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## DOG CAUSES TROUBLE.

### A COLORED YOUTH SHOOTS TO KILL

#### Scene of the Tragedy Near The Colored Orphan Asylum

An old yellow hound dog, a breech-loading shot gun and a fourteen year old colored boy is a bad combination. With gun in hand, and followed by the proverbial yellow dog, a colored youth by the name of Harris strolled out into the field near the Colored Orphan Asylum Saturday to do a little job of work and incidentally to hunt rabbits. On reaching the field the Harris boy rested his gun on a stump and bade the faithful old dog to lay down and watch it. Along came another colored boy, about twenty years of age, named Kersey. He asked Harris to loan him the dog. Harris objected and Kersey called the dog. As the dog was on friendly terms with the entire neighborhood he aroused himself when called and gazed piteously into the faces of the two boys and wagged his tail in mutual admiration, and while the dog was thus hauled between two opinions Harris grabbed his gun and fired it at Kersey, the load of squirrel shot entering the groin.

Scarcely before the smoke of the gun had blown from the field Sheriff Hobgood had the boy in custody. He was brought to Oxford and lodged in jail. In addition to this crime it is stated that he is a hardened little criminal, and his age alone will save him from the extreme penalty of the law.

The victim of the tragedy suffered untold agony all day Saturday and he was removed to a hospital in Durham Saturday night, where he died Monday.

### Hen Lays Three Eggs in a Day

Mr. W. S. Daniel, Superintendent of the County Home, is the owner of a very remarkable hen. About daybreak last Wednesday morning he heard one of his hens racking under the porch. On investigation he found a large warm fresh egg. About 11 o'clock the same day the same hen came from under the porch and sang the same old song, and again Mr. Daniel found another large warm egg. The hen seemed to enjoy the sport and after strutting about the yard for a few hours she slipped under the porch and emerged about four o'clock in the afternoon with the same old refrain, and on investigation Mr. Daniel found the third warm egg. No doubt the hen felt as if she had done enough for one day, and she decided to take a rest in the following, and with but a single day of rest she began the same old tune and Mr. Daniel was rewarded with two eggs. It would be hard to estimate the value of such a hen. It would be well for Mr. Daniel to propagate the species of such a valuable chicken.

### Tax Collectors Busy

Sheriff Hobgood and his deputies are busy these days writing tax receipts. Only a few days remain before the extra costs will be added for collection and there are many who are taking advantage of the opportunity to avoid these extra charges. Sheriff Hobgood must make his report to the State Treasurer and must have the taxes of all who have so far failed to pay amount owed by them are urged to come across with the "dough" and thus help him to make splendid showing as well as save themselves from the extra costs.

### To Our Many Patrons.

To our appreciated customers who have favored us with their job having we desire to extend our many thanks and invite a continuation of your business for 1914, which will be done at lowest possible prices for first-class work and stationery. Save us your orders the first of the year which will be promptly and satisfactorily executed. Yours to serve,

W. H. BRITT

## SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

#### About People and Things That Are of Interest to Our Readers.

Don't forget to get ready for the Poultry Show in January.

Everybody is doing it. What? Carrying Christmas bundles.

J. H. Oakes, of Route 7, is now quite busy building a new dwelling house.

All the factories, sterneries and prize houses have closed down for the holidays.

The man that has no Christmas spirit in his bones is haunted by the spirit of selfishness.

New Year's calls will never go out of fashion while there are bill collectors to make them.

Here's to you, and may you live long and prospers, and may your shadow never grow less.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wood, who has been very sick, is getting better.

During last week the Parcel Post Wagon delivered over 600 packages and about 300 on Monday alone.

Earley Moss, of Tar River, killed four fine pigs one day last week that tipped the beam at 327, 418, 421 and 425.

Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, the new and able pastor of Baptist Church, has joined the automobile brigade in Oxford.

What has become of the dear old fashioned lady who used to be a pretty, sweet modest girl named Patsy Ann.

You are asked to read the change in the advertisement of Granville Real Estate & Trust Company on another page.

We extend happy greetings to all new married couples and wish them joy, peace and prosperity along the journey of life.

