

Sell Your Tobacco in Williamston; Three Big Warehouses; Market Opens September 8th

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MARKET IS ALL SET FOR OPENING

Three Warehouses Have Combined Floor Space of Over Two Acres

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

Everything Ready for Biggest Opening in History of Market

With two acres of floor space, the Williamston tobacco market is preparing for the biggest opening ever recorded in its history, and all indications point to a record breaking opening here next Wednesday.

The changes made in the Williamston tobacco market were of great significance last year. They involved many hundreds of dollars, and though it hardly seems possible these changes have been doubled in number and this year there is to be found here one of the most complete markets in the East. The outlay in dollars for improvements will go way up into the thousands of dollars. Warehouses have been practically rebuilt, some doubled in space, store rooms built and other improvements made. Never before have such extensive changes been made, bringing about better facilities of handling tobacco here.

For this growth some of the country's outstanding tobacco men are responsible. They have faith in this market and they have willingly invested the large amounts of capital necessary for the bringing about of this growth. With its two acres of floor space, a modern re-drying plant, a large storage warehouse, capable warehousemen, outstanding set of buyers and other features to be found here, this growth will be justified by the increase in number of pounds of tobacco brought here this season.

The proprietors of Williamston's three 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 in some way or another for many years past with the tobacco business. 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 weed is curing in the barn. A knowledge of these facts ever present in their minds, they do all in their power to sell tobacco at the highest possible price. Visit our market and meet these men if you do not already know them. If you know them, call around to see them. They always welcome you.

All the buyers will be here on opening day, representing every imaginable company in the world. The set of buyers to be here is considered one of the best to be had. Mr. Skinner has exceptional orders for

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"The Hon. Harry Stubbs delivered one of the finest speeches mortal has ever listened to." That was the second day of August, 1902, a few days over 24 years ago that Mr. Stubbs welcomed the visitors of that day to our town. While many who heard that speech of welcome have died, it can be said that the spirit of welcome still lives on. And no doubt but that the wel-

W. I. Skinner to Run Steam Redrying Plant

The re-drying plant, handling the tobacco sold here and large amounts brought here from other markets, will again be operated by the W. I. Skinner Co.

This plant played no small part in the market's success last year, and its work this year, no doubt, will be even more outstanding. The W. I. Skinner company has excellent orders for tobacco and with Mr. Skinner on the market, attending the sales every day, the outlook surpasses that of last year.

Merchants Extend Cordial Invitation

Acting through the Merchant's Association, every business house in Williamston sends out to everyone to visit our town, to call in to see them whether you wish to buy one thing or not.

tobacco again this year, and he will follow the sales each day.

The people of Williamston welcome you here, and they want you to feel perfectly at home. Our merchants invite you to their stores whether you go to buy or not. All details have been attended to or are now nearing their completion and all will be ready for the opening here next Wednesday, September 8. In fact, everything has been 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, whether you wish to buy or not; we want you to come and we assure you we will do our level best to render you every service possible in a courteous manner.

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extended by Mr. Stubbs has been added to many times, and this year is as large as every man, woman and child in Williamston can make it. It is the sincere wish of every citizen of our community to have you know that you are welcomed to our town, welcomed whether you come to buy, sell, look or what not.

Civic Clubs and Members Are Back of Market

Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club Cooperating

The Williamston tobacco market, this year, is receiving the heartiest backing ever accorded any phase of business, either public, private or of a collective nature. The Chamber of Commerce with its large number of members are backing it. The Kiwanis Club, only organized a few weeks ago, is coming out with a support never before equalled in our town, a support that is given in the interest of farmer, warehousemen, community and all.

These organizations feel justified in their efforts given toward boosting the local tobacco market. They have faith in its workings. They are building for what should be, with all rights, the largest tobacco market in this tobacco belt. They believe it can be done, and are doing all in their power to bring it about, doing their work and boosting in a fair and clean-cut way, not stooping to those remarks that are often thrown from the lips of those who fail to stop and think. We feel safe in saying that when it comes to the point where such undermining remarks are necessary, these two organizations with the every business of our town will go in for closing the doors of the warehouses and calling the whole thing off.

Mr. Ben Worsley, cashier of the Bank of Oak City, was here yesterday, attending to legal business.

Importance of Tobacco in Life of This Nation

Tobacco Was the Real Savior of Colonists in America

By Chas. H. Catson

School children have been taught and school children will continue to be taught that the infant settlement on the banks of the James River was saved to posterity by the aid of Captain John Smith, the Indian maiden Pocahontas and other personages.

Tobacco, however was the real savior of the colony and the world has played its part throughout the history of our country, from the time of the planting of the seed of America on that shore through the period in which our forefathers fought and died that the country they had settled might be free from the oppressive yoke of Britain.

Settlers Drawn by Tobacco

It has been truly said that tobacco was the determining factor in nearly every departure and exigency in the life of the first colony. Due to tobacco the more substantial settlers were drawn from England coming over to reap their part of the harvest that was reputed to be there for the taking. The yellow leaf was throughout that time recognized as the current coin of the realm, one pound of tobacco being the unit of value, with labor, tribute, taxes and the purchase of all commodities where not in barter of other goods, being paid thru the medium of tobacco.

