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## MOONSHINERS NOT AS NUMEROUS AS YEAR AGO

Eighteen Stills Captured in December 1918 and Only Five in December 1919.

It was generally believed that moonshiners are more numerous in Granville county now than they were one or two years ago, but the records point to the fact that the moonshiners are being put out of business.

During December 1918, the first month of Sheriff Hunt's term of office, he captured 18 stills. He had expected to do a larger business along that line during December of the old year, but five stills were all that he could get his hands on.

The new year opens up good and strong with a record of three stills captured by Sheriff Hunt to date. On January 3rd Deputy Lyon, with the assistance of Officers Curl and Davis made a trip to Dutchville and captured and destroyed 600 gallons of beer. The still had been moved before the officers reached the scene of several week's action.

On January 6th the same officers made a raid on a still near Wilkins and captured and destroyed 1,000 gallons of beer. The moonshiners were just getting ready to place the still in position and do business, but they evidently got wind in some way that the officers were in the woods and they took the still with them, leaving the beer in a state of fermentation.

## MR. LUTHER B. CREWS WILL MOVE TO OXFORD

Pays \$7,500 for Main Street Property.

Mr. Luther B. Crews, of Salem township, who sold his place and moved to Durham a few months ago, has purchased a handsome residential property on Main street and will make his home in Oxford.

The property acquired by Mr. Crews was the estate of the Halls, and at the death of Miss Sue Hall a few months ago the property was placed upon the market.

The property is situated at the corner of Main and Sycamore streets and adjoins the home place of Mr. John Webb. The purchasing price was \$7,500. With the expenditure of \$2,500 in the way of improvements, Mr. Crews will have one of the handsomest homes in Oxford.

Mr. Crews has accepted a position with the Lyon-Winston Company and will move his family to Oxford at an early date.

## EVERY GRAVE RECORD IN FRANCE BEING RECHECKED

There Will Be Very Few Unidentified Graves When Work Is Completed.

American army officers believe very few unidentified bodies will lie among America's soldier dead in France when the army Graves Registration Service completes a thorough rechecking of records now in progress.

Nearly 70,000 American boys are buried in the eleven districts of France, the Belgian battlefields and the Duchy of Luxembourg. There are 38 cemeteries of 200 or more graves cared for by discharged soldiers. The largest of these is Romagne, north of Verdun where lie 25,000 of our men. The next in size is that at Thiaucourt with 4,500 graves. Many of those who fell in battle are sleeping in British and French military or the French communal cemeteries. A few were left where they were first put in the ground, as in the Vosges mountains.

## TAKING OF CENSUS IS UNDER WAY HERE

List For County Townships Have Not Been Announced

Persons who have qualified and who have been appointed by the district supervisor, began this week their rounds of visitations in the county in taking the 1920 census. It is the regular decennial count made by Uncle Sam all over the United States of the large family of people, men, women and boys and girls.

The Public Ledger is unable to secure a list of enumerators in Granville County, and we are not advised that the organization for the work in the County is complete. Mr. D. T. Perkins, we learn, is one of the enumerators. Mr. John Graham Webb, it is said, will assist with the work in Oxford.

## HOG MARKET QUOTATIONS.

The following hog market quotations are given as reported unofficially to the North Carolina Division of Markets. The Wilmington quotations were given by one of the backing plants at that place, the Richmond and Baltimore quotations by live stock commission merchants at these markets.

Wilmington—Hard hogs weighing from 165 to 350 pounds, \$14 to \$15 per hundred.

Richmond—Good corn hogs, weighing from 125 to 225, \$16 per hundred.

Baltimore—Heavies, 200 to 300, \$16 to 16.20 per hundred.

## STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Regular annual meeting of the stockholders of National Bank of Granville will be held in its office Tuesday, January 13, 1920 at 12 o'clock.—W. T. YANCEY, Cashier.

## COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HOLD THEIR INITIAL MEETING FOR 1920

Supervisors Want More Pay—Two School Districts Will Hold Bond Election—Road Supervisors Appointed.

The County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, January 5, the following members being present: Messrs J. Ennis Davis, Chairman; B. I. Breedlove, J. T. Averett, J. L. Peed, W. E. Cannady.

Office of Health Officer  
Mr. A. W. Graham, Jr., was allowed \$12.50 per month for rent of Dr. Morris' office, he to be responsible for light and water.

