

OXFORD PUBLIC LEDGER

State College Library
July 1-22

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY—TOWN AND COUNTY OFFER BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITIES—ALL HOME PRINT.

VOL. XXXVI

OXFORD, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1921

NO. 58

RALEIGH-DURHAM LINK OF CENTRAL HIGHWAY LET TO LOWEST BIDDER

Commissioner Page Receives Sixteen Bids For 5.8 Miles Of Road.

It will cost approximately \$31,000 per mile to build the State Highway in this section of the State, as will be seen from the following taken from the News and Observer:

Contract for the paving of the Durham county link of the Central Highway was let by State Highway Commissioner Frank Page, the low bidder being submitted by Hutton Engineering and Construction Co., Savannah and Construction Co., Savannah. The work is to be completed within 150 working days. The low bid was \$192,293.94, or approximately \$31,000 per mile.

Between Durham and Raleigh the Central Highway will go by the way of Cary and Morrisville, crossing the Seaboard-Southern tracks between Raleigh and Cary by an underpass half mile east of Cary. At Morrisville the road will keep to the north side of the railroad, eliminating two grade crossings, and leaving only the grade crossing west of Method on the entire 27 miles of road.

Sixteen bids were received for the road from contractors as widely scattered as Alabama and Pennsylvania. The next lowest bid was Pittman Construction Co., Atlanta, at \$193,424.80, and the next the R. G. Lassiter Co., Oxford, \$200,559.20. The successful bidder promised the road complete by the expiration of 70 working days, but the specifications allowed 150.

The Wake county end of the road, between Cary and the Durham county line has been surveyed and the engineering staff of the commission is preparing the engineering plans. The contract will be let within the next few weeks for the remaining 7 miles. The road will be paved entirely from Garner to beyond Durham within the next six months.

GOOD PRICES PAID FOR GOOD TOBACCO

Raleigh Tobacconist Attends Opening Sales At Lake City and Florence.

(News and Observer)
Leaf tobacco prices at Lake City and Florence, South Carolina, were better than had been generally expected in view of the quality of the offerings, in the opinion of G. L. Davis, vice president and general manager of the Stallings-Davis Tobacco Company, of Raleigh, who returned to the city yesterday afternoon after attending the opening sales on the two Palmetto State markets Tuesday.

"Decent tobacco is bringing decent prices," Mr. Davis said. He stated that wrappers and fine cutters sold at Lake City as high as 40 cents a pound and that bright lugs or ordinary cigarette tobacco was "knocked out" at from 12 to 25 cents a pound. Prices on all grades ranged from a half a cent to 40 cents. However, Mr. Davis continued, the great bulk of the tobacco sold on the two markets consisted of trash and sand lugs or the burned leaves at the bottom of the plant. In reality, he added, the opening sales were "scrap" sales.

Much Good Tobacco.

Mr. Davis also gave it as his opinion that South Carolina will market a big percentage of the better grades of tobacco and that in due time the sales should average around \$15 or \$18 per hundred pounds. If present indications hold up, it is thought that a general seasonal average of \$12 to \$15 per hundred will be set up, which would be about 33 1-3 per cent under last year's average. South Carolina last year sold its best crop in many years and set up a higher average per pound than did the great bright leaf in Eastern North Carolina.

Lake City Averages \$8.

Lake City, which is the largest market in South Carolina, averaged about \$8 per hundred, said Mr. Davis, with \$40 for wrappers and fine cutters the maximum for the day. The sales approximated a quarter million pounds, but the percentage of the better grades was relatively small. Bright lugs at Lake City brought from 1 to 25 cents and fine cutters and wrappers from 30 to 40 cents.

Home companies, Liggett and Myers, American Tobacco Co., R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., and others, bought most of the tobacco, said Mr. Davis, while the exporters, principally the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., and the Export Leaf Tobacco Co., bought rather light. The Imperial and Export were reported to have bought rather heavy on the smaller markets, however.

BIG FUND CREATED TO MOVE COTTON

War Finance Corporation Makes Advance On Southern Staple.

