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## NEWS IN SHORT FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Gaston county boasts of 84 cotton mills.  
—A Gastonia physician states that he treated 43 cases of grip or flu in one day.  
—The school at Fuquay Springs has been closed temporarily on account of an epidemic of the flu.  
—Thirty convictions out of 32 alleged offenders was the record of the Mt. Airy court in cases charged with retailing.  
—New Finley with a bunch of movie actors has been at Chimney Rock for some time, photographing the wonderful scenery.  
—The formal inauguration of Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of University of North Carolina, will take place April 28.  
—One thousand four hundred and forty farms in Caldwell county sowed 13,536 acres in grain last year and harvested 75,067 bushels last summer and fall.  
—Tobacco at \$800 and 1,000 per acre is arousing Caldwell farmers and quite a few are planning to turn part of their wheat and corn lands to the production of the weed.  
—Candidates designed for the military academy entrance examinations to be held in March include: North Carolina—Clayton C. Holmes, Council; William G. Bell, Pineville; John O. Cope, Murphy.  
—Fifty-eight applicants for license to practice law in North Carolina took the examination before the Supreme Court Monday. The fifty-eight including one woman and three negroes.  
—The Mountain Park Hotel, at Hot Springs, which was formerly used as barracks by interned German prisoners, was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin last Friday, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000.  
—Rev. George B. Hanrahan, Lenoir county welfare officer declared no moonshiner should use a public school as a screen for his nefarious operations. Mr. Hanrahan got an automobile, a cop experienced in stillboiling and a plain clothes man and set out to get the still. He got two.  
—After a unanimous report from the Judiciary committee the Senate Tuesday without dissent confirmed the nomination of E. F. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City, to be United States Attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina. He now begins on a four year term as prosecutor in the Federal courts.  
—Greensboro comes forward with the first invitation to Herbert Hoover to make a speech in the south since The New York World launched his boom for president, and leaves the date entirely to the choosing of the former food administrator. The invitation, originating with the Greensboro division of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.  
—The longest bridge in North Carolina is to be over the Roanoke river at Williamston and will connect for the first time the counties of Merim and Bertie. There is no bridge on the Roanoke below Weldon and this one will be on the high way between Raleigh and Norfolk. The approaches to it will be nearly a mile in length and the bridge itself over 1,500 feet.  
—Porkers butchered at Seven Springs and La Grange recently weighed more than 700 pounds each. The Seven Springs hog weighed more than 1,100 pounds on the hoof. When ready for market the carcass weighed 756 pounds. J. E. Striven, who the owner of the La Grange pig, which tipped the scales at 750 pounds when ready for the dealer. It weighed about 1,000 pounds before the killing.  
—Formal announcement was made Saturday that Judge J. Crawford Blythe of Raleigh, will be the state campaign manager for O. Max Gardner of Shelby, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. Judge Blythe, in making the announcement, issued a statement outlining the political career of Gardner.  
—The Queen Street Methodist Church at Kinston voted to accept as a "missionary special" the employment of Dr. George M. Morgan and wife for service in the rebuilding of the continent across the North Atlantic. Dr. Morgan and wife will thus become beneficiaries of a part of Queen Street church's centenary fund of \$5,200, which is to be raised over years for five years.

## FLU INVADES THE PUBLIC LEDGER OFFICE AND DELAYS PUBLICATION

The Dreadful Disease, What Ever It Is, Has Touched Nearly Every Family in Oxford and It Is Spreading to all Parts of the County—The Doctors Are on the Go Night and Day.  
Mr. Edwards Coble, the main stay of the Public Ledger and son of the editor, was taken last Saturday with a chill and all the aches and pains that old Col. Grippie and his allies could inflict upon him. The good doctor soon broke the hold of the disease, but the weather was so bad he would not consent to let the young man go to the office until today. The delay of the publication was absolutely unavoidable, and we ask our patrons to bear with us in the delay. We are making the best showing possible under the trying circumstances.  
Other business houses in Oxford have been touched by the dreadful disease, and Mr. R. S. Montague's grocery store has been closed for nearly a week. Nearly every home in Oxford has been touched by the flu, gripe or cold—whatever it is—and the doctors are on the go night and day and seldom get a moment's rest. The doctors hope that the disease will abate in a few days.

