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## DR. J. A. MORRIS, OUR HEALTH OFFICER, POINTS TO THE SCRIPTURES

See the Jewish Law As Laid Down in Leviticus

At a time not very remote from the present it was not known how any disease was transferred from person to person; but from very remote times it has been known that it occurred. The leper we know in early Jewish history must cry "Unclean" to warn approaching persons that the leper could infect the one approaching.

In Leviticus 13:45-46 the Jewish law declared that a person afflicted with leprosy should wear a covering upon his upper lip and shall cry "Unclean, unclean; and shall live alone outside the camp of that people. To this people this was a God-directed quarantine. Its wisdom has never been questioned. It is separation of the infected from the uninfected. Whoever wishes to know the quarantine law of the book of our religion will find it in the book of Leviticus.

This book makes the appointed meeting place of God and man a holy place into which place sick people should not come. From this place was excluded even those who had touched the dead or defiled by disease or other form of the expression of sin.

Today we need the same protection, that while in the house of God we should not go up to the place to be defiled, or to defile another according to our cleanness or uncleanness in this matter of sin.

A person will not knowingly kill another, or even make the other suffer. But it is common knowledge that one will, because he is ignorant of how he does the evil thing, make another suffer and even kill the other. Suffering and death thus at the hands of another is no less real because it comes by the way of ignorance. To perpetrate the consequences of such ignorance is one of the extremes of wickedness—it is criminal when warning has been given and has been unheeded.

Persons carry diseases, and, in congregations of any sort, regardless of the purpose of coming together, give their diseases to others who were before the congregating free from them. This is a known fact; and upon this fact is based the very moral regulation that people should not congregate. The law by which diseases are communicated was not man made. But the operation of that law is within the hands of man to control. He has been given dominion. It is up to him to take dominion. Not to do so is immoral, because failure to do it works suffering and death. Let it not be forgotten that men die of diseases that are perpetrated. It is high time for this thing to be stigmatized by the social body, and penalized by the state. Carelessness and ignorance are the only cloaks which cover up this deed from the eyes of everybody, by which the graves of fatten. Who wishes to continue to wear either of the cloaks, thinking to break laws made with the foundation of the world, and expect God to intervene while the perpetration continues?

The public is to be congratulated upon its awakening to the needs of the day as to influenza. To refrain from congregating is better than ministering to those made sick by congregating.

Whenever this awakening is vigorously applied to all infectious diseases there will be very much less suffering, and death longer deferred than by the most vigorous fight against it after it has been scattered. It will effect the very finest ministry to the man.

J. A. MORRIS,  
County Health Officer.

**THERE IS TOO MUCH IDLENESS AND GAMBLING**

There seems to be a widespread increase in juvenile delinquency all over the United States. There are a number of causes for this; among these, the breaking down of home life and home influences, increase of idleness and widespread desire for extravagance and fast living the population generally.

In many localities there have been little epidemics of thieving from stores, from tobacco warehouse and other places, often done by small groups of boys. Goods thus secured are often sold to adults and in many instances are prompted to steal by adults in order that the money may be used by the boys to gratify their extravagance and taste for luxury. Again, it has been found that gambling is prevalent among the adult population all over the country and in many instances small boys have been permitted to participate in these games of chance.

When cases of gambling and thievery are found a diligent search will be made to find and punish those who are guilty of contributing to the delinquency of children. These men are legion and should be found and stopped. The police and grand jury will be called upon to aid in all such cases.

**J. E. JACKSON, Supt. Public Welfare.**

**NOTICE TO JURORS**

All jurors summoned for the second week of February term of Granville County Superior Court need not attend.

D. C. HUNT,  
Clerk of the Court.

The educational system of America is threatened by a shortage of teachers due to inadequate compensation offered those who enter the teaching field, the dean of Columbia University announces. He said there are more than 130,000 vacancies in the schoolrooms of the country and that 3000,000 teachers in America are paid less than \$450 a year.

## TWELVE FOOT MACADAM ROAD TO KINTON FORK

Such a Road Would Cost Only \$1,500 Per Mile.

Quite a number of the leading citizens of Northern Granville and those who live on the Oxford-Kinton Fork road and around Hester Church and the east prong of the road at Kinton Fork are discussing the advantage to be derived from a twelve-foot macadam road between Oxford and Kinton Fork, a distance of four miles.

