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OUR ANCESTORS

THE WAR TIME RECORD OF OLD GRANVILLE

The Leading Characteristics of the People of Granville for All Time is the Love of Liberty.

The Public Ledger herewith submits a few thoughts gathered at random concerning the early settlers of Granville county. It is refreshing to cast the eye over the pages of history and note that the leading characteristic of our forefathers was a love for liberty. That is one of the noble traits handed down to the people of Granville and we see it demonstrated to a remarkable degree in our midst every day.

For the most part they were the descendants of early settlers in Virginia, who came from England, Scotland, and the northern part of Ireland. In coming to this country, they were actuated by two motives—the desire to live free and independent lives and the opportunity to better their fortunes. These early immigrants from Europe first settled in Virginia and the eastern sections of North Carolina, where many of them prospered and became prominent.

In course of time they began to spread and in their search they saw that the section now known as Granville was well located and fertile, and they began to settle in this section. The first settlers in Granville informed their friends with whom they had previously lived, of the good country they had found, and consequently the population rapidly increased.

These early settlers were of two classes. Some of them were descendants of English cavaliers and of noble families of Scotch and Irish. Others of them descended from the great middle class. They were men of brain and brawn. In their new homes the settlers did not concern themselves about family trees. They were too busy conquering the wilderness, cultivating fields and building up various industries to waste time in considering whether their ancestors were cavaliers or yeoman.

These early settlers, as a rule, were

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HARTNESS WILL WIN

Reports From All Over the State Verify the Statement

The Public Ledger is indeed glad to learn that Mr. James A. Hartness, of Iredell, is in the lead for Secretary of State. We are glad of it because the people of the State are going to have a magnificent man at the seat of government. One that will meet you and greet you with that courtesy due every man. He is neither shallow headed nor does he wear a shallowtailed coat.

Hon. B. W. Parham, who is handling Mr. Hartness' campaign in Granville, talked with many men from all parts of the State last week while attending the State Convention and he is of the opinion that Mr. Hartness will have an easy walkover. When such men as Mr. Z. W. Lyon, Capt. T. D. Clement and hundreds of other good men of the county will support him, you begin to see how the wind is blowing.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Major Stedman is the Democratic Nominee From This District

The books are closed, and for the sake of party harmony Major Stedman is the Democratic nominee from the Fifth district. That he will be successful in carrying the district in November we have no doubt. True he will be opposed vigorously by Mr. Gilliam Grissom—a native of Granville, but the Major, because of his personality and an absolutely united party in the Fifth will doubtless keep up the majority—around three thousand. At least here is hoping that he will, and his friends should see to it that he does.

FOUL LANGUAGE

The Night Made Hideous Around the Seaboard Station

Those living near the Seaboard Station are having a hard time of it these nights. Last Saturday along about the midnight hour, a gang collected near the platform and cursed, danced and sang for one hour, and they also lashed and abused a poor old horse. A sick little child in the neighborhood was greatly disturbed by the noise.

White Man Captured and Brought to Oxford

WHITE MAN ANSWERING TO THE NAME OF JOHN PEARCE LANDED IN COUNTY JAIL

Early last week a shaggy looking white man answering to the name of John Pearce registered at Wheelers' Hotel. He paid his hotel bill Thursday night and hired Harvey Harris, colored, to take him to Henderson in an automobile. Harris picked him up in front of the Granville Garage about ten o'clock Thursday night. Four large valises and two bundles were loaded on the automobile.

Early Friday morning Sam Munich, a Hebrew doing a clothing business on Hillsboro street discovered that his store had been entered during the night previous. Harvey Harris, the colored man who took the stranger to Henderson, on learning that Munich's store had been robbed, hastened to report to the police.

Special officer Hutchins took up the trail Friday and captured the stranger in a second-hand clothing store in Petersburg and brought him back to Oxford Saturday.

Preliminary Hearing

At the preliminary hearing before His Honor Mayor Thad G. Stem Saturday afternoon, the stranger answered to the name of "John Pearce" and gave Houston, Texas, as his home. His Honor stated the charge and asked him if he desired to employ counsel, and he replied that he did not.

The four big suit cases lay open upon the table. Mr. Munich examined the cases and contents carefully and recognized them as being his goods, possibly \$100 worth in all.

Mr. Wheeler, proprietor of Wheelers' Hotel, recognized the stranger and stated that he stopped at his house; that he paid his bill Thursday night and departed, leaving his grip in the room he occupied. The grip was exhibited in court. It contained a large number of skeleton keys, files, saws and nippers. The accused acknowledged that the grip was his property.

Harvey Harris stated to the court that he loaded on the four large suit cases in front of the Granville Garage and that it was about ten o'clock Thursday night when he started to Henderson with Pearce aboard his car; that when they reached a point half way between Oxford and Henderson the accused told him that he would give him a suit of clothes for taking him to Henderson. Harris stated that he told the man he wanted the money, and Pearce said "Very well, I will have no trouble in arranging that when we arrive in Henderson."

The prisoner took exception to Harris' statement and asked him if he did not remember that he gave him \$1.00. Harris denied the charge.

