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WE ARE LAWABIDING PEOPLE

WRONG IMPRESSION ABROAD IN THE LAND.

Hubbard Perry, Colored, Charged with a Heinous Crime, Taken to Raleigh as a Precautionary Measure.

Hubbard Perry, colored, who was brought to Oxford several days ago and lodged in jail, charged with assault, was brought before Justice De Hunt Thursday for a hearing. At the hearing, a fifteen-year-old girl residing somewhere in Granville, recognized the colored man and charged him with a heinous crime. The accused waived examination and was held on probable cause and sent up to Granville Superior Court without the privilege of bail. The whole affair was conducted in such a manner as not to cause undue alarm, and if there was any excitement incident to the occasion there were not a half dozen people in Granville county that knew anything about it.

So sure are we that the negro will have a fair and impartial hearing before his Honor Judge Connor this fall, we would not refer to the case again before it is heard, but the fact that a wrong impression is spread abroad by the press of the State is incumbent upon the Public Ledger to defend the reputation of the law-abiding citizens of Granville county. The following clipping from the sensational report published in the press of the State is indeed misleading:

Misleading Statement.

Sheriff S. C. Hobgood, of Granville county, probably saved the life of Herbert Perry, colored, and averted a lynching in Oxford Thursday evening when he whisked away to Raleigh with his prisoner in an automobile a little more than an hour before a mob estimated at 400 gathered to storm the jail and wreak vengeance for the assault Perry is alleged to have committed upon a fourteen-year-old white girl. The girl, who is the daughter of a prosperous farmer who lives about a mile from the Vance county line, stated at a preliminary hearing given Perry before Magistrate D. Hunt Thursday afternoon that the negro did assault her, and identified the prisoner as the guilty party.

The assault is said to have occurred Friday night, August 17. The negro was captured Sunday and had been in the Granville county jail at Oxford since that time. The whole affair was kept a secret as far as possible until the preliminary hearing Thursday afternoon. The entrance to the court house was guarded by Sheriff Hobgood to aid in the prevention of violence, and no one not concerned in the trial was admitted.

Following the reports that went out after the preliminary hearing the mob began to gather late in the afternoon. By 10 o'clock the crowd was estimated at 400, including parties said to have come from places as far distant as Rocky Mount. There were numbers of automobile loads of men who went from Henderson, all determined to be on the scene, and many vowing their willingness to aid in bringing the negro to summary justice.

According to the story the girl is said to have told on the witness stand, Perry committed the assault about 10 o'clock last Friday evening. He secured a ladder from her father's barn a few hundred yards from the farm home, brought it to the house, placed it up to the window of the girl's room, which was on the second floor.

Correct Statement.

There was absolutely no demonstration against the negro in Oxford. In place of there being a mob of 400 here there were none at all. The statement that they came as far distant as Rocky Mount was terribly twisted. Two men, relatives of the girl bringing the charge, left Oxford as soon as the accused waived examination. It is stated that one of these men bought a pistol in Oxford just before leaving for Rocky Mount, and it is believed that this gave rise to the report that a mob was gathering. The rumor reaches the ear of Sheriff Hobgood later in the day and as soon as the shades of evening gathered over the town he starts with his prisoner for Raleigh as a precautionary measure, it being his sworn duty to protect the lives of all prisoners and see that they have a fair and impartial trial.

The Troops at Hand.

In rushing the prisoner out of the county for safekeeping Sheriff Hobgood was purely within his rights. But the fact that the jail is next door to a garrison of United States soldiers commanded by Captain E. E. Fuller, seems to preclude the idea that a mob would try to batter down the walls of a jail under their eyes. It is argued that Capt. Fuller or any other officer of a military company has no immediate authority to quell a riot.

But there was no evidence of a mob in Oxford and therefore the constitutionality of the military company was not tested.

A Fair and Impartial Trial.

There is no doubt in the minds of the people of Granville county that the accused negro Hubbard Perry will get a fair and impartial trial at the bar of justice before Hon. George W. Connor next fall, and in the mean time let the world understand that the people of Granville are law-abiding and pray for justice to all, it must be understood that they will not tolerate misdemeanors of any kind.

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT IMPORTANT MEETING.

The units of the Granville County Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, will meet for an all-day conference Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Oxford Graded School. A large attendance is expected.

Plan For Work.
The organization is one of the most important and responsible forces for National Defense, and the Granville county women have accepted their appointments as chairmen of the various departments of work with a determination to do their bit, regardless of the sacrifice and the claim it will make upon their time and money. The aim of the Friday meeting is to help every woman in Granville to grasp her opportunity to serve the country and to concentrate all the force of woman's activities in getting ready to meet problems or immediate emergencies, so that there will be no overlapping of efforts.

