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REDUCED ACREAGE WILL BOOST THE PRICE OF TOBACCO THIS FALL

It is claimed that all grades will sell fifty percent higher than the last crop.

There is much speculation here as to what the various grades of tobacco will sell for next fall. The farmers are expecting at least fifty per cent more than they received for the last crop. They are of the opinion that the reduced acreage will greatly boost the price next fall.

"I have signed the cooperative marketing contract and propose to stick to it," said a farmer, "but after all, common sense teaches me that the supply and the demand regulates the price."

"That's true," said another farmer who had signed the marketing contract, "if we can hold the supply long enough we can create the demand."

Local tobacco men are awaiting with interest the South Carolina markets' opening. This will be at least one month earlier than in this belt. The Palmetto crop is maturing rapidly, and the opening should be the last week in July or the first week in August, from the present indications.

Well-informed tobacco men state that they can figure with a degree of accuracy what the price will be in this section after the South Carolina markets open. The prices here are generally about ten percent higher than in South Carolina, said a warehouseman.

THE HOME AND HEARTHSTONE

Every Man Should Strive To Own a Home.

Editor Public Ledger:

Is this the rosy dawn of a better day for the masses of the American people when each patriotic family shall possess a home of their own? Could a better thing happen for the advancement of civilization and the nearer approach of the millennium? If love is the greatest thing in the world, and it is generally considered to be that essential virtue, where can it get a better start for a more perfect development than in a family circle, comprising father, mother, sister and brother? Isn't that a prospective heavenly quarter?

"I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

One cannot repeat those two lines as confidently in a rented house as he can in a home of his own. Some poor mortals seem to reap some counterfeit satisfaction in claiming that it is cheaper to rent than it is to own your own home. Yes, it might be cheaper to live in the South Sea Islands than in the civilized United States.

But what is the use of arguing with people who persist in "looking through a glass darkly"? They would not think that anything was of more value than mere money. And if you told them that health and happiness and satisfaction were of more value than precious stones or bonds and mortgages they would look at you in amazement and wonder how you had escaped the county court for so many years.

With that variety of human kind is right where forbearance ceases to be a virtue and only severely painful personal restraint prevents one from telling them where to head in or go to, but we believe the majority of our American citizens will listen to reason and have minds open to welcome helpful suggestions to encourage them along the pathway of life. And now abideth grip, grit and gumption, these three, but the greatest of these is gumption. M.

BLAIR HAS NEW PLAN TO WIPE OUT BLOCKADER

New York, June 20.—Creation of a separate and distinct prohibition enforcement unit in each state with a state director at its head forms the basis of the reorganization of the prohibition enforcement organization worked out by Commissioner Blair of the internal revenue bureau and prohibition Commissioner Hayes. The present administrative districts, comprising several states, will be abolished.

Senators to whom the plan was submitted said the reorganization would tighten up enforcement by centralizing authority and abolishing red tape. An innovation would be the establishment of "a mobile form of specially qualified agents" to operate under the immediate direction of Director Hayes, but the whole plan is contingent upon retention by the treasury of jurisdiction over prohibition.

Mr. Hayes' report said it had been "clearly demonstrated after a thorough trial that the present plan of organization of the prohibition field force should be abandoned."

METHODIST WOMEN TO PUBLISH PERIODICAL

Rockingham, June 20.—"Our Missionary News" is the latest paper to enter the field, the first issue making its appearance last Saturday. It is edited and managed by Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett, who is also the conference superintendent of study and publicity of the North Carolina M. E. Conference.

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

MRS. VARNER WILL GET TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT

She Will Go To Utah and Enter Suit For Divorce Against Varner Thee—All Details Of Compromise Or Settlement Not Known As Lawyers Agreed To Keep Terms a Secret.

Greensboro, N. C., June 20.—All the sensational Varner litigations, save that concerning a divorce, which grew out of the finding of Baxter McRary, wealthy Lexington mulatto, underneath the floor of the Varner home between 12:30 and 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 10, have been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned when attorneys from Lexington met with local attorneys, agreed upon the conditions of the compromises, and signed the necessary papers to make the agreements binding.

Mrs. Florence C. Varner, wife of H. B. Varner, gets a sum of money, said to be about \$20,000, the suit of H. B. Varner against McRary for \$100,000 is withdrawn, the suit of Fritts Vs Walser is settled, Mrs. Varner is to go to her home in Utah, and, it is understood, she will enter suit for a divorce there, which suit, it is said, will not be opposed. The exact provisions of the settlement of the cases are not known, the lawyers agreeing among themselves to keep the terms a secret.

