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THE TROUBLE WITH TOBACCO IS THAT IT IS NOT GOOD TOBACCO

Col. Ballou and Other Tobacco Men Return From South Carolina.

Several local tobacco men returned from the South Carolina markets and from the week in Oxford. One man said that there was 50,000 pounds sold on his market on opening date and not a pound of it was as good as the tobacco sold on the Oxford market last season at 15 cents.

Col. W. B. Ballou, whose duty it is to visit all South Carolina and bordering North Carolina counties stated that prices were such as to cause painful disappointment to the growers, for the prices marking the beginning of the season were lower than had been anticipated. "But one factor in the depressed condition should not be overlooked," said Col. Ballou. "It appears that the farmers tried out the market with the low grade product. It is probable that if the finer grades had been offered a condition of moderate satisfaction might have been established."

The Lumberton Robesonian makes report that the market is glutted with the low grades, but in cases where good quality tobacco was offered, "fairly good prices" were obtained.

The point is made by The Robesonian that "it has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated that it does not pay to fool with the lower grade—prices paid for it do not pay for the trouble and expense of preparing it for the market. It was noted that there was an unusual number of buyers on the market and that fact to indicate that "there is demand for the better grades," and it believes when this tobacco comes on the market, better prices will prevail.

A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE SOME MONEY

A Man Wants To Know How To Obtain Sleep Without the Use Of Drugs.

The manner in which man will attempt to assist his fellow creature, for financial return or otherwise, is shown in the number of replies received as the result of an article published a year ago which erroneously stated that Benjamin Hyde, a Chicago retired contractor, would give \$1,000 to any one who could tell him how to obtain sleep without the use of medicines.

The articles misquoted Mr. Hyde, who is suffering from paralysis agitans, and more than 3,000 letters were written giving him varied lines of advice as to how to sleep.

Mr. Hyde has recently made another offer of \$2,000, but in order to avoid answers from irresponsible persons he has confined the offer of the reward to "physicians of good standing." His condition is that the cure permanently free him from tremors and muscular contractions and enable him to sit in a chair without having pains in his back.

WHITEVILLE AVERAGES \$9.32 ON OPENING DAY

Whiteville, July 25.—The opening of the leaf tobacco market was regarded as the best in 25 years. Approximately 137,000 pounds of the golden weed were sold at an average of \$9.32 per hundred pounds. The price average, which was higher than in markets in this section, was due to the fact that a better grade of lugs than usual was marketed, said by some to be the best quality of lugs seen here. The highest prices were around 22 cents a pound.

Indications are that more than four million pounds of tobacco will be marketed here this season.

RESERVE REDISCOUNT RATES TO BE REDUCED

(Washington Special)

Reductions in federal reserve discount rates throughout the country generally were indicated by high administration officials as likely to follow soon upon the action of the reserve banks of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco in bringing their rates down from six per cent to 5 1-2 per cent.

Belief was expressed that the readjustment of the rediscount rates would mean the reduction to 6 per cent of those now 6 1-2 per cent and to 5 1-2 per cent of those now 6 per cent.

A favorable reaction in the business situation throughout the country, administration officials said, could be looked for as a result of lower levels, as this clear indication of easier money should stimulate industries and business to great activity.

DR. W. A. KIRKSEY WILL PRACTICE MEDICINE HERE

Dr. W. A. Kirksey, of Morganton, has located in Oxford for the practice of medicine. His office is on the second floor of the Brown building on Main street.

Mrs. Kirksey was formerly Miss Kate Horner of Oxford and they will receive a cordial welcome here.

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

THE BIG MEETING AT THE TABERNACLE WAREHOUSE COMES TO A CLOSE

It Was Attended With Great Interest From Start To Finish.

To the West Oxford Baptist congregation belong the honor and glory of carrying to a successful conclusion the greatest revival meeting ever held in Granville county. The great Dr. Ham, of national fame, has come and gone, and there was rejoicing at his coming and sadness at his departure.

No one can estimate the good accomplished by the ambassador of God during his two week's stay in our midst. But it is a matter of record that more than one thousand people, old and young, with bowed head and contrite hearts, caught him by the hand and promised to turn from the path of evil, and thousands of christians were quickened by his visitation. Among the many hearts touched by the Word of God included the moonshiners and the people in all walks of life. There were more than 50,000 people passed through the doors of the tabernacle and heard Dr. Ham during his two weeks stay in our midst.

