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FAILURE TO PRODUCE CERTIFICATE COMPLICATES MATTERS

The License Was Not Returned And The Alleged Minister Who Performed the Ceremony Is Dead—Decision Rests With Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court of Granville County.

An interesting proceeding was heard before Judge Hunt, clerk of the Superior Court, Wednesday. It was brought by Lillie Horton Davis, the alleged wife of Lawrence C. Davis deceased, for the purpose of having J. Ennis Davis, the administrator of Lawrence Davis, removed from the administration of the estate of the deceased and have her or her nominee substituted, which she had a right to do in the event that she could establish the fact that she was really the wife of the deceased. So the action, though in the nature of an ex parte proceeding, was bitterly contested, and the clerk has not yet rendered his decision in the matter.

The evidence of the marriage consisted of the following facts: On January 19, 1916, the deceased went to Louisburg, N. C., and procured a marriage license, the stubs and the then Registrar of Deeds of Franklin county attesting the same. The marriage is alleged to have taken place the same afternoon in the store of Alvis Perry and witnessed by two witnesses who say they signed the license. Rev. Geo. Duke, an eminent Baptist divine of Franklin county, is alleged to have performed the ceremony. The license was not returned, so far as the records show, and the minister who performed the ceremony is now dead. Perry is in France, so the case is one of unusual interest and is likely to be prosecuted to the bitter end, regardless of the decision of Judge Hunt.

COL. ALBERT L. COX WILL LAND SOMEWHERE

He Is Riding Over the State On a Tidal-Wave.

Just a little while ago it looked as if Col. Albert L. Cox, commander of the 113th field artillery which returned from France the other day, would be the next Governor of North Carolina.

While all of this was going on a few politicians gathered at the seat of government and tried to clip Col. Cox's wings. They wanted discipline and humiliate the Colonel, as it were and elect him mayor of Raleigh. Having lined up with Generals Foch and P. Painlevé, Col. Cox has a mind of his own and he knows what he wants and now it is said that he may be appointed United States attorney in the eastern district of North Carolina, succeeding J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, who resigned some time ago.

Colonel Cox is regarded as an able lawyer and has also had experience on the Superior court bench, having resigned from the judgeship to accept a commission as commander of the 113th field artillery regiment. It is understood that he had planned to resume the practice of law in Raleigh, following completion of his military duties next week.

SCHOOLS WILL PARADE NEXT TUESDAY MORNING

They Will Sing At the Court House Steps.

The schools will parade Tuesday morning at ten-thirty o'clock.

Tuesday, April 8th, is to be a great day for Oxford for at that time the question of better equipment for the schools will be decided favorably if present indications mean anything. In a very real sense it will be the day of the greatest step taken in Oxford in a long time. What can be greater than a movement that is to provide advantages for children for years to come that will give them equal opportunities with those of other places. A modern high school is to stand for years as a monument to the wisdom of the present generation. A unanimous vote on such a proposition is not too great a thing to ask.

Since the matter of the location is not to enter into this vote there seems to be little real opposition. The Mayor has appointed two members of the town aldermen to act with him as an advisory committee to the school board which is considering other property upon which options have been secured. The board expects to meet the needs of the community in the placing of the new building.

The school children will parade at 10:30 Tuesday morning if the weather is favorable. Do not fail to see them at that time. They will sing at the Court House step about this time. Join the crowd at that time and make the children glad because of greater opportunities. Vote before you leave and see that your friends do the same.

MANY COUNTIES PLAN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMS

Granville County Is Not Mentioned In the Long List.

Applications for federal and State aid in building highways have been received from 31 different counties by Mr. W. S. Fallis, chief engineer of the State Highway Commission.

Many in West.

Fourteen, or nearly half of the applications, come from counties in the western part of the State.

Under the federal aid proposal, the county pays one-fourth of the cost of the roads, the State one-fourth, and the United States one-half. This would mean a total of \$160,000 for roads in Avery county.

One Million For Beaufort.