THE ONE BIG DAY OF THE YEAR IN OXFORD

Preparations Under Way To Entertain Ten Thousand People At the Oxford Orphanage Next Friday, The Occasion Being St. John's Day.

Rain or shine, there will be a large crowd in Oxford next Friday. If it does not rain there will be eight or ten thousand people here. Five excursion trains from various parts of the State are scheduled to arrive not later than 10:30 o'clock. The roads of the county are now in good condition and there is no reason why the crowd will not be the largest in years.

Superintendent R. L. Brown states that there will be plenty of barbecue and refreshments for ten thousand visitors. St. John's Day is the one day in the year when the people of this section renew their friendships. The farmers can well afford to set aside St. John's Day for rest and recuperation. Come, and make yourselves at home. There will be large tanks of ice water at convenient places on the streets, and the merchants request you to make their places of business your headquarters.

JUDGE HUNT IS HANDING OUT PENSION MONEY

Fifty-Nine Vets and Thirty-Four Widows On the Roll.

Judge D. C. Hunt, clerk of the court, is handing out the semi-annual pension money to the veterans of the Civil War and their widows.

There were 61 vets on the pension rolls of Granville county six months ago, but six of them have since died, leaving a total of 59. One widow died a few weeks ago, leaving a total of 37 in the county.

The semi-annual pensions range from \$55 in the first class down to \$35.

Judge Hunt declared that no money ever handed out in his office seemed to give greater joy than that which was put into the hands of aged men and women yesterday because of service in the war of 1861-65, or because the pensioner was the widow of a veteran, perhaps, who lost his life in the fighting.

REMAINS OF MRS. L. F. CURRIN LAID TO REST AT HESTER

Mrs. L. F. Currin, highly esteemed in Granville for her many traits of character, died last Tuesday evening. The funeral and burial service was held at Hester Church Thursday, conducted by Pastor G. T. Tunstall, who was assisted by Rev. R. H. Marsh.

The deceased had been a consecrated member of the church for many years. She is survived by a devoted husband and six children, the youngest being a baby only about three months old. A large number of people attended the funeral.

The pallbearers were: Norman Hobgood, B. F. Dean, Peter Pruitt, Lee Frazier, N. C. Currin, Dudley Howard.

DECLINE IN FOOD PRICES FOR MAY

Department Of Labor Finds General Slump In All Cities During Month Of May.

Washington, June 20.—Retail food prices to the average family declined 4.8 per cent in May as compared with April, while wholesale food prices dropped 5.34 per cent in the same period according to statistics made public by the Department of Labor. General wholesale prices, including farm products, food, building materials, metals, house furnishings and miscellaneous commodities declined approximately 2 per cent during the month.

—Mr. J. N. Pittman is attending the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association being held in Charlotte this week. He expects to be back by the 24th.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL MEET IN BULL CITY THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST

Preparations Are Now Under Way In Durham To Make the Stay Of the Old Soldiers Pleasant.

Durham, June 20.—The annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans of the State of North Carolina will be held in Durham on August 23, 24 and 25. The dates were decided upon Saturday and acceptance of this city's invitation by the veterans has also been decided upon.

Preparations are under way in Durham already to make the stay of the old soldiers during the hot days of August the pleasantest possible. Trinity College authorities have kindly consented to turn over their engine equipment to the committee which will take care of the veterans during their stay in this city, while requests are being made to the railroads to grant special rates to veterans on the days of the State reunion.

LOCAL CONSUMERS OF COAL UP AGAINST A PROPOSITION

Very Few Orders Have Been Placed and Many Of the Mines Have Been Closed.

Out of more than five hundred consumers of coal in and around Oxford, only about fifteen percent have placed orders. This in the face of the fact that the country is threatened with the most serious coal famine ever known. It is now a case of "those who come first are first served."

Today the public has evidently forgotten the lesson which should have been learned from past experience. The coal market is near the bottom of the ladder, and the public is holding off. The case is similar to that of a once prominent government official who suffered from acute attacks of tonsillitis. When his throat hurt him too badly to permit of an operation, and when well he fancied that the trouble would never return and that an operation would be foolish.

The coal operator has little or no connection with the coal supply. It is impossible to store coal at the mines, and as a result only so much coal is mined each day as can be shipped to market. Railroad authorities agree that there will be a marked car shortage during the coming fall and winter. That is about the time the average citizen, and in all too many cases the steam coal user, will begin the scramble for fuel. This condition is bound to result in a shortage of coal and worse, for no less an authority than "Railway Age" predicts that the country will face the "most serious danger of a coal famine ever known."