Washington, July 20.—An agreement to make an advance of \$500,000 to a Southern exporter to finance the exportation of approximately 12,000 bales of cotton was announced by the War Finance Corporation. The cotton, it was said, was from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina and is to be held for export in warehouses for a period of six months.

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

MR. SAM WHEELER ELECTED BRIDGE FOREMAN OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT

His Territory Is Limited To Eleven Counties.

Former Sheriff Sam Wheeler, who recently resigned from the formanship of the Granville county bridge force, has been elected foreman of bridges in the Fourth District, composed of the following counties: Granville, Vance, Person, Durham, Harnett, Wake, Franklin, Orange, Chatham, Warren and Lee.

The State Road Commission placed a car at the disposal of Mr. Wheeler and told him "to go to it." He left Oxford Wednesday morning to inspect the bridges between Oxford and Durham and report his findings to the district engineer.

Mr. Wheeler had made up a fishing party and had intended to spend Wednesday on the banks of Tar River, but when he received his appointment Tuesday from the State Road Commissioners he notified the boys that his fishing days were a thing of the past.

GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT WILL CONVENE NEXT MON- DAY FOR ONE WEEK'S TERM

Judge Frank Daniels, of Goldsboro, Will Preside.

Granville County Superior Court will convene next Monday morning. The session is limited to one week. There are forty criminal cases on the docket. Judge D. C. Hunt, clerk of the court, urges the justices of the peace to hand in their reports not later than Tuesday.

STOVALL NEWS LETTER

Stovall, N. C., July 20.—Mr. L. C. Wilkerson, scout master took a dozen scouts out for a week's camp near Providence, on Tar River, where they had the time of their life swimming, fishing, boating and hiking. The scouts attended services several times at the Providence Baptist church and heard Dr. Tyree preach. The scout master gave a Brunswick stew to the neighbors on Saturday. About forty people enjoyed the occasion. The good people were very kind to us, all of which was duly appreciated. Messrs. D. Burwell, Will Taylor, Walter Taylor, C. E. Earl, Will Allen, Mrs. C. E. Earl, Miss Mima Slaughter, Lesly Earl, Annie Earl, Mrs. Fannie Wilkerson visited the Scout Camp and took meals with us.

Protracted Meetings.

The protracted meetings at Mountain Creek and Dexter Churches this week are attended with interest. A goodly number of our people have attended the tabernacle meeting in Oxford and enjoyed the reaching of Dr. Ham. A large crowd from here will hear him in his final sermon next Sunday night.

Young Ladies In Camp.

Several young ladies of Stovall have gone on a camping expedition to Soudan, where they will paddle in the water and fish for several days.

Coffey-Lottis.

Mr. Duke Coffey, the pitcher for the Oxford team of the Central Carolina League, has taken unto himself a fair lady, Miss Tazzie Lottis, the ceremony being performed at Nelson, Va., in the presence of a few invited guests. After the marriage they motored to Bristol, Tenn., to visit the mother of the groom. The whole community wish them many days of happiness.

Personal Mention.

Miss Edna Lumpkin, who spent a few days at home has returned to Henderson to take up her duties at Elizabeth hospital. Miss Lillian Earl is on a visit to her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huston, at Richmond. Mr. L. C. Wilkerson and mother, accompanied by Z. M. Williams, Willie Earl and Luther Williams visited relatives at Providence last Sunday. Mrs. C. M. Slaughter and children spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Huel Elliott, near Virginia. Mr. Lex Davis has returned from a lengthy visit to Hampden, Va. Mr. Kilgo Hunt, of Oxford, spent the week end with friends here. Mrs. Eula Wilkerson, of So Hill, was the guest of Mrs. W. M. Cutts Tuesday. Mrs. Goody Royster was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Butler Tuesday. Mrs. Martha McDonough is spending some time in Richmond with relatives.

FARMERS SAY THAT THE HEAVY RAINS HELPED

Farmers in the county declare that the heavy rains of the past week have greatly aided crops, though in some places they find small dry areas.

