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## MONEY IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF COMMERCE

Can You Afford To Let His Dollars Be Stacked?

Our bankers recently made a statement showing that several thousand dollars had been loaned for tobacco in Granville County which has not found its way into the banks. This money seems to have disappeared and the only logical explanation of what has become of it is now somewhere in safes, boxes, wallets and pocket-books.

The Public Ledger as a frame of reference should be as rapidly as possible so that the necessary element of commerce and business is to function as they should. The price of all products will depend upon the amount of money in circulation. And money that is in store safes, in boxes, in a trunk, is taken out of circulation. Such money is not performing its part in our economic life. It is only doing that when it is placed where it can be used in the necessary conduct of business.

Every dollar that is placed in bank increases the credit facilities of the community. It helps in the marketing of its produce. It increases the price of its crops.

These considerations should appeal to every one at this time. Don't let your dollars be stacked. The best place in the world for money is in a bank. And in a bank it is serving the depositor by helping his business, it is serving the community by increasing credit facilities, and it is serving the depositor by making him a customer of an institution that will be the more disposed to lend him money when his gives out.

The farmers, the business men, the housewives, the laborers, all classes and conditions of our people can help themselves and help the community, especially at this time, by keeping their money in the banks of this County.

## CLINIC FOR DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS IN GRANVILLE

You Can Find Out Whether You Have Tuberculosis Or Not.

The Tonsil-Adenoid clinic for school children has been satisfactory and helpful to school children; and now the county Health Department desires to help those out of school. Tuberculosis is much more common than many are willing to believe. If it is discovered before it has gone so far that even the laity can diagnose it, the chances for cure are good. If you are at all afraid you have tuberculosis have it found and treated, or found. Don't fear to know you have it. That's the first step to cure.

As many in Granville county as have any suspicion that they have tuberculosis, an expert physical diagnosis may get that expert help by conferring with the county Health Officer, who, when he has received as many as 6 applications, will arrange with the State Board of Tuberculosis to send to the county an expert diagnostician who will carefully investigate each case until he can give you definite knowledge of whether you have it or not, and will indicate to you what ought to be done in treatment.

Your application will be a perfect private matter between you and the county Health Officer.

J. A. MORRIS, Co. Health Officer.

## CARD FROM MR. KNOTT

Addressed To The Tobacco Growers Of Granville.

I earnestly urge upon every township Association to complete their reports by the 20th. While we have already enough to control the situation in this county. We want every tobacco grower to have opportunity to sign this pledge. The machinery of this Association for the reduction of the tobacco acreage will commence January 1st. Tobacco Growers, take notice a reduction of at least one-third must be accomplished at all hands. Continue your campaign for members with increased energy. We are going to win; a few stubborn growers refusing to sign shall not hold our efforts.

P. W. KNOTT, Sec-Treas., Granville Co., Tob. G. Assn.

## FARMER RECEIVES BILL FOR 52 COFFINS

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 12.—A well known citizen of this county suffered a mild shock today when he received a bill for 52 coffins.

An investigation developed that the bill was correct. Having large business interests he had been responsible for purchases of coffins for several years.

The undertaker had neglected to send him a bill for 10 years.

## Denounces Profiteering.

Judge Jas. E. Boyd hasn't much opinion of the profiteer, and the other day in Federal court in charging the grand jury, warmly denounced profiteering, as well as inordinate selfishness, idleness and bolshevism.

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

## A QUESTION AND AN ANSWER

A County Merchant Wants To Know Why We Do Not Reduce The Subscription Price Of The Public Ledger.

A letter containing the following question was received by the Public Ledger yesterday and we are glad indeed to answer it according to the price list on file in our office, which any one is privileged to examine.

The Question.

Editor Public Ledger:

Inasmuch as you are always harping about the merchants readjusting their prices it is interesting to note that the subscription price of the Public Ledger was only \$1.00 before the war and now it is \$2.00. It seems to me that you have very little room to accuse others of profiteering. Now will you be good and sweet?

## COUNTRY MERCHANT.

The Answer.

The price of a ton of news print paper before the war was only \$50. The cheapest paper we can buy on the open market today costs us more than \$250 a ton. Before the war it was customary to sign a contract for a year's supply of news print paper, but for the past three years the publisher must grab the paper when and where he finds it.

