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## TESTS AT THE GRANVILLE EXPERIMENT STATION SHOWS WONDERFUL RESULTS

The Farmers Would Profit By a Visit To the Station At This Time. Every one who drives through the Test Farm, one mile west of Oxford, at this period of the year is touched with a sense of profound pride as they look out upon the broad expanse of waving green. But better still is the series of tests that are taking place in the interior of the farm, which are not visible from the public roads that pass through the farm.

It must be understood that the functions of a test farm is to produce the most inferior specimens on up to the very best that can be obtained by scientific treatment. Mr. Eugene Moss, the very pleasant and learned superintendent of the Test Farm, has done this very thing in such a way that a child could see and understand the great transformation from the interior stalk to the higher grades.

These tests consists of five rows of nonfertilized tobacco, followed by five rows of acid tests on up to the absolutely perfected stalk. You can see the wonderful transformation as you walk by the end of the rows and gaze out across the broad acres. It is like ascending a ladder, the higher you go the grander the view.

Wizard Moss has set apart fifty or sixty acres to show what can be done in the scientific treatment of tobacco and also to bring in a revenue for the farm. The Adcock tobacco is here seen in its perfected state. There are twenty acres in Harrison Prior, a new seed, which is also very handsome. From 1000 to 1500 pounds to the acre is the estimate of Mr. Moss on these two specimens.

The lime tests on corn, tobacco and soy beans are also very interesting and should be seen by every farmer. These specimens are seen from an insignificant and diseased plant on up to a waving field of sea-green in all of its splendor. Mr. Moss is prepared to show the farmers that it cost less to produce the perfected specimens than it does to raise the insignificant varieties. He is prepared to show the farmer that he can stick a hole in the ground, drop in the seed, cover it with his foot and behold the perfected stalk! On the other hand, he is prepared to show you that under other conditions plants are like a sickly child and need constant attention.

The Test Farm is likened unto a child. A doctor can look at a child and know what impedes its growth. Mr. Moss can look at a plant and tell you of its ailments. That kind of knowledge is worthwhile at this day and time when labor is scarce. Science steps in and solve the problem.

## OFFICER HUTCHINS CATCHES TWO BLIND TIGERS

One On Bell Town Road and the Other Below Tar River. Something seemed to tell Revenue Officer Hutchins last Saturday that Tom Boon, colored, was coming to town with a little brown jug. Hutchins and Deputy Ed Lyon went down the Bell Town road to meet Boon, and the meeting was most cordial.

"Tom, what have you got in the sack in the foot of your buggy," asked Hutchins.

"Nothing but a big watermelon," said Tom.

"I rather admire the size of it," said Hutchins as he fumbled the bag. The bag contained a gallon jug of corn liquor, and under the seat of the buggy Hutchins found four quarts wrapped up in a blanket.

"I tell what," said Boon, "You shure got me this time, Boss man."

Boon agreed to tell Hutchins where he got the liquor if Hutchins would use his influence to make it light for him. Hutchins agreed with a wink of his left eye, and Boon said:

"You go down below Tar River and tell that negro John Eaton to let you have that two gallons of liquor."

Hutchins called on Eaton, and after a search found two gallons of liquor. The two men gave bond. Justice Meador has set the trial for next Friday.

On Saturday last the officers also caught Irvin Bass, colored, of Berea. He is charged with hauling liquor. Failing to give \$500 bond he was sent to jail.

## MR. JOSH KING RETURNS FROM THE NORTHERN MARKETS

Immediate Shipment of the Seasons Goods Will Follow. The first voice from the northern dry goods markets was heard Saturday when Mr. J. S. King, buyer for the Lone Company, returned from a ten day's trip to New York and Philadelphia. Mr. King stated that he was able to purchase full lines of the most desirable goods, but there is a scarcity in some lines. There is a slight reduction in some lines quoted six months or a year ago, but cotton goods has an upward tendency.

Mr. King was particularly pleased at the prospect of immediate delivery of goods. In fact some lines reached here before Mr. King arrived, which implies that the railroads will be able to handle fall shipments with dispatch.

## CORRECT STATEMENT OF GRANVILLE COUNTY TAXABLE PROPERTY

A Fraction Under Twenty-Nine Million Dollars. Editor The Ledger: The figures in the News and Observer a few days ago giving the total taxables for Granville County at something over twenty-five million dollars were incorrect. I immediately secured by correspondence the corrected figures, which according to the State Tax Commission, are as follows:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Realty                  | 16,088,145   |
| Personally              | 6,775,885    |
| Railroads               | 5,721,905    |
| Banks                   | 330,359      |
| Industrial Corporations | 42,440       |
| Total                   | \$28,958,734 |

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. P. STRADLEY.

