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COUNTING UP THE COST

A CASE WHEREIN OXFORD HAS HONORABLE MENTION

The North Carolina Library Bulletin Gives Us a Thrill of Genuine Joy — A Public Library in Every Town in North Carolina by 1920!

All men agree that books are the window through which the soul looks and that a home without books is like a room without windows. "A public library in every town in North Carolina by 1920!" is the cry of the North Carolina Library Bulletin. Continuing, the Bulletin says:

A thrill of genuine pride and real joy runs through the veins of every loyal North Carolinian and true librarian at the mere suggestion of such a possibility. But it is such a big undertaking we are almost appalled by its magnitude. Could it be done? That is not the question but rather, how can it be done? If Massachusetts can proudly boast of a public library in every town, why cannot North Carolina? If a public library is a good thing for Greensboro and Charlotte, Durham and Raleigh, for Washington and Concord, Aberdeen and Southport, why would it not be just as good for Oxford and High Point, Henderson and Thomasville, Burlington and Elizabeth City, and many other towns?

There are too many towns in North Carolina without public libraries. Why? That is what we are going to try to find out. North Carolina has 19 towns with a population of 2,500 or more which have no public libraries in the true meaning of the term. A few of this number have small school libraries or collections belonging to study clubs of civic leagues, but they have no public library in the sense that Charlotte and Raleigh have, or that they are going to have before 1920.

A public library in every town in North Carolina! It is a big undertaking, as has already been said, and success depends upon the sincerity, enthusiasm and intelligence of the workers. The campaign must be well and systematically organized and the co-operation of every library every literary, social and educational agency secured. The active interest of the teaching profession and the women's clubs must first be enlisted, for these have done more than any others for the cause of public libraries all over the United States.

Raleigh, with 13,980 volumes, is the largest library in the State, and the average circulation per borrower was 7 1-2 during the fiscal year. Charlotte, 8,215 volumes, the average circulation of each volume was about 5 1-2 times; and in Durham, 5,863 volumes, a little over six times.

Thus it will be seen that Durham had the largest circulation both in proportion to the number of borrowers and in proportion to the number of volumes in the library, and that Charlotte had a larger circulation than Raleigh in proportion to number of volumes, but that the circulation of the latter was larger than the former in proportion to number of borrowers. It should be borne in mind, however, that the Durham Public Library receives \$400 annually from Durham County and circulates books throughout the county.

Men are men before they are lawyers or physicians, or merchants, or manufacturers, or mechanics; and if you make them capable, highminded men they will make themselves capable and sensible lawyers, merchants, politicians, artisans. A free public library is an educational institution and is just as essential to a town as the public school.

A public library is one of the best paying investments a town can make. There is no question that the vast reading public created during the last half century is the result of the multiplication of public libraries rather than the outcome of the extension of elementary education.

A BAD SAMBO

Rat Harris, Colored, Lodged in the County Jail

Special Officer J. A. Hutchins made a trip Tuesday to the vicinity of the Colored Orphan Asylum and arrested on Rat Harris, colored and landed him behind the bars.

From all reports, Rat bears an unsavory reputation, and withal an ungovernable temper. He generally carries a bowie knife and is always on the lookout for trouble.

Rat worked for Mr. Will Dickerson and he got it into his head last Monday that the best thing to do was to call Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson all kinds of names and quit the job. It looked for a while as if there was going to be a funeral, but the better judgment of Mr. Dickerson averted the rash act. The law will settle Rat.

BARACAS AND PHILATHEAS

MISS HETTIE LYON'S APPEAL — ALL ABOARD FOR GOLDSBORO CONVENTION, APRIL 27-30th.

Just a few words to tell you we have the best program this year we have ever had. I have attended two Executive Committee Meetings during past month, one in Goldsboro and the other in Greensboro. The Goldsboro people are very much interested and are planning great things.

Goldsboro Union will go to expense of sending letter of invitation to the two thousand Baraca and Philathea classes of North Carolina, so you may know they want you to come. They are planning an elaborate welcome and banquet for Goldsboro night.