In 1619 a ship load of maidens were brought over from England, their passage being paid for in tobacco by those men of the Virginia colony who took them to wife. The cultivation of tobacco alone fastened upon the American people the system of African slavery, which later came so near undoing all that had been done before in the upbuilding of a nation.

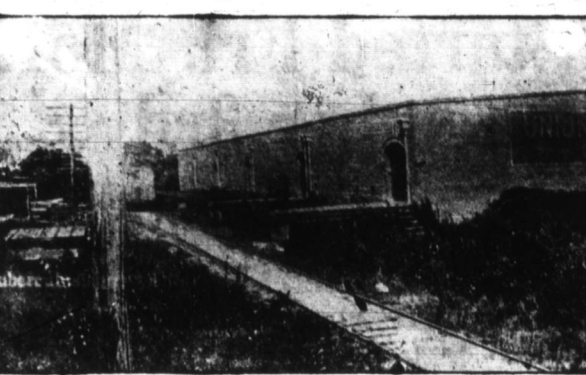
But whence came tobacco?

Variation on Traditional Story

Of course we find traditions regarding the weed as we find them for other things in life, one of the most interesting of the mythological tales being the story of a Muslim prophet who one day found a serpent that had been frozen by the exceedingly cold weather. The prophet reached down, it is said, and picking the serpent up, placed it in his bosom and warmed it until life again appeared in its body.

The serpent immediately gave warning that, according to the rules governing the relations existing between his family and the human kind he would be obliged to bite the prophet. The prophet protested that if

THE 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.

Number Additional Buyers to be on Local Market This Year; Almost All Old Ones to Return

While there will be a change in the buyers here this year, the change comes about mainly by addition to the number that has been on the Williamston floors for years. With one exception, we understand the set of buyers on the market will be the same in so far as the old ones are involved.

The buyers who have been on the Williamston market within the past few years have been acclaimed the best set in Eastern

Carolina. Coming here in the late summer, these buyers enter into Williamston's life, they feel at home here and they take a keen and active interest in the progress of the community. They have built up a friendship here and they take pride in the progress of our town. They are one of our main assets, as well as our welcomed guests, and it is with pleasure that we know the time for their return here is not far off.

Tobaccoists Again to Use Storage Warehouse

Every compartment of the Union Storage warehouse has been leased by the tobacco companies having buyers here. The use of this storage house means much to the market as does every storage house to any market. This extra storage space prevents tobacco from being piled up in the warehouses after it is bought, it enables an even buy since otherwise the large breaks would crowd the market.

The Union Storage warehouse is located on the tracks of the A. C. L. and is just behind the warehouses, making it convenient to carry tobacco there and to ship it to the factories.

Two Banks Are Ready to Serve Market's Patrons

Two banks are ready to serve in every way possible the market's customers this year.

Additional help has been secured by these two banks and they assure courteous and prompt service.

Personnel of 3 Warehouses Is Credit to Town

Every Member of Every Firm Is Old in the Tobacco Business

The personnel of the Williamston warehouses is of notable mention, and while many of them need no introduction to the thousands of farmers in this section, we briefly mention them here in order that they might be presented in a collective way.

Messrs. Bennett-Barnhill and Morton, a new firm with new and old members, but all experienced in the tobacco business, will operate the Farmers warehouse. The names of these men are Frank C. Bennett, Jule T. Barnhill and Hubert Morton. They have come here to stay. This season they have invested thousands of dollars in the warehouse they will run, and with their efforts they aim to sell 5 million pounds on their floors.

Messrs. Meadows, Meador and Watts will run the large Roanoke-Dixie house this year. The men in this firm, W. T. Meadows, Harry L. Meador and W. B. Watts, are widely known throughout this section. They have the largest house in the county, it having one acre of floor space. They are making a strong bid for tobacco and judging from all indications they will receive many millions before the season is over.

Messrs. Biggs, Taylor, Stall, Griffin and Griffin, prominent in business circles of this county, and with years of experience in the tobacco business, will operate the Brick. It will be remembered that Mr. Taylor was with the Dixie last season, and he goes to this new house with the same zeal and interest always manifested in behalf of his customers. Its other proprietors are also remembered as being with the Roanoke-warehouse for the past several seasons. Theirs is the only brick warehouse in Williamston and they are making a bid for patronage as strong as the house would be.

Among the above group of men every phase of business life is included, bankers, farmers, merchants, and of course the tobaccoists come in for the most part. Among this last mentioned group are found some of the country's outstanding tobacco men, old at the trade and experienced in every detail relative to the tobacco industry. You'll enjoy knowing them, we feel sure.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Bank of Williamston, recently organized are ready to do their bit in welcoming you here. Feel free to call in on both of them.

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You can't lose, but you can save. Consult our directors and officers. They will be glad to give you any information you may desire.

Nineteenth Series Opens Saturday, September 4th

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