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GRANVILLE COUNTY TOBACCO LAND WORTH FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER ACRE

Average Value Per Acre of Plow Lands in North Carolina Is \$64 Says Frank Parker—Large Farms in the Tobacco Territory Have Sold as High as \$500 Per Acre—Own Supplies on Farms Low.

Frank Parker, Director of the Crop Reporting Service, states that in the tobacco territory, large farms are known to sell for over \$500 per acre. In fact, near a small village in Wake county, forty acres of cut over land, not having a cleared acre or building on it, sold for this figure. The average value per acre of plow lands in North Carolina is reported to be \$64 for good cultivated lands \$88, and for plow lands \$44 an acre. The average value of all farm lands including improvements thereon is estimated at \$75 while those without such improvements are valued at \$55 an acre. The Crop Reporting Service is expecting soon to issue a detailed report of land values by counties as well as other valuable information for the benefit of farmers and business men.

Referring to the high cost of living, some critics blame the farmers. According to the official estimates showing the stocks of corn, wheat, and oats now on farms and of the per cent shipped out of counties where grown, the North Carolina Commission Crop Reporting Service extends some interesting light on the subject. Yet even with this evidence of plentifulness of grain crops on farms, we doubt if there will be much change in the trend of movement of restless farmers from the country to the town.

On March 1, as reported by over 400 reputable farmers from over the state, forty-five per cent of last year's corn crop still remained on the farms where produced. This is equivalent to 24,795,000 bushels which is seven millions short of the amount a year ago, and five millions short of two years ago.

LIFE FOR THOSE IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Mr. Sam Cohn Will Take Subscriptions To Relieve Suffering In Eastern Europe.

Conditions in Eastern Europe are far worse now than they have ever been before. Six million Jews, including over 1,000,000 children are enduring terrible suffering and are facing annihilation through lack of food and disease.

A report to the American Jewish Relief Committee from the European Relief General states that typhus, raging all over Poland is affecting 95 per cent of the population of that country and threatens its destruction. Relief funds are being used to fight the terrible epidemic, but owing to lack of medicines and clothing as well as to the undernourished condition of the people, it is almost impossible to combat it and the report states that it threatens all of Eastern Europe.

As a Passover gift for the aid of their suffering people in Eastern Europe, who are beginning their sixth year of starvation and misery as a result of the war, North Carolina Jews under the leadership of E. Sternberger of Greensboro, will make an appeal for relief funds April 14th to 19th.

In appealing to prominent Jews throughout the state asking them to serve as chairman in their cities and towns, Mr. Sam Cohn has consented to take the subscription in Oxford.

GOOD PRICE OFFERED FOR MAIN STREET PROPERTY

Eighty-Seven Feet Fronting On Main Street In Residential Section Bid In For \$6,300.

A portion of the old Landis home property on Main street, owned by Mrs. Maria B. Landis, was offered for sale at public auction at the Court house door last Saturday.

The property is on the east side of the street and is situated between the premises of Dr. E. T. White on the north and Mr. J. Robert Wood on the south, and has a frontage of 87 feet and extends back about 150 feet. The original dwelling of the late Mr. Landis is the only building on the property, but the storms of many winters have impaired its usefulness beyond repair.

Mr. A. H. Powell bid the property for the owner at \$6,300. Miss Wood had recently stated that she would not sell the property for less than \$7,500 and she expected that it would bring \$9,000.

The Mill property on the opposite side of Main street, extending back more than two hundred feet on Sycamore street, recently sold for \$7,500.

NOTE TO TAXPAYERS AND LANDOWNERS

If you have sold land recently and want the purchaser to pay the tax for 1920, call immediately at the Tax Supervisor's office and have the transfer made on the records.

All persons who failed to list their personal property with the Township list taken must list at once at the Tax Supervisor's office, Oxford, W. A. PARHAM, Tax Supervisor.

MR. T. LANIER QUOTES FROM SECTION FIVE OF THE REVALUATION ACT

Nothing Puts Edge On One's Thinking Like Coming On New and Interesting Truth.

Editor Public Ledger:

I had not intended taking any part in the discussion of the Revaluation Act, but since the merits and demerits of this act are being discussed in the papers, I would like to call attention to two things in connection therewith which appear to me very vital to the interest of the people.

