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TOBACCO STARTS OFF WELL ON THE GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA MARKETS

Average on Opening Day Over \$6 Per Hundred Higher On Some Markets Than Last Year.

According to newspaper reports expectations of higher prices for leaf tobacco this season were realized Tuesday with the opening of the tobacco markets of Georgia.

Farmers Are Pleased
The golden weed selling over \$6 per hundred pounds higher than on the initial day last year. The average was \$27.30 per hundred pounds against \$21 the preceding season.

The quality of the offerings is some better than last year's crop, with prices varying from 5 cents to 50 cents per pound for the lowest to the best grades.

Indications point to the crop being about the same as last year. All the big tobacco companies are represented on the Georgia markets, together with many independent buyers.

Farmers generally are well pleased with the prices paid for the initial offerings and prospects are for a good season.

The Georgia tobacco belt has come into being during the past several years, the golden weed being introduced extensively in sections where bold weevils made cotton growing unprofitable. Each year has shown a steady growth in the acreage planted and with farmers gradually learning the delicate art of raising the weed, still further growth will occur. The land is well suited for tobacco and the quality compares favorably with that in South Carolina and North Carolina.

South Carolina Markets.
The markets in South Carolina also opened with an increase in average price reported. As was the case in Georgia, tobacco men from all over the Eastern United States attended the opening sales to see "how it was going to sell." Among them are many from North Carolina markets, especially from Rocky Mount, Wilson, Kinston and Greenville, Oxford and Henderson. A large number of the buyers on the South Carolina and Georgia markets are from the Tar Heel State, as the length of the season gives them opportunity to cover these markets and then get back to North Carolina in time for the opening of the markets in September. A considerable number of the warehouses in Georgia and South Carolina are operated by Tar Heel warehousemen.

Tobacco Sold in the Rough.
The prices in Georgia and South Carolina cannot be compared with the prices expected on the Eastern North Carolina markets, as the crop is marketed differently. The crop is sold "in the rough," being neither graded or tied. Because of this, the average price in North Carolina is somewhat higher.

It can be taken for granted that when the North Carolina markets open the average price will be higher than last season, which established unheard of records.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION
The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the members of the Oxford Baptist Church and congregation last Sunday morning.

Mr. Z. W. Lyon, one of Oxford's most highly esteemed and generous citizens, upon learning, during his last illness, that our church contemplated taking an active part in raising its quota of the Seventy Five Million Dollars for missions and other objects, stated to his daughter, Miss Hettie Lyon, and to his son, Mr. Frank F. Lyon, that he wanted to make a gift of One Hundred Dollars to this fund.

Mr. Lyon passed to his reward before our Campaign was begun, but his daughter and son, knowing the desire of their father to have a part in this great work for the betterment of the world and the advancement of the Master's Kingdom, complied with his wish and paid over to our church Treasurer the Hundred Dollars.

Such generous deeds deserve more than passing notice. We desire to record our grateful appreciation of this gift, and to bear testimony to the splendid christian character of our departed friend; therefore, be it resolved:

First: That we acknowledge this gift with our heartfelt thanks and to deeply appreciate the christian motive which prompted Mr. Lyon in wanting to do something to aid us in this glorious work.

Second: That we tender to Miss Hettie Lyon and Mr. Frank F. Lyon our sincere thanks for carrying into effect their father's wish, and we pray that they may be guided by the inspiring example of their father's faith and Christian walk.

Third: That these resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of our church and that copies signed by the pastor and clerk be sent to Miss Hettie Lyon and Mr. Frank F. Lyon; and that a copy be furnished to the Public Ledger with request that the same be published.

F. W. HANCOCK,
S. W. PARKER,
Committee.

OXFORD-HENDERSON BASEBALL GAME TO BE THE BIGGEST EVENT OF SEASON

While Oxford has won two games already over the Henderson team, there has been a demand for another game. This game has been agreed to in an effort to help in getting funds to finish up the work on the new athletic field on the Community Play grounds.

The past games have shown a very fine spirit of rivalry and it is to be hoped that the same sportsmanlike conduct will prevail at this time. With the crowd that is to be here there may be a tendency to create disturbance. The supporters of the teams want a good clean game.

Game called at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon at Horner Park, by John Caldwell, of Wake Forest.

The Oxford team will go to Sanford for two games on Monday and Tuesday next. Return games with Sanford will be played here later.