You will be pleased to hear that Miss Henrietta Heron of Elgin, Ill., will be with us again this year. She was missed so much at the Raleigh Convention that it was decided a North Carolina Baraca and Philathea convention was not complete without Miss Heron. Miss Heron is quite a noted speaker and specialist in Sunday School work. She is editor of several Sunday School magazines published by David C. Cook Co., and vice president of World-Wide Baraca Philathea Union, besides the honor of representing America on the world's Sunday school committee.

You learned from last week's Public Ledger that Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, world-wide evangelist would take part on the program. Dr. Alexander of the same revival party will also be present.

You will be glad to know that one thousand conversions have taken place through the secret prayer circles of North Carolina Baraca and Philathea classes during this past year. Quite an amount of money has been paid by classes toward Orphanages and Foreign Missions.

A number of strong speakers from North Carolina will appear on program. Provision is made for seven different conferences and Round Table Discussions at the Convention.

Special rates of a dollar a day in homes and boarding houses in Goldsboro have been secured for delegates. As many delegates may go as desire. Pastors, superintendents, and Sunday school workers are especially invited.

There are about thirty Baraca and Philathea classes in Granville county with membership ranging from sixteen to one hundred each, so there should be a large delegation to go to Goldsboro from Granville. Let every class be represented and bring home inspirations, enthusiasm and plans for better Bible classes and Sunday schools. Watch for program in next issue of Baraca and Philathea Herald.

Yours for Baraca and Philathea, HETTIE LYON.

A DAY OF PRAYER

An Interesting Program for Thursday, April 6th.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will observe next Thursday, April 6th, as a day of prayer for Home Missions. The services will be in the Baptist church beginning at 10:30 a. m.

First, there will be a short business meeting presided over by the president, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, after which the monthly program will be taken up, Mrs. A. H. Powell, leading. At 11:30 the meeting will be led by Mrs. John Webb.

12:30 adjourn for lunch, which will be served in the Sunday school room.

2 p. m. meeting led by Mrs. W. H. Upchurch.

3 p. m. reports from W. M. U. delegates leader Mrs. C. A. Upchurch.

4 p. m. program by Y. W. A. All the ladies of the Baptist congregation should be present at as many of these services as possible. Ladies from other societies in Flat River Association are also cordially invited to attend.

DAY OF MEETING CHANGED

Important Issue Will Be Voted Upon. Full Attendance Desired.

The Woman's Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Friday, April 7, at 3:30 at the Commercial Club instead of Wednesday, on account of the church services at that time. Election of officers will take place. Delegates to the State Federation at High Point will be elected, and a change of name of Club from Woman's Civic Club to Woman's Department Club will be voted upon. C.

On the Job

Why not elect a few men who are fitted for particular jobs and forget for the time which end of the County had the job last?

Our Thank Offering

That the weather isn't under control of Congress.

MEXICO

UNLESS CAPTURED SOON, VILLA WILL SLIP AWAY AND MONTEZUMA WILL BE TAKEN TO CATCH HIM

The Paramount Question Now Being Asked is, How Long Will United States Troops Have to Remain in Mexico and What Will be the Extent or the Opposition to Them?

(SUMMARY)

Nothing of an authentic nature comes from the headquarters of the American army in Mexico, but the El Paso correspondent of the Associated Press states that somewhere amid the extinct volcanoes of the great Mexican continental divide, Francisco Villa is fleeing southward. Hard on his trail United States cavalymen are straining every nerve to overtake him before he can reach the wastes almost unknown to any but Mexicans and Indians, in which Villa began his bandit career years ago.

Use of Railroads

One of the army's most serious problems in hunting Villa was solved Wednesday when Gen. Carranza promptly granted the renewed request of the State Department for permission to use the Mexican Northwestern Railroad in carrying out the pursuit.

Villa Closely Pressed

General Pershing's meagre dispatches to the War Department does not give the position of the American troops. Villa was last heard of heading into the Tarahumara mountain country closely pressed by the Americans.

Villa to Make Stand

Carranza officials in Juarez express their belief that Villa will try to establish a main base at some

THE NEW CITIZENSHIP

SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY WELL REPRESENTED IN THE LINE OF MARCH.

This, the thirty-first day of March, will go down in history as one of the red letter days in public education in Granville county. The annual parade of school children is the event which brings to the attention of the citizens of the county the magnitude of the work being done in public education. From early morn to 10 o'clock every road leading to Oxford was crowded with vehicles loaded with happy children on their way to participate in the duties and pleasures of County Commencement Day. It was a case of the children leading the parents.

