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NEWS IN SHORT FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

—Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, assistant United States district attorney for western Carolina has definitely announced his candidacy for Congress to succeed Congressman Webb.

—Headquarters of the first district of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company will be transferred to Charlotte, N. C., from Richmond, Va., the latter part of this month, according to official announcement.

—Having been made a legal holiday in North Carolina by an act of the Legislature, "Armistice Day" was generally observed throughout the State, banks and State offices being closed for the day.

—The corporation commission has been notified that oral arguments in the fight for lower freight rates for the state will be heard by the interstate commerce commission in Washington, on December 3.

—More than 200 clothing, shoe and dry goods dealers from all parts of North Carolina were in conference Wednesday afternoon with Food Controller Henry A. Page to consider what is a reasonable profit on the goods they sell.

—On December 10 the North Carolina fisheries commission will vote in a meeting at Morehead City on the question of fixing the closed season for shad and herring fishing in North Carolina waters from April 30 to January 1.

—Mayor Frank R. McNinch of Charlotte, has definitely announced that he would become a candidate for Congress to succeed E. Yates Webb, stating that he will agree to an elimination method in Mecklenburg county.

—Revenue circles in the state are again disturbed by an existing order, as they understand, which has gone out from the department in Washington substantially disbanding the force working under Col. Thomas H. Vanderford.

—Kinston will be the "smallest big" town in the state if the 1920 census figures bear out the expectations of local authorities, who look for a population of 13,500 to 15,000. There have been two booms since 1910, and the population has increased steadily between booms. The area of the city is only a little more than one and two-fifths square miles. Many towns with smaller population cover much more territory. It will undoubtedly be necessary to annex surrounding territory during the next five years, some officials declare.

—Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, the Democratic leader in the Senate, died Wednesday at Charlottesville, Va., after an illness of several months. He was 72 years old.

—A crowd of citizens entered the headquarters of the Communist Labor Party in Loring, California, Wednesday and wrecked the place. Large quantities of literature and red flags captured were burned in the streets.

—Nineteen alleged I. W. W.'s were rounded up and landed in jail at Centralia, Wash., Tuesday, after firing on the armistice day parade which resulted in the death of four members of the American Legion and the lynching of one of the leaders of the I. W. W.

—Victor L. Berger, Milwaukee socialist, was denied his seat in the house Monday by an overwhelming vote, the house holding he was ineligible for membership because of his open opposition to the war. The vote to unseat Berger was 309 to 1. Representative Voight, republican, Wisconsin, being the only member to support the Wisconsin socialist.

—The supreme court of South Carolina Monday handed down a decision that the election of Mayor John P. Grace, of Charleston is null and void. The election machinery is held at fault in the decision.

—Ohio last Tuesday voted against ratifying the Federal prohibition amendment by a majority of 641, according to complete official returns. The vote was: For ratification, 499,879; against, 500,520.

—Food prospects for Germany for the coming year are good because of the plentiful harvest, according to the Ministry of Food, which decries pessimism. Beginning with this month the quality of bread will be improved. The potato harvest is as yet uncertain but it is believed it will be enough for the whole year. The meat supply is not expected to improve.

—Ex-Lieutenant Robert Bennett Bullock, of Richmond, Va., was convicted in the federal district court in Norfolk on a charge of white slavery and sentenced to a term of three years in the federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., and to pay a fine of \$2,000. Bullock, who had a wife and five children in America, was charged with having a bigamous marriage with a young girl, Louise Lahitre, at Chatres, while he was with the American expeditionary forces in France.

—Malicious Boys. Bad boys, you are going to get in trouble! You have no right to destroy and mutilate pictures or bill boards. The Orpheum theatre will give \$5.00 to any one who informs the management of this violation of the law.

THE GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND JURY

Visit the Institutions of the County and Render Report.

The following grand jury was drawn for the November term of Court, Judge Stacy, of Wilmington, presiding:

The Grand Jury.
J. S. Moss, foreman; W. B. McLean, J. W. Adcock, L. G. Gordon, E. E. Currin, W. A. Adcock, C. G. Cash, E. M. Thomason, Sidney May, W. L. Williford, E. V. Grisson, J. H. Wheeler, J. B. Pruitt, S. T. Hunt, E. N. Bragg, C. N. Floyd.

Grand Jury's Report.
To His Honor, Judge W. P. Stacy, Judge Presiding:

We, the grand jury of November, 1919, term of Granville county, Superior Court, beg leave to report as follows:

We have passed upon all bills presented for our consideration, and desire to express our thanks to the Honorable Solicitor for assistance rendered us in the performance of our duty.

