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TOBACCO PRICE HIGHER BUT PRODUCER HOLDING FOR FURTHER ADVANCE

October Average Five Cents Over That Of September

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—Tobacco figures for October last give \$4,852,499 pounds as against 12,833,000 for October, 1919, and show the state sales 60,000,000 pounds shy owing to the prices now being paid.

This is an improvement of 5 cents a pound over the September sales. In making up his report, Frank Parker, agricultural statistician, says the producers are not yet satisfied and slow marketing is the proof of it. To November 1 the amount sold was nearly 150,000,000 pounds, but a normal marketing would have been 210,000,000 pounds.

Mr. Parker's summary is brief and interesting. He says:

"The 178 warehouses operating at 58 markets during October sold approximately 85,000,000 pounds, as compared with 102,835,000 pounds a year ago. The season's sales to November 1 were almost 150,000,000 pounds, which was about 60,000,000 pounds, or 28 per cent, less than at this date a year ago.

"Winston-Salem sold the most producer's and Wilson the largest total sales. Wilson is ahead on the total season's sales which amounts to 16,764,296 pounds.

"The average October state sales price was \$24.20 as compared with \$26.85 a year ago. The quality is reported as averaging 60 per cent of normal. The yield is 660 pounds per acre. The state crop is forecasted to produce \$81,653,000 pounds as compared 323,000,000 last year. As based on hundreds of reports there was lost 2.7 per cent of the crop by burned barns and 16 per cent by rains and disease. The cost of production is estimated at 12 per cent more than the 1919 crop. There are about 20 new warehouses operating more than last year."

OUR PER CAPITA TAXABLES

Granville County Stands Well To The Front

Twelve hundred thirty-five dollars is what we are worth per inhabitant on the tax books of North Carolina in 1920, counting men, women and children of both races.

It looks like a whale of a sum. But a comparison or two reduces it to proper proportions.

For instance, our per capita true wealth in North Carolina in 1912 was \$974, according to the Census Bureau Bulletin on National Wealth. The revaluation figures of 1920 show us to be only \$441 beyond our average of eight years ago. Evidently a 55 per cent increase in taxables has far behind the one, two, and three hundred per cent increases in the War time values of town and country real estate and commodities of all sorts.

Two years before the World War began, 46 States stood ahead of us in per capita wealth, and Mississippi alone saved us from footing a column.

The simple fact is that we are not now getting our properties on the tax books at something like their true value when sold for money in the ordinary manner of sale, as the law has long required; not at their inflated values which are right around five million dollars all told, but at the reasonable value of three billion dollars in round numbers. The revaluation total in the State average or in any county does not surprise any really well informed taxpayer.

Our per capita tables range from \$550 in Macon, the poorest county in the State on \$2907 in Durham, our richest county.

Each inhabitant of Granville county is worth more than \$1,000 on the tax books, counting men, women and children of both races.

G. O. P. PLAN TO TAKE ALL JOBS

Forty Thousand To Go In Washington; Cuts To Be Made In All Departments

Red Buck Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, says the Republicans will at once begin to cut off Democratic heads. "They have a grand plan for reducing expenses by eliminating government employees; for a year or longer they will cut down and after that start in and build up with 'deserving republicans.'" Even in the coming short session of Congress they expect to take legislative steps to eliminate more than 40,000 government employees at Washington, and employ under the civil service thereby saving in annual expenses from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000. This is exclusive of the other service employees elsewhere throughout Washington, whose number also will be reduced.

"The result promised from this 'deserving republicans' said a prominent official. 'All Washington has been cut up into servants. Many good cooks own their pot and shillies during the day and became elevators and electricians. Instead of the rolling pin and washboard, they flourished pencils and pushed typewriters. In the elimination process the elevator girl will go, and men now, 'clerking' will take their places."

"Your battery should have water added every two weeks. Stop at Walter Service Station."

RULES GOVERNING THE NORTH CAROLINA TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Sec. 1.—Each member of this association shall pay to the county organization 25c an acre for each acre of tobacco planted in the year 1920 as membership dues.

The annual dues shall then be on the same basis from year to year so long as this association exists unless otherwise specified and changed by the association.

