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WAYNE HOLEMAN GOOCH

FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICE AT STEM

Elder P. D. Gold Conducts Last Sad Rites—Large Throng Gathers At the Grave.

(W. R. MANGUM)

The burial of Mr. Wayne Holeman Gooch, whose tragic and sudden death occurred on the train near Houston, Texas, on Sunday morning, November 14, was held from the home of his brother, Mr. J. H. Gooch in Stem, at noon on Thursday of last week.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder P. D. Gold of Wilson, whose friendship for the family covers a number of years.

Following the introductory exercises, a male quartette rendered the song, "Asleep in Jesus."

The text quoted as a basis for the funeral sermon was Eph. 3:8—"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Those listening could not doubt but that the gospel was preached. At the close of these remarks another quartette, "Sometime, sometime we'll understand" was sung, and the remains were borne to the family burying ground in Stem.

The active pallbearers were Messrs. W. D. Blanks, Samuel Davis and F. A. Burton, of Clarksville; J. T. Allen and Peyton Crymes, of Richmond; W. H. Hunt, of Oxford; T. H. Scoggins, of Durham; and J. G. Royster, of Bullocks.

The honorary pallbearers, who were also floral bearers, were: Messrs. S. L. Magee, A. P. Magee, R. E. Chandler, W. H. Hester, W. A. Jamison, W. B. Alford, D. C. Chapman, Z. U. Walker, B. R. Humphreys, W. A. Yancey, C. S. Wood, Henry Wood, Dr. C. B. Barrow, of Clarksville, and J. B. Mayes.

At the grave, after singing "Abide with Me," a touching prayer concluded the services. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Wayne Holeman Gooch was born in Granville County, March 20, 1864, and was 51 years, 7 months and 25 days of age. His parents were Henry Spraggins, and Jane Holeman Gooch, who both passed away many years ago. His boyhood days and early manhood were spent near his birthplace, where he won many friends by his kind and genial disposition.

In January 1888 he moved to Clarksville, Va., penniless and a stranger and opened a small general grocery store. Since that time he has been actively engaged in increasing business at or near that place, where he soon drew to himself many staunch friends.

As the years passed he accumulated a more comfortable living, and at the time of his death had large farming, and other interests, nearby.

The unusually large gathering of sympathizing friends from Durham, Oxford, Bullocks, Clarksville, Virginia, and Richmond, as well as those from nearer communities, attest the high esteem in which this noble man was held, and their genuine sorrow at his sudden taking away.

For he was a noble man. A man of kindness and tender feeling, especially to the lowly and to those unfortunate and in need. A loyal friend, constant and true; generous and charitable towards the failings of others.

Of ready sympathy, but with deep and firm convictions of right and wrong from which he was hard to influence. A man who loved his friends, (and they are unnumbered) and his friends loved him. The beautiful tokens of sympathy and affection from far and near bear silent witness to their love and sorrow in this sudden and tragic death. Of the many excellent traits of character of this estimable man none stand out more clearly than the pleasure it gave him to serve others.

Surely he must have felt "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," because it was so continually exemplified in his life.

He was successful in business; careful, prompt and just, looking well into details, but with the utmost forbearance towards those less able to do so. Not a perfect man, but one who realized in large measure, his limitations and imperfections, and who trusted the Source of all Good for his perfection.

To us it seems a most untimely death and yet we know that God makes no mistakes, and that what he allows is right, even though shadowed in dark mystery.

Besides the young widow, he leaves one daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. George Suhor, of Richmond, one brother, Mr. J. H. Gooch, of Stem and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Clayton of Stem and Mrs. D. S. Reid of Winston-Salem, besides a host of sorrowing friends.

Among the touching scenes at the funeral was the deep sorrow of his

THE BRIGHT LIGHTS

The Lure of the Cities Capture Our Young Men.

"The old town is dead and I think I'll go to Hopewell or some other town," remarked a young man in our presence the other day.

The opportunities in Granville are plentiful, but a lot of young men in Oxford and the surrounding country have their eyes focused upon the bright lights and the gaieties of the big cities, and there is little hope of blotting out the vision. Before they start on their journey we would urge them to take a pencil and do a little sum in addition.

If you go the way of others and drift to the city you will naturally annex a "best girl." She will want you to take her to the theatre once a week, and that will cost \$4 for the tickets, \$5 or so for the taxi and \$3 or \$4 for the supper after the performance. Then frequently she will want an automobile ride on Sunday and the car and chauffeur will touch you up to the tune of \$2 to \$4 an hour. A box of candy and a few sodas and a bouquet will eat up another \$3. Your dancing lessons will cost you \$30 a season, and a spiked tail suit will wipe out another \$40, with your dancing pumps absorbing at least a V. Of course it's great sport while it lasts, but the first thing you know you'll be yelling your head off for the old man to send you car fare home and the price of a full stomach before you start. City life is great in more ways than one.

