

THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR—TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6, AND 7. YOUR FAIR!—BOOST IT

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WHAT AN EXAMINATION OF THE TAX RATE OF GRANVILLE COUNTY REVEALS

No Such Record Has Ever Before Been Attained In This County and It Is Doubtful If It Can Be Deplicated Of Bettered Anywhere.

An examination of the tax rates for this county make a showing that is hardly believed. Possibly the most remarkable thing is that the State levies no property tax. Just think for a moment what the State does. It maintains all the State departments at Raleigh, pays the judges and all state officers and employees, supports the state institutions, the University, the Agricultural College, the College for the Deaf, the Training School for the Blind, the State School for the Insane, the State School for the Feeble-minded and the Tubercular, having great institutions with thousands of inmates in them at Raleigh, Goldsboro, Morganton, Sanatorium and other places; and it does all this and many other things this year without levying a single cent of property tax.

It is no wonder that other states are sitting up and taking notice; no wonder they are asking how it is done. The result may be partly explained by saying that the last legislature increased license, privilege and franchise taxes, but that does not give a complete explanation. The business activities of the State have increased so that these taxes have increased at the old rates, and at the same time the salaries of state officers and employees have remained practically stationary; the cost of administering government has not increased in the same proportion the natural increase in the revenue from these sources.

An examination of the tax rate for this county shows another remarkable thing. Of the taxes for this year 54.23 per cent will be spent on schools, 23.13 per cent on the roads and only 12 cents for the administration of county government. In other words 88 cents out of every dollar of the tax-payer's money goes into roads and schools.

No such record has ever before been made in this country and we doubt if it can be duplicated or bettered anywhere. It is a tribute to Democratic administration and Democratic efficiency of which the party and the whole people may well be proud. If these are the fruits of re-education, why didn't we have it before?

GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Bright Light Shows, Frank West Owner and Manager, Will Furnish the Midway Attractions.

The big Granville County Fair will take place October 5, 6, 7th. All places of amusement will be of the highest character, strictly moral and refined. There will be the Big Three Amusements, Carry-all, or Merry-go-round, one of the nicest of its kind. And the whip with a thrill with every turn. There will be the Ferris Wheel and a new ride, over the top.

Two wonderful dare devil feats, the High Dive and The Slide for Life, and the Motor Dome with three dare devil riders, riding a motorcycle on a wall just as straight up and down as the walls of your own house.

The big circus side show where you see the big snakes and snake charmer and many kinds of animals, some exciting and thrilling at all times during the day and night.

Musical! Plenty of it! By a twelve piece uniform band. A good time guaranteed the folks who bring the big pumpkin!

Read the Fair announcement on the 5th page of this paper.

PRICES TAKE DOWNWARD SLIDE

Twenty-Seven Of Standard Articles Of Food Show Decreases In Price. Washington, Sept. 19.—Twenty-seven of the 43 standard articles going into the American family market basket between July 15 and August 15.

In making this announcement today the Department of Labor's bureau of labor statistics made public figures showing that during the thirty-day period ending with the middle of August the retail price of potatoes fell 44 per cent and the price of cabbage went down 41 per cent. The drop in sugar prices is placed at 14 per cent. Most kinds of meat decreased in price.

Eggs went up 11 per cent in price during the period. With this exception and pork chops were increased five per cent, the increases in other foodstuffs were two per cent or less.

Indications that the decline in food prices was general is seen in statistics showing that each of the 51 cities covered by the bureau's survey reported decreases. Minneapolis led with a decrease of 11 per cent with its neighbor, St. Paul, second with a ten per cent decline. Detroit was third with a nine per cent decrease.

—Dick Taylor leaves Tuesday to enter Fishbourne Military Academy at Warrenton, Virginia. Billy Deaton returns to Woodberry Forest School. The following young men enter the University: Joe and Rives Taylor, Sam and John Perry Hall, Junior C. Cooper, Roy Upchurch, George Hunt.

TOBACCO GROWERS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY ENTER INTO SOLEMN COMPACT

More Than Three Thousand Farmers and Business Men Attended the Tobacco Meeting Here Saturday and Formed the Granville County Tobacco Growers Association Which Will Become a Member of the State Association.

