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GRANVILLE MAN MADE SEDITIOUS REMARKS.

Tom Cox Arranged Before United States Commissioner Frank W. Hancock, Jr.

Tom Cox, an unlettered white man, residing near Stovall, was arranged before United States Commissioner Hancock in Oxford last Saturday charged with seditious remarks.

Cox tried in vain to secure council, but the charges were such as not to appeal to the legal fraternity. There were plenty to prosecute but none to defend. Mr. B. W. Parham, chairman County National Defense, explained that he was present to represent the people, and General Royster was the prosecuting attorney.

Charles Wilkins, a sworn witness, testified that Tom Cox said he would not buy bonds or help the Red Cross if he had a house full of money; that any man who voted the Democratic ticket should have his head cut off; that if he had a chance he would not shoot the kaiser, but would kill Wilson.

Wilkins' testimony was corroborated by another witness. Cox had the faintest recollection of having made the remarks. He stated to the court that he did not see how he could have made them; that he had given 25 cents to the Red Cross last winter and that he recently bought \$4.00 worth of War Savings Stamps.

In the course of the hearing it developed that Wilkins, the witness, and Cox were at outs. Cox said that on one occasion Wilkins threw rocks at him and ran him into the house.

Cox appeared to be about half-witted. He acknowledged to the court that he can neither read or write.

"How in the world is it Mr. Cox," inquired Attorney Parham, "that you know so much about the war, if you cannot read?"

Pointing to Wilkins, Cox said: "That man Wilkins was always telling me something about the war." "What did he tell you," inquired Mr. Parham.

"I don't know what all he did say," said Cox, "but he told me that he hoped the Germans would drop a bomb on the capital at Washington and blow it five miles away. He bothered me so much about the war and my wife didn't want to talk to him."

General Royster read the law bearing upon the case and pointed to the fact that the utterances of Cox subjected him to a fine of \$10,000 or thirty years imprisonment.

Following the reading of the law, General Royster made a terrific speech, denouncing in strong terms his utter contempt for any man, high or low, rich or poor, who would utter seditious remarks at a time when the life of our sons and the Nation are in peril.

Cox is the first man to be tried in Granville county under the espionage act. Commission Hancock handled the case nicely. After weighing the evidence closely he placed Cox under a \$250 bond to appear at the next term of Federal Court. Cox has a growing crop, and this had its influence with Commissioner Hancock, who feels that Cox will mature his crop and that the law will also be vindicated.

LOOKING BACKWARD.
A News Item of Interest Twenty Years Ago.

The following is from the files of the Charlotte Observer dated July 1, 1898:

"Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, writes his brother, Dr. G. W. Graham, of this city, that there is some excitement in mining circles in Granville and the adjoining county just over the Virginia line. Three parties have been prospecting for copper mines and have purchased many. It is thought these sales will lead to new discoveries and sales."

WILL EXAMINE ALL NEW REGISTRANTS FOR AUGUST DRAFT.

State draft executives were directed by Provost Marshal-General Crowder Saturday to have local boards call up for physical examination immediately all new registrants under the new selective draft law who have been placed in Class 1.

District and local boards and district medical advisors will be instructed to speed up their work so as to have the new men ready for the August calls.

THE BAPTIST BARACA CLASS.

Judge Devin Will Be Present Every Sunday for Six Months.

Judge Devin, who was recently elected teacher of the Baptist Baraca class, expounded the International Lesson to the class last Sunday morning. Although the weather was very warm there is a deep interest in the work.

In his remarks, Judge Devin frequently touched on the historical points in the Bible Lands, upon which the armies of the world war are encamped, thus connecting the lesson with the events that are now shaping the world. The International Lesson for the present quarter, as presented by Judge Devin, will be worthwhile to the class.

Judge Devin will preside at courts in nearby counties for the next six months, and he stated to the class that he hopes to be present every Sunday morning; and it was then proposed that all those who would meet Judge Devin every Sunday morning in the class room hold up their hands, and the right hand of every man in the big class went up, one man voting with both hands.

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO

M. Thomas Frazier's First Trip to Oxford.

Mr. Thomas Frazier, of Surl, Person county, tells the Public Ledger that he accompanied his father to Oxford with two loads of tobacco in July 1886—just thirty-two years ago. The tobacco, he said, was sold at the Old Meadows Warehouse for \$117.77 clear creek. It took a very good tobacco to average 10 cents at that time, said Mr. Frazier.

A. Hobgood, ran the old Johnson; Minor ran the Minor; Robert & Rires ran the old Meadows; Bullock & Mitchell ran the Banner; Hubert Cozart ran the Center Brick. Some of the warehouses were filled with tobacco that hot July day. Mr. Frazier states that he saw Mr. Thomas Washington and Mr. A. T. Vaughan selling tobacco that day.

SIX GRANVILLE BOYS OFF TO CAMP SATURDAY.

Fifty More To Leave During the Month.

