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THE OXFORD SCHOOLS WILL OPEN NEXT MONDAY

The General Public Expected to Be Present—The Authorities Must Conform to the State Law and See That All Children Have Been Vaccinated Against Small Pox—School Books Are Not Being Bought As Early As They Should Be.

All pupils of the graded school and of the high school will gather at the graded school building for the opening exercises on Monday morning at 9 o'clock before reporting to the separate buildings for assignment of books and work for the next day when regular class work will begin.

The public in general is expected to be present for this opening program. It is true that the hall will be crowded when they all come. That is just what should be, for the pupils more than fill buildings. There should be as many parents as there are homes represented. Any man or woman planning to open up a business on next Monday morning, of whatever nature, could not be kept away from the place of opening. How many will look upon the school in that light? It is safe to say that in spite of all this the opening of the tobacco market will mean to the town and the county and of all of the fall business plans that are on foot, the school work, which begins at Oxford Monday and will begin throughout the county from that time on far surpasses them all in importance.

Attractive Program

Special effort will be made to have an attractive program on Monday morning. The superintendent wishes to ask that a parents meeting be held for about fifteen minutes after the pupils march to the various rooms. Plans will be suggested in this that will show where the patrons may help, some in the work.

Men Invited.

A special invitation is extended to the men of the community. In the past too few have been attending these occasions. There will be no in the Public Ledger and the list the market has been opening at the same time.

School Books.

I asked the question at Hall's Drug Store on Wednesday if pupils were buying the school books as requested some days ago. I wish to state again that every pupil who is certain as to the grade to which he will go should get books before Monday.

The list that has been published in the Public Ledger and the list that is to be found in the window of Hall's drug store, is correct. There can be no mistake if the pupil has a clean promotion card or has removed any condition under the proper person.

Vaccination Against Smallpox

The State law requires the school authorities to see that all pupils have been vaccinated against smallpox before allowing them to remain in school. Pupils who are entering for the first time should be vaccinated.

There are some who have been in school in the past who have been excused by various physicians for various reasons.

Notice is here given that all pupils must have been vaccinated at some time before they will be allowed in school after October 1st, 1919. This extra time is granted in order that some who may have been planning to evade this rule as in the past may now have time to attend to the matter. This law was not passed without a purpose and that cannot be fulfilled unless it is carried out. I consider it my duty from every standpoint to see that it is carried out to the letter from this date on. I trust that I may have the full support of the community.

G. B. PHILLIPS, Supt.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL HOLD REUNION IN ATLANTA

Gen. K. M. Van Zant officially announces that the twenty-ninth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Atlanta, Ga. October 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1919, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, respectively.

Capt. W. H. White requests all Granville county veterans and sons of veterans who desire to go to the reunion to inform him so he can arrange for transportation. He is in hopes that a sufficient number of local veterans to fill a pullman car will respond. The railroad fare is one cent a mile each way. It is about 300 miles from Oxford to Atlanta. In that case the fare would be \$6.00 for the round trip. Add to this about \$2.00 for Pullman car and you have the total expense of the round trip including lodging and meals in Atlanta.

CYLINDER HEAD BLOWS OUT.

Mr. J. Robert Wood Falls Into the Creek.

A cylinder head in the engine pulling the Seaboard freight train from Durham to Henderson blew out Wednesday morning four miles from Henderson and blocked traffic for five hours. Mr. J. Robert Wood, of Oxford, was on the Oxford train, and seeing that his train was blocked he made a short side trip and fell into a creek. The train moved off while he was absent. He returned to Oxford, wet and bewildered, and took up his journey to Richmond Wednesday night.

THE EASTERN CAROLINA MARKETS OPENED STRONG

Much Tobacco and Many Visitors Present.

