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## SILVER CORNET BAND

AN ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD BRING GLORY TO THE HOME TOWN

Mr. Arthur Whiteley, Noted Band Instructor, Makes an Interesting Proposition.

Some time ago Mr. Bert Taylor, working with our commercial organization, tried to launch a silver cornet band in Oxford. Failing to receive the proper encouragement at the time, Mr. Taylor decided to let the matter rest for a while, but there now seems to be a healthy awakening to the real value of such an organization and it is the earnest desire of a great many of our citizens that Mr. Taylor will renew his efforts.

The following letter from Mr. Whiteley is to the point:

Mt. Olive, N. C., July 18, 1916  
Editor the Public Ledger:

I would like to organize and instruct a band in Oxford, and make the following proposition: I will furnish instruments and music for eighteen members and instruct them for \$75.00 per month.

No money is required for an initial investment. If the band makes good, then they can buy their own where and from whom they please. If the band fails to make good, then no money is tied up in useless horns.

I have been teaching bands for twenty-five years and will guarantee rapid and thorough progress. In this State I have taught bands in Goldsboro, Wilmington, Mt. Olive, LaGrange, Seven Springs, Wilson, Lumberton, Rowland, Princeton, Wakefield, Sanford, and they have all made good.

I hope this plan will meet with your hearty endorsement and cooperation, but if two busy to give the matter your attention, will you kindly turn this letter over to someone who may be interested.

ARTHUR WHITELEY

A good band has brought fame to many a young man. There are a number of young men in Oxford with a turn for music that should join the band, if for no other reason than for the selfish motive that, with a knowledge of music acquired here, and the ability to play an instrument, a young man need not fear to go out to larger fields with a feeling of security born of his knowledge that, all other things failing he will be invariably in demand in one or other of the musical organizations existing, and supported, by the live cities of the North and East.

As one means of securing the funds necessary to purchase instruments absolutely necessary to pursue absolutely necessary, the Public Ledger proposes that a series of concerts, to be given each month for, say six months. These concerts would consist of ensemble music by the band, instrumental solos, vocal solos, quartets, glees, and readings, comprising occasions of real pleasure to both the members of the band and the whole community. Tickets would be sold for the whole course, in advance, so that instruments could be purchased now, and the new members join in at once in vigorous work of preparation.

The Public Ledger also suggests that the various manufacturing interests in Oxford could co-operate by making it imperative, in the event of their being obliged to seek help from outside points, that the applicant be able to play some instrument. This will help in keeping the organization up to a high pitch of excellence, and provide for possible losses through the defection of members who succumb to the lure of other cities, or who drop out for any other reason—though we believe such enthusiasm is awakening in Oxford over this organization that every member will be very jealous of the honor he holds in membership.

"ROSEMARY"

Presented By Equisite Screen Favorites at the Orpheum

"Rosemary," five acts of delightful romance, quaint humor and thrilling incident, will be presented at the Orpheum next Monday night with an exquisite and accomplished screen favorite, Marguerite Snow, supported by Paul Gilmore.

Raymond Hitchcock, famous as a comic opera star the world over, will be seen this Friday night at the Orpheum in "The Ringtailed Rhinoceros."

## Get Behind the Granville County Fair

TALK FAIR TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND BANTER HIM TO A SHOW-DOWN

There is no doubting the assertion that a good county fair gives an impetus to agricultural progress. A fair properly conducted is a good investment in more ways than one.

Now is the time for the people of the county to be beginning planning their exhibits. Let every good farmer determine that he is going to have the best exhibit of corn, wheat, tobacco, the largest pumpkins, the finest assortment of apples, the tallest cane stalk, the best Bermuda grass, the best looking chickens, the sassiest calf, the periest colt—well, a hundred other things.

