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WOODLIEF KILLS LOVELACE HARRIS IN CREEDMOOR SATURDAY WITH A ROCK

Two Negroes Pitted Themselves Against a White Man—Plummer Hester Is In the County Jail.

Saturday afternoon a white man by the name of Woodlief, foreman of a saw mill a few miles below Creedmoor, got into an altercation with Lovelace Harris and Plummer Harris, both colored, in a wagon lot in Creedmoor.

Just what brought on the trouble between the white man and the two negroes is not known at this writing. Report has it that the two colored men were advancing on Woodlief, the white man, when he picked up a rock and hurled it with terrific force against the breast of Lovelace Harris, who expired on the spot almost instantly. The other negro, Plummer Harris, was immediately arrested.

Sheriff Hunt and Coroner Thomas were notified late in the afternoon, and reached the scene of the tragedy about sundown. The circumstances of the killing were such as to satisfy the coroner that an inquest was not necessary.

The case was heard by Mayor John E. Hart, who placed Plummer Hester under a \$500 bond, and failing to furnish the bond he was brought to Oxford and lodged in the county jail.

Mayor Hart placed Woodlief under a \$2,000 bond, which he gave without delay.

SERGT. YORK, HERO OF THE GREAT WAR

Tennessee Mountaineer Pronounced By Foch and Publicly Acclaimed Greatest of Them All

Washington, May 25.—Sergeant Alvin C. York, Tennessee's mountaineer war hero, pronounced by Marshal Foch and publicly acclaimed as the greatest of all, came to town yesterday, and, escorted by Congress man Hull, visited the War Department, where he met Secretary Baker, and later went to the White House, where he met Secretary Tumulty, and then he went to the Capitol.

Three highly prized war decorations on his sergeant's blouse, the Congressional Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix de Guerre, and a record of twenty Germans "popped off" with his trusty rifle; 132 Germans captured, and 32 machine guns put out of business, all at a single exploit at the battle for Hill 340 in the Argonne fighting last October, seemingly have not changed York and he still was the smiling modest Tennesseean that his neighbors knew when he was still an elder in the Church of Christ at his home in Pall Mall, Tenn.

MAYOR STEM APPRECIATIVE.

Moved With Feelings of Emotion, Encouragement and Appreciation.

To the Woman's Club of Oxford: To tell you how fully I appreciated your gift of beautiful roses, and the spirit which prompted the gift, is beyond my power. I only wish that I might give you some idea of how deeply grateful I am.

My first thought upon receipt of this perfectly beautiful gift was that the gift was so truly symbolical of the Woman's Club of Oxford, so beautiful in all its purposes, its ideals, its aspirations, so much like the roses.

It is with inexpressible gratitude that I accept your pledge of loyal support, and knowing how much that support has meant to me in the past, I am filled with mingled emotions of encouragement and appreciation.

Sincerely,
THAD G. STEM,
Mayor of Oxford.

May 23, 1919.

PRINTING PLATES GOT MIXED.

When Is a Two Dollar Bill Not a Two Dollar Bill.

Washington, May 26.—A bank in a western city informs the Treasury Department that on May 16 eight depositors came back to the bank with brand new \$2 bills—on the face—but \$1 bills on the back.

Somewhere in the printing establishments of the government they used \$2 plates on one side and \$1 plates on the other side in the engraving of this paper money.

A curio collector offered \$20 a piece for specimens of the bill to officers of the western bank.

The bills are issued of series G-7 and the year 1918.

The King's Daughters.

Mrs. C. G. Elliott announces an important meeting of the King's Daughters in the Oxford Library next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

HERE'S WHAT GERMANY ESCAPED BY SIGNING THE ARMISTICE IN TIME

Washington, May 24.—Guarded night and day, and far out of human reach on a pedestal at the interior department exposition here, is a tiny vial. It contains a specimen of the deadliest poison ever known. It is "Lewisite," product of an American scientist. It is what Germany escaped by signing the armistice.