We visited the home of the aged and infirm through a committee. The home is caring for twenty inmates as follows:

Six whites, fourteen colored. We found the following stock on hand, one mule, two horses, twenty-two hogs, two sows, seven pigs, three milk cows. Following provisions: Thirty-five bushels of potatoes, one hundred and twenty-five bushels of sweet potatoes, fifty pounds home made lard, three barrels of molasses. The corn has not been gathered. The cotton has not been ginned. We visited the several offices in the Court House and found them satisfactorily conducted, but would recommend that new furniture be installed in the Sheriff's office.

We find that only fourteen out of thirty justice of the peace of the county have made their reports. We heartily indorse the action of the board of county commissioners in appointing a committee with a view of making improvements to the Court House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
J. S. MOSS, Foreman.

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY.

In the Interest of the Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign.

Pagant by Oxford College.
Island Creek at 3:00 p. m.
Bullock at 2:00 p. m.
Knott's Grove at 3:00 p. m.

Speakers.
Tabb's Creek—1:30, Rev. J. D. Harte and Col. W. B. Ballou.
Knott's Grove—3:00 p. m., Rev. J. D. Harte and Dr. E. T. White.
Bechany—11:00 a. m., Rev. E. G. Ustry.

Harmony—3:00 p. m., Rev. E. G. Ustry.
Sharon—11:30 a. m., Gen. B. S. Royster and Rev. G. T. Tunstall.

Fellowship—11:00 a. m., D. G. Brummitt, F. W. Hancock and J. W. Hester.

Dexter—11:00 a. m., Judge Devin and C. O. Mainor.

Island Creek—3:00 p. m., Rev. G. T. Tunstall.

Oxford church—7:30 p. m., A. W. Graham, Jr.

West Oxford—7:30 p. m., B. W. Parham.

MAYNARD BACK AT MINEOLA AFTER VISIT TO CLINTON

Lieutenant Belvin W. Maynard, the "Flying Parson," who was first to finish in the army's trans-continental race, left Clinton last Monday morning and flew to Franklin, Va., where he preached a sermon in the First Baptist church, and then on to Washington. There he was introduced in the house of representatives and was the guest at luncheon of congressmen from both Carolinas. He left Bolling field, Washington, at 3 o'clock the following day, and arrived at Mineola, N. Y., at 5:03.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES WILL GET MORE SALARIES

This Means That the Clerks in the Oxford Postoffice and the Rural Carriers Will Benefit.

Increase in the pay of postal employees, pending action by the congressional committee investigating the salaries of such employees, became a law last Friday at midnight without President Wilson's signature, 10 days having expired since enactment by congress.

This means that those who have been getting \$100 per month are now prorated at about \$112.50.

SILVER DOLLARS WORTH MORE THAN FACE VALUE

The New York World says that silver dollars are worth more as silver than they are as money. Silver in the New York market is quoted at from \$1.30 to \$1.31 1-2 cents an ounce for San Francisco delivery. This is 3-4 of 1 cent to 2 1-4 cents above the gold parity price, which is about \$1.29 1-4 cents an ounce. Little business is being transacted here and the quotations are largely nominal.

The Circus.

The Walter L. Main circus which showed in Oxford Wednesday, was a nice, clean show. The attendance at both performances were large and the show probably took in not less than \$5,000.

TWO COLORED BOYS HELD UP ON THE HIGHWAY BY TWO DESPERATE WHITE MEN

Bound the Colored Boys to a Tree and Rode Away On Their Horses

The two sons of Dick Tabourn, who resides west of Providence a few miles, were the victims of a strange hold-up last Tuesday morning on the new road that leads west from the National Highway below Providence.

The two boys were coming to Oxford in a two horse wagon and while passing through a stretch of woodland on the new road two or three miles west of Providence two white men stepped out and covered them with pistols and compelled them to unhitch the horses and remove the harness; and when this was done, the two desperate men bound the two colored boys to a tree.

When the highwaymen sprang from the brush and covered the boys with their pistols, they told the boys that if they made the least bit of noise they would kill them on the spot. When they tied the boys and got on the horses to ride away, they told them that if they would be very quiet and make no noise the horses would be returned to them one hour later.

The boys soon twisted and squirmed from the cords that bound them, and as soon as they were free they hastened to Oxford and informed Sheriff Hunt.

The boys showed some emotion in the sheriff's office as they told how the two white men sprang from the brush and covered them with pistols and threatened to kill them if they made any noise.

"Boys," said one of the highwaymen, "all we want is the loan of the horses for one hour; get down and unhitch and be quick about it, we are in a hurry and have no time to spare."

