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BICKETT HERE

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD HEAR CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

He Made a Most Profound Impression on His Hearers in a Speech Covering One Hour and Thirty Minutes.

The court room was filled Saturday to hear Hon. T. W. Bickett speak in interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. There were between four and five hundred qualified voters present and they cheered him to an echo. Brought by the sun and a hot campaign, he is one of the finest campaigners we ever saw or heard. He was introduced by Mr. B. F. Hester, that grand old Democrat of forty-four campaigns, as the next Governor of North Carolina, and thereafter the cheers were loud and long.

Mr. Bickett began his address by stating that his mother was educated at Old St. John's College, Oxford, under the lamented Mills. He spoke of the close relationship that existed between Granville and Franklin — his home county. He did not come to Oxford to discuss issues at this time, he said, but he did most heartily endorse President Wilson and the State Administration.

In meeting the argument that Daughtridge is backed by the farming element and that Bickett is backed by the lawyers, he scored a point. If the farmers had wanted a farmer candidate, he said, is it not reasonable (Continued on Page Eight)

"MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

THE OXFORD SHAKESPEAREAN CLUBS SCORE A SUCCESS

The presentation of "Midsummer Night's Dream," Friday evening was a success due to the hearty co-operation of the Shakespeare Clubs, the high school and Mrs. Hicks' school. Mrs. A. H. Powell and Mrs. H. G. Cooper as managers, assisted by the members of the clubs, left nothing undone to make the entertainment worthy of the Tercentenary celebration of Shakespeare's death.

The leading characters taken by Harry Wrenn, as the Duke; James Taylor as Lysander; Ben Parham, as Demetrius; Frank Pinnix as Egeus and Dr. Luther Buchanan as Oberon were finely rendered. Miss Ethel Hancock who impersonated "Puck" scored a charming success and won all hearts by her sprightly, nimble and attractive interpretation of the difficult part.

Misses Annie Crews, Gladys Rawlins and Maria Paris elicited great applause and acted their roles in beautiful style. The little fairies added greatly to the beauty of the scene in their inimitable costumes and fairy dance. Miss Nina Cooper as Titania was beautiful and bewitching, attended by beautiful little Julia Winston Taylor as the child from India.

While all did surprisingly well from the opening chorus of fifty voices trained by Mrs. John Booth. The crowning attraction of the entertainment was the "Mock Play" of "Phrymas and Thisbe," which was splendidly trained by Mrs. Bertha Paris, principal of Oxford High school. This play consisted of a rehearsal and performance at court, illustrating how the common people presented their dramatic ideas. This scene was impersonated by Robert Parham as "Quince," William Webb as "Bottom," James Ballou as "the Moon," Edward Rawlins as "Thisbe," Henry Shaw as "the Wall" Linwood Brown as "the Lion".

The audience was kept in a continuous roar of laughter as William Webb, without previous dramatic experience, rose to the occasion in most surprising manner and received high commendation for his interpretation of "Bully Bottom."

The elegant costumes and the artistic environments of the stage improvised in the grove on Horner Hill, beautifully lighted made the entertainment a pleasing occasion, which the large audience fully appreciated, all seats were taken and many stood for two hours to enjoy the play.

Books Close May 20
See that your name is on the registration books. All candidates who fail to file notice of their entry on or before May 20th cannot get their name on the ticket.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF GRANVILLE

PERCENTAGE COST OF ADMINISTERING SCHOOLS OF GRANVILLE NOW LESS THAN IN THE OLD DAYS

When any business grows it is natural that the total cost of managing the business should increase somewhat in proportion to the increased amount of business done. The fair way is to treat it on a percentage basis. The public school business of the county has increased considerably during the past ten years. The question in the mind of the right-thinking citizen is, has the cost of administering and supervising the business increased out of proportion to the work accomplished and the funds disbursed?

The public schools of Granville were never in a better condition than they are at this time, and it is also gratifying to note that there are none better in the State. Faithful service all along the line has served the county well.

In the year 1905 the cost of collecting for administering, and supervising the public schools of the county was 14 per cent. In the year just closing the same service was rendered for 8.7 per cent. In fact there never has been a time in the history of the public schools of the county when the percentage cost of administering the school was less, not even in the old days when the county superintendent was paid less than \$400 a year.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Literature and Library Extension Department

The Literature and Library Extension Department of the Woman's Club will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell.

Those who are interested in this department are requested to attend promptly at the hour named, as there will be an important business session from four to a quarter to five, after which an hour will be given to an interesting program in observance of the Tercentenary celebration of Shakespeare.

This department cordially invites every member of the Woman's Club to attend the Literary Program, which will begin at a quarter to five.

MRS. A. H. POWELL, Ch'm.

JUDGE DEVIN IN OXFORD

Will Remain Here Three or Four Days.