The wise consumer will place orders now, while the price is reasonable, and when delivery is sure. But will he do it? The same warning was issued last spring, but the advice fell upon deaf ears. November came, and with it a coal shortage which promised to become a national problem. And it was the coal man that was given all the blame for a condition which, because of the impossibility of delivery, cut his production down almost to zero. It is to be hoped that the public will be awakened by this time, and that before August every bin will contain enough coal to last through the winter.

LOCAL PROMOTORS VISIT THEIR HOLDING IN HARNETT

The Never Fail Land Company Interested In Peaches.

F. W. Hancock, Jr., and A. H. Powell have just returned from Harnett county where they went to inspect the large farm of the Never Fail Land Co., at Pineview, with which they are connected.

They report big improvement in crops in that section and much interest in the development of commercial peach orchards, the land in western Harnett being especially adapted to peaches. Indications point to the development of peach orchard operation at Pineview which will probably, in time rival in importance the "Sand Hills" orchards, western Harnett lands being a continuation of the Moore county sand ridges so desirable for fruit on account of safety from frost. The Never Fail Land Co. will put in this year a large acreage in peaches, and many other orchards are being started.

MR. W. L. PEACE WILL OPEN A NEW STREET

Public Spirited Citizen Sees the Necessity Of Opening His Property.

Noticing the congestion of cars at the new ball park at the end of Coggsball street in South Oxford, Mr. W. L. Peace stated that he intends to open a new street from Raleigh road to the park, which will enable cars coming down Coggsball street to continue out to Raleigh road.

Mr. Peace has a handsome property in rear of his home place on Raleigh road, which he intends to open up in the near future. It is one of the most desirable suburbs of Oxford and can be reached by the extension of Hancock street.

The Big Sale. The big ten day's smashing sale at Cohn & Son's continues. See their announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

THE VIEWS OF THREE PROMINENT REPUBLICANS ON THE SAME QUESTION

Hughes.

"Because we hated tyranny and the brutality and ruthlessness which found expression in the worship of force, and because we found our fate linked with that of the free peoples who are struggling for the preservation of the essentials of freedom."

Harvey.

"Not a few remain convinced that we sent our young soldiers across the sea to save this kingdom (Great Britain) and France and Italy. This is not the fact. We sent them solely to save the United States of America, and most reluctantly and laggardly."

Harding.

"They have seen our protecting arm stretched over the outposts of liberty on every continent. For more than a century our plighted word warned tyranny from half the world; then, when the gauge was taken up by mad ambition, men felt the blow that arm could strike when freedom answered in its utmost might. Across the seas we sent our hosts of liberty's sons to redress the eternal scales."

TWO MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO POOLED

The "Sign Up" of the tobacco marketing contract in Granville county is "going strong," gaining in momentum each day. Approximately two million pounds of tobacco have been signed since the opening of the campaign. The farmers were slow to see the advantages and being a cautious and conservative people wanted to be sure they were right before going ahead. Since realizing that this is economically sound and having the endorsement of the bankers and business men of Oxford, they are making a strenuous effort to sign up not less than 80 percent of the growers before July 1. The men who are in the field are holding their average of signing between 75 and 80 percent of the men they see, including both Landlord and tenant, white and colored.

There will be a meeting at Cornwell tonight, at Culbreth tomorrow night and at Providence at 8 o'clock Thursday night. Mr. T. E. Brown, a strong speaker, will be present at all of the above meetings.

HOW TO ASCERTAIN HOW HOT IT IS

All You Need Is a Kettle Of Boiling Water, a Brace Of Thermometers and a Roll Of Gauze.

A publication devoted to the dissemination of scientific truths tells its readers that by wrapping the bulb of one thermometer in gauze, plunging it alongside an unwrapped thermometer bulb in boiling water until both of them register 110 degrees, and then observing the comparative rapidity with which the mercury in the two thermometers comes to atmospheric temperature the merest hioic can tell whether he is uncomfortable, and, if he is, approximately how uncomfortable he is.

Thus the marvels achieved by patient scholars are made available for the man in the street. Hereafter there need be no more ignorant conjecture about mugginess, no more speculation about the whereabouts of General Humidity. All we need is a kettle of boiling water, a brace of thermometers, a roll of gauze and a pair of sharp eyes to convince ourselves that the air is wet, oppressive, dogdayish.