As prices of some commodities have declined of late, and some other crops are expected, the impression has gone abroad that everything is coming down to the old level. This is far from the fact. The future undoubtedly will see advances as well as declines, for this is a period of readjustment in which fair prices will be sought, rather than of general reduction.

In the printing trade there are no signs of any reduction, and the old level will not be restored either in cities or small towns. The production of nearly all kinds of paper is behind the demand now, and the trade estimates that consumption is five pounds for every four pounds manufactured in the United States. No increase in the supply from imports seems probable for several years. Latest price lists quote the highest figures ever known, which generally are 300 per cent of the pre-war prices.

The logic of the situation requires that prices in the country towns be maintained permanently above the time level, for the preservation of the business. Some twenty years ago the printing trade in both cities and towns—excluding from consideration the metropolitan newspapers—was in most deplorable condition. Only a few concerns with special advantages of some kind were earning interest on their investment. It was nip and tuck with them to keep alive, and the same state of affairs obtains in the small towns today.

## THE PRICE LIST.

Our correspondent, whoever he is, seemed to be riled because the Public Ledger published the prices of meats and groceries in other cities and towns and compared them with the prices that obtain here at home.

In justice to our correspondent, who signs himself "Country Merchant," we will state that it may cost him more to sell goods than it does in the cities and towns that have announced reductions in the staple articles of food. The price list tells the tale. If any of our friends, by hook or crook, can find out that the price of news print paper has come down, please notify us and we will publish it to the world as soon as we lay in a few tons.

## SOME FINE HOGS

Mr. A. M. Overton Is Entitled To a Medal.

It would seem that Mr. A. M. Overton, of Route 6, and his fine sons are the champion hog growers of Granville County. They killed a few of their choice shoats last week, some of them weighing more than 500 pounds.

A. M. Overton killed four—550, 410, 280-220.

Hicks Overton killed two—513, 315.

C. E. Overton killed two—302-299.

C. Overton killed two—550, 450.

Z. M. Overton killed two—550, 425.

Allen Currin killed one that weighed 400 pounds.

S. T. Barnett killed four 15 months old shoats—341-298-360-370.

Wes Brummitt killed two 15 months old shoats—478-490.

All of the above gentlemen live at Bell Town, a mighty fine place to get a square meal.

## GRANVILLE MEN FIGURE IN UNITED STATES COURT

Thompson Fined \$100 and Lucius Edwards Found Not Guilty.

In the United States District Court at Raleigh last week, Judge Henry Connor presiding, W. W. Thompson, a white man from Granville County was fined \$100 for possession of whiskey.

Lucius Edwards, a white man of Granville County charged with operating a still was also found not guilty by a jury. Edwards was implicated in the trial of Jim Harroves, a negro, who was placed there by Edwards. Harroves was ordered remanded into custody, but District Attorney E. F. Aydtette announced that in view of the acquittal of the white man he would ask the court to be as lenient as possible with the negro.

## THE W. O. W.

The W. O. W. of Oxford Camp No. 16, will meet on Thursday, December 23rd. All members in good standing will please attend.

W. D. BROOKS, Co. Organizer.

## PRICES REDUCED AT TURNERS MARKET ON ALL FRESH MEATS.

## STATE LIBRARY. (X) THE MASS MEETING LAST FRIDAY NIGHT SET THE BALL IN MOTION

Dr. L. A. Williams Made Strong Plea For New High School Building—Financial Statement, etc.

Perhaps no man in North Carolina is today in closer touch with the educational needs of our State than Dr. L. A. Williams of Chapel Hill who addressed the mass meeting in the graded school auditorium here Friday night. Certainly no one man has done more to shape public sentiment in favor of an enlarged building program for secondary education. The University and educators generally recognize in Dr. Williams an acknowledged authority on high school buildings and their equipment. Not only does Dr. Williams encourage North Carolina to dream dreams and see visions of a time when public education will function more largely and directly in the development of an intelligent citizenship, but he has the happy faculty of demonstrating in very definite and practical fashion how simple a matter it is to make such dreams come true.