Reports from the opening of the tobacco market Tuesday throughout Eastern North Carolina, some of them brought by local tobaccoists who visited several cities and towns whose sales started on that date, are considerably very encouraging and hopeful for this section. Unprecedentedly large breaks in many markets were accompanied by prices very much higher on the better grades of the weed than prevailed for the same quality of tobacco last year. The general opinion, however, is that the common offerings are below the 1918 opening, although higher than at the beginning of the market in South Carolina in early July.

Better grades, according to those who attended the opening, sold all the way from 50 to 75 cents per pound, the medium quality bringing from 25 to 50 cents, and the poor grades in some instances commanding as low as five cents, but with generally a better average than that for this character of the weed. Without definite figures available for the day's sales in any particular market, any estimate of the average as a whole might be wide of the mark, although some placed it at 30 cents and others are 35 cents.

The big breaks on the opening day are believed to have been due probably to the customary flooding of the markets at that time, although much of it may be properly attributed to the lateness of the opening in Eastern North Carolina, which is two weeks behind the usual date, the season having for many years started in that belt about the middle of August.

The market in Oxford will open Tuesday, September 16.

(Goldsboro Argus.)

The Goldsboro tobacco market opened Tuesday with the floors of the three warehouses full of the leaf, all big companies represented. Buyers here, numbering about 20, manifested keen competition in bidding for the weed, and especially the better grades, some of which sold as high as 75 cents, with an average of 60 and 70 cents, which made the farmers happy and they followed the sales with their faces wreathed in smiles, as pile after pile was knocked out at prices estimated from 10 to 15 cents higher than they were last season for the same grades of tobacco, which seemed to give perfect satisfaction to the growers, who also seemed pleased with the prices paid for their primings.

(Kinston Free Press.)

The busy season was opened here Tuesday forenoon with first sales of the fall on the tobacco market. The "breaks" were probably unprecedented heavy official figure being 2,000,000 pounds. Prices ruled high. Hundreds of farmers poured in over every road before daybreak to noon. These came generally in the role of observers, anxious to know what the season might hold for them and their record reapings of the section's principal staple.

(Greenville Reflector.)

Greenville tobacco market opened Tuesday with big sales, high prices and block sales. There were over 600,000 pounds on the warehouse floors. Only four warehouses had sales and some of these not finishing. The prices on all grades were good, many saying prices were higher than last season. General good feeling prevailed among all farmers, buyers and speculators. Rush sales are expected. All adjoining counties were represented on sales.

(Rocky Mount Telegram.)

With a magnitude unparalleled in the history of the city, the local tobacco market for 1919 opened Tuesday. Heavy sales continued all day with unusually high prices prevailing for good tobacco, while correspondingly low returns featured poor grades. According to local tobaccoists, the market here has never known such a successful opening with such volumes of tobacco for disposal and so many people in attendance at the sales.

(Wilson Daily News.)

Notwithstanding Tuesday, the opening day of the Wilson tobacco market, the weed has been coming in from every direction in large quantities since Monday morning, with the result that every one of Wilson's five large warehouses were packed from wall to wall, and old warehouse men estimate that there are at least a million if not 1,100,000 on the market. And the quality of the offerings, mostly first primings cured before the big July rains, is usually bright and of good weight. Big bets are offered that the all-round average will not fall below that of last year, something over \$33 per hundred pounds.

LADY MANAGER COMING TO W. U. T. OFFICE

Mr. Austin Spencer Will Return To School.

Capt. Frank Spencer, traveling auditor for the Western Union Telegraph Company, spent the week end at home in Oxford. He came to Oxford at this time to check out his son, Mr. Austin Spencer, who has had charge of the office for several months, and who will resume his studies at Bule's Creek next week. The new manager is a pretty young lady from Weldon. She will arrive and take up her duties here next Monday.

MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Public Roads and Other County Matters.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 1, the following members being present: Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, chairman; W. E. Cannady, B. I. Breedlove, J. T. Averette, J. L. Peed.

The Pauper List.