In order to make the mails, the Public Ledger is put to press this Friday morning too early to speak of the contests that will be decided later in the day. It is estimated that there 5,000 men, women and children present on this glad occasion. Among the elderly people there is no effort to conceal the pride they experience in the standards attained in book and mechanical education by the young men and women, and they freely admitted, while inspecting the exhibits of handiwork, that such would have been considered impossible for children in their school days. The whole assemblage represents an entirely new character of people, living under new conditions. There is an abundance of intelligence and refinement depicted in the features of the children, and outward evidences of comfortable circumstances in their homes.

Prof. J. F. Webb, superintendent of schools; Miss Mary Shotwell, supervisor of schools, and the several teachers of the county, can rest assured that their efforts were crowned with success and are duly appreciated by the public in general and the parents in particular.

THE GRANVILLE CANNING CLUB

Scientific Demonstration Held in Oxford Last Wednesday.

The famous 4H brand of tomatoes, manufactured by the Granville Canning Club, is supreme. In a scientific demonstration last Wednesday at the store of Mr. J. Rott. Wood, on Main street, Mrs. Capehart, assisted by Miss Grace Schaeffer, of Greensboro, established the famous brand beyond a reasonable doubt. Several hundred people from Oxford and the county witnessed the demonstration and were astounded at the possibilities contained in the tomato can. Splendid soups and salads were served throughout the day and Mrs. Capehart, assisted by Miss Schaeffer and other ladies, received many hearty and wholesome congratulations for the wonderful scientific knowledge and skill displayed. An old epicurean on taking his leave threw his hat into the air and shouted: "Long Live the Granville Canning Club."

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

THE GREATER EXPANSION WILL COME THROUGH THE FORCE OF WHOLESOME PUBLICITY

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the splendid and thoroughly representative array of advertising matter which occurs in the Public Ledger. Every business institution of importance in Oxford is represented and it will pay our readers to scan these pages for the splendid bargains offered in the large assortment of advertisements. Show your appreciation of the merchants, traders and business men who advertise in this paper by patronizing them on every possible occasion. Our readers, who must inevitably feel an interest in the Public Ledger's welfare, will find these advertisers worthy of their confidence and their patronage. Should claims be set forth that upon investigation are not fulfilled, the Public Ledger will esteem it a favor to have the matter brought to our attention. The Public Ledger columns are open only to manufacturers and merchants of established reputation for fair dealing, and in recommending an advertiser to our readers, we do so in the belief that their offerings are in every respect all that is claimed for them. In the present state of affairs, at home and abroad, the citizenship can best show their patriotism by supporting local dealers, and never has so alluring an opportunity opened to the Oxford merchants to extend their trade as exists today. The greater expansion will come through the force of advertising in papers like the Public Ledger, which holds steadfastly to traditions and policies which command the attention and admiration of all that is constructive and worthy in our community.

point after he has thrown the American cavalry off his trail, and then recruit his command to one of large proportions. American army officers do not believe Villa will ever make a stand against the American cavalry, but that he will continue in flight until he escapes or is cornered.

Carranza's Possible Purpose

In Mexico the agreement to permit the use of the railroads is understood to have another object. Gen. Carranza is said to desire a definite and binding understanding with the United States, which he can show to his people in support of his statement that no sovereign rights of his country has been surrendered or violated.

Reports Discredited

Medical officers were inclined to discredit reports of extensive sickness among troops at the front. The region in which they are operating is described as healthful, and the men are thoroughly acclimated. Gen. Funston has not asked for any extension of his base hospital facilities. Plans for additional wards for the hospital at Fort Bliss have been prepared for some time, but the work has not been authorized.

Americans Not in Danger

A State Department summary of dispatches reported quiet in all districts heard from. There are twenty Americans in Durango and ten more in the outlying districts of that region. "All are reported to be well," the statement said. There are eighteen Americans in the Saltillo district, where railway communication is open in all directions and a big radio plant in operation. Navy Department advices from the east and west Mexican coasts report conditions generally satisfactory. From Tampico came word of an apparent improvement noticed by American residents concerning whose safety anxiety was felt last week.

TRIANGULAR DEBATE

To Be Held This Friday Evening at the Graded School.