Sec. 2.—Sixty percent of the annual and membership dues shall be retained by the County and Township organizations to defray any and all expenses incurred, such expenses to be approved by the respective Executive Committees. Forty percent of these annual and membership dues shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the State Executive Committee. These funds are to be sent in at the end of each month.

Township organizations and County organizations shall divide the funds as the county organization may determine.

Reduction Of Acreage.

Sec. 3.—The acreage percentage to be planted any year, as compared with the preceding year, shall be determined from year to year by the representatives from the counties and the Executive Committee of this association; these are representatives to be elected by each tobacco growing county as outlined in the constitution, assembled at a State meeting to be called by the President and the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4.—The farmer who plants 3 1-2 acres in tobacco or less is not expected to reduce his acreage unless it is voluntary.

Sec. 5.—The tobacco grower who plants less than 3 1-2 acres in tobacco, as stated in section four, is expected to join the association, pay the same pro-rata dues, be entitled to all the privileges and benefits derived from this association, and abide by all rules and regulations of this association.

Sec. 6.—The Landlord should sign the pledges covering the total acreage of tobacco of his respective farms, and in turn have the Tenants on his land sign such pledges and pro-rate the membership and annual dues accordingly.

PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING AND GEN. B. S. ROYSTER

Both Are As Polite As Dancing Masters.

Mr. Walter M. Foushee, traveling for a Cincinnati paper house, called on the Public Ledger last week, and related a very pleasing incident that occurred in the suburbs of Marion, Ohio, the home of President-elect Harding.

Driving an automobile and desiring to go from Marion to Washington a small town twenty miles from Marion, Mr. Foushee halted a pleasant-looking middle-aged gentleman in the suburbs of Marion and inquired of him the route to Washington. The pleasant old gentleman approached Mr. Foushee with a smile; took an old envelope from his pocket and drew a map of the entire length of the highway from Marion to Washington and handed it to Mr. Foushee. The two men shook hands and parted.

The incident impressed Mr. Foushee, and after he had traveled up the street a couple of blocks he asked a lady to please tell him the name of the gentleman he had just met down the street.

"That is Senator Harding," said the lady.

The above incident reminds us of the numerous little courtesies that are handed out by Gen. B. S. Royster to strangers.

Tourists from the North met General Royster in front of Oxford College and inquired of him the road to Raleigh. With bowed head, General Royster advanced to the center of the street and pointed the way to Raleigh in such a manner as to win the admiration of the tourists.

"Can you please tell the name of the gentleman we just passed," inquired the tourists a moment or two later.

"That is General B. S. Royster," they were told.

As the lady wrote the name of Gen. Royster in a book she said:

"He is the politest and most courteous gentleman we have met since we left our friends in Boston."

MRS. E. F. CURRIN DEAD

Interment At Hester Church Last Wednesday.

Mrs. E. F. Currin, a devout Christian woman, died at her home on Calhoun street last Monday night after an illness for several weeks. She bore her illness with patience and was ready when the Master called.

Mrs. Currin is survived by a devoted husband and numerous relatives in Granville county. She had been living in Oxford only about one year.

Interment was at Hester Church Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. G. Ustry.

FOR POSTMASTER

I greatly appreciate the flattering endorsement I have from my friends for Postmaster of Oxford. I ask for the support and signature of all my friends and patrons of the office in and out of town.

JIM S. ROGERS.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET AND STORES WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING

Capt. Jack C. Howard, president of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade, requests the Public Ledger to announce that the Oxford tobacco market will close at the end of business on Wednesday, Nov. 24, to afford everybody an opportunity to observe Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25. The market will remain closed the balance of the week and open up Monday, Nov. 29. Practically every store in Oxford will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

CRIMINAL DOCKET HOLDS THE ATTENTION OF GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT

The Secret Assault Upon Mr. Luther Saddler On The Public Highway Will Probably Be Heard Today.

A very heavy criminal docket faced Judge Oliver H. Allen this week, and the end is not in sight.

Judge Allen's Big Heart.

