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THE PENDULUM OF THE CLOCK NEVER STANDS STILL

The Indications Point To Lower Prices For Tobacco Next Fall.

Farmer readers of the Public Ledger will need no warning with reference to the 1919 crops of tobacco. As always follows high prices, many thoughtless farmers will gamble on the future and risk everything on tobacco. This is extremely foolish and dangerous. The big prices for tobacco during the last two years have been produced by abnormal conditions. These conditions are becoming normal again. The world has been on a war basis, but is now adjusting itself to a peace basis. This is certain to mean a fall in the prices of all commodities. Cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco—all must come down. The pendulum of the clock never stands still. It cannot keep moving one way. It will return. Be prepared for it.

The Danbury Reporter figures it out as follows:

"The year 1913 was a year of high priced tobacco, which set many farmers wild, who thought the condition was permanent. The year 1914 meant disaster to many. Those farmers who gambled on high prices being permanent, lost. Those who had failed to produce the necessities of life, but who had expected to buy them with the proceeds of high tobacco, were bitterly disappointed. Next fall, the indications point to lower prices for tobacco. The manufacturers have been buying for two years at fancy figures. Now to recoup themselves they must get their raw material lower. The prices on manufactured articles of all kinds, including smoking and chewing tobacco, are sure to decline within another year."

The only safe plan for the Granville county farmer is to make arrangements to produce all his supplies at home this year, for fear low tobacco next fall leave him stranded and unable to pay his wheat, corn, meat, and stock feed bills. After setting aside sufficient land for home supplies, then plant all the tobacco you can well attend. By this plan, you will be on the safe side, if tobacco is low, and if it should be high again, you will be in good shape.

COMMISSIONER WYATT E. CANNADY DOING GOOD WORK

Anxious To See the Roads of the County in Good Shape.

Some time ago the county commissioners designated Commissioner Cannady to look after the Oxford-Henderson road and see what could be done to improve conditions. He has been working in conjunction with the State engineer, and if the plan he evolved to dodge Harrisburg hill is adopted it will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Under his plan the road would cross the creek at the same point and hug the hill in a graceful curve on the south side and reenter the old road two hundred yards west of the steep incline. Commissioner Cannady states that the people of Bullock are actually suffering for a good road leading to the northwest from that point. Such a road, he said, would bring thousands of people to Oxford that are now going to Virginia. Considerable road building is now under way in Mecklenburg county, said Commissioner Cannady and unless we get wise to their movements and lead the people into the National Highway at Bullock we are going to lose a lot of trade.

Commissioner Cannady is familiar with the road system of the county. Above all things, he said, he would like to see a first-class road between Oxford and Creedmoor. This, he said, could be accomplished at comparatively small cost to the county and that it would be the means of attracting unlimited trade to Oxford that find an outlet in another direction.

MUSIC TEACHERS WILL MEET IN OXFORD

To Stimulate The Study of Piano Music.

Prof. Wade R. Brown, of Greensboro, State Musical Director, has requested Mrs. John B. Booth to call a meeting of the piano teachers of Granville county on Saturday, March 8, and Mrs. Booth requests all teachers of piano in the county to attend the meeting in Prof. J. F. Webb's office in the Court House at eleven o'clock on that date.

At this meeting a plan for the stimulation of piano study will be presented and discussed, and it is hoped that every teacher of piano in the county will be present. Each county in the State will have a like organization.

Dr. T. L. Booth is spending some time in St. Cloud, Florida.

THE CHURCHES OF OXFORD.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Stewart Oglesby, pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; John R. Hall, superintendent; J. M. Baird, teacher of Bible class.

METHODIST.

Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor; services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 Sunday school in Lyon Memorial Building 9:45 a. m., G. B. Phillips, superintendent.

BAPTIST.

Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor; services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30. Sunday school at 9:45. W. A. McFarland, superintendent.

WEST OXFORD BAPTIST.

Rev. E. G. Usry, pastor; services first and third Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; D. F. Lanier, superintendent; teachers' meeting Friday night at 7:30.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL.

The Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, rector; services on Sunday: Litany, sermon and Holy Eucharist 11 a. m.; evening prayer 5 o'clock; Sunday school 9:45 a. m., R. H. Lewis, Jr., Supt. Lent—Ash Wednesday, Morning service, sermon, and Holy Eucharist 11 o'clock; evening prayer 5 o'clock. Thursday—Evening service, with reading 7:45 o'clock. Friday—Litany 11 a. m.; evening prayer 5 o'clock. Saturday—Evening prayer 5 o'clock.

OXFORD SCHOOL CHILDREN ADOPT FRENCH ORPHANS

One of the Little Tots in the War Zone Sends Appreciative Letter

Some months ago seven of the grades of the Oxford schools took upon themselves the support of seven orphans of France and Belgium. This amounts to \$36.50 each for the year. The pupils of these grades are gladly making a little sacrifice that the destitute children of these war stricken countries may have some help. It is forming a great bond of friendship that will mean much in the future of these great peoples.

Letters are being sent from Oxford to France and in return letters from France come to the boys and girls here at home and they are filled with real thankfulness and love.

The seventh grade has received the first one of these letters and a copy of it is given below. It came from a little girl who was only four years old on the 31 of last January. It was written in French and has been translated as follows:

Graulhet, Feb. 2nd, 1919.
My Dear Benefactors—Being now too young to do it myself, I am writing in the name of my sister to thank you for the gift which you have been so good to send me, the first payment of which has just been transmitted to me.

I do not know how to express myself in order to show you my great gratitude and my thanks, especially when I think that so far away we have some benefactors who are seeking only to allay the misery of little French orphans.

Now, my dear benefactors, I leave you and thank you again for your generous gift and send you at the same time every expression of my friendship.

Your little protegee,
RAYMONDE BARDON,
Rue du Mail, Graulhet, Tarn.

RECURRENCE NEXT WINTER OF "FLU" IS PREDICTED

Appropriation of \$300,000 for Study of Disease Carried in Congressional Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Recurrence next winter of the influenza epidemic which caused thousands of deaths in all parts of the country during the past five months is predicted by Rear Admiral W. C. Braisted, Surgeon General of the Navy.

An appropriation of \$300,000 for the study of diseases is carried in the sundry appropriation bill, now before the House, but the amount is insufficient and will probably be increased to \$1,000,000.

TWO METHODIST CHURCH PAPERS CONSOLIDATED

The North Carolina Christian Advocate, published at Greensboro, the official organ of the Western North Carolina Conference, and the Raleigh Christian Advocate, published at Raleigh, the official organ of the North Carolina Conference have consolidated under the general designation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which will be published in Greensboro.

GOVERNORS AND MAYORS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON LABOR PROBLEMS

Mayor Mitchell, of Oxford, Will Probably Attend.

Governors of fifteen states, lieutenant governors of two others and mayors of 100 cities thus far have accepted the invitation of Secretary of Labor Wilson to attend the White House conference beginning next Monday for discussion of business and labor problems growing out of the ending of the war. Mayor Mitchell has signified a desire to be present.

The meetings, which will continue three days, will be held in the East room of the White House.

FRENCH BILL FOR DAMAGE LIMITED BY FOE'S ABILITY

Amounts of Estimated War Losses Exceed German Power to Pay—Radical Tax Measure Due to Difficult Financial Situation.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Members of the French Government in conversation with the American delegates say that the capital tax proposed by Minister Klotz in the Chamber of Deputies will be 20 per cent.

This is the most radical tax program of any of the Allies and is a result of the extremely difficult financial situation of France, which failed during the war to tax incomes. It also is an admission that France expects the German indemnity to be adequate to meet the French war debt.

The capital tax is necessary to meet the growing socialist sentiment in France.

The total value of capital in France before the war was about \$75,000,000,000. Allowing for losses, it is hoped to raise fifteen billion by the capital tax and thus to reduce the debt by one-half.

Since the war debt of France is widely distributed most of the payers of this tax will simply turn back their war bonds which are equal to one-fifth of the nation's property ownership.

American investigators have given up estimating Belgium's damages. France will take the French and Belgian bills and confine her efforts to estimating Germany's ability to pay.

This means simply that the investigators have gone far enough to see that the bills exceed Germany's ability to pay, and final reparation will be determined entirely by the latter consideration.

