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STRONG CLASS GRADUATE FROM OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Hon. Tasker Polk, of Warrenton, Charming Large Audience. (JUNIUS COOPER.)

The commencement exercises of the Oxford Graded Schools is always attended with interest, and the closing this year was marked with increasing interest on the part of the general public, pupils, parents and teachers.

The Oration.

The address delivered by Hon. Tasker Polk Tuesday night was most enlightening. The subject of his address was "Progress," in which he successfully portrayed man from a primitive state to the high position he now holds in society. The first king the world ever knew, said the speaker, was chosen to rule on account of his personal popularity, and while he lay upon his death-bed he requested that his son be made the ruler of his people. By this process, said the speaker, it was not long before the kings began to feel that they were the rulers by divine right and hastily fortified their position with large standing armies. Sin begat sin, said the speaker, until God in His infinite wisdom tore the thrones from beneath the kings of the earth and is now establishing a democratic form of government throughout the entire world. The speaker showed himself to be a deep Bible student a master of literature and a poet.

Class Exercises.

The class exercises were held Monday night and were most interesting and won much applause.

The Salutatory—A very beautiful poem written and delivered by Miss Eunice Parham.

History—Written by Sudie Crews, who was assisted in its presentation by Roy Upchurch, Ruth Parham, Eunice Parham, Louise Currin, Johnnie Peed and Sam Hall. Sudie Crews took the form of a fairy queen who informs an aged gentleman of his old high school days by calling in her subjects.

The oration—The oration was delivered by Samuel Hall, president of the class, who chose for his subject "America to the Rescue," in which he showed marked ability.

Trophies—Written by Lelia Currin, who took the form of a mermaid was assisted by Ernest Hunt and the class in presentation.

Poem—By Louise Currin, written with the same meter as Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha."

Rites—By Bettie Lee Watkins, assisted by the class.

The Will—Johnnie Peed. Prophecy—Elizabeth O'Brien and Junius Cooper, assisted by the class. The success of the class exercises was due largely to the untiring assistance and talent of Miss Helen Sauls.

Presentation of Diplomas.

In reading the distinctions superintendent Phillips announced that the scholarship to the University of North Carolina was awarded to Roy Upchurch. The Davis scholarship medal was awarded to Zela Newton, which was presented by Hon. D. G. Brummitt. The diplomas were presented by Mr. John Webb.

Miss Zela Newton was the very able valedictorian.

The closing ode was composed by Miss Eunice Parham and was sung by the class.

SECRETARY DANIELS WOULD SELL MANY MAINE TABLETS

Secretary Josephus Daniels of the Navy Department is asking the North Carolina newspaper men to give notice that there are 1,311 tablets made from the old Maine which was destroyed as a ship in 1896 and the navy wishes to sell these memorials. They are worth \$5 each and are made wholly from the metal saved in taking the Maine the Atlantic waters.

EVERY MINT BUSY MAKING CENT PIECES

A Washington special says that every mint in the United States has been put to work by Director Ray Baker turning out one cent pieces in the effort to keep pace with the enormous demand for the nation's least valuable coin. The output has been pushed to 90,000,000 cents a month.

THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED BY END OF THE MONTH

Washington, June 5.—President Wilson has little hope of leaving for home before June 13, according to private information received here today. He plans to visit Brussels before his return. It therefore appears likely that he will not be back in Washington before the end of the month at the best.

NEW AUTO LICENSE NUMBERS MUST BE DISPLAYED JULY 1

Every Automobile Owner Will Be Furnished With Provisions of State Law.

When the 1919 State automobile license expires on June 30 of this year, every owner of a motor driven vehicle must have purchased the 1920 license and must display the two numbers on July 1st. There will be no days of grace after June 30 in which owners can purchase license numbers, and unless on July 1st every automobile owner can show that display numbers have been bought, the person violating this provision of the 1919 automobile law will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Yellow Tags This Year.

The State will initiate a campaign through the office of the Secretary of State beginning next Monday with a view of furnishing every owner with the prominent provisions of the law and getting the owner to buy his license at once. The license tags are now for sale at the office of the Secretary of State. The tag for this year is a yellow one with black numbers. Thus far there have been only a few applications for registration. Every application must be in the office by July 1.