Dr. Williams pointed out in the first place that the man who looks upon public education as an expense starts out with the wrong premise. "Education," said Dr. Williams, "is not an expense; it is an investment—the best that any man can make. We North Carolinians are wont to indulge in a lot of 'poor' talk. We are constantly trying to fool ourselves and the neighbors into thinking that we can't afford to educate all the people. Yet government statistics show that last year this State paid into the federal treasury as surplus profits and income tax \$169,000,000, or \$100,000,000 more than Virginia, and \$39,000,000 more than Texas. In other words, North Carolina contributed more to the United States treasury last year than she has spent in her entire history as a State on public education. In point of wealth, we are fourth from the top; in point of educational advantages we are fourth from the bottom. Isn't it about time we stop and take inventory?"

"Public education is a paying investment," continued Dr. Williams, "because it produces our leaders. In this country only one man out of each hundred gets a college education. Yet this small group of college trained men has furnished 55 per cent of our presidents, 62 per cent of our vice-presidents 50 per cent of our secretaries of State, and 69 per cent of our justice of the Supreme Court."

"Last of all," said Dr. Williams, "public education pays in dollars and cents. Look at these figures: Massachusetts provides for each child an equivalent of six years schooling, and Massachusetts produces annually \$218 of wealth for each citizen. The United States as a whole provides for each child an equivalent of five year's schooling, and the United States produces annually \$183 of wealth for each citizen. North Carolina provides a little less than four year's schooling for each child and produces \$130 of wealth for each citizen." Dr. Williams further showed that the average uneducated man in this country earns \$500 per year of \$20,000 in a working period of forty years, whereas the average high school graduate earns \$1000 per year or \$40,000 in the same working period. Verily what we sow, that shall we also reap!

In conclusion, Dr. Williams strongly urged Oxford to vote \$75,000 additional bonds to meet the pressing need for room and equipment. He quoted the example of Kinston where \$300,000 has recently been voted, and that of Roanoke Rapids whose citizens have voted \$500,000 in the last few months. Surely Oxford can do as well as her neighbors.

Proceeding Dr. Williams' address, Mr. G. B. Phillips spoke with characteristic energy and earnestness in favor of the proposed bond issue. Mr. Phillips said that there had been some objection to a second issue on the ground that the town did not know what had become of the \$50,000 voted some time ago. (An itemized statement of the finance will be published in the next issue of the Public Ledger.—Editor.)

## FERTILIZER INDUSTRY WILL BE REVOLUTIONIZED

A government bulletin recently issued announces what may prove to be a revolution in the production of fertilizer. It is to the effect that the Bureau of Soils has worked out a method of separating phosphoric acid from the rock by the use of heat and sulphuric acid, and with the result of getting a product that is 50 per cent instead of the ordinary 16 per cent product the farmer has been accustomed to. If the plan is workable, as the Bureau of Soils seem to think it is, the cost of fertilizer will be materially reduced, and the matter of transportation will be simplified to a point of saving two-thirds of the freight movement now necessary in acid phosphate. One car will move a quantity of the high grade stuff equal in strength to the quantity of the older product requiring three cars. If the farmer can cut out two-thirds of this freight and hauling on acid phosphate he has cut down in big item of his cost of fertilizer right there, and if he can get his acid phosphate from a source that will provide it at the saving of the ton of sulphuric acid now used for every two tons of acid phosphate that he buys he will have secured another big reduction.

## MR. J. L. HUMPHREYS DEAD

Was Badly Hurt In a Saw Mill Last Week.

Mr. J. L. Humphrey, who was badly hurt in a saw mill near Moriah last Thursday, and who was rushed to Brantwood Hospital with a fractured skull and otherwise badly hurt, died Saturday morning. The interment was at Moriah Sunday.

## PRESENT DEPRESSION IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS SAYS CHAS. M. SCHWAB

The Severer the Storm Now the Quicker It Will Be Over. Only the Natural Transition.

New York, Dec. 13.—The existing slump in business is only the natural transition of industries returning to a normal basis from the speeding up of production made necessary by the war, declared Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, in an address.

