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THE EAST CAROLINA TOBACCO MARKET OPENED WITH LIGHT SALES

Average At Wilson Was \$23.25 Per Hundred; Sales On Other Markets Reported As Light; Damp Weather Affects Prices; Thousands At Sales—Prices Average Around \$5 Per Hundred Higher Than First Day in 1921.

Tobacco markets for the sale of the bright leaf at auction opened in all parts of eastern North Carolina Tuesday with comparatively light sales. Prices generally averaged from \$4 to \$6 per hundred pounds more than the averages on the opening day of last year, although the increase was greater at some places. The quality of the offerings was reported as rather poor in many cases, and damp weather also was a factor against higher averages. Damage to the crop by excessive rainfall was noted on a number of markets.

Half Million At Wilson.
At Wilson, the greatest leaf market in the world, around twenty thousand farmers, visitors, representatives of tobacco companies and the co-operative marketing association were present for the opening sales. Wilson reported approximate receipts of a half million pounds, about the same as on the first day last year. The price average was per hundred over the first day's average of the 1921 season. Farmville reported exceedingly light sales, about 60,000 pounds, at an average slightly above \$26 per hundred.

Rocky Mount and Kinston.
At Kinston, another of the large eastern markets, sales were estimated at from three to four hundred thousand pounds at an average of \$20 per hundred or slightly more, official figures not being available. Rocky Mount reported sales of 125,000 pounds at an average of \$22 per hundred. Sales were largely attended at both places. Co-operative warehouses are expected to open at Rocky Mount and Kinston early next week.

Greenville and Goldsboro.
Greenville, one of the largest markets in the State, reported sales of around a half million pounds at an average of \$25 per hundred, several dollars higher than on the opening day last year. At Goldsboro the one auction house sold 36,132 pounds at an average of \$17 per hundred. With a large crowd of "co-operators" on hand, there was much interest in the proceedings at that place.

Smithfield's auction warehouse sold around 100,000 pounds at an average of \$22.50 to \$23 per hundred, with growers reported satisfied with prices. The co-operative warehouse there, it is stated, is scheduled to open next Monday.

No Sales At New Bern.
New Bern was one place in the State where no auction sales were held. It is a co-operative association center and all the warehouses will be manned by the growers' organization this season.

Wendell and Zebulon.
First tobacco marketing through auction warehouses in Wake county Wednesday brought an average of 27 cents in Zebulon and above 20 cents in Wendell, according to reports from the markets.

In Zebulon, where two warehouses were open in the place of five which operated last year, 71,808 pounds of tobacco were sold at an average price of \$27.21 per hundred pounds. This was one-third, at least, better than the opening price last year, but the grade of tobacco was considerably better.

In Wendell, the two warehouses opening Wednesday sold approximately 150,000 pounds of a crop, since 1913. The estimated average price for the sale was above 20 cents.

Good Average At Tarboro.
Tarboro's two auction warehouses with sales of leaf tobacco opened with an average of \$24.20 per hundred pounds.

LAW EXISTS ABOUT NEIGHBOR CHICKENS

A venerable citizen who now and then has to decide as between the rights of one and those of another said a day or so ago that there was a law requiring one's neighbor to keep his chickens penned up so that they would not get into the garden. He said he had heard some complaints on that score recently, and that he imparted the information to his inquirer that there was a law in the matter, and that persons ordered or who suffered loss had recourse to the matter.

THE LORD HAS BLESSED US WITH GOOD CROPS

Granville Should Set Apart a Day of Thanksgiving.
Some one suggested recently that Granville county ought to set apart a day of thanksgiving for the splendid crops which are flourishing on every hand.
It certainly seems that our county has been blessed in this respect, and that the heavy rains which have greeted the past few days do a great deal of damage, prospects are bright for the farmer this fall.
For this of course, means prosperity for all, for when the farmer prospers all business sets on the move.

—Miss Lillian Cheatham left yesterday morning for Danville, where she will be the guest of relatives.

CIVIC DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S CLUB CALLS ATTENTION TO STREETS

To Maintain Our Reputation For Being the Prettiest Town in the State.

During the past few weeks our streets have shown the lack of being swept by the town sweeper. Possibly it has been on account of the sand being placed on them. But now that work is over, it is hoped that this important work will be given careful attention. Especially do the streets in the residential section need sweeping. Tourists passing through Oxford are obliged to notice the collection of trash on the streets which will prevent our having our reputation for the prettiest town in the State.

CIVIC DEPT. OXFORD, W. C.

MR. JACK USRY WILL TAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE PUBLIC LEDGER

The Bright Young Man Will Enter the University Next Year.