Protected by Insurance  
The following motion was adopted: That \$8,000 additional insurance be taken out, \$7.00 to cover main building at the Home of the aged and infirm and \$1,000 on the superintendent's building. As Mr. J. L. Peed represented several insurance companies, and did not have any of the county's insurance, it was ordered by the commissioners that he be given the policies.

The Pauper List  
This being the time to revise the outside pauper list, which had the attention of the board, the clerk was ordered to draw orders.

Rachel Thorpe was ordered placed on the outside pauper list.  
Lizzie Garret was admitted to the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

## The Supervisor's Pay

The question as to raising the supervisor's pay was taken up. The board could do nothing in regard to the matter, as the law fixes the pay. The board, however, called in Mr. D. G. Brummitt, and he said that he would take the matter up at the next meeting of the legislature, which will convene during the coming summer, and see if he could get their pay increased to at least as much as that of the overseers, which is \$6.00.

## Road Supervisors

Fishing Creek—W. E. Downey, J. W. Watkins, A. D. Pitts.

Brassfield—G. T. Allen, C. N. Floyd, W. H. Garner.

Dutchville—S. A. Fleming, W. E. Suit, J. T. Aiken.

Tally Ho—W. S. Gooch, E. M. Clement, L. L. Crews.

Walnut Grove—B. F. Dean, W. A. Sherman, Wm. Thorpe.

Oak Hill—J. S. Watkins, H. S. Hart, A. J. Yancey.

Sassafras Fork—R. T. Gregory, J. G. Morton, H. Gregory.

Salem—L. G. Breedlove, E. A. Hunt, Edward Crews.

Oxford—Same as in 1919.

## Tar River School District

An election was ordered to be held in Tar River School District, to ascertain the wishes of the people as to a \$10,000 school bond issue. Proposed tax rate of 15 cents on the \$100, and 45-cents on the poll. The registrars are: L. Y. Gordon, L. L. Crews, L. E. Adcock. The election to be held February 14, 1920.

## Stovall School District

There was an election ordered to be held in Stovall school district to ascertain the wishes of the people as to a \$25,000 school bond issue. Proposed tax rate 15-cents on the \$100, and 45-cents on the poll. The election is to be held February 14, 1920. The registrars are: D. A. Burwell, H. C. Gill, H. A. McGhee. Official Bond

C. G. Powell, register of deeds, presented his official bond, which was found to be satisfactory and acceptable.

## County Boarders

Mr. Conrad Walters was allowed \$35 per month for feeding the prisoners in the county jail in addition to what he now receives.

## Appointed Constable

The board appointed Mr. E. A. Lyon constable of Oxford township.

## Resolution Adopted

The board adopted the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of commissioners of Granville county that the superintendent of the County Home and the health officer of Granville county be informed that this board by resolutions hereby adopted, instructs said superintendent and health officer that hereafter all inmates of the county home infected with infectious disease shall be segregated from all other inmates of said County Home in such a way and manner as not to come in contact with the other inmates of said County Home in any manner which might tend to spread the disease with which such segregated inmates are afflicted or communicate it to any other inmate. Persons who have the same disease may be permitted to associate with each other, but all persons who are afflicted with a different disease shall be segregated from all other inmates, both those who are not afflicted at all as well as those who are not afflicted with the same disease.

## BICKETT ISSUES ANTI-RUM APPEAL

Designates Sunday, January 18 as "Law Enforcement Day"

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—Gov. Bickett issued a proclamation citing the fact that constitutional prohibition becomes effective January 16 and setting aside Sunday, January 18, as "Law Enforcement Day."

On that day he requests that the congregations of the state assemble and that ministers preach sermons bearing on law enforcement.

## GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY

Drawn For February Term Granville County Superior Court

First week—L. M. Carrin, R. L. Noblin, W. T. Hunt, R. R. Strother, Charlie May, M. B. McKing, B. T. Bull, W. B. Fowler, E. R. Crews, G. P. Roberts, J. H. Coley, Dr. R. G. Rogers, W. H. Upchurch, H. Hays, Ira Meadows, S. C. Norwood, H. A. McGhee, R. S. Montague, W. L. Curran, W. D. Adcock, W. F. Baker, G. B. Phillips, W. P. White, Aubrey Woodlief, A. P. Williamson, Harry Curran, Z. M. Overton, F. M. Pinnix, D. K. Taylor, D. P. Stroud, L. Elliott, W. M. Moss, S. M. Green, D. F. Lane, A. J. Lillard, A. J. Edwards.