"I want to go on record here," said Mr. Schwab, "as saying nothing could be healthier for American business than the very condition through which we are now passing. The severer the storm now, the quicker it will be over and the sooner we can emerge into clear weather and shape our course upon the sea of prosperity."

Commenting upon the status of employment, laborers, Mr. Schwab stated that "the great need of the world today is to work hard and save."

This, he said, applies to men of means as well as working men.

The man who fails to work was characterized as a "slacker" who "deserves no place among honorable men."

## THE LUBLOLLY OF MUD AT CHEATHAM MILL

It Brings Reproach Upon the County and It Is a Disgrace to Civilization—Howan County, Too, Has a Bad Case Of Mud, Where Teams Are Making \$75 a Day Pulling Travelers Out Of The Mire.

As you approach the bridge at Cheatham Mill, three miles east of Oxford, on the Oxford-Henderson Highway, beware of the quagmire!

Similar conditions existed in Rowan county until the commissioners ordered the contractors to comply with the law. Speaking of the conditions in Rowan, the Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

"The Chairman H. E. Ruffy of the Rowan board of commissioners it is learned that there is a clause in the contract with the R. M. Hudson Company, which is building a section of the National Highway between Spencer and the Yadkin river at a cost of \$90,000, requiring that the contractors keep the main road or a detour in passable condition while the new road is being built. Under the contract the road builders are required to do any reasonable amount of work on the detour line to make it passable for the public. Chairman Ruffy states that when cars get stuck it is useless to hire teams to pull them out of the mud, that the contractor at work on the road with plenty of teams available will be required to pull out all such cars without charge. Mr. Ruffy states that this should put an end to the exorbitant charges that have been made recently where men with teams have been taking in up to \$75 a day for pulling travelers out of the mud. Chairman Ruffy states further that the road must be repaired so that it will be passable at all times during the winter and that sections of the new road will be used for travel at an early date."

## YOU ARE REQUESTED TO HELP CLOTHE AND FEED THE DESTITUTE CHILDREN

A Collection Will Be Taken. To Relief Children In Europe. Have 3,000,000 Naked and Starving Children In Europe.

Relief work being done in North Carolina in behalf of the suffering children in Europe by several different organizations has been consolidated into one organization known as the North Carolina Division of the European Relief Council.

Mr. Henry A. Page, who has been conducting the campaign of the American Relief Administration, is Chairman of this new European Relief Council.

It was determined to cooperate with the National Organization in making the "National Collection" a State of North Carolina a "State Collection" Sunday, December 13th was selected as the day to begin this collection through the holidays.

The European Relief Council calls upon every minister in North Carolina to bring to the attention of his congregation, on Sunday, December 13th, the desperate need of these millions of suffering children in Europe and take a collection for their benefit. It is desired that on that day in religious meetings of every kind, church, Sunday school, societies and associations, a collection be taken for these children. All church organizations are requested to continue these collections through December 30th at all meetings. Church officials, both men and women are urged during this time to solicit contributions.

All money collected should be forwarded to Henry A. Page, North Carolina Chairman, European Relief Council, Aberdeen, N. C.

## OXFORD COLLEGE WILL CLOSE NEXT THURSDAY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Several New Students Have Enrolled For Next Session.

President Hobgood announces that Oxford College will close next Friday for the holidays and reopen on Tuesday, January 4th.

Dr. Hobgood stated that quite a number of new students had secured reservations for the spring session which opens on January 12th.

Figures given out Saturday show that Winston market has sold \$3,715,877 pounds of leaf tobacco since December 14, for an average of \$23.85 per hundred pounds. Over \$8,000,000 were paid out for the weed. Warehouse men are hoping that market conditions and prices will show an improvement when sales are resumed in January.

## LARGE NUMBER OF TOURISTS PASS THROUGH OXFORD DAILY

Some Of Them Tell Wonderful Stories.

For the past ten days or two weeks the National Highway through Oxford has been alive with tourists from the North and West, on their way to a warmer climate. Some of the cars are made comfortable with an oil stove and a camping outfit.