License Fee Almost Double.

The law of 1919 almost doubled the license fees. For 1919 the fees are as follows: On machines of 26 horse power or less (N. A. C. C. rating), \$10; above 26 to 30 horse power, \$15; above 30 horse power, \$20. On machines for hire the regular fee is just doubled. On motor trucks of one ton capacity or less, \$12.50; above one ton to two tons, \$25; above two tons to three tons, \$40; above three tons to four tons, \$65; above four tons to five and one-half tons, \$100; trailers, \$10; for the first ton and \$20 for each additional ton capacity.

Enforcement of the Law.

The enforcement of the law is placed upon the police, sheriffs, and other local authorities in the State. Violation of the provisions to a fine not exceeding \$50 and imprisonment not exceeding thirty days. Dollar For Dollar.

All money received from license fees, with the exception of that necessary for administering the law, is expended on the roads of North Carolina. The United States Government is putting up one dollar for road building against each dollar collected by the State.

WHO ARE THESE SMART AND PRETTY GIRLS?

They Live Somewhere In the Good Old County Of Granville.

The Weekly News Letter, which is published by the United States Department of Agriculture, has a circulation of 250,000 copies. The current issue contains the following item in reference to three smart and pretty Granville county sisters:

"Three sisters in Granville county, N. C., in 1915, joined the local canning club organized by the home demonstration agent. The first year they planted one-fifth acre of tomatoes. Besides using all they needed on the table, they filled 1,500 No. 3 cans for markets and cleared \$150. The next year a larger garden, containing tomatoes, corn, string beans, and peas was planted. In addition to 2,000 cans were sold. The profits paid half the expense of a sister in college and helped the girls' father remodel and paint their home and buy an inexpensive automobile. In 1917 these three club members canned and sold 2,500 large cans. That year's proceeds sent the sister back to college, bought new rugs, and helped put acetylene lights in the house and the barn. The old machine was sold and \$50 of the girls' canning money went toward buying a new and better one. The only canning last year they did was to supply the family table. Their brothers were in the army, and the sisters volunteered to 'carry on' the farm work during their absence."

EVERY CITIZEN IN GRANVILLE SHOULD BE IMMUNIZED

Free Protection Against Typhoid Fever.

The State and county board of Health has issued a circular letter setting forth the importance of vaccination against typhoid fever. The treatment is free to every citizen in Granville county. The date set for Oxford is June 7th, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

—Joy and love are not lessened by suffering; rather are they deepened and glorified with an intensity of tenderness which "passeth understanding."

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD TWO DAYS' SESSION

Superintendents of Roads, Bridges and County Home Must Render Monthly Reports—Jurors Drawn For July Term of Court.

The county board of commissioners were in session Monday and Tuesday last. All of the members were present and Chairman J. Ennis Davis presided.

Firemen Recognized.

For faithful services performed as guardians of the county property, records, etc., the commissioners donated \$100 to the Oxford Fire Department.

Monthly Reports Demanded.

Upon motion of commissioner Peed it was ordered that the superintendent of the County Home for the Aged and Infirm, the superintendent of bridges and the road engineer shall make monthly reports of all work done and all amounts received and spent.

Road Improvement Bonds.

The Board instructed the county attorney to have prepared for delivery by the 7th day of July next the \$80,000 road bonds, mention of which occurs in the advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Moral Character Essential.

Commissioner Averette offered the following resolution: That the board of commissioners take a recess until Tuesday, June 10, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of passing upon the names of all such persons as have paid all the taxes assessed against them for the preceding year and who are of good moral character and of sufficient intellect to constitute the jury list of the county for this next two years, as is provided shall be done by section 1957 of the Revisal of 1907.

Ten Per Cent Levy.

As provided by the Acts of 1919, 10 cents on each \$100 of property is hereby levied for a fund for the maintenance of the roads, as a special fund.

Pauper List.

By permission of the Board Clarence Morris was placed on the outside pauper list.

Jurors Drawn.