Second week—Leroy Meadows, W. M. Bobbitt, E. C. Daniel, J. L. White, A. R. Frazier, Lewis Hart, John Elliott, Jess Oakley, M. L. West, J. H. Parrott, E. O. Gill, L. O. Goss, W. H. Britt, W. B. Adcock, Joe Satterwhite, E. M. Bowles, R. M. King, W. A. Wilkins.

## ALL UNCLAIMED JURORS FLEE TO SCHOOLS

An Old Law That Has Never Been Repealed.

"Many superintendents do not know that unclaimed fees or jurors and witnesses must be paid to the school fund," says S. B. Soper, superintendent. "These fees amount to a considerable sum during the course of a year. In one county alone the amount is over \$1,100."

"The law has been on the statute book since 1891 and has never been repealed. It is as follows:

"All money due jurors and witnesses which remain in the hands of any clerks of the Superior court on the first day of January after the publication of the third annual report of the said clerk showing the same, shall be turned over to the county treasurer for the use of the school fund of the county, and it is the duty of said clerk to indicate in his report any moneys so held by him for a period embracing the two annual reports.

## RECORD TOBACCO CROP FOR 1920 PREDICTED

Preparations Being Made for Amount Which Will Exceed Great 1918 Crop.

The Kingston Free Press makes the following prediction in reference to its 1920 crop of tobacco:

Preparations are already far advanced for the planting of the best tobacco crop the new bright leaf belt has ever known, according to tobaccoists and planters here. The latter say "the thing will not be overdone, but there is undoubtedly a nominal increase in acreage over last year." Almost by the time the last of the 1919 crop has been marketed, some weeks from now, the seed will be in the ground for the 1920 crop if weather conditions are at all favorable.

Cultivation this year will be the most painstaking ever known. The growers will take no chances with leaf of poor quality. Although prices for best tobacco exceeded all expectations the past fall, the commoner grades did not sell at a materially higher price than in 1918. The demand for the product will be heavy for years to come, the growers believe. They have discovered that the world is hungry for the weed, but that the world is inclined to be choosy about what it smokes. Prices for the crop in this belt are bound to remain high, experts think, because the territory has almost a monopoly on best cigarette tobacco.

## THE COUNTY FINANCES

Every Cent Accounted For In the Statement Published in This Issue of the Public Ledger.

To enable the people of the county to see how the tax money has been spent, and for what purpose, the Board of Commissioners made out an itemized statement, which will be found in this issue of the Public Ledger.

It is conceded on all sides that the present board is an able body of men; that they are conscientious and have the interests of the county at heart.

On examining the financial statement you may conclude that "this or that" was rather costly, but it is well to bear in mind that a dollar is only worth fifty cents. The commissioners are to be congratulated on the fine exhibit for the fiscal year ending December 1st, 1919. They accomplished much under adverse conditions.

## NOTED CAMPAIGN SPEAKER IN OXFORD NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler, leading attorney for the Anti-Saloon forces of the United States will speak at the Oxford Methodist church Monday night, January 12th, at 7:30. This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the country's best speakers.

At Washington, D. C. he framed the Constitutional Amendment and other legislation, which has withstood all opposition, and has been upheld by the supreme court of the United States.

## NOTICE

Regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank, Oxford, N. C., will be held at the bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1920 at 12 o'clock noon.

W. H. HUNT, President.

## BELIEVES PEAK OF PRICES HAS NOW BEEN REACHED

Federal Reserve Board Details Reasons for Conclusion That Fall Must Soon Come.

(Washington Special)

The year 1920 will pull down the cost of living several notches, business reports from all over the country to the federal reserve board indicate. The inference running through the board's resume of business conditions during the month of December, made public, is that the peak of high prices in many lines has been reached.

High prices are now killing themselves, the board believes. The historic law of supply and demand is again beginning to operate after being shelved during the war.

The demand for many products is lessening for three reasons, the report shows:

1—"Very high prices are already beginning to produce a curtailment of buying power, the growth of business being noticeable more in terms of dollars than in units of production."

2—"General anxiety over how long the present prices will continue is apparent, indicating business in general believes low prices are not far off."

3—"Low foreign exchange rates probably will reduce exports and make necessary a readjustment of domestic industry."

The trend to stop buying because of high prices is more noticeable in the towns than in the cities, the board reported.

The present high cost of living in all federal reserve districts referred to as an unquestionable menace.

Real estate values in general have reached their peak and in some districts have started downward. This is believed, will stimulate building to relieve the housing shortage.