A TRUE GHOST STORY One In Which a Citizen of Oxford Played a Prominent Part.

A prominent citizen of Oxford, who objects to his name being printed in connection with the story, tells a remarkable incident which took place in his younger days while he was courting a young lady out in the country.

"It was a custom of mine," he said "to saddle by best horse and ride to the country to see the young lady who was later to become my wife. On this particular occasion I remained at the home of the young lady rather late and returned by a different road.

"It was on this particular night the young lady of my choice accepted my heart and hand and promised to be my wife. As I rode along the road, I was in a reflective mood; the soft radiance of the moonlight had called forth dreams of happy days in store, when suddenly I was awakened from the reverie by my horse shying at something, and trembling from head to foot, started down the road at break-neck speed. On looking around I saw that I was passing a cemetery. Just at this instant I saw a still white figure. It was dressed in pure white and appeared to be moving toward me, but I was too frightened to stop and make investigation. It was difficult to tell which was scared the most, the horse or myself.

"Upon arriving at home in a greatly perturbed state of mind I was asked why I was so excited. I then told them about passing the cemetery and seeing a great big white ghost rise up and move toward me. Whereupon my horse became greatly frightened and broke into a run and I was unable to check him until we reached home. And to tell the truth, I was frightened, too.

"Those present began to laugh and told me that what I saw was no ghost, but a monument that had been erected that morning to mark the grave of an old gentleman who died some months ago."

No doubt the presence of many other so-called ghosts might be as easily explained.

LT. H. G. COOPER REACHED IN MID-OCEAN BY WIRELESS

Was Informed That Mrs. Cooper Was Quite Sick.

Desiring to reach his son, Lt. H. G. Cooper, Jr., U. S. N., as quick as possible to inform him of the critical illness of his wife, Col. Henry G. Cooper one day this week telephoned to Mr. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and asked him to be so kind as to communicate with his son.

Mr. Daniels at once located Lt. Cooper in the Pacific ocean half way between San Francisco and Honolulu and got a wireless message to him and an answer in four or five hours.

Mr. Daniels arranged for leave of absence for Lt. Cooper to come home as soon as his ship put in at Seattle.

On the following day Mrs. Cooper's condition was greatly improved, and it was as Secretary's Daniels' pleasure to advise Lt. Cooper by wireless of the change for the better. Lt. Cooper reached Seattle yesterday and he is expected to arrive at home next Monday.

In passing, it is a pleasure to note that the people have a good friend in Washington in the Hon. Josephus Daniels.

MOVING PICTURES AT HESTER SCHOOL HOUSE NEXT MONDAY

The County Community Service will present a six-reel program of moving pictures at Hester school house Monday evening, July 26th, at 8:30 o'clock. This is one of the best programs that has been shown by the county, and a large attendance is anticipated. Admission is ten cents for all over six years old.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Wulford Service Station.

BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL WILL BE OPEN EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

Jack Bullock, one of the founders of Brantwood Hospital, said today that the institution will be ready for the reception of patients early in September. The exact date of the opening, said Dr. Bullock, cannot be determined before the arrival of Dr. Nelson Thomas, who is taking an extensive post-graduate course at the Chicago University of Medicine, and who will visit the great Dr. Mayo Sanatorium and hospital at Rochester, New York, before he returns.

Dr. Thomas is getting "next to" the most modern hospital equipment and methods of handling and treating the sick in Chicago and the great cities, said Dr. Bullock. He makes it a rule, continued Dr. Bullock, to attend at least a dozen difficult operations every day and takes an active part in the work.

Dr. Thomas will return about the first of August and then the founders, Drs. Watkins, Thomas and Bullock, will announce the opening date of Brantwood.

TEACHERS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE GRANVILLE TEST FARM

The Distinguished Visitors Reached Oxford This Morning In Automobiles.

Forty-four teachers of vocational agriculture, who are attending the Summer school at the state College, reached here this morning and will spend today and tomorrow at the Granville Test Farm.

Accompanying the party are: Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; Prof. Leon E. Cook, of the Department of Vocational Education; Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, of the Department of Zoology, and Dr. F. A. Wolf, Plant Pathologist for the North Carolina Experiment Station.

"The school will be held for the purpose of giving the teachers of agriculture intensive instruction in all phases of tobacco growing.

