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## WILLIAMSTON MARKET

### GETTING IN SHAPE

**The Warehousemen Are Busily Preparing for Biggest Sales Ever. New Warehouse Will be Ready for Opening Day on August 22nd. The Prices Will Soar as Always on the Market**

The Tobacco Board of Trade has agreed to announce the opening of the Williamston Tobacco Market on Wednesday, August 22nd. The Rrick Warehouse Company are erecting their building now, and will have it completed by the opening day. Improvements on every hand are being made to handle the business this season which promises to be greater than that of last year. The re-drying plant has been leased to Saunders & Co., of Rocky Mount, and will be in full operation.

The Dixie and Roanoke Warehouses will be under the management of J. D. King & Sons as last season; the Farmers Warehouse has been sold to Messrs. Mc Mobley, J. W. Hight and Joe Taylor, who will manage it with a full corps of assistants. The Brick Warehouse Co., a co-operative firm, will be managed by Will A. James, assisted by a splendid corps. J. D. King & Sons, who sold largely last year, are on the grounds now looking after every detail necessary to the handling of the farmers' crops, which will be brought to Williamston. Every other warehouseman in the town is busy making all preparations for the high prices that will be given for the weed on this, the highest market in North Carolina. All of these men are trained in the business—they know tobacco and look after the interests of the farmers, who patronize the home market.

The South Carolina market opened at 16 cts. average—higher than ever before, and judging from this, the Martin County kind will soar as on eagles' wings. There is no discounting the yellow weed raised right around here, and the warehousemen are ever watchful to see that it is taken at the topnotch price. All the big companies will have representatives, and August 22nd will start another season of high prices on the Williamston Tobacco Market.

#### Forecasted Rain

Sunday was St. Swithin's Day and the old adage concerning it runs thus: "St. Swithin's Day if it do rain, for forty days it will remain." If this be true, then the farmers are up against it, for it rained slightly here on Sunday night, and the lightning was intense with the wind at a high rate all through the day. The humidity was great, but a seat in the shade where the breeze had full sway, was delightfully pleasant. Monday, however, proved the fallacy of the adage, at least for this part of the globe, for not a drop of rain fell, and so the spell was broken. Crops are feeling the intensity of the heat, and are growing rapidly, especially cotton, which was far behind corn and peanuts.

Miss Helen Maynard left Tuesday for Williamsport, Pa., to visit relatives. She will be absent until September.

#### Obeying Orders

Ever since the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Germany, the government has instructed the people to keep its mouth shut. This especially appeals to those who are apt to criticize and in that way let the enemy's spies here learn something to the hurt of the country. It seems that the government has strictly followed its own advice, for very little has been learned about the movements of the troops or vessels. Not even when submarines are sunk, is there any news of it. This week it has leaked out thru German sources that four of the most powerful of the German U-Boats were sunk by United States warships, which conveyed the first installment of troops to France. Perhaps, the suppression of the news was best for the folks back home, who would have been worrying at the possibility of destruction by submarines. If it had been known that the troop ships were attacked. It pays in a large degree to keep much of the news from the public. The government is wise in doing it.

#### Wants More Shares.

Wheeler Martin, Sec. & Treas., Martin County Bldg. & Loan, Williamston, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

I notice from the advertisements that the Building and Loan Association is going to issue another series of shares the first of September. This is to advise you that I want to increase my holdings by taking some stock in this series, and that I do so for the following reasons:

That it is the greatest money saving institution that I know of, paying interest at the rate of six per cent while you save; that it makes the wage earner a home owner, enables him to own his home by paying just a little more than rent; that it has, so I have been informed, done more than anything else, to build up such towns as Wilmington, Ry. Mount, Fayetteville; that it was the direct cause of Charlotte doubling its population within the last ten years. As a business proposition I am unable to understand why any business man is without any of this stock. As an investment it is good as GOVERNMENT BONDS. This is non-taxable and yields six per cent, while non-taxable government bonds yield only three and a half and four per cent.

Don't forget to have your representative call on me to deliver additional stock in this series.

Yours very truly,  
R. G. Harrison.

#### New Directories

The Williamston Telephone Company will soon issue new directories to their subscribers. They are in press now, and will be issued as rapidly as possible. It was intended to have them in the hands of the patrons of the company more than a month ago but the work was unavoidably delayed at the printing office. The new directory will be the largest one ever issued by the company as there has been an increase in the number of phones.

See me at the Pool Room Saturday next dooor to Jim Legget's Who? Lilley the barbecue man.

