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SENATE PASSES MEASURE TO GIVE FARMERS RELIEF

House Resolution For Revival Of War Finance Body—Recommends Extension Of Liberal Credits To Farmers By Reserve Board—Now Goes To The House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The farm relief measure passed the senate and now goes to the house, where a number of similar measures for relieving farmers are pending. The section of the resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as adopted, reads: "The secretary of the treasury and the members of the war finance corporation are hereby directed to revive the activities of the war finance corporation and that said corporation be reorganized with the assistance of the federal government in the financing of the production of agricultural and other products for foreign markets."

"It is the opinion of Congress that the federal reserve board should take such action as may be necessary to permit the member banks of the federal reserve system to grant liberal extensions of credit to the farmers of the country upon the security of the agricultural products now held by them, by permitting the redemption of such notes of extension at a fair and reasonable rate of interest."

GREEN BOOK AUTO TEAM PASSED THROUGH OXFORD

Made The Trip From Boston To Oxford In Five Days.

The Green Book Automobile Team, sixty in number, which is enroute from Boston to the Sunny South, reached Oxford at 6:30 Tuesday evening. The tourists were due at six o'clock and were only one-half hour late. When it is understood the morning time was arranged in Boston, a thousand miles away, arriving half an hour late is a remarkable performance and speaks well of the roads north of Oxford.

Mr. Hemstreet, manager of the team, made the statement that if the road north of Oxford to Clarksville was in good or even fair repair Green Book annual teams could and would come through in five days from Boston.

All of the tourists speak well of the splendid accommodations made for them in New York, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond. All of them vote the hospitality of mine host Lonney Smith of The Exchange Hotel to be the best along the line.

THE LATE JOHN NEAL'S WILL

The Oxford Orphanage Is Expected To Receive \$220,000.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 15.—An action has been started in Forsyth superior court to interpret the will of the late John Neal, who died in Omaha, Neb., several weeks ago, leaving an estate shown by inventory to be valued at \$667,977.11. The will has been admitted to probate here which provides that the estate be divided between several personal friends, the Methodist Children's Home here, the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford and two institutions, it is estimated, will receive \$220,000 each from the estate.

It develops that Mrs. Daniel McCoy of Ochsoma, recently appeared in Omaha where Mr. Neal resided as a credit sales manager for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for several years prior to and up to the time of his death, declaring that she had in her possession the real will of the late Mr. Neal which left the estate entirely to herself and two children. She claimed that several years ago she was married to Mr. Neal in South Carolina.

INVENTORY REQUIRED FROM TOBACCO HANDLERS

Will Be Asked To Furnish Inventory As Of January 1, Of All Stocks On Hand.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Tobacco handlers, manufacturers and dealers will be interested in some instructions relative to inventories on January 1, sent to collectors of internal revenue throughout the nation. "Every dealer in leaf tobacco shall make and deliver to the collector of the district a true inventory of the quantity of the different kinds of tobacco held or owned, and where stored by him, on the first day of January of each year; such inventory to be made under oath and rendered in such form as may be prescribed by the commissioner.

"Every dealer in leaf tobacco who neglects or refuses to file less than \$500 or more than \$500, or imprisons more than one year, or both."

STOFFICE DEPARTMENT SHOWS LARGE DEFICIT

Leson Attributes This To \$33,000,000 War Bonuses But For Which Statutes Would Have Been

Washington, December 15.—Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service. Postmaster General Burleson in his annual report to the president in which expenditures of the Post Office Department are placed at \$454,329,609, and revenues at \$487,150,212. The Postmaster general charges Congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditures included approximately \$260,000,000 as a bonus to the postmen, which would have been a surplus of \$18,427,917.

ICE—PAY YOUR TAX NOW

Percentage Will Be Added January 1, 1921. If Percentage Is Added Now, Don't Blame Me.

By F. D. HUNTER, Editor

Your better interests are served by every tax you pay.

PEN-PICTURE OF MR. HARDING

Our Next President Has A Fine Sense Of Humor.