The following jurors were drawn for the July term of Granville county Superior Court:

S. M. Bailey, C. T. Blackwell, J. F. Turner, S. J. Pleasant, Sam Webb, A. L. Veasey, C. H. Parham, J. E. Ford, J. E. Dean, J. W. Curl, B. G. Allen, Kemp Culbreth, Sr., John Vaughan, Sr., A. B. Critcher, J. T. Oakley, C. L. Hudson, E. L. Parham, W. L. Currin, J. J. Jenkins, W. A. Gooch, R. I. Jeffries, J. W. Pool, Andrew Lillard, K. L. Street, W. E. Green, J. J. Egglestone, R. G. Laster, Geo. S. Carrington, J. R. Averette, W. J. Overton, J. D. Brinkley, A. T. Harris, Sr., J. R. Cottrell, J. D. Currin, Sam Meadows.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Tablet.

Commissioner Averett offered the following resolution:

"That a committee of five, consisting of two gentlemen and three ladies, be appointed to select and purchase suitable bronze tablet to be placed upon the walls of the Court House as a memorial to the soldiers and sailors from Granville county who gave their lives in the World War, and that said tablet contain the names of such soldiers and sailors; that the cost of said tablet be paid from the general county fund."

The above resolution was unanimously adopted and the following committee appointed:

DR. E. T. WHITE, Chmn., J. ENNIS DAVIS, MRS. T. G. STEM, MRS. B. S. ROYSTER, MRS. A. A. HICKS.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE TONIGHT

The citizens of Oxford are requested to assemble at the Court House this Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The meeting is called for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce along progressive lines.

THE SUFFRAGISTS WIN FIGHT IN CONGRESS

Senate Adopts Susan B. Anthony Amendment By a Vote of 56 to 25, Two More Than Necessary.

Washington, June 6.—With their fight in Congress won after nearly 40 years of effort, advocates of woman's suffrage turned their attention to the various state legislatures three-fourths of which must ratify the constitutional amendment before the victory can be won. The adoption by the Senate of the historic Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment which was adopted in the House May 21 gives the leaders fresh hopes. The vote was 56 to 25 or two more in favor than was necessary.

ANARCHISTS ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MANY PROMINENT CITIZENS

Bomb Outrages Committed in Many Large Cities—Home of Attorney General Mitchell A. Palmer Wrecked—Assassin Victim of His Own Plot—Police, Detectives and Department of Justice Agents Scouring the Country for Trace of the Terrorists.

In what may have been a widespread plot, ten bombs were set off in eight cities between 11 o'clock Monday night and one o'clock Tuesday morning. Two men were killed, a special policeman in New York and an unidentified man in Washington.

The Record.

Washington: Home of A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general, wrecked by a bomb; unidentified man killed.

New York: Home of Judge Charles C. Nott Jr., bombed; special patrolman killed.

Cleveland: Home of Mayor Harry L. Davis damaged by bomb.

Philadelphia: Rectory of Catholic church of Our Lady of Victory and home of Louis Jagelki, a jeweler, bombed. Two under arrest.

Pittsburgh: Two bomb explosions; six houses damaged.

Boston: Homes of State Representative Leland W. Powers in Newtonville, and Justice Albert F. Hayden in Roxbury, damaged by bombs.

Patterson, N. J.: Two family houses wrecked by bomb.

Anarchist literature was discovered near the scene of the explosions in Washington, Pittsburgh and Roxbury, Mass. Two men were arrested in Philadelphia, the police not making known their names. In some instances, police said the infernal machine apparently were loaded with shrapnel bullets.

Chief of Postoffice Inspectors Cochran, New York district, said today he did not know enough about the outrages yet to determine whether they were the work of the gang that sent many bombs through the mails, addressed to prominent men, on May Day.

It was believed that while assassination of public men or big employers may have been intended, the bombs in some instances were planted at wrong houses.

Reports of bomb outrages almost at the same hour in Cleveland, New York, Newtonville, Massachusetts, Boston, Philadelphia, Patterson, N. J., and Pittsburgh left no doubt in the minds of officials here that the plot was nation wide.

THE MERRY MONTH OF JUNE.

Much Happiness In Store For Edwin and Angelina.