Abraham Slaughter and wife were placed on the outside pauper list, as was also Silas Gooch, colored. Isabella Jessup, colored, was admitted to the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

Public Roads.

It was ordered that Road Foreman Jones machine the C. H. Cheatam and John Watkins roads if he found them in condition to be machined.

The clerk was ordered to pay to J. S. Watkins \$100 for material on the road from Cornwall to Frazier's mill box.

Resolution Adopted.

The following resolution was passed:

"That the clerk has never before this Board made any statement about Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniel derogatory in any manner."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

(Signed) W. E. CANNADY,
J. T. AVERETTE,
B. I. BREEDLOVE,
J. L. PEED,
J. E. DAVIS.

The Taxbooks.

Upon the completion of the settlement of the 1918 taxes by the sheriff, the clerk was ordered to turn over the 1919 tax books upon completion of same.

State and County Council

Mr. J. Ennis Davis, chairman of the Board, was appointed a committee of one to attend the State and county council meeting at Chapel Hill between the 15th and 20th of the present month.

GEN PERSHING WILL LEAD WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FIRST DIVISION PARADES

Chief of A. E. F. Will Reach America on Leviathan on Sept. 8.

Washington, Sept. 4.—General Pershing, who sailed Monday from Brest on the transport Leviathan, is expected to reach New York on the morning of September 8, and will stay in that city three or four days before coming to Washington to report formally to the war department. After the First division parade here it is expected that General Pershing will visit his old home in Missouri, after which he will return to Washington to present his views as to the permanent military policy of the nation before Congressional committees.

MUCH INTEREST IN NORTH GRANVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR

To Be Held at Stovall, Tuesday, October 9th.

Messrs. W. L. Taylor and N. W. Weldon, agricultural instructor and principal of Stovall high school, were here Tuesday soliciting advertisements from the live business firms of Oxford for the premium list of the North Granville Community Fair, to be held at Stovall Thursday, October 9th.

The premium list and list of committees will appear in an early issue of the Public Ledger. The management anticipate a successful fair and fine exhibits and request the co-operation of all public-spirited citizens. The Fair will offer a \$40 school library to the school district making the best exhibit, all exhibits to be credited to the district from which it is shown. Bullock, Grassy Creek, Mt. Creek, Woody and Stovall districts will compete for the prize.

62 FRENCH WIVES RETURN

There Are Only Three French Wives Of Soldiers In the State.

A Paris special says that 62 French women who had married American army officers or soldiers, and subsequently had been divorced in the United States, returned to France on the same steamer last week, according to the newspaper Avenir. Most of them, the newspaper added, returned not because of personal differences with their husbands, but because of the inability of the brides to adapt themselves to the American mode of living.

According to newspaper reports only three North Carolina soldiers married French women and brought them to this state. A New Orleans paper says that there are six French wives of soldiers in that city and that they are highly pleased and contented.

E. G. CREWS BUYS THE HUNT BLOCK

Pays Twelve Thousand Dollars For the Old Landmark.

The valuable property at the head of Main street, opposite to the north side of the Court House, known as the Hunt Block, passed into the hands of Mr. E. G. Crews Wednesday.

The two story brick building was erected by the late D. A. Hunt. At the death of his widow four or five years ago the property sold for about \$5,000.

—Mrs. W. T. Talley, of Varina, is the guest of Mrs. C. A. Upchurch this week.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE ON STATE HIGHWAY NEAR STEM

Mrs. Richardson, Enroute To Oxford To Attend Marriage, Sustained A Broken Arm.

(W. R. MANGUM.)