In his sermon Sunday night, the last of the series, he warned the large congregation of the presence of the woman vamps, the gambler and the blind tigers in our midst. In his closing sermon he thanked the good people of the community for making the meeting the great success that it was; he thanked the ministers of town and county for their whole-hearted support and stated that he would always cherish a fond recollection of our town and people. He said that he had made his home at the Exchange Hotel while in Oxford; that Mr. Smith, the proprietor, was unusually kind to him and solicitors about the welfare of his guests; that he got everything he wanted and regards the Exchange Hotel the most home-like place he put up at during his travels. Mr. Spooner, the singer, who left Oxford Saturday, also paid a glowing tribute to our people and the Exchange Hotel.

OXFORD COMPANY RETURNS FROM CAMP GLENN

Headquarters Company, of Oxford, Lieutenant John B. Mays, in command, returned home last night from Camp Glenn. The boys who left here two weeks ago with pale faces return with a coat of healthy tan. The roster of the company is as follows:

The sergeants are: J. J. Walters, J. E. Matthews, R. K. Taylor, L. M. Hales, and Augustus Landis. The corporals are Louis Thorpe, C. F. Jones, J. S. Bradsher, Jr., S. T. Currin and C. W. Davis. The privates are W. B. Ballou, Jr., V. D. Currin, R. E. Fries, N. L. Hales, A. L. Hart, D. C. Hunt, Jr., L. D. O'Brien, M. E. Parham, J. H. Parham, J. B. Powell, Jr., F. A. Spencer, Jr., H. L. Stokes, Crawford Arrington, T. L. Blalock, W. M. Blalock, C. B. Burch, G. S. Currin, J. L. Davis, J. W. Fuller, D. T. Gillikin, R. H. Hinton, L. J. Jenkins, N. L. Davis, H. H. Matthews, E. M. Mitchell, Lonnie Nelms, L. W. Pollard, L. W. Stark, Jr., S. A. Taylor, B. W. Taylor, M. E. Williams, and P. A. Walters.

JNO. CASPER DIES IN MEXICO

The Winston-Salem Man Was Having a Large Whiskey Manufacturing Plant Built.

The death of John L. Casper in Mexico last Friday is announced by his family in Winston-Salem. Casper was one of the largest distillers in North Carolina before the State became dry. His age was 55. The deceased went to Mexico last January and was having a large whiskey manufacturing plant constructed at Villa De Acura, Coahuila. He expected to put it in operation within the next few weeks.

INDIGNATION MEETING BY TOBACCO GROWERS

Low Grades Will Be Used By the Farmers As Fertilizer.

Florence, S. C., July 25.—At an indignation mass meeting held here last Friday it was decided that the Tobacco Growers Association will take definite action with respect to tobacco prices at a meeting Friday, July 29.

Resolutions were adopted saying that tobacco receiving bids less than the minimum price to be fixed next Friday will be used by the farmers as fertilizer and that warehousemen contribute to effort to bring about better prices.

SIX ARMY CANTONMENTS WILL BE ABANDONED

Washington, July 25.—Secretary Weeks announces that six army cantonments will be abandoned by the War Department. Two of the six are Camp Devans, Mass., and Camp Meade Md. The remaining four were not named. Camp Jackson, S. C., it was said, probably will be abandoned.

The Secretary said one big cantonment, somewhere in the South would be maintained permanently because of advantages due to climate conditions.

R. J. Respass, clerk of the Superior court and juvenile court judge at Beaufort, died Friday evening.

A PARTIAL LIST OF REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS DURING PAST WEEK

N. J. Boddie and wife to Ed Brogdon, one lot in Creedmoor, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

J. W. Whelhouse and wife to R. M. Bailey et al, partition deed.

Farmer's Insurance & Trust Company to Mary Susan Hart, one lot in Creedmoor, \$2,500.

J. R. Turner and wife to Dr. J. V. Turner, one-eighth share in 200 acres in Brassfield, \$400.

R. L. Knowles and wife to C. D. Ray and R. M. Ray certain lots of the Delacroix property, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Ed Brogdon to O. L. Mangum, lot in Creedmoor, consideration \$10.

J. P. Chappell and wife to O. L. Mangum, four lots in Creedmoor, consideration \$100.

C. H. Rogers to Mrs. M. A. King, lot in South Oxford, consideration \$50.

R. H. Whitfield and wife to B. T. Allen, in Dutchville, consideration \$400.

A. A. Hicks and wife to Claude Satterfield and wife, certain tract or parcel of land in Oxford township, consideration \$500.

F. H. Gregory and wife to Dr. W. L. Taylor about eight-tenths of an acre in Stovall, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

William Evans and wife to R. A. Taylor, about one-fourth of an acre in Stovall, \$468.

GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT

The One Week's Term Will Be Devoted To the Criminal Docket.

Judge Frank Daniel of Goldsboro, faced a lengthy criminal docket when Granville County Court convened here Monday morning. This is Judge Daniels' second visit to the bench here. The learned, courteous and pleasant jurist has many warm friends here and he accomplishes much work by close application to business.

Judge Daniel's charge to the grand jury is always polished and most comprehensive. He charged the jury to be on the alert and indict all violators of the prohibition law. He said that a moonshine distillery in the neighborhood of a school or church would destroy both institutions and depreciate land values wherever they exist. He said that one of the best ways to suppress the manufacture and distribution of moonshine liquor was by the formation of lawabiding community organizations, whose duty it is to report all violations to proper authorities.

Judge Daniels and Solicitor Gattis make one of the strongest court teams in the State. Both of them are quick and accurate, and no time is lost.

TOBACCO GROWERS BLUE

Prices Prevailing On South Carolina Markets Anything But Encouraging.

Wilson, N. C., July 25.—The low prices obtained on the South Carolina and Georgia tobacco markets has cast a gloom throughout the North Carolina tobacco belt. The outlook is anything but bright, and the problem will have to be solved by the planters, who were warned before planting time that there was, then enough of the weed in storage to supply the world for two years or more.

JUDGE DEVIN GETS A DOSE OF SUNBURN

Judge W. A. Devin finished the docket at Jacksonville, Onslow county and arrived home Saturday and will spend two weeks vacation in Oxford.

Judge Devin went fishing down on the ocean front one afternoon last week with the Jacksonville bar, and the sun blistered his arms through his shirt sleeves. Mrs. Devin is busy extracting the pain with a feather saturated with cream.

PINCHOT WARNS SOUTH AGAINST TIMBER WASTE

Warnings that the south is now cutting three times the amount of timber she produces and that unless steps are taken to prevent waste and fires and to replace trees the next five years will see 85 per cent of the southern lumber mills cease operation, said Gifford Pinchot, former federal commissioner of forestry, in an address before the Southern Forestry Commission and the Georgia Senate last week.

LARGE PILE OF STILLS IN THE COUNTY JAIL

There are twenty-five or thirty stills in the yard at the county jail, which have accumulated there in the past few months. About two-thirds of these stills are copper and the others made of galvanized iron, etc. These stills have been cut to pieces and are now ready for the junk man. This junk is usually bought by an old Hebrew of Norfolk, who passes through this section three or four times a year.

Eastern Carolina farmers face a grave crisis, according to a tobacco man from that section. Cotton and tobacco crops are said to be poor, and the latter is said to be greatly diseased by "wildfire."

UNION SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE TABERNACLE WAREHOUSE

Beginning Next Sunday Night and Continuing to Sunday, September 11—All Churches Of the County Will Affiliate—Distinguished Ministers Will Lead the Meetings.

As a fitting close of the great revival at the Mangum warehouse, in which many were converted and will join the churches of their choice, is the announcement that all of the churches of Oxford and Granville county will hold union services in the Mangum warehouse throughout the month of August and part of September.

The same seats and platform that served so well during the Ham revival will remain as they are during the continuance of the union services up to and including Sunday night, September 11.

The announcement was made from the platform of the tabernacle warehouse last Sunday night that the first union service will be held there next Sunday night.

The preachers and speaker engaged for the series of union meetings are men of nation-wide importance. The name of the preacher for next Sunday night will be announced in the next issue of the Public Ledger along with a detailed account of the scope of the seven meetings scheduled to be held every Sunday night during the month of August and the first two Sunday nights in September.

TOBACCO GROWERS NOT WORRIED OVER OUTLOOK

Kinston, July 25.—It will be the last time the big buyers will be able to purchase a tobacco crop for less than the cost of production, and coming years will see growers dictating the market, is the opinion of recently organized planters in this section brought out in connection with the disastrous opening of markets in South Carolina. Growers this year have proved that they can curtail; when their new cooperative organizations have reached maximum strength they will proceed much more systematically in the matter of production, according to representative farmers here. The tremendous cut this year was only a beginning; next year's crop will be considerably smaller unless there is a material increase in prices this season, it is predicted.

Local market observers returning from South Carolina give varying opinions. Grades sold for five to 10 cents in the Palmetto towns have not all been bad, some state. The crop is certainly going at an average price under the cost of producing it. There should be improvement, in the belief of nearly all tobaccoists, but "nobody is going to get rich from the crop."