June is a month famous for its roses, its brides and its bugs. June roses by scattering pollen cause sensitive persons to rush the hay fever season.

June brides are the old original victims of rose fever. Among the June bugs may be included the belief that if Edwin and Angelina marry in June when the moon is full they have a better chance of happiness than if they marry in May or July. Now and again one of these bugs manages to survive the honeymoon.

This particular June is noteworthy for the fact that it is the last time that the moon will be permitted to get full in congenial company. Next month he'll take his souge alone.

June is a warm baby much addicted to cooling drinks, which she sucks through straws without regard for the H. C. of L. or the luxury tax.

Maybe that is why His Honor the calendar man gave her thirty days.

HOG CHOLERA IS PREVALENT IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

County Agent Dove Urges Great Precaution.

Since cholera among hogs has made its appearance in a number of farms in the county, hog raisers will do well to use every precaution possible to protect their premises from infection. Do not permit dogs, vultures, or other agents capable of carrying the germ from the carcass, or infected areas, about the pastures or lots. The cholera germ is easily transported from the infected places to places not infested, even in streams through the pasture, and on one's feet.

Advise your neighbor of the danger, announcing the maxim: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." "DOVE," County Agent.

MASKED BANDITS KNOCK STEM MAN UNCONSCIOUS

He Was Walking Along the National Highway When They Sprang From The Bushes and Down Him. (W. R. MANGUM.)

Stem, N. C., June 4.—Mr. Jeff Tackett, of our town, had a thrilling and nerve-racking experience last Monday night which he will never forget and which very nearly cost him his life. For the past few weeks he has engaged in well drilling with his brother-in-law, Mr. E. A. Ingold, a well known citizen of Stem, and at work on well Monday for Mr. Burnett near Oxford. Monday night he boarded the train which leaves Oxford for Durham shortly before nine o'clock and got off at Providence to meet his brother-in-law there, and not finding him started to Stem on foot and came as far as Mr. C. H. Tiper's in company with Mr. Lucius Bullock continuing the trip by himself. He had reached the point in the road about a quarter of a mile this side of the Dudley Wheeler place, just opposite the old saw mill site, and as he stepped off the bridge a man came out from the bushes on the right side of the road, wearing a mask and said:

"Tackett, aren't you afraid to be out at night by yourself?"

"No," replied Tackett.

"Can you run?" inquired the man with the mask.

"I don't feel like running," replied Tackett.

At this juncture the strange man pulled out a revolver and fired. Tackett caught him by the wrist and struck him in the face. In the scuffle the pistol was fired again, when two men came running down the hill and seized Tackett, put a mask over his face and threw him into the ditch on the left side of the road. One of them remarked, "Leave him here." Another said, "Carry him and leave him in the yard."

About eleven o'clock Mrs. E. A. Ingold and her mother, who had retired, heard groans on her porch and opening the door, found Tackett in an unconscious condition. She at once called Dr. Hardee, who found that his heart had almost completely given away, and if medical attention had been deferred he would have died in a short while. About three o'clock the next morning he regained consciousness and told the doctor what he could remember as to how it occurred.

He does not know how he was brought to Stem, but the supposition is that an auto was used. It is thought that the deed was perpetrated by parties who were well acquainted with him, but as yet no clue to the guilty parties has been discovered.

Mr. Buck Roberts of Route 3, returned home Sunday from overseas and was engaged in the thickest, hottest part of the fighting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gooch and daughter, Miss Janie Gold, left last Sunday for an extended visit to New Jersey, New York City and other points. During their stay they will attend a Primitive Baptist Association at Ocean Grove, N. J.

Mr. S. M. Washington, a prominent business man of Louisburg, was the guest of his brother, Mr. C. H. Washington of Tally Ho, Sunday.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mr. C. H. Washington, of Tally Ho, and hope he will speedily recover.

Mr. Ajax Walters continues very ill, Mrs. G. T. Walters his sister-in-law, of Oxford, spent Monday and Tuesday at his bedside.

SHERIFF HUNT CAPTURES STILL

Over In the Hills Back of Shoo Fly.