## HON. D. G. BRUMMITT, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, SPENT WEEK END IN OXFORD

Will Be Glad To Hear From Any Citizen As to His Views on Any Subject. Hon. D. G. Brummitt, speaker of the House, and Senator T. G. Currin spent Sunday at their homes here and returned to Raleigh Monday afternoon in order to attend the night session of the legislature. Mr. Brummitt was very busy with official business during his short stay in Oxford. We talked with him long enough to learn that the legislature is burning midnight oil in order to get through with the business in twenty days. He said:

"The taxation problem is the one that is really engaging our attention. You know, of course, that the real work of the Legislature is not confined to what it does during the few hours it is in session each day. During this short session many men will work until midnight, poring over figures, conferring with other members, and then after a few hours sleep go back at it again next morning.

"I think we are going to work the thing out all right. You no doubt saw J. W. Bailey's vicious attack on Maxwell. I have never witnessed a more dramatic scene than the one before the Finance Committee Thursday. After Bailey had made his assault Maxwell demanded that he stand out and say whether or not he (Bailey) had not at the regular session of 1919 opposed the proposed income tax amendment and denounced Maxwell and the Tax Commission for failing to get the farmer's land and horses, cattle and hogs on the tax books at their real value. But Bailey did not answer; he had hurriedly left the hall before Maxwell spoke. And it was most interesting afterwards to hear those who had heard Bailey in 1919 corroborate Maxwell's statement.

"I think that we are going to work the thing out so that every fair-minded man who is willing to pay his fair share of the taxes will be satisfied. Undoubtedly provisions will be made whereby any man, who thinks that his land is assessed too high, may present his cause to the proper authorities and get it reduced to what it should be. This will take care of every situation where there is the slightest cause for complaint.

"It now seems that even this year the state rate for all purposes except schools and pensions will almost disappear. If the income tax amendment is adopted, I believe that the state will never again levy a property tax, but that all property taxes will be collected exclusively for county and local purposes.

"Senator Currin and I had considered passing a bill to submit a road bond issue to the folks at the November election, but decided not to do so. Such a matter ought not to be mixed in any way with partisan politics, and we feared that it might be. Besides, the regular session of the Legislature convenes in January and in the meantime this subject can be considered by our people better than at this time.

"We want to hear from any citizen as to his views on any subject in which he may be interested. The session will be short and an awfully tiring and busy one. When I went down there I thought there was a chance to get away in two weeks, but I'm afraid we'll be there the full twenty days."

## WHAT SENATOR SIMMONS SAYS

"There is a persistent belief that Republican leaders fear the effect of women's participation in this year's elections while Democratic leaders believe their participation will be to advantage of the Democratic party. However that may be, it is certain that two great questions, each of vital national-wide import, both of which in their higher human aspects concern women more deeply than men, will be involved in this year's elections, and upon those questions it is believed women would naturally sympathize with the attitude of the Democratic party.

"Moreover, if women are allowed to vote this year, their affiliation in the approaching elections will largely determine their future alignment in politics."

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

## POPULATION OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Released By the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington. The department states that the preliminary announcement of population is subject to correction: Granville County, North Carolina. (Minor Civil Division)

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| Granville County                           | 1920   | 1910   |
| Brassfield township                        | 26,846 | 25,102 |
| Dutchville township, including Creedmoor   | 2,945  | 3,348  |
| Fishing Creek township                     | 2,798  | 3,119  |
| Oak Hill township                          | 3,277  | 2,727  |
| Oxford township, including Oxford town     | 2,432  | 2,415  |
| Salem township                             | 6,120  | 5,333  |
| Sassafras Fork township, including Stovall | 1,261  | 1,115  |
| Tally Ho township, including Stem          | 2,618  | 2,069  |
| Walnut Grove township                      | 3,301  | 3,041  |
| 2,094                                      | 1,935  |        |
| Incorporated Places                        |        |        |
| Creedmoor                                  | 1920   | 1910   |
| Oxford                                     | 392    | 324    |
| Stem                                       | 3,606  | 3,018  |
| Stovall                                    | 245    | 414    |
| 414  | 305    |        |