Work Outlined.
The program committee announce that the program for the day has been arranged along lines of service, patriotism, and equipment and will be both interesting and inspiring. Mrs. J. P. Chamberlain, of Raleigh, will outline the plan of work and explain to the chairmen what is expected of them. Mrs. W. H. Hutt, also of Raleigh, will give an instructive talk and demonstration on the conservation of food, and Mrs. De la Croix will demonstrate and explain the Red Cross work. There will also be other speakers and interesting features and an hour given to the part of music in National affairs. The meeting will be informal and a time set apart for open discussions on all topics of Woman's Defense work.

Old Fashioned Dinner.
Those who attend are expected to bring their lunch and join in a good old fashioned picnic dinner. Every woman in Oxford and Granville county are invited to attend, and feel it her duty and privilege to do so.

—CHAIRMAN.

PATRIOTIC DAY.

Governor Bickett Has Issued a Special Proclamation.

It is the purpose of the North Carolina Council of Defense, through the several County Councils, to make Monday, September 3rd, "Patriotic Day," for the purpose of holding in each county appropriate exercises in honor of the men who have been called to the colors under the selective draft law.

His Excellency, Governor Bickett, has issued a special proclamation for this purpose.

First, to assemble on Saturday, the first day of September, in township and school district meetings, and hold patriotic exercises in honor of the men we are sending to the front;
Second, on Sunday, September 2nd, let special religious services be held in all the churches in the State, and let all good men pray for the safety and success of the men who are going into battle that lasting peace may come upon the land;

Third, That on Labor Day, September 3rd, appropriate patriotic exercises be held in every county seat in the State and let the men who have been drafted into the public service be the guests of honor at these exercises.

TICKETS FOR DRAFTED MEN

Exemption Board Gets Transportation Forms and Meal Tickets.

The exemption boards throughout the country are receiving the ticket forms and the meal tickets for the new draft army. The transportation forms are signed by Quarter Master General Sharp, of the United States Army, and really was nothing more nor less than an order on the United States government to any railroad agent, or ticket agent in the country, for transportation of any number of men. The forms, of course must be signed by the chairman of the local exemption board.

These tickets are in triplicate, and the man will have to go through considerable red tape before he can get his meal, and then the hotel keepers, restaurant proprietor or sandwich man will have to sign his name in a number of different places before he is paid for the food the soldier eats.

The board is looking for an order from the war department at any time for calling these men to assemble at the court house door in Oxford. They are supposed to be gathered together twenty-four hours before they are dispatched to the concentration camp. Provision will be made for lodging and feeding both the colored and white troops during those twenty-four hours. Other than having to answer the roll call twice each day there will be no work for the men until they get to the camp.

The general understanding here is that the North Carolina drafted men both white and colored will be sent to the concentration camp at Columbia, S. C. That is where the commissioned officers who were recently trained at Fort Oglethorpe were sent, being required to report there on August 29.

Mrs. Calvert Entertains.
Friday night in the yard at Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert's home there was an ice cream party given to Messrs. Averette, Chapel, Hall, Carver, Freese, born, Green, Mathews, Vogt, Horton, Peed, Hart, Aiken, Heighower and Louis Thorpe and their girl friends. Mrs. Calvert's victrola added much to the enjoyment of the evening and the soldier boys appreciated Mrs. Calvert's hospitality.

THE FAIR AS A COUNTY ASSET

FARMERS OWE IT TO THEMSELVES TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

The Community Exhibit Is One of the Best Means of Stimulating Interest in the County Fair.

The Public Ledger desires to have a heart-to-heart talk with the farmers of Granville regarding the County Fair to be held two days in October. The Fair Association recently elected Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., secretary of the Fair, and he is doing all he can to make it a success, and the indications are that we are going to have a good clean fair, but it depends upon the farmers as a whole to make it the success that it should be.

More than once it has been asserted in various quarters that the country is "organized to death." It might easily be granted that both investigation and organization has been overdone at times. Yet investigations are necessary in order to keep the public pulse in a healthy condition and organization is necessary for the accomplishment of things needful to be done in our complex society. In the days of the ox cart and the prairie schooner it was every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost. Those were days when individual initiatives meant everything. America was a wilderness and trails had to be blazed. People were so few and far between that organization of any kind was impossible.

Not so in the present day. A couple of generations have removed us far from the pioneer period. The population of the United States has grown by leaps and bounds. From the far corners of the earth people have come to our shores to find fame and fortune in a new land and we have received them with open arms. With the rapid increase in population

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FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.

The Long Company Carrying on An Offensive Campaign.

The Long Company's buyers have been carrying on an offensive campaign against the "High Cost of Living" since last February when prices on all wearables began to soar, and now they have reached the almost unimaginable height.

The effect is that, The Long Company is now well "dug in" and covered against the bombardment from the "Aeroplanes of High Prices" with a good stock at most reasonable prices, as compared with today's market.