PRESIDENT WILSON SIGNS THE REVENUE BILL.

Incomes, Excess Profits and War Profits, Estates and Inheritances Are Levied Upon Heavily By The Law.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Secretary Glass has issued an appeal to the American people to pay cheerfully the higher war taxes which went into effect last Tuesday when the revenue bill received the signature of President Wilson.

Machines Set in Motion. The Revenue Bureau's machinery already had been put into operation in preparation for the filing of returns March 15 on incomes, excess profits and war profits, and the collection of the first 25 per cent installment payment on that date.

Luxuries Struck Hard. Taxes which become operative at once include those on liquor, tobacco, soft drinks, so-called luxuries as automobiles, pianos, candy, chewing gum, sporting goods and slot machines, brokers, amusement places, taxicabs and other special businesses.

Articles in the "luxury" class on which new taxes effect include automobiles and motor accessories, cameras, chewing gums, candy, firearms, slot machines, toilet soaps and art goods. The tax is paid by the manufacturer.

Other Features. Taxes on incomes, excess profits and war profits; estates and inheritances; and excise taxes on a number of special businesses, such as brokers, bowling alleys, insurance companies.

JUDGE DEVIN ATTENDS BANQUET IN WASHINGTON

Hon. W. A. Devin, who has been holding court at Elizabeth City and Washington for the past several weeks, will arrive in Oxford today and spend the week end here.

We notice that there was a big banquet in Washington a few evenings ago and that Judge Devin was on the program for a five minutes' speech.

Mrs. Thad G. Stem and fine little son were in Oxford Thursday. It is a pleasure to note that Mrs. Stem will return to Oxford to make her home when Major Stem returns from over seas.

GROSS INCOME EXPLAINED BY THOMAS D. MEYERS

Answers Questions in Regard to Income Tax Intricacies—Some Moneys Not Taxable.

Mr. Thomas D. Meyers, of collector Josiah Bailey's office, put in three strenuous days here this week explaining the new revenue law to those who desired to be informed as to just what constitutes "gross income" in their income tax returns for 1918.

"In making out his return of gross income, the taxpayer is required to account for practically every dollar he received during 1918, explained Mr. Meyers.

Salaries, wages and commissions for personal services, including bonuses. Interest received on notes, and deposits in banks including savings banks.

Dividends on stock, whether received in cash or stock. Only dividends paid out of earnings or profits accrued since March 1, 1913 are taxable, but dividends are deemed to be distributed out of the most recently accumulated earnings.

Profits resulting from purchases or sales of property, real or personal. If the property was purchased before March 1, 1913, the profit is based on the difference between the selling price and the fair market value as of March 1, 1913.

Profit from stock market transactions.

Income received from fiduciaries, that is, amounts received from incomes of estates, trusts, etc., through trustees, administrators or executors.

Net partnership profits whether divided or distributed or not.

Royalties from mines, oil and gas wells, patents, copyrights, and franchises.

The following items are not taxable and need not be included in the return.

Property received as a gift or by will or inheritance. It must be understood, however, that the income derived from such property is taxable.

Proceeds of life insurance policies. Returns of premiums on life, endowment and annuity policies. Interest on securities issued under the provisions of the federal farm loan act of July 17, 1916.

Amounts received through accident or health insurance, or under workmen's compensation acts, plus the amount of damages received, whether by suit or agreement on account of such injuries.

Amounts received during the war by a pension in the military or naval forces for active service, up to \$3,500.

Interest on obligations of any state or political sub-division of a state such as city, county, town or village and the District of Columbia. Interest on obligations of the United States is exempt except that interest on obligations issued after September 1, 1917, is exempt only to the extent provided in the Liberty bond acts.

Interest on Liberty bonds to the par value of \$5,000 is exempt from all taxation. Holders of large Liberty bonds are advised to consult their bankers or write the Collector as to the exemption they are entitled to.