Ten airplanes carrying "Lewisite" would have wiped out every vestige of life—human, animal and vegetable—in Berlin. A single day's output would snuff out the 4,000,000 lives on Manhattan island. A single drop poured in the palm of the hand would penetrate to the blood, reach the heart and kill the victim in great agony.

When the armistice was signed it was being manufactured at the rate of 10 tons a day and 3,000 tons would have been ready for business on the American front in France on March 1.

"Lewisite" is another of the big secrets of the war just leaking out. It was developed in the bureau of mines by Prof. W. Lee Lewis, of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. It was manufactured in a specially built plant near Cleveland, called the "Mouse Trap," because to protect the secret every workman who entered the stockade went under an agreement not to leave the 11-acre space until the war was won.

GERMANY'S NOTES OF PRO- TEST HAVE LITTLE EFFECT

Attitude of German Government Seems to Be Changing—Wilson Makes Known Fact That America Wants No Mandate In Turkish Empire.

(Summarized From the Cables)
Germany's series of notes protesting against various sections of the peace treaty apparently have had little effect on the purpose of the allied and associated governments to have the German delegates sign or refuse the treaty virtually as presented.

It is the understanding at Versailles that the Spa conference came into agreement on the finalities, and it is now the task of reducing these conclusions to proper documentary shape for Thursday's interview with the Peace Conference. It is growing more manifest each day that Germany has been reduced to the last resort, her only hope now being the granting of a change in phraseology, which, while not altering the operation of the Treaty as originally designed, might prove a salve to German pride.

Meanwhile, the allied troops are being held in readiness along the Rhine. General Robertson, the British commander, had a conference at Coblenz Friday with Lieutenant General Liggett, the commander of the American bridgehead, in regard to their plans should the Germans decline to sign.

President Wilson, it is said in Paris, has let it be known that the United States probably would not be able to take a mandate for Constantinople or other parts of the former Turkish empire. It has been suggested consequently that Constantinople either be placed under joint control of the great powers, or, failing that, that Greece be given the mandate for the Turkish capital with the support of the powers.

NORTH CAROLINIANS TO REMAIN STAUNCHLY DRY

The prohibitionists of the North Carolina delegation will oppose any plan to repeal war time prohibition legislation to allow the manufacture and sale of wine and beer. They feel that the President's message does not refer to them, as the State is dry of all liquor.

The President has passed the buck to the Republicans. Congress enacted the war time act and should repeal it if the necessity for it has passed. The President cannot suspend it, it is up to Congress.

AVIATOR HERO'S WIFE IS EX-NORTH CAROLINIAN

Was a Student At St. Mary's School At Raleigh.

Washington, May 25.—Mrs. A. C. Read, wife of the now famous aviator who flew across the Atlantic, was a student at St. Mary's school at Raleigh several years ago. That is how North Carolina gets in on the flight.

HARRY HAWKER AND LT. MACKENZIE GRIEVE RESCUED IN MID-OCEAN

Water Pipes of the Sopwith Became Clogged—Alighted Close to Danish Steamer "Mary" En Route From New Orleans to a Port in Denmark—The World is Electrified by the News That The Daring Aviators Did Not Perish.

London, May 25.—Harry G. Hawker and Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie Grieve, the two airmen who started last Sunday in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic ocean from St. John's New Foundland, were picked up in mid-ocean by the little Danish steamer "Mary," from New Orleans with a cargo of cotton seed cakes for Copenhagen and other Danish ports, which arrived in Norfolk May 5 for bunker coal and sailed the same day. Captain Dahn commanded the vessel.

The first report of the aviators since their "jump off" ten days ago, came when the Mary, which was bound from Norfolk, Virginia, to Aarhus, rounded the Butt of Lewis Saturday and wiggled the fact that she had Hawker and Grieve aboard.

1,100 Miles Out.
Some 1,100 miles out from Newfoundland and 800 from the Irish coast, the aviators making the best of an engine which was failing to function properly, were forced to alight on the water.