They admit that the rain frequently came too fast and heavy in some parts of the county, but say that the general effect after the long heat of June and the present month, will be greatly in favor of the growing corn and cotton.

The time for laying by crops this summer will be a little later than usual because of the late start in beginning in the spring.

Moonshiners' Fines.

Moonshiners of the Southern district of Georgia have paid \$79,470.65 into the United States Treasury at Macon during the past year in fines.

SOUTH CAROLINA TOBACCO MARKETS OPEN WITH A SLUMP IN PRICES

Golden Weed Sells At Average Of From \$5 To \$12 On The Early Markets.

PRICES DISAPPOINT GROWERS

Average At Lumberton and Fairmont From \$5 To \$7, With Highest Prices Ranging Around \$20; Georgia Market Reports Best Average With \$12.

Leaf tobacco prices on market in southeastern North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia were more than fifty per cent under the averages of the opening day last year, according to reports on the initial sales of the 1921 season inaugurated in three states last Tuesday. Price averages ranged from \$5 to \$12 per hundred, whereas last year the average was from \$20 to \$25 and over. The preceding year tobacco sold at an average of from \$35 to \$45 per hundred pounds.

No Disturbance.

Although no reports of sales being stopped were received, the prices generally were disappointing to farmers and business men. On the basis of the initial prices, tobacco growers apparently will not be able to realize an appreciable profit, despite the fact that the crop this year has been produced at reduced expense as compared with 1920.

Inferior Grades.

The offering Tuesday were mostly "primings," consisting chiefly of the low grades of lugs, and apparently little tobacco of the higher grades was sold. The opinion has been advanced that there is a surplus of low grade tobacco, but that the better grades will be in demand. When the better grades—wrappers, butters and bright lugs—average naturally will go higher, and if there is a brisk demand for good tobaccos, the average within the next week or two should be considerably above the opening day's figures. Coupled with this are reports that the quality of the crop is much better than last year and that better grades will most likely predominate, as growers have paid more attention to quality than to quantity this season.

The Highest Price Obtained.

The highest prices paid on opening day ranged around 20 cents a pound, while the low grades sold around four and five cents. On markets in southeastern North Carolina prices averaged from \$5 to \$7 per hundred pounds. Lumberton reported sales of 100,000 pounds at an average of \$5, with \$19.50 the top notch figure for the day. Other markets in Robeson averaged about the same. At Fairmont nearly 90,000 pounds were sold at an average of \$7.10 per hundred.

Georgia Prices Highest.

Fitzgerald, Georgia, turned in the highest average—\$12 per hundred. The sales were totaled 17,000 pounds, with 20 cents the maximum and four and five cents the minimum prices. Florence, South Carolina, reported sales of \$50,000 pounds at an average of \$7 per hundred.

SLOW SALE FOR THE NEW STATE BONDS

Total Brought \$18,000 out of \$8,372,000—Only Small Fraction Of Bonds Taken After Widespread Advertising Campaign—Bonds Will Now Be Offered For Sale Privately.

Treasurer B. R. Lacy on Friday opened the bids for the North Carolina five per cent bonds and found applications for \$18,000 worth of the issue or one hundred and sixty-fifths of the \$8,372,500 worth of bonds offered for sale. All of the bids were made at par. The largest bid came from D. Rich, of Winston-Salem, who offered to buy \$11,500 worth of the new bond issue. The other bids ranged on down to a hundred dollars. There were only nine bidders in all.

Treasurer Lacy will now offer the bonds for sale privately, since all of them were not taken at the public offering. Attorney General J. S. Manning declares the North Carolina five in the best investment he knows of when the security is considered. He has figured it out and has found that the North Carolina bonds at five per cent, bought at par, are better investments than the best paying issue of government bonds bought at the prevailing market price, which is something under 90 cents on the dollar. The North Carolina bond will yield five per cent, whereas the four and three quarters per cent Liberty bond bought below 90 will yield but 04.96.

