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### THE LAWYERS ARE BUSY

#### COURT OFFICIAL GET ABOUT LIVELY

#### Judge Lyon Presides Over the Court With Ease and Dignity

Granville Superior Court is still in session and following cases have been disposed of since our last report:

State vs Will Thorp, colored, gambling, guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Charlie Thompson, seduction under promise of marriage to Miss Martha Overton. The case was warmly contested by counsel on both sides, Gen. Royster, Mr. Person, of Louisburg, and Solicitor Gattis for State, for defendant Thompson Judge Graham, A. A. Hicks and John W. Hester. After consuming a day and half trial the case was given to the jury and after a few minutes consultation returned a verdict of guilty. Appealed to Supreme Court. Bond \$500.

State vs Sam Cargo, c c w, guilty, fined \$15 and cost.

State vs Elijah Jones and Jake Jones, resisting an officer, guilty. Jake Jones fined \$25 and cost; judgment suspended upon payment of cost as to Elijah Jones.

State vs Will Lunsford, resisting officer, guilty, fined \$25 and cost.

State vs Henry Averett, retailing, not guilty.

At this juncture the murder case of Sullivan was called, a report of which appears elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

As we go to press this Friday morning the trial of the negro boy Harris for the murder of Kersey about a dog a few weeks ago, is going on.

The Grand Jury was discharged on Wednesday. The following is the report as passed upon by His Honor Judge Lyon:

The Grand Jurors respectfully report that they have acted upon all matters submitted to them by the Solicitor.

We have gone over the Treasurers books and find that nine magistrates have paid over fines amounting to \$158.50 since last Court.

We have been through the various offices of the Court House and find them well kept. We would suggest that the walls of the Court House are not in good condition and need repairing both in the Court room and the wall down stairs.

We have examined the jail and talked with the prisoners. They say they are well fed and as comfortable as the circumstances will admit. We suggest that the interior of the jail would be more cheerful if the walls were painted white or some light color.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. THOMAS, Foreman.

#### A Pointer for Policemen

If a policeman should take it upon himself to watch the door of the express office at the hour when the whiskey train arrived and the liquor was being distributed to the thirsty throng, he would be in a position to know who is getting more than the law allows. This would have a tendency to lessen the illegal traffic, but the blind fingers have other means than the express office for securing whiskey, and it will require a little effort on the part of the police force to get them down. It would be an easy job for some men. All it requires is determination. And while chasing the little fellows do not overlook the fellows higher up, who it is alleged buys whiskey for twenty-five cents a pint and finds ready sale at \$1.00 a pint. How about that for making money?

ANOTHER car load horses and mules unloaded today. Fine stock, Lyon-Winston Co.

"The Beautiful Snow" arrived Thursday night and covered the earth with its white mantle, giving people the first real taste of winter.

### SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

#### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

The new Electric Piano at the Orpheum Theater is a winner.

The breaks of tobacco are growing smaller as the days roll by.

The new street between the Hancock and Stradley homes has not as yet been opened.

Many a young heart will flutter this Saturday as a result of Saint Valentine's Day.

T. W. Burch, of Route 1, has completed his new dwelling house and has moved in.

Wonder what has become of the financial exhibit The Town was going to publish last September?

We regret to learn of the serious illness of B. W. Bullock near Hester and trust he will soon recover.

Ten dollars reward is offered in another column for the recovery of a dog. Read advertisement on last page.

A writer says along the road that leads to failure we see a lot of pickers sitting on the fence waiting for something to turn up.

We learn that the office bee has begun to buzz in some of our good men's hats, and they will be heard from later in the year.

Quite a number of plug horses and mules changed owners during the week, as a number of horse traders were on hand.

Somewhere the load is lifted,  
Close by an open gate,  
Somewhere the clouds are rifted,  
Somewhere the angels wait.

Miss Lila Woody, well known to many of our people, died at her home in Person county on Monday after several days illness with pneumonia.

We learn that Marsh Daniel, one of the fine young bachelors of Route 1, has about completed his nice cage for some sensible and captivating young lady.

We were glad to meet in town Wednesday our old friend J. R. Renn, of Route 6, after a few weeks confinement at home with the rheumatism.