Six fine looking boys entrained here Saturday for Camp. J. F. Yow went to Camp Jackson, and the destination of the other five was Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., as follows:

Phecian Freddie Frazier, Corbett L. Meadows, George L. Mathews, Arvid Frazier, Nathaniel L. Adcock.

THE TOBACCO CROP.

The Weed Sells High in South Carolina.

Tobaccoists returning from the South Carolina market bring back cheering reports of the prices obtained for the weed, and they advise the North Carolina planters to take care of the precious weed and to save even the leaves from the plant beds.

Reaching For the Moon.

"A whirlwind of action and a riot of fun, and typically Fairbanks," is the way the managers describe the new Douglas Fairbanks film, "Reaching for the Moon," produced for Artercraft, coming to the Orpheum Theatre next Thursday. With New York and Italy as backgrounds, extraordinary "film punches" are presented, interspersed with flashes of real comedy. The reproduction of the Venetian settings are well done, with picturesque canals and romantic gondolas.

INTER-ALLIED WAR COUNCIL DEMANDS INTERVENTION WITH RUSSIA

Urges It Be Immediate—Report in Hands of President and it is Believed He Will Concur in it.

(Washington Special.)
Immediate intervention in Russia, both military and economic, has been urgently recommended by the inter-allied war council and General Foch. The council report is in the hands of President Wilson—has been since July 3—and allied diplomats believe he will concur in it.

Should he refuse, the possibility is held out that Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan may "go it alone" upon the recommendations of the war council.

According to advices received here, both Great Britain and Foch expect to land several thousand troops in Siberia. Already British, French, Japanese and American marines have landed at Vladivostok.

BLACKNALL FAMILY FUNERAL HELD LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Father, Wife and Daughter Buried in One Large Grave Side by Side.

Funeral services for the three members of the Blacknall family at Kittrell victims of O. W. Blacknall's act committed Saturday afternoon when he shot and instantly killed his wife, his 24-year-old daughter, Miss Kate, and then turned the weapon upon himself and ended his own life, were held at the home in Kittrell Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, and burial took place in the town cemetery only a few hundred yards from the residence.

Mr. Blacknall was president and general manager of the Continental Nurseries. Both Mr. Blacknall and his wife are said to have been atheists, without any belief in God.

THE W. S. S. DRIVE.

To the People of Granville:
The intent of the W. S. S. drive is to secure from each Township its full quota. With that end in view I urge the chairmen and committees of the several Townships to continue the drive until their full quotas have been subscribed. Those who have already enlisted are urged to increase their pledge, and those who have not enlisted must do so at once, or Granville will be listed as a slacker county.

JOHN WEBB, Co. Chm. W. S. S.

CALLED TO NEW YORK.

Rev. G. T. Tunstall Will Leave Next Week.

Rev. G. T. Tunstall, pastor of Enon, Hester and Grassy Creek churches, who was granted leave of absence by his several congregations for one year after August 1st, has received an urgent call to report at New York as soon as possible to undergo the tests for overseas service.

Should Mr. Tunstall stand the physical tests he will probably go abroad in ten days or two weeks.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG MEN.

Cadets Ballou and Webb Return From Plattsburg, N. Y.

Messrs James Ballou and William Webb, cadets at the V. M. I., and who spent six weeks at the officer's training camp at Plattsburg, New York, are spending their vacation in Oxford. Having qualified in all of their studies. They return home with numerous credit marks, of which any one would be proud.

Young Ballou, who is a close observer, states that they are betting ten to one in New York that the war will be ended in sixty days. In this connection it is also interesting to note that several of the big daily papers up north express the opinion that the war will come to a close next September.

Intercessory Prayer.

Intercessory Prayer will be held at the Oxford Baptist church at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 15, led by Mrs. J. C. Robards.

D. M. Cash, of Moriah, called on the Public Ledger Tuesday.

SERVICE FLAG IN THE OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Inspiring Service in Memory of the Young Men in the Army and Navy.

A few weeks ago Dr. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, announced that he would like to see the names of all the young men of the church who are in the Army and Navy engraved upon a scroll and hung upon the inner wall of the church. The ladies of the Missionary Society of the church took up the work with the result that a handsome service flag is displayed in front of the organ, and on the wall to the right of the pulpit hangs the scroll upon which is written in bold letters the names of thirty-two young men who were either members of the church or Sunday school and who are now in the Army or Navy.

Devotional Service.

The services Sunday night were devoted entirely to the memory of the young men in the Army and Navy. The service was very impressive throughout, the large congregation joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic songs, and an appropriate poem read by Dr. Høbgood, president of Oxford College. The LXXXV Psalm was most impressively read by Rev. C. T. Tunstall, after which Dr. Harte read the names on the scroll, as follows:

The Scroll.

