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## DEBAUCHERY MUST BE STOPPED

### LEWD PEOPLE WILL BE EXPELLED FROM WOODS.

#### Much Wickedness on the Outskirts of Oxford Invokes the Wrath of the Town Commissioners.

Indignant over the debauchery carried on night after night in the woods on the outskirts of Oxford, a number of citizens appeared before the town board of commissioners Tuesday night and asked them to devise ways and means to put a stop to it.

It appears that in these days of the automobile and balmy weather lewd women from Petersburg, Durham and Raleigh have established a trying place in the woods on the west side of Oxford. It is alleged that they and their male companions from Oxford stripped the boards from the fair grounds fence and entered the main building and built a fire on the floor.

This debauchery has been going on every Saturday night for several weeks, it is said. Late at night, when everything is quiet, these women come to town and meet certain men of ill repute, it is said. Chief Hobgood himself has seen these gaily attired soiled doves on the streets with their companions late at night, but their conduct was not such as to warrant their arrest, nor is it the duty of Chief Hobgood to go to the woods beyond the town limits and route them.

When the commissioners heard all the evidence they were moved with indignation. It was decided that the town would work in conjunction with Sheriff Hobgood and break up the iniquity.

### The Spotted Town

As soon as the commissioners determined to take a hand and purify the woods in the outskirts of Oxford, they rolled back their sleeves and took up the dance hall question, which was so vigorously assailed by the Public Ledger a few weeks ago. The dance hall, operated by colored people, has been permitted to exist without a license. On and after July next all such places will be required to pay a license tax of \$100.

### Colored Firemen

A delegation from the colored fire company appeared before the commissioners and informed them that the State Colored Firemen's Association, six hundred strong would gather in Oxford on August 20th for a two day event. "The colored firemen from all over the State have heard about Oxford's fine streets," said the spokesman, "and we want to do the right thing by them. If you can help us out a little toward entertaining them we shall be mighty glad." The question was referred to the Fire Committee.

### Electrical Inspector

Major P. H. Montgomery, electrical inspector, submitted his annual report, which was examined and ordered filed. The Board reelected him for the ensuing year.

### AMERICANS SINK SUBMARINE.

### Two Underwater Boats Had Attacked American Merchantman.

An Atlantic Port, June 13.—Destruction of a German submarine by the American steamship Kroonland was reported by the merchantman upon her arrival today in an American port. Her officers refused to discuss the encounter except to say that by agile maneuvering the Kroonland managed to ram and sink the U-boat shortly after two of the underwater boats had attacked the merchantman, one from either side. The Kroonland lost a blade from her propeller.

### PATRIOTIC SALE.

### How to Benefit by Helping the Red Cross.

Moved by patriotic impulse, the Perkins-Green Company will donate one-tenth of all and any cash sales made in their store on Wednesday, June 20th, to the Granville County Red Cross Chapter. Anticipate your wants; the goods are there at the usual low prices. Read the announcement on the fourth page of this paper and let everybody help.

### Garden and Forestry Department.

The last meeting of the Garden and Forestry department of the Woman's Club until fall, was held in the Oxford Library Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. Mrs. R. G. Lassiter, chairman, presided.

A report of the year's work was read. Interesting papers pertaining to the planting of perennials by Mrs. J. D. Bryan; Diseases of plants and some remedies, by Mrs. S. H. Cannady; The Lure of the Garden, by Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.

New officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: Mrs. J. D. Bryan, vice-chairman, Mrs. J. F. Veasey, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. R. L. Brown, reporter.

### Kaplon's Special Sale.

Don't forget that the big sale of Victor Kaplon will begin bright and early Saturday morning and continue for fifteen days. There is a large stock on hand and it will go as announced on the third page of this paper.

## NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

### Examinations Will Take Place Next Monday.

The State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors, on June 2, decided to hold an examination June 18th and 19th for the application for the Superintendent's certificate, the examination to be conducted at each county seat by the county superintendent.

### Those Seeking Certificates

This examination, of course, is not intended for the superintendents now in office, but only for those seeking credentials necessary to make them eligible to hold the office of superintendent.

### Subjects.

Arithmetic; Algebra; Plane Geometry; Latin; French; German; General Science; Physical Geography; Agriculture; Botany; Chemistry; Theory and practice of teaching; School laws of North Carolina; English; American History; English History.

## SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED

### The Origin of the Fire is Unknown.

The school house at Cornwall was destroyed by fire last Saturday night. We have no particulars as to the origin of the fire. We learn that it was a two-story building, the upper story being used as a Masonic Lodge. The loss to the county is estimated to be about \$800.00.