It is said that some of the county commissioners look with favor upon the project. The road would have a four inch base of crushed stone, covered with cement and finished off with warrinite, the everlasting stuff that the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company used on the streets of Oxford. Such a road would cost about \$1,500 per mile.

It is claimed that there is no soil on the stretch of road between Oxford and Kinton Fork, and such being the case, warrinite would be much cheaper than the long-haul of soil, to say nothing of the smoothness and durability of the road.

The business men of Oxford hold with delight the prospect of the road being built during the present summer. It is said that one-fifth of the trade that reaches Oxford comes in over the four mile stretch of road between Oxford and Kinton Fork, and in the winter it is the most deplorable road in the county.

**THE FLU IS SPREADING AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE**

Four Burials At Corinth Colored Church Wednesday Afternoon.

Reports reach the Public Ledger office to the effect that the flu is spreading at a fearful rate among the colored people of the County. There is very little influenza in Oxford among the colored people. The epidemic that raged here last week, if such it could be called, was confined almost exclusively to the white people. The flu has reached the top in Oxford and the doctors are hopeful that there will be very little sickness here among the colored people. Yet the disease is of such a nature, say the doctors, that a hundred cases might break out here among the colored people during the next forty-eight hours.

The most distressing feature of the flu that is spreading among the colored people in the country is that it is accompanied with so much pneumonia. Some of the rural mail carriers from the Oxford postoffice say that there is right much sickness among the colored people along their routes and that from one to three funeral processions are noted every day. There were four burials at Corinth Colored Church in Oak Hill township Wednesday afternoon, all victims of flu-pneumonia.

One of the indications that there is much sickness among the colored people of the county is the fact that every hour in the day large numbers of colored people call at the doctors' office here and the quantity of medicine they are buying.

**HON. W. A. DEVIN IS A POPULAR PUBLIC SERVANT**

The Ablest Charge Heard In Many Years.

A special to the News and Observer from Windsor, Bertie County, where Judge Devin is holding court this week, says:

Superior Court convened here Monday with Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, presiding. His charge to the grand jury was the ablest heard in this county for many years. The importance and value of intelligent jury service were impressively urged and gave those attending court a higher perception of their duty in this office. Judge Devin is agreeable on and off the bench and has made an excellent impression on our people.

**YOU CAN SAVE A NICE PENNY BY ACTING NOW**

Those who did not settle their taxes at the normal rate before January 1, were required by law to pay one per cent additional. One per cent is added each month until the tax is settled in full. Two per cent was added for February, and those who do not settle this month must pay an additional three per cent on and after March 1.

Taxes must be paid, and here is an opportunity for the tax payers to save a nice penny. The new law charges the tax to the sheriff, who must see that it is paid, or he must pay it himself.

**MAYOR STEM RECOVERING**

Was Not Well Enough To Attend Commissioners Meeting Tuesday Night.

Owing to the sickness of Mayor T. G. Stem, there has been no session of Municipal Court this week. There are several cases noted on the police blotter that will engage his attention as soon as he regains his strength.

Mayor Stem had a touch of the flu, which sapped some of his vitality. He was not strong enough to attend the meeting of the Board of Commissioners last Tuesday night, but he is now on the road to recovery and will be out in a day or two.

Nash county commissioners have purchased a shipment of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs for the county farm near Nashville.

## OFFICERS ROUTE MOONSHINERS OVER IN FISHING CREEK.

They Had Laid the Foundation For a Big Business.

Sheriff Hunt got an inkling Monday that the moonshiners in Fishing Creek, beyond Fairport, were planning to manufacture corn liquor on a large scale to supply the moral stunted in Oxford, Henderson, Creedmoor, Durham and other thirsty towns in this section of the State.

Sheriff Hunt called Deputy Conrad Walters, Deputy Lyon and Davis about him on Monday afternoon, and after placing a chart of the moonshine area in their hands, dispatched them with the injunction to "do or die."

They found the rendezvous of the moonshiners on a clear trickling stream about one hundred yards from where it empties into the placid waters of Tabb's Creek. Deputy Walters said that it is the most romantic spot in all Granville and well fortified by nature. The rendezvous had as a back ground a large boulder, known for more than a century as "lover's leap." This secluded spot could only be reached from the west by a winding path which was guarded by night and day from a clump of trees and stone 100 yards to the right and which resembled a German machine gun nest. In front of the rendezvous flows Tabb Creek through an open country dotted with farm houses and grazing cattle.