The Triangular Debate will be held in the auditorium of the Graded school at 8 o'clock this Friday evening. Roanoke Rapids vs. Oxford.

Oxford will be represented by William Webb and James Ballou. The subject to be discussed is, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy of a larger Navy."

The public is cordially invited, and it is sure to be an interesting evening.

A GOOD JOB

Mr. B. F. Taylor Making Improvements.

The residence of Mr. B. F. Taylor on the corner of Gilliam and High streets has been moved back and raised four feet from the ground. Mr. Leo E. Byrum, the contractor, did the job. The chimneys were underpinned and moved with the house and strange to say the plastering or the chimneys were not cracked in the least. Mr. Taylor will have a fine lawn when the lot is filled in.

GRANVILLE MAN HELD UP

MR. FRANK HICKS, THE VICTIM OF A GANG OF HIGHWAYMEN

Norfolk Thuds Take His Overcoat, Shoes, Fountain Pen and \$21.00 in Cash, and From His Companion They Take \$9.00.

The Public Ledger is reliably informed that Mr. Frank Hicks, of Berea, who left last Saturday morning for Leamington, Ontario, was held up by a gang of robbers in Norfolk Saturday night. It is stated that Frank and another young man were waiting for friends near the passenger station and as they were passing the read of two trains in the yard, two armed men stepped out from between the trains and demanded all they had.

The robbers took from Mr. Hicks his overcoat, pair of shoes, fountain pen and \$21.00 in cash, and from the pockets of the other young man they extracted \$9.00. Mr. Hicks states that one of the robbers flourished a pistol in his face while the other robber went through him. It was the work of only a couple of minutes, says Mr. Hicks.

Norfolk detectives were put on the job immediately, but no arrests have as yet been made. It is stated that this is the third robbery that has occurred in the same spot within the last two weeks.

Mr. Hicks abandoned his trip at Norfolk and returned to Oxford Monday night and on Wednesday morning he made a fresh start for Leamington, Ontario, Canada, where he will make his future home. He fought shy of Norfolk on his second trip.

From the above report it will be seen that Frank was with another young man at the time of the robbery. We wonder if he knew the young man? It would seem that they were waiting for friends and stepped aside into a dark place. We will wager that Frank will know better next time.

MRS. A. B. DUNAWAY DEAD

Wife of Former Pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church.

Mr. J. F. Meadows received a telegram Wednesday from Dr. A. B. Dunaway, advising him of the sad death of Mrs. Dunaway, which occurred at Accomac, Va., Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Dunaway was for seven years pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church and he and Mrs. Dunaway won the hearts of the good people of the community during their sojourn here.

The Wednesday edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch contained the following information under Accomac date line, March 28th:

"Elizabeth J. Dunaway, wife of Rev. A. B. Dunaway, D.D., pastor of the Drummondtown Baptist Church died at her home here this afternoon, aged fifty-eight years. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Sparks W. Melton, D.D., will be held at Accomac on Thursday morning. Her husband, an adopted daughter, a sister, in Miami, Fla., and a brother, in San Antonio, Tex., survive."

THE WAY IS OPEN

Hillsboro Street Temporarily Blocked From College to Gilliam Street.

On account of the street paving, those entering Oxford from the north and west and desiring to enter Main street with vehicles can turn in at the First National Bank and pass in rear of Long Company's store, the Acme Hardware Store and J. Robt. Wood's furniture house and enter Main street alongside of the Farmer's warehouse.

Those coming in over the Williamsboro road and desiring to get into Main street can do so by turning up Gilliam street at the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company's corner. A temporary street has been opened along side of the Oxford Buggy Company, enabling vehicles to pass in rear of the Odd Fellows' Temple and the National Bank of Granville, coming into College street at Lyon-Winston's corner.

The above plan will probably be in force not longer than ten days, enabling the concrete work around the monument at the head of Main street to solidify.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN

Mr. Len H. Knott for County Commissioner.

While the great subject of County Commissioners seem to be the topic of conversation, Mr. Len Knott has not escaped. His qualifications for the office are being discussed in a large area of the county. Mr. Knott is one of the most enthusiastic and progressive farmers in good old Granville. We feel sure the county would be safe to entrust its welfare to such men as Mr. Knott.