The many friends of Beasley Taylor are glad to have him mingling with them again after an operation for appendicitis.

The Express Company has dumped many a gallon of Christmas joy into Oxford. We also take it the blind tigers are having a picnic.

"Bless me!" said thoughtless man, "Isn't this unpleasant! I haven't bought my mother-in-law a single Christmas present."

There will be a Christmas Tree and Treat at Corinth Church on Friday night, December 26th, commencing at 7 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Men are up and doing, still achieving, still pursuing—Achieving what they can and pursuing every man; Yes, the entire push is up and very busy doing—Just a doing each other as often as they can.

### Our Handsome Young Friend Fred Phipps, of Route 1, and the pretty Miss Eakes, of Route 2, will be happily married this Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Corinth Church, and our best wishes go with them through life.

We are glad to see at home for the festivities season our fine young ladies and manly young men who have been away attending school and teaching school, and feel sure they will have a happy Christmas under the parental roofs.

### The host of friends of ex-County Treasurer Wm. T. Lyon will learn with sorrow of the continued illness of this good and benevolent man who is at peace with mankind and ready when the Master calls to enter the "Pearly Gates of the New Jerusalem."

The very name of Christmas seems laden with good things. There is a ring of joy in its tone and one can associate it with many pleasant thoughts and remembrances, and trust this will be the case with every child in town and county in come.

## VERY PLEASANT TASK.

### WHAT IT MEANS TO CAPTURE A PRIZE

#### Hardwork and Popularity Are the Two Essential Requirements

In a conversation with Mr. J. S. Watkins, who captured the first prize in the Farmer's Contest put on by the Public Ledger, we learn that he realized from the very start that he was not "the only pebble on the beach." While Mr. Watkins won by a good substantial majority, he was the only candidate in his township, while there were two candidates in the township capturing the second prize. In this day and time it takes hustling to accomplish anything and this is exactly what all the candidates did. Mr. S. H. Usry, the winner of the third prize, entered the contest rather late and it looked as if he was going to sweep the deck. Messrs. Watkins, Moore and Usry, the three successful contestants, are representative citizens. Mr. Watkins, who won first prize, is a successful farmer, a member of Mountain Creek church and an active worker in the Sunday school. He has been the same good boy from childhood up, and to count his acquaintances is to count his friends. It was indeed a pleasure to conduct a contest where the three leading contestants were men of genuine worth and merit.

### Nice Porkers.

Albert Crews is right good on raising porkers as he killed three the past week at his home near Tar River that weighed 335, 340, 350. On Friday night he treated a few of his friends to a sumptuous fresh meat feast, which they enjoyed.

### Work Completed.

Contractor R. G. Lassiter has completed the new granolithic sidewalk on one side of High, Gilliam and Spring streets and is well done. We hope to soon see College and Broad streets enjoying the same blessing through the good offices of the Town Commissioners.

### Pleasant Entertainment.

Misses Dora and Ethel Overton, the painstaking teachers of South Oxford Graded School and well trained pupils, gave an enjoyable entertainment Friday night in the honor of North Carolina Day which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. Miss Allie Overton gracefully presided at the organ.

### Baracas Elect Officers

The Junior Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist Sunday school on last Sunday elected the following officers for the coming year:

President—Edwards Coble.  
Secretary—Clyde Gooch.  
Treasurer—Edward Abbott.  
Teacher—F. W. Hancock.  
Assistant Teacher—Rev. G. T. Lumpkin.

### Boy Hurt

While driving the wagon for the Southern Express Company, Irvin Hearst, about twelve years of age, had the misfortune to hurt his leg at the Southern Railway station Saturday evening. The little man was endeavoring to turn the wagon around at a point between the passenger and freight station when the wagon upset pinning him to the ground. He sustained a shattered ankle and a few minor bruises. At last accounts he was doing very well.

### Two Marriages Sunday.

Tabbs' Creek Church was the scene of a happy marriage Sunday when Miss Emma B. Hart, daughter of Mr. George Hart, became the bride of Mr. Murray Critcher, Rev. R. H. Marsh performing the ceremony. We join their many friends in extending congratulations.