## APPRECIATIVE SOLDIERS

Extends Thanks Through Mayor T. G. Stem

Capt. Alston P. Rhett, commanding First Provisional Platoon, writing from Rocky Mount, N. C., January 1, to Major Stem, Mayor of Oxford, as follows:

"I wish to take this opportunity to express to you and through you to the people of Oxford, the thanks and appreciation of the officers and men of this platoon for the handsome Christmas gift we received while in your community.

By your kindness and attention shown us our Christmas was made a great deal brighter than otherwise would have been, and we will always have a warm spot in our hearts for your city.

## MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND WAR BRIDES

Our Soldiers Were Partial to the French Girls.

Two thousand, two hundred and eighty-nine war brides of American soldiers have reached the United States, according to the Young Woman's Christian Association, and they represent 16 nations. Eight hundred and ninety-three do not speak English, but approximately half of the total number have trades or professions and are self-supporting.

The grand total includes 1,505 French brides, 426 English, 47 Irish, 49 Belgian and 46 Scotch.

## ONE OF THE BIG EVENTS

The President Will Turn the Railroad Back to Their Owners on March 1.

One of the national events of the holiday season was the proclamation of the President turning the railroads back to their owners on March 1, 1920. The delay of Congress to pass remedial legislation made it necessary for something to be done, hence the President took the matter in hand. His action seems to have met with general satisfaction with the leaders in both the parties and with the railroad officials. As a rule the general public is very highly pleased to know that railroad owners are so soon to manage their own property again.

## MORE THAN 1,000 DEAD AT COUZTLAN: RESULT OF SATURDAY'S EARTHQUAKE

Three Hundred Reported Dead at Barranca Grande—Casualties 2,000 or More.

Mexico City, Jan. 8.—Cuztlan was destroyed by Saturday's earthquake with 2,000 casualties, including more than 1,000 dead, according to official reports given out from Vera Cruz center, of disturbance.

The entire garrison at Tecoco were killed or injured. The dead numbered 30 and the injured 60.

Virtually all the roads in the surrounding district were flooded or destroyed, according to the reports. Three hundred dead are reported at Barranca Grande, near Couztlan.

## A NEW TOWN

Myers Park, on the Outskirts of Charlotte, Incorporated

Myers Park, situated in the suburbs of Charlotte, where Horner's Military School is located, was incorporated Tuesday. The mayor is H. C. Gover, and the commissioners are J. P. Little, J. M. Harry and Dr. John S. Clifford.

In seeking a charter, the following facts were set forth:

That the petition is signed by a majority of the resident qualified electors of the territory proposed to be organized into the town of Myers Park, to-wit 65. That the said petition contains the assessed valuation of all the property in said territory and the proposed name of the new town; that the said valuation of property according to the last tax assessment was in excess of \$450,000 and the proposed name of the new town is Myers Park.

## SAN FRANCISCO THE PLACE AND JUNE 28 THE TIME FOR DEMOCRATIC CON.

Washington, Jan. 9.—San Francisco is the place and Monday, June 28, at noon, is the time for the Democratic Convention.

William J. Bryant split openly with President Wilson at the Jackson dinner here last night on the question of whether the Democratic party should make the League of Nations an issue at the next election.

## NEXT FEBRUARY WILL HAVE FIVE SUNDAYS

It Has Been Forty Years Since This Occurred

In looking over Blum's Almanac for 1920 we find that February will have 5 Sundays. It has been 40 years since this has occurred. In 1880 there were five Sundays. There is only one leap year every 4th year and then the month must come in on Sunday and go out on Sunday in order to have five Sundays.

In 1900 there was no leap day and it was not counted as leap year. The year is 365 days, 5 hours and 49 minutes in length. Eleven minutes are taken every year to make the year 365 1/4 days long and every fourth year we have an extra day, or this was Julius Caesar's arrangement. Where do those eleven minutes come from? They come from the future and are paid by omitting leap year every 100 years. But if leap year was omitted regularly every hundredth year, in the course of 400 years it is found that the 11 minutes taken each year will not only have been paid back, but we would lose a whole day, so Pope Gregory XIII, who improved on Caesar's calendar, in 1582 decreed that every centennial year divisible by four should be leap year. So we borrow 11 minutes each year, paying our borrowings back by omitting three leap years in three centennial years and square matters by having a leap year in the fourth centennial year. Pope Gregory's arrangement is so exact that the borrowing and paying back balance so closely that we borrow more than we pay back to the extent of only one day in 2,800 years.