JOSEPH HORTON KILLED AT CREDMOOR TUESDAY

Detail Of Former Se'vice Men Participate In Burial At Mt. Ebery. Joseph Horton, 23 years old, was crushed to death Tuesday by a load of lumber. He was driving the truck when it turned over while rounding a bend in the road. He was instantly killed, and the colored man with him was slightly hurt.

The deceased was a soldier of the Mexican and World Wars. A detail of service men from Oxford participated in the burial at Mt. Ebery Wednesday.

GRANVILLE TOBACCO GROWERS EXPECTED BETTER NEWS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The Prices Paid On the Opening Date In South Carolina Is No Indication As To What Figure Will Obtain Later In the Season—Local Tobacconists Are Of the Opinion that Good Grades Of Granville Tobacco Will Sell Above Last Year's Figures.

First prices on the early markets are generally accepted as a gauge for prices on the big markets of the great bright leaf belt in Eastern North Carolina, which open in September. The tobacco on the early markets generally is neither graded nor tied and thus does not sell as high as well handled tobacco. On the face of this, it is probable that prices on the later markets will be considerably higher than the figures reported from South Carolina, but to what extent remains to be seen.

While the farmers and business men here are disappointed at the prices obtained at the opening in South Carolina Tuesday, there is a good healthy feeling that the Granville crop, as a whole, will sell well. South Carolina tobacco does not compare with the Granville leaf, and much of it should not be dumped on the market.

We are advised that there were a large number of buyers present at Lumberton and other markets Tuesday, but they seemed not to have known their limitations, and it may be a few days before they "get their instructions."

It will be remembered that the South Carolina market opened up two years ago at starvation prices, but prices began to climb a month later and reached the limit of one dollar the pound before the season closed.

When the South Carolina markets opened two years ago the big companies had supposed that there was an overproduction and the prices were accordingly low, but it will be remembered that the rains came and played havoc with the crops in this section. The fact that the rains did come contributed largely to the high prices obtained here. The opening day in South Carolina this week was as much of "a feeler" as it was two years ago. There is never any fluctuation when the markets open at rock-bottom prices. The tendency is always upward.

Tobacco in Granville county is continuing to improve, and the condition of the crop is reported to be the best thus far for the 1921 yield. Recent rains have worked almost miracles in bringing out the quality of the weed, and favorable weather from the time on until marketing time is believed to insure a good price for the weed.

Good grades will bring good prices in the opinion of tobacco men and farmers alike, and it is said that the majority of the crop in this county is of that sort this year. In spots where there has been little or no rain, conditions are not so bright as elsewhere, but the prospects as a whole are held to be very encouraging. One observer has made the remark that the crop, taken as a whole, is perhaps the best in five years.

TAYLOR-GOOCH MARRIAGE

Miss Ruth Taylor Is the Bride Of Mr. Rowland Gooch—The Ceremony Was Performed At B'evard. Cards have been received in Oxford announcing the marriage of Miss Ruth Taylor and Mr. Rowland Gooch on Wednesday July the twentieth, at Brevard. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister and the couple left for a bridal tour. The bride has spent the two past years in Oxford with her sister, Mrs. F. F. Lyon where she has been a member of the Graded School Faculty and has won a large circle of admiring friends by her charming manners and many lovely traits of character. The groom is a member of the Lyon Drug Co., and is exceedingly popular in Oxford. On their return to Oxford they will reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hamilton.

GEN. ROYSTER ELECTED TO HIGH POSITION

At the national convention of the Woodmen of the World, held in New York City last week, Gen. B. S. Royster was elected chairman of the law committee of the national body.

Taken as a whole, said General Royster, it was one of the most enthusiastic meetings he has attended in a long time.

BASEBALL

Oxford 7; Henderson, 1. Oxford defeated Henderson on the local grounds Wednesday 7 to 1.

Henderson 9; Oxford 7. In the game at Henderson Thursday Henderson defeated Oxford, the score being 9 to 7.

Where They Play. Oxford at Durham today. Oxford at Roxboro tomorrow.

Transfer Of Real Estate.

The home of W. W. Crews on Williamsboro street has been purchased by S. W. Parker. The purchase price was \$11,500. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will move into their home in a few days.

