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OXFORD'S 1916 DEATH RECORD

THERE WERE TWELVE WHITE AND FIFTEEN COLORED DEATHS.

"So Long as Present Conditions Exist We May Expect Typhoid Fever," Says Dr. Hays.

(Dr. Benj. K. Hays, Health Officer.)

There were twenty seven deaths in Oxford during the year 1916. Estimating the population at thirty-five hundred, the above report gives us a death rate of less than eight per thousand population. This is very gratifying. There were fifty six deaths in Oxford in 1915, fifty eight in 1914 and forty (which was an incomplete report) in 1913.

During 1916 there were twelve and fifteen colored deaths. There were five infant deaths and three deaths from tuberculosis. One person came to Oxford, during the year, sick with typhoid fever and died here. If we excluded this death there was no death in Oxford during the year 1916 from typhoid fever. The town of Oxford is just one hundred years old and never before in its history has gone through a year without losing some citizen from typhoid fever.

We would like to believe that the reduced death rate of 1916 was due to a more intelligent regard for the laws of health, to improve sanitation conditions and to clearer understanding of the cause and prevention of disease. Unfortunately this is only partly true. We do know more than formerly of how disease are spread and we do give greater consideration to the laws of health. But we must confess that our small death rate for 1916 was due in a large measure to good luck. Will we continue to have such luck? Take typhoid fever for example. We know that it is spread by impure drinking water, by infected

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CULBRETH COMMUNITY CLUB.

"Better Schools" Was the Theme of Rev. C. H. Utley.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

The Culbreth School closed Friday night by entertaining the club with a few songs, recitations and dialogues.

Prof. M. C. Nobie, of the University, was asked to speak for us, but was called to the Eastern part of the State and it was impossible for him to be with us. However we were fortunate enough to get Rev. C. H. Utley, of Sten, who made a splendid talk on "Better Schools," which was enjoyed by the people of the community.

PROMINENT COLORED MAN DEAD

Remains Brought From Asbury Park For Interment

Walter Harris, who left Granville county fifteen years ago and settled at Asbury Park, New Jersey, died of heart failure last Saturday in the 39th year of his age. His remains reached Oxford Monday night and the interment was at Olive Grove Tuesday afternoon.

Walter was a good, faithful, honest man and made many friends. Many of the leading men of the country spend their summers at Asbury Park, and it was Walter's privilege and pleasure to wait upon them. For many years he led a Christian life and died in the faith.

CAPTURES HIGHWAY ROBBER

Mrs. J. W. Floyd Goes to Rocky Mount to Identify Negro

Some two weeks ago while on her way to prayer meeting, a negro snatched a pocketbook out of the hands of Mrs. J. W. Floyd and made his escape. A few days ago a negro in Rocky Mount snatched a pocketbook from a lady and the officers were successful in landing him. His description tallied with the one who snatched Mrs. Floyd's pocketbook and she made a trip to Rocky Mount to identify him. On reaching Rocky Mount she described the negro to the officers, and sure enough he was the man the Oxford police were looking for. He will not be brought back to Oxford until the authorities at Rocky Mount get through with him.

"EAST LYNE"

Theda Bara in the Modernized American Version

The famous stage success "East Lyne" adapted by Mary Murillo and directed by Bertram Bracken with Theda Bara as "Isabel" is the leading feature at the Orpheum next Monday evening. Competent critics claim that the estate—"East Lyne"—and the characters in the production, are seen to better advantage in the "movies" than by living actors on the stage.

Sunday newspapers all about the war, PITTMAN & HERRING, Hall's Drug Store, Feb 24th

OFFERS SERVICES TO DURHAM

D. H. Winslow Will Probably Leave National Highway

D. H. Winslow, of the Federal Bureau of Good Roads Engineering, has, upon request, made a proposition of the city of Durham for his services as city manager, city planner and supervisor of streets combined. He has informed the board of aldermen of that city that he will accept the position for the salary of \$3,500, and that he will guarantee to save the city that much the first year he is in office, and, if the work is made free from all petty politics, to reduce the taxes on all property in the city, even to dwelling houses and residences.

Mr. Winslow has been in charge of the maintenance of the National Highway in this section of the South for a long while, working with the United States Department of Agriculture.

In his letter to the Durham board of ladermen he stated, the Durham Sun says, that he had several other propositions under consideration.

FRAZIER ACADEMY

Fire Threatens The Handsome New Structure.

