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THE TOBACCO SEASON IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Not More Than One Million Pounds Now in the Hands of the Farmers of Granville.

The announcement a few days ago that the Oxford Tobacco Market would close for the season on Friday, March 18, had a tendency to hurry up the farmers. All sections of the county were well represented on the Oxford market this week, and some farmers state that it will be impossible for them to market all of their crop by the 18th of March.

The five Oxford warehouses have handled about fifteen million pounds of tobacco this season, and well-informed tobacco men state that there is nearly one million pounds in the hands of the farmers now.

Several farmers admit that they have been holding some good tobacco hoping that the price would be stronger during the closing week of the market.

It has often been reported during the season that the prices were much better today than it was yesterday, or much "better this week than it was last week." The fact is, there has been very little change for the better during the entire season. There was a slight advance in the price immediately following the holidays, but it was so slight it was hardly noticeable on some grades.

"Generally during closing weeks of the market the prices jump up to stimulate the farmers to plant another crop," remarked a farmer.

Those who are holding their tobacco with the expectation of better prices from now to the end of the season might as well bring it on and be done with it, for there will be no increase.

SIX TEAM LEAGUE IS PROPOSED HERE

Oxford Wants Amateur Organization in Baseball Coming Summer.

A six-team amateur baseball league for towns in this section of the State is proposed in a letter sent out by Mr. S. H. Pritchard, secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Baseball Association.

The statement announces that the baseball fans of Oxford have gotten together with a view to forming a six-team league to be composed of Roxboro, East Durham, Henderson, Louisburg-Franklinton, Wake Forest-Youngville, and Oxford. The statement declares that Oxford wants to hear from the towns named as to what they think of the proposal and as to what they can and will do.

It is set forth in the announcement that an early start will be necessary if the plan is to be carried through, and that Oxford is awaiting a reply from the baseball interests concerned. Communications should be addressed to C. S. Garman or S. H. Pritchard.

The Henderson Daily Dispatch says: "Thus far no more has been made toward providing baseball for Henderson this year, and fans have not signified their intentions as yet."

MEADOWS VISITS PHILLY AND SETS TOWN GUESSING

He Will Go Into Practice When His Team Leaves Philadelphia March 7.

Philadelphia, March 3.—An unexpected but extremely welcome visitor to the offices of the Philadelphia baseball club in the Real Estate Trust building Monday was Lee Meadows, the Quakers' star left-handed pitcher. While Meadows made known no other business to the two Bills, Shettsline and Donovan, whom he greeted warmly, he produced a signed contract for the present season, commented upon the severity of the weather compared with the climate in his home town, Oxford, N. C.; said he would join the party when it left Philadelphia March 7, and thereupon departed for his southern home.

Just what brought Lee to the city he failed to divulge. Certainly not for the purpose of delivering personally his contract. For the remainder of the afternoon Donovan and Shettsline swapped guesses for the real solution for Meadows' unexpected, sudden and brief visit to Philadelphia.

CAPT. LEE GOOCH JOINS THE "THREE EYE" LEAGUE

Will Go To Moline, Ill., About April 1.

After looking over several of the season's best baseball contracts, Capt. Lee Gooch, manager of the Richmond team last season, signed up with the "Three Eye League" and will leave Oxford in time to join his team April 1.

The Three Eye League plays in three states—Illinois, Iowa and Indiana, and is generally referred to as the "Three Eye League."

Capt. Gooch's contract calls for five months beginning April 1. He has been connected with the Mangum warehouse in Goldsboro and here this tobacco season. He will return to Oxford next September.

Mrs. Gooch will accompany him to Moline, Ill., where she will spend most of the time after taking in the circuit.

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

WHEN GEN. ROYSTER SPEAKS IT IS TIME TO ACT

Nominations of Ladies for the School Board is Now in Order.