Jack Usry, the fine son of Rev. E. G. Usry, has consented to take subscriptions to the Public Ledger this fall and winter after school hours and on Saturdays. Jack is a fine boy—in other words he is a "chip off the old block." He wants to enter the University next year and he hopes to be able to defray his own expenses.

He will enter upon his duties with the Public Ledger as soon as the tobacco market opens.

DISCUSS CHANGING STYLES FOR WOMEN

Small Towns Demand Broadway Styles.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 17.—Members of the Southern Retail Merchants Association at their annual session here heard lengthy discussions on how the retailer can make money in the light of the changing styles of the present day. One merchant declared that styles, particularly in women's clothes and materials, sometimes change before the goods are received from the wholesaler, and there arises the problem of disposing of goods that are out of date.

It was revealed that the styles of Paris, London and New York are the styles of the smallest cross roads town in the most remote parts of the country, and that the small town "flapper" demands the same up-to-the-minute clothes and materials that her sister wears on Fifth Avenue and Broadway.

DR. MORRIS ADDRESS PARENTS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Once before I have stated that Granville county would not be able to get a specialist to remove the tonsils of our school children. But we are having it done at Brantwood Hospital now the third week by Dr. J. H. Bullock and Dr. W. N. Thomas, and I am gratified to say the work is being splendidly done—just as well done as by the specialists we have had before. Their work will bear the very closest investigation for comparison with the work of the best specialists, those we have had, or any other, for that matter.

Thursdays and Fridays are the clinic days of each week—arranged that way so the farmers could have their children for barn filling any week, have the operation done, and the children back on the farm for the next week.
Now is the time for everybody to get their children immunized to smallpox without which a child can not attend any school. Have it done before school begins. Done free every Saturday in the office of the Health Department in the courthouse, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

J. A. MORRIS, M. D.,
Co. Health Officer.

RELATIVES OF MRS. REUBIN HARRIS HEARD FROM

The Aged Lady Owns Life Interest in a Fine Farm.

The last issue of the Public Ledger stated that Mr. J. E. Jackson, county superintendent of county welfare, desired to hear from the relatives of Mrs. Reubin Harris, an inmate of the old folks home at Durham whose mind is not clear.

Since the publication of the notice Mr. Jackson learns that the old lady owns a life interest in a nice farm in Vance county near the Granville line.

—Miss Jeannette Longmire, the efficient assistant in the county clerk's office, has returned from a visit to friends in Norfolk and Richmond.

—Mr. Thomas J. Smith will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Adcock at Holly Springs, and will assist in marketing the crop of tobacco.

MUST HAVE COAL IN STATE TO SAVE WEED

Washington, Aug. 16.—Requests from the state authorities of North Carolina that provision be made for coal to be used in the drying of tobacco was recommended today by Federal Fuel Distributor Spencer to the North Carolina state fuel administration for favorable action.

The North Carolina authorities contended that failure to provide fuel for this purpose at this time would result in the ruin of the tobacco crop.

OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OPEN ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER FOURTH

All Children Who Have Not Been Vaccinated Must Comply With Law Before the School Opens.

Young Americans anticipate with more or less pleasure the opening of the fall term of the public schools, and the school children of Oxford will report on Monday morning, September 4, and be assigned to their work. It would be well for parents whose children have not been vaccinated should see that this be done before the school opens.

The Faculty.
The faculty for the Oxford Graded Schools for the 1922-23 session is as follows:

- Superintendent of schools—Prof. C. G. Crede.
- First Grade—Miss Sallie Webb, Miss Sadie Vinson.
- Second Grade—Miss Sadie Parham, Miss Ella Clement.
- Third Grade—Miss Sarah Clement.
- Fourth Grade—Miss Mildred Harris, Leechville, N. C.; Mrs. R. L. Hardison, Wadesboro, N. C.
- Fifth Grade—Miss Claire Harris, Roxboro, N. C.; Miss Carrie Fuller and principal of Grammar school.
- Third and Fourth Grades—Miss Edna Crews.
- First and Second Grades—Miss Katharine Bradsher.
- French and Mat.—Miss Mabie Tate.
- Latin—Miss Florine Lewter.
- English—Miss Lina Pruden, Edenton, N. C.
- History—Miss Elizabeth Allen.
- History and Mat.—Miss Edith Mann, Middleton, N. C.
- Math. and Athletics—W. S. Liven-good.
- Science and Principal of high school—W. W. Barnhart.
- Sixth Grade—Mrs. W. R. Kimball, Miss Lila Currin.
- Seventh Grade—Mrs. W. W. Barnhart.

One Vacancy.
A teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the marriage of Miss Harris will be named in a few days.