The colored boys said that the robbers' eyes gleamed like wild animals and that they were very nervous.

Sheriff Hunt asked the boys the second time if they were absolutely certain that the highwaymen were white men, and the boys said they were sure that the two men were white.

Sheriff Hunt detailed Deputy Lyon to visit the scene of the hold-up. Capt. Reid, of the police force, and Mr. W. T. Beasley accompanied Deputy Lyon. When the officer reached a point two miles west of Providence they found the wagon in the road and the harness scattered about the ground, just as the boys had explained, and on the tree were the cords that bound the hands and feet of the two colored boys.

The officer saw the tracks of the horses where they entered the woods but they were unable to track them from the woods into open field, but they are of the opinion, however, that the robbers worked their way through the woods to a path and thence to the bridge that crosses the river.

WAR'S TRAGEDY SEEN ON THE ANNIVERSARY BY NEW CASUALTY LIST

In the midst of the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the armistice the tragedy of war was again realized by the announcement of a revised casualty list showing total casualties in the war of 293,089 men.

The list includes 34,625 killed in action, including 382 lost at sea; died of wounds, 13,955 died of disease, 23,692; died of accident and other causes, 5,326; wounded in action 215,480; missing in action 2.

JACK CARTER, COLORED, DIED SUDDENLY WHILE AT WORK

Was Employed At the Oxford Hardware Store.

Jack Carter, tinsmith, who had been employed at the Oxford Hardware store for nine years, died suddenly at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in the shop on the second floor of the building. He often said that he had a weak heart and predicted that he would expire suddenly. No one was with him when he died. Members of the firm had seen him only a few minutes before he died, and to all appearances he was enjoying his usual health. It is supposed that he died about five o'clock.

Capt. Clement, of the Oxford Hardware Company, said that Jack was honest and faithful and tried to do his duty by every one. He was a member of the colored Methodist church and was highly esteemed by the colored people. He was a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity and his body was laid to rest in Harrisburg Cemetery Thursday by the members of the local lodge. He leave a wife and one child.

WILSON TOURS FLOOR OF HIS HOME IN WHEEL CHAIR

Washington, Nov. 12.—President Wilson was permitted to sit up for an hour today, the first time he has gotten out of bed since he returned from his interrupted western tour six weeks ago. The President was placed in a wheel chair and was wheeled slowly around the top floor of the White House.

THE CRISIS IN THE COAL STRIKE HAS PASSED

Gompers' Friends Fear Days of His Leadership About Over.

A crisis in the life of the Nation was averted when the United Mine Workers of America, through its general committee, decided before daylight Tuesday morning to recall the order for a strike of 425,000 bituminous coal miners, in obedience to the mandate of United States District Judge Anderson.

The words of John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers, in announcing the decision, are significant. "Gentlemen, we will comply with the mandate of the court," he said. "We do it under protest." More striking and impressive still were his words: "We are Americans. We cannot fight our Government. That is all."

Mr. Palmer Speaks. Every patriotic citizen of America should know where his Government stands in this matter and why it stands there. Mr. Palmer thus makes it clear:

"The coal strike is a plain violation of a federal statute. This has been the Government's position from the start. The President declared it to be unlawful and the court, after full hearing, has now declared it to be unlawful."

"The proposal by the President of a peaceful settlement of the matters at issue between the operators and the miners, through negotiations or arbitration, was rejected and the Government, therefore, faced the alternative of submitting to the demands of a single group."

"Confronted with such a choice, the Government's duty was perfectly clear; it refused to surrender to the dictation of a group and it proposes to assert its power to protect itself and the people, whom it is designed to serve. The Government is no respecter of persons in the enforcement of the law. Those who conceive that the resolutions of a convention, or the orders of the officers of any organization in the country, whether labor organizations or any other, are superior in authority to the law of the land will find themselves mistaken."

Gompers Losing His Grip.

The action of the coal miners in cancelling the strike order clears the atmosphere a little. The stand taken by Samuel Gompers and his executive committee had prepared government officials for a long struggle. But it is now evident that the old labor leader is losing his grip, and his judgment. He has made several very serious breaks in recent months, and his friends fear his days of sane leadership are about over.

TOBACCO MARKET WILL OBSERVE THANKSGIVING DAY

Will Close Wednesday, November 26, and Open Monday, December 1st.

At a meeting of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade this week, the motion to close the market for Thanksgiving was unanimously adopted. In accordance with the resolution the market will close at the end of business on Wednesday, November 26 and open on Monday, December 1st. Tobacco growers will please be governed accordingly. H. T. OSBORN, Secretary.