Mr. H. E. Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, sizes up President-elect Harding as follows: "Mr. Harding had a very pleasant visit to Washington recently. He has a fine sense of humor, and is a very delightful man to talk with. His character is of the stout, sturdy kind that one often meets in country districts of the south. These things being true he could not have visited here without seeing the marked change that has come over some of the Washington people. As a United States senator of mediocre ability, and ordinary, every day common sense ways, Mr. Harding attracted but little attention. He moved about the national capital unmolested, undisturbed in his quiet, peaceful activities, and without serious thought of ever going to the white house to live. In those days very few people knew him. He kicked up but little dust in the senate, although he made several very good speeches, showing a conservative rather than progressive turn of mind. Nobody made a fuss over him. In society he moved slowly and indifferently. Job hunters did not consider him a good booster. He liked to play golf, and he and a little coterie of senate friends spent much time on the links of the various clubs about Washington. But the other day, when he could not escape the crowd that followed at his heels or intercepted him on all of his journeys about the city."

MOONSHINERS DOING A BIG BUSINESS IN GRANVILLE

Officers Capture Six Stills In Five Days.

The indications are that the moonshiners are doing a large business in Granville county this month, and it also appears that the officers are close at their heels. Detective Hutchins, Deputies Ed Lyon and Crawford Davis have destroyed six stills since last Saturday morning. Of the two stills captured in the southern part of the county last Saturday, one of them was worn and the other one had just been erected and ready for business.

AT BLUE WING.

The two that were captured last Monday in the Blue Wing section of the county, near Virginia, were warm when the officers came upon them. At Fairport. On Tuesday the officers went over to Fairport, and while admiring the scenery in that section Hutchins snatched something. The wind was blowing from the southwest, and the officers walked about a mile in that direction and came upon a big still which had been in operation and was ready to fill future orders from Oxford, Henderson and Durham.

AT BOWLING MOUNTAINS.

There has been considerable rambling in Bowling Mountains of late. Hutchins and his gang made a hasty trip to the mountains Wednesday to see what all the noise was about, and they returned with a capacity still that showed much usage. At Oxford. The general impression here is that there is a big still in the vicinity of Oxford. At any rate, a lot of liquor finds its way to Oxford between sundown and daylight. The thirst for liquor here is greater now than we have seen it for sometime. So much of it is being consumed, the nose of some of the moral stunted wear a blossom.

APPROACHING MUDDY WATERS

Editor of The Public Ledger:

The advertisement in the Public Ledger calling for bond election for the Oxford Graded School District is not very clear. Is this election to supplement the amount two years ago so as to raise a total of \$75,000 in addition to the \$50,000 previously voted, making a total of \$125,000? And then it does not define the Oxford Graded School District. Have the boundaries of this district ever been clearly defined. If so, when, how and by whom? I find many tax payers who wish to know whether this (Oxford) district is expected to provide educational facilities only for those residing within its limits, or must it (the Oxford District) provide facilities for as many from all sections as are willing to avail themselves of the County Free Delivery System?

The aforesaid advertisement states that the court house shall be the polling place for said election, but it does not designate the pollholders. And are the pros and cons of this question to be equally and fairly represented on the election board?

As you are one of the champions of this measure, will you please present the facts so that the average voter may fully understand them?

L. THOMAS.

BASKET BALL NEXT WEEK.

Roxboro will meet the local teams here on next Monday night on the armory floor. A return game will be played in Roxboro Wednesday night. Building will very likely come to Oxford on Thursday night. This will make three games for the week. Two at home and one away. Games will be called at 7:30 o'clock. Come.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

Statement of expenditure and amount on hand of the \$50,000 of thirty-year bonds issued last September.

Sale of bonds	\$52,306.00
Less expense of election and sale of bonds	417.00
Net proceeds	\$51,889.00
Accrued int., July 1, 1920, Sept. 15, 1920	556.57
Int. First Nat. Bank Sep. 17, 1919, Jan. 1, 1921.	727.69
Int. Nat. Bank Gran. Sep. 17, 1919, Jan. 1, 1921.	727.67
Total Net Proceeds	\$54,008.93
Expenditures:	
Cost high school lot	\$11,342.83
Cost of plans for high school building	1,415.30
Equipment furn. heating, plumbing, etc. h. s. bldg.	1,600.00
Balance due on colored school building	800.00
West Oxford school bldg., lot, equipment	7,243.17
Total Expenditures	\$22,401.30
Balance on hand Nov. 12, 1920	\$31,607.63
Less amt. paid as int. for 6 mos. before levy was made at 5 1/2 per cent.	1,375.00
Total amount now on hand	\$30,232.63
In First National Bank	\$13,117.61
In National Bank of Granville	16,370.09

—Harding and Elhu Pool hold a four hours' conference in international affairs.