DALLAS M. BUCHANAN
KILOR S. BOWLING
A. W. BLANCHARD
DR. N. E. CANNADY
CLYDE CANNADY
JAMES R. CARRINGTON
FRED L. CLARK
LUTHER H. DAVIS
JAMES M. ELLINGTON
CHESTER CARL ELLINGTON
JOHN H. FRAZIER
LEE-C. GOOCH
ROWLAND L. GOOCH
CLYDE E. GOOCH
J. FRANK GOOCH
ERNEST B. HOWARD
ROY. D. HOWARD
LUTHER A. LIGON
BALDY S. MORSE
W. FRED PARHAM
ALFRED HOOD PARHAM
HUGH L. PEED
FRED L. PEED
CHARLES G. POWELL
WM. HILL POWELL
BEV. S. ROYSTER, JR.
ROYAL H. ROYSTER
WM. C. ROBARDS
JENNINGS J. WALTERS
GUY WHEELER
JOHN GRAHAM WEBB
ROY WILLIFORD

Mesdames B. E. Parham and John G. Hall sang a duet; the choir rendered the inspiring anthem composed by Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming, an Oxford lady, and the congregation joined in singing J. Wilbur Chapman's patriotic hymn, "God Keep and Guide our Men."

PRESS NOTICE.

As a Child, Did You Ever Cry For the Moon.

Most people have, but very few people have attained it. Douglas Fairbanks as a grown-up dreams of attaining the moon. His dreams almost come true—in the way he dreamed it, and then he found he didn't want the moon after all. However, the details are best explained in his newest photoplay, "Reaching For the Moon," at the Orpheum Theatre Thursday, July 11.

REMAINS OF MRS. VENABLE LAID TO REST IN ELMWOOD

The remains of Mrs. Kingsbury Venable, who died in New York last Wednesday, reached Oxford Saturday evening. Owing to the lateness of the hour the remains were taken to Elmwood Cemetery and were laid to rest just as the evening shadows were beginning to lengthen. The burial services were conducted by Rev. S. R. Oglesby, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were: Messrs. H. G. Cooper, John Webb, C. H. Landis, B. S. Royster, T. Lanier, R. P. Taylor, Arch Taylor, Harry Williams.

Mrs. S. J. Southerland, daughter of the deceased, accompanied the remains to Oxford.

WILSON WILL VETO BILL FIXING PRICE OF WHEAT.

Will Refuse to Sign \$28,000,000 Agricultural Appropriation Measure.

(Washington Special)
President Wilson will veto the annual agricultural appropriation bill because of the rider agreed to by both senate and house fixing the minimum guaranteed wheat price at \$2.40 a bushel.

The wheat price provision is attached to the annual agricultural appropriation bill, carrying \$28,000,000.

Officials estimated that if the \$2.40 price for wheat is approved, the price of flour would be increased by approximately \$2 a barrel with an increase of from two to three cents in the price of a loaf of bread. With \$2.40 as the basis price, wheat probably would sell in New York at \$2.75 a bushel.

SUNSET NEWS.

Mr. J. H. Morris had as his guest last week end his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Cutts and his grandchildren, Harry T. Cutts, Mabel Cutts and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eudailey. He took them over to Hester's church, this being the old home church of Mrs. Cutts. She was delighted to see such a beautiful place of worship at her old home.

Big Day at Hester.

On July the first the people of Hester met for the purpose of cleaning up the church grounds. The interest was manifested by the crowd which numbered about one hundred and fifty. The girls were pleased to find the old stumps at the front of the church removed from their resting place of about a hundred years. They gave such a cheer it seemed as if a political speech had been made. All worked faithfully and the grounds were much improved.

Will Sell Church.

We expect now soon to sell the old church. Any one wishing to buy will do well to see one of the trustees: L. R. Puckett, E. G. Hobgood, J. H. Morris.

Rev. G. T. Tunstall.

The people are much grieved to lose their beloved pastor. He has served them faithfully. He feels the patriotic call and he has decided his duty is with the soldier boys. So we will try to give him up cheerfully with the hope of having him back with us some time in the future.

Let us all pray for a speedy and righteous peace.

THE NEW POSTAL LAW.

Publishers Are Compelled to Make Close Collections.

Owing to the fact that the price of everything has more than doubled in the printing trade during the past two years, it becomes extremely important to publishers to make close collections and conserve materials in order to weather the storm.

The new postal law, which went into effect July 1, exacts a heavier postage on all papers mailed to the various zones outside of the county, and there is a similar rate on all advertisements carried in the paper.

If the advertiser swindles the publisher the publisher not only loses the cost of the advertisement but also loses the advertising postage required by the new law.

Publishers are also required under the new postal law to account for every paper mailed to the various zones and pay the additional zone rate of from one-fourth to three-fourths of a cent per pound.

The Public Ledger will not increase the price of the paper nor the advertising rate, as many publishers contemplate doing, but we will be compelled to inaugurate sagacious measures in all departments of the paper. With this issue we are revising our mailing list with a view of eliminating a number of subscribers who are in arrears. We will ask you to glance at the label on your paper and if you fail to get it after this date you will please understand that your subscription has expired, and we will thank you to renew at once.

Messrs. John Booth and W. L. Lewis have joined the buyers on the South Carolina tobacco market.