Destroyers to Rescue
Immediately word was flashed to the British admiralty, which sent out destroyers to overtake the Danish vessel and obtain confirmation. This was done and one of the destroyers took the airmen off, and later transferred them to the flagship Revenge.

From this safe haven Hawker sent a message that his machine had stopped owing to the blocking of the water circulation system.

When the airplane sped away from her starting point Pilot Hawker let loose his wheels and undergearing thereby lightening the weight of the machine by a considerable amount, but making a possible landing on the soil of Ireland a more hazardous venture.

Did the Right Thing.
This, however, probably proved of much advantage when it became necessary to alight on the surface of the water. The airplane remained afloat without difficulty during the hour and a half it took the Danish steamer to come up and effect a rescue.

All England is stirred by the news of the safety of the two stout-hearted aviators, but owing to the difficulties of communication some time must pass before the full details of one of the most remarkable voyages ever undertaken are known.

Mrs. Hawker's Faith.
The one person in England who had always held hope was Mrs. Hawker. She always maintained that Providence would protect her man, and, though she received condolences from all classes of people, including the king, she said that she had never ceased to believe that sometime and in some way her husband would come back.

\$25,000 Purse to Be Paid.

The London Mail, which offered a purse of \$50,000 for the first flight by a heavier than air craft across the Atlantic ocean, will give Hawker and Grieve a consolation prize of 5,000 pounds, sterling.

COMMENCEMENT AT OXFORD COLLEGE JUNE 4-6.

Commencement exercises will be held at Oxford College from June 4th to June 6th, two weeks later to make up the time lost by suspension from influenza in October. Rev. Luther Little, D. D., of Charlotte, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon on June 4th. Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, of Winston-Salem, is to deliver the annual address before the literary societies on June 6th.

Class Officers.

Vernon Townsend President
Naomi Davis vice-president
Betty Frances Knott secretary
Buna Bumgardner treasurer
Bachelor of Science—Betty Frances Knott, Buna Bumgardner, Naomi Davis, Ruth Black, Mary Marion Griffin, Mary Sue Woody, Elizabeth Woody, Rose Marie Frazier, Janet Stewart, Vernon Townsend.
Bachelor of Music—Bessie Holding, Mary Antoinette Parker, Rose Marie Frazier.

School of Home Economics—Laura Gladys Smithwick, Kathryn Corinne Jones, Mamie Elizabeth Bryan.
School of Expression—Mary Marion Griffin.

Class Marshals—Ruby Butner, Barbara Gulley.

Nowadays we pull our thrills by wireles out of the air.

LARGE CROWDS HEAR DR. J. H. DEW AT THE OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Great Revival Is Now In Its Second Week — Preaching Every Morning, Afternoon and Night.

Dr. Dew, the great Southern Evangelist, has awakened the entire community with the Gospel truths that fall from his lips in thundering tones.

As to his manner of preaching, there has never been anything like it here before. Grouped around him are the ministers of the town with Bibles in hand, and during his sermon he calls upon them to find certain passages of Scriptures and be ready to read and clinch his statements with Divine truths.

There is not the semblance of sensationalism about Dr. Dew's preaching, but no sinner can hear his rapid fire and sledge-hammer blows without feeling convicted.

Hours Of Service.

Dr. Dew will walk into one of the stores or business houses of Oxford every morning this week promptly at 11 o'clock and hold a fifteen minutes' service. The meetings are intended for men, but should there be any women present, they need not leave.

Meetings are held in the church every afternoon at 4 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Special Meetings.

There will be a special meeting for women and children only at 4 o'clock this afternoon. At 8 o'clock tonight there will be a meeting for men only.

Extends Special Invitation.

Dr. Dew is always highly pleased to see the county people at all of the services, but he desires that as many of them as possible will attend a special service at 4 o'clock next Saturday afternoon.

The Alabaster Box.

Dr. Dew announced there will be an alabaster box opened at the service next Sunday morning. Just what it contains, or how he will open it, is not stated.

GERMANY WANTS A LOAN.

London, May 25.—Germany is preparing to apply to the United States for a loan of \$50,000,000, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. In some quarters this is taken as an indication that the German delegates will sign the peace treaty without much further delay.

EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF EVERY SOLDIER. MR. KAHN'S DEMAND

Wants Universal Training, and Will Press Both This Session.

Washington, May 26.—Early withdrawal of the entire American army from Europe will be demanded by Representative Kahn of California, chairman of the House Military Committee, when he speaks before the House on his two months investigation in the American Expeditionary Forces.

A peace-time army of 100,000 men and universal military training will be among the things urged by Mr. Kahn. He announced that he would endeavor to have both measures passed during this session of Congress.

CUT IN RAILROAD FARES.

Special Rates for Religious, Fraternal and Educational Meets.

Special rates of two-thirds of the usual road trip charges will be put into effect soon by the Railroad Administration for travel to religious, fraternal and educational meetings. This will cut the mileage rate from three to two cents for hundreds of these conventions to be held this summer. The exact time these rates will become effective has not yet been determined, but it probably will be within a week or two.

COST OF LIVING IS NOT DROPPING MUCH

Decrease Is Three Per Cent In April Under December, But Higher Than For March.

Retail prices for food in the United States during April were 3 percent less than the high mark reached last December, according to a statement by the bureau of labor statistics. Prices during the month however, showed an advance of four percent over those for March.

The following were among the commodities that advanced in April over March of this year:

Butter 7 per cent; lard 6 percent; pork chops 7 percent; sirloin steak, hens and lambs 5 percent; rib roast, and bacon 4 percent; and ham and round steak 3 percent.

THE COUNCIL IS BUSY DAILY

Allied and American Troops in Germany Ready to Advance If Necessary.

Paris, May 26.—While time is virtually being marked by the peace congress at Versailles with regard to Germany, with the allied and associated powers awaiting the coming of next Thursday, when the Germans are to make known their answer to the allied demands for peace, the council of four daily is at work deciding questions which have arisen through the presentation of notes by the German Plenipotentiaries.

Opposition continues in Germany to the signing of the peace treaty, while everywhere in the zone of occupation the allied and American troops are ready to advance into the former empire if this step should become necessary. Large numbers of American motor trucks have been moved into the occupied area east of the Rhine for use in an emergency.

American military officers have warned the burgomasters in the territory controlled by the Americans that they will be held responsible for acts of violence against American troops or attempts to destroy American property.

ST. JOHN'S DAY AT THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE

Dr. Pridden Will Deliver the Oration—Judge Devin Will Deliver the Address of Welcome—Gen. B. S. Royster to Receive Decoration for Unremitting Service—Special Railway Schedule and Rates.

Mr. R. L. Brown, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, has issued the following:

"As we are entering into the last quarter of May it is time to begin thinking more seriously of the 24th of June, when we celebrate the anniversary of St. John. The war is over now and there is no reason why we should not expect resumption of oldtime conditions. At present we are corresponding with the railroads with the view of securing special railway schedules and rates for the celebration and the prospects are very favorable. Last year, on account of congestion of traffic and the urgency of conserving all possible carrying capacity, not only were special schedules and rates withdrawn, but all use of railroad service except that absolutely necessary was discouraged. No such condition obtains this year; so let us hope that a great host of people is planning to come to the Orphanage this 24th.

The Grand Master has appointed Dr. Claude L. Pridden, Past Grand Master, of Kingston, to deliver the oration. The address of welcome will be delivered by Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford.

"A most interesting feature at the celebration will be the presentation to Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, of Oxford, a testimonial of the regard in which the Grand Lodge holds him for the special and unremitting service given by him to the Oxford Orphanage during many years. A resolution was introduced and unanimously passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge authorizing the presentation of this token on the occasion of the anniversary of St. John, it being the most suitable one for such an event."

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

The Public Ledger acknowledges with thanks a neatly engraved invitation from the class president reading as follows:

The Class of 1919
Oxford High School
announce the
Commencement Exercises
on Monday and Tuesday, the 2nd
and 3rd of June
eight o'clock.
Oxford, North Carolina.
Class Motto: Excelsior.
Class Flower: Sweet Pea.
Class Colors: Nile Green and Pink.
Class Roll.