Beaufort county, at the other extreme of the State, proposes to raise \$1,000,000 by bond issue. New Hanover and Brunswick counties combine to put up \$150,000, making \$600,000 for roads in the southeast. Hyde in the east and Surry in the west each propose spending \$200,000 as their contributions to good roads.

List of Counties Applying.

Montgomery, Beaufort, Mitchell, New Hanover, Sampson, Watauga, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Swain, Guilford, Johnston, Macon, Durham, Martin, Wayne, Brunswick, Surry, Hyde, Yadkin, Transylvania, Buncombe, Wake, Haywood, McDowell, Henderson, Chowan, Burke, Avery, Carteret, Ashe.

Five Million Worth of Roads.

The requests for federal aid are not all complete, many not stating the mileage of roads wanted, but since the limit of construction this year will be about \$5,000,000 worth of roads, many counties will probably have to wait until next year.

The applications have been filed in the order received. The order of construction will depend, of course, on the policy of the Highway Commission, which policy will no doubt be determined within the next two weeks.

DRAFT BOARDS CLOSE OFFICES

Members Expect to Receive Soon Discharges From Service.

The Granville County Exemption Board has ceased to exist after a period of 22 months of service for the government, during a portion of which time they were the center of interest in this county.

The records of the board have been shipped to Washington. The names of, and information concerning about 2,500 men of the county were contained in the record cases.

Nothing remains now but a memory which will always linger in the minds of registrants of an organization whose sole purpose was to furnish men for the United States army in the great war.

Capt. Argo, Jr., of the State Adjutant General's office, in a formal letter as to the close of business, compliments the Granville County Exemption Board for the excellent manner in which they conducted their office. This includes Mr. W. P. Stradley, whose service, says the board also, were invaluable.

NO AMERICAN SOLDIER CAN BE USED IN EASTERN EUROPE

President Wilson Quoted To This Effect By a Central News Dispatch From Paris Received in London.

(LONDON SPECIAL.)

President Wilson has informed other members of the American delegation to the Peace Conference that no American soldiers could be used in any trouble in eastern or Southeastern Europe, a Central News dispatch from Paris says.

HARMONIOUS PRIMARY HELD IN THE CITY OF STOVALL

The Capital of Northern Granville Nominates Progressive Men.

Stovall, N. C., April 4.

At the primary held here April 4, the following municipal ticket was nominated: For mayor, Capt. Wilkins Stovall; for commissioners, L. G. Puckett, C. T. Hester, R. H. O'Brien, C. G. Heggie, L. C. Wilkerson.

The meeting was largely attended and was most enthusiastic and harmonious. The candidates are safe and sane and stand unflinchingly for progress.

BAKER SAILS FOR EUROPE NEXT MONDAY

War Secretary Says His Stay Abroad Will Be Brief.

(Washington Special.)

Secretary Baker will sail from New York next Monday on the transport Leviathan for France to attend meetings of the American liquidation commission and to direct winding up the affairs of the American army in France. His visit will be brief.

COL. SYDNEY MINOR SAILED ON MARCH 28TH

Now On the High Seas Homeward Bound With Part of 30th Division

Cables Mrs. Minor Powhatan Will Reach Charleston About 14th of April.

(Durham Special.)

The following wire explains itself and gives joyous hope to those who are looking for the return of their loved ones.

St. Nazaire, March 31, 1919. Mrs. S. W. Minor, Durham, N. C. Sailed 28th on Powhatan.

Charleston, S. C., about 14th. COL. S. W. MINOR.

The Units Aboard.

It reported that the transport Powhatan is bringing over the 213th supply train, headquarters and sanitary detachment, Companies A to F inclusive; sanitary squad 107th the 105th field signal battalion, headquarters, medical and supply detachment, companies A, B and C; 120th infantry, (North Carolina) field staff, sanitary detachment, headquarters, advance supply depot and machine gun company; Companies A and D inclusive; the 60th infantry brigade headquarters, the 30th division, military police, a detachment of the 128th infantry and 14 casuals. With the exception of the 128th infantry detachment and the casuals all the troops belong to the 30th division.