Editor of Public Ledger:

Having visited Oxford STATE LIBRARY, seven years, I am naturally anxious that our good Town shall continue on its forward march. No enterprise established in our midst during the past quarter of a century is of such vital importance to all of our people as the Graded School. The future usefulness of the School depends upon the hearty support and co-operation of all classes of our people.

The good women of Oxford were "a present help in time of need" when the last bond issue was voted upon; and now that the money derived from a sale of these bonds is about to be invested in a High School building, it occurs to me that these same good women, who made possible the carrying of this bond election, should be given representation on the Board of School Trustees.

I most heartily endorse and commend the suggestions contained in the article signed by Mrs. Ellen H. M. Brooks in your last issue of February 25th. Surely no one, who is really interested in our Graded School system, can object to the views expressed by Mrs. Brooks.

How long could our school continue its useful career if the mothers of the pupils do not cooperate with the superintendent and teachers? Is there any valid reason why women should not be members of the Board of Trustees of Oxford Graded School? Other towns in the State have found that women on Boards of this kind are exceedingly helpful, and I believe that this would be true in our Town.

If the women are our "fellow-citizens", as we proclaim them to be, then let the men of Oxford treat them as such.

Every member of the present Board of Trustees is a friend of mine, and I have no grievance in this matter. My sense of justice and my deep interest in our school prompt me to submit these observations.

I indulge the hope that I shall not be classed among "the parents, who should talk less and require their children to pay more attention to their books."

B. S. ROYSTER.

WHAT THE LITTLE TOWN OF WARRENTON OWNS

They Now Claim That Horace Greely Was Married There.

Warrenton is the best advertised town in North Carolina. Every once in a while the same newspaper item of its greatness "goes the rounds of the press." They now claim that Horace Greely was married there in 1836. The following is item with the last amendment thereto:

Besides owning and operating its own water works, electric plant, ice plant, opera house and a railroad four miles long, the little city of Warrenton, Warren county, North Carolina, with a population of less than 1,000, is also building a hotel to cost \$140,000 to be paid for by a bond issue.

The municipally owned railroad runs from Warrenton to Warren Plains, where it connects with the Seaboard Air Line Railway, it being the only line entering Warrenton.

"We have made a profit on all of our municipally owned enterprises, except our opera house, and we haven't lost much on it," declared Tasker H. Polk, prominent lawyer and member of the Warrenton board of aldermen.

Warrenton is one of the oldest towns in the State. Horace Greely was married there in 1836.

JUST A LITTLE JOKE NOW AND THEN

It doesn't take much to startle the average man at this day and time when you speak of the Republican administration and money matters, especially when such men as Judge Devin speak out of court.

"This is a very fine day for the inauguration," said Judge Devin in the presence of a small assemblage this morning. Continuing, the Judge remarked:

"It means that every bank in North Carolina will be closed in four months from today."

Judge Devin is usually solemn and serious, and it was a relief to the crowd when he remarked that all banks close on the Fourth of July.

RELATIVES ATTEND FUNERAL OF MR. HUBERT MARTIN

C. H. Martin, known to Washington friends as Hubert Martin, the efficient secretary to Senator Lee S. Overman, died Thursday morning at his home in Cleveland Park, a suburb of Washington.

Mr. Martin was 43 years of age and is survived by a widow, who was Miss Annie L. McGuire, whom he married in Smithfield, N. C. Mrs. A. H. A. Williams, of Oxford, Mrs. A. H. A. Williams, of Oxford, is a close relative of Mrs. Martin, and the family will attend the funeral at Wake Forest at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS TO BE FORCED

Allies Renew Signs Of War In Big Infantry Camps—Big Guns Ready For Action?—Allies Have Given France Permission To Act On Initiative In Case Germany Won't Pay.

(Paris Special)

Preliminary steps for the execution of military plans devised by the allies to force German obedience to reparations demands have been taken. For the first time in over two years trains of long snouted guns are being dragged toward the frontier. The guns are ready for instant service if needed.