Colored School.
The same teachers have been employed for the colored school. An additional teacher will be added. Two rooms are being added to the colored school building.

REPUBLICAN INVASION OF NORTH CAROLINA IMPENDS

Desperate Party Leaders Are Grasping At All Straws—Laying Plans To Send Spellbinders To Strategic Points.

H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, says: "Republican campaign managers have decided to hold the congressional districts they have in the south and extend their gains. A year ago they were disgusted with their allies in the southern states, and virtually announced that they would make no special effort to capture congressmen from Dixie. But now, when the republican strongholds seem to be ready for a big reaction, they are grabbing at all straws. 'A very determined effort with money to back it, will be made to win the seventh, eighth, and tenth districts in North Carolina. Republican leaders here admit that, unless they can change the drift of sentiment, the house will be very close. It is estimated that the next house majority will be 25 for the G. O. P. instead of 167, as it now stands. Democrats say that if the trend away from the present administration is that strong it will sweep them in."

Members of the President's cabinet and the best orators in Congress will be sent to strategic points to call on the voters for their support.

Great stress will be laid on the party's efforts since President Harding came into office to economize and retrench. Attention will be directed to the Arms Conference, the act revising the tax laws and the curtailment of appropriations.

The republicans are badly worried over the outlook for a heavy cut in their majority in the house, and a possible flop over to the democrats. Their hope now is to bolster up public confidence by a whitewash effort before the election in the sections most in doubt.

HOUSE MEETS AFTER RECESS OF SIX WEEKS

Members, However, Will Not Get Down To Actual Work Until Senate Passes Tariff Bill.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The House of Representatives Tuesday ended its six weeks recess. The members will not return for work, however, until the Senate has passed the tariff bill, and the date of this uncertain.

The legislative programme of the House at its approaching session is: 1—Passage of the Fordney tariff revision bill. 2—Passage of the soldier bonus bill. 3—Passage of the additional Federal judges bill.

PASTOR J. D. HARTE IS SPENDING HIS VACATION

On account of the absence from his pulpit next Sunday, Rev. J. D. Harte, there will be no preaching at the Oxford Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. The Sunday school will be at the regular hour, 9:30.

THOMAS AND MURPHY TO BE ELECTROCUTED IN RALEIGH, SEPT. 15

The Three Prisoners Leave Carthage On Special Train For Raleigh, Carthage, Aug. 16.—Jasper Thomas and Angus Murphy, both negroes, were convicted about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon of criminal assault on Mrs. A. E. Ketchen, of Miami, Fla., and of shooting her husband A. E. Ketchen. Judge B. F. Long immediately sentenced them to be electrocuted in Raleigh September 15.

John Lee, the third negro caught after the crime that aroused Moore county from one end to the other, was convicted of assault on Mr. Ketchen and was sentenced by Judge Long to 12 years imprisonment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ketchen, both tourists from Florida, were attacked in camp near Southern Pines on the morning of August 4th. Mr. Ketchen was shot through the body, the bullet entering the breast just below the fourth rib, passing within a half-inch and to the right of his heart, and coming out still further to the right between the ninth and 10th ribs. The scuffle, Mrs. Ketchen was knocked senseless and raped in presence of her husband.

The whole state has watched this case with interest, and the quick conviction is assurance that the court is equal to the occasion. The timely action of the sheriff in spiriting his prisoners away to safety before the mob had time to organize was highly commendable on the part of the Moore County officer, as was the speedy trial given the accused. All of this was done without violence, without searing the good name of the county and the State. The court has pronounced the death penalty. That is all the mob could have hoped for. Governor Morrison, too, is to be commended for affording troops to uphold the authority of the law.

SEABOARD IS DOING A RECORD BUSINESS

Everybody Seems To Be Hurrying To Travel and Ship Before Worst.

It is talked among the local railroad officials at this time that the Seaboard Air Line during the past four to six weeks has done the biggest business in its history. One official expressed it by saying that it seemed that everybody that had anything to ship was trying to ship it and every one who wanted to go anywhere was trying to go and get back before the wheels absolutely stopped rolling and before the worst came of the worst. If such should happen.

During the month of June, the road loaded on its system a total of more than 23,000 freight cars with shipments originating on its lines, not including merchandise consignments, which would swell the list to far greater proportions. The 23,000 cars spoken of are made up of consignments in which no single commodity was loaded in the same car.

These figures, of course, have nothing to do with shipments received, which possibly equated those sent away, and for which the railroad was paid the same as cargoes departing.