WORDING OF THE FRENCH MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES

The wording of the French memorial certificates delivered to relatives of soldiers from this country killed in the world war, is as follows:

"TO THE MEMORY OF
(Name)
(Rank)
Of the United States of America
Who died for Liberty during
the Great War
In the Name of France.
(Signed): The President
of the Republic.
R. POINCARÉ."

THE PROHIBITION PARTY ANXIOUS FOR BRYAN.

Over his own protest and that of his brother, William Jennings Bryan was the unanimous choice of the Prohibition party at its national convention in Lincoln, Neb., yesterday as its candidate for president.

Refreshed from a fishing trip in Montana, Mr. Bryan wired the convention that he could not be the standard bearer.

"The Gas Is On"
The gas came creeping through the pipes yesterday morning and everybody here who uses gas was happy. The flow is all that the consumers could desire. The people here hope that the flow will continue, and if it does they will be willing to stick by the company. The question of an increase will be taken up by the Corporation Commission next Wednesday.

OXFORD-HENDERSON ROAD You Must Go By Dickerson to Get to or From Henderson.

On account of the road being closed at Cheatham's Mill to give the workmen a chance to put in a concrete bridge and make new roadbed, travelers from Oxford and Henderson must go via Dickerson until the work has been completed.

The work is being done by C. W. Chandler & Co., and they are doing a fine job of work. Mr. R. E. Chandler, who has been constantly on the job states that no such condition as represented in the last issue of the Public Ledger prevailed. He stated that he had pulled many cars out of the mire at the point and that he never charged a cent, nor does he know of a single person on his force who ever made a charge for pulling cars out.

CANNING CLUB GIRLS WILL GO INTO CAMP AUGUST 18

Mrs. A. L. Capehart has issued a letter to all the girls, members of the Canning Clubs of the County, informing them of arrangements being made for the Annual Summer Camp to be held this year Aug. 18-21 at Capehart Farm. This lovely old southern home has recently been remodelled, Delco lights and other improvements having been added, and is an ideal place for a camping trip.

SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR WAGE INCREASE GRANTED BY LABOR BOARD

Rail Representatives Set About Passing Addition to the Ultimate Consumer.

Freight rates, railroad executives estimated, would have to be increased nearly 50 per cent to absorb the \$600,000,000 wage increase announced by the Railroad Labor Board, and it is to come on top of a large sum the railroads had already asked to be permitted to levy against the freight and passenger tariffs. The Interstate Commerce Commission had been petitioned to grant the railroads an added income of more than a billion dollars annually, and the \$600,000,000 wage increase is to come on top of that. The money is to be provided through the usual agency of an increase in both passenger and freight rates, and the public carries the burden. The railroad unions has asked for an increase of about \$1,000,000,000, and their honest expectations were doubtless met with the increase which was granted.

Basis of Increase.

Railway clerks and freight handlers, \$125,000,000.
Maintenance-of-way employees, \$160,298,000.
Enginemen and trainmen, \$157,000,000.
Railway shopmen, \$139,137,000.

Schedule of Increase.

The increases follow:
Passenger Service.
Engineers and motormen, firemen, helpers, 80 cents per day.
Freight Service.
Engineers, firemen, helpers, \$1.04 per day.
Yard Service.
Engineers, firemen, helpers, 18 cents per hour.

Passenger Service.
Conductors, ticket collectors, baggagemen, flagmen, and brakemen, \$1.04 per day. Suburban service passenger employees \$30 per month.

Freight Service.
Superceding rates established by the railroad administration the board fixed the following schedules:
Yard Service.
Foremen, \$6.96 per day; helpers, \$6.48; switch tenders, \$5.04.
Hostler service; Outside hostlers, \$6.24 per day; inside hostlers, \$5.60 per day; helpers, \$5.04.
For Unskilled Forces.
All unskilled forces gets 15 cents an hour increase.

OLD LANDMARK MAKES ROOM FOR MODERN RESIDENCE

The old barn on Spring street, which has been an eyesore to the highly cultured and refined residents of the square for many years, is being torn down to make room for the modern and handsome home of Mr. J. Crawford Cooper, who recently purchased the property from Dr. E. T. White.

The new home of Mr. Cooper will be a two story brick and frame dwelling with all the modern improvements. Material is being assembled and Mr. Cooper hopes to have a house-warming, by the time the snow flies.

PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS—MOVING PICTURES For Two Weeks Beginning Tuesday, July 27.