PRICES ARE GETTING BACK TO THE NORMAL STAGE

The following table shows the reductions in food prices which took place in New York in two weeks between Jan. 18 and Feb. 1 of this year:

Commodity	Feb. 1	Jan. 18.
Porterhouse steak	38c	48c
Sirloin steak	37c	48c
Top round steak	37c	38c
Chuck steak	23c	30c
Leg of veal	28c	38c
Veal cutlets	40c	50c
Pork loins	27c	38c
Fresh hams	32c	40c
Bacon	38c	48c
Shoulder of pork	23c	32c
Creamery butter	53c	70c
Eggs, Western	58c	70c

NORTH CAROLINA MAN NICK-NAMED THIRTIETH DIVISION

Donald MacRae, of Chapel was the man who gave the 30th division the nickname of "Old Hickory." He was in Charlotte the other day and showed official confirmation. The commanding general at Camp Sevier said he would give a ten days' furlough to the man presenting the best nickname. MacRae won the furlough, submitting the name "Old Hickory," as the troops in the division were from the Carolinas and Tennessee. The States representing Andrew Jackson in birth and residence.

OLD HICKORY TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY LANDS AT NEWPORT

Near 500,000 Men of Our Army in France Will Be Home Or On Way Before July First—Four Vessels On High Seas Now Are Scheduled To Dock Next Week With 6,200 Officers and Men.

(Washington Special.) The first unit of the Thirtieth Division, composed of National Guard troops from North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, is due at Newport News March 3 aboard the battleship Michigan, which sailed from Brest February 18, according to information available here. The unit is the 105 Trench Mortar Battery, composed of six officers and 181 men.

The battery will be assigned to three camps for demobilization as follows:

Camp Sevier, S. C., 60 men; Camp Gordon, Ga., five officers and 67 men; Camp Lee, Va., one officer and 45 men.

Four Ships Dock Next Week.

The battleship Ohio, the hospital ship Comfort and two transports bringing home 200 officers and 6,000 men have sailed from France and are expected to arrive between March 3 and 5. The battleship is proceeding to Newport News and the other ships to New York.

The battleship Ohio should reach Newport News March 5 with the first anti-aircraft section complete, casual companies of Texas, Colorado, Georgia and North Carolina, and five casual officers.

Half Million By July 1.

Nearly 500,000 men of the American Expeditionary Forces will before July 1 be either returned to United States or will be homeward bound, according to plans of the general staff.

The twenty-seventh, Eight-fifth, Thirty-seventh and Ninety-first divisions will sail in March; the Twenty-sixth, Seventy-seventh, Eighty-second, Thirty-fifth and Forty-second in April; the Thirty-second, Twenty-eighth, Thirty-third, Eightieth and Eighty-eighth in May and the Eighty-ninth, Ninetieth, Twenty-tieth and Seventy-ninth in June.

STEM NEWS LETTER.

Tally Ho Soldier Boys Returning To Their Homes.

(W. R. MANGUM.)

—Mr. U. M. Roberts, of Route 1, left Wednesday for a business trip to Eagle Rock and Wendell.

—Mrs. Sallie Pope, of Clarksville, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thomasson of Route 3.

—Mr. Ben Cozart, of Trinity College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cozart.

—Misses Willie May Currin and Carrie Phillips, of Culbreth section, spent the week end in Richmond and attended the Billy Sunday meetings.

—Dr. Hardee reports that he has only one case of influenza, among his patients, which is in the neighborhood of Culbreth. He has treated hundreds of cases and has lost only one.

—A letter received by Mr. E. P. Mangum, of Route 1, states that his brother, Private O. T. Mangum, has landed in New York from overseas and has entirely recovered from his wound and will be home in a short while.

—Private Frank T. Cozart, who is in the hospital service at Camp Lee, spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cozart. He was en route to Camp Lee from Azalea, the government hospital near Asheville, where he had been to take some tubercular patients. He hopes to return to his business here by early fall.

—Corporal Eddie Cozart, who left his home last March for Camp Jackson, arrived at Stem last Thursday, being the first soldier to return to this community from overseas. Mr. Cozart served in the engineering corps and was under shell fire for several months, but escaped uninjured. He saw many towns that had been completely destroyed by Germans, the brick walls of buildings left standing about waist high. The rivers in France, he says, are much smaller than he expected to see and were mere streams compared with ours.

