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## SPARE THE ROD

SENSATIONAL ARREST AND TRIAL OF SCHOOL TEACHER.

Prof. Riggins, of the Stem High School, Whips Eleven-Year-Old Son of Prominent Citizen With Raw Hide.

Last week while the superintendent of the Stem High School was attending the annual meeting of the State school teachers in Raleigh, his assistant, Prof. Riggins, took it upon himself to overstep the bounds of reason and flog an eleven-year-old child with a raw hide. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by Mr. E. E. Bullock, father of the child. The case was called for trial in Oxford Saturday and a large delegation came over from Stem to witness the sensational proceedings. Mr. T. Lanier appeared for the prosecution and the case was heard by Justice L. T. Buchanan.

It developed at the hearing that there is a rule in force at the Stem High School forbidding children to play basketball on the school grounds after school hours, unless permission is obtained. It appeared that two little boys were kept in school. When they were dismissed by Prof. Riggins they went home, but later returned, and with them was little George Bullock. Prof. Riggins came upon the scene and took the boys into the school house and whipped them with a raw hide. Late in the evening along about sundown, while this same little George Bullock was performing an errand for his mother, Prof. Riggins spied him in the public road and yanked him in the school house and flogged him second time, first with a raw hide and second with his heavy leather belt, which had a buckle on the end of it. The whelps on the child's back were not put into evidence at the trial, but they were said to be as large as a man's finger.

The court scene was indeed most pathetic. There sat a sweet-faced little boy—pleasant, refined and courteous. In front of him was his big antagonist, fresh from the mountains of Kentucky. The prosecuting attorney quoted Holy Writ: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for such is the kingdom of heaven." Continuing, he said that he would rather see every school in the State obliterated from the face of the earth if teachers of ungodly temper were permitted to pluck innocent little children from the public highway and beat them to their hearts content with a raw hide and belt buckle.

In rendering a decision, Justice Buchanan stated that he had taught school for twenty-four years and he admitted that it is one of the most trying positions known to man. Discipline, he said is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the school, but in this instance the teacher had overstepped the bounds of reason. Riggins being a young man, the Justice imposed a fine of \$10 and cost—the whole thing amounting to \$20.

Dr. Hardee, a member of the school board, stated to the court that it was a most regrettable occurrence—regrettable because it is calculated to injure the reputation of Prof. Riggins, who exceeded the limit in trying to maintain discipline. He asked Justice Buchanan to take into consideration the age of the teacher and be as lenient with him as possible.

### Church Notes

The Oxford Baptist church being without a pastor, Mr. Middleton, secretary State Sunday School Board, filled the pulpit Sunday morning last. Rev. C. A. Upchurch filled the pulpit at the evening hour.

It was announced from the pulpit Sunday that Rev. C. A. Upchurch will preach at the Oxford Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Mr. C. D. Ray was again elected Superintendent of the Oxford Baptist Sunday School last Sunday. The school during the past year made substantial gains and Mr. Ray hopes to increase the number this year.

### Frazier-Hart

On Sunday morning, November 19th, a beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. H. A. Hart, Route 7, when his daughter, Miss Pearl, became the happy bride of Mr. Willie Frazier. Rev. J. R. Reeves pronounced them man and wife.

### Annual Bazaar

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, will receive their friends at the Armory December 6th and 7th. The doors will open at 11 o'clock Wednesday. Fancy, plain and useful articles will be on sale. Good turkey dinners, salads, oysters, cream and cake. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public.

### Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to the entire community for their kindness shown me during the sickness and death of my beloved wife. J. T. MANGUM.

## THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

"DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU"

If the good women and men of Granville, whose rule of life is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," fully realized how much genuine courtesy and kindness they could show to the clerks and other helpers in the retail stores, by buying Christmas gifts early, they would do it gladly and promptly.

The tension on the nerves and overtaxing of the strength of those who serve in the stores, during the last days before Christmas, would test the patience and good nature of saints—and tired girls, and boys, and men are not always saintly.

Many must buy late through necessity.

If you have the means, and the opportunity, will you buy early?

There is only one recipe for happiness—make someone else happy, and the little Elf of happiness will occupy the guest-chamber of your memory for many a day.