Creedmoor, Tuesday, July 27.
Providence, Wednesday, July 28.
Stovall, Thursday, 29.
Stem, Friday, July 30.
Wilton, Monday, August 2.
Wilburn, Tuesday, August 3.
Cornwall, Wednesday, August 4.
Knap of Reeds, Thursday, Aug. 5.
Bethel, Friday, August 6.
Cultreth, Saturday, August 7.

BRUNSWICK STEW AT CULBRETH SCHOOL HOUSE

There will be a brunswick stew at Culbreth school house on Saturday afternoon, July 24th. This is in connection with the regular community meeting for that date. Games will be played, starting at four o'clock. Supper will be served at six o'clock, and the moving pictures will begin promptly at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

BASE BALL! Oxford vs Henderson Saturday, July 24, 3:30

Horner Park. Adm 50c.

—Mr. Hugh Overton of Route 2, left for Goldsboro Monday.

DURHAM PREACHER SWEARS MOB ATTEMPTED STORM JAIL

Rev. R. M. Price, Sergeant in Command of Machine Gun at Graham when shooting occurred, declares Masked Mob Fired Upon Gunners Before They Fired.

Durham, N. C., July 22.—Reverend Robert M. Price of the Lakewood Methodist church and a sergeant in the Durham machine gun company, issued a sworn statement in which he declares emphatically that a masked mob attempted to storm the Alamance county jail Monday night and fired upon the machine gunners guarding the jail before the soldiers fired a shot.

Raleigh, July 23.—In view of the action of the coroner's jury in Alamance county in declaring the Durham Machine Gun Company responsible for the death of Jim Ray, who was killed Monday night in Graham, Governor Bickett ordered a careful investigation of the conduct of the troops who were sent to the county in compliance with a request from county authorities to protect three negroes held on a charge of criminal assault.

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL OF TALLY HO (W. R. MANGUM)

Stem, N. C., July 22.
—Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Clayton, of Route 3, received a telegram Friday morning appraising them of the death of their son, Mr. Luther W. Clayton in the State Hospital, Raleigh, which occurred Thursday afternoon, July 15th. The deceased became mentally unbalanced when he was about twenty years of age and had been confined in this institution for treatment for several years. His brother Mr. O. G. Clayton, went to Raleigh Friday and accompanied the remains to Roxboro where they were taken in charge and conveyed to the old family burying ground near by. Our sympathy is with his aged mother and father and brothers and sisters.

—We are glad to meet in our place of business Monday Col. John S. Cunningham, formerly of Person county, but for the past seven years a resident of Durham. He was at one time the largest tobacco raiser in North Carolina, was twice president of the State Fair and is now connected with the management of this institution, and was on the staff of four governors, Holt, Fowle, Aycock, and Glenn. He thinks it best for the farmers that the tobacco markets to open up late this fall and advises all farmers to sow more wheat this fall and raise more food-stuffs the coming year as the prices of tobacco are sure to decline.

—The baseball game here Saturday afternoon between Stem and Mount Hominy were witnessed by a large crowd of people from the town and surrounding community. Stem entered the game under serious disadvantages, four of their best players not being present and new men who were inexperienced and out of practice substituted in order that the crowd who had gathered would be disappointed. It was hardly to be expected that Stem could win with such odds against them and there was not much surprise that they were defeated 25 to 7.

—The third quarterly Conference of the Granville Circuit will be held with the church at Roberts Chapel on Saturday, July 31, and Sunday Aug. 1st. Continuing from the first a protracted meeting will begin at this church with two services a day, one in the afternoon and one at night. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Black, will be assisted by Rev. S. E. Barber, of Calvary Baptist Church, Durham.

On Saturday afternoon the Stem baseball team motored over to Roxboro and played the Roxboro team, but the fates were again against them, the score being 8 to 2. On this coming Saturday afternoon, Stem and Stovall will cross bats on the Stem grounds and the public are cordially invited to attend and witness what promises to be a spirited contest.

—In regular church conference at Tally Ho last Saturday the protracted meeting which was to have commenced Sunday, was postponed until the third Sunday in September, and if nothing prevents will begin at that time.

—Mr. C. R. Cash, buyer for the J. P. Taylor Tobacco Co., who has been in Kentucky for the past few months, spent the week end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cash of Oxford Route 6, going from here to South Carolina markets.

—Miss Grace Bullock, stenographer for the Bradstreet Co., Richmond, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bullock, returned to Richmond Sunday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ava Bullock.