AN EPIDEMIC OF CRIME

The Most Critical Period of the Year

Again we ask what has become of the Law and Order League organized in Oxford a few months ago?

The officers are doing their duty, but it is necessary for the good people to get behind them, lest their hand quiver at the most critical period of the year.

During the past ten days the officers have brought to the bar of justice seven men charged with violating the whiskey law. The old thirist has been re-kindled and the violators will be more numerous from now until Christmas.

The greatest foe to the whiskey traffic is public opinion, and the greatest task of the officers is not that of capturing violators, but that of preventing compound felony.

HIGHWAY PARTY STOPS

Travelers Journey From Pacific Coast to National Capitol in Oxford

The National Highway reconnaissance survey party arrived in Oxford Friday. They are traveling from San Diego, Cal., to Washington.

Among those who entertained the party at breakfast at the Exchange Hotel were: Col. H. G. Cooper, W. A. Graham, W. H. Hunt, and Mayor Stem.

The party, some of whom never having seen a tobacco sale before enjoyed the sale at the Farmers' Warehouse.

VEAZEY-CLARK WEDDING

In the Parlor at the Exchange Hotel Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. Frank Clark and Miss Maggie Veazey of Creedmoor section, accompanied by a number of friends, were united in marriage by Rev. E. G. Usry in the parlors at the Exchange Hotel in the presence of fifty people, including the guests of the hotel. Mrs. John Booth presided at the piano and the wedding was beautiful in its simplicity. The bride was lovely, dressed in a handsome going away gown and hat to match.

They spent the first night of the honeymoon in the handsomely appointed bridal chamber at the Exchange Hotel, leaving on the early train Thursday for Richmond and the North.

colored laborers, a number of whom had served him for many years, and who had journeyed many miles to pay the last tribute of respect to one they loved.

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!) Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace, And saw, within the moonlight of his room, Making its rich and like a lily in bloom, An angel writing in a book of gold: Exceeding peace that made Ben Adhem bold, And to the presence in the room he said, "What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head, And with a look made all of sweet accord. Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord." "And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so," Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low, But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee then, Write me as one that loves his fellow men." The angel wrot and vanished. The next night It came again, with a great wakening light, And showed the names whom love of God had blessed, And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

MISS CLEMENT'S CASE

EACH SIDE TO PAY ONE HALF OF THE COST

Case of Roy Badgett v. Royster Settled—The Case of Dillard v. Simons Still On.

So far the week in Superior Court has been taken up with cases of considerable importance. In a few cases of minor importance judgments have been signed or continuances granted.

One of the most important cases on the calendar was that of Clement v. Seaboard Air Line Railroad in which Miss Annie Clement was suing for damages for personal injuries sustained at Dickerson some time ago. The case had been tried once before and the jury had rendered a verdict in Miss Clement's favor for \$5,000 but Judge Cooke set the verdict aside and the case went back on the docket. The matter has been settled and judgment signed for \$4250.00, each side to pay one-half of the costs. Gen. Royster and Hicks and Stem represented Miss Clement, while Judge Graham and Mr. Murray Allen of Raleigh appeared for the Seaboard.

The case of W. Badgett v. Royster, administrator, and Mrs. J. A. Belcher and others was entered upon Monday and concluded Wednesday morning. In this case Mr. Badgett was suing the estate of his deceased father, W. J. Badgett, for the balance on a note of \$2,000 alleged to have been given him by his father in 1908. The five daughters of Mr. Badgett resisted the collection of the amount claimed contending that the note was intended by the father for only \$1500 and had been written for \$2000 by the plaintiff contrary to his father's instructions. In support of their contentions they introduced evidence tending to show that Mr. W. J. Badgett and Mrs. Ellen M. Badgett, his wife, had stated at various times that the note was for \$1500. In support of his claim Mr. Roy Badgett testified that the note was written in accordance with the agreement between him and his father and just as his father had instructed him to write it. The plaintiff's contention about the matter was supported and corroborated by the mother, Mrs. Ellen M. Badgett. The jury answered the issues submitted to them in favor of the plaintiff. Hicks & Stem appeared for the plaintiff, Graham & Son and Mr. Brummitt for the five daughters of the deceased Mr. Badgett.