The first is, the error into which the appraisers have fallen, under the law, in arriving at the values fixed by them upon our land. As to this, I quote from section 5 of the Revaluation Act:

In considering the increased cost of material and labor, these factors shall be considered upon the basis of such increase as may be demanded to be normal or stable and not such temporary increase as obtained during or immediately on account of war conditions and in estimating the real value of land it shall be with reference to normal or stable values and not with reference to temporarily inflated values.

That our currency has been inflated beyond the dreams of the wildest free-silver advocate no one will deny; that the present price of farm products is entirely due to this inflation of the currency and under production will not be denied; that the high price of land is due to the high price of farm products and that all of the foregoing is due directly to abnormal conditions arising out of the war cannot be gainsaid; The Federal Government, when it made excess value of land taxable as income, realized that it was not real value or stable value but that it was inflated value due to war conditions.

Therefore, to value land at present prices is contrary to the spirit and purpose of the act as most of this value is temporary inflation which has obtained during or immediately on account of war conditions and in the end this is bound to work harm to the people, for when we return to normal and pre-war conditions you will find land bringing a much smaller return to the owner and investor and as a consequence the price will drop to a level with the returns to be had from the land. We will then be left with the high valuation on low priced lands and to argue that political parties would not take advantage of it, is to beg the question, for every one knows that either party would use this taxing power to further its own ends and to create places and pay for its political workers and helpers.

The second is, the enormous and useless expense of putting the act into effect.

As to this, I have been told by one in a position to know, that the direct cost to Granville County of revaluation will not be less than \$10,000.00 and when we add to this Granville's portion of the salaries and fees paid to State Officials connected with this work and its part of the other expense incident thereto this sum will certainly not fall far short of \$12,000.00.

Taking Granville as an average County the cost of re-valuation to the entire State will approximate \$1,200,000 and a very great part of this sum will be paid to men holding offices newly created by our last Legislature.

This sum must be paid from taxes levied and collected out of an already overburdened people.

Is this too high or too low for the work?

The people who have this to pay should inform themselves and then pass judgment on the ones responsible for this expenditure of their money.

T. LANIER.

SWEET POTATO ASSOCIATION TO BE ORGANIZED IN CREEDMOOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A Number of Distinguished Speakers Will Be Present.

Mr. J. L. Dove, Granville County Farm Agent, has called a meeting at Creedmoor Wednesday night, March 24, for the purpose of organizing "The Granville County Sweet Potato Association."

Among the noted speakers who will be present on this occasion to discuss ways and means, Farm Agent Dove announced the following: Messrs. Shoemaker, chief discussion of markets; Dr. Jehle, extension pathologist; P. T. Schooley, extension horticulturist; C. A. Mac-hews, state horticulturist.

TWO MEN TO INSPECT HIGH SCHOOLS IN STATE

Prof. J. H. Highsmith and Prof. N. W. Walker to Do Work Heretofore Done by Latter.

Because the general education board has decided that the time of two men instead of one should be devoted to the inspection of high schools in North Carolina. Prof. N. W. Walker, of the University of North Carolina, who for 15 years has had sole charge of inspection, will henceforth divide the work with J. Henry Highsmith, of the state board of examiners.

COUNTY CONTEST IN BREAD BAKING TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 24

It Means Better Bread For the Sake Of Better Health.

The Better Bread Contest that was advertised to take place on March 27 in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent has been postponed until April 24 in order that there may be time for the preliminary contests at the various schools in the county.

The contest is planned and arranged for the one purpose of impressing the housekeepers of the county, and the school girls who will be the housekeepers of tomorrow, with the importance of having better bread for the sake of better health.

Many demonstrations in making quick biscuit have been given at the schools and at club meetings during the past few weeks. These will be continued until twenty five meetings have been held for the express purpose of studying bread making. Only baking powder biscuit and buttermilk biscuit are called for in the contests. The premiums offered for the best biscuit made of the various brands of flour are numerous and valuable. A copy of the premiums may be obtained from the Home Demonstration Office, also a copy of the score card for judging biscuit. Entries are open to any woman or girl in the county.