Messrs. Josh King and Frank B. Blalock, buyers for the Long Company, have returned and the goods are arriving daily. See the announcement on the back page of this paper.

VALUABLE BIRD DOGS POISONED

Bad and Worthless Dogs Escape the Wrath.

Within the last few days some one in Oxford has poisoned six fine bird dogs—on which the owners had paid tax. This is a misdemeanor and punishable by law. It is very poor judgment in any one to spread poison. If it had reached only the throats of the mean cur dogs about town it would have been consistent.

THOSE WHO WERE EXEMPTED

DISCHARGED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Exemption Board of Granville County Posts the Following List of Those Exempted or Discharged in the First Four Hundred Called and Examined.

Serial No.	Name	Order No.
258	Cash, Wilbur E.	1
1436	Roberts, Vassar F.	3
854	Hicks, Eugene E.	4
1894	Williford, Geo. T.	5
1095	Mays, Melvin S.	7
1455	Ross, Leo T.	8
783	Hart, Joe S.	9
1813	White, Nedon	10
1752	Veasey, David N.	12
1572	Smith, Obey	14
1748	Veasey, Freeman B.	15
337	Cooper, James D.	17
676	Green, James	18
275	Carey, Russel B.	19
509	Dickerson, W. Otho	20
945	Jenkins, Leland Stanford	23
1913	Wright, Patrick	24
596	Ferebee, Nelson M.	25
1267	Norwood, Hubert	26
536	Downey, William	27
1495	Riggan, Cuff	28
126	Blackwell, Turner	30
1237	Nelvis, Cloude Lee	32
784	Hart, S. C.	33
755	Harris, Nathan	35
107	Betts, John	36
1563	Smith, Byrd Randolf	38
1676	Tharrington, Oscar	42
600	Finley, Harvey	48

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LUNCHEON TO SOLDIER BOYS WILL BE SERVED.

At a called meeting of the Home Defense Council it was decided to prepare a luncheon for each of the soldiers of Company E, formerly the Grays, to be given them on their departure for Camp Sevier at an early date. Captain Fuller advises that this would be a more expedient plan and more helpful to the boys than to give them a spread here before they leave. Each member of the company is to be presented with enough lunch to serve three meals—a man's shoe-box full—including fruit, and it goes without saying that the eatables will be the very best the market can afford. This will be the only demonstration made in our midst, and it is taken for granted that every man, woman and child in Oxford will want the privilege of contributing a bit (e) to make our boys comfortable and happy while traveling.

Mr. B. W. Parham has the business part of the plan in hand, and will see that every one of the sixty odd boys in the company be provided with a share, or a full box, of what the good women of town and county prepare. If every housekeeper or friend who will furnish one luncheon, will kindly give her name to Mr. Parham it will greatly facilitate matters. Everybody knows what it requires to make a good "snack," and every mother, wife, sister or best girl knows what she wishes her particular boy to have in his box. A quantity of fruit will add variety to the luncheon.

A neat pocket Bible will also be presented to each soldier in the company by the Oxford Council of women upon their departure for the camp. REPORTER.

OPENING EXERCISES

Next Monday Morning at Graded School Building.

Opening exercises will begin at the College Street Grammar School Monday morning at nine thirty o'clock. The hour is put this late so that all the mothers who have work to attend to before coming will have the chance to do so. The teachers will be in their rooms at nine o'clock and children will not be expected to report before nine that morning. There will be directions as to where to go as they come into the building.

Remember that all pupils of the graded school and of the high school will come to the graded school the first morning and will go to their building as soon as the exercises are over. Please remember this and there will be no confusion.

Remember also that this is to be an occasion which you must not miss if you are at all interested in the work of your boys and girls. Find out what is going on at the best place in town. G. B. PHILLIPS, Supt.

COST OF SOLDIERS EQUIPMENT.

The Enfield Rifle Will Supplant the Springfield.

It costs the United States just \$153.30 to equip an infantryman for service in France. Figures made public show that of this total clothing represents \$101.21; fighting equipment, \$47.36 and eating utensils \$7.73. The soldier's gas mask costs \$12; his steel helmet \$3; and his rifle \$19.50. The first 60,000 to 80,000 of America's fighting men will be equipped with the present Springfield army rifle, but those to follow will carry the Enfield, used by English troops.

TWO NEGROES BEAT ANOTHER

Held Without Bail to Await Outcome of Injuries.

(Philadelphia North American)
Jacob Thomas, of Stovall, Granville county, North Carolina, and Robert Pugh, 2323 Jefferson street, were held by Magistrate Collins, at the Nineteenth and Oxford streets police station, today, without bail, to await the result of injuries to Oscar Stokes, 2336 Stewart street, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital. All are negroes.