#### The Profitable Peanut

The farmers of Martin County, who have been raising peanuts at a large profit for years, should begin to realize that with an increased acreage not only in the peanut belt but in those states which have been experimental largely, the price will not reach that margin dreamed of by the optimistic farmer. They should also realize that the newer sections which have gone into the cultivation of the nuts may be able to produce a better quality of the crop than right here in Martin County, the land of the big peanut. The curing of the crop means good or imperfect seed, and seed is the principal ground-work of the profitable crop. So many people in this section put the crop up in large stacks, when the small stack is the proper method, and should always be the rule instead of the exception. From the small stack the best seed is to be secured, and the Martin County farmer wants the best and can get it unless he carelessly cures his crop.

A ride through the county at this time will show a pleasing prospect for the peanut crop, and the farmers must begin now to prepare for placing on the market the very finest nuts ever offered to the buyers on the market. To do this, there should be nothing neglected for the proper cultivation and curing.

The demand for peanuts is on the increase, but with the several states in the South entering into the cultivation, it is not expected that the prices will soar, but will remain around a profitable margin.

#### Operation For Appendicitis

Mr. Leslie Fowden accompanied by his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett, went to Washington Sunday afternoon and entered the Washington Hospital for an operation for appendicitis, from which he had been suffering for several years. Monday morning, Dr. Saunders went over to be present at the operation, and same was accomplished with success, as Mr. Fowden recovered promptly from the effects of the anaesthetics. Friends here and throughout the county will be pleased to learn of his promising condition, and wish for him a speedy return to his home and business.

#### Had Loads Of Peaches

Mr. Asa J. Manning, who purchased a part of the Watts farm owned by the late Wheeler Martin, has been delivering loads of fine Elberta peaches this week. The trees were laden with handsome fruit, and the flavor was fine. He offered them at \$1.50 per bushel. The orchard is one of the best in the community, and contains an earlier variety of peaches.

#### Gave Himself Up

Claude Matthews, the negro who on Sunday night, July 8th, shot Joe Hassell, another negro, gave himself up to the officers on Monday morning. The case was heard before Justice Godwin, and Matthews was committed to jail to await developments in the case of Hassell, who lies at his home with four bullet wounds in him.

Capt. W. R. Fowden, who manages the Commissary at Astoria Mill, Jamesville, came home Tuesday suffering with an attack of appendicitis.

## MUST GET SUPPLIES ON SATURDAY

The present Board of Town Commissioners are doing things with a swing. Monday night, they voted to put the ban on Sunday selling in the town. This closes the drug stores, and saves the wear and tear of the seats in them for one day, at least. Very few drug stores in the State are open on Sundays, but in Williamston, they are the rendezvous of the Sunday loafers, and the clerks are over-worked. The market has been open to any who wanted to get a roast that they had neglected to secure Saturday night, and quite a number of men secured clothing on Sunday morning. Several places on Washington St., or more commonly known as "Grab-all," kept open doors all the day, and dispensed whatever they had to sell. For an open town, Williamston has held the pennant for sometime. It seems impossible to close the blind tiger places for much of the stuff reposes in the pockets of the vendors, 'tis said, and there is no law yet to close a man's pockets. But watch the vendors.

It is hoped that it is not the intention of the Board to make the people good only on Sundays; there are six more days in the week, and the laws that have been enacted to prevent lawlessness, should be enforced during these days, and then it would become a habit to observe not only man's but God's laws. Williamston is not so badly in need of more law, but a strict enforcement of what has already been passed.

#### Orphan Singing Class

The Orphan Singing Class from the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro, will appear in Williamston for the first time on August 9th. From press reports this Class gives a most delightful entertainment in the nature of an operetta. The Class has never visited Williamston, and the people should give them a warm welcome to the town, and largely patronize their entertainment. Remember that they will be here on August 9th, and make no other arrangements for that time.

Williamston has always largely patronized the Class from the Oxford Orphanage, which shows that the cause of the orphans is dear to the heart of this people.

#### Will Erect Houses

The Building and Loan Association will soon begin the erection of several residences, it being the intention to erect one house before the next series opens on September 1st. This will mean much to the town for there are no homes for people who want to come here to live, and this is what B. & L. Associations are doing for the upbuilding of other towns. Get in the movement and buy some shares in the next series.

#### Sale Of Large Farm

Hon. A. R. Dunning spent several days in Suffolk, Va., this week where he went as attorney for House Brothers, of Oak City, whom he represented in making a title to a large farm located at Holland, Va. sold to Capt. T. W. Tilghman, of Wilson N. C. The consideration for same being \$25,000.

#### Be Wise In Time

These hot summer days warn us of the danger of disease, especially of typhoid fever, which is always to be dreaded. Occasionally, there are a few cases during the winter, but the hot summer months are the breeding periods for fever. People are often too busy to take the time to be cautious, especially in the rural districts where work is so pressing, and life is hurried while the crops are being cultivated. There is too little care taken with drinking water, milk and other things which carry typhoid germs. However, folks in this section of the country are sitting up and taking notice, for hundreds have taken vaccine and seem to be earnest in their endeavor to arm themselves against the dreaded disease. To those who have not been inoculated, there is but one thing to say: "Delay is dangerous."

#### A New Mercantile Firm

Messrs. Simon Rutenburg and Abe Adler have rented the store now occupied by Levi Riddick as a pool room, and as soon as all necessary repairs are made, they will stock it with merchandise and open an up-to-date establishment. It will be remembered by many of the citizens of the town, that Mr. Rutenburg was in business here several years ago and gained for himself a popularity which will assist him largely in his new business. Mr. Adler is a successful young business man, of Plymouth, and he has been associated with Mr. Rutenburg for some time. They were in town yesterday making arrangements for their business.

#### Ordinances In Book Form

The Board of Town Commissioners are having printed in book form, all ordinances of whatever nature that pertain to the government of the people. A copy will be placed in the home of every inhabitant, and then there will be no excuse for anyone claiming ignorance of the laws affecting sanitation, etc. All the large towns issue such books and Williamston is of sufficient growth to have this improvement over the old system of posting ordinances, which very few people ever stopped to read.

#### To Open New Warehouse

In this issue appears the announcement of the opening of the Brick Warehouse on August 22nd. The company is co-operative, and the stockholders will share in the profits of the same. A large number of shares was sold among the farmers in and around Williamston and in other parts of the county. Will James, who is known to every tobacco raiser in this and other counties will manage the warehouse. Associated with him, are J. W. Hight and Joe Taylor, whom everybody knows. Adv.

The Baptist, Methodist and Christian Churches are having Union services during the heated spell which gives only one service each Sunday night. Rev. C. E. Burrell opened the series at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. Rev. H. M. Eure will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday night.

Messrs. Will Ambers and Roland Crawford with Misses Carrie Delle White, Daisy Wynne and Mary Louise Carstarphen, motored to Washington Tuesday evening.

## WOMAN BEATEN WITH STICKS

Saturday, John Williams, who lives with his family in Williams township, beat his wife almost to death. It is said that he beat her with a stick, and those who have seen the woman affirm that they have never seen a more brutal act. Williams claims that his wife was untrue to him, and he acting as the master does to the slave or dog, proceeded to unmercifully beat her up. Dr. Warren was called to attend Mrs. Williams, and stated that her condition was critical. Williams was brought here and placed in jail, but Sunday was released on bond. Monday he was tried before Justices Godwin and Manning and placed under a bond of \$500; failing to give this, Sheriff Page committed him to jail. The case attracted much attention, especially in the section in which the parties live, and there was a crowd here to attend the trial.

#### Hamilton Items

Miss Rachel Edmondson and Miss Ruth Phippen are spending some time with friends at Spring Hill.

Robert Roebuck went to Spring Hill Sunday.

Miss Maggie J. Davenport spent the week-end at home.

Jordan Hines with Misses Hattie Floyd and Maggie J. Davenport went to Leens Monday night.

D. G. Matthews, Misses Lelia Phippen, Maggie Belle and Annie Jones spent Wednesday afternoon in Williamston.

Miss Norma Hines has returned from a visit to relatives in Leens.

John Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle and the Misses Jones spent Sunday afternoon in Williamston.

Miss Jesse Moye has returned to her home in Greenville, after visiting Miss Pattie Sherrod.

Mrs. Minnie Williamson, of Tarboro, has been the guest of Mrs. F. L. Gladstone the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Long and Mrs. W. T. Grimes spent Sunday afternoon in Williamston.

Lyman Williamson, of Florida, spent a few days here this week.

Miss Effie Waldo has returned from the Institute at Williamston.

Mrs. Martha Purvis and daughter have returned from a visit to relatives near Tarboro.

Mrs. E. M. Long and little daughter spent Wednesday here.

Dr. M. I. Fleming, Gordan Hines and C. D. Perkins spent Wednesday in Greenville.

Steve Ewell, of Winston-Salem is spending some time here.

Mrs. O. T. Everett, Leroy Everett and Maggie J. Davenport spent Monday afternoon in Robersonville.

Miss Olivia Rogers spent the week-end here.

R. W. Salsbury went to Richmond last week.

J. Henry Edmondson and Miss Ruth Floyd motored to Oak City Saturday night and were quietly married by Rev. J. L. Rogers, which was a surprise to their many friends. They left Sunday for Norfolk, where they will make their home.