The noble qualities of Judge Allen is revealed in every case at bar. We hardly know how to describe this able jurist and highly esteemed citizen of the State unless we call it "judicial temperament adorned and beautified." He wants to know all of the little things as well as the big things, and his heart and mind works in perfect unison. His voice is firm, but the moistened eye often betrays sympathy and tenderness.

Secret Assault Case.

The secret assault upon Mr. Luther Saddler at Tar River station a few weeks ago, in which the two Bass boys, colored, are being held, will probably be argued today. Mr. Saddler, it will be remembered was riddled with bullets and taken to Brantwood Hospital. He is now well enough to appear in court and testify.

Many Convictions.

Of the large number of cases heard this week, nearly every one was convicted. A list of the criminal cases will be published in our next issue along with the Grand Jury's report, which was highly complimented by Judge Allen.

MERCHANTS OF OXFORD TO HAVE "DOLLAR DAY"

Shop At Home And Be A Town Builder.

Miss Bessie Howell, secretary of the Merchants Association, announces that the merchants have inaugurated "Dollar Day" for the benefit of Christmas shoppers. The following are the different lines carried by the members of the Oxford Merchants Association:

Groceries, hardware, fruit and candy, furniture, meat, tailor, drug, garage, dry goods, clothing, jewelry, plumbing fixtures, bicycles, and novelty. The buying public will be able to find almost any kind of goods in Oxford at greatly reduced prices.

Watch for the date and the advertisement of the "Dollar Day," which will appear in the Public Ledger.

WORTHAM-HUMBERD

The beautiful home wedding of Miss Annie E. Wortham and Mr. Chas. D. Humbert was solemnized by the Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Wortham, at 12 o'clock, Nov. 15, 1920.

Just before the bride and groom entered, Miss Nellie Hamme, of Wilmington, N. C., sang sweetly "The Sunshine of Your Smile" and "I Love You Truly."

Mrs. A. A. Hicks rendered delightfully the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, as the bride and groom entered and during the ceremony she played softly and sweetly a beautiful Melody. Little Misses Grace and Julia Hamme were the flower bearers; Miss Mae Wortham, of New York, sister of the bride, was maid of honor; Mr. J. Richard Wortham, best man, brother of the bride.

The bride was handsomely attired in a Twilight blue suit of beauty and elegance.

Immediately after the marriage the bridal party left for Pensacola, Florida. The many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Humbert wish them long lives of happiness and prosperity.

ARBOR DAY

To Be Observed Next Monday Afternoon.

Arbor Day, embracing an interesting program, will be observed next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the High School Park.

Mrs. D. G. Brummitt, president of the Oxford Woman's Club, extends a cordial invitation to all to be present and she hopes that a large crowd will witness the impressive ceremonies.

—Mr. Herbert E. Crews, of Watkins, was in Oxford yesterday. He has been doing the work of a half dozen men all the summer and is now able to greet his friends with a smile. He is glad to see the old gentleman looking so well.

OUR NAVY WILL BE BIGGEST IN HISTORY, DANIELS DECLARES

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 18.—America's program is to make her navy the greatest that ever has been floated by any nation in any times, Secretary of the Navy Daniels declared in an address to Portsmouth Rotarians.

"And Hampton Roads is destined to be the greatest naval base in the world," he said.

MUCH GIVING IN MARRIAGE IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

Register Of Deeds Powell Issues An Average Of One License A Day.

Mr. Charles G. Powell, register of deeds, up to the close of business Wednesday issued the following marriage license during the first seventeen days of November:

Duffy Finch, Charlotte county, Va., and Ethel D. Sessler of the same place.

William H. Arrington and Lucy Moss Strickland, both of Oxford.

Zallie T. May of Franklin county, to Elsie Pearce of Granville.

Marshall Frazier to Lois Blackwell both of Granville.

Clarence T. Hite, of Mecklenburg county, Va., to Addie H. Clark, of Granville.

Charles D. Humbert, of Nordway county, Mo., to Annie E. Wortham, of Granville.

Frank P. Sherman and Vallie M. Belcher, both of Granville.

Colored.

Henry Young, and Corena Rainnie, both of Granville.

Sylvestia Thorp and Martha Jeffreys, both of Oxford.

Ivory Commer of Granville and Erdie Jenkins, of Henderson.