From statistical information available it would appear that the population of the cities is growing at a rate three times as fast as the population in country districts, and it is confidently expected by those who are competent to judge that the 1920 census will disclose the fact that more than 50 per cent of our population is in city centers.

Previous to the war about one billion dollars were expended every year in industrial housing in the United States. During the war building operations were, for various and obvious reasons, practically suspended, and such housing as was created furnished by government agencies. It is safe to assume that this new housing did not at any time exceed 10 per cent of normal.

It Costs More to Build

From the statistical studies made by the United States Housing Corporation the cost of residential housing is probably about 70 per cent higher in 1919 than in 1913.

## THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Major Charles M. Stedman's Hat in the Ring.

News comes from Washington that Congressman Stedman, of the fifth North Carolina district, will again enter the race for congress.

The opening of the new year is giving more interest to the race for the Democratic nomination for governor in North Carolina. The election of Hoyt to congress will probably lose a few votes for Gardner. One well posted politician in the ninth district expressed the opinion that Morrison might carry that district by a small majority, but that was not sure.

While he has not established headquarters nor does he seem to have an organized campaign underway, it is rather noticeable that in every group where the race is under discussion you will hear an expression that Page is the man the others will have to beat. There is a growing sentiment that North Carolina needs a business administration conducted by a business man. Oratorical governors are not as popular as they once were, and the people are going to expect more work of a constructive nature and less fourth of July speaking. With that sentiment.

## MUST GIVE IN 1920 TAXES THIS MOONTH

Period for Listing Lasts Until February 20.

Under the new law by the 1919 Legislature all tax listing of real estate, stocks, and private and personal property, heretofore done during the month of May, and as of May 1, must hereafter be done during January, beginning with this month.

The period for listing this year begins January 20 and lasts one month, ending February 20. During that time all the belongings of individuals and firms must be given in the same as has been done in May in former years. This time property must be listed as of January 1. The new arrangement puts the property valuation scheme upon a basis of the calendar year.

Mr. W. A. Parham, County tax assessor in the revaluation work, will name the list later in all of the nine townships of the County.

Under the new law the farmers are exempt to the amount of \$200 on agricultural implements and provisions. Under the old law it was only \$25.

## MR. PETE WOOD IS ACTIVE ON HIS FEET

Capt. Will Fleming Was a Close Second.

Mr. Walter Howell, of Fairport caught a rabbit and brought it to Oxford Wednesday and turned it loose in the street at the monument. It was stipulated that whoever caught the rabbit might have it.

It was shortly after one o'clock when Mollie Cottontail was liberated. The street was thronged with people. The rabbit surveyed the crowd with a critical eye and darted for an opening. Capt. Will Fleming and Mr. Pete Wood were the most active chasers and Pete Wood caught the rabbit on a technicality.

To prolong the excitement, Mr. Wood turned the rabbit loose. The rabbit saw a little round hole in the foundation of an old house on the north side of Williamsboro street and made a bee-line for the ancient structure. He hit the hole like a bullet and has not been seen since.

## MRS. P. B. SNEED IS DEAD AT WILLIAMSBORO HOME

Funeral Services Will Be Held at 2 O'clock This Friday Afternoon at Island Creek Church.

Mrs. P. B. Sneed, a well known lady of the Williamsboro section, died at her home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock following an illness lasting for several weeks. The funeral is announced to be held at Island Creek Baptist church this Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The family asks that friends and relatives be present.

## UNITED STATES IS SHORT ONE MILLION HOMES

The Shortage Is Felt All Over The World.

(Washington Special)  
A special from Washington says: The United States is short a million homes. To provide them upon the basis of present price levels would involve an expenditure of approximately \$3,000,000,000. These statements were made this week by Irving E. Macomber, vice president of the United States Housing Corporation, in an address which he made at Atlantic City to the third annual convention of the New Jersey Real Estate League.

## People Living in Caves

It is a condition which prevails in Europe as well as in the United States. Great Britain is spending hundreds of millions to provide homes for the working classes, and cable dispatches during the past month have conveyed the interesting information that in Rome the coliseum is being used as a tenement. That Berlin's dwelling Bureau has notified newly married persons that there are no houses or apartments available for them, and has advised them to live with their parents, and that in Galicia thousands of people have to live in caves.

## Population Growing

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The Presidential bee is buzzing about William Jennings Bryant's head, but that is all that it is doing; just buzzing.

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