One of the maidens fair nestled real close to her fellow the other night at the Orpheum Theater between reels and whispered: "Lovest thou me Willie?"

In the sale of leaf tobacco during January Oxford stepped up to second place—Winston first—selling 1,027,702 pounds, while Creedmoor sold 138,583 pounds.

The National Bank of Granville has an important fact in another part of this paper that they want you to consider, and we ask you to read the advertisement.

Some mean person a few nights ago went to the home of Edna Wilson on the Shotwell farm, above Berea, and shot his horse in the breast badly wounding him.

It was our pleasure a few days ago to meet the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stark, one of Oxford's sweet buds of promise with bright eyes and rosy cheeks.

On Sunday night at 7:30 Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of Pesbyterian Church, will speak on the subject, "The Bible; its Fact; its Omissions; its Varieties; its Forward Look." The public cordially invited.

Commercial Printing promptly and artistically executed at the old reliable Britt Printery. Don't forget us when in need of any printing, as it is a pleasure to us to please our customers.

More horses and better horses have arrived at Lyon-Winston Co. and you are asked to call and see them before you buy. All well broke and sound. Read the advertisement on another page.

### SCOUTS WILL BE HERE.

#### COMING IN INTEREST OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY

#### Interest Centers in the Meeting to Be Held in Oxford Next Tuesday

There will arrive in Oxford on the next Tuesday, February 17th, a party consisting of Capt. P. St. J. Wilson, Assistant Director of U. S. Office of Public Roads; Mr. Leonard Tufts, Chairman of Maintenance Committee, American Highway Association; Mr. George P. Coleman, State Highway Commissioner of Virginia; Dr. Jos. Hyde Pratt, State Geologist of North Carolina; Mr. W. L. Spoon and Mr. D. H. Winslow, highway engineers, U. S. Office of Public Roads; Mr. Preston Belvin, of Richmond, Col. Benehan Cameron, of Durham; J. E. Pennybacker and others.

These gentlemen are on an itinerary from Washington to Atlanta for the purpose of selecting a route for the Capital to Capital Highway which is to be a part of through way from Canada to Florida.

This is an important undertaking, the largest ever planned, for co-operation between the American Highway Association and the United States Government, in road maintenance. Granville county should do its utmost to get this route through its boundaries.

This party will spend the night in Oxford and a public meeting will be held to discuss the route and location. All who are interested in roads, whether living in Oxford or the surrounding county are invited to attend this meeting.

#### Going Like Hot Cakes

At the rate the Gregory Company is placing pianos in the homes of the people of Granville it will not be long until sweet music is heard on every hand. In the last two weeks they have placed nearly two car loads of high grade pianos and another car load arrived yesterday. A guarantee goes with every piano sold. The sales room is near Hall's drug store and they will be pleased to have you drop in and hear the pianos played. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

#### In Honor of Oxford Philatheas

The Methodist Philatheas class of Henderson entertained in honor of the Oxford Methodist Philatheas Thursday night. A number of the Oxford members went over on the train Thursday and some also went in automobiles.

Miss Hettie Lyon, President of Philatheas, will remain in Henderson several days in the interest of the work and will address the Henderson Baracas and Philatheas Sunday afternoon on "Willingness to Serve."

#### Visiting Young Ladies

Miss May White entertained the XX Club Saturday afternoon in honor of her house guest, Miss Perry, of Richmond, and Miss Ruth Allen, of Wadesboro, the guest of Miss Fannie Webb. After an exciting game of rook two courses of elaborate refreshments were served. Those enjoying Miss White's hospitality were: Misses Perry, Allen, Janete and Nettie Gregory, Williams, Ferebee, Mary and Fannie Webb, Hines, Noble, Tyer, Crews, Edna and Helen White, Lucy Webb, Horsefield, Paris, Crittenden, and Messdams Brummitt, Taylor, Crews and Williams.

At her beautiful home on Main street Miss Edna White delightfully entertained some of her friends Saturday evening in honor of Miss Perry, of Richmond, who is visiting Miss May White and Miss Allen, of Wadesboro, who is the guest of Miss Fannie Webb. Games and music furnished amusement for the evening. A delicious salad course was served and those present voted Miss White a most charming hostess.