The farmers of Granville county gathered in Oxford last Saturday to the number of more than three thousand. The throng was so great all of them could not get into the large court room when the meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock. One-half of the court room was filled with colored farmers who were there to agree to whatever the meeting adopted looking toward better prices for tobacco.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. P. W. Knott, who was immediately elected temporary chairman, and Mr. J. W. Hester was chosen temporary secretary. The chair requested Rev. G. T. Tunstall to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Tunstall sent up a most earnest petition, asking divine guidance in the critical hour. It was the only instance of the numerous tobacco meetings held in the state that the meeting was opened with prayer. The meeting lasted for one hour and thirty minutes and there was not a harsh word said. The expression on the faces of the farmers indicated that they were there for self protection, and on every issue that was presented to them the vote was unanimous.

The resolutions and plans of Judge Burgaw, adopted at the Wilson meeting last week, specifying that instead of marketing the crop in four months it be marketed over a period of seven months, was adopted at this meeting.

Dr. White's Resolution.

Dr. E. T. White offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and the necessary machinery created to get it before the State Convention in Raleigh next Wednesday:

"At a mass meeting of the tobacco farmers and associates of Granville county, the following plan is submitted to the State Tobacco Convention at Raleigh. A serious condition now confronts the tobacco trade of the Southern belt. Germany, Austria and other neighboring countries, on account of their depreciated exchange and currency, are virtually shut out as a factor in buying our tobacco, thereby assisting in causing a surplus of the common export grades of tobacco. To remedy this condition we hereby enter into solemn compact:

"First—To sell slowly and conservatively, extending over a period of seven months of the year, thereby avoiding congestion and glut.

"Second—To sell not more than three-fourths of the crop, holding the one-fourth until March 1, 1921, when the organization will decide on the reduction of acreage and the disposal of the remaining one-fourth.

"Third—That the proper machinery for carrying out this plan be left to the organization to be effected by the Raleigh meeting.

Central Committee.

The following committee was appointed by the chair to attend the convention in Raleigh next Wednesday: Dr. E. T. White, P. W. Knott, T. G. Currin, E. G. Moss, J. T. Cozart.

Delegates to State Meeting.

Brassfield—M. D. York, G. L. Allen, C. M. Lawrence, H. D. Morgan, A. G. Parrott.

Fishing Creek—A. D. Pitts, J. W. Dean, C. R. Gordon, W. J. Brummitt, Sassafras Fork—T. A. Royster, G. H. Fauette, H. C. Gill, Herbert Gregory, John G. Morton.

Dutchville—J. L. Feed, W. H. Daniel, H. G. Aiken, J. H. Daniel.

Oxford—C. H. Cheatham, J. L. Parham, H. A. McGee, N. H. Hobgood, J. T. Turner.

Tally Ho—J. L. Daniel, L. H. Knott, L. Y. Gordon, H. M. Bragg, Arch Montague.

Salem—E. A. Hunt, R. W. Crews, E. M. Hunt, J. P. Floyd, I. P. Smith, Walnut Grove—B. F. Dean, N. V. Daniel, C. M. Knott, U. J. Brooks, Lucious Slaughter.

Oak Hill—T. D. Winston, J. S. Watkins, R. S. Hart, S. V. Morton, C. W. Stovall.

Business Men Present.

Practically every business man in Oxford was present at the meeting and voted for every resolution offered. Dr. White, P. W. Knott, Col. Cooper, John W. Hester, W. B. Daniel, a large tobacco grower of Vance county, made appropriate remarks. Dr. White gave it as his opinion that if the farmers form an organization and abide by the rules all would work out to their everlasting benefit. All of the speakers were of the opinion that much depends upon the farmer as to whether or not better prices will prevail. Mr. Daniel stated that three-fourths of the crop, if marketed slowly between now and March first will bring more than the total crop if marketed before that date.

Dr. White Heads Organization.

When Dr. White's name was proposed as president of the Granville County Tobacco Growers' Association, he stated that while he is interested in farming and stands four-square for the farmers he thought it best to elect some one else, but the farmers would not have it that way, and they unanimously elected Dr.

WILSON GIVES \$500 TO DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN

New York, Sept. 18.—A \$500 contribution to the democratic national campaign fund was received here today from President Wilson, who wrote that he was offering the money as a "private in the ranks."

The text of the President's note, as given out by W. W. Marsh, democratic national treasurer, was as follows:

"May I not, as a private in the ranks, give myself the pleasure of contributing the enclosed to the expenses of the democratic campaign? I feel very deeply that the very honor and destiny of the nation are involved in this campaign and that I and all citizens who love its honor and covet for it a high influence in the world should contribute to the success of the candidate who stands for the re-establishment of our position among the nations."

OXFORD BAPTIST BARACA CLASS WILL CONDUCT MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Arrangements have been perfected whereby the Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist Sunday School will conduct the Wednesday night prayer service to be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Baraca room of the church.