Commanded Brigade.

Col. Minor is commanding the 60th brigade, which is composed of the 119th and 120th infantries, a part of which have sailed, and it is taken to mean that Col. Minor is bringing these units back. Col. Minor was given temporary command of the 60th brigade by Gen. S. I. Faison, a North Carolinian, who is playing an important part in the war game. Just before the armistice was signed Col. Minor was recommended by General Pershing to be promoted to brigadier general. Before this was done, and immediately after the armistice was signed, the War Department issued orders that no further promotions of generals and brigadier generals be made, and the matter has been held up since.

BRUMMITT SPEAKS ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Speaker of the House Discusses Proposed Organization at Wake Forest.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt, speaker of the House, alumnus of Wake Forest College, delivered an interesting and instructive address on the League of Nations, before the Y. M. C. A. in Wingate Memorial Hall, Wake Forest College, Monday evening.

Showing that there are five means of promoting peace in the world embodied in the League of Nations, Speaker Brummitt declared that the League of Nations would be the most powerful force ever organized to promote industrial justice, extend protection over the weaker nations and finally free the world from the terrors or organized, premeditated warfare.

THE MOBILE SCHOOL.

The Last Session Will Be Held This Afternoon

The mobile school held in the Oxford Baptist church, beginning last Monday and closing this afternoon, has been a source of much pleasure and profit. The only disappointing feature of the session was that all of the delegates did not attend, but this was made up in enthusiasm by the little band of workers who gathered at the church morning and afternoon and kept everlastingly at it.

About fifty delegates were expected to attend the school, and Mr. R. M. Currin, chairman, had no trouble in securing homes for fifty-five and could have easily made it a hundred, but only about twenty out of town delegates were present at the session.

Members of the denominations in Oxford filled the church every night to hear the sermon of Dr. O'Kelley, of the First Baptist church, Raleigh. He is a great preacher and the community has been enlivened by his visit. He preached the last sermon of the series last night and will return to Raleigh today. The school will hold its last session this afternoon.

THE FIRST RAY OF HOPE.

No Pictures of the Kaiser Allowed In the Schools.

Berlin, April 3.—All the Prussian district and provincial government school authorities have been notified by Herr Haenisch, the minister of religion and education, that pictures of former Emperor William and the former crown prince may no longer be hung in the school rooms.

Oxford vs. Chapel Hill.

Girls' basket ball game at the Army this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

LUEDENDORFF TELLS HUNS NOT TO BEND BEFORE THE ENEMY

The Allies Will Advance If The Huns Refuse.

Berlin, April 2.—General Ludendorff, writing to the Militarische Korrespondenz says:

"Do not bend your will before the enemy, who wants to impose a peace deviating from President Wilson's 14 points. Do not accept a peace of destruction."

Foch Ordered to Advance.

London, April 2.—The Evening News said today it is reliably informed that in the event of German refusal to sign the peace treaty Marshal Foch has been authorized to order a general advance, by the allied armies along the Rhine.

To Try Chief Criminals.

Berlin, April 2.—The German government has decided to establish a state court to try all German personages involved in the responsibility for the world war, according to a dispatch from Berlin. General Ludendorff, former quartermaster-general of the German armies, and former Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg are mentioned among those to be tried.

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COLORED HOSPITAL HERE

The Colored People Have Successfully Accomplished What the White People Have Time and Again Attempted To Do.

Year after year for many years the good people of Oxford have discussed the possibility of organizing a hospital in Oxford. They recognized the need of such an institution, but for various reasons nothing has been accomplished.

The colored people in our midst have accomplished in one month what the white people have discussed for years.

The Colored Hospital.

The colored people of Oxford have purchased the necessary land in "Cam Town" on which to erect a modern hospital. There are at present one or two wooden buildings on the lot, which are being fitted up and furnished for temporary use. Mrs. Spencer, a colored woman favorably known here, is in charge of the hospital. She has had considerable experience as a nurse and is said to be well qualified for the work.