Judge Devin came in from Greenville, Pitt county, Saturday, where he held court last week and is spending a few days with his mother. He will hold court in Durham next week, and go to Alamance for a two week's term. He will preside over the Beaufort county court late in June, and we notice that he is going to run up with some trouble at Snow Hill, Green county, early in July. Green joins Wayne and they have had two or three lynchings down there during the year and its up to Judge Devin to interpret the law to them. We would not be surprised to hear that they call out the militia to keep back the crowd when the case comes up.

DR. DUNAWAY COMING

Former Oxford Pastor Will Stop Over in Oxford.

Mr. J. F. Meadows is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Dunaway, of Accomack Court House, Va., advising him that in all probability he will stop over in Oxford to shake hands with friends on his return from the Southern Baptist Convention which is in session at Asheville this week. Dr. Dunaway was a former pastor of the Oxford Baptist church and his many friends here will be glad to see him.

"THE ROSARY"

It Teaches a Good Strong Moral Lesson.

"The Rosary" is coming to the Orpheum Thursday, May 18th. This is the play that has attracted so much attention throughout the country. It is the same play that so many of the Oxford people went to Raleigh last fall to see. "The Rosary" is as good as any sermon, giving comfort to the old and instructions to the young. It was written by Edward E. Rose from his wonderful stage production and is absolutely pure and wholesome to old and young alike.

OUR STANDING ARMY

TO MUSTER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND MEN.

Backed by a Federalized National Guard of 425,000 as a Reserve, Constitutes the Final Agreement by House and Senate Conferees on the Army Bill. Report Also Provides for Government Nitrate Manufacturing Plants Not Exceeding \$20,000,000 and for Boards to Investigate Advisability of Establishing Government Munition Plants and Mobilization of Industries.

(SUMMARY)

A standing army of 206,000 fighting men capable of being expanded in emergency to 254,000 and backed by a federalized National Guard of 425,000 as a reserve, finally was agreed on Saturday by House and Senate conferees on the army bill. The agreement will be reported to Congress early next week and the measure, the first of the Administration preparedness bills, is expected to be before President Wilson for his signature soon afterward.

Victory for National Preparedness
Advocates of adequate National defense regard the conference agreement as a triumph. The compromise between the House and Senate measures was effected after weeks of struggle against an insistent demand from House conferees for a standing army of only 140,000 men.

Minimum Strength in Five Years
The minimum enlisted strength would be attained under the conference agreement within the next five years and it is stipulated that at no time shall the total be less than 160,000.

Provides for Nitrate Plants
The conference report also provides for the Government nitrate manufacturing plants not exceeding \$20,000,000; for vocational education in the regular Army and for establishment of military training companies for volunteer citizens whose transportation, clothing and subsistence expenses while in training would be paid by the Federal Government.

Training Camp Feature
The training camp feature, as finally approved, is regarded as compensation in a measure for the Federal volunteer reserve of 261,000 men which Senate conferees were forced to abandon on insistence from the House.

Government Munition Plants
Other salient features of the measure provide for a board to investigate the advisability of establishing Government munition plants and a board to recommend mobilization of industries. Authority is given to the Government to seize and operate private munition plants in time of war.

OXFORD COLLEGE NOTES

SENIOR AND EXPRESSION CLASSES IN SHAKESPEAREAN COMEDY

"Twelfth Night" to Be Presented on the College Campus, Monday Evening, May 22d.

One of the most delightful and instructive features of Oxford College Commencement will be the play, "Twelfth Night," to be presented on the College campus by the Senior and Expression Classes, assisted by a number of students from the English department, at eight o'clock Monday evening, May 22d. The classes have rehearsed the play over and over, and with the special costumes for the entire play, furnished by Joseph C. Fisher & Son, Philadelphia, will out- rival the "Camp-Fire Girls" of last December, which in itself was a great triumph. "Twelfth Night" is a joyous comedy, considered by some critics (Continued on Page Eight)

THE GRANVILLE GRAYS

The Soldier Boys Will Leave For Charlotte.

The Granville Grays, about fifty in number, will leave for Charlotte next Friday to participate in the festivities incident to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20th. General B. S. Royster will be in command of a division of the State troops.

PREDICTS HEAVY LOSS OF CROPS

THE LONG DRY SPELL HAS WROUGHT DAMAGE, SAYS THE FARMERS

Enormous crop losses will be suffered by Granville farmers this season, according to reports from all sections of the county.

Granville's largest money crop is at a stand still, farmers say, and it is doubtful that even with seasonable rains the condition of the tobacco will be more than one half normal.

Corn and other crops planted recently have not yet come up owing to lack of rain and sufficient moisture to cause the seed to germinate. The farmers entertain hopes for the seed crops in the event of seasonable rains but these crops will necessarily be late as well as somewhat curtailed, say the farmers. It is claimed that the wheat crop has also suffered greatly from the drought, and will be at least 25 per cent short of normal.

The farmers say that it has been impossible to prepare the land for planting in many places on account of the dry condition of the soil.

Of the large number of farmers visiting the Public Ledger office every one has stated that their fruit crop is promising up to the present time, but there can be no doubt that the farming element as a whole are greatly distressed over the outlook for bumper crops this year.