Practically every available piece of rolling stock is being used to the utmost to meet the demands being made upon the road. As an evidence of the heavy passenger traffic the congested conditions of the trains under present conditions is cited, when large crowds of people are moving back and forth over the company's lines.—Henderson Daily Dispatch.

PLENTY OF SOFT COAL BUT NO TRAIN TO HAUL IT

The beginning of the end of the coal strike is at hand, according to the associated press reports. It is the soft coal industry in which the initiative is made, the anthracite field not being involved, but the prospect is that the country is to have all the soft coal it may need for industrial and commercial purposes, for the agreement just entered into unquestionably opens the way to general resumption of soft coal mining.

Operators and workers in the anthracite industry are to get together the coming week under proposition similar to that through harmony was restored between the operators and workers in the soft coal industry.

Plenty of coal and no train to haul it is none too encouraging. The railroad strikers are still insisting on the seniority rule and the railway executive appear to have no desire to comply with their demands.

The end of the strike may come in a day or two, and it may be weeks.

CONDUCTOR STRUCK BY NEGRO SUNDAY

Capt. Woodworth Was Conductor On The Oxford-Henderson Train For Two Years.

Captain Woodworth, running as conductor on one of the through passenger trains on the Seaboard at the present time, was struck and slightly injured by a negro passenger on No. 3 last Sunday afternoon south of Petersburg. The negro jumped off the train and was painfully injured, according to reports, but Captain Woodworth was not badly hurt. It is understood the negro was taken back to Petersburg hospital by Train No. 4 when it passed northbound.

SOONER OR LATER GRANVILLE COUNTY MUST HAVE A RURAL POLICEMAN

It Is Dangerous To Travel The Highways Of The County.

The time has arrived when the safety and the peace of certain communities in Granville require the diligent services of courageous rural policemen; and the authorities should provide for them.

Lacking the legal authority to put on rural policemen, a bold request should be made for such authority to the end that decency may enjoy its rights and privileges.

Crime in the rural sections is just as bad as crime in incorporated towns; and the fact that certain citizens of incorporated towns use the rural sections to carry on their dirty work, should not be overlooked in such a way as to make such joints appear privileged or licensed.

An Oxford business man informs the Public Ledger that he had to stop his car three times between Oxford and Stem the other night for fear the dare devils would run into him. Three cars that passed, he said, had only one headlight, and, of course, he could not tell which side of the car the light was on.

A good rural policeman could soon put the breaks on all speeders, and the violators should be required to pay the expense and more, too.

WILSON AVERAGE FOR FIRST DAY WAS \$23.25

Special To Public Ledger
Wilson, Aug. 17.—The Wilson tobacco market on the opening break of the season Tuesday sold a total of 488,302 pounds, at an average of \$23.25 according to the official totals announced today.

ABRUZZI RYE THE BEST COVER CROP

Plant Breeding Work At State College Recommends It For Planting Coming Winter.

It is gratifying to know that Abruzzi rye thrives in Granville county. The small planting of Dr. E. T. White on his farm west of Oxford three or four years ago was multiplied 100 fold.

A high authority says: "The true Abruzzi rye, as improved for high yielding qualities by the agronomists in the Experiment station at State College, is far superior to any other winter cover crop, according to Dr. R. Y. Winters, who is in charge of the plant breeding work. It furnishes more and better grazing, it matures earlier than any other variety and it makes an abundance of organic matter to turn under on poor land."

GREENSBORO PLANS BIG MEET FOR EXSERVICE MEN

American Legion Convention and Reunion Sept. 8 and 9.

Plans have been completed for giving visiting exservice men and women a royal welcome in Greensboro September 8th and 9th, at which time the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual convention.

Governor Cameron Morrison will address the convention Friday morning September 8th, Mrs. Edith S. Vanderbilt Friday afternoon, and Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama Saturday morning. There will also be many other prominent visitors present for this occasion.

The Railroads have granted a one and a half fare rate for this convention.

TRAINMEN MADE TO SIDE TRACK 5 CARS

Murphysboro, Ill., Aug. 1.—Approximately 500 striking miners forced the crew of a Mobile and Ohio train to sidetrack five cars of coal at Willsville, 10 miles north of here, late this afternoon, which was bound for East St. Louis, according to an announcement tonight by E. E. Norris, vice president of the railroad.

HIGH AVERAGE ON MARKET AT MULLINS

High averages for the season are reported on the open auction market in the South Carolina tobacco belt. A report received here is to the effect that sales through last Friday, August 11, amounted to 1,335,225 pounds, with a general average for the season to date of \$22.96. This is said to be considerably in advance of the price paid there last year.