On Sunday Mr. George W. Hobgood and Miss Nannie Hobgood, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hobgood, of Route 1, were married at the home of Mrs. Kate Cheatham in Oxford, Dr. R. H. Marsh performing the marriage vows. May they ever be happy.

## TOO LATE TO VERIFY.

### A MAN KICKED BY A DEAD MULE

#### A Grusome Tale Erom Near the Granville-Franklin County Line

At the hour of going to press this Tuesday morning we are unable to verify a report that a man who resides somewhere near the Granville-Franklin line was kicked by a dead mule Monday evening and is now in a precarious condition. The report has it that the mule died Sunday night, and the owner desiring to remove the animal from the premises called in a number of his neighbors. It is stated that there was a little corn whiskey in the crowd and after imbibing freely they decided to place the dead mule on a wagon and haul him away. The sinues, muscles and cords of the mule had contracted during the night, and in order to get him on the wagon it required the combined strength of five men to bend one of his legs, which was secured by a standard. On arriving in the woods a haul was made and the bottle was again passed. While thus engaged, one of the men rested his hand upon the standard, which gave away at the philogistic moment, the kicking limb of the dead mule striking the unfortunate man on the leg, breaking his thigh-bone.

### Christmas Services

Dr. Lumpkin will conduct a noonday service at the Baptist church Christmas Day.

At St. Stephen's church—On Wednesday night, Christmas Eve, celebration of the Holy Communion at midnight. Christmas Day, service with sermon at 11 a. m. All are welcome.

### Old Bachelors Entertain.

Messrs. Otho and Marsh Daniel were hosts at a most enjoyable Yuletide party Friday, December 18. It was an informal affair and the time sped all too swiftly to the guests. Mr. Clarence Smith, of High Point, was guest of honor. After spending several hours playing games, delicious refreshments were served. Music added much to the pleasure of all. At a late hour the guests bade the hosts good night, all having spent a most pleasant evening.

### Oxford Tobacco Market

The Oxford tobacco market closed down after last Fridays sale for the Christmas holidays, having done the biggest business during the past three months that it has ever done. The market will re-open on the first Monday in January and in the meantime the buyers and dealers will be able to properly store their big stocks and have a clean deck for the after Christmas selling. The opinion seems to be general that the balance of the crop will continue to sell well.

### Horse Kicks Boy in Forehead

Little James Tillotson, the son of J. M. Tillotson, was kicked by a horse Friday last while he was driving him from the clover patch, the horse's heel striking him in the forehead and fracturing the skull. Dr. Sanderford, of Creeds moor, treated the child, afterward being taken to Watts' Hospital to be operated upon. The doctor removed several pieces of the skull which was driven down into the brain. The patient is doing much better than was anticipated. Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson are with their child in Durham, and his mother will remain by his side until he is out of danger.

FOR SALE—My Elmwood farm of 300 acres, 7 miles north of Oxford, fine land, good barns and large ten room dwelling. My price not half of actual worth. Terms to suit purchaser. Write J. M. M. Gregory, Durham, N. C. 1t.pd

H. A. McGhee, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Parham, of Providence, were in town Saturday.

## MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

### SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

#### Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General.

J. H. King, of Culbreth, was in town Monday.

J. A. Currin, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday.

The Misses Horsfield are at home for the holidays.

Augustus Graham is at home for the Christmas tide.

Miss Louie Mitchell is at home for the delightful season.

J. F. Puckett, of Route 4, was a town visitor Monday.

W. D. Kimball, of Route 6, was a town visitor Monday.

James Adcock, of Tar River, was a town visitor Saturday.

Edgar Crews, of Hester section, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crews, of Route 2, were in town Saturday.

Miss Fagan, of the Creedmoor secol, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Mary Lee Clay, and Mrs. Clifton, of Clay, were in town Monday.

J. H. Dean, of Wake Forest section was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

E. C. Harris and G. E. Dickerson, of Route 3, were in town Saturday.

Miss Willie Lee Thomas returned to Oxford Friday for the festive season.

Mrs. Emma Lynch is enjoying Christmas with relatives in Franklinton.

Miss Estelle Bullock has returned from Greensboro College for the holidays.