The Public Ledger is not informed as to the actual conditions of the crops in this section, and of course must depend upon the reports that come to us first-handed from the farmers themselves. We hope that the conditions are much better than they seem at this writing.

As, for the tobacco crop, it is generally believed by all well informed men that a half crop will bring quite as much money as an abnormal crop. The big companies have let it be known that it is quality and not quantity that is wanted.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

Mr. J. Robert Wood Falls and Sustains Broken Ribs.

Mr. J. Robert Wood had the misfortune Saturday night to fall from the rear platform at Perkinson-Green Company's store and break three of his ribs. He entered the store by the back door and was waited upon by Mr. Claud Allen. On returning to the platform he turned round and bade Mr. Allen "good night." That is the last thing he remembers. He fell a distance of about three feet, landing violently against a sharp rock. With three broken ribs, he got up unassisted and made his way home. Dr. Cannady was called and dressed the wounds, and Mr. Wood is resting as well as could be expected.

OFF FOR ASHEVILLE

Dr. Lumpkin and Rev. C. A. Upchurch Drive Through Country

Doctor and Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin and Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Upchurch left early Monday morning in an auto car for the Southern Baptist Convention, which is in session, at Asheville this week. The distance from Oxford to Asheville is about 200 miles.

MRS. BOOTH'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Interesting Program at the Oxford Graded School.

One of the most pleasing entertainments of the year is the annual concert given by Mrs. John B. Booth's School of Music. As usual, a full house greeted Mrs. Booth and her bright pupils from the intermediate grades in the auditorium of the Graded School Monday night.

Mrs. Booth possesses a faculty that never fails to bring out the best that is in her pupils. We don't know how she does it, but presto change and the little one sings like a mocking bird. There were twenty-two numbers on the program, some of them difficult of rendition, in which the pupils reflected credit upon their teacher and themselves.

FOR COMMISSIONER

To the voters of Granville:
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Primary,
Your friend,
WILL A. PARHAM.

PROF. PHILLIPS

RALEIGH EDUCATOR BECOMES HEAD OF OXFORD SCHOOLS

An Inspiration to Students on the Gridiron, on the Diamond, on the Platform and in Literature.

(Raleigh News and Observer)

Prof. Guy V. Phillips, for three years head of the English department of the Raleigh high school, has formally accepted the offer of the superintendency of the Oxford graded schools.

Professor Phillips, during his connection with the Raleigh high school has taken an active lead in the encouragement of those activities outside the school room. The high school students on the gridiron and on the diamond, on the platform and in literary effort, have largely been under his direction. During these three years Raleigh has consecutively won the State football championship and has been represented in the Carolina finals in both baseball and debate. At the same time the "High School Enterprise" and the "Rattler," the school annual, as well as the literary societies, have been promoted by his work.

The call to the superintendency of the Oxford schools, of which there are three, represents the taking up of larger duties and the entry into a larger field of executive work.

Professor Phillips' successor will be selected some time during the summer, it is thought.

INVENTOR CALLED DREAMER

GETS \$2,000,000 FOR CENT-AND-A-HALF SUBSTITUTE FOR GASOLINE

If Louis Enricht's secret formula of one and a half penny-a-gallon substitute for gasoline is true, the editor of the Public Ledger will buy a fordcar and visit every family in Granville county. If his secret formula is all that it is claimed to be, the farmers of Granville will soon have no need of mules.

It is no longer a secret that Louis Enricht has sold the secret formula of his penny-and-half-a-gallon substitute for gasoline for \$2,000,000!

Enricht's neighbors in the little village of Farmingdale, New York, down on Long Island, thought Enricht dreaming when he claimed he could operate an automobile with a mysterious green liquid he invented.

But the Maxim Munition Co., figured the formula so good it has agreed to pay \$1,000,000 in cash and \$1,000,000 in stock to the inventor.

The process of manufacture, according to Enricht, is very simple.

Four ounces of a strange chemical mixture, green in color, is stirred into five gallons of water. The solution goes into the auto's tank and the auto runs just as it would if fed with gasoline.

Henry Ford visited the inventor, who is 70, and he came away convinced that Enricht's discovery was genuine, it is said.

The cost of manufacturing the liquid is about one and one-half cents per gallon.

Here is as much of an explanation of his invention as Enricht is willing to make: The addition of his "green mystery" to the water in the "gas" tank of an auto releases the hydrogen gas in the water. The hydrogen passes into the carburetor, where it comes into contact with the nitrogen of the air, taken into the engine through the air intake pipe. The explosive energy to drive the engine is the result of this combination.

Just after he announced his discovery, Enricht stopped making his fluid because, he said, he didn't dare go to drug stores to buy ingredients.

"I can't go anywhere without being followed by detectives working for the oil companies," said Enricht.

Maxim company officials say they will produce a substitute that will be used by every auto owner and knock the bottom out of the high price of gasoline.

FOR COMMISSIONER

At the solicitation of many voters of the county, I herewith announce my candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Granville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I will appreciate the suffrage of the voters of the county and promise to give my best service if elected.
J. LUTHER DANIEL.