A special program has been prepared for the day of the contest, and a lunch will be served to all the exhibitors in the Home Demonstration Office where the exhibits will be placed.

Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Agent in Home Demonstration Work, will be present and will deliver a lecture at 2 P. M. in the Library. Everybody is invited to attend this lecture.

LILLIAN W. CAPEHART, Home Demonstration Agent.

ADMIRAL BENSON TALKED ENTIRELY TOO MUCH

He Is the Man Who Told Sims Not to Let British Pull the Wool Over His Eyes—Admiral Sims Also Made a Few Remarks.

(Washington Special)

Rear-Admiral William S. Benson, then chief of naval operations, was the official who told Rear-Admiral Sims "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes; we would as soon fight them as the Germans." Admiral Sims testified today before the Senate investigating committee.

"Admiral Benson's statement should never have been made public," said Senator Pittman, resuming cross-examination.

"Do you mean by me?" asked Admiral Sims.

"By you or anyone else," replied the Senator. "It referred to a great power with which we were on friendly terms and it was given to you in strict confidence so secretly that it could not even be put in writing."

"It was not given to me in confidence," said the Admiral. "It was told me in a room before other naval officers."

"Yes, it was confined to you before other naval officers, who, like yourself, are supposed to know what to talk about and what not to talk about," said Senator Pittman.

"We naval officers made up our minds to one thing," said Admiral Sims, "and that was we will never go into another war in the condition in which we went into this one."

PRISON SENTENCE AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE FOR SENATOR NEWBERRY

Convicted of Criminal Conspiracy in Election of 1918—Brother and Fifteen Managers Share Fate—Says He Will Retain Seat Unless Senate or Supreme Court Decides Otherwise.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—Truman H. Newberry, junior United States senator from Michigan, was today convicted by a jury of having conspired criminally in 1918 to violate the election laws. He was sentenced by Judge Clarence W. Sessions to two years imprisonment and fined \$10,000, released on bond pending an appeal, and at once issued a statement declaring his intention to retain his seat in the upper house, unless that body decides otherwise, or the supreme court upholds his conviction.

Sharing the fate of the senator were his brother, John S. Newberry, and 15 campaign managers, including Frederick Cody, New York, and Paul H. King, Detroit. Both these men received the limit sentence with their chief.

Charles A. Floyd, Detroit, was also sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but he was fined only half as much as Newberry.

The brother was fined \$10,000 and was one of four who were not sentenced to Leavenworth. The light sentence went to George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, Mass., and he was fined \$1,000.

PEACE RESOLUTION IS CONGRESS PLAN AS TREATY FAILS

Paris Pact, Beaten 49-35, May Become Vital Issue in Coming Campaign.

Washington, March 22.—The treaty of Versailles was returned to President Wilson last Saturday by the Senate after it had failed of ratification for the fourth time.

There was no intimation as to what President Wilson would do with the treaty. White House officials said the usual procedure would be to send it to the State Department for "burial" in the archives there.

On the decisive roll-call the vote was 49 for ratification to 35 against, the opposition numbering in its rank, 20 democrats who were unwilling to see the treaty go through with the republican reservations objected to by the President and three democratic and twelve republican irreconcilable.

Senator Simmon's Views.

Senators Simmons and Overman voted against the treaty ratification resolution. They stood by the President. Had they decided in getting Senator Lodge to agree to a modification of his reservation on article 10 they would have voted for the resolution but failing in this they refused to help him through any such proposition.

Senator Simmons does not see how the treaty can be made a party issue in the coming campaign. It will be in the fight but both parties are divided on it.

What Hoover Sees.

"Through our failure victory may turn only to new antagonisms." Germany probably will not accept Versailles treaty terms from United States.

A political league may develop against America, the great creditor nation.

The reparation commission, the most powerful economic body in the world, will at least neglect United States interests.

The treaty must "be kept on the American stage for a year, until the next administration," while we remain legally at war with Germany, or must make a separate peace.

America will face a huge military budget, with billions of tax yearly for armament.

OUR STREETS AND PARKWAYS ARE MUCH ADMIRRED

While in the live and hustling town of Henderson recently I met a very fine gentleman, who is a friend of mine and who is also the City Recorder, and he asked me about the robbery of the Oxford postoffice recently and remarked that he had no idea a place like Oxford ever had one-fourth as much on hand as was stolen.