Judge Devin, teacher of the class, last Sunday morning requested the members of the class to signify their willingness to attend the prayer meeting by raising their hands, and practically every member present promised to be present if possible.

Mr. M. P. Chamblee has organized a band of singers unequalled in the community, and they will be present to add interest to the occasion. Mrs. B. E. Parham and Mrs. C. A. Upchurch will sing a duet.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public. If more come than the room will accommodate the meeting will be held in the church. There will be short talks, but no one will be permitted to talk longer than five minutes.

THE "CROSSING OF THE BAR"

Warning For Auto Drivers Who Disregard Auto Rules.

The Gulf-Breeze Herald is given credit for the following, which should serve as a warning to those autoists who fail to heed the familiar "Stop Look and Listen" signs at railway crossings:

The "Crossing of the Bar" was written by A. Tennyson, while the Crossing by A. N. Undertaker, in collaboration with M. Balmer and A. Sexton, who are too well known to need mention here. He who runs may read; but he who runs an auto across a crossing will be run into and will be read about.

"H. L. HUNGERFORD, General Superintendent, 'Southern Railway'."

STOLEN CAR PASSED THROUGH OXFORD RECENTLY

The auto thief who stole Dr. J. C. Nuff's car at Emporia, Va., recently, is thought to have been the young man who about ten days ago aroused suspicion here by his frantic efforts to sell a Ford car which had stalled on his hands near Oxford.

The Statesville Landmark says that the car was captured near that city and that Dr. Nuff has identified it as his own car. The thief made his escape.

TAX BOOKS WILL SOON BE READY

Copies Now Being Made, After Which Taxes Must Be Computed On Assessments.

Books for the 1920 taxes will be ready in a few days, said Mr. Charles G. Powell register of deeds, who is now engaged with an assistant in copying the books, two of which are being made, one for the register's office and the other for the sheriff, and after the 8,000 names and the assessed value of the property have been written in, they must all be gone over again, and the taxes computed for each individual. No taxes can be collected until the computation work has been finished.

Funds for the current expenses of the county will not be forthcoming until the taxes begin to come in.

AMERICAN LEGION TO WAGE WAR ON HIGH COST LIVING

Will Mobilize Forces Throughout Country For the Fight.

New York, Sept. 20.—The American Legion has announced formation plans to mobilize its forces throughout the country for a war against the high cost of living.

In every community where there is a post, the legion contemplates organizing retail dealers into an association, prospective merchant members of which, it is said, already have pledged discounts approximating 5 per cent from current selling prices on all commodities to the 2,000,000 members of the legion and their families.

White president of the association and Mr. Eugene Moss is the secretary. The functions of the president will be more fully explained after the meeting in Raleigh tomorrow.

GRANVILLE TOBACCO GROWERS WERE AGREEABLY SURPRISED AT OPENING PRICES

Twenty-five Thousand Pounds Sold at a Fraction Lower Than On the Opening Day Last Year.

There were three or four thousand farmers in Oxford yesterday to see how the weed started off. The first sale was at the Granville warehouse, and there were so many farmers present the tobacco was badly damaged. The Banner had the second sale, the Farmers the third, Johnson the fourth and the Mangum the last sale. It was estimated that each warehouse had about five thousand pounds on the floor, and the grades were practically the same.

Sales were small compared with former years, but much better prices were paid for all grades than expected. The farmers were agreeably surprised and very well satisfied with their sales. No tickets were turned, no tobacco taken in, and while the average was not so high as last year it was not any surprise either to buyers or sellers as the quality offered was poor, consisting principally of low grade primings.

The one particular question frequently asked the buyers was "will prices improve?" and the answer was that prices will improve when the better grades come in.

Some grades sold as high as 60 cents and some as low as 5 cents. All of the big companies were represented.

Those who had visited other markets in the state this season state that the prices paid here were from ten to fifteen per cent higher than the eastern markets and practically as high as at the close of the South Carolina markets.

MARSHALLS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Appointed By Chief Marshal K. L. Street.