Stem, N. C., Sept. 4.—About 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, two automobiles collided at a point in the highway about fifty yards this side of where the road forks near the home of Mr. W. E. Stem on Route 2, in which one party was injured, one of the cars badly damaged and the other slightly injured. Mr. R. L. Dixon and wife, Mrs. Emmett Richardson and Miss Louise Omohundro, all of Greensboro, were en route to Oxford on a Ford, where they were going to attend the marriage of Rev. L. L. Carpenter, pastor of Forest Avenue Baptist church of Greensboro, to Miss O'Brien of this county, which was solemnized in Oxford Tuesday afternoon. When Mr. Dixon reached the above named point where the road curves towards Oxford, he saw approaching him a heavy Studebaker car driven by Mr. B. F. Waddell, of Spencer, who was returning home with his family, but instead of turning to the right, Mr. Waddell bore to the left. Mr. Dixon turned still further to the right and finally ran out of the road into a corn field, the other car also bearing further to the left and striking the left hand front wheel of the Ford, demolishing same, and badly tearing the front part of the lighter car, the Studebaker sustaining only slight damages and none of the occupants being injured. Mr. Waddell acknowledged that he had lost his head, and assumed entire responsibility. About this time Dr. Davidson of Gibsonville, drove up and took Mr. Dixon and party to Dr. Hardee, where an examination of the injured was made and, it was found that Mrs. Richardson had one bone of her arm broken and the others were severely shocked and shaken up. After receiving medical attention, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Omohundro continued the journey back to Greensboro with Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Dixon remained over to have his car repaired.

It is with profound sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mr. Mark L. Eakes, who was born and reared in this county and was for several years a resident of this community, who died at his home in Durham county Sunday August 31, in the 53rd year of his age. He leaves behind a wife, six boys and two girls. The remains were brought over Tuesday afternoon to Mt. Zion church where they were laid to rest by the side of two of his children. The funeral services were conducted at the church by Rev. C. A. Upchurch of Oxford.

—Messrs. Lyman and Farabow of Oxford route 6, and Mr. F. M. Thomason of Route 3, left a few days ago for Canada.

—Mrs. P. R. Hardee, of our town is on an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Bacon, of Hendersonville, N. C.

—Mr. W. A. Brinkley has retired as manager of the Stem Drug Co., and Mr. P. B. Hardee, his successor, has taken charge of the business. Mr. Hardee has recently returned from overseas and is a son of Dr. P. R. Hardee of our town.

—There will be a missionary meeting at Tally Ho church on the 11th and 12th of September, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. There will be an all-day service on Friday the 12, with dinner on the ground.

—The union meeting at Tar River Primitive church last Saturday and Sunday was largely attended especially on Sunday, people having gathered from all parts of the county. On Sunday night Elder Isaac Jones of Duplin county, filled the pulpit at Gooch's Hall and preached a most interesting sermon.

—Miss Emma Moore, who has been holding an important position in Washington, D. C., for the past several months, returned home last week and will leave in a few days for Elon College where she will attend school this winter.

—Prof. R. H. Clayton, wife and family, of Orange county, were the guests of Mrs. Emma Clayton Friday. Prof. Clayton was formerly principal of Stem high school and is now county superintendent of Orange county.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF REV. W. T. USRY

The funeral and burial services of Rev. W. T. Usry at Bank's Chapel Tuesday afternoon was largely attended. Mr. Usry died at Connelly Springs Sunday night. The remains reached Creedmoor Monday evening and were taken to the home of Mr. Remus Strauther, near Wilton, who married a sister of the deceased. He was a native of Granville county and lived at the old home place near Wilton for many years. He was 46 years of age.

The deceased is survived by a devoted mother, one sister, Mrs. Remus Strauther, of Wilton, and one brother, Rev. E. G. Usry, pastor of the West Oxford Baptist church. The funeral and burial services were conducted by Rev. Sikes, of Franklinton.

The pallbearers were: Honorary Messrs. E. Mangum, Willard, L. G. Strauther, A. E. Bobbitt, M. C. O. B. Winston, E. G. Moss, Leonard Henderson, R. S. Montague, P. S. Kearney, Thomas Allen.

