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HIGH PRICES MARK SALE OF TOBACCO AT LUMBERTON

Prices Higher Than Ever Before and Still Going Higher.

Lumberton, July 27.—The biggest tobacco sales of the season were witnessed on the Lumberton market Thursday, when more than 300,000 pounds of tobacco was offered by the farmers of this section. Prices ranged higher than on any previous sale, the highest price paid being \$61 the hundred, and much tobacco was sold for above \$50 the hundred.

The wet weather has greatly handicapped the successful handling of tobacco and much of it is "high in order." All of the warehouses here are crowded with tobacco each day and hundreds of thousands of dollars is being paid out to the tobacco growers. Good tobacco is selling even better than it did last season and money is being spent freely on all sides.

Information of a trustworthy source reaches Oxford to the effect that on last Friday more than 300,000 pounds sold on the Lumberton market at an average of \$31.00 per hundred.

JULY FLOOD 1916 COMPARED TO RECENT FLOOD

Oxford Lady Came Near Drowning In 1916 Flood.

Three years ago this July western North Carolina was visited by the biggest rains in its history. The rivers were swollen and great damage was done to the railroad and county bridges and the crops in most places were ruined. So great was the devastation that it was necessary to raise a great relief fund and thousands of dollars were distributed among the needy.

The July flood of 1919, were it consolidated into the restricted territory of the July flood of 1916, would have been figuring in the papers in similar manner to the latter. There appears to have been an equal amount of precipitation in this section of the South but it was spread over a vastly large territory. The precipitation, furthermore, was of a more gradual nature. The flood of 1916 followed a week or more of steady, but gentle rains, the down-pour that caused the havoc to railroad and county bridges having been consolidated over the mountain area of the State and having been precipitated within 48 consecutive hours. The manner in which the present flood is spread out is indicated by the scope of the flood warnings issued from Virginia far down into the South.

Mrs. Harte, the beloved wife of Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, was caught in an avalanche of rain in the great flood that visited the western part of the State in 1916 and came near perishing in the sudden precipitation.

WHAT ARE OUR COUNTRY COUSINS DOING?

They Enjoy Three Square Meals Per Day By Suntime.

Congress may set the town clocks ahead an hour, but Congress cannot regulate the hours of a busy Granville county farmer, or his appetite at this period of the year. They are going along just as they had been going. Their dinners are served in the middle of the day instead of coming in the forenoon. Noon has been the hour for dinner with the country people for centuries and they are not likely to change their time to either the morning or the afternoon. Suppose they had disregarded the Lord's time and adopted Congressional time how long would man and beast have held up at work in this hot summer time? The hottest and most trying part of the day is usually just after the sun has reached its highest point in the heavens and then it is that the plowman and his mule should be resting. The country people are going along just as if no law had ever been passed. You may talk about old time and new time all you please, but the farmer will tell you that he must move with the sun.

—Did you ever notice that the country boy who leans heavily on a pitchfork handle usually gets a job teachin' school and from that drifts on into law?

THE EMBLEMATIC FLOWER OF THE FLOWERY KINGDOM

It Grows To Perfection In Oxford.

Wherever you go in Oxford at this season of the year, you will see the sunflower, emblematic of Japan, the flowery kingdom, bowing and bending in the breeze. The finest specimen that we have seen, and we doubt that there is a finer one anywhere, is in the garden of Mr. S. M. Watkins, at the corner of Main and High streets. When the petals on this flower were at their best it measured twenty inches across its face, but the recent rains stripped it of its beauty and brought the disk with its thousands of seeds, to view.

Reminiscent.

Perhaps Dr. F. P. Hobgood, Col. O. H. Gregory and other learned men in our midst recall to mind an incident in connection with the rise and the fall of the sunflower in America. Briefly told, some thirty-five or forty years ago Lord McAlister and his esthetic companion Oscar Wilde, came over from London and landed in New York with large sunflowers fastened to the lapel of their coats. As they sat in the private box of the Vanderbilts at the Metropolitan Opera house, wearing the flower on their full-dress suit, and surrounded by ladies of rare beauty, the flower at once jumped into fame and became the rage of the "Four Hundred." But over in Philadelphia there lived three sisters, the Misses Drexell, members of the Smart Set, who said that such things should not be.