Talk the fair to your neighbor. Banter him for a showdown as to who can furnish the prize-winning exhibit. The men who are entrusted with the management of the fair are live wires and are going to do all in their power to make it a fine success, but, of course, they can't do it all working by themselves. The premium lists will soon be issued. Every farmer should see to it that one gets into his possession.

### BLEWITT FALLS SAFE

Carolina Power and Light Company's Big Dam Held Against Great Tide of Water

Grave fears were entertained that the dam at Blewitt Falls, where the current of the Carolina Power and Light Company generates its current, would give away under the pressure of the great tide that filled Yadkin river to overflowing.

Information at the local office of the company is to the effect that the big power plant near Rockingham is safe after the flood waters had passed by. The crest of the high water passed some time Tuesday, and the big dam there held against the great current that surged by in the narrow gorge where the water is forced to flow at the plant.

The emergency plants of the Carolina Power and Light Company at Raleigh and Henderson were fired up and ready to shoot the current to Oxford. It will probably be many years before the plant at Blewitt Falls will again have such a severe test.

### TAR HEEL STENOGRAPHERS

Several Good Openings in the Departments

North Carolina men and women desirous of going to Washington to work can do so by making fine records on stenography and typewriting examinations to be held in all of the leading towns of the State August 9. The quota of the State lacks 16 per cent of being full.

North Carolina has a few very prominent cases of "winning on merit," under the civil service. Mrs. A. B. Harrison, of the Department of Agriculture, makes \$2,200 a year. She won not by any political pull but by individual effort.

Those desiring to stand these examinations need not apply to Congressmen but a letter to the Civil Service Commission will get the necessary blanks, etc. Section 4 of the Civil Service Commission has charge of it.

### Gen. Royster at Mocksville

We see it stated in the Charlotte Observer that Gen. B. S. Royster has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address at the Mocksville Masonic picnic on August 10th.

### OXFORD PEOPLE IN STORM

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Blalock Have Exciting Ride

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Blalock, who returned this week from an extended automobile trip through Western North Carolina and South Carolina, saw the storm that raged throughout that section last Saturday and Sunday. On leaving Greenville, S. C., they noticed a black cloud in the west, but before they reached Charlotte the storm broke upon them. Again, between Charlotte and Mocksville, they were caught in a terrific storm. They saw the north prong of the Yadkin on a rampage and they were told by old inhabitants that the stream was seven feet higher than was before ever known. Two bridges over which they passed safely were later carried away.

## CREW APPREHENSIVE

CAPTAIN BOARDS DEUTSCHLAND FOR DASH TO THE SEA

Dons His Uniform First Time Since He Docked at Baltimore—Machinery is Overhauled and Engines Tested For Dive to Safety in Open Atlantic.

BALTIMORE—At dawn Thursday the screen of tugs and barges was drawn about the submarine merchantman Deutschland. It was observed that she was submerged to about the same depth as when she came into this port with a full cargo.

In the early morning the vigilance of the German guards about the pier tightened. Several launches were found about the waters, and while the Timmins threw its searchlight beams upon the craft, the night superintendent of the Eastern Forwarding Company jumped into a motor boat and made a long tour of the waters about the pier to ascertain who the strange visitors were.

### Crew is Apprehensive

Knowing the tactics of the British and the French and realizing that scores of German submarines have been caught in the nets that were stretched across the English channel the men that man the Deutschland fear that the British will be able to make effective this method off the capes. The crew of the submarine also is apprehensive for the Bremen sister ship of the Deutschland which is due off the capes within a short time.

WASHINGTON—The United States coast and geologic survey announced Thursday that when the German submarine Deutschland goes out to the Virginia capes at Norfolk she will not be able to evade enemy warships until she is fifteen miles out at sea. The Deutschland will be unable to get her topmost parts more than twenty feet under the water until she passes the fifteen miles line, which would not be deep enough to make her invisible to her enemies. There is one hole three miles off the shore where the Deutschland could submerge enough to hide, but she would have to remain stationary in it, the survey stated.