LIST OF TEACHERS WHO WILL SERVE IN THE OXFORD SCHOOLS NEXT SESSION

Every Teacher In the High School Is a Graduate Of a Grade College With Some Experience.

At a recent session of the School Board the following were elected to positions in the Oxford schools for next session:

White School.

Sallie Webb, Sadie Vinson, Sarah Parham, Ella Clement, Lula Pratt, Ella Johnson, Mrs. Rowland Gooch, Sarah Clement, Marie Winslow, Carrie Fuller, Lila Curran, Mrs. W. R. Kimball, Mrs. W. W. Barnhart, Miss Elizabeth Allen, Ruth Harris, Florine Lewter, Mildred Harrington, Mabel Tate, Mrs. L. B. Fleming, Mr. Walter W. Barnhart, Miss Catherine Bradsher, Edna Crews, Mrs. A. M. Daniels, Mrs. John Booth.

Colored Schools:

J. R. Green, Annie H. Brandon, Annie O. Lassiter, Indiana Burwell, Lucile Owens, Ruth Hicks, Hallie Barnes.

Janitors.

Walter Mayo, Henry P. Pettiford.

OLD CLOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Campaign Will Be On He'fe Next Thursday and Friday.

The American Red Cross and the American Friends Service Committee have joined forces in a national publicity campaign for clothing for the people of Central and Eastern Europe. Only strong and serviceable garments carefully mended in good condition are asked for. If we are to help these people, we must send good clothes. Remember they have no sewing materials, and no time, and in many cases no strength left to mend. The Granville County Chapter American Red Cross will be glad to receive contributions of clothing at the residence of Mrs. Mary Delacroix, College Street, for two days only, as follows: Thursday, July 28th, and Friday July 29th from 9:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon.

It is urgently requested that all contributions of clothing be sent to the above designated place on the days named.

BLIND TIGERS GETTING OVER WISE FOR HUNTERS

Tips That Once Worked Afford Little To Officials Now.

What the scheme laid by the skillful chasers of blind tigers and officers of the law, and that once worked elegantly, are now no longer of value in many cases, has been that the officers of the city and county are having to run the tiger to his lair and nab the wet goods at the same time, says the Charlotte Observer.

"Recently on a valuable tip deputies went out some six or eight miles from the city to look for an automobile said to be loaded with bootlegger liquor destined for persons presumably living in the direction of the city.

"The deputies went out and waited a long time when finally a car was seen coming across the bridge. Instead of continuing across the bridge and toward the city the machine halted, backed and went cautiously again across the bridge and headed as if to come to the city once more. It came nearer to the spot where the deputies were and they started to flush the covey and ordered the machine to stop, but there was nothing inside to incriminate or make the riders guilty of any law breaking.

"Later a swiftly moving machine went past, but the deputies had no reason of knowing its destination, but they felt certain it was the car that was connected with the booze, and that the first machine creeping back and forth across the bridge was merely a scout car. The real covey had gone.

"Often officers got out to get a blind tiger to find that there has been a sort of underground wireless at work and no liquor is in sight, nor can they connect the man located with any infringement of the liquor law.

"The game is one of hide and seek. Policemen and deputies, however, said that it is getting more and more difficult for a blind tiger to put his game over, no matter how complicated his scheme might be and that officers who spend their days seeking liquor and its handlers are learning more and more of the attempted ways by which they try to put it over the officers."

CONDITION OF MR. JOHN WEBB IMPROVED

Dr. S. H. Cannady spoke encouragingly this morning of the condition of Mr. John Webb, who is at St. Luke's hospital, Richmond. The operation which was performed ten days ago, said Dr. Cannady, left Mr. Webb in good condition. Miss Mary Webb is with her father in Richmond.

"A Daughter Of Two Worlds." Norma Talmage will be seen in "A Daughter Of Two Worlds" at the Orpheum tonight and tomorrow night. Her advent into the second of the two worlds results in a series of amazing adventures. A story of thrilling and absorbing interest, pictured by the fascinating Star.

