

Sell Your Tobacco in Williamston; Four Independent Warehouses, Run by Experienced Men

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WILLIAMSTON READY FOR OPENING

Review of Williamston Market From Its Organization in 1902 to Present

Local Market Offers Many Advantages To Farmers Who Sell Tobacco Here; Four Big Auction Warehouses To Open September 2

Everything Ready For Biggest Opening in History of Market

YOU ARE INVITED

Hearty Welcome Awaits All Visitors—With Or Without Tobacco

The Williamston tobacco market offers many advantages to the farmers who sell tobacco here this year. Never before have such extensive preparations been made for the handling of tobacco in Williamston.

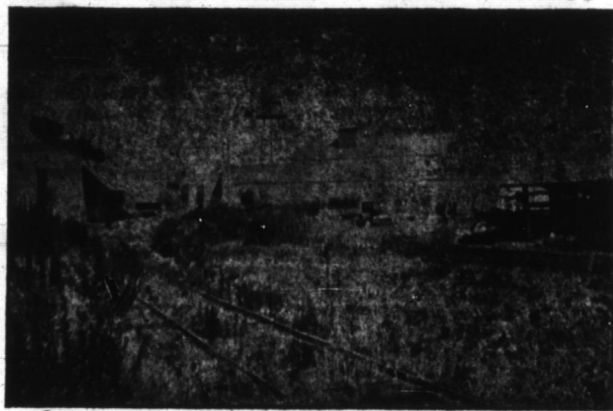
A modern steam tobacco redrying plant is now ready for operation here. It will be under the management of men who have had long experience in the tobacco business.

The proprietors of Williamston's four independent warehouses are hard-working men, men who strive for the interest of their patrons. The experience of these men proves this statement, for they have all been connected for many years past with the tobacco industry.

When the market opens here next Wednesday, September 2nd, this section will see in operation one of the most up-to-date markets to be found anywhere.

The people of Williamston welcome you here, and they want you to feel at home. Our merchants are offering

Williamston's Steam Redrying Plant



The above photograph shows the steam redrying plant which will be operated here this year by Mr. W. I. Skinner. New machinery has recently been installed and the plant is now ready for operation.

Development of Tobacco Market Has Set Pace For Development Of Town For Over Twenty Years

Writer Recalls First Sale on Market When it Opened on Tuesday, August 4, 1902, With Sales in Two New Warehouses

Tobacco has ever calmed the thoughts And soothed the aching brow Of men for ages past and gone, And gladdens millions now.

By W. T. MEADOWS

Tobacco! What associations are connected with this wonderful plant; how closely connected with the growth and development of Williamston and surrounding counties.

It has been truly said that tobacco was the determining factor in nearly every departure and exigency in the life of our first settlers near Jamestown, Va.

reasonable merchandise at bargains. In fact, everything is tuned up to that point where every advantage of selling and buying in Williamston will be felt.

Visit the Williamston market whether you have tobacco to sell or not. We want you to feel at home and we will do our best to render you every service possible and in a courteous manner.

PERSONNEL OF WAREHOUSES

Several New Faces to be Seen on Williamston Market This Year; All Are Experienced Men

The personnel of the Williamston tobacco warehouses is very outstanding, and is briefly mentioned here in order that we might present them to you in a collective manner.

Messrs. H. A. and J. T. Timberlake and Evan Willard, long in the tobacco business, will operate Timberlake's Warehouse. They want to make your acquaintance.

Messrs. Will Rice and Julius James will operate the Farmers Warehouse. Mr. Rice was here last year and operated this house with Mr. D. L. Spain.

Messrs. Harry Meador and Joe Taylor will operate the Dixie Warehouse. Mr. Meador and Mr. Taylor operated this same house last year and are back again this year stronger than ever.

Messrs. Hubert Morton, Bill Watts, Roy L. Grubb, Jimmie Guiken, and Claudius Grubb will operate the Roanoke this year. Messrs. Watts and Morton operated the Roanoke last year and with added partners this year expect to increase an already large patronage.