## HOME LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WORLD PROHIBITION FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Starts For the Head:  
1—The National Prohibition Amendment became effective January 17.  
2—Mince pies and bootleggers operate in Granville County.  
3—Law without public sentiment is insufficient.  
4—You make public sentiment.  
Facts For the Heart:  
1—Even the hounds of St. Bernard help rescue the bodies of men.  
2—Let your instinct of rescue have fair play, and see what it will lead you to do.  
3—Pity the weak brethren! Pity the next generation! Pity your own children!  
Facts For the Will:  
On March 25, 1915, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We are fighting Germany, Austria and Drink." Germany and Austria are down and out, but Drink remains unconquered in the World Will to fight it with.  
PUTTING THE SPEEDER OUT OF COMMISSION  
Comparatively Speaking Mayor Stem Is Very Lenient.  
A few days ago a gas burner was ordered to appear before Mayor Hill, of Wilson, on the charge of sneaking but failed to show up at the appointed time.  
"We'll try the case without him if he doesn't care to appear in court. I happened to be a witness to his reckless burning of gasoline, and will say he was going some. It is customary to fine first offenders for endangering limb and life \$25, but as my friend was going the limit I'll do likewise and make the fine \$50 and costs," and turning to Chief Warren the mayor said: "It's up to you."

## DANCING MODIFIED

One Step Taken From The Tango And Added To The Fox Trot.  
A special from Paris, where the fancy dances originate, says that the dancing teachers have decided that inasmuch as the church has condemned the fox trot and other steps there is nothing to do but to submit. They therefore decided to eliminate a step from the tango and rename it the "Habanera." They have added a step to the fox trot and called the dance the "Spanish Schotische." Some steps have been modified in the one step and it has been named the "American polka."

## INFLUENZA HAS MADE ITS REAPPEARANCE HERE

In Scattered Cases Reported The Doctors Do Not Fear An Epidemic.  
Influenza which took terrific toll in Granville county last year, has reappeared in Oxford and the county in a mild form.  
The cases have been mild; in fact only one death from the scourge has been reported in the State recently. The outbreak of a few days ago is attributed to the visit of a Granville citizen to a city in which influenza is epidemic. In scattered cases reported the doctors do not fear an epidemic. The disease ran its malignant course last spring and the fall before.

## MR. MATT M. NELSON DIED LAST FRIDAY IN RICHMOND HOSPITAL

Remains Reached Oxford Saturday—Funeral Held From the Oxford Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon; Interment in Elmwood Cemetery.  
Mr. Matt Nelson, owner of the old Owen Warehouse and other investments amounting to several thousand dollars, died in Richmond hospital last Friday night, where he was under medical treatment. His remains reached Oxford Saturday night and were conveyed to his residence on High street.  
The funeral was conducted from the Oxford Baptist Church, of which Mr. Nelson was a member, at two o'clock Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Dr. J. D. Hart, assisted by Rev. G. T. Tunstall.  
As the funeral party entered, the choir sang beautifully and impressively "Abide With Me," and as the party left the church the Christian's "Good Night." The other hymn sung during the funeral service was "Asleep in Jesus." The active pallbearers were: Luther Blackwell, W. T. Yancey, Frank Hancock, Jr., Ernest Howard, Pete Bullock, A. M. Pruitt, Tom Mullins, H. M. Turner. Honorary pallbearers: John Blackwell, Ed Pruitt, Will Landis, J. T. Sizemore, Dr. E. T. White, Col. H. G. Cooper, Arch McFarland, J. G. Hall and Jonah Yancey.  
Leaving the church the procession moved slowly to Elmwood Cemetery where the body of Mr. Nelson was laid to rest by the side of his wife who preceded him to the grave four or five years ago.  
During the funeral service, Rev. G. T. Tunstall paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Nelson. He said that at a recent meeting Mr. Nelson came forward after the service and gave him a warm shake of the hand. This led to an intimate acquaintance between them, and Mr. Nelson's confidence would always light up when they talked of the blessed Master and his power to save beyond the grave.