The case of Dillard v. Simons was begun Wednesday afternoon, occupied the attention of the court yesterday and as we go to press is still before it. In this case Mr. S. H. Dillard is suing Mr. A. J. Simons for damages to his farm on account of a fire which it is alleged broke out from Simons saw mill place. Simons denies that the fire originated as claimed but contends that it came from an old still place near by. This is the third time the case has gone before a jury. It was taken to the Supreme Court after the first trial and sent back for a new trial. At the second trial the verdict was set aside for some cause and the case is now on the boards again. Plaintiff is suing for \$1000 and we understand that the bill of costs will, when the trial this week is concluded, amount to nearly that sum. Mr. Lanier and Hicks & Stem represent Mr. Dillard while Judge Graham and Gen. Royster appear for Simons.

It is not likely that any other case of importance will be taken up at this term. There are thirty-seven witnesses in the Dillard-Simons case and it will be hardly likely that the court will take up anything else unless it can be tried in a short time.

THE BLUE BOOK

The Scenic Route of the National Highway.

It is no small matter to get in the well-known Blue Book used by all automobile tourists especially between New York and the South. Almost all machines which traverse the National Highway pass right through Oxford which has been listed in regular order in the Blue Book and travelers will have their attention drawn to the town where is located excellent graded schools, good churches, good streets, paved sidewalks, all modern conveniences such as electric lights, gas, artesian water, besides many other modern improvements, and last but not least, a town where visitors and new citizens are always welcome.

A Straight Forward Statement

Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse, not only tries to please the farmer, but he is doing that very thing. His honest endeavor and straightforward manner of conducting the Minor has drawn to him farmers from all the adjoining counties. He makes a statement on the fourth page of this paper that is worthy the careful consideration of every tobacco grower in Granville and the adjoining counties.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

An Interesting Program for the Winter Months.

The Woman's Literary Club is enjoying a most interesting and entertaining study of the English Drama this fall. The past two meetings, which were held at the homes of Mrs. C. D. Ray and Mrs. H. O. Furman, were given to the study of the playwright—Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and the reading of "The Rivals". This play has been immortalized by the great actor, Joseph Jefferson, who played the role of Bob Acres to great throngs of people for many popular seasons.

The program for the two meetings was as follows:—

October 19th. Hostess, Mrs. C. D. Ray; paper, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Mrs. Webb. "The Rivals", Play cast and called, Mrs. Shaw.

November 2nd. Hostess, Mrs. H. O. Furman. Paper, Influence of the Actor, Mrs. Lassiter. "The Rivals," (continued) Play cast and called, Mrs. Powell.

The Club enjoyed having as guests on these two occasions, Mrs. Breedlove of Richmond, Mrs. Glasgow and Mrs. Marsh Ray. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. H. M. Shaw at 3 o'clock, next Tuesday afternoon. P.

THE ATHENIUM SOCIETY

For the Preservation of Literature and Scientific Research

A society limited in membership to fifteen, having for its object the study and preservation of literature and scientific research, was organized in Oxford last week with Hon. Ben W. Parham, president; F. M. Pinnix, vice-president; and A. W. Graham, Jr., secretary-treasurer. The other charter members are: Dr. B. K. Hays, Hon. D. G. Brummitt, Mayor Thad G. Stem, Rev. S. K. Phillips, Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, John W. Hester, Dr. J. A. Morris. By a unanimous vote the membership elected to name the new organization "The Athenium Society."

The minor details have not as yet been perfected, but it is understood that the Society will meet semi-monthly, and it is the desire of the organization to secure noted lecturers to speak in Oxford once or twice a year, to which the "high brows" of the town will be invited to hear. Mr. D. G. Brummitt is chairman of the program committee.

The Public Ledger is not fully informed as to the activities of the Society, but we should like to see the membership get behind a movement to issue an up-to-date history of Granville county in book form. Two thousand copies of a two hundred page book, neatly bound, could be produced for \$500. We are quite sure the book would sell readily for \$1.50 a copy. This book should deal liberally with the old settlers, their activities, and the traditions of the county. The Public Ledger understands that there is an Indian graveyard in Granville; that a stage coach was held up near Williamsboro and a Virginia lady shot to death. Many eminent men have lived and died in Granville. All of these and hundreds of other incidents would furnish ample material from which to draw beautiful pen pictures.