Location of Hospital.

The site of the hospital adjoins the colored graded school, down in "Cam Town," once the abode of Oxford's aristocratic families. That section of the town was named in honor of the late Cam Herndon.

Will Have Financial Aid.

It is understood that all of the colored people of means in the community are behind the hospital organization, and it is said that they will receive financial aid from northern people.

INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT MISSING SOLDIER

Editor Public Ledger:

If you could inform me where to write to locate a soldier that we have not heard from since he went over there you would greatly oblige his cousin. MRS. CALLIE JONES.

[Write to the casualty section, war Department, First and B Streets, Washington, D. C. to find out about your cousin, mentioning his full name, company, regiment and division, if you know them all. This does not necessarily mean that he has been wounded, for all letters of inquiry about men in France, whether they are casuals or not, are referred to this department.]—PUBLIC LEDGER.

CAPT. B. S. ROYSTER HERE.

Can Remain In the Service If He So Desires.

Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., as handsome as a Roman, is spending a couple of days in Oxford with his father. He will assemble with the other officers of the 113th field artillery at Camp Jackson in a few days to be formally relieved from the service.

The Public Ledger learns from a superior officer of the regiment that the war department has recognized the superior ability of Capt. Royster and would like to retain his services in the army.

THE WORLD IS GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER

Flies From London To Paris In 80 Minutes.

Paris, April 3.—It is announced a De Havilland airplane flew from London to Paris, 250 miles in 80 minutes establishing a new air record.

THE RENDEZVOUS OF THE VISITING PREACHERS

Where Once Stood a Bar Room Joy And Laughter Is Now Heard.

There was a time in the history of Oxford when all good people shuddered as they passed along Main street and saw men, like gnats at the bungalow of a cider barrel, sitting in front of the old wooden building on Court street, which was conducted as a high-class bar room in those days.

The men gathered there in large numbers and dabbled with the wine, and with swollen features and bloodshot eyes talked of the demoniacs and things that swiveled the mind, soul and body. Sometimes they would become hilarious, dance, sing and fight like demons. They stopped only when God in His infinite wisdom made men strong enough to vote it down.

The old building stood there long after the demon had been driven from its precincts. Later, a fire from the Heavens descended and wiped it from the face of the earth, and God's holy angels consecrated the ground on which it stood!

In due time a neat brick building was erected on the spot. The Red Cross women gathered there to work and to pray—on the same spot where the men-devils made merry, is now the precincts of the angel-women.

Not until this week was the old landmark made gloriously radiant by the presence of ministers sent direct from the throne of God. It is mobile school week here, and the ministers gather there to be fed by a band of consecrated women—the Baptist Philathea class.

We looked in upon the gathering. Where once sat an old bloated with a bottle of liquor, now sat Dr. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church Raleigh, with a cup of coffee; over in the corner sat Dr. Harte with a cup of tea; Dr. Smith, of Durham, with a cup of chocolate, while other noted divines called for lemonade and milk.

As we looked upon the scene we saw in our mind's eye the old bloats of other days smile at their simplicity, and we could but feel that the old landmark had been redeemed, glorified and translated into the New Jerusalem.

TWO HUNDRED MILLION IN GOVERNMENT BONDS

Will Mature In One Year With Interest at Five Percent.

Washington, April 3.—War finance corporation bonds, totalling \$200,000,000 were placed on sale Wednesday through federal reserve banks and sub-agents banks. The bonds, which will be the first to be issued under the War Finance corporation act, will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, will mature within one year with interest at five percent, payable semi-annually and will be practically free from taxes.

IN INTEREST OF THE COLORED HOSPITAL

Mass Meeting at the First Baptist Church (Colored) Next Sunday, April 6.

An interesting program has been arranged for the mass meeting next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the colored First Baptist church.

Short talks will be given by the following persons: Mayor Mitchell, Drs. Cannady, Thomas, Daniel, Watkins, Barker, Anderson and Rev. J. D. Harte (White Baptist church), Rev. G. D. Wharton, pastor First Baptist church. Dr. G. C. Shaw will preside.