MR. SEABROOK DORSEY DEAD

Was Prominent Granville County Citizen For Many Years.

Mr. Seabrook Dorsey died at his home on the Oxford-Henderson road two miles east of Oxford last Tuesday night. Before his health gave away several years ago, he was one of the most successful farmers in the county and he was reckoned as one of the best citizens, active in good works, kind and charitable.

He is survived by two brothers, namely, Messrs. Howard Dorsey, of Granville, and Mr. Melvin Dorsey, of Henderson.

The interment was in Elmwood cemetery, Oxford, Wednesday afternoon. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. Wm. Landis, W. Z. Mitchell, A. H. Powell, W. H. Flemming, B. K. Lassiter, Morris Green.

Mrs. Cameron Morrison Dead. The good people of the State will sympathize with Hon. Cameron Morrison in the death of his beloved wife in Charlotte Wednesday. Before marriage Mrs. Morrison was a Miss Tomlinson, of Durham.

Grasp the Opportunity Now. Landis & Easton have repeatedly advised their customers of the advance in merchandise and urged them to procure their needs. It is not too late to profit by the advice if you grasp the opportunity now extended to you by "Granville's" biggest business and best store." See the announcement on the 9th page of this paper.

County Board of Education

The good people of the county will regret to learn that Dr. E. B. Meadows, after serving fourteen years, has resigned from the county board of education. The board was indeed fortunate to elect Mr. Graham Daniel to take his place on the board.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter of the Treasury Department, is spending a few days in Oxford with his son, Mr. B. K. Lassiter.

PLATFORM OF THE REDS TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT

Planned To Use the Churches As Barracks for the Rebel Forces (Washington Special.)

Papers seized by the government show this was the Red's plan of campaign for overthrow of the government and capture of the United States.

1.—All factories, farms, railroads and stores of food and clothing, farm implements, machinery, etc., to be seized.

2.—Prisons to be opened and destroyed, all fences, walls and other boundary marks demolished, court houses and all legal papers burned, police stations razed.

3.—All debts to be cancelled and private ownership of property to be declared at an end.

4.—Police chiefs, heads of the secret service and big detective agencies, and all high military officers to be executed.

5.—Churches to be closed or used as barracks for the rebel forces.

6.—A new government of "village communes" to be set up after all vestiges of the existing government were obliterated.

MANY CASES DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT THIS WEEK

Plummer Hester, Tried For His Life, Is a Free Man.

The whole of the first week of Superior Court has been devoted to the trial of criminal cases and all cases on the civil calendar set for this week have been carried over to next week. There were a large number of submissions at this term, but several cases were strongly contested and required quite a good deal of time.

As we go to press the following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. Lovelace Harris, carrying concealed weapon, fine of \$50, and costs.

State vs. Milton Woodlief, murder verdict of not guilty by the jury. This was the case wherein the defendant killed a man, Plummer Hester, at Creedmoor, last May by throwing a rock in an altercation that had arisen between them. The evidence showed a case of self-defense on the part of the defendant and he was acquitted by the jury.

State vs. Irby Beck, plea of nolo contendere and judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. George Sidney, assault with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued and defendant placed under bond for good behavior.

State vs. James White, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 fine and costs.

State vs. Noah Overby, fornication and adultery, verdict of not guilty.

State vs. Junius Mitchell, having liquor for purpose of sale, fine of \$100 and costs.

State vs. Ernest Thorpe, violation of public morals law, fine of \$25 and costs.

State vs. James Carter, carrying concealed weapon, fine of \$50 and costs.

State vs. Will Matthews, assault with deadly weapon, fine of \$50 and costs.

State vs. Chester Pool, assault, six months in jail and to be hired out.

State vs. Maggie Allen, disorderly house, fine of \$50 and costs, to leave town in ten days.

State vs. Melvin Bonaparte, housebreaking, 12 months in State's prison.

State vs. Perebee Taylor, larceny of check, 12 months in jail and to be hired out.

State vs. William Fuller, carrying concealed weapon, fine \$100 and costs.

State vs. Early, Connie and Vernon Winters, Fred and Ed Parrish, affray, Vernon Winters fine of \$15, Ed Parrish judgment suspended, others fine of \$10.

State vs. Geo. Rogers, Charlie Rogers and Monk Garrett, gambling six months in jail with privilege of being hired out.

State vs. Isaac Salter, Monk Garrett, Geo. Petteway, Charlie Rogers, Otho Bailey Geo. Rogers, Wiley Bachelor, Thurston Ward and Watts Jefferys, gambling, verdict of not guilty by the jury.