(Correspondent Public Ledger.)

The faculty and students of Frazier Academy were horrified Tuesday morning to see the rooms and halls of their modern and recently equipped new building filled with smoke, the trouble arising from the newly established furnace.

A message quickly dispatched to the Frazier residence brought the timely assistance of Mr. Roland Frazier who soon remedied the trouble, thus saving from the flames the academy which we all prize so much.

MAJOR BULLOCK DEAD

Father of Mrs. Eugene Moss and Dr. Battle Bullock

Major B. F. Bullock died at his home in Franklinton last Monday in the 76th year of his age. He was mayor of Franklinton for more than ten years and was serving in that capacity when the end came.

For the past several years Major Bullock has been prominent in Masonry of North Carolina and was a member of Henderson Commandery.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. Eugene Moss, of Oxford; Dr. Battle Bullock, of Hester, and Mrs. Robertson, of Emporia, Va.

Moss-Cutts Marriage at Durham

The marriage of Mr. W. M. Moss, of Tar River, and Miss Viola Cutts, of Oxford, took place at Durham Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Register of Deeds M. G. Markham, on Cleveland street. Elder C. F. Denny, of the Primitive Baptist church, performed the marriage ceremony in the presence of a few friends of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Moss will make their home at Tar River.

FINE HORSES

The Kind That Grow in Kentucky Blue Grass Section

The unloading of a car of fine horses in the Seaboard freight yard here Tuesday attracted a great deal of attention by virtue of the fine appearance of the stock. The horses were consigned to Horner Bros. Company and extra care and attention was given the stock while in transit and when they arrived here they were fresh, clean and bright. A large crowd saw them unloaded and followed them to the stalls in the rear of Horner Bros. Company's store.

While the horses were being led to the stalls, the attention of a well known lady of Oxford was drawn to a high-stepping, trim horse. After looking the horse over carefully she stated that she would gladly give \$500 for him if Horner Bros. Company would guarantee to get one to match for the same price.

HELP THE POOR.

There Are Several Urgent Cases in Oxford.

There are a number of poor people in Oxford with sickness in the home who are in immediate need of help. Mr. Luther Davis, of the Union Bank, has kindly consented to receive funds for their aid and will keep a book which will be open to inspection giving an itemized statement of how the money is spent. Persons desiring to contribute to the relief of the poor will please leave their contributions with Mr. Davis.

BENJ. K. HAYS.

Date of Special Tax Election.

I noticed in a recent issue of the Public Ledger that the special tax election is to be held Sunday, March 11th. This is an error. The date should be Saturday, March 17th.

W. T. CURRIN, Registrar.

TROOPS TO RETURN MARCH 8TH

SOLID TROOP TRAIN FROM EL PASO TO RALEIGH

Colonel Minor, of Durham, Says the Third Regiment Will Leave El Paso March 3rd.

Advices from Durham quote a message received there from Colonel S. W. Minor, commander of the Third Regiment now at Camp Stewart at El Paso, Texas, to the effect that the Third Regiment probably will leave the border on Saturday, March 3, and that they will likely arrive at their home stations on or about Thursday, March 8.

Associated Press dispatches several days ago said that the Second North Carolina Infantry was in one of the four groups of the first of two contingents into which the remaining 50,000 Guardsmen on duty there have been divided for their return home for mustering out of the Federal service. The same story said that the first group probably would leave the border this week, but no mention was made of the movements of the Third Regiment, in which Company E, of Oxford, Company C, of Henderson, and Company M, of Durham, as well as companies from Louisburg, Warrenton and Raleigh.

It is understood that the troop trains will be brought direct from El Paso to Raleigh, from which point they would be distributed to their several home stations.

GENERAL FUNSTON DEAD

Major-General Pershing in Command of Southern Department

San Antonio, Feb. 20.—Major-General Fredrick Funston, fearless soldier promoted by President Wilson for extraordinary executive ability shown in the Philippines, Vera Cruz and on the Mexican boundary line, died here suddenly last night.

Mrs. Funston at her home in San Francisco, requested the body be sent there for burial.

Stricken in Hotel

"How beautiful it is," were the last words spoken by Major-General Funston before he suddenly expired in a hotel here last night. His words expressed his keen appreciation of the "Beautiful Blue Danube" the hotel orchestra had just played.

