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THIRTY PER CENT OF TOBACCO CROP SOLD

About One-Half Of the Remainder To Be Sold In the Hands Of the Co-ops.

From thirty to thirty-five per cent of the Granville County tobacco crop is yet to be marketed according to the opinion advanced by both independent and co-operative officials. The conservatives fixed the figure at thirty per cent, while some placed the figure at 35 per cent for the auction and co-operative market here respectively.

Quite a lot of unsigned tobacco from adjoining counties has been coming to the Oxford market all the season, and there is no telling how much "foreign" tobacco will be handled here during the remainder of the season. This estimate of 30 per cent yet to be sold on the Oxford market this season does not include tobacco grown outside of the county.

The Auction Houses.
After the close for the holidays, the auction houses opened yesterday with light sales, which may imply that the farmers are not in a hurry to market the remainder of the crop. The price for all grades were practically the same as when the market closed for the holidays.

The Co-ops.
The Co-ops, after a close for the holiday season opened up this morning with every office man and helper in place. The opening this morning was light, which is generally the case immediately following the holidays.

Second Payment.
Second payment on the co-operative weed may be expected by Granville County and this section of the bright belt between January 10 and 15. The co-operatives have been waiting some time for their second payment and will be glad to get the checks.

EIGHTY NINE NEW NURSES IN STATE

Making A Total Of 1000 Registered Nurses In North Carolina

Announcement is made of the successful applicants for registered nurses' license in North Carolina, from the number who stood the examination held by the state board of examiners at Raleigh on December 4.

Of the 95 applicants all but six passed. The highest mark was made by Miss Ida McAfee, of Asheville, Rochester Homeopathic School of Nursing. Her mark was 97. The second in the list was Miss Helen Moor, of the Roanoke Rapids School of Nursing, and Miss Reba Sanders, of the John Walker Memorial School of Nursing, Wilmington, who ties with a mark of 96.

The result of the examination, with the licensing of the nurses makes the total of registered nurses in the state about 1,000.

ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY PROPOSED

Measures Also Propose Exemption of Service Men From Poll Tax.

Exemption of overseas service men from the payment of poll tax, drastic amendment of the prohibition laws of the State providing among other things conviction for felony on the refusal of a drunk to tell where he got his liquor, and the substitution of sterilization and life imprisonment for the death penalty for capital offenses were listed among the legislation offered in the House at Raleigh last week.

Three public measures offered in the Senate would require all vehicles to display lights at night when on State roads, would allow the corporation commission to appoint freight inspectors, and would abolish superior court clerks, fee for jurors and witness tickets in all counties where the clerk is on a salary.

MC'BEE QUILTS HIGH-WAY COMMISSION

Gov. Morrison Appoints Andrew M. Kistler

Governor Morrison has accepted the resignation of John C. McBee, of Mitchell county, as a member of the state highway commission, and appointed Andrew M. Kistler, Morganton manufacturer, to succeed him.

Mr. McBee seemed unable to satisfy the people of the eighth district, and in his decisions he was reversed twice by the highway commission meeting in a body, being the only member to have his decisions reversed.

LAST CHANCE

January is the last month in which to pay your taxes without penalty. All taxes paid during month of January Net. On February 1st one percent will be added. Statement furnished on request.

1-5-8t E. D. HUNT, Sheriff.

WANTED YOUNG LADY TO TEACH at home two small children of 5 and 6 years. P. O. B. 612.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE HAS GREAT RECORD

Postoffice receipts are regarded as an infallible barometer of the business of a town. Oxford's postoffice shows a remarkable growth during the past two years as the following figures show.

Receipts from sale of postage stamps, newspaper postage and box rents for the past three years:

1920	18,000
1921	20,500
1922	22,600

This is a good steady growth of postal receipts and compares favorably with any office in North Carolina.

KAISER'S ESTATES ARE UNDER CLOUD

Thirty Tearing Castles. Nearly a Million Acres of Land and Forest with Hunting Lodges, Villas, Parks and Private Houses, Jewels and Art Treasures Worth Millions Are Involved.