### PICKPOCKETS IN TOWN

Go Through the Pockets of Louis Thomas

Louis Thomas, colored, reported to the authorities that while he was a guest of the Philadelphia House last week some one entered his room and took from his pockets \$130.00.

Special Officer Hutchins took Thomas to one side and pried him with questions and the only clue that he could get was that Thomas was intimate with a gang of notorious women. He moved about with extreme caution, but after a search of three days he learned that Laura Chanton and Mollie Timbly had expended some fifty odd dollars for gaudious attire. This information in hand he soon wove a net about the two dusky damsels from which there appears to be no escape.

At the preliminary hearing before his honor Mayor Mitchell, Laura was sent to jail to await the February term of Court. Mollie gave bond.

### PRETTY SURPRISE MARRIAGE

Miss Ruby Adcock the Bride of Mr. Roy W. Crews

On last Wednesday evening the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Adcock again presented a lovely marriage scene, when their attractive and accomplished young daughter, Miss Ruby Florence, became the bride of Mr. Roy W. Crews.

At the appointed hour the members of the two immediate families, with only a few very close friends assembled in the spacious drawing room, which was tastefully decorated with ferns and carnations, carrying out the color scheme of green and white.

The handsome young couple, unattended, entered the room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, which was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Edward N. Crews, sister of the bride.

As the notes of the Wedding March slowly died away the music softly drifted off, and above the sweet tones of "Tranmere" we heard the voice of Dr. Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist church of Henderson as he spoke the impressive words which made them man and wife.

The extreme simplicity of the whole occasion made it all the more beautiful. It being so characteristic of the young lady's taste all through her life.

The bride was attired in white satin charmesuse with handsome pearl trimmings and carried a lovely bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Her traveling suit was of midnight blue, with hat, veil and gloves to match.

Despite the fact that an automobile was waiting at the steps of the west veranda, to convey the happy couple away, they did not escape the showers of rice and good wishes which poured upon them in torrents as they left the house. Going immediately to Henderson they took a north bound train for a brief tour of the important northern cities, including our Capitol city on the return trip.

After December the tenth they will for the remainder of the winter, be at home with the groom's mother, Mrs. Carrie Crews, Oxford Route 5.

### Draw Heavy Sentences.

The first jury convictions in Virginia on the new prohibition law were made Saturday at Norfolk when four negroes and one white man were found guilty of selling liquor and fined from \$100 to \$400 and sentenced to from one to three months in jail.

The State prohibition commission had special counsel to aid the Commonwealth's attorney in the prosecution. One man out of the six was found not guilty.

## THE NEW BOARD MEET

COMMISSIONER E. C. HARRIS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Senator A. A. Hicks Re-elected County Attorney—New Board Holds a Two Days' Session.

The old Board of County Commissioners surrendered their tenure of office Monday and wished the new Board Godspeed. The ceremony was very brief and the new Board got right down to business. The first business that confronted them was the election of a chairman, and Mr. E. C. Harris was chosen for the high calling. Senator Hicks was also unanimously elected county attorney, the position he so ably filled during the last two years.

Immediately after the chairman and attorney were chosen, we took a peep at the new Board and decided that if they do as well as they look the county is safe. There is just enough gray hairs, bald heads and wisdom to do a good job if the people don't worry them to death.

The election of Commissioner Harris as chairman of the Board gives universal satisfaction. He served in the same capacity some years ago and he now brings to the office a superior knowledge of the conditions in the county. He will no doubt have the hearty support of the entire Board.

The new Board decided to hold a two days' session to get things in good shape and to see where they are at. The minutes of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

### KINTON FORK NEWS NOTES

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

#### Box Party

There will be a box party at the Edgewood, or better known as the Kinton Fork school house, Friday night, December 8th. Beginning at 7:30 sharp. Public cordially invited.

#### Returned Home

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brooks, nee Miss Hortense Mangum, have returned home from their bridal tour. A host of friends welcomed them back and everyone is glad to know that they will make their home in the community.

#### Much Building

There is a good deal of building going on in the neighborhood. Mr. Ben Dean is having an addition added to his residence and Mr. W. Z. Mitchell has had a new residence erected on his farm, which will be occupied by Mr. Howell Wilkerson and family.