REPARATION SITUATION TODAY

Allied terms demands \$55,000,000,000 payable in 42 years at 12 per cent tax on German exports.

German offer —\$7,290,000,000 payable at a rate of \$240,000,000 annually for five years; a new system devised thereafter.

Suggested penalty —French to seize additional German territory; Great Britain to seize big German ports.

SOME RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN GRANVILLE

J. Hugh Holloway, et al to Charles L. Wheeler, 79 acres in Dutchville Township, consideration \$1000.

Sherman Thorp to S. E. Morton, 58 acres in Walnut Grove \$62.50.

T. W. Winston and wife to Merchants Grocery Co., certain lot in Oxford, \$200.

T. G. Stem, trustee to E. G. Crews, undivided interest in three tracts, \$625.00.

E. B. Howard, trustee to R. C. Watkins, 83 1-2 acres in Oxford Township, \$4500.00.

J. L. Clark, et al to Robert T. Clark, interest in tract in Salem Township, \$939.18.

Miss Minnie Sheron to Miss Eva Sheron, 1-4 interest in tract of land in Tally Ho, consideration one dollar and other consideration.

D. G. Crews and wife to L. B. Crews, 197 acres \$16,000.

K. Z. Thomasson and wife to E. F. Beck, certain tract in Dutchville, \$200.00.

Lee J. Jenkins to L. S. Jenkins one-sixth interest in certain tract \$750.00.

Charlie Allen to Lucius Hawley, 2 acres in Walnut Grove \$120.

Sam Harris and wife to Charles Allen, 2 acres, \$100.00.

F. P. Dean and wife to Mattie Dean, 30 acres in Walnut Grove, \$500.

F. M. Dorsey and B. S. Royster, commissioners to B. E. Parham, 1 lot in Oxford, \$30,000.

Frank Burwell and wife to Nathan Burwell, 51 acres in Oxford township, \$2500.

Jordan Moore and wife to Otho Moore, certain tract in Granville, 22 acres \$10 dollars and other consideration.

R. H. Currin to R. H. O'Brien, certain lot or parcel of land in Oxford township, \$1000.

H. G. McFarland and wife to P. G. Montague, certain tract or parcel of land in Oxford, consideration \$4800.

J. L. Vaughan and wife to Willie F. Shotwell, 101 acres in Granville, consideration \$4000.

Peter Gregory and wife to Oliver Jones, certain lot of land in Oxford, consideration \$1200.

R. G. Bullock and wife to W. C. Daniel, two lots in Dutchville, consideration \$4142.84.

S. A. Wilbourn and wife to I. W. Mangum et al 168 acres more or less, in Oak Hill consideration \$500 and other valuable consideration.

J. L. Woody and wife to J. J. Woody, 48 acres in Salem, township, consideration \$1000.

WARNING AGAINST 'FAKE' COLLECTORS OF INCOME TAX

Washington, March 3.—Warning against "fake" income tax collectors was issued today by the bureau of internal revenue.

"Persons who approach taxpayers saying they have come to collect the income tax, are in every instance, attempting to defraud the public," the bureau said. "In the payment of the income tax the public is required to seek the government and not the government the public."

KITCHIN SUCCEEDS CHAMP CLARK IN THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP

Washington, March 3.—Democratic members of the House were advised today that Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, who became minority leader of the House yesterday through the death of Representative Champ Clark, is rapidly recovering from his recent illness. Mr. Kitchin, his physicians announced, will be able to resume his seat at the extra session to be called probably early in April.

WILSON AND COLBY TO FORM LAW PARTNERSHIP

Offices Will Be Maintained By New Firm In Both New York and Washington.—International Law Will Be Specialty.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson formally announced today that he will "reassume the practice of law" in a partnership with Bainbridge Colby, the retiring Secretary of State. The firm will maintain offices in New York and Washington.