Four years ago had Princess Schoenauich Carolath been betrothed to the king of Prussia and emperor of Germany she could have contemplated reigning over the greatest royal estates of Europe. She could have viewed prospective co-partnership in the administration of 30 towering castles, nearly a million acres of land and forest with hunting lodges, villas parks and private houses, to say nothing of jewels and art treasures worth millions, says the New York Herald.

Today not even William Hohenzollern knows whether he owns any part of the silent castles, the empty country seats or the parks and forests. He does not even know whether he owns a stick of furniture in his former palace. He cannot call the easy chair in his library his own nor could he promise his bride a single ladle from the once royal kitchens.

ROTARIANS ENJOY TRIP TO DURHAM

Banquet Punctuated With Songs, Fun and Serious Thought.

The Oxford Rotary Club, together with the Raleigh and Henderson Clubs, was entertained Friday night by the Durham Club in the new Durham High School Building. One hundred and twenty-five members of these clubs joined in the festivities of the occasion, consisting of an elegant banquet, with singing, fun and serious thoughts interspersed.

Charles Mainor spoke with great credit to himself and the Oxford Club on "The Rotarian and his Morality," and a stunt put on by the Oxford Club, under the direction of Andrew Jamieson, brought forth much laughter. The spirit of Rotary reigned supreme and all voted the evening a great success.

GENERAL NEWS

—Practically all danger of another coal strike in the unionized bituminous fields April 1 of this year has now passed, in the opinion of the federal coal commission.

—The face value of new life insurance policies taken out in the United States the past year exceeds \$8,000,000,000, a gain of more than 100 per cent over 1913. Government officials attribute the big showing to a decided gain in the material condition of the people.

—A bill designed to help break up bootlegging by making the buyer of outlaw liquor equally guilty with the seller was introduced by Representative Upshaw, Democrat, Georgia, who recently charged in the House that public officials do not all practice what they preach in regard to prohibition.

—The authorized biography of John Wanamaker will be written by the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, and work upon this document will be begun at once. Dr. Conwell says that the work will be a labor of love and that it was the desire of the dead "merchant prince." No date for publication has been announced.

—Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, for many years chief engineer of the Thomas A. Edison laboratories, has been selected to lead a new crusade against the boll weevil in the cotton fields of the South. The post was tendered Dr. Hutchison by the American Cotton Association, which in connection with an Atlanta, Ga., organization, has undertaken to raise \$2,500,000 to fight the weevil.

—For the first time in American history the picture of a woman will appear upon postage stamps when the new series being prepared by the Postoffice Department, is issued on January 15. The woman portrayed will be Martha Washington and her picture will appear on a four-cent stamp. Other stamps of the new series will show pictures of George Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Monroe.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

MR. E. C. HARRIS IN FAVOR OF BUILDING NEW COURT HOUSE

JAIL TO BE ON TOP OF THE MODERN STRUCTURE

A Light Bond Issue That Would Be of Lasting Benefit to all the People of the County.

To the People of Granville Co.:

The last time you elected me one of your county commissioners, I had in mind to do my very best to start some plan to build a new Court House. I talked the matter over with a few of our good business men, every one of whom said to me "I hope you will succeed."

I traveled a good distance on the train one day with one of the best judges in the State and told him what I had in view; he grasped my hand and said "if you will do this, your name will go down in history as one of the great men of your county—push it, I bid you God speed."

I had scarcely taken the oath of office before war was declared against Germany and her allies. So I thought best to drop it, having never mentioned it to any other member of the Board.

For six months I have been thinking of writing an article for our county paper, agitating the matter again as the war has passed and our present board is discussing the matter of remodeling the old one or building a new one. Having been a commissioner 12 years I think I know just how they feel about the matter. I just feel like every one of them really thinks the right thing to do would be to build a new one, but knowing the only way to do it would be by a bond issue and they perhaps think this would not meet with the approval of the people. Hence I am addressing this to the good people of our county and not to our commissioners alone. Should it not be far better to build a new one and it would be more desirable, convenient and safe in every particular than any alteration or adding to could possible be.