Had Worked Very Hard

General Funston was 51 years old. Ever since March, 1916, when he was placed in command of all United States forces on the Mexican border, General Funston had worked unusually hard. At critical times in border developments he frequently remained on duty continuously for twenty-four hours.

NUMBER OF SHIPS DESTROYED

The Germans Are Taking Heavy Toll

The results of the German submarine campaign from February 1 up to today are:

Number of ships, 124; tonnage, 261,923; British, 78; other allied, 8; American, 2; other neutrals, 36.

While all this was taking place the allies have had little to say as to what they are doing. It has leaked through the sieve that they had captured the Deutschland and that it is on exhibition in the English port and that the captain of the undersea craft also is in a concentration camp in Scotland.

THE BUSINESS HOUSE

Mr. W. M. Dunford Opens up Plumbing Business.

One of the things long needed in Oxford is a high-class plumber. There were \$600 worth of pipes burst in Oxford during the recent cold snap on account of bad workmanship. Mr. Dunford has worked at the plumbing business in Richmond, Norfolk, and Philadelphia for over seventeen years. He is qualified to pass the most rigid examination in steam-fitting and water pipes.

Mr. Dunford is now assembling his plant and will be ready for business by the middle of March. See his card elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

NEWS BOYS

Effective on and after Sunday, we will not sell papers on right of way Southern Railway. With permission from Mr. C. D. Ray, we will use shed in front of his office, this for the benefit of our customers.

SPENCER BROS.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE

If you wish to pay your State and County Taxes for 1916 at the office and without cost, you will please do so at once. The books must go out and collections forced within the next few days. If your property gets advertised don't blame me. I'm forced to collect now. Statements furnished upon request.

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

OUR STEM NEWS LETTER

(Correspondent Public Ledger.)

Death of Mr. Franklin

On Friday night, at his home near Rougemont, Mr. W. P. Franklin passed peacefully away in the 64th year of his age. For the past year he has been in failing health, about a week before his death suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was a consistent member of Red Mountain Baptist church and was known as a man of piety, upright and honorable. He was twice married, first to Miss Caroline Weaver, second to Mrs. Dora Clark, to which union she with two sons and four daughters survive. The funeral services at Red Mountain church Saturday afternoon was largely attended. The interment was in the church burying grounds.

Culbreth School Closes

Culbreth Graded School closed Friday night, February 16th, with an entertainment consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues and plays. The play, "Unexpected Guests," by four girls and four boys and a dialogue "Aunt Jernsha" and "Uncle Josh," by Mr. Hawkins Jones and Miss Gladys Jones, were especially good. A song by little Beatrice Overton was received favorably.

Personal Mention

Miss Mable Clayton, who until a month ago held a position in the Culbreth school, resigned to accept a position in Providence school.

Mr. W. B. Cash, Oxford Route 6, spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Loyd, in Greensboro.

Mrs. Ella Duncan and two children of Oxford, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stem, of Tally Ho.

THE SHORT CHANGE ARTIST.

The New One Dollar Bill Resembles the Five Dollar Note.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo cautions the people to look out for the "short change artists" with a new \$1 greenback. The new bill is strikingly in design to the \$5 note, and had been issued from the treasury but a few hours when reports of the operations of money sharpers began coming in. The bill is of the same design as the old \$5 legal tender note bearing the portrait of George Washington and the unsuspecting are apt to be deceived by the unscrupulous. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo says however, that no change will be made in the design. The police all over the country report the arrest of several men who passed the bill for \$5.00.

CANDIDATES FOR PATROLMEN

Three Good Men are Out For the Position.

There are three candidates for patrolman on the highway between Oxford and Tar River. They are Messrs Green, Watkins and Jones.

The government requires personal work on the road and does not permit them to hire labor without orders.

All patrolmen are paid by the hour, same as any other labor or team. The men swear to their accounts and are subject to a fine of \$1,000 for perjury for misstatements.

The value of maintenance is shown by the fact that the road was good from March 1915 to January 1917, when the funds gave out and the road received no attention for 38 days, pending the allotment of funds.

George Royster has been appointed patrolman from Stovall to the Virginia line.

"THE CUBAN SKY."

Play to Be Presented at Enon Saturday, March 3.

The best talent of Enon will present "The Cuban Sky" for the second time at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, March 3rd. The proceeds go to the school fund.

Cast of Characters.