## Fell Into Lake Erie.

One car that attracted considerable attention had a body resembling a one-room house. This car was driven by a Pennsylvania Dutch lady. As she pointed to her husband who was seated in a rocking chair, she said: "He is an invalid and I must keep the oil stove lighted day and night to keep him from catching cold. We are going to Florida and hope that the climate will cure his lungs. He is a fisherman and fell from his 'smack' in Lake Erie last winter and has not seen a well day since."

## Too Rich To Work.

Another car that attracted our attention was driven by a large red face man, and his neat little wife was at his side, and the two little children that made up the party were dressed like dolls. The lady was rather talkative. She said: "We are from Reading, Pa., and are on our way to Florida to camp out until business picks up. My husband is a master machinist and they laid him off six weeks ago and we decided to go to Florida where it is not so expensive to live. Things are awfully dull up North. My husband was making \$10 a day when they laid off a bunch of 1000 men, my husband among the number, and he offered to continue to work for \$8 a day, but there was nothing doing."

"How much did you pay for chickens and eggs in Reading?" we ventured to inquire.

"You can get good steak at 30 cents a pound," said the lady, "but all the chickens and eggs in the Valley are shipped to Philadelphia. You can get a good baking chicken for \$2, I should say, and a dozen eggs cost you 65 cents."

## Chief Hobgood's Guests.

Last Saturday night a rather nice looking tourist from Ohio, asked Chief Hobgood a permission to camp near the court house. The man, his wife and three bright little children constituted the party. They were traveling in a Ford truck, which was closed in and made comfortable. Chief Hobgood gave them permission to camp in Court street, and showed them the court house well where they could get water.

"I had the man from Ohio," said the man, "I have not the money to put up at. Things are mighty tight in my state; there are more than 100,000 men in Ohio looking for a job of any kind. We are on our way to Florida for the winter and hope that business will be better when Mr. Harding takes his seat."

## OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET TO REOPEN JANUARY 4.

Suspension Over Holidays Not For Indefinite Period, It Is Stated. No More Will Be Withdrawn From Oxford Market, So Far As Known, and Sales Will Be Continued.

The Oxford tobacco market will reopen Tuesday, January 4, after a suspension next Friday for the holidays. This explanation is made through a fear that there might possibly be some misunderstanding as to the period of the suspension of sales. It was made very clear that the cessation of sales of next Friday is only the usual Christmas holiday rest, and that the market will reopen again as soon after New Year's day as practicable. The date, therefore, was fixed as Tuesday, January 4.

So far as is known, there has been no hint of any kind here of any possibility that the buyers will be withdrawn from the market, and that the farmers will have all the opportunity they desire to dispose of their crop, and that without rushing it upon the market, as they see fit. There is a prevailing opinion that the rushing of the weed to the warehouse is heaving a tendency to break the market value, because it cramps the buyers in handling and shipping the weed to other points.

## OUT OF THE FIRE INTO THE FRYING PAN

Lieutenant Governor-Elect Cooper Will Be A Candidate For Governor In 1924.

News comes out of Washington that Lieutenant Governor-elect W. B. Cooper of Wilmington told the North Carolina correspondents that he expects to be a candidate for Governor in 1924.

Senator Cooper, who will take office at the same time Governor-elect Morrison becomes Chief Executive, will preside over the upper branch of the General Assembly after Lieutenant Governor Gardner goes out of office with Governor Bickett.

## McLean May Enter.

Well-informed politicians visiting the Capitol say that A. Wilton McLean is also going to be a candidate in 1924 and that the Sixth district will furnish the fight next time.

Max Gardner may try it again. Several others are mentioned in this connection.

## WHOSE CHILDREN ARE THEY, ASKS HERBERT HOOVER

"They are no more my children than yours," Mr. Hoover says of the 3,500,000 youngsters in Eastern and Central Europe who face "incredible tragedy" this winter unless the American Relief Administration continues supplying them with basic foods. Mr. Hoover as head of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund, 42 Broadway, New York, calls for \$23,000,000 to carry the child-life of the Old World through until next harvest.

## NORTH CAROLINA LEADS WORLD IN MAKING LIQUOR

More Than Fifth Of Illicit Distilleries Seized Were Taken Here—Can Get Moonshine and Monkey Rum At Will In Raleigh.