Junius Cooper. Elizabeth O'Brian
Sudie Crews. Eunice Parham.
Lella Currin. Ruth Parham.
Louise Currin. Johnnie Peed.
Ernest Hunt. Roy Upchurch.
Zelia Newton. Bettie L. Watkins
Sam Hall, President.

Will Handle High-Class Cars.

Notice the advertisement of the Oxford Buggy Company on the last page of this paper and see what they have to say about the Franklin Air Cooled Cars that they are going to handle. This car is classed among America's highest-classed cars, and you will do well to let them demonstrate this remarkable car before you decide to buy.

WILL MARK THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WITH CONCRETE POSTS

The Signals And Signs Are Made of Reinforced Concrete With Colored Concrete Emblems.

Birmingham, Ala., May 26.—The Bankhead National Highway Association, at its third annual convention in Mineral Wells, Texas, after considering a large number of signs and offers of sign making companies, closed a contract with the National Highway Marking Association to mark the Bankhead National Highway from Washington to the Pacific Coast, a distance of over 3,500 miles.

The signals and signs are made of re-inforced concrete with colored concrete emblems. The word "Bankhead" appears on each signal in colored concrete. All signs and signals are to be mounted on concrete posts. The Bankhead National Highway will be the first great trans-continental highway to be marked from the capitol at Washington to its destination.

The first sign will be erected in Birmingham, where an inauguration of the work will be held, at which time the national officers and directors from various states of the Bankhead National Highway Association will be in attendance.

It is expected to make the occasion one of the nation wide interest. Moving pictures of the ceremonies of erecting the first sign will be made. This picture will be shown all over the United States. Senator Bankhead has promised that if it is possible for him to return from his duties in Washington, he will be present.

Mr. Hockaday will visit the various cities, counties and states through which the Bankhead National Highway traverses and interest the state, county and city officials and good roads boosters in marking this highway. The executive officers of the Bankhead National Highway Association hope to have the road within the next six months.

WANTS SIX MONTHS PAY FOR SOLDIERS

An Appropriation of Two Million Dollars Asked For This Purpose.

Representative Gallivan, Democrat, of Massachusetts, has reintroduced in the house his bill which failed at the last session providing for a bonus equal to six months' pay to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines.

The bill also provides that a suitable medal emblematic and commemorative of their service be awarded to the enlisted men.

An appropriation of \$200,000,000 for this purpose is proposed.

TWO STILL CAPTURED IN BRASSFIELD MONDAY

John Perry, Colored, Is Now In the County Jail.

Capt. J. A. Hutchens, serving under collector Bailey, of Raleigh, invaded Brassfield Monday and laid a heavy hand on one notorious John Perry. Former Sheriff Sam Wheeler and Deputy Davis accompanied the special officer on the raid.

In searching Perry's premise they found one complete copper distilling outfit and the part of another still which he was manufacturing out of galvanized tin. There was also a lot of beer and one gallon of whiskey found in Perry's possession.

Perry is now in the county jail. He is an old offender and the judge will give him a good dose this time, sure.

MR. H. M. SHAW RETURNS FROM THE GRAND LODGE

The Odd Fellows Held Enthusiastic Meeting In Asheville.

Mr. H. M. Shaw, representative of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, attended the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in Asheville last week. The meeting was very enthusiastic and the outlook for the order is bright, said Mr. Shaw. Some new legislation of importance was adopted at this meeting. The next annual meeting will be held in Gastonia.

WOULD DO AWAY WITH JIM CROW CARS

Republican Congressman Introduces Anti-Negro Car Bill.

Washington, May 25.—The Republicans are after the south already. They did not lose any time in introducing bills to knock Dixie.

Monday, the first day of Congress, Representative Martin B. Madden, of Illinois, offered a bill to do away with Jim Crow cars. He would so amend the "act to regulate commerce" as to eliminate separate cars for white and colored people.