Mayor Stem took the prisoner in hand. He stated to the court that he was a carpenter by trade; that he worked in Henderson one year, leaving there about four months ago. The court plied him with many questions and he could not recall the name of any hotel or the name of any street or place in Henderson. He said that he boarded on the outskirts of Henderson with a friend and that he learned very little about the town during the whole year he lived there.

He stated to the court that he left Henderson four months ago. Mayor Stem picked up the thread. From Henderson, the prisoner went to Wilmington and stopped several days; from Wilmington to Florence and stopped several days; back to Wilmington and stopped several days; thence to Charleston and stopped several days; on up via Columbia, stopping in Charlotte one month; thence to Greensboro and stopping several weeks; thence back to South Carolina and around via Wilmington and Raleigh to Henderson and Oxford. Consuming, according to his own statement, nearly one year.

Mayor Stem bound the prisoner over to the July term of court and placed the bond at \$1000, in default of which he was locked up in the county jail.

Miss Sallie Webb's Guest

Miss Francis Smoot, of North Wilkesboro, is the attractive and popular guest of her personal friend and old college chum, Miss Sallie Webb. Miss Smoot was the guest of Miss Webb last season and made many friends here.

DOWN IN MEXICO

TWO CONFLICTING PROPOSITIONS DEVELOP AT OPENING OF BORDER CONFERENCE

Mexican Conferences Ask the Withdrawal of American Troops—Mexicans Are Told That Purpose of Conference is to Develop Specific Plans for Whipping out Bandits; Also Wants Use of Railroads in Supplying Troops.

EL PASO—Two conflicting propositions developed immediately after the beginning in the Mexican custom house in Juras late Saturday evening of the conference to decide the future disposition of the American expeditionary forces in Mexico. Major-General Scott and Funston represented the United States. The Mexican conferees were General Alvaro Obregon, Mexican minister of war, and General Jacinto Trevino, military commander of the northwest district of Mexico. The initial meeting which lasted two hours was held behind closed doors in the big, green-tinted room which Villa used as his council chamber when he dominated northern Mexico and Juarez was his headquarters.

The Propositions

First, that the Mexican representatives reiterated the wish expressed in General Carranza's recent note to the Washington government that the American troops should be withdrawn from Mexican soil at an early date.

Second, that they were informed by the American officials that the latter were not empowered to discuss the withdrawal of General Pershing's columns.

It is understood the American representatives told the Mexican officials that if the de facto government insisted on an American withdrawal

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WAR IN EUROPE

MAJOR - GENERAL TOWNSEND SURRENDERS HIS ARMY TO TURKS

To Avoid Starvation and Total Annihilation British Commander Destroys All Guns and Ammunition Before Yielding.

LONDON—Major-General Charles Townsend, commander of the British forces besieged at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, by Turkish forces since last December, has surrendered. This information was contained in a British official statement issued Saturday afternoon.

The official statement added that General Townshend destroyed all his guns and munitions before surrendering.

The British force which surrendered at Kut-el-Amara amounts to about 10,000 men.

The force under him consists of 2,970 British troops of all ranks and services, and some 6,000 Indian troops and their followers.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

PROMINENT WORKERS COMING TO GRANVILLE NEXT WEEK.

Miss Minnie L. Jamison will visit the Home Demonstration Clubs next week and give demonstrations and talks at each of the following places: Stovall—Monday, May 8, at school building.

Enon—Tuesday, May 9, at school building.

Culbreth—Wednesday, May 10, at the home of Mrs. Ed Clement.

Providence—Thursday, May 11, at the home of Mrs. W. L. Curran.

Howard—Friday, May 12, at the home of Mrs. Roy Daniel.

Mr. W. C. Crosby will also visit the two of the communities registered under the State Bureau of Community Service. He will bring the lantern and give a talk on health. In order that too many meetings may not be held in these communities, it has been decided to hold the health meetings at night and the talk of Miss Jamison in the afternoon.

Enon—Tuesday, May 9, at school building.

Culbreth—Wednesday, May 10, at school building.

Will Be Two Ballot Boxes at The Primary

AND ONLY ONE BALLOT BOX AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

The Public Ledger hears much these days about the intention of people to vote a mixed ticket next November. Now let us see how that will work. It is true that the voter who enters the Democratic primary, or the Republican, either, is not required to pledge himself as to his vote in the November election, although he is expected to abide the action of the primary, as has always been the case. In the primary the voter is restricted to the names on the printed ballot. That is to say, only the names of candidates filed by April 22 for State and district offices and by May 20 for county and legislative candidates, will be on this ticket, and the voter can't substitute names of his own choosing when he goes to vote. That is not unreasonable. Names of all the avowed candidates will of course be on the ticket and if any voter or group of voters want to vote for others, they can have their names put on the ballot by taking the pains to file them in time. Voting scattering votes in an election count for nothing anyway, and there is no reasonable objection to this regulation.

There is absolutely nothing in the primary law to prevent the voter voting as he chooses at the November election. When the voter goes into the primary he must be a Democrat or a Republican—the primaries of both parties are held at the same time and place—for the time. That is, he can't vote in the primaries of both parties, and a voter who has any self-respect wouldn't want to do that. But at the November election, the voter can vote all of any one ticket or part of it; or he can substitute names, by writing them, for the names on the printed ticket; in other words, he will have at the November election all the liberty he has ever had as to his choice of candidates.