The Fall.

Dressed like a dream and wearing Chrysanthemums, the Misses Drexell and their gentlemen escorts journeyed to New York and entered a private box in the Metropolitan Opera house, opposite the Vanderbilt box. The radiant beauty of the Misses Drexell, and the manly appearance of their gentlemen escorts, all wearing the Chrysanthemums, was such a contrast that it elicited applause, dwarfed the Vanderbilt party and put the sunflower out of commission.

Reconciliation.

After the incident, Lord McAlister became engaged to one of the Drexell sisters, but he died before the wedding took place and she went to London and laid a sunflower upon the casket. On her return from abroad she bequeathed a million dollars to the Catholic church, "took the veil" and entered the convent at Pittsburgh, Pa., for life.

WANT TO GET REST OF WAR WORK FUND

Nationwide Drive Starts For Big Amount of Uncollected Money Many People Agreed to Contribute To Fund.

Uncollected pledges to the amount of several thousand dollars are still outstanding in the United War Work Fund given in Granville county last fall. A special effort will be made here, as well as in other parts of the country, to liquidate these obligations during the week of July 28-August 4.

SEVENTY-FIVE CENT COTTON.

Please Tell Us What Tobacco Should Bring.

Cotton producers should now receive 75 cents per pound for their product, basis middling, declares President J. S. Wannamaker, of the American Cotton Association. He terms this a fair price compared to what the public is paying for manufactured cotton goods and says that because of the great world demand for the staple, the supply and demand situation, the raw product will soon be worth more than it has sold for since the Civil War.

EFFECT OF SUN ON CROPS MERELY SPECULATIVE

Some Think It Hurt Crops, and Others Will Not Advance An Opinion.

Just what effect the hot sun had upon crops following the long season of rain, is the subject of considerable speculation among farmers and business men. Opinion ranges all the way from ten to twenty percent. Some are of the opinion that the two cool days of Thursday and Friday, when the skies were still overcast with clouds and the sun was hidden, remedied the situation sufficiently to offset any possibility of great setbacks by the heat of the three or four days following the cessation of the heavy rains.

There was a middle ground, which took the view that a correct estimate of the effect of the weather following the rain can not be had before the middle of the present week.

—Actresses will happen in the best regulated families.

WOULD YOU HAVE ACTED OTHERWISE THAN THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE DONE

The Figures Hefein Setforth Leads to an Interesting Study of the Question of the Roads of the County.

Feeling that the tax payers of the county are entitled to know the cause of the increase in the tax levy of 50c on the \$100.00 valuation of property for the year 1919, and having heard much criticism of same, I will attempt to give the cause for said increase.

After reading this I hope you will feel that it is not in defiance of the action taken by the Board that I write, but to give to a fair minded citizenship the reason and justice of the increase, that you may be in a position to intelligently criticize, if you so desire.

It is true that the 1918 tax levy was \$1.10 on each \$100.00 of property, and that the 1919 levy is \$1.60 on each \$100.00 of property.

The increase of 50c is divided as follows: For schools 25c, for roads 23c and for the support of the poor, etc. 2c.

The increase of the school tax is due to the undisputed fact, that we people of Granville County, as did the State, say to the World that we wanted a uniform six months school. Now think, could you have the increased term, without additional cost?

We Made That Increase, Not the Commissioners or the School Board.

The increase in the road levy is due to the following causes: The General Assembly of 1903, authorized the issuing of \$20,000.00 Road Bonds and the act contained a clause whereby the Board of Commissioners should, after ten years, levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest and create a sinking fund to retire the bonds upon maturity in 1923.

Also in 1909 an issue of \$100,000.00, and in 1919, an issue of \$80,000.00, all demanding the Commissioners to make levy sufficient to meet interest and retire Bonds when due. In some way this clause was overlooked, but is now included in the levy.