—The navy general board in its annual report, urges an American nation second to that of no other nation.

—Simmons leads the fight in the senate for adoption of the resolution to revive the war finance corporation.

NOVEMBER REPORT OF WAREHOUSE SALES ON THE OXFORD MARKET

Issued At Raleigh By The Cooperative Crop Reporting Service.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—The tobacco sales on the Oxford market for the month of November is as follows: Number of warehouses reporting 5; producers' sales 2,981,761; total sales for month 3,386,575; season's sales 6,581,651; 1920 crop 27,03; 1919 price 77.55.

LOW TOBACCO PRICES DUE TO SMALL FOREIGN TRADE, TRADE COMMISSION SAYS

Federal Investigators Report To Congress Findings Of Their Inquiry Begun Upon Complaint Of Congressman From Big Tobacco Growing States.

Washington Special) Low tobacco prices are due primarily to three causes, the Federal Trade Commission says in its report to Congress giving the result of an investigation ordered by a resolution adopted at the last session. Cause Of Decline. The first cause is attributed to "lessening of foreign purchases due to unfavorable exchange rates and the contraction of domestic credits resulting in unfavorable financial conditions." The second explanation is the "increase of quantity of low grades for domestic absorption due to crop conditions and falling farm markets," and the third reason is assigned to "purchasing methods by large buyers."

The report adds that none of these factors alone can be assigned as the controlling or predominating cause of price decline.

TOBACCO IN DEMAND.

A summary of the investigation shows that "prices paid for the cigar types, bright southern, dark-Virginian, sun cured, and the Maryland, export types, during the season 1919-1920 on the whole compared favorably with the prices for the season 1918-1919. Certain sections in South Carolina and Georgia," the report says, "during the first part of the season, and certain grades of the cigar types, grown in Ohio, are the important exceptions noted. For some of the types, average prices were materially higher last year than for the year before. Bright southern is the most important type for which prices continue high."

The second season conclusion says that "prices paid growers for the better grades for burley and certain of the dark western types last season also compared favorably with prices prevailing during the 1918-1919 season."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The commission recommends that "the provision relating to the use of common agencies by the defendant companies in the purchase of leaf tobacco, which expired by limitation November, 1916, be revived and made permanent."

The second recommendation is that "the provision relating to the defendant companies doing business under any other than their own corporate name or that of a subsidiary corporation controlled by them be made specific so as to include the purchase of leaf tobacco through agencies not disclosed to the trade."

The commission also recommends that a Federal system of grading leaf tobacco be established by the department of agriculture. The report says that "authority to establish such a system apparently has been given that department under section 19 of the U. S. warehouse act. It is believed, the report says in conclusion "that this would tend to stabilize market values under abnormal conditions such as prevailed during part of last season."

THIS YEAR'S COTTON CROP

Census Bureau Estimates North Carolina Production At \$40,000 Bales.

Cotton production this year is larger than that of any year since 1914 when the country's record crop was grown. The final estimate of the crop, announced by the Department of Agriculture, placed production at 12,987,000 bales, exclusive of linters. Production this year by states in 500 pound bales follows:

Virginia	19,000
North Carolina	840,000
South Carolina	1,530,000
Georgia	1,400,000
Florida	18,000
Alabama	660,000
Mississippi	885,000
Louisiana	380,000
Texas	1,160,000
Tennessee	310,000
Missouri	85,000
Oklahoma	1,300,000
California	160,000
Arizona	110,000
All other states	15,000

MOVING PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN IN THE COURT HOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT

Six Reel Program Will Be Presented By The Granville County Community Service At 7:15 O'clock—No Admission Will Be Charged.