Without reflecting on any one, the following timely letter was recently sent out by the Insurance Commissioner to all school boards in the State:

"Our inspections of school buildings during vacations have almost invariably disclosed dangerous conditions. At the close of the session an entertainment is usually held. Flags, bunting, flowers and evergreens are used in decorating the building. These are frequently left in the building, dry and become a decided fire menace. They furnish a good place to start a fire and splendid material calculated to feed it when started.

"All superintendents and committees are urged to see that at the close of the session all trash, rubbish, paper and unnecessary material of combustible character are removed from the building and the buildings put in a safe condition. The building should be kept closed and securely locked, and it should be seen that all oily and greasy rags, that furnish material for spontaneous combustion, are removed.

"Do not think the Commissioner is drawing upon his imagination or is making an unnecessary requests in the above. It is most important that these requests and instructions should be followed."

## THEY ARE COMING IN AUTOS

### Raleigh People Will Be Here in Large Numbers.

(Raleigh News and Observer) Owing to the press of business on railway lines, the special train which has formerly carried visitors to the St. John's Day celebration at Oxford Orphan Asylum will give way this year to automobile brigade which will be organized for the purpose here.

The Raleigh Masons are arranging to go in machines and Mr. John G. Allen, widely known as an enthusiastic and energetic member of the order hopes to get the tender of many machines for this purpose. The roads between Raleigh and Oxford are good and autoists are promised a pleasant ride not to mention the exercises at the institution.

Because of the fact that St. John's Day, June 24, falls on Sunday, the exercises at the orphanage will be held on Saturday preceding.

## JUST ONE MORE WEEK.

### The Long Company Ready for the Throng.

The Long Company extends through the Public Ledger a special invitation to their thousands of friends to come to Oxford St. John's Day, which is celebrated this year on Saturday, June 23rd, and make their store headquarters. As usual there will be a maid at the Long Company's to look after the comfort of the lady visitors. The stock of goods is complete, and on the fifth page of this paper they announce specials for all next week, affording the buying public an excellent opportunity to be fitted out for the warm weather at impelling prices.

## VOTE BY MAIL.

### Soldiers Can Qualify by Registering Their Names.

The Secretary of State has forwarded to the chairman of boards of elections in every county a blank book for the purpose of registering the names of all who are expected to be included in the selective draft, and who may want to take advantage of the privilege of the law providing for voting by mail.

By seeing that his name is properly registered in this book any citizen will have opportunity to participate in any primary or general election which may be held at home during his absence.

Prominent members of the order of the Eastern Star, in session at Warrenton this week came by Oxford and spent Thursday at the Orphanage.

## INTERESTING SCHOOL NEWS

### MRS. PARIS MADE PRINCIPAL OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL

#### There are a Few Changes in the Arrangement of the Work in the Graded School This Year.

Mrs. Paris made principal of the Grammar School. The purchase of a new building for the High School department of the school has made it necessary and possible to add to the teaching force. The names of the new teachers that have been added have already been published but the positions of the various teachers have not been announced.

The first question that came up was the fact that with another building the superintendent would not be able to attend to the details of each school as has been possible in the past when all work was in one building. That meant that two principals would have to be considered and its importance cannot be over estimated for it is in the lower grades that a child gets started in the habits that are to follow it through school life. There are naturally also more teachers in this building to keep organized. This is a big item too in the life of a school.

The work of Mrs. Paris who has been the High School principal for some time has fitted her for just such a task at this time and though it meant a loss to the High School it looked to be big gain for the Grammar School and consequently she was promoted to the principalship of the College street school. The work of a principal of a school in modern education is absolutely necessary and the sooner all towns employ full time principals the sooner the people will be educated. It is fortunate that Oxford has the material at hand to manage this enlarged school. She is taking special work at the Summer School to better fit her for her new work. She is anxious to continue her excellent service in the schools.

Miss Helen Sails who has an excellent record as a teacher and manager in the school of Rocky Mount, will take the position of principal of the four grades in the new building and teach the English work. She comes with the determination to do her best to keep the present standard of the English work, for it is a recognized fact that the graduates of the Oxford High School are not conditioned in English when they go to college as the certificates this year will show. The other branches will be under the same teachers as last year. With these four teachers the High School ought to be well cared for.

If it is possible there will be a new feature put into the High School work this year. Every town of this size ought, by all means, to have a Domestic Science Department in its schools. There will be an elementary course given this coming year in this work. Miss Carrie Fuller is taking special work at the University Summer School with this in view and it is hoped to make this a vital part of the work.

There will be a few changes in the arrangement of the work in the grades this year. It is well to have teachers change from time to time so that they may not become narrow and set in the work in one grade. Miss Barber from Hertford will have charge of the sixth grade this year to give Miss Ella Clement who has done such excellent work there a chance to do some new work. Miss Sarah Parham who has been in the

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### FIELD ARTILLERY, MACHINE GUN CAVALRY AND ENGINEERS.

#### Recruits May Sign From any Neighboring Territory and Join Units Allotted to the Several Cities.

General B. S. Royster announced at headquarters in Raleigh Thursday that the following units for the North Carolina National Guard had been authorized by the War Department:

One regiment of light field artillery, one machine gun troop of cavalry, one radio company for the signal corps, one motor truck company supply train, and one engineer motor train.

Points for headquarters for several of the units have been selected as follows: New Bern, Washington, Rocky Mount and Winston-Salem, each for one battery of 200 enlisted men for the artillery regiment, and a sixth battery divided between Wadeboro and Monroe. The regiment will have a total strength of 1,200 enlisted men.

Headquarters of the machine gun company will be in Charlotte, and the supply company in Raleigh.

The Adjutant-General stated that the towns designated for the new units does not mean the units must be recruited entirely at those places, but that they were so designated at points where there are not now two numerous units of the Guard.

## STEM NEWS ITEMS.

### (Correspondence Public Ledger) Nance-McNeer.

On Tuesday, June 12, a beautiful marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Nance, of Route 1, the contracting parties being their daughter, Miss Daisey and Rev. J. L. McNeer, a Methodist minister of Carteret county. Rev. J. E. Underwood, presiding elder of the Raleigh district officiated, the ring ceremony being used and little Miss Meadows acting as ring bearer. The bride was the recipient of numerous handsome and valuable presents. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left on automobile for Durham and took the noon train for Beaufort and other Eastern Carolina cities. Upon their return they will make their home in this community. The bride is a refined young lady, well educated and has engaged in teaching for several years. The groom is a native of West Virginia, but a few years ago became a member of the North Carolina Conference and has been serving on a field in Eastern Carolina.

### Mangum-Bullock.

Mr. W. L. Bullock and Miss Annie Mangum both of Durham, were united in marriage at the home of Rev. H. C. Smith, a Methodist minister in Durham, Tuesday, June 12 at 5 o'clock, p. m., the ceremony being performed by the above mentioned well known divine. Only immediate relatives and friends were present to witness the happy event. Following the marital vows the bride and groom accompanied by friends came by auto to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bullock in Stem, where they will spend several days.

### Children's Day Exercises.

Children's Day exercises will be held at Tally Ho Church Sunday night, June 17th and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

### Personals

We are glad to note that Talmage the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Montague, of Bell Town section, is improving.

The B. Y. P. U. class of Beulah, Creedmore and Tally Ho will meet at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon instead of three and will be addressed by Mr. Murray, State Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Thomason, of our town, attended the funeral Wednesday of Mr. Warren Cash, who died at his home near Chase City, Tuesday June, 12th.

Miss Janie Gold Gooch returned home Monday from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ried, of Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor and son Alton, of Sea Level, and Mr. M. T. Mason, of New Bern, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Taylor.

## STOVALL NEWS LETTER

### (Correspondence Public Ledger)

The neat little cottage of Mr. Frank Gregory is nearing completion. Miss Ester Stovall made a trip to Richmond last week.

Miss Pearl Norwood, of Bullock, was a recent visitor to Stovall. Miss Lillie Dixon, of Durham, is spending her vacation with home folks.

Miss Cora Younger is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Stone.

Miss Linda Wilson is the guest of her cousin, Miss Leslie Wilson, of Dabney; this week.

## CAR LOAD OF TIN CANS.

### A Busy Scene at the Seaboard Freight Station.

A car load of tin cans, addressed to Mrs. Capehart, arrived in the local Seaboard freight yard Tuesday night and the work of unloading the car began early Wednesday morning and continued throughout the day and up to the noon hour Thursday.

The car contained 55,000 cans and it is doubtful if an equal number was ever before filled in Granville in any one season. These cans and the thousands of other retainers pressed into use, it begins to look as if there will be something to eat next winter.

Mr. John Webb, the good old friend of everybody, assisted Mrs. Capehart with the distribution.

## CHAPTER GRANTED.

### Meeting Called For Tuesday June 19th.

The authority to form a Chapter having been received by the local Red Cross a meeting for the election of officers is called for Tuesday, June 19th at 8 o'clock at the court house. All members of the Red Cross and those interested are requested to be present.