I have often viewed the old building and grounds with an eye to adding to and remodeling, but I have never been able to see how it could be done at all satisfactorily. Something should be done soon, nearly every grand jury for six years have recommended more and better vaults for our valuable records. Until now nothing permanent has been done. Those who have to daily search public records know something of the inconvenience and loss of valuable time in doing so; besides I have been reliably informed quite a number of valuable books are unavoidably exposed to fire, and it is only a matter of time (probably) a great many things will be thrown into chaos by fire.

My fellow country-men, think on these things. I am no architect and don't propose to attempt to plan the building further than to say I think it should be three stories, the third story for a jail. It seems to me that the building we need could be built for around \$175,000. Where is this to come from. I don't see any source but a bond issue. Doubtless many will be surprised at my being in favor of a bond issue. I must say I am opposed to bond issue generally, but this would be no common occurrence—only one in a hundred years or more.

I have written this to no special party, sect or for self aggrandisement, but to the people of the whole county to get the matter before our people and sincerely hope they will not be too free to criticize or express their opinions until they first give it careful thought and view it from every angle—not looking at it from any selfish or jolitical point of view. After having done this, would be glad to have you express your candid opinion in any way you may deem proper. E. C. HARRIS.

Jan. 5th, 1923.

STATE NEWS

—Further evidence of the gigantic building boom which is to be inaugurated in New Bern during the coming year is seen in the fact that approximately eighty permits for new structures within the city limits have been issued.

—Thomas Mott Osborn, noted prison reformer, whose work at Sing Sing and in the United States Navy's prison system won him international fame, will be the principal speaker before the North Carolina Conference for Social Service which meets in Raleigh, January 24-25.

—The yield of fish and oysters in East Carolina waters this year, according to the report of the commissioner of labor and printing, amounted to in value \$2,034,430. In quantity the aggregate is made up of \$16,915,387 pounds of food fish, 1,160,824 pounds of shrimp, 500,000 bushels of oysters 41,157 bushels clams, 138,596 gallons escallops, 65,434 dozen soft crabs, and 2,136 gallons of crab meat. For carrying on the industry, boats, nets and other apparatus to the value of 3,859,573 are used, giving employment to nearly 11,000 persons.

MASTER JIM BLACK IMPROVES SLOWLY

Much Sympathy Expressed For Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Black, the Parents.

Master James Black, the fine little son of Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Black, who was accidentally shot by a playmate while he was skating on Front street last Thursday morning, is recovering from the wound slowly, it is said.

The sharp-pointed ball which entered the abdomen, was extracted by Surgeon Jack Bullock at Brantwood Hospital, and if no complications set in the brave little boy will soon recover.

It was at first thought, and so stated in the Public Ledger, that the ball struck the hard pavement before it entered the boy's stomach. After the ball was extracted it was seen that it did not strike a hard substance, or it would have been battered.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Black in the affliction visited upon their bright little son. They bear it with Christian grace and fortitude which emphasizes stronger than words can express the fallacy of fond parents, or friends, placing firearms in the hands of children.

PECULIAR CASES ON CITY COURT DOCKET

Six Raleigh Boys Accused Of Barking Like Dogs On Fayetteville Street.

(News and Observer)

A case unique in the legal annals of the State of North Carolina and perhaps pregnant with judicial precedent will be tried this morning in the City Court when six Raleigh boys will be arraigned before Judge Harris on the terrible and heinous charge of "barking like dogs on Fayetteville street."

Clifton Beckwith, city prosecuting attorney last night stated that the legal aspect of the case was most complex. He asserted that as there was no city ordinance specifically prohibiting barking, that he would probably have to revert to the common law in prosecuting the cases, and charge the boys with terrorizing the populace into thinking that an epidemic of hydrophobia was in progress.

The Raleigh boys are tame compared to the gang of Oxford boys who terrorized the citizens on Christmas Eve, when they upset out-houses, turned cattle into the street, removed chairs from the porch and turned on spigots.