—Mrs. E. A. Ingold returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Chase City and was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Myrtle Tackett.

—In the protracted meeting which begins at Stem, church Sunday Aug. 8th Rev. A. D. Wilcox of

Mr. Blalock Is Okay.
Mr. Frank B. Blalock, who was in an automobile wreck north of Richmond a few days ago, has arrived at home. His hand was badly bruised and he is wearing his arm in a sling. It is a pleasure to note that Mrs. Blalock, who was also hurt, is getting along nicely at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond. Mr. Blalock said that the doctors told him that it would not be necessary to amputate her thumb, which was broken. The scar over her eye and the other bruises are healing up nicely, said Mr. Blalock, and she will be able to come home next week.

HERE IS SOMETHING TO READ AND THINK ABOUT

Granville County Should Vote a Sufficient Amount To Give Good Roads To All the People of the County.

It is becoming clearer every day that any further improvement of the country schools is dependent on consolidation. The small school performed a great service in helping to create an interest in education and in the days of short terms, which are conducted almost always during the worst weather, it was the only practical system.

When it is remembered that most of the pupils attending these schools were in the lower grades, very few getting beyond the sixth or seventh, some very effective work was done. Another fact worth remembering in studying these schools is that as a general thing only the children from the more intelligent and ambitious families were enrolled as pupils. This made the teaching easier.

The gradual change from these older conditions has brought about a corresponding difficulty in the teaching. The increase in the number of grades due to the gradual pushing up of the pupils into the higher classes and the bringing in of the lower element into the school, children from families not formerly interested and as a general thing less intelligent and less eager to learn, all of this complicates the work of rural teaching and makes it more imperative that better conditions be provided for teaching.

It is not so hard to convince the more intelligent parent that the graded school with its better advantages for supervision, better opportunities for high school work etc., is desirable. The great difficulty, however, as it appears to the average man on the farm, is the bad roads in the winter which seriously interfere with the transportation of pupils. He will always say that he will be in favor of the consolidated school and public transportation when we get good roads.

This drives us right down to the very basis and foundation principle on which must rest the better consolidated rural school-GOOD ROADS. We can never hope to make a complete success of school consolidation until we have roads good, not only in summer, fall, and spring, but good also during the worst of the winter months. We must have all-the-year-round good roads.

All right then we have been driven step by step in our argument for better schools down to the very bottom sill. What are we going to do about it? Shall we sit down and whine about it any say that we have gone as far as we can? Shall we give up and deprive the children of the country districts of their birthright for a better education just because there is a difficulty in the way? Granville county people are not of the whining kind.

Here is something to think about. Granville county ought to vote a sufficient amount of road bonds to give good roads to all the people of the county. Not just a little dribble that will improve a few of the roads but enough to help the whole county and make it possible to give every child a good elementary and high school in reach of his home. There are other uses of good roads besides that of transporting pupils to consolidated schools, but it is worth all the cost for this alone.

It is high time to take some action in this direction. J. F. WEBB.

Trinity church, Durham, will do the preaching after Sunday.

—Mrs. J. W. Woodlief and daughter, Miss Irene, of Youngsville, and Mrs. F. M. Hester and children of Oxford, are spending the week with their father, Mr. J. B. Thomasson of Tally Ho.

—Gooch's Hall was literally packed with people Sunday. Elder Sylvester Hassell, of Williamston, preached a most interesting sermon taking "Love" for his subject.

—Mr. E. L. Jones, of Bloomfield, Ky., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Jones. He is looking well and is making a great success in the tobacco business.

—Mr. W. T. Harris and sister, Miss Roxie, have recently purchased the Eugene Bullock house and lot opposite Stem High School building.

—Mr. Pervis Bullock left Sunday for Mullins, S. C., where he has accepted a position with the Imperial Tobacco Co.

—Miss Rose Edna Jones of Oxford Route 2, spent the week end with Misses Jesse and Thelma Overby of Oxford Route 6.

—Rev. W. B. North and daughter, Miss Martha of Burlington, were the guests of Mrs. North's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stem, Tuesday night.

—Mr. W. B. Cash, of Oxford Route 6, purchased a Ford touring car last week.

—Master Woodson Birthright, of Washington, is on a visit to his aunt Mrs. W. S. Gooch.

—Misses Julia and Eva Hobgood, of Oxford, are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. E. J. Ray.