WILSON'S LABOR DAY MESSAGE TO WORKERS

President Wilson's Labor Day message follows:

I am encouraged and gratified by the progress which is being made in controlling the cost of living. The support of the movement is widespread and I confidently look for substantial results, although I must counsel patience as well as vigilance, because such results will not come instantly or without teamwork.

"Let me again emphasize my appeal to every citizen of the country to continue to give his personal support in this matter, and to make it as active as possible. Let him not only refrain from doing anything which at the moment will tend to increase the cost of living, but let him do all in his power to increase the production, and, further than that, let him at the same time himself economize in the matter of consumption. By common action in this direction we shall overcome a danger greater than the danger of war. We will hold steady, a situation which is fraught with possibilities of hardship and suffering to a large part of our population, we will enable the processes of production, and we will speed the restoration of an adequate purchasing power for wages."

"I am particularly gratified at the support which the government's policy has received from the representatives of organized labor, and I earnestly hope that the workers generally will emphatically endorse the position of their leaders and thereby move with the government instead of against it in the solution of this greatest domestic problem."

"I am calling for, as early as practicable, a conference in which authoritative representatives of labor and of those who direct labor will discuss fundamental means of bettering the whole relation of capital and labor and putting the whole question of wages upon another footing."

—WOODROW WILSON.

HUTCHENS MAKES WHOLESALE CAPTURE ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Capt. Hutchens, of the Collector's office, Raleigh, while in Oxford this week, got wind that there was some whiskey in the possession of Maurice Boon, colored, near Tar River station. He went over to Tar River and got Maurice and three gallons of corn liquor.

While on the road he got wind that two negroes were on the Oxford road. He laid in wait and along about 3 o'clock Thursday morning a long came James Carter and Robert Richardson. He captured the two men, got nine gallons of liquor and their horse and buggy. While the excitement on the public road was at its height, along came Sam Kersey, colored, driving a horse and buggy. When he saw Hutchens he jumped out and ran. In his buggy one gallon of liquor was found. In the raid Capt. Hutchens was assisted by Sheriff Hunt, Deputy Davis, of the sheriff's office, and Capt. Reid, of the Oxford police force.

HALF DOZEN CASES OF FLU IN GRANVILLE

The Disease Will Not Only Be Here This Winter, But It Is Here Now.

We asked one of our good old doctors the other day if he thought that the flu would visit this section this fall and winter, and to our great astonishment he said that there are now at least a half dozen cases in the county.

However, said the doctor, it is reasonable to assume that we need not look for more than one-seventh, certainly not more than one-fifth, of the cases of the disease had deaths from the disease that we had during the last year.

TAR HEELE AVIATOR WINS TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR PRIZE

Can Not Accept It Because He Is In the Army Service.

Lieutenant W. B. Maynard, of Mount Olive, N. C., winner of the Toronto-New York international aerial derby last week, which he won by flying more than two miles a minute, cannot accept the \$10,000 reward offered because he is in the army service.

The aviator was a theological student at Wake Forest College when this country went to war. He immediately enlisted in the flying corps and on being sent to France was stationed at one of the American flying fields as a tester of new and rebuilt airplanes.

THE THING THAT GETS THE AVERAGE MAN'S GOAT

It Will Require Time To Work Out The Jig-Saw Puzzle

The economic world is a jig-saw puzzle which has been jumbled up by the war. It awaits readjustment, but, happily, none of the parts is missing. There is no shortage of food—or crops would not be allowed to rot on the fields. There is no shortage of clothes, for people are well dressed despite high prices. There is no shortage of luxuries for people drive automobiles, wear jewelry and patronize the ice-cream saloons. There is a shortage of houses but no shortage of clay for bricks nor trees for timber. There is a shortage of rolling stock, but no shortage of ore for metal nor coal for power. And with existing unemployment, there is no shortage of labor. Our jig-saw puzzle world can be built again with labor and patience—but every new patternmaker with his own particular little jig-saw but complicates the situation.