Sheriff Hunt went over to the mountains back of Shoo Fly Monday and returned with a 100-gallon copper still. He knew that a still had been operating in that section for some time, but on scouring the regions on two former occasions he found nothing but rattlesnakes, one of which was a yard long and had 18 rattlers.

The indications were that the still had been in the present location for only a few days. The fermenters showed unmistakable signs of long use, but the surroundings seemed to imply that it was a new location, selected especially on account of the cool, sparkling spring and that they intended to camp there all summer if the sheriff had not upset their plans.

This makes the twenty-fifth still Sheriff Hunt has put out of commission since he came into office six months ago. There is quite a selection of stills and parts of stills gathered by him and housed in the county jail. Some of them are fashioned out of copper, tin, zinc and wooden bottoms covered with galvanized iron.

MRS. M. P. CHAMBLEE DIED WEDNESDAY EVENING

Funeral and Interment in Raleigh This Morning.

After a lingering illness of several weeks, Mrs. M. P. Chamblee passed to her reward at Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. Two or three weeks ago the doctors advised the family that she could live only a few days, but her sunny disposition and wonderful vitality served to keep her alive longer than it was thought possible. She retained her faculties almost to the moment of her death.

Mrs. Chamblee was a remarkable woman—kind and considerate, and her happiest hours were when she could bestow a favor and brighten the lives of others. She had a sunny disposition, and despite the fact that she was aware many weeks ago that the end was near, she was never heard to complain of her sufferings. In setting her house ready, with the inevitable end in view, she frequently said: "It is hard to depart from the loved ones, but it is God's will and I must become reconciled to Him." A few minutes before her death she raised her hand and said "Blessed Jesus." These were her last words, and as her soul took its flight the marks of pain and suffering departed from her brow and her face became radiant in death. It was a glorious ending of one who had suffered, knowing the hour and awaited her Savior to come and lead her gently through the Valley of the Shadow.

The immediate family, and father, mother and sister and other loved ones were present when she entered into a calm sleep.

Mrs. Chamblee was a member of the Oxford Baptist church. It was her expressed wish that her remains be taken to the home of her parents in Raleigh, that the funeral services be held from the First Baptist church and the interment be in Oakwood Cemetery. Mrs. Chamblee spent her childhood days in Raleigh and she joined the First Baptist church in that city when she was quite young.

Mrs. Chamblee is survived by a devoted husband, Mr. M. P. Chamblee, and two bright sons, Mr. Travis and C. B. Chamblee, the latter being of tender years; father, mother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards, and Miss Flora Edwards, of Raleigh, and a devoted cousin, Mrs. D. A. Coble, of Oxford.

The remains were expressed to Raleigh on the Noon Seaboard train Thursday. The pallbearers from the residence to the train were:

D. A. Coble, W. T. Yancey, L. F. Perkinson, B. F. Taylor, R. H. Lewis, E. L. Smith, J. M. Baird, Hal Holeman.

AMERICANS FAVOR SOME PLEAS MADE IN GERMAN ANSWER

Objections to the Financial Terms Find Some Champions Among United States Delegation.

Paris, June 5.—President Wilson favors the proposed modifications of the economic section of the Germany treaty. The suggested changes were outlined authoritatively to the United Press as follows:

First—Fixing of a definite sum which Germany must pay in reparation to be \$25,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000.

Second—Clarifying off the clause regarding powers of the reparations commission as to issuing decrees governing Germany industrial factor.

Three—Allowing four years instead of two for payment of the first \$5,000,000,000, of reparation.

Fourth—Making provisions enabling Germany to acquire merchant shipping by lease, charter or otherwise.

All these suggested changes are in line with the policies the American delegates have been pursuing since the opening of the peace conference.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE RESTORED TO PRIVATE OWNERS

There Will Be No Reduction in Tolls For the Present at Least.

Washington, June 6.—The telegraph and telephone systems of the country were restored to their private owners yesterday. The government, however, retains control of the properties pending action by congress providing for the complete return of the systems.

FAILING TO LIST TAXES.

Notice is hereby given that all parties without exception, failing to list their taxes during the months of May and June will be charged with 25 per cent added to their taxes as prescribed by law. By order of the county board of commissioners.

J. ENNIS DAVIS, Chmn. June 30-19.