The statistics were requested of the survey by Germans in Baltimore who are believed to have desired them for the benefit of the Deutschland officers.

### District Meeting Program

The following is the program for the District Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of North Carolina, St. John's Church, Williamsboro, All Day Meeting to be held this Saturday July 22nd:

Opening Service—11 a. m.—Rev. Lewis N. Taylor.

Address—Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield. Work in Alaska—Miss Blackhall.

Blue Ridge Conference—Miss Hunter.

Study Class for the Year—Mrs. S. P. Arrington.

What must be accomplished before Gen. Convention—Miss Mary Bullock.

Lunch.

Closing Services—Rev. Isaac W. Hughes.

Means of transportation suggested so that as many can attend as possible. Each attendant to bring lunch for two. The District includes Stovall, Townsville, Kittrell, Louisburg, Warrenton, Oxford.

### Interesting Lecture

Mr. O. H. Bagby, the son of the first Baptist Missionary sent to Brazil, is visiting a number of the churches in the Flat River Association with stereopticon outfit. Mr. Bagby is a graduate of Richmond College and he hopes to return to Brazil as a medical missionary. His lectures are very interesting and those who find it convenient should make it a point to hear him.

We were glad to meet in town one day this week our old friend, Mr. W. S. West, one of the best farmers in Vance county. The only thing in the world against Mr. West and his neighbor, Mr. Herbert Crews, is that they live just over the line in Vance and not in Granville.

## Widow Seeks to Recover in Gooch Estate

SAYS SHE DID NOT READ ANTE-NUPTIAL AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING IT.

The case of the late Wayne Gooch is under way this week in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond, where Mrs. Margurite Radcliffe Gooch is seeking to establish a dower right to the estate, valued by her and her attorney between \$300,000 and \$350,000.

"The story," says the Times Dispatch, "so far as its human interest is concerned, may be summed up briefly. Gooch was a divorced man, having spent twenty years of his life with the first woman he married. Later when he was in his fifty-first year he paid court to Margurite Radcliffe, whom, after once breaking off the engagement and receiving back his presents, he married and took to San Francisco.

"The wedding took place in Lexington, N. C., on October 14, 1915, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Banks Radcliffe. The bridal couple immediately after the ceremony, caught a train for the Golden West, where they spent a few weeks. On the way back, as they were traveling through the plains of Texas, Gooch left his bride early on the morning of November 14—her twenty-fourth birthday—and came to an untimely end with a ball through his head. He was dead when the train conductor ran to his side.

### Was Teacher of Music.

"Mrs. Gooch, the young widow, was a school teacher when her husband met her. She was director of Music at the Boiling Springs High School, and kept to her task while Gooch paid court to her. They came to an understanding, the bill of complaint filed by her states, and were engaged. Later there came to her rumors that she was to be killed or that Gooch was to be shot.

"There was much correspondence, in which the girl's mother took part, and Miss Radcliffe, as she was then, returned numerous handsome presents Gooch had given her and promised that she would pay back money advanced to her. The money amounted to something more than \$500, and there is reference to seven diamond rings and other valuable trinkets which the man had given to her. Came then another understanding, and on October 14, 1915, the two were married.

"Before the wedding, Gooch, the bill states, had promised to bestow on her, through an antenuptial agreement, a large sum of money."

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### At Loch Lily

The following young people from Oxford, spending the week at Loch Lily, report a fine time:

Messrs. Waverly Harris, Bert Taylor, M. Landis, Beasley Taylor, Henry Robards, Kennon Taylor, William Bryan, Lindsay Taylor, Dick Taylor, mascot. Misses Hixie White, Lucy Landis, Ethel Hancock, Mary Shaw, Fanny Taylor, Londa Shamburger, of Weldon; Essie Mitchell, of Littleton; Martha Brinkley. Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Street are the chaperones.