### "A Poor Little Rich Girl"

The story by Elanor Gates, entitled "A Poor Little Rich Girl" affords the inimitable Mary Pickford a screen play which allows the foremost screen favorite ample opportunity to portray touching situations as only she can, will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre matinee and night Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26th.

### Waiting on Judge Graham.

The Public Ledger is in receipt of several lengthy communications from citizens of Granville who attended the re-union in Washington last week. All of them cover the same points more or less. Judge Graham is preparing a write up of the trip for the Public Ledger, which no doubt will cover all of the points and be very interesting.

## THE IRISH POTATO IS NOW KING

### BIG TUBERS ARE SUCCESSFULLY GROWN IN GRANVILLE

#### The War is Bringing the Farmers in to a Realization That There is a Money Crop Other Than Tobacco.

A few weeks ago when everybody in Oxford was planting Irish potatoes, a farmer wagered that they would be throwing them overboard at Cape Charles by the first of July. It is now the middle of June and the wholesale price of potatoes is \$8.50 a barrel of eleven pecks.

In the counties of the coastal plain of the State, the farmers have the benefits of an organized marketing system and they are getting from \$7.50 to \$8.50 a barrel of eleven pecks for the product of their potato fields. The Lumberton Robesonian, in the course of an interesting account of the shipping operations of these farmers, gives some details worth reproducing. It tells of one farmer who received a check for \$500 for the potatoes he raised "on three acres in the northern part of the town"—in other words, from his garden. And then it tells of Mr. Justin McNeill's check for \$300 "for potatoes raised on three-quarters of an acre at his place on the eastern edge of town." The cost of raising these potatoes Mr. McNeill figures at not more than \$50, this including labor and fertilizers. What these Lumberton gardeners have been doing is being done in some cases on a larger scale all over eastern North Carolina. The cultivation of the Irish potato requires the minimum of effort and expense. A potato crop yields almost clear profit to the grower, and all little figuring at income and cost of production will show how far superior as a money crop the potato is to tobacco.

If you doubt the assertion that potatoes grow to perfection in Granville county, see President Hobgood, of Oxford College and let him show you. What the farmers of Granville want to do is to go more extensively into potato cultivation. Shipping facilities for car load lots can be arranged satisfactorily. Under conditions now prevailing and which are likely to prevail for some time to come, the Irish potato is a distinctly money-making crop for the farmers everywhere.

## FEW SLACKERS IN GRANVILLE

### The Number Estimated Not to be More Than One Dozen.

The names of those of the draft age in Granville who failed to register are gradually coming to light. Some of the counties of the State report as many as fifty slackers, and the process of rounding them up has already started.

It is estimated that there are not more than ten or twelve slackers in Granville. Sensational arrests are expected to follow at an early date if they do not hasten to call on the board of registration and present a well grounded reason for not registering.

## Cohn & Son's Clearance Sale.

The real sale with real reductions opens at Cohn & Son's two big stores this Saturday, June 16th and will last ten days. Their entire stock of up-to-date clothing, shoes, dry goods and millinery are placed on sale at prices never heard of in Oxford. Their one endeavor now is to clean out the heavy stocks of summer goods as quickly and effectively as possible. All their summer goods must go and go quickly. They are determined not to carry any summer goods into next season—so they have cut the price with mighty little regard to profit of even cost. It is the policy of this reliable firm not to see any goods lay on the shelves, but see them move at any pretext, so now you have an unequalled opportunity to save. You will find that the savings are not confined to a few articles, but include everything in their two big stores. Cohn & Son's never disappoint; they sell exactly as they advertise, so no matter what you want, whether the article be advertised or not, you will greatly profit by attending Cohn & Son's clearance sale, Saturday. Look at their bargains advertised on the last page of this paper and by all means attend their Clearance Sale.

A quiet but beautiful marriage occurred Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor, on High Street when Miss Mary Kearney and Mr. E. A. Harris, of Franklinton, were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Buffalo.

No invitations were issued and as only their relatives and a few friends were informed, it came as a surprise to her many friends and acquaintances.

Miss Oza Cooke presided at the piano and rendered the wedding music. Miss Katiebet Morris sang Mizpah prior to the ceremony.

The bride entered the spacious parlor with Miss Ruth Taylor, who was maid of honor, and was met at the improvised altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Macco Thornton, of Macon. After a wedding trip North, they will be at home in Franklinton.

## Corpse Delayed.

The remains of a colored man shipped from Philadelphia two weeks ago arrived in Oxford Thursday and were taken to Fairport for interment. For more than ten days the distressed relatives and friends of the deceased watched every incoming train.