I requested him to take a trip to Oxford and see what is here, and he replied by saying that last summer his wife visited Oxford and that when she got back home she told her husband that she had always felt sorry and sympathized with Oxford from what she had always heard; but when she saw Oxford's beautiful streets and parkways, all in bloom with fresh and fragrant flowers, she then turned her sympathy to her home town.

However, this is not strange, for I have been in twenty-seven states of the Union and in many cities and small towns, and I have yet to visit a town the size of Oxford which has more attractive places to live and better streets. Henderson is a good town and has a lot of citizens who believe in doing things and who are real hustlers of the 1920 type.

J. B. MAYES.

CONSUMER WHO DIDN'T PAY

Of course, he was rich and lived in New York; therefore could afford to refuse to pay.

Had he been poor he would have paid without a word when the delicatessen dealer sent him a bill for \$25 for a boiled ham.

But this man being rich, like the Bolsheviks, sent the bill back to be erased, with the word that he would not pay more than \$1 a pound for ham, and that the ham weighed only fourteen pounds, he would pay only \$14 for it.

As proof of his intentions he sent along a check for \$14.

A jury just sustained him in his view that \$1 a pound was enough for ham.

So here is a short way with profiteers, if you have the leisure and money to undergo a lawsuit.

If not, there is no hope.

At least not now.

WARSHIP MARYLAND GREATEST IN WORLD LAUNCHED SATURDAY

The battleship Maryland, the greatest craft in the world, was successfully launched at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, last Saturday morning. Mrs. E. Brooke Lee, wife of the controller of Maryland, was the sponsor.

Strong Letter From Mr. Brummitt.

Mr. D. G. Brummitt has an article on the subject of taxation which he asked us to publish in this issue of the Public Ledger, but owing to the crowded condition of our columns it is impossible to get it in today's paper. It will appear in our issue of Friday.

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THEY ARE MISSES TAYLOR, GRAVES, BALDWIN AND CALDWELL

A report has just been made of the very particular honor paid to North Carolina by the State and National regents of the D. A. R. in appointing four North Carolina girls as pages to the 29th annual congress. Which will be held in Continental Memorial hall, Washington, D. C., April 19. Every State is supposed to furnish two pages appointed and approved by the State and National regent, but upon this occasion four young ladies from the State have been chosen. They are as follows: Miss Pauline Taylor, of Winston-Salem; Miss Elizabeth Graves, of Yanceyville; Miss Annie Wall Baldwin, of Charlotte, and Miss Adelaide Caldwell, of Charlotte.

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CALL FOR GRANVILLE CO. DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

County Convention To Be Held Saturday, April 3rd—Precinct Meetings On Saturday, March 27.

The Democrats of Granville County are hereby called to assemble in County Convention in the Court House in Oxford on Saturday, April 3rd, 1920, at 12 o'clock M. Precinct meetings are to be held at the usual polling-places in such precincts as desired to do so on Saturday, March 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Any precinct that so desires may hold precinct meetings on the day named, or all Democrats from the several precincts may assemble in mass convention on Saturday, April 3, at which time delegates to the State Convention will be selected. Where no precinct meetings are held all Democrats from that precinct are entitled to attend the County Convention. In precincts where such meetings are held delegates to the County Convention will be selected as follows, together with an equal number of alternates:

Dement	3
Bell Town	4
Wilton	5
Grisson	4
Creedmoor	5
Wilkins	3
Stem	4
Geneva	4
Howard	3
Berea	2
Oak Hill	3
Buchanan	2
Bullock	2
Stovall	3
Salem	3
North Oxford	10
South Oxford	9

All Democrats are urged to attend the precinct meetings where held and also to be present at the mass convention in the Court House on Saturday April 3.

This March 22, 1920.

D. C. HUNT, Chrm. Dem. Ex. Com.

BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL

Getting Ready To Open By the First Of September.

Doctors Watkins, Thomas and Bullock have already made considerable headway at "Brantwood," which is being converted into a modern hospital.

They have already purchased thirty beds and other equipment, and a lady superintendent of large experience has been elected.