## BY RIGHTS OXFORD SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND INHABITANTS

By Extending the Corporate Limits Two Hundred Yards, Our Population Would Be More Than Five Thousand. There was considerable disappointment felt here when the Census Bureau on Thursday last announced the population of Oxford as 3,606. The corporate limits of Oxford forms a circle one-half of a mile in diameter around the court house. A few years ago Judge Devin drew up and introduced a bill in the Legislature with a view of extending the corporate limits 200 yards beyond the present limits. The bill was favorable to extension, but there was considerable opposition on the part of those who lived immediately outside of the corporation and enjoyed all of the modern improvements of the town without paying town taxes. If the corporation was extended two hundred yards in a circle it would take in West Oxford, Cherry Hill, Smith Hill, a portion of Raleigh College, Henderson road, north end of College street and out around the sub-station. There are at least 1,500 people in the above radius who, by rights, should be bona fide citizens of Oxford. If the corporation was extended so as to include these 1,500 people we would have a population of 5,106. In that event Henderson would surpass us only by 260. Henderson gained 764 during the past ten years, and Oxford's gain was 538.

## OXFORD COLLEGE BEING MADE ATTRACTIVE FOR THE APPROACHING SESSION

Mrs. Rosa Jones Will Return As Lady Principal. President Hobgood of Oxford College is resting at home, receiving and filling applications for rooms. He does not find it at present necessary for canvassing for students as in former years. Dr. Hobgood is giving his personal attention to some important repairs at the college, renovating the infirmary and brightening up things in general. Dr. Hobgood voiced the sentiments of this community when he stated that he is glad that Mrs. Rosa Jones would return as lady principal. Mrs. Eva Mathews, who is an addition to the faculty, will take the chair of history, giving up the duties of lady principal. Miss Wilkerson, a medalist graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., now studying in New York City, will take charge of the Art Department. It is only about three weeks and a day until Oxford College opens for the fall session. We are going to see a long line of the prettiest and smartest girls here that can be found in the whole State. Granville and all of the adjoining counties will be represented in the student body and a large number comes from more distant counties of the State.

## CROP NEWS INDICATES LOWER FOODSTUFFS

Crop reports indicate somewhat lower prices for foodstuffs, according to the monthly bulletin of the United States chamber of commerce committee on statistics and standards just issued. Slackness in textiles, some leather products and metal lines, however, are classed as indications of "more waiting and readjustment period in a moderate way than the prelude to any marked change."

"Unless experience is misleading, the new purchasing power of the railroads will be a strong factor in maintaining both prices and the volume of business," the bulletin asserts in commenting on the rate increases recently granted.

The automobile industry, the bulletin adds, gives indications of approaching the peak of production for the present, while building operations are hampered by high prices of materials and labor to the point where "only the most imperatively necessary construction can and will proceed."

—The following prominent people were in Oxford last Friday: Amos Crymes, of Providence, Mrs. L. M. Crymes, of Stem; Miss Aline Averett, of Route 2; Mr. Sam Usry, of Corinth; Will Breddlove, of Wilton.

## DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING OPENING OF OXFORD SCHOOLS

As was stated in last week's Public Ledger the fall term of the Oxford Graded Schools will open Monday, September 6. I want to urge every parent who has a child of school age to have that child in school the first day. It is during the first few days of school that the child catches the spirit of enthusiasm that pervades the school and the child cannot afford to miss it.

**The Early Bell.** Most of last year's rules will be put into effect this year. The first bell in the morning will ring at 8:30 and the bell which is the signal for the children to march into the building will ring at 8:45. The noon recess will be from 12:30 to 1:20. The same rules regarding the time when children shall come on the grounds and when they are considered on the grounds will be enforced this year.

**The Grades.** It has been decided to have all of the primary and grammar grades in the College Street building. In order to do this it will be necessary to have a double session for the first four grades. Each of these grades is divided into two sections. One section of each grade will be in school in the morning and the other section in the afternoon. There will be a change each month so that the child who is in school in the morning one month will come in the afternoon the next month and vice versa. This plan will not affect any grades except the first four. This arrangement will save the school the expense of fitting up another building for school work and it will mean quite a saving in fuel and janitor work. This is a plan which is being tried by a number of towns which like Oxford expect to have additional buildings as soon as building conditions will permit.

**Full Corps of Teachers.** Oxford is indeed fortunate, for in spite of the teacher shortage which exists in the State we have a full corps of well qualified and experienced teachers. Miss Mabel Tate of Old Fort, N. C., who is a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women with two years teaching experience, fills the last vacancy.

I don't think it necessary for me to ask the cooperation of the patrons of the school for I am sure that I am going to have it. This is an excellent town and the sentiment seems to be decidedly in favor of good schools, so I am confident that we are going to have a successful school year.

**Rules Concerning Promotions.** I. Every condition must be made up before promotion. II. Any pupil of any grade conditioned one or two subjects must remove both before promotion is granted. III. Any pupil of any grade conditioned on more than two subjects must remain in the same grade another year. IV. Examinations will be given at the Graded School building the week before school opens, under the direction of the superintendent. V. All conditioned pupils please abide by these rules.

C. G. CREDLE, Superintendent.

## FARMERS FEEL THE PRESSURE OF LOW PRICE TOBACCO

Will Call a Meeting of the Farmers of Granville County At an Early Date To Discuss the Situation. Mr. P. W. Knott, for many years president of the Granville County Farmers Union stated yesterday that many farmers of the county had urged him to call a meeting of the farmers of the county at an early date to discuss the tobacco situation. The price of tobacco is so low on the South Carolina and Georgia markets the farmers in this section are alarmed. It is understood that they will estimate the cost of raising the crop and agree upon a selling price, and if it does not sell at a profit to the farmers they will either hold the tobacco or not produce another crop.

**Baseball This Afternoon.** Married men will play the single men at Horner Park this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Admission free. There is some pep in both teams.

—A man's idea of a good doctor is one who will prescribe a pint of whiskey for what ails him.

## A BABY SHOW WILL BE ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Such is the Plan of the Oxford Woman's Club Through Its Health Department. "A baby will make love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, bank roll smaller, home happier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten and the future worth living for."

What is there in the "kid?" Your very life within the little bundle! You think of him and for him; your plan and toil for him; your pleasures are curtailed for his interests; you skimp your expenditures on yourselves that there may be a fund for his welfare; toward him all your past and your present are converging; your future will tend to the same centre.

With all this devotion setting so strongly toward him, what do you wish him to be? A perfectly well baby; then a perfectly well child; then a perfectly well youth or maiden, and to crown it all, a perfectly well man or woman.

These things are before everything else. So desirable are they that you will willingly give the results of your efforts to effect these. Then to effect them, naturally takes first place.

Do you know as much as you wish to know about how to keep the baby well? There are a great many things not matters of expense, but just matters of knowing how and doing the things which keep down expense and keep the baby well and happy. A happy baby, a happy daddy and mama.

It is the plan of the Woman's Civic Club of Oxford through its Health Committee to inaugurate a plan whereby every mother of a baby in the county may have the best knowledge of the very best baby doctors put at her disposal without money cost. The plan is to study to avoid the sickness. You love the baby. You want to know the causes of sickness and, moreover, the laws of health. Loving the baby makes you willing to study to avoid the causes of sickness, and to practice the health laws.

A Baby Show and the study of baby health will be one of the features of the week of the Granville County Fair. It is desired to have a great number of mothers and their babies attending this. The Fair-ground full will be teetering. Mothers who are nurses to their babies, and are housekeepers at the same time; who have to do both without help; who know so well how much harder it is to do both with baby sick and fretful are especially invited to interest themselves in this movement.

A weighing and measuring of babies is designed, looking to the future reiteration of this for comparison of the progress of the babies under the studied care of the mother with the free help of the best baby experts to be had.

Now this promises healthier babies, happier mothers, more prosperous homes, physically fitter men and women of the future, and thus a superior social and moral efficiency—a better State.

Let all "daddies" and "mamas" take notice, please.

J. A. MORRIS, Co. Health Officer.

## THERE IS NO DEMAND FOR SCRAP TOBACCO

The Farmers Find That It Does Not Pay to Haul It To Market. Scrap tobacco has found little favor on the markets thus far opened, and the indications are that it will be equally unsalable on all markets throughout the season. The high prices paid for primings last season inspired hope among the farmers that there would be a repetition this year, but they seem doomed to disappointment. Though there was a great demand last season for everything in the way of tobacco, the prices paid for scrap were ridiculously abnormal, and the manufacturers and buyers have come to a realization of the fact. They know that there is plenty of worth-while tobacco to be had this year, and they are resolutely turning down trash. That is, they are offering so little for that class of stuff that the farmers find it does not pay to haul it to market. But this is really a blessing to the farmers, and not in disguise either, for they can profitably use all the scrap available by converting it into fertilizer; and according to reports from many points this is what is being done.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

## BREWERS SENTENCED TO PEN

Convicted For Performing Criminal Operation Upon Robert Hudson. William Brewer, 60 years old, and his sons, Charles, 24 years old, Harvey, 20 years old, were convicted last week in Davidson county Superior court of criminal operation upon Robert Hudson. William Brewer was sentenced to 10 years hard labor in the State penitentiary, and his two sons were each sentenced to serve 15 years each. The counsel for the defendants claimed that prejudice had been created by the assault upon Hudson and made it impossible for them to get a fair trial. The jury handed in their verdict after several hours of deliberation and it is said that there was practical unanimity from the first. Notice of appeal was given.

## PRICES FOR TOBACCO ARE ON THE INCREASE

The Price For All Grades On the South Carolina Markets Last Week Averaged \$38.50—Some Of Higher Grades Brought \$70. Tobacco prices on the South Carolina markets continue on the increase and there is an apparent increased eagerness of the big companies to gobble up all the weed offered.

However, the increased average in South Carolina markets is at least partially due to the offering of better grades of tobacco that were on the warehouse floors the first week of the opening of the markets. The average in South Carolina was around \$22 per 100 pounds, against \$15 the previous week and the sales in the various markets aggregated something like 6,500,000 pounds.

There were larger sales on the Georgia markets last week than the week before, and all reports from that State agree that the prices were stiffer, the average for all stocks offered being around \$38.50. There was a large increase in the deliveries of the better grades of the weed, some of which sold as high as \$60 and \$70 per 100 pounds.

The North Carolina growers of the weed are taking great interest in the, to them encouraging reports from the markets of the Palmetto and Cracker States. The warehouses will be opened in all of the Eastern Carolina markets for the sale of their bright weed on the first day of September, and they, as well as the warehousemen, are looking for prices to be higher than they were at the opening of last season, that is if their crops turn out to be of as good quality as they are now hoping for.

Just now the Eastern Carolina crops are at the critical stage. So far the outlook is for a fine but lightweight crop, but all depends upon the seasons for the next three weeks. Unfavorable weather would lessen the value of the general crop thousands upon thousands of dollars, while just the right weather will make it the most valuable ever grown in those sections of the Old North State.

Most, if not all, of the markets in the old belts of Virginia and North Carolina will open the selling season about the middle of September.

## FORTY-FIVE MILLION POUND CROP FORECAST

The Danville Register says: The belief is expressed that if the rains will cease now and fair weather and cool nights continue until the crop is cut or the leaves pulled, the tobacco will not be damaged and will make a better than average crop. It is admitted, however, that if the rains continue it will produce a course heavy-bodied crop that will weigh out well, but will be lacking in color and texture. In some sections it is feared the heavy, washing showers and downpours of the past few days may have already wrought considerable damage to low-ground tobacco and produced too rank growth, with heavy stems and coarse texture.

Asked as to the quality production in the territory marketing at Danville, a well known buyer who is in close touch with the growers in this tobacco belt, yesterday expressed the belief that the pound production in the territory marketing at Danville will probably aggregate forty-five million pounds in weight, compared with a trifle over thirty million last year, an increase in pounds of about 50 per cent. This estimate may be slightly excessive, but it is based on careful information as to acreage and to an estimate of the heavier weight of the average plant this year as compared with last year. It appears to be agreed that the quantity to be marketed during the coming sales season will run from 25 to 50 per cent in excess of the 1919 crop.

The outlook now is for a heavier bodied but less color and fine crop than last year. There will be more coarse, dark tobacco in the average crop. Indications are that prices will not rule so high as last year, even with a slightly decreased production in the South Carolina and compared with last year.

## DANIEL-PARRHAM MARRIAGE

Happy Couple Spending Honeymoon At Willoughby Beach. A quiet marriage was solemnized on Sunday last at high noon at the home of Mrs. W. M. Pugh on Littlejohn street when Miss Catherine Gibbons Parham became the bride of Mr. Crowell T. Daniel. Miss Lucy Webb rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march, and Rev. R. C. Craven performed the ceremony, in the presence of a few friends.

Miss Parham is sister of Mr. W. A. Parham of Oxford, and is noted for her lovely disposition. Mr. Daniel is a Granville county man and holds a responsible position with Horner Bros. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel left immediately after the ceremony to spend their honeymoon at Willoughby Beach.

—Mrs. R. F. Kernan returned from an extended visit to kin people in Richmond.