On Saturday evening, December 18, the Granville County Community Service, with the Board of Education co-operating, will hold a meeting in the auditorium of the court house for the purpose of acquainting the people of Oxford with this work. Although the Community Service unit has been operating in the county for more than six months, few of the town people have had an opportunity to get personally acquainted with it. The meeting will be modeled after those regularly held in the country communities and the same program of moving pictures will be used. This is a 6-reel program that children and grown-ups enjoy, and it is hoped that no one will miss this opportunity of seeing it—without charge.

There will be several talks by representatives of the community centers of the county and by several of the town men who have seen something of this Service.

PENSION MONEY IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Clerk of Court Has \$3,300 From The State To Be Given Civil War Survivors.

Pension money provided by the State of North Carolina for disabled veterans of the Civil War and their dependents has been received by Judge L. C. Hunt, clerk of the court, and is ready today for distribution to those who share in the fund. A total of \$3,300 has been received, this being half of the annual allowance, and other portion being given in the summer, in June, under an arrangement of the Legislature at a recent sitting.

There are 58 ex-Confederate soldiers and 37 Confederate widows in the fourth class who will receive \$33 each out of the fund now being distributed.

Class one includes veterans or their widows who are totally disabled by disease, old age, or from injuries received during the war. Class two includes those who lost limbs above the joint, while the fourth class provides for those who lost one limb below the joint.

Judge Hunt thinks a whole lot of the old soldiers. He wants them to call and get the stipend before Christmas, and the only regret that he has is that some of the old heroes do not get a larger pension.

LETTER FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

(W. R. MANGUM)

The Stem Mercantile Co's store was broken into Tuesday night, and the thieves entering through the rear window of the grocery room. A piece of iron belonging to the stove in the waiting room at the depot was found climbing upon a nail keg outside and breaking through a large pane of glass and knocking out the middle frame. Several raincoat sleeves and other articles were missing, but there is no way of ascertaining the amount of goods taken, and as yet there is no clue to the guilty parties. This is the third robbery here this year, the other two being the postoffice and the Granville Auto Co. Garage.

—Rev. T. B. Nobbitt filled his first appointment at Stem church last Sunday morning. The Granville Circuit is now composed of the Stem, Cavalry and Robert's Chapel churches, and as there are fewer churches the pastor informed his congregation that there will be more preaching as there will be more time to devote to the work. There will be at least two services a month at each of these churches in the future, the time of preaching, salary, etc., to be fixed at an early date and adjusted to the new circuit.

—The details of the sad accident that befell Mr. Luther Humphreys near Moriah on December 9, an account of which appeared in the Public Ledger, occurred while he was oiling an engine. His jacket was caught in the crank shaft and he was drawn into the saw mill machinery and carried entirely around the balance wheel and thrown about ten feet and was picked up unconscious. One eye was knocked out, his nose cut off and face badly cut. He died at Brantwood Hospital a few hours later accident. He leaves six children.

—Miss Hazel Overby, the afflicted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Overby, of Oxford Route 6, had the misfortune to cut her wrist to the bone against a pane of glass Monday. She was rushed to Dr. Hardee's office here, and several stitches taken in the gash which was found to be a serious nature.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hester, of Oxford, and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Thomasson of Water Line Farm, were guests at a most sumptuous dinner given by Mr. J. B. Thomasson of Tally Ho Sunday.

—Mr. J. C. Washington, who is engaged in the warehouse business at Sanford spent the week end with his brother, Mr. C. H. Washington, of Tally Ho.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Renn, of Oxford, were the guests of Mrs. Renn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crymes, Sunday night.

—Carrie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cotton of Oxford Route 6, is quite ill.

—Mr. W. L. Wilkins of Route 3, is seriously ill.

MR. R. L. DIXON KILLS FINE WILD TURKEY

While hauling wood last week, Mr. R. L. Dixon, Route 1, saw a fine wild turkey gobbler "go to roost" in a tree down in the low grounds. He fired, and the big 19-pound gobbler fell at his feet.

Mr. Dixon killed three of his fine shoots the day before, weighing 1100 pounds, and now he is well supplied with fresh meat.

TEN BOND ISSUE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Will I have to register for this election? Answer—Yes, because the law calls for a new registration.