Our granddads were not as lucky as we are. To convince ourselves that they were uncomfortable they had nothing except their perspiration wet faces, their wilted collars, their stained tempers. If they had any gauze at hand they used it to wipe their foreheads, not to drape their meters.

And in spite of this our granddads thought sometimes they were happy!

—New York Herald.

"THE PEP REVUE"

Musical Comedy At The Orpheum Tonight and Tomorrow Night—Special Program For St. John's Day.

"The Pep Revue," a musical comedy, with ten people, opened a three night's engagement at the Orpheum last night with a change of program each night. In addition to the musical attraction there will be high-class pictures each night. "Beau Revel" featuring Florence Vivor, will be the attraction Thursday.

The program for Friday, St. John's Day, is an elaborate one and will be changed four times. The first show will be at 9 a. m.; second at 12, third at 3, and the fourth at 7 p. m. Fatie Arbuckle, Charlie Chaplin and other celebrated artists are on the program.

The feature for Saturday night is "The Kentuckian"; also Fatty Arbuckle in a two reel comedy.

ANOTHER NEW LOW LEVEL ESTABLISHED ON SUGAR

New York, June 20.—A further reduction by the Federal Sugar Refining Company of 15 points on fine granulated on the basis of 5-60 cents per pound established a new low level for more than five years.

—Statistics for 1919 show that one mother died that year for every 135 babies born, and every eleventh child born died before he was a year old.

BASE BALL

OXFORD STANDS AT THE HEAD OF THE CENTRAL CAROLINA LEAGUE

It appears that Oxford at the present time has the strongest team in the Central Carolina League, but there are so many new men being imported no one can tell what a day may bring forth. Henderson has recently strengthened its lines with seven good men and are still on the lookout for the best players that can be had for both love and money. Oxford played five games last week and won four. In the game here Wednesday, Oxford defeated Henderson 3 to 2, and in the game at Henderson Friday Oxford again defeated Henderson.

Friday's Game.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Oxford 000 200 200—4 7 3 Henderson 001 000 000—7 5 5

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Henderson 0; Oxford 0. Stolen bases: Hatcher, Beaton, Branch, Johnston, Doubtless, Hales to Ellis; Andrews to Edwards. Two base hits: Depew, Moore Johnston. Three base hit: Cutchins. Struck out: by Moore 7; by Krepps 8. Base on balls: off Krepps 2. Wild throw: Cutchins. Time of game 2:35. Umpire: Caddell. Attendance estimated, 1,500. Oxford Vs. Chase City.

Oxford defeated Chase City last Saturday, the score being 8 to 4. The score:

R. H. E. Oxford 8 14 4 Chase City 4 6 2

THE SUMMARY.

Home run, Finch. Three-base hit, Coffee. Two-base hit, Williams A. Struck out, by Speed 6; by Allen 4.

Where They Play.

It is possible that the open dates for Oxford this week may be filled later, but at this time the schedule calls for only three games for the locals. The week's play follows:

Tuesday. Open date for Henderson. Oxford at Roxboro.

Wednesday. South Hill at Henderson.

Thursday. Henderson at Chase City.

Friday. West Durham at Oxford (morning) Henderson at Oxford (afternoon).

Saturday. Open date for Henderson. Oxford at West Durham.

STANDING OF CLUBS Central Carolina League.

Clubs:	W.	L.	Pct.
Oxford	13	9	.590
Roxboro	7	5	.583
Henderson	15	12	.555
West Durham	2	3	.400
Chase City	1	4	.200
South Hill	1	6	.142

BASEBALL NOTES

—Hughes has begun to improve his hitting and his fast and dependable play at short has won the favor of the fans.

—Reliable Bill Holding is playing around the initial sack in faultless style and hitting within the 300 class.

—"Shorty" Hales has been making some sensational catches in center and is leading the team in stolen bases.

—"Railroad" Speed has only been with our team a week, but looks like he is going to shine in right field and is hitting in the 300 class.

—Reece and Cutchins divide catching. Reece is a very reliable backstop and is liable to break up a ball game any old time with a wallop from his big bat.

—Cutchins, who learned to catch at V. M. I., has a deadly whip, lots of pep and is hitting the ball with regularity and force.

—Collier, who is playing his second year on the Oxford team has been sick lately, but when he is right is hard to beat.

—"Duke" Coffey on the hurling staff has won some good games for Oxford. His side arm benders fool the best opposing batsmen, and the Stovall lad can hit and play outfield when not on the mound.