## A WORTHY ENTERPRISE FOR GRANVILLE COUNTY

The people of Granville County have an opportunity to engage in a very worthy enterprise, that of organizing and carrying on the work of the Young Men's Christian Association with the boys and young men of the county. Mr. C. P. Rigler District Representative of the County Work, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. Hugh D. Maydole, of New York, Special Field Representative of the International Y. M. C. A., have been in several counties of the State for the past few days, meeting with groups of representative men in the several towns and explaining this great work. This phase of the Y. M. C. A. work has been tried in but few counties in the South. Quite a number of counties in the North have been organized and the work has been meeting with splendid success. The movement has a fine program and one that should interest every father who has a boy. It's great object is to take care of the boys of the land, develop their latent energies and lead them into a higher and better life, to make leaders of many of them and to show them their real selves. The whole work is based on the principles of Jesus and the religion he founded.  
Already quite a number of men have taken hold of the matter and are greatly interested. It will require a budget of five thousand dollars for the first year and if only five boys are reached and lifted into a better and more useful life the money will be well spent. It may seem to cost much to save a boy, "but if that boy is yours," says Mr. Maydole, "it would be cheap at any price."

## OXFORD'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Our Growth Is Only Limited By The Ability To Get Material To Build The Necessary Houses.  
One of the great marks in Oxford's wonderful progress is the great advance in real estate. Property in the town has more than doubled in a year and the prospects are bright for its going higher.  
The citizens and surrounding community have shown their faith in the town's future by investing their money here. When the business men of a community show that they are willing to invest in real estate at greatly advanced prices over a year ago, it argues well for the town's future.  
The Public Ledges is glad to see the great progress that has characterized Oxford during the year 1919 and expect to see greater progress during the new twelve months. Our growth is only limited by the ability to get material to build the necessary houses, both business and dwelling houses during this year.  
—Justice J. J. Medford, who has been suffering with rheumatic pains for some time, has gone to Richmond for medical treatment. He hopes to return in a week or ten days.

## DEFIES MOONSHINERS IN THEIR OWN HAUNTS

Prohibition Leader Speaks to Audience Which Knows All About Stills.  
The above is a copy of the headlines that appeared in the New York World last week, and the article that followed is somewhat misleading in its nature. It was probably written by some one sent out by the liquor interests to trail the distinguished counsel of the National Anti-Saloon League on his recent speaking tour, who spoke in Oxford recently. The article follows:  
"Reidsville, N. C., Jan. 18.—Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Prohibition forces, this afternoon addressed a large meeting held under the auspices of the Law and Order League and defied the moonshiners to work in the face of the new Prohibition statute. He said that if the local authorities of any community were unable to cope with the illicit still evil, appeal to the Government would mean the placing of 100 agents, if necessary, to stamp it out.  
"He made a deep impression, for there were many moonshiners in the audience.  
"The woods around Reidsville are full of illicit stills, some of them operating openly because of the laxity of Federal supervision.  
"The modern moonshiner no longer wears a slouch hat or carries a long single-barreled revolver gun in the hollow of his arm. His profits enable him to own a car and he wears a soft collar, a tie, and his suit is not ordinary. With liquor selling at \$15 a quart he is getting rich and the risk of detection today is not so great as it was. Those caught are only temporarily embarrassed. They have money for counsel, money for their bail bond, and, even if sentenced to prison, have always the satisfaction of the bank account reaping 6 per cent interest."

## UNCLE SAM WILL START DRIVE ON RENT PROHIBITION

Through the collection of taxes on 1919 incomes, the first steps in which was taken last week, the government is waging war on profiteering landlords with "sweet revenge" in prospect for "the tenant who has had to live deep in his pockets to pay a high rental in 1919," says a Washington dispatch.  
First intimation of this new aspect came in an announcement by Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of the bureau of internal revenue, that forms for making income tax returns which will be in the hands of all internal revenue collectors and ready for distribution Monday will contain a section providing that tenants shall include in their statements the amounts of rents paid and to whom it was paid. This information will be turned over to the department of justice to be used in its high cost of living campaign.  
While the work of collecting the internal taxes will be just as heavy this year as it was in 1919, the government will receive less revenue. Instead of collecting 6 per cent on incomes between \$2,000 and \$4,000 from married persons as was done last year, only 4 per cent will be exacted this time. Single persons will get an exemption of \$1,000, as was provided under the previous revenue law. On incomes above \$4,000 the normal tax will be 8 per cent instead of 12 per cent of last year. But the surtax begins operation at \$4,000 and continues upward until the government will assess 60 per cent of annual incomes above one million. Internal revenue officers will send income tax forms to all persons who paid taxes last year. Others who are taxable must apply to the collectors for them. Mr. Roper warned that there would be unwavering enforcement of the revenue laws.  
Returns and at least one-fourth of the amount due must be in the hands of internal revenue collectors by the 15th of March.