Mr. K. L. Street, chief marshal of the Granville County Fair has named the following gentlemen to act as aides at the Fair to be held in Oxford Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 5, 6 and 7th:

Ernest Pruitt Oxford
Willie Carrington Nelson
Bernard Pittard Nelson
John Wood Virginia
Lonnie Wright Oxford
Hawkins Jones Oxford
William Jones Oxford
Crawford Timberlake Nelson
Reid Wilson Stovall
Pettis Cuts Stovall
Propers Wilkerson Nelson
Thurman Hart Oxford
Lewis Hart Oxford
Will Critcher Oxford
Troup Currin Oxford
John Currin Oxford
Edward Dorsey Oxford
Easton Currin Oxford
Matt Currin Oxford
Robt. Williford Moriah
Hays Williford Moriah
Willie Bobbitt Oxford
Sam Washington Stem
Calvin Critcher Oxford
Richard Thorpe Oxford
Taylor Jackson Stovall
Jamie Currin Oxford
Sol Slaughter Berea
Roy G. Frazier Stovall

HOUSTON SAYS GOVERNMENT CAN'T BE PARTY TO HOLDING FOR HIGH PRICES

Washington, Sept. 20.—Extension of credit by the government does not seem warranted by present condition, Secretary Houston stated attributing much of the popular clamor for more credit to persons desiring to hold their goods for higher prices.

The government could hardly aid in withholding commodities from the markets by extension of credit, the Secretary declared, without being a party to conspiracy in restraint of trade, and making more secure high price levels.

Credit expansion recently has been ample, the Secretary said, to provide for the movement of crops and the general tendency has been more towards expansion than restriction. The situation, he added, is clearing gradually.

ANOTHER BREAK OCCURS IN THE SUGAR MARKET

A New York dispatch says another break in the sugar market occurred today when the Federal Sugar Refining company dropped its list price for fine granulated to 14 1-2 cents, meeting the price at which "second hand" granulated has been selling for some time past. While other refiners maintained their list price of 15 cents, it is known that at least one of them was accepting orders at the 14 1-2 cent basis.

COX WANTS MAN LIKE HOOVER IN HIS CABINET

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—Governor Cox, in an address here today before a luncheon of business men, referred to Herbert Hoover as the type of trained mind he would like to have in his cabinet if elected.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Burwell and two little sons, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White and Miss Edith Burwell all of Warrenton spent Sunday with Mrs. Jas. W. Horner.

ENROLLMENT OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF OXFORD

Whether the town of Oxford shows an increase in the population or not, the enrollment in the schools of the town will show that the school population has increased considerably not only in the last ten years but in the last two or three years. The enrollment of grades is as follows:

College Street School.

First Grades 58
Second grades 64
Third grades 53
Fourth grades 70
Fifth grades 57
Sixth grades 89
Seventh grades 62

Total 453

High School.

Eighth grade 44
Ninth grade 47
Tenth grade 27
Eleventh grade 19

Total 137

West Oxford 77

Total White 667
Colored School 317

Total White and Colored 984

There are about 125 colored children who live in town who are enrolled in the Mary Potter school.

FLU MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

It Is Said To Be In a Mild Form.

Kinston, Sept. 20.—Official reports indicate that there has been no material increase in the number of cases of influenza in this city and district. A handful of cases have been reported from scattered localities. These do not necessarily pre-empt an epidemic, according to the health bureau.

CAMP BRAGG RECRUITING DEPOT FOR THIS STATE

Recruits For Every Branch Of Army Will Be Sent First To the Fayetteville Camp.

Fayetteville, Sept. 20.—Camp Bragg has been made the recruiting depot for all North Carolina recruits for the regular army, and men from every part of the Old North State enlisting in any branch of the army service will be sent to the camp here to be transferred later to the station where they will be detailed. The recruiting office in Fayetteville will be the receiving station for the new recruits, the men being sent from the receiving station to Camp Bragg. The receiving station is in charge of Lieutenant Hardee.

FIRST LADY TO REGISTER

Mrs. Norman Burwell Will Vote the Democratic Ticket.

Mrs. Norman Burwell called at the register of deeds office last week and stated that she desired to register so as to be able to vote at the November election.

Owing to the fact that Mrs. Burwell will be away for some time she was entitled to register notwithstanding the fact that the registration books will not be open until September 30 and close October 20.

"Your age, please?" asked Mr. Charles G. Powell, register of deeds.

"Over twenty-one," responded Mrs. Burwell.

Of course, Mrs. Burwell is a Democrat and comes from a Democratic family.

MR. ROY WILLIFORD HAS A SPLENDID ARTIFICIAL LEG

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williford have returned from a sojourn at pleasure resorts in Western New York State.

Roy lost his leg at the battle of Bellicourt, France, which gave him considerable trouble for many months. He now has an artificial leg, built upon scientific principles, which enables him to move about with comparative ease.

He and Mrs. Williford are now spending a few days at the home of Capt. A. Williford in the country.

CARUSO THE GREAT TENOR, TO SING IN CHARLOTTE

Ten Charlotte Citizens Provide Guarantee Of \$12,000 In Order That People of Carolina May Hear Idol Of Three Continents.

