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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 Wuliamston tobacco Marke, offers many advantages to the farmers wno sell tobacco here this year. Never before have such extensive preparations been made for the nandling of tobacco in Wil hamston. Men who have been instrumental in the upbuilding of Eastern Carolina's largest markers are to be found right here on the Williamston market this year.

some of the most outstanding buyers in the State will be on this market this year. Every tobacco company will be represented on the Williamston floors this season by able buyers. Four open warehouses with spacious floors will be operated by experienced and trained men.

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. A large storage warehouse right at the doors of the warehouse will be of much value, since it will serve the buyers to store their

The proprietors of Williamston's four independent warehouses are hardworking men, men who strive for the interest of their patrons. The experience of these men proves this state ment, for they have all been connected for many years past with the tobacco industry. They know tobacco from the seed to the factory. They know what it means to raise tobacco They know how long the nights are when the tobacco is curing. A knowledge of these facts everpresent in er to sell tobacco at the highest pos-sible price. Visit our market and life of our first settlers near James-tory of the Williamston Tobacco marmeet these men if you do not already know them. If you know them, call

When the market opens here next tion will see in operation one of the most up-to-date markets to be found anywhere. Every preparation that could be made has been attended to or is now nearing completion ready for the opening next Wednesday.

The people of Williamston welcome at home. Our merchants are offering manner.

Williamston's Steam Redrying Plant



The above photograph shows the steam redrying plant which will be perated here this year by Mr. W. I. Skinner. New machinery has recently been installed and the plant is now ready for operation. Mr. Skinner has the reputation of being one of the State's best tobacco men

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

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 velopment of Williamston and surrounding counties. It runs like a goldof the social and business history of tine," which substance is supposed to our community.

minds, they do all in their pow- was the determining factor in nearly purpose, however, to eulogize Queen town, Va. Tobacco at that time was ket. recognized as the current coin of the around to see them. They always day; one pound of tobacco being the

seasonable merchandise at bargains. Wednesday, September 2nd, this sec- In fact, everything is tuned up to that Tuesday, August 4, 1902. At that since it was built. This house has point where every advantage of sell- time there were two warehouses here. ing and buying in Williamston will be The Roanoke Warehouse, operated by

Visit the Williamston market whethwill do our best to render you every you here, and they want you to feel service possible and in a courteous to Williamston from all surrounding ern North Carolina. Some years ex-

Tobacco has ever calmed the thoughts | unit of value, paying labor, taxes, and the purchase of all commodities.

In 1619 a shipload of maidens w brought over from England, their passage being paid for in tobacco by those men in the Jamestown, Va., colony who had preceded their old sweethearts in England to the new colony, and it wasn't long after this shipload with this wonderful plant; how close- of maidens reached the shores of Virly connected with the growth and de- ginia before somebody got married. In the early days tobacco was carried to France by one Jean Nicot, en thread through the warp and woof thereby originating the word "nicocause the soothing effects in the plant It has been truly said that tobacco called tobacco. It is not the writer's every departure and exigency in the Nicotine, but to outline briefly the his-

August 4, 1902 First Opening Day

This market was opened for the public auction sales of leaf tobacco on Jams G. Staton and the late James D. Leggett, with the writer, W. T. er you have tobacco to sell or not. Meadows, as manager. The Dixie We want you to feel at home and we Warehouse, operated by E. L. Morgan. Tobacco commenced to roll in-

PERSONNEL OF WAREHOUSES

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

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

Messrs. H. A. and J. T. Timberlake and Evan Williard, long in the tobacco business, will operate Timberlakes Warehouse. They want to make your acquaintance.

siessrs. Will Rice and Julius James will operate the Farmers Warehouse Mr. kice was here last year and operated this house with Mr. D. L. Spain. Mr. James comes in as an able partner this year.

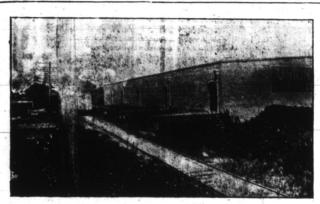
Messrs. Harry Meador and Joe Taylor will operate the Dixie Warehouse Mr. Meador and Mr. Taylor operated this same house last year and are back again this year stronger than

koy i. Grunn, Jimmie Gurkin, and Claudius Griffin will operate the Roanoke this year. Messrs. Watts and Morton operated the Roanoke last ear and with added partners this year expect to increase an aiready arge patronage.