## FRENCH PEOPLE DECLARES WILSON WAS POISONED

The newspaper L'Eclair of Nice has advanced an entirely new "cause" of President Wilson's illness.  
"The president's malady according to the newspaper was caused by a mysterious poison administered by a Balkan blackhand last June.  
Similar attempts made against Premier Nitti of Italy and M. Trumbitch, head of the Jugoslav peace delegation failed the newspaper said."

## THE TOBACCO MARKET

Very Little of the Weed Coming In.  
From the scanty loads of tobacco that have reached the Oxford market during the past ten days, we infer that the season's crop has practically been sold. Occasionally a very fair load reaches the market these days, but such is the exception and not the rule.  
The season in Oxford will end it is announced, on Wednesday, February 11.  
—House Burns Down  
The residence of Dr. Anderson, on Granville Street, caught fire Thursday afternoon and the roof was practically consumed before the firemen could get the blaze under control.

## OXFORD SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR FEW DAYS

Bad Weather and the Epidemic Is the Cause.  
Prof. G. B. Phillips, Superintendent of the Oxford schools, said that on account of the large number of pupils who are sick and because those who are still well do not feel safe in coming to school during such bad weather with an epidemic spreading the schools were closed Monday morning to be reopened just as soon as conditions will permit. No more time will be lost than is absolutely necessary to preserve the health of the pupils and teachers.  
Fully three fourths of all pupils were absent when the rolls were called Monday. It would have been foolish to operate the plants for this number.  
Notice will be given out and all parents and children are requested to be on the lookout for such notice regarding reopening.

## WORLD PROHIBITION MOVEMENT DRIVE UNDER WAY

Mr. S. H. Pritchard Takes Charge of The Work.  
Oxford asked to raise quota of \$5, 100.00 for Anti-Saloon League to be used for Law Enforcement, Pan American Prohibition and the extension of this work to the Western Hemisphere. Mr. S. H. Pritchard takes entire charge of the work here as Director, with Mr. W. T. Yancey of the National Bank of Granville, assisting him as treasurer.  
Local speakers will be used at the Orpheum Theatre during the coming week and canvassing will be done throughout the town on Sunday and Monday, February 8th and 9th.

## THE RETURN OF THE FLU

Past Experience Is a Most Valuable Teacher.  
While the people may be prepared for a season of influenza and pneumonia it is an encouraging fact that these diseases have made return in much milder form than characterized the first epidemic which swept the county.  
It is another encouraging circumstance, also, that the medical profession, the hospitals and the nursing corps are prepared by past experience to handle the situation much more effectively than was possible under former conditions.  
The county, furthermore, will feel a greater measure of safety because of the organized readiness of the Red Cross chapters in all parts of the county are organized and prepared to combat the disease wherever developed. The Red Cross not only has an efficient body of workers at its command, but is measurably well provided with money.  
It is scarcely possible that the influenza could find so helpless a field to operate in as it found in 1918.

## NEWS NOTES FROM STEM

—Mr. Robt. L. Longmire, Oxford Route 6, has purchased a piano.  
—Mr. T. C. Goss, of Route 2, lost a fine milk cow Monday night.  
—Mr. C. H. Parrish, of Route 1, purchased a Ford touring car last week.  
—Mr. T. J. Smith, of Oxford Route 6, is visiting relatives at Fuquay Springs.  
—Mr. Elijah Daniel, Route 2, visited his wife who is in the hospital in Durham, and reports that she hopes to return home in a few days.  
—We are sorry to note that Mr. M. Thomasson, Route 3, is quite ill, and is in Watt's hospital, Durham for treatment.  
—Mr. D. S. Reid a substantial business man of Winston-Salem, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Gooch.  
—Misses Rose, Edna, Eva Jones, Amie Curran and brother John, of Oxford Route 3, spent the week end with Misses Jessie and Thelma Overby, of Oxford Route 3.