#### Community Life Club

On Thursday, November 30th, a meeting of the Community Life Club was held at the Sunset school. The meeting was very interesting, two special features being, a spelling match and a debate. Query, Resolved that the new National Land Bank Law will be a benefit to the American farmer. The decision was for the negative side.

#### Personals

A little stranger came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Brooks, Sunday afternoon, November 26th. Mother and son doing well.

Mr. Granville Ragland, who has been on the sick list, is somewhat better and the children, of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hobgood, are improving. Mrs. E. L. Frazier, are improving.

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#### At Mount Zion

Regular preaching and church conference at Mt. Zion church Saturday at 11 a. m.

The Sunday preaching hour has been changed from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. so pastor Upchurch can supply at the Oxford church at the morning hour.

He will preach at Mt. Zion at 2 p. m. Sunday immediately after Sunday school.

#### Public Debate

On Friday night of this week there will be a debate at the High school building at 7:30 o'clock. The two literary societies of the school will meet each other on the question of Woman Suffrage for North Carolina. The affirmative side will be upheld by the Pierian Society of girls. The Carthage Society of boys will defend the negative side. The debate will be public and you are especially invited to attend. The boys and girls need your support in this their first public contest.

## MRS. HESTER HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

CAR TURNS TURTLE BREAKING BOTH OF HER ARMS

A most distressing accident occurred on the National Highway near Soudan Saturday evening about sundown, in which Mrs. Henry Hester was severely hurt.

Mrs. Hester, accompanied by her daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis, of Clarksville, were on their way to Oxford to attend the "Birth of a Nation." At a point near Soudan the car turned turtle, Mrs. Hester receiving internal injuries, numerous scars and bruises and the loss of both arms. The other members of the party escaped without serious injury. Though painfully hurt, Mrs. Hester persuaded her daughter and other young people in the party to come on to Oxford and see the "Birth of a Nation."

Medical aid and assistance were soon secured from Clarksville and Mrs. Hester returned to her home and later taken to a Richmond hospital.

### MAY AND DECEMBER

Register of Deeds Decline to Issue License

Monday afternoon an old soldier about 75 years young entered the Register of Deeds office with a fifteen year old damsel on his arm and made it known that the couple were in search of a marriage license. The girl being under age, no license could be issued without the consent of parents or guardian.

Learning that they could not procure license in Granville they hired a conveyance and drove over to Henderson, only to learn that the authorities in Vance were also versed in law.

Later in the day Special Officer Hutchins received a message from the parents of the girl in Durham, authorizing him to arrest and detain her until a member of the family could reach Oxford. In the meantime the couple returned from Henderson and told the authorities that they had given up all hopes of getting married.

The girl admitted that she did not love the old man; that she wanted to marry him for his money and to give him the grand bounce in a couple of weeks. When apprised of the fact that the old man was not a millionaire, the girl said she "hated the old fool anyhow."

After much perley, the couple decided to sever diplomatic relations and the girl returned to her home in Durham.

### THE TOBACCO MARKET

Opens Strong After Brief Holiday.

If there was any doubt about the price of tobacco being on the decline at the close of sales last week, such doubts were shattered Monday. It was estimated that there was at least 75,000 pounds sold here Monday. The common grades sold remarkably well. We saw suckers sell for 16 cents and lugs brought 10 cents.

Merely to test our ability as a tobacco buyer we walked down the line in front of the buyers with Uncle Dick Usry, the dean of the market, and placed our estimates. We tried our skill on five piles and then waited for the buyers to place their bids. Uncle Dick's estimated bids were correct in every instance, but the newspaper man was making and losing to beat the band, which goes to prove that the newspaper man don't know 't all by a jug full.

#### Recital at College

Miss Coleman and Mrs. Davidson will present their pupils in joint recital Friday evening, December 8th at 8:15 in the College chapel. Public is cordially invited.