Under the present levy, your road revenue will amount to \$62,253. Your Bond debt is \$240,000. Outstanding notes \$45,000. Total \$285,000. Interest on all debt is \$15,875, leaving \$46,578, to retire \$45,000 notes due December 1919, to assist in creating sufficient funds to retire \$20,000 Road Bonds in 1923, and to work the roads of the County for one year.

Should They Have Levied Less?

The Commissioners are the servants of the people. We demand roads. Should they grant the tax payers request?

The cause of you owing the above \$45,000 road note today, is due to the fact, that your Commissioners could not refuse your request for roads, therefore chose the more pleasurable way of obtaining money "by borrowing" rather than to increase the road levy, in order to grant your request. The above debt is no recent obligation on the part of the County, but one that has been standing and growing.

Now as to the 2c increase in the General County levy; The General Assembly of 1919, enacted laws that require an additional expenditure by the county of approximately \$13,000. These expenses have to be met by the General County fund, therefore it was absolutely necessary, in order to meet these additional expenses, to increase the levy.

I ask you, after carefully reading the above, which are facts, taken from the records, would you have acted otherwise than the Board has done? Would you have your children taught by a teacher whose earning capacity was not equal to that of the average hand workman of the roads of your county?

Would you return to the roads of 1900, thereby saving a small amount of road tax, as you see it, and at the same time loose heavily in transportation, and wear of your teams and vehicles?

Would you reduce your General County levy and discontinue your Health Officer, your Farm and Home Demonstration Agents and all the noble work that your present Board are encouraging?

I know you to be the best people in the best County in the best State that God ever made, and your answer after knowing the facts will be an approval of the actions of the Board.

You fully realize that a 1915 Dollar is to-day worth 50c, so we must not expect our tax dollar to be worth 100 cents.

With the earnest desire to correctly inform you, I am

Respectfully Yours,
J. B. POWELL.

TYPHOID VACCINE.

All persons in northern Granville who wish to take typhoid vaccine free, can do so by meeting the health officer at Amis' Chapel church Wednesday, July 30, at 3 p. m.

The vaccine is administered at this office in Oxford Saturdays, from 2 to 4 p. m.

'SAM'L H. CANNADY, M. D.,
County Health Officer.

IT ALL CAME OUT IN THE WASH

The Henderson Daily Dispatch And the Oxford Public Ledger Unearth the Evil.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch.)

Editor D. A. Coble, of the Oxford Public Ledger, has taken a fling at Henderson, in a recent issue of his paper, and seeks to show up the city in a bad light. Here is what he said:

"Things have been going wrong over in Vance county for some time and Judge Connor at the last term of court flod them in unmistakable terms of their shortcomings.

"While in Henderson the other day an Oxford man saw an intoxicated man hanging around the railway station. Finally an officer appeared on the scene and accused the man of being drunk.

"I would like to know who told you I am drunk," injured the staggering man as he grappled a post to keep from falling.

"I can see it with my own eyes," answered the officer, "and if you don't keep quiet, I will lock you up."

"I don't see how in the world you can do that," said the tipsy man addressing the officer, "when the jailer is already in jail and the sheriff in hiding and President Wilson in France."

If these things be true, as the Oxford editor says in his heading that "it is no joke," then perhaps it accounts for the great influx of so many Oxford people to Henderson. Maybe the man referred to at the station was one of the fellows from Oxford that an officer of the police force had to caution to move on several weeks ago. That was an actual fact, too, for a blue-coated cop said so out of his own mouth, that he saw a whole Ford-full of Oxford's "brilliant" ride in one evening after dusk with apparently nowhere to go, and looking as though they might be on the way to that happy land which can be found only through the gurgling down of a quantity of monkey rum.

Or, maybe this theory is all wrong, that Editor Coble was himself "dreaming" and imagined he was at the passenger station in Oxford, and wanted to come to Henderson so badly that his imagination got away with him and he actually thought he was here. We don't pretend that Tommy Moore's Utopia has found birth in this good town, but "folks who live in glass houses must not throw stones." In the meantime, Editor Coble is invited to come to town and look things over for himself.

HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS

Mr. W. M. Moss Given Custody of His Oldest Child.

While Judge Devin is spending his vacation at home these hot July days considerable work has been coming before him outside of the usual court work at term. On last Saturday he tried a habeas corpus brought by Mrs. Viola Moss against her husband, Mr. W. M. Moss, for the custody of their oldest child. The matter was heard in the Court House and quite a number of people were present to hear it. A large number of witnesses from the Tar River section were examined by Judge Devin and as a result he allowed the child to remain in the temporary custody of the father with the privilege to the mother to see the child several times during the next six months. At the end of that time Mrs. Moss will be permitted to renew her motion for the custody of the child if she so desires and the judge will then hear the matter, again, both parties being then permitted to produce further evidence. Messrs. Hicks & Stem represented Mrs. Moss and Mr. Brummitt and Mr. Hester appeared for Mr. Moss. The case was vigorously contested and aroused considerable interest, especially among the people from the section where the parties lived.

WHITES AND BLACKS BATTLE FIERCELY IN CHICAGO STREETS

—Race rioting in Chicago Sunday resulted in the death of two negroes and the injury of perhaps fifty or more whites and blacks, including four patrolmen.

Summer Reduction Sale.

The big summer reduction sale now on at Cohn & Son is attracting the buying public by reason of the excellent quality of goods and the substantial reduction. Practically everything in the big stores are reduced to make room for immediate shipments. Note the prices quoted in the adv. on the fifth page of this paper.

RACE PROBLEM WILL NOT DOWN IN WASHINGTON

Republican Names Negro Operator In Capital and Trouble Starts

A Washington special says: "The race question will not down, it is being fanned into white heat here by republican leaders. Recently senators have promoted negroes to places heretofore held by white men. One western senator has put a negro over two young white women in his office. These things preceded the recent riots. The question threatens to interfere mightily with the comfort and well being of statesmen. The problem has been brought right home to them and now is sitting on their doormat, awaiting adjudication.

"Twenty spry and expert white elevator conductors in the big senate office building promise to begin a strike unless a colored man engaged in the same industry is removed. The chief of the elevator conductors' union took the matter up. He said that during 18 years of service, no outrage of this kind had been perpetrated."

GEN. ROYSTER RETURNED SUNDAY FROM CHICAGO

Saw The Giant Dirigible Explode In The Air.

Gen. B. S. Royster has returned from Chicago where he represented North Carolina in the National meeting of one of the big fraternal orders.

General Royster has visited Chicago on several occasions and has noticed the gradual growth, expansion and beauty of America's most wonderful city. Possessed of an absorbing mind and a gift of narrative, what he knows about Chicago would fill a lengthy volume of much interest.

Last week while the delegation of visitors were being shown the interesting sights of Chicago, they saw the giant airship high in the air over the city; saw it explode and watched the debris as it separated from the cloud of smoke and dart toward the center of the city, where it crashed through a bank building and killed fourteen people and wounded a hundred more. A few minutes later special editions of the great city papers announced the havoc wrought by the explosion of the airship.

FISHING PARTY IN NORTHERN GRANVILLE ENJOY OUTING

Coca Cola and Other Refreshments On Tap.

Editor Public Ledger:

In spite of the recent heavy rainfall, the loyal sons of Cornwall and Mt. Creek neighborhood, to the number of about twenty, formed a fishing party last Thursday and went into camp at Frank Timberlake's barn near Grassy Creek. On account of high water fish were scarce and far apart, and the time was spent in loitering around the camp and telling fish stories and enjoying a fine Brunswick stew for supper and tried eggs and French fried potatoes for breakfast and coca cola and other refreshments at intervals prompted by thirst.

There were several good speakers in the party, each vying with the other in oratorical contests. The occasion was enlivened by the presence of Messrs. J. F. Hart, John S. Watkins, Bob Adcock, W. C. Allen and others.

BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WILL SOON BECOME A REALITY

Southern Legislative Bodies Are Rapidly Designating It For States.