—Rev. L. M. Hobbs, the new pastor of Tally Ho church, preached an excellent sermon there Sunday, choosing as his theme, "God calling men". He emphasized the point that there are many nominal christians who have never been called of God and that the church is weakened in proportion as the unregenerate are admitted to membership. Mr. Hobbs does not use notes, but has his sermons well in hand and has made a most favorable impression in the beginning of his work with this church.

IS THE COST OF LIVING IN OXFORD TOO HIGH?

Prices Paid Here Are Somewhat Higher Than Those Quoted in Minneapolis.

(Greensboro News.)

That the people of Greensboro are paying extremely high prices for food commodities is apparent, according to comparison of the cost of certain articles in this city with the same things advertised in the Minneapolis (Minn.) Journal. The following rates were taken from several advertisements in the Minnesota paper, and are here offered along with the prices prevalent on the Greensboro market.

Fresh eggs—Minneapolis, 49 cents; Greensboro, 45 cents. Prunes, two pounds—Minneapolis, 35 cents, Clara prunes, good prunes, 27 cents; Greensboro, 35 cents to 50 cents; no Clara prunes. Bananas—Minneapolis, 20 cents; Greensboro, 40 cents. Oranges—Minneapolis, 20 cents. Greensboro, 30 cents.

The following comparison of meat prices shows a greater margin between the costs here and there:

Sirloin steak, porterhouse, club—Minneapolis, 17 to 30 cents, Greensboro, 40 cents. Beef pot roast—Minneapolis, 13 and 14 cents; Greensboro, 30 cents. Choice sirloin and club steaks quoted at from 19 to 22 cents by several different markets in Minneapolis. The relative prices per pound for chicken, here and there, are about the same, as is the case in comparing the cost of eggs.

However, the Minneapolis stores quote fancy creamery butter, print, for 45 cents and fresh butter in bulk for 29 cents. The price in several Greensboro stores ranged from 55 to 70 cents.

MOONSHINER PLAYS TRICK ON SHERIFF DEE HUNT

The Sheriff Was Within Ten Feet of a Still And Didn't See It.

A few days ago Sheriff Hunt received a grapevine message stating that a moonshiner was preparing to violate the dignity and honor of Shakerag.

"This will never do," said Sheriff Hunt as he placed a revolver in his pocket and started for the battleship made famous in past years by broken noses and bruised skins; and like the boy in "I spy," he got warmer and warmer as he walked along the west bank of the creek. At one point he actually got so close to the still the perspiration stood upon his brow, but failing to find it he gave up the chase and returned to Oxford.

As soon as he entered his office, the Sheriff received another grapevine message advising that he had passed within ten feet of the still and didn't see it.

"What's that," inquired Sheriff Hunt, "I am not blind."

"Well, it was like this," said the voice at the other end of the grapevine, "when the blockader saw you coming he fastened one end of a small wire around a bush on the bank of the creek and tied the other end to the still and eased it down into the water."

GONE TO GET HIS LEG.

Sergt. Roy Williford Will Be Here For the Celebration.

Sergt. Roy Williford, who lost a leg in France, and who has been on a visit to his parents at Moriah, left this week for New York to undergo a slight surgical operation and to get his new leg.

While here Sergt. Williford showed his friends the small piece of shrapnel that lodged in his ankle and caused all the trouble. The piece of poisoned steel is about the size of a cornfield pea. The wound he said, did not give him much pain until the poison began to get in its deadly work, and then his decline was rapid. In order to save his life the doctors amputated his leg three times—the first time just above the ankle the second time below the knee and the third time above the knee.

Sergt. Williford hopes to get his new leg and return home by the time the home company reaches here. If the leg is not ready by that time he is going to be here anyway.

"Cupid At Vassar"

The Class of '19 of Oxford College will present "Cupid At Vassar" in the College Chapel on Friday evening, March 7th. Price of admission will be 35 and 50 cents. This is a most interesting drama in which 13 girls take part. Special costumes have been ordered for the occasion. Show begins at 7:45 o'clock.

Mrs. D. E. Compton is in Rex hospital in Raleigh. Her friends will be glad to learn that she is improving.