitherto when the Germans suffered reverses they had some catchword to comfort themselves with the hope of victory. This time they are caught without one. Their strategy is clearly in the transitional stage from the ideas with which Ludendorff began the offensive in March to some ideas, the nature of which is not yet revealed, and which we can only conjecture.

"The greater part of war is to find out what is happening on the other side of the hill, and undoubtedly some revolution is in progress in the German military policy to which we have not yet the key.

PERSHING TELLS OF CREATION FIRST FIELD ARMY

American Army in France Now on Same Footing as the French or British. (Washington Special.)

Secretary Baker was formally advised by General Pershing that the first American field army had been created, General Pershing retaining command of the army as well as of the entire American expeditionary force for the present.

Formation of the army is taken here to mean that the Americanization of a definite portion of the front has been completed. Supply lines, railways, bases, storage facilities, debarkation ports, and the like, created and operated by Americans, stand behind the first army. The only statement of the location of this American front given is that it is "South of the Marne."

CAPT. A. A. CHAPMAN HEADS LABOR COMMITTEE

Twenty-five Skilled Workmen Wanted From Granville.

Capt. A. A. Chapman has been appointed recruiting agent by the United States Public Service Board. Messrs. C. S. Garman and James Fagan will assist in securing 25 skilled laborers from Granville.

A district agent will visit Oxford in a few days and outline the work to the committee. This district embraces seven counties, out of which must come 171 skilled laborers.

Child Knocked Down By Auto

While playing on the parkway on lower Main street Wednesday evening, little Gus Hall, the bright four year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hall, suddenly emerged from the shrubbery and walked to the middle of the narrow driveway and was knocked down by an auto. The car which was driven by a careful lady, was moving very slow when it struck the little fellow. It was a close call, but fortunately no bones were broken. It frightened the lady at the wheel, who saw some blood and thought that the little boy was badly hurt, but he escaped with slight bruises and is getting along nicely.

Colored Students.

The Exemption Board Wednesday sent the following colored boys to the A. and T. College at Greensboro to qualify for special duties: R. I. Brodie, Gabriel Taylor, Spurgeon Taylor.

Preaching at Oak Hill.

Rev. J. F. Coleman, of Rosewell, Ga., former pastor of the country group of Presbyterian churches in Granville county, will preach at Oak Hill next Sabbath, August 18th, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Mrs. F. W. Hancock has returned from Wadesboro, N. C., where she has been visiting for several weeks her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Pruett. While there she has been the recipient of many social courtesies.

Not the least of the airman's compensations has been that he could always climb higher than the mercury.