THE TRIP TO THE "WASHOUT" POSTPONED

On account of the muddy stream the Oxford Baptist Baraca Class did not go to the "Washout" yesterday as was proposed last Sunday. The class will take further action next Sunday.

—One of the loveliest social functions of the mid-summer season was given Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horner, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Graham, Jr., who have recently returned from an extended wedding trip through the west. Artistically arranged flowers decorated the handsome home. Punch was served by Mesdames R. H. Lewis and R. G. Lassiter. Eleven tables were placed for bridge. Attractive place cards suggestive of weddings, marked the places of the guests. After the game, ice cream, cake, mints and nuts were served.

TWO HOUSES IN OXFORD IN WHICH FIVE GENERATIONS OF DESCENDANTS HAVE LIVED

This Makes An Old-Timer Indulge In Retrospection.

Up on College Street, in the fine old grove belonging to Dr. B. K. Hays, is to be witnessed this week, a most pleasing sight, which has its parallel in only one other home in the town or possible the county. Mrs. Garland Talton of Zebulon, with her three sturdy sons, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. G. Brummitt, and the little boys playing in that grove of massive oaks cause an old-timer to indulge in retrospection.

About the middle of the last century Dr. Samuel Duty bought the house and lot now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Brummitt. The house may not have been quite so large then, although much more numerous, but the lot was decidedly larger. To this place Dr. Duty and his good wife and the date of this is uncertain, and here played their younger children. One of these later grew up and married the late John W. Hays, who in course of time bought the shares of his wife's sisters in the premises. The Hays children played in the old yard as had their mother before them. One of these children when grown married and became the mother of Mrs. Brummitt and Mrs. Talton, who spent their girlhood in the shadows of these same old trees. And now the grove is ringing with the laughter of the fifth generation in direct line from Dr. Duty, his great-grandchildren.

About the same time Dr. Robert Kennon Taylor bought the Littlejohn property on Williamsboro street now owned by Mr. Richard P. Taylor, his grandson. The late Dr. Leonidis C. Taylor, father of the present owner, bought the property and it has remained in the family since that day. Every day may be seen playing on the spacious lawn, the five sturdy grandsons and one beautiful young granddaughter of the present owner.

Across the street from the Hays property, Dr. Robert H. Marsh and his great-grandson live under the same roof. Across the street from the Taylor house may be found the great-grandchildren of the late James Crawford Cooper living in the old Cooper home; further out on the same street some of the great-grandchildren of the late James H. Horner live in the old Horner residence. But at the Hays house and the Taylor house, are to be found the only examples in Oxford of the fifth generations in the ancestral home. In these days of rapid changes this is a sight as pleasing as it is unusual.

CALLS UPON CAPITAL AND LABOR TO STOP BICKERING

Secretary Wallace Discusses Railroad Strike In Address To Virginia Farmers.

Addressing a farmers convention at Leesville, Va., last Tuesday, Secretary Wallace, of the Department of Agriculture, presented comparative figures to show that the purchasing power of the farmers' dollar had decreased sharply since 1913, "while the wages of the workman, and especially in organized industries, are considerably higher than they were before the war, whether measured in dollars and cents or in purchasing power."

"The purchasing power of the wages of the railway employe in 1921," he continued, "was 51 per cent greater than in 1913."

"The purchasing power of the wages of the coal miner in 1921 was 30 per cent greater than in 1913. The purchasing power of the farm hand who works for wages in 1921 was four per cent less than in 1913, while the purchasing power of the farmer himself was, on an average, from 25 to 45 per cent less than in 1913."

"In short," Mr. Wallace emphasized, the farmers of the country, numbering almost one-third of our entire population, have been altogether the heaviest burden of deflation and they have not shared it.

"They have kept on working and in the fact of extraordinary low prices have this year grown one of the largest crops in our entire history. The farmers believe in law and order. He believes in government. He believes in fairness between man and man. He believes in working hard and producing efficiently."

"But there are too many people who seem to be thinking only of themselves and how they can profit at the expense of the community at large, and especially at the expense of the farmer. The farmer is sick and tired of this sort of business."

Goes To Columbus Co.
Judge Devin will leave next Sunday for Whiteville, Columbus county, to hold a two weeks term of court.

—Miss Helen White entertained the Social Club Thursday afternoon honoring Miss Evelyn Howell and Mrs. Gibson Howell of Franklin, Va. Zenias, "come and cut again" sun flowers and scarlet sage were used as decorations through out the house. As the guests arrived punch was served. Five tables were arranged for Rook after an enjoyable game, ice cream, cake and nuts were served.

PRIVATE FAMILY CLOSE IN OFFERS to desirable parties first class table board at \$7.50 per week. "X" care Public Ledger.