State vs. Robert Richardson, Jas. Carter and Mance Boone, having whiskey for purpose of sale, prayer for judgment continued until after similar cases are disposed of in Federal Court.

MR. HARVEY L. BULLOCK GIVEN LARGER POWERS

Elected County Engineer and Superintendent of Roads and Bridges. At a called meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held yesterday, all the members being present, Mr. Harvey L. Bullock, who has been serving as county engineer, was given larger powers, that of superintending the roads and bridges of the county at a salary of \$275 per month and expenses.

The salary of Mr. S. M. Wheeler, foreman of the bridge force, was placed at \$2,500 per year with gas and oil for his car.

Mr. R. A. Jones, foreman of the road force will receive \$2,000 per year and gas and oil for his car.

Nice Shipment. The Hemshaw Hosiery Mill shipped to New York yesterday 25,000 dozen ladies' hose.

SMALLPOX IS SPREADING

There Are Numerous Cases in Granville County.

Dr. J. A. Morris, the health officer of Granville county, is somewhat alarmed at the indifference and tardiness of the people in reporting cases of smallpox. The disease is spreading, said Dr. Morris, and it is an up-hill business to make the average man believe that it is smallpox.

He found an old colored woman last week out in the Shelton Creek neighborhood who had a bad case of the loathsome disease. She was covered with bumps as large as white oak acorns. Members of the family and numerous neighbors had been exposed to the disease for some time. The woman suffered with the disease several days believing that it was nothing more than "boils."

Dr. Morris offered the old woman a \$5.00 if she would accompany him to the school house where he could exhibit her, but she said she was feeling too bad to make the trip.

We asked Dr. Morris if it would be safe to exhibit a smallpox patient, and he replied that sixty or seventy feet was a safe distance. He said that some of the bumps and the distorted features could easily be seen across a safety zone of 75 feet.

Continuing, Dr. Morris said that if it was possible to exhibit even a medium case of smallpox to the general public the people would wake up and realize the dangers that confronts them.

Now that the cool weather is upon us, and the people insist on keeping the doors and windows closed, said Dr. Morris, we may anticipate something bordering on an epidemic in the county unless the people grasp the situation and do all in their power to stamp out the disease.

By all means, if you know of a case, or even suspect that it is smallpox, it is your bounded duty to report it at once to the health officer.

GRANVILLE COUNTY CLUB AT TRINITY COLLEGE

Trinity College, Nov. 12.—Students from Granville county at Trinity College have formed an organization known as the Granville county club, the chief purpose of which is to forward the interest of the college in that county.

The organization also serves as a medium whereby the students may come in closer touch with each other and be of mutual benefit to each other while on the campus. The officers of the club are: President, E. B. Hardee; vice-president, R. C. Floyd; secretary, Laura F. Winston; treasurer, B. F. Cozart. Other members are: B. F. Bradford, Elizabeth Floyd, R. A. Parham, W. L. Taylor and L. B. Turner.

PROPOSITION PENDING TO PURCHASE OXFORD COLLEGE

(News and Observer.)

In the Baptist State convention Wednesday the resolution came to the body by way of Rev. C. A. Upchurch, Oxford, looking toward the purchasing of Oxford College as a denominational school. The resolution as framed brought opposition and it was referred to the Board of Education for consideration.

The institution was founded seventy years ago and Dr. F. P. Hoggood has had charge of it for 40 years. Now the Flat River Association wants the institution permanently as a Baptist college and is anxious to use part of its appropriation to the Baptist 75 Million campaign to purchase the school.

THE SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN OPINION

Tillotson vs. Currin, Granville; Petition to rehear dismissed.

MILLIONS FOR THE MASTER

Charming Speaker Coming to the Oxford Baptist Church.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist convention will be in Oxford, Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving) and speak in the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. in the interest of the 75 million Baptist campaign.

All the women and girls, not only of Oxford, but of the Flat River Association, are cordially invited to come and hear her. Miss Mallory is a woman of a wonderful personality and deep consecration. She is a charming speaker and always brings her hearers a great message. Every one who possibly can should take this opportunity of hearing her at this time. She is just returning from Texas and other Southern States, and has only time to make a few points in North Carolina.

Flat River Association is highly favored and greatly honored in having her speak in Oxford. She comes here through the efforts of Mrs. A. H. Powell, W. M. U. director of the Oxford church in the 75 Million Campaign.

The Tobacco Market.

The figures show that the sales on the Oxford market this season reach five million pounds Tuesday, the average for all sales being \$60.01 per hundred. Tobacco men estimate that there is about two million pounds yet to be sold of the Granville crop.