August 3, and by night there was nearly enough tobacco in town to fill hese two noors. On the opening day, l'uesday, 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. After Mr. Stubbs's fine speech, the sales commenced, and Williamston was put on the map that day as a first class tobacco market, and she has maintained that standard ever since The market sold that year about three million pounds. About 1910 the Far mers Warehouse was built by J. G. Staton, J. G. Godard, and Eli Gurganus, and since that year has been run by good, competent warehousemen. Mr. Clarence Jeffreys, who was located here in 1910, was largely responsible for the erection of the Farmers Warehouse. Mr. Jeffreys at that time was a buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Co., an is still conbuyer for them at Kinston, N. C.

In 1917 a stock company was formed by citizens of the town and counwhich has been successfully operated more floor space than any warehouse in Williamston and is considered a fine piece of warehouse property.

Since the opening of the market in Williamston August 4th, 1902, our sales have averaged each year right along with the larger markets in eastcounties on the evening of Monday, ceeding them in average. At present Union Storage Warehouse



The value of this warchouse is obvious. Buyers sore 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. New machinery has been installed and tested, and will be ready for work when the market opens here next Wednesday. Men who first introduced steam plants in Wilson, men who have worked in the tobacco business for years will have charge of this plant:

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

the sales and averages made from

tion to buy all grades. years that the growth and develop-

1917 to date: 3.936.375 3,730,266 3,966,520 3,688,460 2,798,520 1923 3,750,618 ≥ 22.-6 1924 3,180,520 23.02

You will notice our pounds in 1922, 1923, and 1924 show less than the for the past 23 years. They have to the Williamston tobacco market. pounds sold above those years, but the stood by us nobly and have helped to Cooperative Tobacco Association had build this market to what it is now, rented by the tobacco buyers who will a receiving plant here during those a great many of them owning stock in represent the largest tobacco comyears and received a considerable several of the warehouses here, which number of pounds of tobacco, which has paid them good dividends. should be added to the total receipts of Williamston as a tobacco market for those three years, and as they have closed their plant here, we have everybody in Williamston loves you no way at this writing of knowing and welcomes you. The latch strings what amount they received during always hang on the outside of our The warehouse is located on the Atthose years.

Farmers Always Welcome Here

has been in the tobacco business all his life. For the last sixteen years he has bought tobacco in Greenville, representing the Imperial Tobacco Co., as head buyer for years. Mr. Skinner will buy tobacco personally on the Williamston market and will also operate the new redrying plant. He has an excellent order for tobacco this year, and will be in a posiwe have no record of the pounds sold warehousemen who have conducted prior to 1917, but we are giving you this business here for the last 23

tion as "Kid" Skinner, is the own-

er and operator of this plant. Mr.

Skinner is one of the best-known

tobacco men in the country and

nent of the Williamston market is No. Pounds Average largely due to their earnest and effect-27 67 live work among the farmers, not only 31.46 in Martin County but all the adjoining counties. Not only through their 20.02 work have they brought tobacco from 25.31 Martin County but they have drawn We haven't forgotten the cooperaion of the farmer in the successful

operation of the Williamston market All honor to our farmers. The

writer loves every one of them, and this extra storage space will give the homes, stores, banks, business houses, and warehouses, to our best friend-

MANY BUYERS WILL BE HERE THIS YEAR

More Than I welve I obacco Buyers Will Be On the Williamston Market This Season

epresent the Imperial tobacco com pany on the Williamston warehouse

Mr. H. I. Warren will represent he I giere liyers company. inc. l. J. keynords company will be epicsen ed by air. U. H. Head who

the here last year.

Mr. W. F. Luotnas will represent ne W. C. thomas company. Mr. nomas was also here last year.

Mr. W. I. Kat Skinner will buy or the v. I. Skinner Tobacco com

the J. I'. Laylor company, the Anerican Tobacco company, P. Loillard ompany, Dibreil Brothers, Incorporated, W. T. Hughes company, and he Gallarher Limited will all have ouvers here.

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

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

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

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

Williamston Storage Warehouse Is Big Aid

With a storage capacity of thous ands of pounds, the Union Storage Warehouse will prove a valuable asset The various compartments have been panies, and they will be used to store tobacco in until shipment can be

This is essentially important, since buyers an opportunity to take part in lantic 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.

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