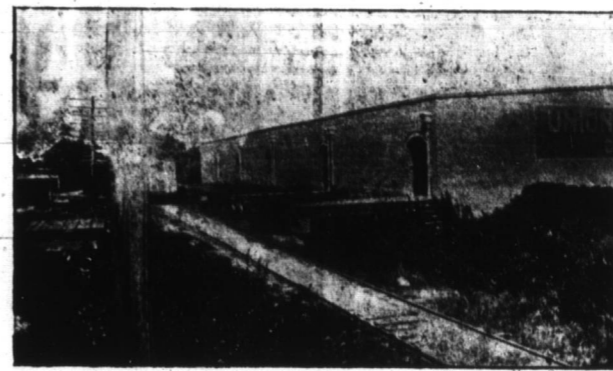
August 3, and by night there was nearly enough tobacco in town to fill these two floors. On the opening day, Tuesday, August 4, everybody was here; buyers from everywhere; men, women, and children from everywhere—and after several selections by a brass band, the Hon. Harry Stubbs delivered one of the finest speeches of welcome that mortal has ever listened to.

Fourth Warehouse Built in 1917

In 1917 a stock company was formed by citizens of the town and county and built the Brick Warehouse, which has been successfully operated since it was built.

Since the opening of the market in Williamston August 4th, 1902, our sales have averaged each year right along with the larger markets in eastern North Carolina.

Union Storage Warehouse



The value of this warehouse is obvious. Buyers store their tobacco here prior to shipment and the large capacity of the building enables them to buy when there are heavy sales without fear of congestion in shipping.

Williamston's New Redrying Plant One of the Biggest Assets To Local Market, This Year

New Machinery Has Been Installed and Tested; Ready for Operation When Tobacco Market Opens Next Wednesday, September 2

With a capacity of 65,000 pounds of tobacco daily, Williamston's modern steam redrying plant will play a big part in the success of this market.

Mr. W. I. Skinner, known to thousands of farmers in this sec-

tion as "Kid" Skinner, is the owner and operator of this plant. Mr. Skinner is one of the best-known tobacco men in the country and has been in the tobacco business all his life.

We have no record of the pounds sold prior to 1917, but we are giving you the sales and averages made from 1917 to date:

Table with 3 columns: Year, No. Pounds, Average. Data for years 1917-1924.

You will notice our pounds in 1922, 1923, and 1924 show less than the pounds sold above those years, but the Cooperative Tobacco Association had a receiving plant here during those years and received a considerable number of pounds of tobacco.

Farmers Always Welcome Here

MANY BUYERS WILL BE HERE THIS YEAR

More Than Twelve Tobacco Buyers Will Be On the Williamston Market This Season

With every large company and many smaller ones represented, the Williamston tobacco market will have one of the largest sets of buyers this season.

Mr. W. L. Meadows will represent the Export Leaf Tobacco company. Uncle Buck—as he is generally known—has been buyer for this company since its organization, and he is still going strong.

Mr. B. A. Townsend, Jr. will again represent the Imperial Tobacco company of the Williamston warehouse floors.

Mr. H. L. Warren will represent the Ledges Buyers company. Charles J. Reynolds company will be represented by Mr. O. H. Heath who was here last year.

Mr. W. F. Thomas will represent the W. C. Thomas company. Mr. Thomas was also here last year.

Mr. W. E. Rice Skinner will buy for the W. I. Skinner tobacco company.

Mr. J. E. Taylor company, the American Tobacco company, L. Luffard company, Durrell Brothers, Incorporated, W. L. Hughes company, and the Gantner Limited will all have buyers here.

Besides the above buyers and companies represented, there will be representatives who will buy for various independent companies.

Every company will be represented when the market opens here Wednesday, September 2.

Every grade of tobacco from scrap to the best wrapper is covered by two or more orders that these buyers will have.

Bring your tobacco to Williamston and these buyers will give you as much for your tobacco as you can get anywhere.

Williamston Storage Warehouse Is Big Aid

With a storage capacity of thousands of pounds, the Union Storage Warehouse will prove a valuable asset to the Williamston tobacco market.

This is essentially important, since this extra storage space will give the buyers an opportunity to take part in every sale and not allow congestion. The warehouse is located on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, where loading is convenient and is right next to the tobacco warehouses.

The Williamston Chamber of Commerce Cordially Invites You To Williamston

Come to see us—whether you have tobacco to sell or not—and get acquainted with our business and professional men. We like them, and we feel sure you will, too. Come and learn the value of a hearty handshake and a friendly smile—We're always glad to see you.

COME—AND COME AGAIN!