The Charlotte observer states that Enrico Caruso, the world renowned tenor singer in person and in reality, is to appear on the stage of the city auditorium in Charlotte in a concert on the evening of October 25.

Special trains from all over the state and as far north as Richmond will be operated on this occasion.

THE FIRST SIGN OF PURIFICATION IN POLITICS

Officers Will Buy New Bibles Before The Women Register.

Realizing that the Bibles at the court house, which have been handled for many years by dirty hands and kissed by unclean lips, the officers have decided to buy new Bibles before the women register to vote at the November election.

The first thing you know the spittoons will be thrown upon the trash pile.

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

AMERICAS BIG CITIES FROM COAST TO COAST ARE ARMED CAMPS

Federal Agents At New York To Run Down Report Of Widespread Extremist Plots.

New York, Sept. 19.—The financial centers of America's big cities from coast to coast are armed camps today, with police and private sentries posted to guard against repetition of the mysterious explosion that rocked Wall street last Thursday.

Heavy Patrols.

From Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, as far south as the Gulf of Mexico and west to the Golden Gate authorities announced heavy patrols of plain clothes men and police reserves in their big business districts, and Federal agents worked with State and city officials to run down reports of widespread extremist plots.

31 Dead; 200 Injured.

Thirty-one persons are dead and more than 200 injured from the explosion in Wall street, declared by the police here as probably caused by an infernal machine. Discovery of parts of clock work in the wreckage, and announcement by experts that the trinitrotoluol or picric acid was used in the bomb, if there was one, have sent detectives and Department of Justice men on thirty "leads" pointing to bomb plots and radical activities.

Identity of the blacksmith who shod the horse found dead near the scene of explosion in known to the Department of Justice, according to a statement made by William M. Mead, chief clerk in the office of J. P. Morgan and Co. This blacksmith, he added, claims to know the man who owned the animal.

Plot Was Premeditated.

"We feel that the plot was premeditated," declared Mr. Mead, "and that a deliberate attempt was made to destroy the building of J. P. Morgan & Co., and to kill and injure as many people as possible."

"The most likely story of the explosion is that a red wagon drawn by a horse stopped at the left side of the curb facing east on Wall street and directly opposite the center of the Morgan building. A most likely theory is that the bomb was set to explode at 12 o'clock noon."

MARSHALS OF THE KNOWS OWNER OF HORSE.

"We have found parts of the wagon and shoes of the horse. These shoes are expected to aid materially in solving the mystery of the tragedy, for we have found the blacksmith who shod the horse and who claims to know the man who owns the animal."

VIOLATION OF HEALTH LAW

Earnest Joyner Failed To Bury Dead Horse Deep Enough.

Earnest Joyner buried a dead horse near Cheatham's Mill last week and failed to cover it sufficiently deep to satisfy the demands of the health law. Doctor Morris, our valuable health officer, inspected the actual work of Joyner and found that he had covered the carcass with not more than an average of six inches of dirt.

Joyner had previously been warned by Justice J. J. Medford to bury the horse in accordance with the health laws. On learning that the horse had not been properly buried, Justice Medford sent a deputy to apprehend and bring Joyner into court, who was placed under \$100 bond for faithful performance of the court order and fined him \$10 and cost, and after the health officer made the second inspection and found that the animal had been properly buried the bonds-men were dismissed.

REXALL IS TAKING VOTE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Returns Can Be Seen Daily At Hall's Drug Store.

As members of the chain of Rexall stores throughout the United States, J. G. Hall, druggist, is conducting a straw vote on the Presidency which will continue for several weeks. Beginning September 20, reports are expected to be received daily from the national headquarters of the Rexall company, showing the results of the poll throughout the country. If the vote is at all representative here, Cox will get the majority, but returns will be received from many of the doubtful sections of the country as well.

For several years past the Rexall stores have been able to forecast the result of the Presidential election several days in advance of the actual voting.

FARMERS VOTE IS CLOSE

THE HENDERSON TOBACCO MARKET FOR TEN DAYS

Henderson market opened Monday with 50,000 on the floor. The average was 50 per cent below what it was last year. At the mass meeting held on the court house green a resolution to close the market for ten days prevailed.

—It will be interesting to Oxford people to learn, that Worth Bagley Ellsworth, who was killed in the bomb explosion in New York during the past week, was a son of Mr. Ellsworth who was the Architect of the Post Office building in Oxford.

—Browning School Route 3, will open Sept. 27th. Misses Rosa Winn and Mary Taylor will be the teachers.