There is considerable work to be done in the way of remodeling and erecting a building for the accommodation of colored patients. This building will stand some distance in rear of the main building.

The management announce that they hope to be able to open for business by the first of September.

"I have visited many hospitals," said Dr. Thomas, "and I can state with a degree of certainty that our equipment will compare favorably with any hospital in the South."

One of the features of the hospital will be the private chambers fitted up with the telephone system, enabling patients in Oxford and the surrounding country to be in close communication with their families and their business.

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THE GREAT REVIVAL CAME TO A CLOSE SUNDAY

More Than Five Hundred Rededicated Their Lives—Fine Community Spirit Manifested in Town and County.

The revival service at the Oxford Methodist Church came to a close last Sunday night. During the two weeks service more than 500 people rededicated their lives to the cause of Christ; 100 asked for membership in the various Churches, and 30 members of out-of-town Churches will join the Oxford Churches by letter. The free will offering to Evangelist Price and his singer, Mr. Stentz, amounted to \$1,765.

A most commendable community spirit was manifested throughout the two weeks service, and practically everybody in Oxford came under the influence of the Gospel.

The church has a seating capacity of 700 people, and the sanctuary was crowded at every service. By multiplying 700 by the number of services held it will be seen that more than 20,000 people crowded into the church during the revival, counting those who attended one or more services. The attendance from out of town was very good indeed, but not so large as it would have been should the services have been held in a warehouse or hall with larger seating capacity.

It was through the instrumentality of Dr. R. C. Craven, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church, that Evangelist Price and his singer came to Oxford and held the services in the Methodist Church, but in the strict sense of the word it was a union meeting of all of the Oxford Churches in which all the ministers took an active part. The community spirit was beautiful to behold and it is of a lasting nature.

Speaking of the meeting, Dr. Craven stated that there is a movement on foot to hold a big revival of a county-wide nature in one of the warehouses in June or July; that Dr. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, will probably make all necessary arrangements, and that he and other ministers irrespective of denomination, would dedicate their services to the success of the meeting.

A LESSON IN THRIFT

Work, Cooperation and Thrift Go Hand-in-Hand.

Put one hundred men on an island where fish is a staple article of sustenance. Twenty-five of the men catch fish. Twenty-five others clean the fish. Twenty-five cook the fish. Twenty-five hunt fruit and vegetables. So long as everybody works there is plenty. All hands are happy.

Ten of the allotted fish catchers stop.

Ten more try and hide part of the fish they catch.

Five continue to catch fish, but work only part of the day at it.

Fewer fish go into the kitchen.

But the same number of men insist upon having the same amount of fish.

The 50 men who formerly cleaned and cooked the fish have less to do owing to the under supply of fish. But they continue to demand food.

Gradually greater burdens are laid upon the fruit and vegetable hunters. These insist upon a larger share of fish in return for their larger efforts in gathering fruit and vegetables. It is denied them and soon 20 of the 25 quit.

But the entire 100 men continue to insist upon their right to eat.

The daily food supply gradually shrinks. The man with two fish demands three bananas in exchange for one of them. The man with two bananas refuses to part with one for fewer than three fish.

Finally the 10 men remaining at work quit in disgust. The hidden fish are brought to light and consumed. Comes a day when there is no food of any kind. Everybody blames everybody else.

What would seem to be the solution?

Exactly! We thought you would guess it.

For we repeat that you can't eat, buy, sell, steal, give away, hoard, wear, use, play with or gamble with what isn't.—Editorial in the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

DON'T ENLARGE THE TOBACCO ACREAGE THIS YEAR

Avoid Low Prices, Disappointment and Loss.

The Southern Tobacco Journal sounds the following warning: "A privilege and duty devolves upon warehousemen to discourage farmers in any plans to greatly enlarge this year's tobacco acreage. No other men know better than do the warehouse managers that any considerable increase in production is bound to react injuriously upon growers of the weed, and that such a result will tend to demoralize them and the trade in general. Lower prices, with consequent disappointment and loss, will naturally cause a greatly diminished acreage another year; and this will bring about such an unsettled market that it will take another year or so for the trade to regain its equilibrium."

—A campaign is being quietly conducted by the Lic. Law and Order League to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina.