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NEWS NOTES FROM THE LEAF TOBACCO CIRCLES

The five big Oxford Warehouses Ready To Handle The Crop.

The Oxford tobacco market opens Monday, September 20, and every time is being put in shape to handle the big crop. The five warehouses here—Mangum, Granville, Banner, Johnson and Farmers—will operate practically under the same management as heretofore. There will be a strong force of buyers and the large tobacco companies will be represented on this market. Efforts will be made by the warehouses to greatly increase the sales of the Oxford market this tobacco year.

Tobacco cutting and curing is now in full swing among the growers in every direction for miles around, absorbing the attention of the grower and his entire family in many instances. The all-night vigils at the firing barns are an annual experience to which tobacco growers are accustomed and which they can not afford to neglect, for the whole year's work in large measure depends upon cutting the tobacco stalks at the right time and then curing it so carefully that the best results possible are attained.

In every direction the full barns may be seen alight with the flue fires their ruddy glow providing a strange illumination in the gathering dusk and after nightfall, while without the growers are grouped to keep up the fires and maintain just the temperature to cure the big green moist leaves until they attain just that beautiful bright yellow that attracts the eyes of the buyers.

It is said that last week was the busiest of the season on the tobacco markets of Robeson county. The Lumberton market sold a half million pounds during the week and some grades had sold as high as 80 cents, and according to newspaper reports the prices are higher this week than they were last week. The crop will be practically sold by the end of next week. The markets will remain open for some weeks yet, however.

Down to 1914 the average price for tobacco for ten years was 15 cents, and the increase has been rapid and steady since that time. Fertiliters and labor, which are important factors in the crop, have trebled in the last ten years.

## NORTH CAROLINA GETS \$2,279,053 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL ROAD MONEY

Provided It Is Matched, Dollar For Dollar, By State.

Combined Federal and State expenditures for road building may reach a total of \$250,000,000 during the current fiscal year, according to Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, Department of Agriculture. The last installment of Federal aid funds totaling \$100,000,000 became available last July 1. Three-quarters of this appropriation was derived from the 1919 appropriation, while \$25,000,000 was provided from the original appropriation in 1916.

Apportionment of \$24,897,270 is made to Southern States by the last installment of each of the two Federal appropriations of 1916 and 1919. Allotments by states follows: Alabama \$2,104,883; Florida \$1,147,447; Georgia \$2,697,150; Kentucky \$1,951,755; Louisiana \$1,362,231; Mississippi \$1,807,557; North Carolina \$2,279,053; South Carolina \$1,436,019; Tennessee \$2,261,913; Texas \$5,861,598; Virginia \$1,977,673.

## LEE MEADOWS INVINCIBLE They Couldn't Hit The Oxford Star Pitcher.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31.—Chicago was unable to do anything to Meadows today while Philadelphia hit Alexander opportunely and won the final game of the series 3 to 0.

Score: R.H.E. Philadelphia . . . 020 000 001—3 9 0 Chicago . . . 000 000 000—0 5 1 Meadows and Wheat; Alexander, Carter and O'Farrell.

## DR. J. D. HARTE RETURNS FROM SUMMER VACATION Will Fill His Pulpit Next Sunday Morning and Night.

Dr. J. D. Harte, Mrs. Harte, and their son Nelson have returned from an extended motor trip through Virginia. Mrs. Harte, who has an artistic turn of mind, said that Oxford is the prettiest and cleanest town they saw in their journey of perhaps a thousand miles.

Dr. Harte announced today that he will fill his pulpit at the Oxford Baptist Church next Sunday morning and night.

## EIGHTH OF POPULATION LOCATED IN THIRTY-THREE CITIES

A Washington dispatch states that more than one fifth of the population of the country is located in 33 leading cities having 200,000 or more inhabitants. A table showing these cities in order of their rank for 1920 is placed today by the census bureau. Places their combined population of 22,724,566 which is slightly more than one fifth the total population of the country as estimated by Dr. Joseph A. Hill, chief statistician of the bureau, at 105,000,000.

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

## EVENTS OF A SOCIAL NATURE

—Mrs. A. H. Powell was hostess to a few friends on Monday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Shields of Jacksonville and Miss Eleanor Huske of Fayetteville. A game of Bridge was enjoyed at two tables after which a tempting ice course was served.

—Mrs. R. G. Lassiter entertained a few friends on Tuesday night in honor of Mrs. Shields of Jacksonville, Fla., who has been the recipient of so many social functions during her visit to Oxford. A delightful game of Bridge was enjoyed on this occasion.

—A tea of unusual beauty was given by Mrs. B. K. Lassiter in honor of Mrs. Shields of Jacksonville, Fla. The elegant home was beautifully decorated with asters and roses. The guests calling enjoyed a delightful social hour with the hostess and the guest of honor who is a former resident of Oxford and is always gladly welcomed back among us. A tempting ice course was served.

—Even the little tots have enjoyed parties this week. Mrs. I. H. Davis invited a number of little folks on Wednesday afternoon to a party for her little visitor, Edith Archer, of Richmond. After some exciting games on the lawn, they repaired to the dining room where they were served many good things to eat. Each little guest was presented with a whistle and a happy time was spent.

—During this unusually gay week of social life in Oxford, the debutantes have entertained a great deal. Miss Mary C. Owen gave a charming Rook party on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Julia W. Ashworth of Wilmington, the guest of Miss Betsy Ballou. The young ladies enjoyed an exciting game of Rook after which tempting refreshments were served. Miss Owen was assisted in doing the honors by her aunt Mrs. A. H. Powell.

—Misses Fannie Webb of New York and Sallie Webb were guests of honor at a charming party on Wednesday afternoon given by Mrs. W. A. Devin to sixty friends. The house was elaborately decorated with roses and nasturtiums. The guests were met at the door by little Misses Virginia and Lauretta Howard presented score cards and served tempting punch by Misses Eleanor Huske of Fayetteville and Mary Webb. A course of choice cream and cake were served the sixty guests, after an interesting game of Rook. Mrs. Devin proved the usual gracious hostess that she is always on all occasions.

—The first social function, in honor of Miss Frances Taylor whose marriage to Mr. Waverly Harris taking place Thursday was a Miscellaneous Shower given on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. W. D. Bryan and Mrs. W. W. Alston at the home of Mrs. Bryan. The home was tastefully adorned with a profusion of cut flowers, the prevailing color scheme being asterhues. The guests were met at the door by Misses Sue Bryan, Annie Lou Williams and Margaret Davis and presented to the receiving party which consisted of the bridal party and Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Alston. Elegant refreshments were served and a game of Rook enjoyed. Two little fairies Rowena Taylor, niece of the bride-elect and Florence Alston brought in a wagon loaded with beautiful gifts from Toyland for the bride. This first social honor to the bride was a most charming and happy event.

The home of Col. and Mrs. W. B. Ballou on Gilliam street was a scene of loveliness on Tuesday night when Miss Betsy Ballou gave a dance in honor of her guest Miss Julia Winston Ashworth of Wilmington. The entire lower floor was thrown into one large hall and the young people enjoyed a happy time. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and delightful music furnished. Elegant punch was served by Misses Josephine Ballou, Georgia Winston and Dorothy Royster, on the spacious porch. At twelve o'clock a course consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, cheese wafers, pickle, olives, beaten biscuit, almonds and iced tea was served.

The following couples were present; Miss Julia Winston Ashworth and William Bryan; Miss Betsy Ballou and Henry Hunt; Miss Mary Powell and Will Hicks; Miss Mary Owen and Thomas Pace; Miss Elizabeth Niles and Summer Ballou; Miss Idie Kerr Taylor and Henry Shaw; Miss Sarah Cannady and Ernest Mitchell; Miss Alline Hicks and Lindsey Taylor; Miss Elizabeth Hicks and William Pace; Miss Josephine Craven and Gus Landis; Miss Mary Landis and Edward Ballou; Miss Carolyn Booth and Fred Hall; Miss Eloise Horner and Billy Devin; Miss Josephine Rose of Henderson and Scott Parham; Miss Alice Cheek of Henderson and George A. Rose; Miss Josephine Ballou and Johnny Niles. Stags: John H. Zollcoffer, Edwin P. Parham, David J. Cooper, Eugene Rawlins, Watkins of Henderson, Dick Taylor, Dick Fries and Cary P. Hunt.

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—Dr. E. T. White and S. C. Gorman were in Winston-Salem Wednesday on business.

## THE NEW TAX RATES OF NORTH CAROLINA

The valuation of property, both real and personal, made by the assessors this year, is approved.

No tax on property or polls shall be levied in 1920 for the use of the State pension fund.

A tax of 13 cents on every \$100 worth of real or personal property shall be levied for the State public schools. This tax to be paid by each poll or male between 21 and 50, unless exempted for good cause by the county commissioners.

The governing authorities of municipalities may levy taxes up to an increase of 10 per cent over the total amount of revenue of 1919, but any more than this shall be illegal. Whenever a special tax has been voted for a special school term and there are insufficient funds to run the school for the year 1920-1921, borrow enough from the State board of education to finish out the school term.

The franchise tax on corporations is increased from 1-25 of one per cent to 1-10 of one per cent.

The railroad franchise tax shall be 1-10 of one per cent of the tangible and intangible property.

The privilege tax on telegraph companies shall be \$7.50 per mile which such company operates in this State.

The privilege tax on telephone companies shall be 3 per cent of the gross receipts, except in certain cases.

The privilege tax on telegraph companies shall be \$5.00 per mile for each pole mile of line owned or operated in this State.

The privilege tax on chair and sleeping car companies shall be 3 per cent of the earnings for the previous year.

\$250 for license to fire insurance company.

## THERE IS NO END TO BUYING AUTOMOBILES

The country is just beginning to buy automobiles if we may believe the researches of Park Mathewson, vice president of the Business Bureau, who is writing in Farbes Magazine. Mathewson finds three groups of people in the United States with incomes from \$1,000 to \$4,000, who could buy something like 17,000,000 machines if they should go at it like they went at the purchase of Liberty bonds. Mathewson invites the public to fix its attention on groups which he designates one, two and three, with incomes respectively, \$1,000 to \$2,000; \$2,001 to \$35,000, and \$35,001 to \$40,000. He finds that hypothetical figures of one of New York's largest trust companies, estimated during the war period, showed that each of the above groups might contribute, in one year, to the purchase of Liberty bonds as follows: Group one, \$209; group two, \$518; group three \$931. On the basis of the same investment per annum in a motor car and its upkeep, if payments could be extended over a four-year period, it is evident that practically, if not practically, any individual in these groups—if it was possible for him to devote that amount of money in one year to bond purchase—might buy an automobile costing in each group, respectively, \$700, \$1,200, or \$2,000 each. Using figures shown by this same trust company (assuming that these groups consist in 1920 of the same number of families), they could, on the same reasoning, buy the stupendous total of over 16,000,000 autos at between \$600 and \$700 and a half-a-million machines at around \$2,000.

## LISTEN FOR THE OXFORD SCHOOL BELL NEXT MONDAY MORNING

Everything is in readiness for the opening of school on Monday morning. Teachers who have not already arrived will be here before Friday night. The buildings have been put in good repair and thoroughly cleaned, so I see no reason why school work should not start off nicely. The public is cordially invited to come up to the opening exercises Monday morning. Standing room only is promised.

There is to be a get together meeting at the West Oxford school tonight, September 3, at 7:30 o'clock. This is to be a kind of a community sing with short talks by some of the pastors in town.