Miss Margarite Cannady, who teaches school, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Belle Cooper returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Fayetteville.

Miss Fannie Webb is at home from Northampton county for the joyous season.

Miss Willie Lee Smith is at her parental home to participate in the Christmas joys.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Averett, of Route 2, were among the Oxford shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Booth have gone to Enfield to spend Christmas with their daughter.

Miss Esther Mitchell has returned from school to spend the holidays at the dear old home.

Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Pitts are enjoying the Christmas with relatives near Grissom.

J. A. Taylor, H. O. Furman and R. P. Taylor, of the road, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brummitt, of Route 3, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Miss Myrtle Renn, who is teaching school at Aberdeen, is at home for the joyous season.

Mrs. Will Long and daughter have gone to Greensboro to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duke, of Tar River section, were among the Oxford shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Mike Chamblee and children are spending Christmas at the parental home in Raleigh.

Miss Katherine Bradsher has returned from school to enjoy the Christmas holidays at home.

Drs. Jack Bullock and Morehead Emmett have returned home from a medical college to enjoy the holidays.

Sam Usry, Durell Brummitt and Charley Gordon, of Fishing Creek township, were Oxford visitors on Monday.

## PLEASANT GREETINGS.

### TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF GRANVILLE

#### Done in Honor of the Season of Good Will Toward All Men

May this Christmas season find the good people of Granville comfortable in mind, body and estate. May they have work for their days and sleep for their nights; a supply for their needs and the heart to share with others less fortunate. May they have strength for their duties and courage for their trials. May they enjoy the love of friends, the confidence of neighbors, the companionship of children, the respect of their own souls and the approval of the Great Founder of Christmas himself.

Greeting cordial and hearty is here extended. We appreciate your friendship, and extend sincere thanks for the patronage that made the past year our busy and biggest, and that inspires our determination to deserve it the more. May the New Year have in store for you many blessings, and may it bring us more business, without bitterness, and a fair reward for good work squarely done.

Moreover, in consideration of the stress and strain of publishing a semi-weekly newspaper, and in order to straighten up the little odds and ends the Public Ledger force will take a few days rest. We therefore announce that the next issue of the Public Ledger will bear date of Saturday, January, 3, 1914.

### Twenty-Eight Years Ago

"Everything", published by Al Fairbrother at Greensboro, says: "The Oxford Public Ledger announces that twenty-eight years ago it made its bow to the people of Granville county. It has prospered and has grown to be a strong publication. We remember over 30 years ago, long before we ever dreamed of coming to North Carolina to live, of wandering down this way when Oxford Torchlight was the biggest country weekly we ever saw. A man named Davis ran it; they called him Torchlight Davis—and he would print ten and twelve pages of solid ads—eight columns to the page and then run in a half dozen supplements. In those days tobacco was selling at all kinds of high prices; there were many warehouses in Oxford, and we thought it one of the queerest towns we had ever seen. The negro was much in evidence and where we had lived a negro was as much of a curiosity as a Chinaman used to be in Greensboro. Here is hoping the Public Ledger may live to an even hundred."

### The Walking Deputy

Granville has many sprightly young men, and among the number we find one, Deputy Sheriff Ned Booth, about 65 years young. He is one of the most pleasant, courteous and condescending officers you ever saw. He served eight years during the administration of Sheriffs Howard and Wheeler. In the capacity of Deputy Sheriff, Mr. Booth has gained the confidence and admiration of every citizen of the county, and that is why it is so easy for him to collect delinquent taxes where others fail. While serving so long and so faithful as Deputy Sheriff, many see in Mr. Booth much genuine High Sheriff material.

The name of "Walking Deputy" was bestowed on Mr. Booth in a rather novel way. At all times ready to serve a warrant, if a horse is not to be had he lights out on foot, regardless of the distance, and generally "lands his man" in short order.

DOG LOST—Scotch Collie with white breast and white tip on his tail. Answers to the name of Jerry; any information as to his whereabouts will be rewarded by Edward Abbott at Hamilton's Drug Store. 1t.pd

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich Wilson, of Stovall, were in town Monday.