A Washington special says that continued interest is being manifested and work done to establish the Bankhead National Highway that starts at Washington, passes through Oxford and Greensboro, and ends at the Pacific Coast as an officially designated State Highway by the Legislatures and Highway Commissions through the States it traverses and also requesting Congress to take the same over as the first National Highway to be built in this country.

The Legislatures of Alabama, North and South Carolina have already passed acts establishing the Bankhead National Highway in those states and memorializing Congress to take over the Bankhead National Highway in those States as a government highway.

The Texas and Georgia Legislatures that are now in session are expected during the coming week to pass similar acts.

THIRD DIVISION ORDERED HOME

Coblens, July 28.—The Third Division of the American army has been ordered home from the occupied area of Germany. It will begin entraining for Brest August 5.

SOME HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT HERE

But Many More Dwellings Are Badly Needed.

There is some building going on in Oxford and you can hear the hammer in all directions, but it is not what you would term a building boom by no means.

Messrs. J. A. Williams and Lonnie Perkinson have completed a neat double dwelling on Hancock street, and just above it on the opposite side of the street is the handsome new bungalow built by Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr. We understand that two or three dwellings will be erected in that section this fall.

Materials are being assembled for the home of Mr. Sam Cohn on Williamsboro street, opposite the home of Mr. W. W. Devin.

Considerable repair work is underway in all parts of Oxford, and when we take into consideration the large tobacco warehouse being erected on Hillsboro street by the Granville Corporation and the big business block of Mr. Sam Watkins on College street, which is to be the hardware emporium of C. D. Ray & Son when completed this fall, the contractors have about all they can do.

The demand for more residences is still insistent. At the present time there are a number of families who want to rent dwellings here and would move here if they could get a place to live. All the boarding houses are full and all the rooms that can be had are occupied.

Oxford's good school is one of the attractions of the town. People are more interested in a good school than ever before. They want to see that their children are educated and they want to put them in the best school. For this reason there are a number of families who would locate in Oxford if they could secure a home.

Then Oxford is a good place to live in. It has the best water to be found anywhere. Its paved streets and sidewalks show it to be an up-to-date place. And people have found all these good things about the town and they want to cast their lot here.

MISS A. ELOISE BURKHEIMER

The Young Lady Had Many Admirer Friends In Oxford.

The hearts of many here will be profoundly touched over the sorrow that has come into the life of the Burkheimer family through the tragedy that was enacted in the Banks Channel, at Wrightsville, in which the younger of an interesting group of sisters lost her life last Thursday.

The Burkheimer girls were favorites throughout North Carolina. They had inherited a considerable degree of dramatic talent from their mother, a devoted woman of the South and who applied her pen largely to the cause of the Confederate veteran. Her daughters had taken leading parts in the dramatization of her Southern plays, and these, given for the benefit of Confederate veteran associations in all parts of the State, had brought the Burkheimer family into intimate and cordial State-wide acquaintanceship. They had many friends in Oxford.

Miss Annie Eloise Burkheimer, who was drowned, left the Burkheimer cottage saying she was going for a swim, entering the water about 150 yards south of the cottage. Near where she went in the water was her sister, Miss Florence Burkheimer and her fiancé, Don R. Kirkman, of High Point, N. C. Mr. Kirkman saw that the young woman was in distress, and although not a good swimmer plunged into the channel. When he reached Miss Burkheimer she threw her arms around him and carried him under. He went to the bottom and did not rise. Miss Burkheimer remained on top of the water for several minutes by her own efforts and was finally reached and taken to the shore, where an attempt was made to use the pulmotor, but it was out of order. Life could not be restored.

HOUSE TO RECESS FROM AUGUST 2 TO SEPT. 8

No Prohibition Enforcement Legislation Probable In Two Months At Least.

(Washington Special.)

Washington, July 26.—Legislation for the enforcement of war-time and constitutional prohibition probably will not be enacted for two months, at least, as the result of the decision of republican leaders to have the house recess from August 2 to September 8.

Final decision to have the house recess for more than a month was reached after conference between republican leaders of the two houses.

—The boss has his troubles even if he does rest his feet on a Turkish