—W. Harris, after being out of the game for a couple of weeks with the "Charley horse" is back at the hot corner and is hitting again in old time form and showing speed on the paths.

—Ellis at second base is leading the team at bat with an average of .333 and is a fast heady player. No man in the League can lay one down and get away to first quicker than "Skeeter."

—Johnston who led the Wake Forest team in batting this year, is the best left gardiner in the League. He is always a dangerous hitter. He sprained his ankle in the game at Chase City Saturday, but hopes to be well soon.

—First in the hearts of the Oxford fans is Krepps whose masterly pitching has put Oxford in the lead in the Central Carolina League. In the last three games he has pitched against the heavy hitting Henderson team, he has held them to three runs, one run per game.

—Vance county superior court took the trial of criminal and civil cases convened in Henderson yesterday morning, with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding.

VANCE COUNTY SIGNED UP IN MARKETING PLAN

Seventy-Five Percent Of Normal Crop Pledged As Result Of Drive Last Week—Five Million Pounds Of 1921 Crop Pledged.

Vance county's 1921 tobacco crop is now definitely pledged in the cooperative marketing plan of the Farmers Cooperative Marketing Association, it was announced Saturday.

The Henderson Daily Ditch says: "With approximately 1,250,000 pounds signed up as a result of and during the intensive whirlwind campaign launched Wednesday of last week, the total number of pounds now pledged to the association amounts to 4,250,000 in Vance county, it was reported.

"Placing the normal production of Vance county at 6,000,000 pounds as the officials of the organization did in their estimates of the crop for this year, the county is said to be fully 75 per cent organized under the new sales plan. It is expected that the total will be even more than this by the expiration of the time limit on July 1, by which date it has been determined that the majority of the crop must be pledged if the system is to become effective with the 1921 crop, for the workers intend to continue their efforts through the remainder of the month of June, and to make renewed efforts to secure the aid and cooperation of those growers who have not as yet entered into the association.

Granville county is said to be safely over fifty per cent mark, although no definite reports on the canvass there have been learned here within the past few days. Nothing has been learned as to the situation in Warren and Franklin counties, but Durham county is said to be a little backward in entering the association.

"Leaders of the movement here say that Virginia has announced her crop pledged to the cooperative system several weeks ago, and that North Carolina as a whole is probably safely over the half-way margin, which was the amount named to make the plan operative this year.

"Taking the three states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia together as a unit, if pledged fifty per cent of the total combined crop of this year is pledged, the plan will become effective this year. South Carolina is thought to be a little behind, but it is believed that the growers in that State will sign as much as half of their crops by the expiration of the time limit on July 1st.

Summing up, officials of the association here are confident that the cooperative plan will be put into effect this year, and that the bulk of the tobacco yield in the three states will be sold by the association for the next five years, according to the contract."

THE KNOCKER'S PRAYER

Taken Down By A Shorthand Reporter.

Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for thirty years and during that time I have fought every public improvement I've knocked everything and everybody. I have done all I could to keep this town from growing and never had spoken a good word for it. I've knocked hard and often. I've put ashes on the children's slide and I've made the policeman make the boys stop playing ball on my vacant lot. Whenever I saw any one prospering or enjoying himself, I have started a reform to kill the business or spoil the fun. I do not want the young folks to stay in this town and I will do all I can by law, rule and ordinance to drive them away. It pains me, O Lord, to see that I will be called on to put down sidewalks in front of my property and who knows but I may have to help keep up the streets that run by my premises? This, Lord, would be more than I could bear. It would cost me money, though all I have made has been right here in this town. Then, too, more people might come if the town begins to grow, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may continue to be chief. Amen.

THIEVES ON THE RAMPAGE

Entered the Garage Of E. H. Crenshaw and the Blalock Motor Company.

Saturday night thieves entered the Blalock Motor Company on Hillsboro street and equipped their cars with new tires. They were so considerate and wanted others to share the honors of fitting them out that they proceeded down the street a few doors and entered the E. H. Crenshaw Ford Sales and Service Garage and fitted the tires up with the best tubes obtainable from the shelves.

Bright and early Sunday morning Walter Barns, colored, was arrested for looking too prosperous in the way of auto tires, and was lodged in jail. He stated that he had purchased the tires and gave the name of the party. The officers not being able to find the accused dealer in auto accessories, or to obtain any information to his whereabouts, put Barns to the trouble of obtaining bond to secure his freedom.

About six tires were missed from the Blalock Motor Company and about the same number of tubes from Crenshaw's.