O'BRIEN-CARPENTER NUPTIALS

Pretty Wedding At the Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blalock.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blalock on Broad street was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday morning when Miss Lucille O'Brien became the bride of Rev. Levy Leonidas Carpenter, of Greensboro. The guests were welcomed at the door by Misses Helen Clement and Mafie Meadows. The parlor was attractively decorated with ferns, golden rod, and other cut flowers, the color scheme being yellow and green. Before the ceremony a lovely musical program was rendered by Miss Ethline Croak, of Portsmouth, sister of the bride. Lohengrin's wedding march was rendered as the bridal party entered. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ophelia O'Brien, who was becomingly attired in blue georgette crepe, picture hat, carrying Killarney roses. Little Katherine Blalock, niece of the bride, carried the ring in a shower of roses. The bride was attired in going-away gown of blue, and carried a shower bouquet of orchids and roses. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Oliver Carpenter, of Apex, as best man. The ring ceremony was performed by Dr. J. D. Harte, assisted by Dr. Marsh. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for an extended visit to Niagara and other northern cities.

The bride is of lovely brunette type and her many friends in Oxford reluctantly give her up. Her pleasant manners and sweetness of disposition have made her quite a favorite.

The groom is the popular pastor of the Forest Avenue Baptist church in Greensboro. Among the handsome gifts received was a chest of silver from his congregation.

Among the out-of-town visitors for the marriage were: Mr. E. J. O'Brien, of Henderson; Mr. William Howard of Greensboro; Miss Eva Carpenter, of Durham; Mr. Carpenter, of Apex; Miss Ethline Croak, of Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Currin and family.

PROF. L. T. BUCHANAN SELLS OLD HOME PLACE

Mr. Norman Daniel, of Tar River, Is the Purchaser.

Prof. L. T. Buchanan has sold his handsome suburban home place and contemplates leaving Oxford at the first of the coming year. Mr. Norman Daniel, of Tar River, is the purchaser, the consideration being \$8,000 and possession is to be given December 1st.

All things considered, this is the cheapest piece of realty to change hands in and around Oxford since the advent of high prices.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Will Meet At Tally Ho September 11th and 12th.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association will meet at Tally Ho September 11 and 12, beginning on next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and closing Friday afternoon. Services Thursday night at 8 o'clock, to which the men are cordially invited. All the churches and societies are urged to send representatives. Miss Etile Washington, Route 6, Oxford, is chairman of hospitality, and those going on train will be met at Stem, provided they notify her.

Intercessional Conference.

The first Intercessional Conference on the Baptist 75 million dollar campaign for this district was held in the Baptist church Tuesday. The 34 Baptist churches of Granville were well represented. The churches have a membership of 6,000, and they are asked to raise within the next five years a minimum of \$125,000 for the benevolence of their denomination. Dr. Charles Anderson of Scotland Neck, and Rev. H. W. Baucom, of Smithfield, were present as representatives of the central committee at Raleigh. Rev. G. T. Tunstall, with Rev. J. D. Harte as assistant, is the director of the campaign in the Flat River Association.

Distinguished Visitor Here.

Col. R. J. A. Massey and wife, of Australia, are spending a few days in Oxford, guests of the Exchange Hotel. Col. Massey is an officer of the British-American Tobacco Company, and comes to Oxford to note the method of raising, curing and handling tobacco. It is the pleasure of Mr. John Webb to escort the distinguished visitor over the county.

Oxford School Census.

The school census of Oxford township has been completed. It shows a total of 760 white children in the district. This is an increase of 77 over last year's enrollment.

Dirt To Give Away.

Mr. N. A. Maydani, proprietor of the Oxford Candy Kitchen, on College street, is excavating for a basement to their store. They will give the dirt to any one who will haul it away.

Mrs. J. B. Young and daughter, Miss Martha, are spending a few days in Raleigh, visiting relatives.