## SUPERINTENDENT.

## OXFORD SCHOOL CENSUS

Increase of Twenty-Six Over Last Year, Making a Total of 786.

The School Census of Oxford has been completed and shows an increase of twenty six over last year's Census. Last year there were on the Census 760—this year 786. This small increase does not necessarily mean that the number of families and children who have come to Oxford to live is small, for there have been a great many new families to move into the town during the past year. The small gain arises from the fact that about twelve families with a large number of children in each moved to other places, among them being J. N. Norwood, J. E. Gaston, W. H. Moore, W. A. Huzek, J. T. Perkins, A. Bergen, F. P. Bland, T. C. Harris, June Turner, W. T. Byrd.

## LOOK OVER YOUR LIST OF SCHOOL BOOKS

The following is a list of the books which will be used in the different grades of the Oxford graded schools. Parents are advised not to buy books until lists are given to the children by the teachers.

### First Grade

Aldine Primer, Aldine Reader, book one. A Beginner's Reader, Hammond. Palmer Method Writing Book, primary.

### Second Grade

Halliburton's Second Reader, Story Hour Reader, book two. Child's World Reader, book two. History Stories for Primary Grades. New World Speller, 1, 3. Palmer Method Writing Book, primary. First Journeys in Numberland.

### Third Grade

Free and Treadwell Reader, book three. Story Hour Reader, book three. Child's World Reader, book three. Keep Well Stories. Geographic Reader, book one. History Stories for Primary Grades. New World Speller, 1, 3. Wentworth and Smith's Arithmetic, primary. Beginners Book in Language, Jeschke. Palmer Method Writing Book.

### Fourth Grade

Geographic Reader, book two. Free and Treadwell Reader, book four. New World Speller, 4, 7. Wentworth and Smith's Arithmetic, primary. Practical English, Jeschke. Allen's North Carolina History. Personal Hygiene, Frye's New Geography, book 1. Palmer Method Writing Book, red book.

### Fifth Grade

Geographic Reader—Book Three. Free and Treadwell Reader—Book Five. New World Speller—4, 7. Wentworth and Smith's Arithmetic—Intermediate. Practical English—Jeschke. Connor's North Carolina History. Personal Hygiene, Frye's New Geography—Book One. Palmer Method Writing—Red Book.

### Sixth Grade

Studies in Reading—Martin and Seaton. Wentworth and Smith's Arithmetic—Intermediate. Oral and Written English—Book Two. Connor's Story of the United States. Old World Background to American History. The Body and its Defenses. Tar and McMurry's New Geography. Palmer Method Writing Book—Red Book.

### Seventh Grade

Wentworth and Smith's Arithmetic—Intermediate Book. School History of United States—Hart. General Hygiene. Tarr and McMurry's New Geography. Studies in Reading—Seventh Grade. Palmer Method Writing Book—Red Book.

### Eighth Grade

Sentence and Theme—Ward. Punctuation Leaves—Ward. Chew's Practical High School Speller. Hughes' Community Civics. Webster's Secondary School Dictionary. United States History, Our Republic. Beginner's Latin—Place. Slaughter and Lennes Complete Algebra. Eighth Grade Reader. General Science—Caldwell and Eikenberry. Laboratory Manual.

### Ninth Grade

Lewis and Hoscie's Practical English. Practical High School Speller—Chew. Outlines of European History—Robinson and Breasted. Beginner's Latin—Place. Smallwood, Revely and Bailey's Biology. Slaughter and Lennes Complete Algebra.

### Tenth Grade

Lewis and Hoscie's Practical English. Outlines of European History, Robinson and Beard, Book II. Wentworth and Smith's Plane Geometry. Cicero and Composition. Fraser and Squair's First Course in French. Speller. High School Word Book.

### Eleventh Grade

Briggs and McKinney's Book III American History. Muzzel. Wentworth and Smith's Geometry. Virgil with Composition. Fraser and Squair's Fernch Speller, High School Word Book.