James A. Webb and Mabel Moore, both of Granville.

Sam Royster and Katie Lee Burnett, both of Granville.

Sonny Thorp, and Lucy Hall, both of Granville.

Spurgen Royster and Minnie Alexandria, both of Granville.

Samuel Harris, and Lucretia Hawkins, both of Granville.

Robert Peace and Lucy Cunningham, both of Granville.

STOVALL BAPTIST WILL BUILD NEW CHURCH

On last Saturday the Baptist church at Stovall appointed a committee to recommend plans, etc., for the erection of a modern church and Sunday School house at that place. Work will probably start in the early spring.

Pastor C. A. Upchurch is happy over this action and the decision of the Stovall church to have services on both second and fourth Sunday mornings. There will be regular 11 o'clock preaching services there on the next fourth Sunday.

HENDERSON POSTOFFICE CLERK HELD FOR THE THEFT OF LARGE SUM OF MONEY

L. V. Graves Alleged To Have Confessed Riffing Of Registered Mail Packages—Had Been Under Surveillance For Several Months As Result Of So-Called "High Living" Not In Keeping With Salary—Inspectors Take Money From Extra Tire On His Auto.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch)

Found with \$17,000 in cash money and a Liberty bond of the \$1,000 denomination in his possession, L. V. Graves, dispatching clerk in the Henderson post office, was taken by post office inspector Tuesday to Raleigh, where he was to be turned over to the Federal authorities on the charge of robbing the mails of this amount. Following a long grueling examination by four inspectors Graves broke down and confessed the whole robbery, according to the authorities, and told the officers that the money he had taken would be found in the extra automobile tire which was fastened to the rear of his Buick car.

The theft of the money was not all accomplished at one stroke, the postal men said, but had been acquired at different times during the past several months. In fact, it is understood that Graves has been under surveillance for three months, following the disappearance of the first missing registered package that went astray in the post office here. That was on August 4, it is said, when a registered parcel from Louisville to Winston-Salem was taken, containing \$3,000 in cash.

While it is not known just how much money Graves has taken, it is said that he confessed that something like \$13,000 of the amount was secured by him on the night of November 3. At that time, he broke open one package shipped from a Louisville bank to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, containing \$10,400. In the same mail was another package of registered mail which contained \$2,500, and which was sent by a Louisville bank to the National State and City Bank in Richmond.

Graves was transferred from the Omaha, Neb., to Henderson last May on account of the sickness of his wife. He is said to have purchased two automobiles since he has been in Henderson, having paid cash to the amount of \$1,700 for the last one, that upon which the \$18,000 was found.

HARDING HAS PROGRAM TO RESTORE "NORMALCY"

President-elect Harding is working on a far-reaching program of reconstruction designed not only to restore the nation to "normalcy," but to eradicate governmental evils of long standing. The high spots of the program, as shaped up to date, are:

1. Revision of the tax laws, which shall include substitution of a more equitable tax, possibly a sales tax, for the excess profits impost; reduction of income taxes and increase of tariff for revenue as well as protection of American interests.

2. Reorganizations of the entire Federal administration, so as to eliminate the overlapping of agencies, redistribute bureaus, reclassify and reduce the fore of employees, and create a department of public welfare, which may absorb the Interior Department.

3. Establishment of the budget system, created by Congress, which President Wilson vetoed on the ground that it invaded executive prerogative.

THE OLD-FASHIONED GIRL

What has become of the old-fashioned sweetheart, who used to give you the family album to hold while she helped mother with the dishes?—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Echo answers where? Gone, along with the old Virginia reel, the fragrant mint julep and the old time apple dumpling; gone, but not forgotten.—Bluefield Times.

Yes, gone with the spelling bee and the husking bee; with the good old kitchen dances; when for kisses there were chances; gone with the good old grapevine swing, and the soft serenade in the moonlight Southern night.—Charleston Gazette.

Yes, gone with the old-fashioned churn, the washplace beside the stream, homespun cloth, yarn stockings, the hoop skirt, the log fireplace with dried pumpkins hanging in the chimney corner, catnip tea, the old mill, the log rollings and the rail splitters.—Fairmont West Virginia.