BASEBALL HAS ITS PLACE IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS

A gentleman came to us the other day seemingly disturbed about the large number of boys and young men who devote much time to baseball, saying they had better be at work. When asked where they could get work he answered for the farms. But we are told there is already an over production, and this being the case, too many people are at work on the farms already. Why produce more when we cannot sell the surplus we have? The fact is, there is no work the boys can find to do. The industrial plants have either closed down or have cut down the number employed. Last summer no boys and young men loafed in Rich Square. All worked. This summer they can get no work to do, and the next best thing is to play. If they loaf about the streets they are likely to get into mischief. An idle brain is said to be the devil's workshop. The boys had better play than loaf. Let them play.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

ALL-STAR BASEBALL PARK

Recreation Center For the Colored People In South Oxford

The All-Star team, composed of colored people, have leased a plot of ground near the sub-station in South Oxford and enclosed it with an eight foot fence. The grand stand and seats will be completed this week.

The first game was played on the park last Saturday between the All-Star team and a visiting club.

The colored ball players of this section are not in a league. They send out a challenge to a club and play only when it is accepted. There are some very good players on the All-Star team, and the colored fans are hopeful of winning the State pennant this season.

The rules of the new park are very strict. No rowdiness of any kind will be tolerated by the management.

Extended Motor Trip.

Mr. John G. Hall and family have returned from an extended motor trip to Lake Saranac, New York. The only auto trouble experienced by Mr. Hall in the trip of more than two thousand miles, occurred in Virginia, at which point an axle broke on his trip north, and strange to relate that on his return he experienced some trouble at the same place.

Mrs. Hall, who has been at Lake Saranac for some time will remain there a while longer to recuperate her health.

ONE OF THE MOST HOPEFUL SIGNS OF PROGRESS IN GRANVILLE

Intelligent People In Every Community Readily See the Benefits Resulting From the Consolidation Of Schools and Public Transportation.

Granville county stands among the three or four most foremost counties in the State in school consolidation and public transportation. The four leading counties are Wilson, Edgecombe, Pitt and Granville. Halifax is not far behind. There is a strong probability of our stepping up to the first place in the next two or three years.

One of the most hopeful signs about the success of this change of school organization is that the most intelligent people in every community readily see the great benefits that will result from this change and are almost unanimous in their endorsement of it. This is the customary order in which all new ideas have their transmission throughout the minds of the people. At first they are taken up and approved by the few who have the vision and the capacity to readily seize on the thoughts and methods different from those in common use. From these down through the various gradations of intelligence the new ideas work their way until they become the established customs among the busy multitudes below.

In a conservative State like North Carolina change naturally takes place with a considerable degree of tardiness. North Carolina usually lags for other people to try out the new things first. Granville County people are typical of the State with this difference. They are somewhat in advance of the general average of the State. The rural Schools of the county have made progress in advance of the average and the people are ready for the next step a little earlier than the average county. In fact, as stated above, they are almost ready to take the lead.

It is almost a daily occurrence for men to come into my office and make the statement that at first they were opposed to the consolidated school and public transportation, but that they have become thoroughly convinced that it is the proper thing to do. In fact most people who still hold out in opposition will admit that it is coming and we had just as well get ready for it and set our plans in that direction.

The sooner we can make the complete change the better it will be for the children and the future condition of Granville County. I would like to see Granville take the lead in this great movement to give every boy and girl living on the farm a wide open door to a well graded school and high school advantages equal to the best that the towns and cities now furnish their children. It can be done. It shall be done.

J. F. WEBB.

GRANVILLE COUNTY FARMERS ARE SIGNING THE CO-OPERATIVE MARKET CONTRACT

There Will Be a Big Mass Meeting Of Tobacco Growers In the Court House At An Early Date.

Since the opening of the South Carolina market a few days ago, the Granville county tobacco growers, have become more or less alarmed at the prevailing prices. The Public Ledger learns that it was the intention of the officials to call a mass meeting at the court house for next Saturday but for some cause or other it has been put off until a later date. Our informant said that the object of the meeting will be to sign the marketing contract and formulate plans. The most of the farmers, it is said, are in favor of using the low grades for fertilizer in order to boost the better grades.

Mr. Eugene Moss expressed the opinion that 90 percent of the tobacco growers of the county will have signed the contract before the market opens here in September.

The farmers are calm and not given to loud and boisterous language, but they are determined as never before to buck against ruinous prices if such should be the case.

This Weeks Schedule.