QUALITY, STYLE, PRICES

The Long Company Consults Your Better Judgment

If the husband, the wife, the daughter and the son cannot get needed things at the Long Company's Store, we would like to know the reason why. To our way of thinking, there is no use to look elsewhere for a superior line of goods. It is seldom that the Long Company publish the price of their goods, but in this instance, as you will see by reading their announcement on the last page of this paper, they quote prices on the better quality of goods that must appeal to those in search of quality and style.

DOUBLE WEDDING

Owen-Phipps and Watson-Knott Nuptials

On Sunday, November 14th, Miss Lula Belle Owen and Mr. Rille Phipps were united in marriage by the same ceremony that made Miss Willie Belle Watson and Mr. Eugene Knott man and wife. The double knot was tied by Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of Oxford Presbyterian church in the beautiful parlor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Webb.

Both brides are charming young women of Kinton Fork section. They wore traveling suits, hats and gloves to match and carried white roses and ferns.

Mr. Phipps is one of Kinton Fork's prosperous young farmers. Mr. Knott is one of Berea's best farmers. Many friends in the community join in wishing them a long and prosperous wedded life.

Good Week's Work
Capt. Will H. Fleming, proprietor of the Owen Warehouse and his excellent force sold last week 101,936 pounds of tobacco. The entire lot averaged exactly \$17.50 per hundred. tf

THE MUNICIPAL COURT

YOUNG WHITE MAN CAUGHT IN THE DRAG NET

Mayor Stem Determined to Break Up the Whiskey Traffic in His Jurisdiction.

Loney Fowler, a young white man of neat appearance, was on Tuesday last convicted in Municipal Court on the charge of selling liquor.

Chief Wheeler, by a neat piece of defective work, brought the young man to the bar of justice.

This was the second time that Fowler stood before His Honor Mayor Stem charged with violating the whiskey law. There was not sufficient evidence at the former hearing to hold him, but Mayor Stem was reasonably sure that Fowler was guilty and he proceeded to give the young man a lecture. He admonished him to live a straight-forward life. "If you continue to violate the law you will, sooner or later, be brought to the bar of justice," was the warning of Mayor Stem on dismissing him at the first hearing.

With this solemn warning from the bench constantly ringing in his ears it would seem that one would not rush out and be caught in the drag net, but not so with Fowler.

At the hearing Monday two witnesses testified that Fowler on Monday last sold two pints of liquor to them. "He took the bottles from his hip pockets and accepted money for them," was the evidence lodged against him.

"Mr. Fowler," said Mayor Stem, addressing the accused, "do you remember my solemn admonition a few days ago when I warned you against dabbling in this nefarious business? I am under an obligation to break up the whiskey traffic in my jurisdiction. There are only a few violators in Oxford at the present time and I am glad to say the number grows less every day."

In pronouncing judgment Mayor Stem asked Fowler if he had anything to say, to which there was no response.

The prisoner was given his choice of a \$1,000 bond or eight months in prison. Friends came to his rescue and furnished the required security of \$1,000 to appear at the February term of court.

Evans & Allen
The business relationship heretofore existing between Green Evans and William Allen, colored, was dissolved Wednesday by Mayor Stem. There were several silent partners in the concern, but their names were not divulged.

The firm of Evans & Allen did a thriving whiskey business at the old stand, and it began to look as if they would weather the panic of 1915, but they failed to meet their obligations Wednesday and made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. The failure is attributed to bad management.

Green Evans hired a horse Wednesday and he and his partner, William Allen, went to Virginia and purchased thirteen gallons of liquor—"Just a little toddy for Christmas; dat's all it is, Boss."

Chief Wheeler heard the wheels rattling on the highway in Northern Granville and went out to meet them. The senior member of the firm was very much abashed by his failure to deliver the goods, but it can be said to the credit of the old firm that they came into court and pleaded guilty. In dissolving the firm, Mayor Stem thanked them for meeting him on half-way ground and his departing words were:

"Allen you draw eight months, and Evans you four months."

Hobgood-Pruitt
On Tuesday last Dr. R. H. Marsh united in the holy bonds of wedlock Mr. Charley C. Pruitt and Miss Carrie V. Hobgood at the home of Mrs. Martha Hobgood near Enon.

Money for You
Turn to page three of this paper and look for the big dollar marks. It means money for you.

Turner's Almanac
J. G. Hall, the druggist, is the agent for the old reliable Turner Almanac. Call or write. Price ten cents.

Quite a number of Oxford young men and women went to Richmond for the Virginia-Carolina game of football Thanksgiving Day.

TAX BOOKS OPENED
The tax books are opened for collection now. There will be no go-round this year and all Taxes not settled at office will go out for collection after Christmas. Please make settlement promptly.
Yours very truly,
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.