## OVERMAN MAY NAME DURHAM U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stonewall Jackson Durham former Charlotte resident, but who now makes his home in Gastonia, will be named United States district attorney for the western district of North Carolina on September 15, succeeding W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, according to plans announced by Senator Lee S. Overman, who has the presentation of candidates positions in charge in the national capital.

## PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND MOVING PICTURES

Following is a program of the Community Meetings at which moving pictures will be presented for the two weeks beginning September 6. All meetings will begin promptly at 8:00 P. M.

West Oxford, Monday 6.  
Creedmoor, Tuesday 7.  
Providence, Wednesday 8.  
Stovall, Thursday 9.  
Stem, Friday 10.  
Wilton, Monday 13.  
Wilbourn, Tuesday 14.  
Cornwall, Wednesday 15.  
Knap of Reeds, Thursday 16.  
Bethel, Friday 17.  
Culbreth, Saturday 18.

## The Price Killed Him.

Arthur Jackson, 46 years old, of Chicago, stepped into a shoe store to ask the price of a pair of shoes on display in the window.

"They are \$14.50 without the war tax," replied the clerk affably. Jackson fell dead.

—Mrs. T. G. Curran spent Wednesday in Henderson.

## CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED TO EDUCATE WOMEN TO VOTE

The North Carolina League of Women Voters, which is the new title of what was the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association, with the proclamation of enfranchisement issued by the Secretary of State, begins a systematic campaign for the education of the women of North Carolina for the duties involved in their new political freedom.

Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro, president of the League of Women Voters in this State, announces that it is the plan of the new organization, continually to keep before the women of North Carolina the fact that they are enfranchised, in order to combat any possible attempts that may be made towards their deception in this regard.

It is to be the purpose of the league to stress the fact that it is the duty of every North Carolina woman to vote in order to contribute to the support and improvement of the government whose privileges she now enjoys.

The League also proposes to urge constantly that North Carolina women study intelligently the machinery of the government, and the records and character of the men who stand for election of office, and that they vote for the best candidate and the best measure at all times.

## GRANVILLE CO. DEMOCRATS WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Speakers To Canvass Voters Later On As Election Day Approaches.

While no definite plans have been formulated by the Democratic executive committee as yet for a campaign this fall in the county, it is understood that a number of speeches will very probably be arranged for in various parts of the county during the next two months.

State issues are expected to play perhaps as much part in the election this year as are national questions.

Principal interest of the Democratic committee, it is said, centers around the new entry of the woman voter, and much of its efforts will be expended in seeing to it that the women are properly registered when the time comes, so that they may be qualified to vote this year.

A meeting of the executive committee will likely be held toward the end of September to plan for the wind-up of the campaign, which expects to roll up a majority probably even larger than heretofore.

## ELECTRIC SIGNS ARE TO BLAZE FOR COX

Within a week or two the country will be blazing with Cox electrical signs erected by members of the Cox Electric League, which was formed a few weeks ago and which already consists of 9,000 members, electrical workers, in all parts of the United States.

The model sign, consisting of a circle with an "X" in it, was designed by George Williams, of New York, who originated the idea of lighting the Statue of Liberty and carried out the details of the work.

First, three-quarters of the circle are lighted, forming the letter "C," then the entire circle, making the "O," and last the cross in the center.

## HOLDERS OF BONDS OUGHT TO EXCHANGE

Government Anxious Take Up Those Where Coupons Are All Gone.

Holders of Liberty Bonds from which all the coupons have been clipped are requested to take the securities immediately to their banks here which will transmit them to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond where they will be exchanged for bonds having coupons covering all interest payments for the rest of the life of the bonds. Word to this effect has been sent out from the United States Treasury Department in Washington.