ANOTHER car load horses and mules unloaded today. Fine stock, at Lyon-Winston Co.

### A GOOD INVESTMENT.

#### LARGER CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS URGED

#### Then Keep Your Eye on Oxford and See the Town Prosper

Social doctors may disagree in their diagnoses, but nobody denies that there is disease,—something is wrong with the world. Every conceivable remedy from the ballot to the surgeon's knife is being prescribed for society's ailments; but there is really only one institution in the world that holds the truth. It is that Institution which takes the longest look across history and the deepest look into human nature—the Church of the Living God. The church still declares and with a growing conviction among men, that the source and spring of all human ill, is sin. With the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ she is making anew the individual and society.

By it she has changed savages into civilized men and women.

By it she has promoted and sustained the world's best institutions.

By it she is keeping alive the great dominant principles of right, liberty and brotherhood.

Do you go to church? If you do not, you are really encouraging lawlessness in Oxford; you are setting an evil example to the children in your home; you are cutting away the only safe foundation upon which we can build a truly cultured, happy, prosperous, moral community. Go to church twice Sunday; then keep it up every Sunday; and watch Oxford grow.

S. K. PHILLIPS.

#### At Your Service

Politicians or friends of politicians who wish to espouse the cause of themselves or their friends as candidates to political office may do so through the columns of the Public Ledger at the regular advertising rate paid in advance. This applies to both sides. If we see fit to express our opinion of candidates that is our look out.

#### Military Officers Promoted.

At a meeting of the Granville Grays Monday night E. E. Fuller was promoted from 1st Lieutenant to Captain, and James Stegall from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant, and Vernon Taylor from Third Lieutenant to Second Lieutenant. Captain Fuller's promotion is well deserved and comes as a result of faithful service. The new officers makes a strong military team.

#### Fine Horses and Mules

Along about this time of the year the farmers begin to think about big strong horses and mules. Horner Bros. Company knows the kind they want, and they ordered the best lot of horses and mules that could be had. They have arrived and now is the time to make your selection. See ad. elsewhere in this paper.

#### Good Results

If anybody has any doubt as to whether advertising pays or not all they have to do is to ask the two hustling piano firms that have recently located in Oxford. They have been quite liberal advertisers and they state that everybody who comes in from the country says that they read the advertisement in the Public Ledger.

#### Pianos on Easy Terms

Mr. M. T. Langley, Manager of the Weaver Piano Company, who has located on College street for the sale of high grade pianos, is placing a great many pianos in the homes of the people of Oxford and Granville county. He will quote you easy terms on these high grade pianos. See ad. elsewhere in Public Ledger.

#### WARNING NOT TO HIRE.

Lougene Wilkerson, colored, having left my employ without cause this is to warn all persons not to hire said Wilkerson under penalty of the law. H. S. Hart. 2tpd.

### MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

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

#### Personal Items About Folks and their Friends in General

W. J. Currin, of Route 7, was in Thursday.

Sam Currin, of Stovall, was in town Thursday.

J. J. Allgood, of Route 7, was a visitor Thursday.

Will Burwell of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

J. H. Coley, Route 1, was on our streets Thursday.

J. K. Daniel, of Berea, was in Oxford Thursday.

W. L. Hobgood, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

Peter Pruitt, of Route 4, was in Oxford Thursday.

B. F. Dean, of Route 4, was in Oxford Thursday.

"Rat" Cannady, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

W. M. Nelson, of Cornwall, was in town Wednesday.

Robt. Adcock, of Cornwall, was in town Wednesday.

S. R. Puckett, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

P. L. Parham, of Providence, was in town Thursday.

Booker Beasley, of Stem section, was in town Thursday.

W. R. Nelson, of Route 4, on our street Wednesday.

Dr. Bullock, of Hester, was on our streets Wednesday.

J. H. King and son, of Route 1, were in town Thursday.

John S. Watkins, of Cornwall, was in Oxford Thursday.

Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, was a town visitor Wednesday.

George Whitfield, of Stem, was a town visitor Thursday.

Ira Beck, of Northside, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

John Brummitt, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Arch Montague, of Hester section, was in town Thursday.