LAST OF 120TH SAILS FOR HOME

This Includes the Oxford Volunteer Company.

Washington, April 3.—The War Department announced today the sailing of the transport Martha Washington due at Charleston, S. C., about April 12, with the second and third battalions of the 120th infantry which includes Companies E to M.

PASTOR TURNED CLOCK BACK AND KEPT FLOCK WAITING

The Public Ledger learns that a congregation at a little church near Surl, Person county, last Sunday waited a long time for the preacher to make his appearance, and failing to do so, sent a committee to see what was wrong with him.

He had just finished a hearty breakfast when the committee arrived. A glance at the clock revealed the reason for his tardiness. The night before in setting the clock to the legal summer time he absentmindedly turned the hands an hour back instead of an hour ahead.

SHAKE HANDS WITH MR. JOHN L. DOVE

This Letter Will Introduce to You Granville County's New Demonstration Agent.

Editor Public Ledger:

Mr. John L. Dove, of Richmond, Va., has been appointed to county agent work in Granville county. He has been directed to this date. I had planned to meet him and spend a few days with him in the field visiting farmers—but it seems now that it will not be possible for me to get into Granville county before about the 9th or 10th of April. I am sure however, that Mr. Dove will take hold of the work in good shape, for he has had considerable experience in public service work—relating to farms and farm products. He has been in the employment for several years of the Bureau of Markets, Washington, D. C. Prior to accepting this position, he worked in North Carolina, Va., West Va., and a part of Maryland, marketing by parcel-post different farm products.

Mr. Dove is a graduate of Clemson College, having graduated 9 or 10 years ago, and is an unusually strong man. He takes well with the farmers, is practical, genial and in addition to his specific training in the basic subjects of agriculture, has had considerable experience in farm management, rural economics and marketing.

I want to ask that farmers give to him their hearty cooperation and support in all of his activities. Remembering always that his service is to be used by the farmers for the upbuilding of the county—and to make it if possible, a greater agricultural county, and thereby increase the income on the farm and as a result rural life more satisfactory. Remember too, that if you discourage the county agent by refusing him your cooperation and support, that you are thereby injuring not only your own opportunity for progress and prosperity, but you are also injuring all of the people in the county. Help your county agent—advise with him, and advise him, and he will render to you a good service.

T. D. McLEAN, District Agent.

APRIL TERM OF GRANVILLE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. C. C. Lyon, of Pender, Will Preside.

The April term of Granville county Superior court is scheduled to "begin the fifth Monday after the first Monday in March," which in modern language means Monday, April 7th.

Judge Lyon, who presided at the last term, will preside. He is learned in law and is popular with the bar. The people will be pleased to have this good man among us for two weeks.

In promulgating the rules of the court, Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, says:

"The Criminal Docket will be called Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week and continued from day to day until disposed of. Suitors and witnesses will not attend until the day of which their cases are set. Witnesses in cases on Motion Docket need not attend at all. The Motion Docket will be called pre-emptorily on Wednesday of the first week, and may be taken up at such other times as the Court may order. Cases not reached on the day for which they are set will go over until the succeeding day and take place at the head of that day's calendar."

There are twenty-seven cases in the trial docket and twenty-one on the motion docket. The criminal docket will require considerable time.

MUST STAND TRIAL FOR KILLING MULE

Governor Issues Requisition On State of Va. For Return of James Holloway

Governor Bickett this week issued a requisition on the Governor of Virginia for James Holloway under arrest in Richmond, Va., and wanted in Oxford for killing a mule, the property of Granville county. The negro was arrested in Richmond and there put up a fight against extradition, on the grounds that the offense was not an extraditable one.

The charge is that "James Holloway, late of the county of Granville, on the 8th day of August, 1918, with force and arms at and in the county aforesaid, a certain useful animal to wit: One mule, the property of the county of Granville, unlawfully did cruelly beat, torment, wound and injure and needlessly kill against the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State."