A MEMORIAL SHAFT IN DURHAM COUNTY

To Mark The Spot Where General Johnson Surrendered To Sherman

Family of Samuel F. Brown, whose estate is owner of the Bennett Place near Durham where General Johnson surrendered to General Sherman, intend to carry out his desires and erect a memorial on the land, if the state will keep it up, members of the Morgan family have assured Representative R. O. Everett. Samuel Morgan was founder of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company which made him wealthy. He removed to Richmond and has since died. R. O. Everett intends to introduce a bill into the lower house of the state assembly seeking a provision for permanent care of the memorial in order that it may be erected.—Durham Herald.

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. W. N. Thomas Takes the Place Of Dr. Tom Booth, Resigned.

One of the time-honored institutions of the county is the Board of Health. It has always been under the direction of the best men obtainable, who gave the best that is in them.

It is to be regretted that Dr. Tom Booth's health is such as to cause him to withdraw from the board after long and faithful service. In casting about to get a good man to take his place, the board elected Dr. W. N. Thomas, who brings to the board much energy and wisdom.

SON BORN TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. HILL

Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Hill are being congratulated upon the birth of a son in their home, 570 Park Avenue, New York City, on Sunday, December 17th, 1922. The child will be christened Percival Smith Hill the 2nd, after his grandfather, Percival S. Hill, President of the American Tobacco Company, of which the boy's father, Mr. George W. Hill, is Vice-president.

—Mrs. J. D. Harte, wife of Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Baptist Church, is in Norfolk to receive medical treatment

WHAT ALLIES WANTED WHAT THEY MAY GET

The present allied reparations revision is the third the Allies have made in an effort to secure a "final" fixation on Germany's obligations.

On January 25, 1921, the total reparations were fixed at 226,000,000,000 gold marks (approximately \$55,000,000,000), payable in annuities extending to 1923.

On April 27, 1921, the damnd was modified to call for a total of 132,000,000,000 gold marks (approximately \$31,416,000,000), payable over a period totaling forty-one years.

Today both France and England are agreed on a reparations total of 50,000,000,000 gold marks (approximately \$12,000,000,000), the British fixing the year for final settlement as 1954.

France, however, demands immediate productive guarantees, or economic sanctions by occupation of the Ruhr, to insure against German defaults.

Great Britain demands the application of "such penalties as the Allies mutually agree upon" only after Germany has defaulted.

LOCAL NEWS

—The Eastern Star will meet promptly at 7:30 o'clock next Thursday evening.

—A meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the Graded school auditorium on Thursday night at 7:30.

—Mr. J. H. Morris, who lives on the north end of Broad street, lost a fine cow last Friday night. As there was no sign of sickness or improper food, the cow's death is shrouded in mystery.

—A rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, visited this section early last Monday morning. The loud peals of thunder and the vivid lightning would have been a credit to a warm summer day.

—A large ripe tomato, plucked from the garden of Mrs. G. W. Royster near Providence last week, speaks well for the soil and climate of Granville. It was perfect and the frost seemed not to have touched it.

LETTING IN LIGHT AND WARM SUNSHINE

The South End of Gilliam Street Is a Model of Good Workmanship

There were twenty-one large trees on either side of the square on Gilliam street before the workmen laid the axe at their roots a few days ago. Ten of the fine elms on this square, which are distributed at proper intervals, will be permitted to stand.

The square was rather dark and damp before the trees were cut, but the light of day, the flood of warm sunshine and the hard surface placed by the R. G. Lassiter Company has made it one of the most cheerful and inviting blocks in Oxford. It is a model piece of workmanship.

TOKEN OF LOVE TO JUDGE DEVIN

Presented By the Oxford Baptist Baraca Class.

The Oxford Baptist Baraca Class, of which Judge Devin has long been the teacher, last Sunday presented to him as a token of love and esteem "The Life of John Marshall," neatly bound in four volumes.

Pastor Harte presented the gift in graceful terms, and the manner in which Judge Devin received it showed that the class and the token is close to his heart.

MAJOR STEDMAN WANTS A MEMORIAL ERECTED TO COLORED "MAMMIES"

Washington, Jan. 7.—The government of the United States was asked yesterday to pay a belated tribute to the "faithful" colored mamies of the South" by providing a site in the national capital for a monument in their memory. Representative Stedman, Democrat, North Carolina, the only Confederate veteran in the House, proposed in a bill that Congress grant permission to the Jefferson Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, for erection as a gift to the people of the country of the monument on public ground here.