She disappeared when the boarding school came in, when the piano made its debut, and the school exhibition went out of date, and theatre and swimming pool parties took their place.

WINTER WOOD WANTED

The Woodpile Is Small In Some Places.

Winter is upon us and there are a number of families in Oxford who are on the verge of suffering on account of the fire wood shortage. For some reason they failed to lay in a supply.

Now that bad weather and heavy roads will soon be upon us we fear that the farmers will not be able to supply the demand.

NEW YORK TOURIST KILLED ON OXFORD-HENDERSON ROAD

The Only Witness To The Accident Was The Wife Of The Dead

Mr. Bantz, of New York City, accompanied by his wife, was killed Wednesday on the Oxford-Henderson Highway near Mill.

Mr. Bantz's automobile became stalled and would start except by cranking and would not throw his gears into high before he was able to get it moving. The car was on the highway and resulted in being badly crushed and his neck broken.

As soon as the news reached Oxford several people rushed to the scene of the accident and found Mrs. Bantz dazed by the awful tragedy. She said that they were on their way to Florida to spend the winter. Some one, she said, had misdirected them at Henderson.

The body of the dead man was taken to Henderson and prepared for shipment to New York City, where the family lives.

GLD PASSENGER RATE STILL HOLDS IN STATE

White passengers traveling from North Carolina into other states by rail or from other states into North Carolina have been paying 3.6 cents a mile railroad fare since August 26 last, those traveling from point to point within North Carolina have been charged only the old rate of three cents a mile. This is because the North Carolina Corporation commission has not yet advanced the intrastate passenger rate to the level of the interstate rate effective since August 26 by order of the interstate commerce commission.

However, the possibility, if not the probability, is that within a short while the intrastate rate will be advanced to 3.6 cents a mile, the level of the interstate rate, which the interstate commerce commission has asked the North Carolina Corporation commission to put into effect in the state. A Raleigh dispatch says the hearing on the matter will be held in the state capital today.

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM AND HOW IT WENT

Chairman Fess Gave Wm. D. Merritt \$1,000 In Campaign Against Congressman Stedman.

H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer gives out the following:

L. L. Jenkins, candidate for the house of representatives against Representative Zeb Weaver, in the tenth district, spent nearly four thousand dollars. The exact total of expenditures was \$3,694.90.

Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, candidate against A. L. Bulwinkle in the ninth district, received \$1,500 from the republican national executive committee and \$300 from John M. Morehead.

J. I. Campbell, who ran against Representative Doughton, received \$1,500 from Chairman Fess, of the national republican congressional committee.

From the same source Wm. D. Merritt, who opposed Representative Stedman, received \$1,000.

Richard L. Herring, who ran against Representative Brinson, received \$1,000 from Dr. Fess.

Jas. D. Parker, candidate against Representative Pore, received \$500 from John M. Morehead.

MR. WILSON'S NEXT JOB

The Nation May Expect Some Notable Contributors To History.

After leaving the White House President Wilson will take a needed rest. All through his sickness, says Scribner, his mind has been very clear and he has been diligent in jotting down numerous instances as they occurred to him, and from his pen the nation may expect the most notable contribution to the history of the times in which no statesman played so prominent a part as he.

Only one president returned to public life after quitting his office. John Quincy Adams, retiring from the presidency in 1829, returned to Washington in 1831 as a member of the House of Representatives at the age of 64. Friends feared this step would dim the luster of his great fame, but his service in Congress only added to his renown. He was stricken while rising to address the House, after serving 17 years as a representative.

WHAT'LL THEY CALL THE LITTLE BOUGHS?

When Miss Ada Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oakes, of Washington, N. C., became the bride of Walter Pine, of Salisbury, recently, it proved to be an unusual marriage. The pair decided to have a "wooden wedding." Everybody that took a leading part in the ceremony had a game like a tree. For instance: The groom Walter Pine The bride Miss Ada Oakes The best man Robert L. Burch The bridesmaid Anna Lee Laurel The preacher Rev. Oscar T. Wood

The ceremony was performed at Washington, and to make the "wooden flavor," complete the couple went to Hickory to spend a week with the bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. E. W. Shingel.