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION CALLED OFF

A Special Bill, More Explicit, Has Been Introduced In the Legislature By Representative Parham.

It has been found that the general act under which the countywide special school tax election was called is not clear and also that there are certain conditions which do not make it suit the county as a whole. A special bill, therefore, has been prepared which will remedy the defects and clear up the uncertainties.

It is necessary that the first election be called off. The commissioners will be asked to do this next Monday.

DEATH CLOSING CAREER OF CHAMP CLARK

Dies In Very Shadow Of Capitol Where He Labored 26 Years. As End Came Near He Lived Again In Memory His Days As Speaker Of House.—House Halts For Half An Hour In Reverence, Then In Obedience To the Dead Leader's Wishes, Resumes Its Work.

(Washington Special)

On Wednesday morning death closed the career of Champ Clark, of Missouri, for more than a quarter century a towering figure in national politics, a stalwart of stalwarts in the Democratic party.

He died in the very shadow of the capitol. Just over the way from the hotel where he has lived many years, house and senate seethed in the closing hours of the Congress of which he was an honored member and leader. The stir of legislative battle was with him to the end. He lived again in memory, as his pulses flagged, the days of the eight years he wielded the speaker's gavel in the house. Those sorrowing at his bedside heard the old chieftain mutter in his last delirium:

"The question is on adoption of the conference report."

By mandate more binding than any written law, Congress barely halted in reverence to mark the passing of the aged member. Knowing as the years had taught him to know the vital urgency of time in the closing days of a Congress, the former speaker made known his will from what he knew was his death bed. His wish was carried to both houses that no halt in public business should be made at his death.

His Age Was Against Recovery.

In obedience to that behest, the house, peopled with his personal friends of whatever party, halted a short half hour in adjournment, then marched on with its crowded program.

It was pressing work. Mr. Clark took active share up to little more 10 days ago, counseling his party colleagues as Democratic leader until a cold struck him down to become a victim to the infirmities of his 74 years of driving life that reckoned nothing of his own physical welfare.

Not Shaken By Defeat.

In the subdued talk on the floor or in cloakrooms while the house passed in honor of his memory, friends of years' standing scorned the suggestion that the stout heart of the Missourian had been shaken by political defeat. That he had foreseen long in advance, they said. It was a more personal matter that had broken his spirit, they insisted, the death a year ago of his idolized, three-year-old grandson and namesake, Champ Clark Thomson.

Since that blow, it was said, Mr. Clark's colleagues had noted a waning of his keen interest in public affairs and a little droop to the massive shoulders so familiar through the years in the corridors of the capitol.

MR. SAPP ASKS VARNER VERDICT BE SET ASIDE

Probably Argue the Motion Friday Or Saturday Before Judge Boyd.

(Greensboro News)

The Varner case took a new angle here yesterday, when O. L. Sapp, chief counsel for Mrs. Florence C. Varner, who was found guilty last Saturday by a jury in the United States district court of improper relations with Baxter McRary, mulatto, went before Judge James E. Boyd and asked to be heard on a motion to set aside the verdict against his client. The motion will probably be heard Friday or Saturday.

Mr. Sapp asserted that he will fight to have the verdict set aside on the ground that it was rendered against the greater weight of testimony presented during the 10 days of the trial when over 100 witnesses testified and on the ground that he has newly discovered evidence to offer.

In the event the verdict is set aside it will mean that the sensational case, which created so much interest will be tried again.

Mr. Sapp declares that Mrs. Varner is innocent of the terrible charge against her and that he intends to let no opportunity slip to lift the pall from around her.

Will H. Hays makes it plain that the G. O. P. is going to eliminate the negro politician from the councils of the party.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL ON THE SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF OXFORD

Was Shipped From Durham To Oxford and Taken From the Express Office and Carried To the Country and Brought Back To the Express Office and Ordered Shipped Back To Durham.