MORE CARS TAKEN FROM THE ROCK QUARRY NEAR RALEIGH

Hudson, Stripped Of Rear Tires, Battery and Carburetor Dragged From Pit—The Sensation Of The Hour In the Capitol City.

The News and Observer tells of the arrival of detectives in Raleigh to participate in the investigation of the presence of numbers of "lost" automobiles at the bottom of the old rock quarry.

Another car was added to the list Wednesday when divers went down 20 feet into the water and deciphered the numbers on the license plate of a King 8. They declare with unanimity that the figures are 840 and the records of the automobile license department identify the car as one recently lost by J. E. Chappell and the vehicle that killed Dr. J. M. Pickell last winter.

Divers went down time and time again, and at last succeeded in attaching a steel cable to the car described as the King "8." It was some fifteen feet away from the Hudson that was hauled to the surface late Monday afternoon.

The Hudson was hoisted almost to the rim of the quarry when the roe broke. Another attempt to land it was made during the afternoon, and it was pulled to the top and landed on the level. The seats in the car were fastened in with wires, it is supposed to keep them from floating to the surface and betraying the location of the car. Heavy stones had been placed in the rear seat, and the rear tires and battery removed.

Both M. D. Muse and J. M. Chappell, owners of the two automobiles identified thus far were said to have been out of town, and nothing could be learned of their theories as to how their cars came to be in the quarry. Neither could it be established definitely by whom the insurance on the cars were carried. The Hudson is said to have been protected to the amount of \$2,200 against theft, and the King for a similar sum.

HOW IT FEELS TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

An Editor Comes Back From the Silent World and Tells Us About It.

Editor Elkins, of the Siler City Crit, who was struck by lightning several weeks ago and almost killed, gives the following account in his paper of his experience with lightning:

"It is very limited. From what I can learn it seems that I was shocked and struck by the lightning. I knew absolutely nothing of the matter for at least an hour and a half after I was stricken. It was about 7 o'clock in the evening. I had mixed feed for my cow on the other side of the lot some 75 feet or more away. I had gone about six steps. Then all memory or knowledge of things left me. I didn't see, hear, feel or know anything of my condition or its cause till 9 o'clock, about the time the doctor came and gave a hypodermic injection to ease my pain, which was very severe. In fact I had almost passed over the river." When Mrs. Elkins and some neighbors came to me in the lot I was as limber as a dish rag. My injury was centered in the region of my right shoulder, and my pain did not go higher than my collar bone nor lower than the muscles of my chest. My head works and running gear were intact all the time after I "came to." The first aid I received was similar to that given a drowning person, the working and rubbing of my limbs. I was given plenty of sweet milk for several hours. Bathing the injured parts with liniment or whiskey did no good, and the only thing that has afforded instant temporary relief is the wrapping of my arms in towels wrung out of water as hot as I can bear it. Some of my friends wondered if subsequent electrical storms have had any effect upon me. They have not. Today, two weeks after my shock, I am feeling almost normal, with the exception of the soreness in my arms, which will probably not let me work for another week or ten days. Jury take the case."

MRS. JOHN P. CANNADY DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. John P. Cannady died at her home on Goshen street Wednesday. She had been living in Oxford for several years with her daughter, Miss Eugenia Cannady. Mrs. Cannady was Miss Corinna Bradsher before marriage. She leaves the following children: Mesdames W. L. Curran, D. H. Curran, W. C. Curran, S. H. Daniel, Miss Eugenia Cannady, Messrs. Rux, Algenon, George, Rat and Arthur Cannady. She was the wife of the late John P. Cannady. The funeral service was conducted from Enon Church Friday by Rev. G. T. Tunstall assisted by Rev. J. D. Harte.

Second Drawing.

The first drawing at Landis and Easton for a Kitchen Cabinet took place ten days ago, when coupon 055,888 was drawn from the box. No one presenting the corresponding number it was necessary to have a second drawing, which took place Wednesday morning last at 10 o'clock, when coupon 055,958 was drawn. The holder of this number is entitled to the cabinet.