### Confederate Veterans

The North Carolina Confederate Veterans will hold their reunion in Wilmington July 26-27. The Southern Railway will operate a special train, leaving Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh Tuesday, July 25. Train leaves Oxford 7:40 on the morning of the 25th and arrives in Wilmington at four o'clock in the afternoon. Fare for round trip from Oxford is \$4.05. Those desiring to make the trip should see Capt. W. H. White.

### Mrs. J. C. Davis Hostess

The Recreation Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. C. Davis at her lovely new home on Front street Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock. The reception hall, arlor and dining room were opened en suite and lovely decorations of cut flowers greeted the eye at every turn. Tables for progressive Rook were placed in the parlor, dining room and hall and on the porch. After the game, cream, cake and mints were served. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the refreshments.

Born to Lieutenant and Mrs. Arthur Landis Thursday morning a bouncing baby girl.

## TO EXTEND RAILROAD

THE SOUTHERN TO REACH ROXBORO FROM VIRGINIA

The Line Will Probably Touch Caltolina Farm and Open Up Rich Section.

The people of Roxboro have labored long and faithfully for an outlet on the north and it would now seem that the Southern Railway will tap the town with a branch line from Virgilina, giving them a straight shoot to Norfolk and Richmond.

While nothing of a definite nature has been given out, it is a well known fact that the trees have been blazed along the entire line and stobs driven in the ground, which seems to imply that the actual work of grading the roadbed will follow at an early date.

Mr. W. T. Calton, of Caltolina Farm, was seen in Oxford a few days ago and questioned as to the proposed road to Roxboro. While Mr. Calton would not commit himself to any great extent, he did say, however, that the present survey passed north of his place about three miles. The fact that the company will have one less bridge to build in the event the road passes Caltolina gives Mr. Calton hopes.

We regret that the business men of Oxford did not get busy and co-operate with the Southern Railway Company and convince them that the road to Roxboro should lead from Oxford. It is understood that the people of Roxboro would prefer the Oxford connection.

### HUTCHINS CATCHES COON

Escaped From Captivity Three Years Ago

While taking in the "Florida Blossom" show near the Southern station Monday night, Special Officer Hutchins spied a black looking object perched high up on a reserved seat.

It proved to be Henry Hinton, colored, who escaped from the road force about three years ago. Henry was convicted about four years ago in the Granville county court for breaking into house. After serving about one year he made a spectacular getaway. Since leaving the road force, Henry has visited Richmond, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Norfolk. While flirting around among exclusive society abroad Henry took on a brighter hue and he ventured back to his old stamping grounds.

Hutchins kept an eye on Henry during the performance and after the show was over he followed him to his den.

"I will not bother him to-night," remarked the officer to a companion, "but I'll be on hand at the crack of day." The sun was barely up when Hutchins called for Henry.

Later in the day Chairman B. I. Breedlove came to town and recognized Henry and took him back to the road force to fill out his unexpired term with a few months added.

### Happy Children

About eighty or ninety members of the Oxford Methodist Sunday School picniced at Providence Wednesday. It was a most delightful crowd of young people, with just enough old heads along to act as a balance wheel. The boys had a fine time swimming and paddling in the water while the girls skipped, romped and made merry. The spread embraced many good things to eat and there was plenty to spare.

### MONEY BY TELEGRAPH.

The Western Union Makes it Easy to Wire Money to Soldiers.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., announces that until further notice it will make telegraphic transfers of money to members of the National Guard who have been mustered into the Federal Service at the Mexican Border at one-half the usual charges for such service. It is understood that in their hurried departure many of the Guards failed to reckon on the high cost at the Border of some of the conveniences and comforts which are not included in the provisions which Uncle Sam makes for his soldiers and their relatives and friends doubtless would be interested to learn of this arrangement whereby much appreciated fund can be quickly transferred by telegraph at a low cost. The proposition is the more attractive from the fact that messages of affection, cheer, etc., may be incorporated in the transfers at a small cost for the extra words involved.