## TEXAS CONGRESSMAN DENOUNCES HIM FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO ANTI-SEDITION LAWS

(Washington Special)  
Urging enactment of anti-sedition legislation before the House Rules Committee, Representative Blanton, Democrat of Texas, vigorously attacked President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor for his opposition to such legislation, and charged that such Federation was honeycombed with anarchy.  
Asserting that Mr. Gompers had not been patriotic during the war, Mr. Blanton charged that when Provost Marshal General Crowder issued his "work or fight order," the labor leader openly opposed it, declaring he "would call a revolution."  
Blanton added that 6,000 strikes occurred in this country during the war, and that at times President Wilson had to compel men to work.  
—David Franklin Houston, of St. Louis, Mo. who has been secretary of agriculture since the beginning of the Wilson administration, was given the treasury portfolio, and Edwin L. Meredith, a newspaper man, of Des Moines, Ia., was named to succeed him as head of the department of agriculture.

## OXFORD BOYS ON THE UNIVERSITY HONOR ROLL

Chapel Hill, Jan. 25.—One student totally blind, one Porto Rican, two pairs of brothers, five co-eds and one married couple, husband and wife are among the 75 undergraduate students of the University of North Carolina who during the past fall made grades of 90 percent and above on all their studies. The figures have just been announced by Dr. Thomas J. Wilson, Jr., registrar of the university.  
Among the 75, eight students stand out as having made the highest possible grade on every course they took. A student who makes above 95 percent on a course is graded "one" and between 90 and 95 percent on a course is grade "two."  
Particularly noteworthy Dr. Wilson pointed out was the record of B. B. Worsham of Reith Bend, Va. Worsham is totally blind. He cannot see the light of day. He is one of the three blind students who entered the university last fall from the North Carolina school for blind at Raleigh. He takes the same work that other freshmen do and he receives no favor of any sort. Yet his grade for the fall quarter place him on the honor roll of students with the average grade of 1.7.  
Chapel Hill leads all towns in the state in number of students on the honor roll with 6 and another from Carboro, just adjoining, Chapel Hill Wilmington, Oxford, Salisbury, Gastonia and Raleigh have three each. The Oxford boys are: John G. Mitchell, M. Rountree and A. W. Upchurch.

## BUDGET COMMISSION HELD ITS FIRST MEETING

Commission Was Provided For At Last Session of State Legislature First Will Get Estimates and Then Will Map Out Expense Account.  
Raleigh, Jan. 26.—The budget commission, consisting of the governor, the chairmen of the house and senate committees on finance and appropriations, provided for in the last session of the legislature, will hold its first session in Raleigh on January 28. The commission at this time will meet with the tax commission and the district supervisors for revaluation work. The budget commission will go over the partial report of the tax assessors, for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the details preparatory to making up their budget for the next legislature.  
This budget will be submitted to the legislature, and will become the budget of the state upon its adoption by the legislature.  
The budget commission meeting with the tax commission much in advance of the special session of the legislature, but that is considered necessary this year because the revaluation act changes the old system of taxes, and this imposes more detailed study and work on the budget commissioners than will be required in the future.

## HOUSE ADOPTS LARGE POST-OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Jan. 25.—The largest postoffice appropriation bill ever presented, carrying \$560,977,866 for maintenance of the department during 1921 has passed house. The original estimate was \$291,713,673 but the house added \$76,783,911 for increase in salaries provided for in previous legislation.  
Provisions for continuing the existing aeroplane mail service after July 1, and for its extension were eliminated from the bill.  
Appropriations for experiments in operation of motor vehicle truck routes and country motor express routes also were eliminated, members urging that existing methods of mail delivery were adequate.  
Extraordinary increases in prices of supplies and the rapid increase in the volume of business necessitated such large general appropriation.

## GOMPERS GETS WHAT'S COMING TO HIM

—Charles S. Hallanan, state prohibition commissioner, says that the prohibition laws will be relaxed in regard to the liquor regulations for the benefit of the influenza sufferers.