Little Cuba—"Elinora"—The Spy
..... Annie Standfield.
Richard Carson, a young American aiding O. A. Daniel
Roderigo Valdez, secretly in the pay of the Spaniards. C. W. Knott
Jasper Gomez Charles Hobgood
Lopez A. T. Knott
Carl Weisberger Lee Clements
Jerry Thaxton Averett
Bridget Monahan, who is looking for Phelim McNab. Carrie Manning
Sophia, a waiting maid. Hettie Hunt

Household Economics

There will be a meeting of the Household Economics department of the Woman's Club at the Library next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The club will have as its guest Miss Bemis, who will bring several members of her class in basket making. They will make baskets from the long-leaf pine. All members of the club are invited to be present.

Mrs. W. R. Farbow, a Granville boy who is making good with his farming interests in the sand hills near Carthage, Moore county, spent a couple of days in Oxford and Granville this week. He is a big fine man and reflects honor upon Granville wherever he goes.

AT THE END OF THE DOCKET

THE CASE OF MARABÉ AGAINST HOBGOOD

Judge Kerr Has Made Favorable Impression on the Members of the Local Bar.

Cases which have been tried in the Superior Court this week are: John Henderson vs. Kenrietta Henderson. Divorce. Judgment for plaintiff on the ground of adultery.

Boyd vs. Boyd. Divorce. Judgment for plaintiff on the ground of separation for ten years and no issue born.

Bank vs. Norwood. Judgment for plaintiff on note.

Davis vs. Davis, another divorce action was continued.

Bullock vs. Jones. Action by breach of contract. Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$375. Counsel for plaintiff: A. W. Graham, Royster, and Hicks for defendant, Bradshaw of Greensboro and Siler of Siler City.

Hunt, receiver, vs. Casualty Co. Court instructed the jury to find for the defendant. Counsel for plaintiff Hester, and Graham and Son. For defendant, B. S. Royster.

The case of Marable vs. Hobgood in which the plaintiff is suing sheriff Hobgood and his deputy, Grover C. Hobgood, for killing his mule when he was arrested for having too much whisky in his possession has been in progress for the past two days. Compromised with Marble for \$140. The plaintiff is represented by Graham and Son, and T. Lanier; and the defendant by B. S. Royster, and A. A. Hicks.

Judge John H. Kerr of Warrenton who has been holding court here for the past two weeks, has made a very favorable impression on the members of the local bar, and all those who have attended the court. He is kind and considerate towards the lawyers, jurors, and court officials, and at the same time he upholds the dignity of his office by his fair rulings. He is a man of marked ability, and the people of Granville will always be glad to welcome him here.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Delegation Taking in the Sights of Raleigh.

A large part of the two higher grade of the Oxford High School made up the party that left here this Friday morning to spend the day in the State Capitol.

Just at this time of course the State Legislature will be of interest to the pupils. There they will see the Law-making body of the State in action. The Hall of History and the Museum will also be of great interest to those who have never visited there. In fact many days could be spent there profitably.

In the afternoon just before time to leave the Basket-Ball team representing the Oxford School will meet the Raleigh school on the Auditorium Court in a return game. Earlier in the season the Raleigh team won by a small margin over the visiting team at Oxford. With a large group of supporters the visiting team hopes to give a good exhibition of the game.

Mr. G. B. Phillips, supt. of schools and Mrs. J. Y. Parish, principal of the High School, will accompany the pupils.

Lunch will be served by the Domestic Science Department of the Raleigh High School under the efficient direction of the teacher of the department, Miss Sliter.

THE NOTED WILLIAM SINGERS

Filled An Engagement at Mary Potter School

That was a great concert given by great artists in the Auditorium of Mary Potter School Thursday night. They are touring under the auspices of the Chicago Lyceum and came to Oxford at the invitation of Dr. Shaw, president of Mary Potter School.

It was the desire of many white people of the community to hear the five noted minstrels composing the troupe, and Dr. Shaw accordingly reserved fifty or more seats for them and they were all taken. The street leading to the school is almost impassable in some places at the bottom of the hill and some of the music loving people would not venture across the mud holes.

The William Singers have toured Europe and wear badges given them by crowned heads. One could scarcely expect to see such educational and intellectual development in the colored race as this groupe of musicians displayed on this occasion. The large number of white people present did most of the cheering.

DETECTIVE ON THE JOB

Investigating Origin of Fire at Knapp of Reeds

Capt. Scott, of the State Department of Insurance, Raleigh, passed through Oxford Thursday on his way to Knapp of Reeds to investigate the burning of the high school building there last week.