"I expect illicit distilling to continue to flourish in North Carolina," declared Collector J. W. Bailey commenting upon the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue which makes the startling revelation that more than one-fifth of the illicit distilleries destroyed in the United States during the past year were found in North Carolina. More than half the 14,337 were taken in North and South Carolina and Georgia.

Get It In Raleigh.

"Prohibition, State and Federal, affects the quality and price, but not the quantity. I suspect that the output of liquor is as great as it has been at any time in our history," Mr. Bailey continues. "Anybody who wants it can get moonshine liquor and monkey rum at will in Raleigh. I suspect that this statement is true of many other towns and cities in the State."

No criticism of the prohibition forces in the State is made by Mr. Bailey. He believes that the 50 men who have been at work in the State have made a remarkable showing, more than 60 distilleries per man. "Some of the agents have been judiciously rebuked for too great zeal in the performance of their duties," he says. "None has been rebuked for failure to do his duty."

State's Taxing Power.

Leaving the disagreeable situation as to prohibition enforcement in the State, the Collector turns to the gigantic collections that have been made in his department during the year and in reviewing the report declares that North Carolina's taxing power must not be confused with the fact that \$162,000,000 was collected in the State during the fiscal year. More than \$108,000,000 was paid for tobacco stamps, and \$41,000,000 in excess profits taxes, which was really paid by the whole world that bought the State's products. The Collector's statement is as follows:

"I have just received the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, year ending June 30, 1920. The showing as to North Carolina and the other Southern States, while indicating that Prohibition agents have been doing their full duty as a rule, is a reproach to our civilization. The total number of seizures of illicit distilleries in the United States within the year was 14,337. Total number in North Carolina, same period, 5,104.

Half In Three States.

"That is, one-fifth of the seizures of distilleries made in the United States was made in 'the glorious old North State.' The seizures in other Southern States were as follows: Georgia 2,089; Virginia 2,165. So half the distilleries seized in the United States were seized in these three Southern States. South Carolina adds to the number 1,079, Tennessee, 828, Alabama 1,350; total for these six Southern States about 10,500 out of the entire number of 14,337.

Big Job For Few Men.

"I call attention to the fact that we have less than fifty Federal prohibition agents in the State. Three thousand seizures of distilleries by fifty men in one year is a satisfactory record. Sixty seizures per man per year satisfies me that the men as a whole have been doing their duty.

Penalties Will Be Less.

"I call attention to the fact that under judicial construction of the National Prohibition Act penalties will be much less from now on than they have been. Some of the agents have been judiciously rebuked for too great zeal in the performance of their duties. No one has been rebuked for failure to do his duty."

## PUPIL NURSE OF OXFORD QUILTS RICHMOND HOSPITAL

Miss Caroline Hunt Objects To The Dismissal Of Her Class President.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Six pupil nurses, members of the Intermediate or second year class at Johnston-Willis Training School for Nurses, quit this week and returned to their respective homes because of the dismissal of their class president, Miss Annette Smiley, of Hewlett, Va. it is learned. They included Carolina Hunt, of Oxford, N. C. The situation resolved itself into a question of discipline, according to the hospital officials, with the result that the girls left. Further than that, they were not disposed to discuss the case.

## INTEREST ON LIBERTY BONDS

Tar Heels Will Get \$750,000 In Interest.

A total of three-quarters of a million dollars in interest on Liberty Bonds of the first and fifth issues will be payable December 15.

In North Carolina the subscription to the first issue amounted to \$9,413,600. To the fifth issue, or Victory Loan, it was \$27,269,050, making a total of \$36,682,650. Bonds of the first issue, which originally paid 2 1/2 per cent a year, have been in large part, converted into 4 1/4 per cent securities. Victory Notes pay 4 3/4 per cent.

In the district at large the interest payment will be something like \$6,300,000. For the whole country it will be about \$166,000,000.

## IT COSTS LESS TO LIVE IN RICHMOND THAN IN OXFORD

After checking up the grocery announcements in last Sunday's Richmond Times-Dispatch and comparing the prices that obtain in Oxford and Richmond, Mr. Andrew Jamison, who knows a thing when he sees it, states that it costs from 15 to 20 per cent more to live in Oxford than it does in Richmond.