According to the police Thomas, who was visiting Pugh, and the latter were on their way to the railroad station, and were about to board a street car at Nineteenth and Jefferson about 11 o'clock last night, when Stokes representing himself as an officer, told the two men they were under arrest. When they laughed he became abusive, and Thomas and Pugh proceeded to administer a beating.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE

Mr. R. L. Knowles Buys the De la Croix Farm.

Mr. R. L. Knowles, who moved from the eastern part of the State to Oxford a couple of months ago, has purchased the De la Croix farm, one mile north of Oxford on the National Highway. The consideration has not as yet been made public, but it is understood that the price was between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Mr. Knowles' interesting family now resides in the former home of Mr. J. G. Hall, on Main Street. He will build a modern home on his elegant estate next Spring. What Granville county needs is more men like Mr. Knowles.

Mrs. Booth's School of Music

Mrs. John D. Booth's School of Music will open Sept. 3d, in the music room at both the High school and the Graded school. Aug 25 3t

THE MARKET OPENS NEXT WEEK

EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR THE OCCASION.

All the Big Companies and Additional Independent Buyers Will Make Things Interesting To the Tobacco Growers.

Practically everything is in readiness to open the Oxford Tobacco market on schedule time next Monday morning, September 3rd. This year will find the Oxford market in far better shape to handle the crop than ever before. This statement is substantiated by the fact that the four warehouses have been enlarged and now have a greater floor space than the five warehouses operated here last year. The re-drying plants in Oxford will want more tobacco than is grown in Granville and the adjoining counties. All of the big companies will have their buyers on the floor, and it is practically certain that there will be several more independent buyers on the Oxford market this year than ever before.

The warehousemen have made and are making preparations for a great season, a much larger season in pounds than ever before. With record this market has made in previous years in regard to high averages and with even more keener competition assured there is no reason that they should be disappointed.

Each of the four Oxford warehouses have an announcement in this issue of the Public Ledger, to which we invite your attention.

The Farmer's Warehouse.

Mr. B. E. Parham, proprietor of the Farmer's Warehouse, has added a third more selling space, and other improvements on the building. He is planning to show the people that even with the additional floor space, it is easy to fill it up with good high priced tobacco. Mr. Parham is a native of Granville county, but he has operated successfully on some of the largest markets in the world, and his chief aim is to secure for his warehouse the highest averages on all grades. He gives his personal attention to every pile on the floor. His former auctioneer, Mr. Wood, is with the Farmer's Warehouse again this season. See announcement of the Farmer's Warehouse on the third page of this paper.

The Minor Warehouse.

Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse, has put a few finishing touches on his warehouse and is now ready to handle a large bulk of the crop. His friends from all over this entire section—and he counts them by the thousands—will find him this year wearing the same congenial smile and striving to advance the price of tobacco higher and higher. Mr. Mangum is himself a farmer and he knows how to treat the farmer, and nothing pleases him more than to see a farmer smile. See announcement of the Minor elsewhere in this paper.

The Johnson Warehouse.

The Johnson Warehouse, known to the tobacco growers throughout this section as the "Old Reliable," has been enlarged and its proprietors are something handsome to look at. When the farmer places his foot on the long, broad floor he instantly feels that he is in a big clearing house. That is exactly what it is—a big clearing house. Capt. Will Fleming closed up the Owen Warehouse and crossed the street and joined hands with Mr. Sam Watkins. Both of these popular warehousemen have so many friends in Granville and adjoining counties they simply had to enlarge the selling space. See their announcement on the second page of this paper.

The Banner Warehouse.

The Banner Warehouse was enlarged by Mr. Mitchell two years ago and it is one of the largest and best lighted warehouses in the State. Mr. Mitchell is dean of the market by virtue of his long identity with the tobacco business. He is a director in the United States Tobacco Association, which stands for the interest of the farmer. He is a close observer and works hard for the dollar.

An Urgent Call.

The urgent call made on the Granville County Chapter Red Cross for knitted sweaters, mufflers and socks makes it necessary for the Chapter to appeal to the people of the county for donations in money with which to buy the yarn for making the articles. It is hoped that our people will respond generously with money and too without delay as the time is exceedingly short. If you have already contributed to the Red Cross, do so again and those who have not helped are urged to help now. The Granville County Chapter needs money at once. Would you send a liberal check today? Not one cent of this money will be wasted and every penny will be accounted for. This is a splendid opportunity for a fine service. Do not wait to be solicited, send your donation today to Mr. J. P. Harris, treasurer, and state the purpose for which you contributed.

Notice to Masons.

This is to notify the officers and members of Oxford Lodge No. 396 A. F. & A. M. that Dr. W. C. Wicker, Assistant Grand Lecturer, will be in Oxford from Thursday afternoon until Saturday afternoon of this week for the purpose of giving instruction to the members of the Oxford Lodge. All who can do so are urged to attend. R. W. PARHAM, W. M. I. N. HOWARD, Secretary. advt