#### Cohn & Son's Christmas Sale

Cohn & Son's Christmas Sale starts Friday, December 8th and will continue until the largest portion of their stocks are realized into spot cash. Cohn & Son's are again headquarters for great bargains. Their prices now on everything have been reduced. Their stocks of goods are very large and that means that you choose from liberal assortments and not mere broken lots as is the case usually when prices are reduced. Their only endeavor now is to sell their heavy stocks of clothing, shoes, dry goods and millinery as quickly and effectively as possible. So they have again cut prices with mighty little regard to profit or even cost. You know what that means bargains and savings such as only as their store can bring about. Here's a way to add dollars to your bank account by attending Cohn & Son's Christmas Sale and taking advantage of the many wonderful bargains offered—no matter what you want. Cohn & Son's have it, and at a price lower than you expect to pay—Look over Cohn & Son's bargain ad on last page of this paper. They certainly mean business.

## DIED IN CHINA

MR. JOE HUNT, OF GRANVILLE, VICTIM OF SMALLPOX.

Held Important Position With British-American Tobacco Company—Remains Cremated and Shipped to Parents at Tar River Station.

Among a number of bright young men from this section of the State who last spring set sail for China to work for the British-American Tobacco in the Flowery Kingdom, was Mr. Joe Hunt, the son of Mr. Thomas E. Hunt, of Tar River. The deceased was about twenty-five years of age and was of exceedingly pleasant address. He was clerking for Landis & Easton at the time he accepted the position to go abroad. He and Mr. Robert Crews were the only two Granville boys chosen from a long list of applicants for the position. They made the trip together, but when they reached the headquarters of the British-American Tobacco Co. at Shanghai, Mr. Hunt was sent nine hundred miles in one direction and Mr. Crews five hundred miles in the opposite direction. It is very likely that Mr. Crews will not learn of the death of Mr. Hunt until he receives this copy of the Public Ledger which will reach him the middle of next January.

### Special Telegram

The first intimation to reach here of the sad death of Mr. Joe Hunt in China was a special telegram sent from the New York office of the British-American Tobacco Company, which reads as follows:

New York, Dec 1, 12.10 a. m.

Thos. E. Hunt, Tar River: Regret that we have advice from Shanghai this morning that J. W. Hunt died suddenly last evening from smallpox. Remains must be cremated if returned to America. Kindly advise immediately whether remains shall be buried in China or cremated and shipped home.

### Father Receives the News.

Capt. Frank Spencer, manager of the local office of the Western Union, had the telegram in the hands of Mr. Hunt at Tar River sixteen minutes after it left New York City. Mr. Hunt came immediately to Oxford and wired the British-American Tobacco Company to cremate the remains of his son and ship. As might be expected the poor old father was very much grieved at the loss of his son. Like the most of us he discredits the statement of the British-American Company that his death came suddenly as a result of smallpox. He had just received a letter from his son stating that he was seventeen hundred miles from Shanghai, away up in the northern corner of China and that the thermometer registered six degrees below zero. Later, as in all cases, the British-American Tobacco will give a full written account and details of the distressing death.

### MISS LOLA LONG HURT

Struck by Machine and Right Shoulder Fractured

The many friends of Miss Lola Long, President of the State Philanthropic Union, regret to learn that she was painfully hurt in Greensboro last week. Miss Long was a recent visitor to Oxford, the very pleasant guest of Miss Hettie Lyon, and while here made many warm friends. In speaking of the accident, the Greensboro Daily News says:

"Miss Lola Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Long, was painfully injured last evening shortly after 8 o'clock when struck by an automobile of the police department. Miss Long was carried to the hospital and given attention there. Her right shoulder was fractured and she suffered a severe cut on the head. She was resting well last night shortly before midnight and her condition was not considered serious.

Miss Long was dragged for 15 feet according to her sister's story, and then the car passed over her body."

### Mayes-Hinnant

(Communicated.) Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mayes wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice Y., to Mr. Robert W. Hinnant, of Wendell section. The bride's home is near Providence.

The bride and groom left Oxford Thanksgiving Day, escorted by the bride's brother, Mr. B. P. Mayes, and the groom's sister, Miss Lula Hinnant, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Ivan Newell, of Wendell. They were quietly married in Wendell Thanksgiving evening.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mayes and the groom is a progressive farmer.

### In the Bulk

The public will be interested in the announcement of Horner Bros. Company on the second page of this paper. Buying by the car load lots enables them to maintain low cash prices.