The old colored mammy, enshrined in the hearts of a multitude she led through the turbulent and trying period of childhood, has been praised in song and story, but there is no marble shaft testifying to her faithful service generations ago.

MR. FLEMING'S NEW HOME ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Len B. Fleming have about completed their comfortable and picturesque home on the National Highway, in the northern suburbs of Oxford near the Delacroix spring. Electric lights and water will be installed.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE AT RALEIGH

Firemen Is Badly Burned While Trying To Rescue Victims—Sixty Automobiles Destroyed—Damage Estimated At \$100,000.

Three persons were burned to death and another burned seriously, a fireman injured and 75 automobiles destroyed in a fire early last Saturday morning when the garage operated by Isaac Simpkins, on East Morgan street, Raleigh, went up in flames.

The dead are: Mrs. Isaac Simpkins, her four year old son and a negro nurse. The following condensed report is taken from the Raleigh papers:

Isaac Simpkins was burned badly when he attempted to re-enter the building to rescue his wife after having jumped from a second floor window with his daughter, Carroll Besk, a fireman, fractured his arm in two places when a sudden burst of flames from a window caused him to lose his balance on a ladder and fall.

Simpkins and his family lived in an apartment over the garage, and were trapped by the fire, which was started by an explosion, according to the fire department. The flames spread rapidly. Rushing to a window, Simpkins urged his wife, holding her small son in her arms, to jump. She refused. The man caught his daughter and jumped.

He rushed back into the building in an attempt to rescue his wife, but was driven back by the flames. He was so badly burned, hospital physicians stated he is not expected to recover.

Simpkins, his clothes burning, was standing beneath the window where his wife had appeared when firemen arrived.

"Jump, mother, jump," he called. The only answer was a scream.

He pleaded with the crowd to save his wife and child. Fireman Beck was attempting to reach the window when the flames caused him to fall. Fireman were not able to reach the room in which the bodies were found until 7 o'clock, nearly three hours after the fire started. Dinty Moore and W. G. Brewer, who also had rooms on the second floor of the building, escaped by sliding down a shed in the rear. Between 50 and 80 automobiles were in the garage. The loss on the building and automobiles was estimated at \$100,000, all partly covered by insurance.

DEVOE'S WEATHER FORECAST FOR JAN.

Cold Wave Predicted to Form and Move Southward on the 18th.

Tenth, rain over the Gulf States; snow over Western states. 11th to 12th, equally. 13th to 14th, cold wave over Western states. 15th, storm over Gulf states; local gales. 16th to 17th, storm moving out to sea; colder. On the 18th a cold wave will form over the western states and move southeastward. 19th to 20th, cold and blustery. 21st and 22nd, pleasant. On the 23rd a storm will form over Texas, moving northeastward, bringing a snow-storm from Texas to Maine on the 24th to 25th. 26th to 27th, north-west gales and snow. 28th to 29th clearing. 30th to 31st, clear and cold.

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD

The National Guard Throughout the Country Is 8,744 Officers and 150,914 Enlisted men

Announcing that three units had been admitted into the North Carolina national guard during the past six days, a record for this season of the year, officials of the adjutant general's department stated that only four more organizations were to be filed to complete the state's quota and that applications for these already have been filed.

The three units admitted are Battery D, field artillery at New Bern; 115th, ambulance company, Edenton, and Company B, 105th, engineers, Morganton.

"Of the total amount of federal funds expended on the national guard in this state last year," said Major Gordan Smith, "approximately \$1,900,000 was in actual cash and distributed among individuals and firms in about thirty counties. The past year was the most active in the history of the guard."

MR. WM. G. PACE, JR., GOES TO COLUMBUS, O.

Sings Himself Into the Hearts of the People.

Oxford loses one of its finest young men, Mr. William G. Pace, Jr., who has gone to Columbus, Ohio, to make his home, and is connected with the Huntington National Bank of that city. This young man, the son of Mr. W. G. Pace, the well-known tobaccoist, sang himself into the hearts of the people here, and he will no doubt capture the hearts of the people in the Ohio capital city in like manner.