2. Where and when can I register? Answer—Mr. Willie Lee Currin has the books at the Deleo Light plant at the head of Main Street. On each Saturday he will have them at the Court House. You can register from the 17th day of this month until the close of the 8th day of Jan., 1921.

3. What will happen if I fail to vote after registration? Answer—Your vote will count against the issue just as much as if you actually voted against it.

4. If all pupils were excluded from the schools who are from outside of the Oxford District would there be any more class rooms for use? Answer—No, because the number of teachers cannot be reduced and give proper instruction to the pupils of the District.

5. Is provision being made by the County to bear its part of the expense of teaching those who do come into the school? Answer—Yes. An appropriation is made on the basis of the number of pupils.

6. Will the New Building do away with the present DOUBLE SESSION plan? Answer—Yes. The new building will provide at least thirteen more rooms which will be sufficient for the overflow and for growth for a short time.

7. Where can I find the facts regarding the use of the last issue of \$50,000.00? Answer—This statement can be found in this issue of the Public Ledger.

8. Can I afford to vote or work against this step in the development of the Oxford school system? Answer—No, for the future of the town is dependent upon good schools.

9. Is education an expense? Answer—No, it is an investment that pays big dividends.

10. Will the failure of this issue mean the use of the old building again? Answer—Yes.

MOREHEAD MAY GET A CABINET POSITION

Mr. Grissom Says He Stands High With The Big Men Of The Party—Frank Linney Will Distribute Patronage.

It is interesting to note who will preside at the pie counter in North Carolina and dish out the federal offices according to Mr. William Grissom, a divine messenger of the Republican party told the Greensboro News that John M. Morehead's chances for a bench in Senator Harding's Cabinet when the latter becomes president is very bright. Mr. Grissom said that he based his optimism on information gleaned from high lights in the republican party, men of the north who, he thinks, ought to know what they are talking about. Mr. Morehead's name, it seems from this information, has been frequently mentioned by such leaders as Will H. Hays and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

Politicians down at Raleigh say the appointment of Frank Linney, state chairman of the republican executive committee, as United States district attorney for the west is a foregone conclusion. His appointment, it is said, will go through bearing almost unanimous endorsement of conflicting elements within the republican party in the state, and the Morehead forces can be depended upon. Mr. Linney is expected to ask for the transfer of the district attorney's office from Asheville to Wilkesboro and this will be done.

Any candidate for office who has the backing of Morehead, Linney and Will Hays will get the job. One of our local ambitious Republican friends has the backing of all three of the above name gentlemen with Mr. Meekins thrown in.

THE MEBANE TOBACCO MARKET LEADS THE STATE

The Alamance-Caswell Area Produced The Best Quality Of Tobacco.

(Cooperative Crop Rep. Service) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—Instead of the farmers being "Up in the Air" they are "Down in the Dumps." The average price of the ninety million pounds of November tobacco sales was 24.7 cents per pound as compared with 67.9 cents a year ago. There was quite a slump during the close of the month. Of the 212 warehouses in the state only 171 were operated last month and several of these have closed within thirty days. A decided slump in prices occurred before December. Mebane paid the best prices (\$36.49) with Roxboro second at \$34.61 and Apex third at \$31.76 per hundred pounds. The Alamance-Caswell area produced decidedly the best quality in the State.

FRANK PARKER.

LOCAL TALENT WRITE AND STAGE THEIR PRODUCTIONS

Mrs. T. B. Ross, Jr., and Herbert Rountree, Authors and Stars.

The Junior Baraca Class of the Oxford M. E. Church presented at the Orpheum Theatre last night the three-act comedy, "When Money Talks," written by Herbert Rountree, Jr.

The on-act play, "The Unsigned Confession," written by Mr. T. B. Rose, Jr., was also presented.

Both productions were well-staged and enjoyed by a packed house.

LIGHT TOBACCO SALES ON THE OXFORD MARKET TODAY

Today Is The Last Salesday Of The Present Year.

There are fewer pounds of tobacco on the Oxford market today than on any Friday during the season. The buyers will get thrown by the middle of the afternoon and close for the holidays. The market will resume sales on Tuesday, January 4.

—Miss Sue Bryant, Mrs. E. W. Crenshaw, Miss Lela Rountree and Annie Lou Williams spent Tuesday in Durham.