Sheriff Hunt and Deputy Ed Lyson smelt the fumes of a still Wednesday morning while passing in front of the Southern Express office here. The big box containing the still was sitting on the sidewalk ready to be taken to the station for shipment to Durham.

In the search for the owner of the still the officers soon learned that the same box had arrived in Oxford a day or two ago and taken to the country. This gave them the desired clue and they lost no time in finding James and Phillip Harris, colored, who admitted that one John Brown, colored, of Durham, had promised them ten dollars each if they would call at the express office and get the still and take it to Jordan branch, two miles northwest of Oxford on the Oak Hill road and help him manufacture one run of liquor. The two boys did as they were requested by Brown, but when they arrived at the branch they saw that the officers had been there the day before and destroyed the sour mash and other preparations that had been perfected to make 20 gallons of liquor and move on.

When the negroes saw that the officers had destroyed the beer and knocked down the furnace, they did not take the still from the box, and hastily decided to bring it back to Oxford and ship it back to Durham.

The two Harris boys who called at the express office and got the still and carried it to the country and brought it back to the express office, admitted their guilt and waved examination. Justice Medford bound them over to the next term of Granville County Court. Failing to give bond they were sent to the county jail.

A NEAT NEWSPAPER

Henderson Daily Dispatch Issues Forty-Eight Page Edition.

The neatest special edition to reach our desk in many a day was issued by the Henderson Daily Dispatch Wednesday. Mr. H. A. Dennis the editor, and Mr. S. A. Jones, an Oxford boy at the head of the mechanical department, are a strong team. One entire section of eight pages is devoted to Oxford. Speaking of the Oxford section of the paper, Editor Dennis says:

"Oxford friends and business men have shown a desire to assist in every way in making their part of the edition a creditable one, and it is really one of the best portions of the paper. To these friends, we are very grateful for their cooperation, and we shall be grateful to them also as we are to our patrons in Henderson and Vance county."

HARDING TO KISS THE BIBLE USED BY GEO. WASHINGTON

This Bible Was the Property of the Old Richmond Lodge.

President-elect Harding plans on taking the oath of office March 4 to press his lips to the Bible that was used at the first inauguration of George Washington.

In accord with Mr. Harding's wishes, Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol, has arranged with St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of New York City for the use of the Bible. It will be taken to Washington by a committee of Masons.

This Bible was in the possession of the old masonic lodge on Franklin Street, Richmond, Va., for many years. It is not explained how it found its way to New York City.

GREENSBORO BUSINESS MEN WANT GOOD TOBACCO MARKET

Business men of Greensboro will put \$150,000 in making that city a real tobacco market, they decided at a meeting held one day the past week. A stock company will be formed and \$75,000 of the amount of Capital will be sold among the business men; the other \$75,000 to be taken by the financial institutions of the city in the shape of first mortgage bonds.

It is planned to build at least two warehouses and necessary storage facilities. Tobacco experts will be consulted as to just how to proceed in the matter of the erection of the physical properties planned and a committee of seven members of the Chamber of Commerce will be appointed to go ahead with the financial details of the plan.

The action taken is all that will save Greensboro from getting off the tobacco map altogether. All the warehouses there have been rented for other purposes for next season.

M'LEAN'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY WILSON

Washington, March 3.—Angus W. McLean, of Lumberton, N. C., announced Wednesday that President Wilson had accepted his resignation as assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of internal revenue and customs, effective March 3. Mr. McLean, however, will continue as managing director of the war finance corporation on which his term as a director expires March 17, 1922.

Endorse Mrs. Brooks' Plans.

Editor Public Ledger:

If you have space in your paper for this we would like very much to say that we most heartily agree with Mrs. J. D. Brooks' suggestions offered in the Public Ledger of last week, and would like to see same adopted in our school system here.

MR. AND MRS. S. H. USRY.

The many friends of Capt. Frank Spencer, are glad to see him on our streets again after an absence of about a month. He has been undergoing treatment at Darlington, S. C.