GRADUATING RECITAL

Misses Buchanan and Surls Win Honors at Oxford College

The chapel of Oxford College was taxed to its capacity last Friday night by friends to greet Miss Fannie Buchanan from the School of Music, and Miss Blanche Surls from the School of Expression, in graduating recital. Miss Buchanan is the pupil of Miss Hankins. Her program embraced a dozen selections from the old Masters—quite enough to test the skill of any one. These she had committed to memory, and if she touched the wrong key, the trained ear of Miss Buchanan did not detect it. Miss Buchanan is the talented daughter of Prof. L. T. Buchanan and naturally inherits from her father extraordinary musical talent.

Miss Blanche Surls, from the School of Expression, is a pupil of Miss Fisher. In a lengthy program she exhibited remarkable talent. The charm of expression and gesture were very pleasing. Both of the young ladies were the recipients of many handsome flowers.

AN INTERESTING SERVICE

Dr. Horsfield Consigns Cancelled Bank Note to the Flames

During morning service at St. Stephen's last Sunday the beautiful Reredos was blessed.

The office of blessing began with the burning of the cancelled bank note. The Cross-Bearer, acting as Acolyte, held a small tray, on which was placed a candle, lighted. The Rector held the note in the flame, until completely consumed. The Rector then proceeded to bless the Reredos with Prayer, and impressive ceremonial. The congregation joined in the recital of the 84th Psalm.

The full payment for the Reredos, erected less than three years ago, is a notable achievement on the part of the Chancel Guild, ever faithful, and competent.

"The Store of Quality"

It is pleasing to note that as fast as the new summer goods come into the back door at Perkinson-Green Company's popular store, they pass out of the front door. Their trade is unusually good this spring. Prices and style never fails to attract in good old Granville. Their announcement elsewhere in the Public Ledger is brim full of solid information.

WOMAN'S CLUB

MRS. JOHN WEBB HEADS THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Definite Working Plans Will Be Arranged at the Monthly Meeting of the Club in the Commercial Rooms This Wednesday.

The Public Ledger notes with deep concern the activities of the Woman's Club. The retirement of Mrs. A. H. Powell from the head of the organization and the election of Mrs. John Webb is but the closing of the first chapter and the opening of the new.

Mrs. Powell talked and worked for a clean town before there was such an organization as the Woman's Club, and as a charter member of that representative body of energetic and progressive women, has been most faithful in the discharge of club duties. Being a good business woman to begin with, accustomed to responsibilities and fitted by education and training to carry with ease what would constitute a burden for those less capable, she has, in a quiet way, demonstrated what a handful of earnest, determined women can accomplish if they go about it in the right way. Mrs. Powell will devote her energies to the very important department of Literature and Library Extension work.

At the April meeting, Mrs. John Webb was elected to serve at the head of the organization. She is one of the busiest women in the State, and can always find time to attend conferences and offer valuable suggestions for the improvement of conditions, working side by side with town officials and volunteer helpers, all of whom are glad to avail themselves of her first-hand knowledge and practical experience. With the nerve to undertake and the ability to accomplish she has earned the reputation of "dependable," and on questions of club policy or expediency her advice is sought and her opinion respected. The Woman's Club will meet at the Commercial Club at four o'clock this Wednesday afternoon to discuss and plan for the future. May the Father guide them to the saving of life. Oh, the old tin cans, and ash heaps and flies and foul odors and sickness and death!

The Woman's Club will please understand that the Public Ledger regards their cause as a righteous one and that we should desire to do all we can in our humble capacity.

WHEN PROPERTY SHRINKS

A Sad Reflection on the Frailty of Human Nature

Property in Granville, and in fact all over the State, shrank greatly in value last Monday. Why? Because on that day is valued all property for taxation. Every taxpayer when he lists his taxables this month must swear to the amount of property and its value that he owned on the first day of May. Above all other days in the year it is a bad time to sell anything, but it would be a very good day to buy property if the purchaser could buy at the price at which it is listed for taxation. It is a sad reflection on the frailty of our weak human nature that some members of churches even will value their property lower on the first day of May than on any other day of the year.

THE RED MEN

Dr. Lumpkin Will Preach to Local Camp.

The Forest was cleared one year ago for the Oxford Camp of Red Men. at which time 30 men enrolled their names and became charter members. The camp now numbers more than fifty braves. They are quartered in a comfortable wigwam at the head of Main street where they meet and smoke the peace pipe twice a month. The local Camp will march to the Oxford Baptist church in a body on Sunday morning, May 14, and listen to the teachings and sublime wisdom of the Great Book.

Board Exonerated

In regard to the recent report circulated to the effect that the Board of County Commissioners were guilty of supplying oil to run the car of Prof. J. F. Webb, I desire to say that I have traced the report back to its fountain head and there seems to be no truth in it so far as I am able to learn. I feel that it is a duty to run down a false report when such is possible.

J. W. DAVIS.