Charles Speed and brother, of Wilton, were in town Thursday.

Lester Williford, of Culbreth section, was in town Wednesday.

Billie Williamson, of Bullock section, was in town Wednesday.

T. E. Bobbitt, of Fishing Creek Township, was in town Thursday.

Our old friend J. A. Davis, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Nat Brummitt, of Fishing Creek township, was in town Wednesday.

Master Will Hicks is spending the week in Durham with relatives.

C. T. Thomas, of Oak Hill township, was a town visitor Wednesday.

B. T. Green, of Dutchville, was among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

W. E. and J. E. Yancey, Grassy Creek section, were in town Thursday.

F. M. Woody, of Route 5, was among the large crowd in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bradsher, of Shady Grove, were on our streets Wednesday.

T. T. Hicks, the great light of the Henderson bar, is attending our court this week.

J. H. Perry, of Creedmoor section, was among the large throng in town Thursday.

Mrs. L. G. Blackwell and Mrs. W. M. Cutts, of Route 5, was our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Cheek, of Henderson, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Hall, on Gilliam street.

Mrs. John Mayes, of Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thad Stem.

### ESCAPES THE GALLOWS

#### VERDICT OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

#### A Long Term of Imprisonment Confronts Sam Taylor

When the case of Sam Taylor, charged with the killing of Sullivan, was called at 2 o'clock p.m. in Granville Superior Court Wednesday a death-like silence pervaded the court room. In rear of the prosecuting attorneys sat a pleasant little woman dressed in black, and a young man, the widow and son of the murdered man. In rear of the defending counsel sat the accused, a small colored man with drawn features and bowed head. The court room was packed with the people of old Granville, eager to catch every word of testimony that fell from the lips of a long list of witnesses. A glance at the solemn face of the judge and the splendid citizenship in the jury box revealed the fact that the law is a rich inheritance and a living letter in Granville.

The counsel in the cases were: Solicitor Gattis and Judge Graham assisted by John W. Hester for the State; Gen. B. S. Royster, Hicks & Stem and T. T. Hicks, of Henderson for the accused.

It is but fair to say of Judge Graham that he was not employed in the case until late Monday evening last, and that he only had time to visit the scene of the killing. It had been previously understood that the family of the dead man had employed detectives to work on the case, and not until it was learned that no detectives were working up the case and that the relations of Sullivan were unable to aid the prosecution, that a number of public spirited citizens raised a neat sum and employed Judge Graham to appear for the State.

The cold facts in the case were briefly told and stubbornly contested. Sullivan, the dead man, was a traveling salesman. He entered the State via Clarksville driving a horse attached to a buggy and from that point his steps were traced along the highways and byways to the hut where he met his doom.

The following composed the jury: J. W. Raynor, J. G. Wilkins, J. H. Dement, W. K. Long, J. A. Jones, R. L. Hobgood, Frank Wilson, John Vaughan, J. C. Elixson, B. E. Davis, E. R. Crews, T. A. Timberlake.

According to his own testimony, Sam Taylor, the defendant, and his brother, Sol Taylor, arrived at their home from a hunting expedition on the evening of December 30; that Sam Taylor entered by the back door with gun in hand; that he found Sullivan standing near the stove; that he asked him his name and what he wanted, and not receiving an answer he ordered Sullivan three times to leave the room; that when Sullivan reached the door he, Sullivan, reached for his hip pocket where upon the defendant shot Sullivan twice, one load taking effect in the groin, the second shot making a flesh wound in the side. This is practically what Sam Taylor related to Dr. Thomas, John G. Mitchell and O. D. Wilson on the night of the killing, the three witnesses relating the same testimony to the court.

There were eighteen or twenty witnesses examined as to where the murdered man was seen on the day he was killed, but the State failed to prove that the defendant had been seen with Sullivan previous to the hour when Sullivan was found in the back room of Taylor's home, as related above.

B. T. Hicks testified that Sullivan found lodging at his house on the night before the homicide. This witness testified that Sullivan had two hand-satchels with him when he left his home, but the most diligent search failed to connect the defendant with the missing satchel, nor could the State show that he had any previous knowledge as whether Sullivan had

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