## MOVING PICTURES AT WEST OXFORD SCHOOL

The Community Service of Granville County has arranged a special meeting for the West Oxford school Monday evening, Sept. 6th. A regular 6-reel program of moving pictures will be used, the pictures starting promptly at 8:00 o'clock. A lens, especially adapted for use in a building like the West Oxford, has been secured from Raleigh for this occasion, and indications point toward a very enjoyable evening. Children under six years of age will be admitted free, admission for all others being 10 cents each.

## JUDGE CLARK SAYS VOTE WILL STAND

Thinks Rescindment Declared by Tennessee Would Be Illegal. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 3.—Chief Justice Clark is of the opinion that not even both houses of the Tennessee legislature could legally rescind action in ratifying the Susan B. Anthony Federal suffrage amendment ten days ago.

—Mr. I. E. Harris, of Creedmoor, returned last Friday night from a ten days vacation spent at Ocean View, Va. Mrs. Harris and children and Mrs. Joseph Thompson who accompanied them stopped over at Edenton to visit Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Moran.

## THE NEW TAX RATES OF NORTH CAROLINA

\$300 for license to life insurance company.

\$200 for license of accident insurance company.

\$300 for license to marine insurance company.

\$200 for license to surety insurance company.

\$200 for license to plate glass insurance company.

\$200 for license to boiler insurance company.

\$100 for license to domestic mutual insurance company.

\$25 for license to doemstic mutual insurance company, in not more than two counties.

\$25 for license to fraternal order insurance company.

\$200 for license to guaranty and investment companies.

All of the above companies shall pay a privilege tax of 2 1-2 per cent on their gross receipts. No municipal corporation shall be allowed to impose any additional fee or tax.

Taxes for real and personal property for 1920 shall be charged against the person who owns the property on January 1, 1920. Hereafter, all property shall be listed as of May 1.

During the month of May and June of any year any person who thinks that his property has decreased in value, may petition the board of commissioners of his county for a reassessment. If he is not satisfied with their assessment, he can appeal to the State tax commission, whose word is final.

The board of commissioners may during May or June of any year, raise the assessed value of any property, upon ten days notice to the owner thereof. The owner of such property may appeal from this hearing to the State tax commission.

## WOMEN WILL REGISTER HERE FOR ELECTION

Will Not Be Required To Pay Poll Tax This Year, Under Provisions Of The Machinery Act.

Within a few weeks real preparations will be under way here for the registration of the women of Granville county, who will vote for the first time in their lives at the November elections, as the result of the ratification of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage Federal amendment to the Constitution.

While it is claimed by anti-suffragists that the majority of the women of the county care but little about the ballot, it is conceded that there are a number of suffragists here who really are anxious to vote, and these are expected to register 100 percent strong. Those who feel sufficiently interested to register will very likely follow up that action by voting on November 2.

The registration books will open thirty or forty days prior to election day, it is declared, and women may enroll along with the men.

No question will be asked as to poll tax when the ladies hunt up the registration officials. The election machinery enacted by the extra session of the Legislature following the ratification of the amendment by Tennessee provides that the women shall not be charged any poll tax this year. Presumably this is because of the short time before election and the difficulty in collecting from the women. After this year, however, the women must pay a poll tax the same as the men.

In some sections of the State something on the order of an upheaval is expected as the result of the voting of the women. Such a turn in affairs is not looked for in Granville county, and at this distance from election day, the event is expected to pass off without any unusual occurrences, except the sight of the feminine appearances at the election booths.

Election officers will very probably be selected, by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday, and arrangements will be made for the registration of the women. Definite announcements as to the registration dates will very probably be made at that time.

## LOCAL WEATHER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

From the Records of Mr. E. G. Moss At the Granville Experiment Station.

Total rainfall for Aug., 1920, 7.83 inches.

Total rainfall for Aug., 1919, 3.80 inches.

Hottest days, maximum temperature 90 degrees on Aug. 10 and 31; minimum temperature 92 degrees on Aug. 3 and 23; number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 16; clear days 12; partly cloudy 15 days; cloudy 4 days.

—A. S. Hall and Henry Hall are in Baltimore.