The Oxford baseball team has an engagement every day this week, as follows:

Henderson at Oxford today. Oxford at Henderson tomorrow. Roxboro at Oxford Thursday. Durham at Oxford Friday. Oxford at Durham Saturday.

A Pretty Picture.

On her return from Asheville this week, Mrs. R. G. Lassiter brought with her three fine little collie puppy dogs of the Scotch shepherd variety. They make a very pretty picture as they play upon the green velvety lawn.

Next Drawing.

Owing to the fact that no one has presented coupon 055,954, which was drawn last week, Landis & Easton announce that the next drawing for the handsome Kitchen Cabinet will take place in the store tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. They are anxious to place the cabinet in the hands of the right party and there will be a drawing every Wednesday morning until it is drawn.

Russell E. Bryson and wife are in jail at Columbia, S. C., on a charge of stealing an automobile at Lexington.

THE OXFORD BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION IS A LIVE INSTITUTION

No Town In the State the Size Of Oxford Equals This Association.

It occurs to us that the Oxford Building and Loan Association merits much praise for what it is accomplishing in our community. In a quiet way it encouraged thrift and helped the citizens to help themselves as no other institution could do.

There are no Bolsheviks among the shareholders, and the foreigner who joins has taken a high degree in the process of Americanization. The steady and substantial growth of the Oxford Building & Loan Association as has been the case with all building and loan associations through out the country, speaks volumes for the thrift, industry and intelligence of our people, and is a guarantee of special stability and permanent prosperity.

The Association was ten years old on April 1, and on July 1, at the close of its twenty-first series, it had 5680 shares in force. Note its steady growth, as follows: Series No 19 has 519 shares; series no 20 has 819 shares; series No 21, just closed, has 1025 shares. The assets now approaching \$200,000. Perhaps no town in this State the size of Oxford has an association that equals ours. Since January 1, 1921, the Association was audited by a certified public accountant and we quote below his concluding statement.

"I consider this association one of the very best that I have audited, thoroughly up to date and conducted according to first class business principals, gives it the necessary time and has the co-operation of the officers and directors, the personnel of same assuring success."

With few exceptions the many, beautiful homes that grace our streets have been built within the last decade through the Oxford Building and Loan Association. As a saving institution it stands out preeminently as the safest and most remunerative. It behooves the officers and shareholders of the association, which in the broad sense of the word is a benevolent society, to lose no opportunity in boosting its great worth to the community. The next series will open on the first Saturday in October.

DEPUTY SHERIFF PATE SHOT IN CUMBERLAND

He Is the Seventh Deputy to Be Shot In That County In Recent Years. (Fayetteville Observer)

Al J. Pate, oldest deputy sheriff in Cumberland county, was shot from ambush and instantly killed Friday afternoon, following a raid upon an illicit distillery four miles from the city. The officer was standing on the running board of a car on which the captured still was being loaded, when there was a sudden fusillade of shots from the bushes, one of which entered his back and penetrated his heart.

Pate is the seventh deputy to be shot in Cumberland in recent years. Of these four were killed. Pate himself had been in many difficulties during his career as an officer, and had himself killed two men while in the discharge of his official duties.

The attack on the raiding party came unexpectedly, as there was no signs of life at the still when the officers raided it. An old model army rifle was found, however, with one cartridge jammed, which leads to the belief that an attempt had been made to fire on the officers as they approached.

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TOBACCO PRICES MAKE GAINS AT LUMBERTON

Thirty To 50 Per Cent Higher Than Last Week—Sales Light But People Feeling Better.

Lumberton, July 25.—While sales were light on the Lumberton tobacco market today, prices were from 30 to 50 per cent higher than last week. Very little good tobacco has yet been offered and there seems to be a demand for the better grades. Second surings today sold for above 20 cents the pound. As the grades improve prices are expected to range upward.

With the advance in the price the depression brought about by the low prices on the opening is clearing and a spirit of optimism can be seen among farmers and business men.

Cohn & Son's Clearance Sale. Judging from the large crowd that daily attend the big clearance sale now in progress at Cohn & Son's stores, there is no such thing as hard times and tight money in Granville county. Owing to the great reduction and the quality of goods, the people from this section flock to the store and share in the bargains. See adv. on page five of this paper.

Services At Old St. John's.

Services at Old St. John's at Williamsboro Sunday at 11 o'clock and every 4th Sunday afternoon at 5.

Coming as a complete surprise was the announcement of the marriage of two members of the most prominent families of Durham which was solemnized in Asheville Saturday at high noon, when Mrs. Brodie L. Duke became the bride of Mr. I. N. Strayhorn, prosecuting attorney for Durham.