The moonshiners had selected this secluded spot with a view of doing a big business. When the officers arrived on the scene everything was as quiet as death, save the sound of a maul in the hands of a farmer in the woodland who was splitting rails and knew nothing of the great preparations of the moonshiners to quench the thirst of the moral stunted.

The officers found 600 gallons of beer in tankards, which they sent down stream, but there was no still present. The indications pointed strongly to the fact that a large quantity of liquor had been manufactured on the spot since Christmas.

In rambling around the lowland looking for the still, the officers came across a flaxen cord, as large as a knitting needle, which lay close to the ground and was attached to a torpedo. This was placed there by the moonshiners with a view that the officers in approaching their den would stumble on the cord and discharge the torpedo in ample time to make their escape.

**PRICELESS STOCK OF LIQUOR**

Gongs That Can Be Heard a Mile Have Been Installed to Protect It.

An elaborate burglar alarm system has been installed in a lonely farmhouse in South Darmouth, Mass. to protect a priceless stock of liquor owned by Colonel Henry H. R. Green, son of the late Hettie Green. The liquid treasure, which in the days of freedom was worth \$40,000, according to antiquarians, is now beyond price, and no effort has been neglected in arranging for its protection. Gongs that can be heard for a mile have been installed in such a way that will arouse the countryside upon the opening of a door or window. In addition a caretaker and his family live in the house, which is a veritable arsenal.

**DURHAM VOTES \$655,000 IN BONDS FOR SCHOOLS IN SPITE OF INFLUENZA**

(Durham Special)

Durham voters Tuesday voted \$655,000 school bonds in a special election called by the city alderman. Despite the influenza epidemic, which kept many advocates of the bonds away from the polls, 819 votes out of a possible 1,322 were cast for the bonds. Only 41 votes were cast against the bonds, although citizens registered who did not vote, counted against the issue. Several new school buildings will be erected.

**LAST TOBACCO SOLD OF PRESENT SEASON**

Final sales for the 1919-1920 season in tobacco market were held Wednesday. The break was about in keeping with the recent sales, and ends the trading in the crop of 1919. Figures showing the market's record for the year are expected to be available the latter part of the present week.

All of the Oxford Warehouses will be open until March 1st to take care of tobacco that may be offered for sale.

**CAPT. REID ON THE JOB**

Arrests Thirty-six Negroes All At One Clip.

While patrolling the streets in the business section of Oxford early last Sunday morning, Capt. Reid, of the police force, came upon 36 negroes engaged in a skin game. This was the largest single arrest ever made in Oxford.

All of the men told Capt. Reid that they would be at the trial and submit, but Mayor Stem has been confined to his room all the week and the date of the trial has not been set.

## THE USE OF WHISKEY IN INFLUENZA TREATMENT

Paragraph In the Public Ledger Brings On a Storm.

The following paragraph which appeared in the Public Ledger Friday, February 6, has been severely criticised by more than a dozen people of the County who claim that it was damaging to the cause of temperance. The paragraph which they took exception to is as follows:

"Practically all of the doctors here admit that they could use a limited supply of whiskey to good advantage during the present epidemic."

The Public Ledger is not advocating the use of liquor in any shape or form, but when the members of the medical profession admit that they could use the drug to good advantage in the present emergency it is time for the average man to hold his tongue.

While the question of whiskey as a medicine was being discussed throughout the county many reputable physicians claimed that whiskey could be used to good advantage in many cases, and in the new prohibition law there is a clause that permits the use of whiskey under proper restrictions. This clause was inserted at the request of the American Medical Association, composed of the most reputable physicians in the country.

There are quite a number of eminent medical men throughout the country who claim that whiskey has no place in the practice of medicine, and they regard any compromise as absolutely dangerous to constitutional prohibition.

Without equivocation or evasion the Public Ledger stands for the enforcement of the prohibition law. It is not the part of wisdom to discuss Old John Barleycorn too much just at present, but rather to see that the law is enforced.

**SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS IN GRANVILLE**

Dr. L. B. McBrayer Compliments Mrs. Graham Roberts For Faithful Work.

Mrs. Graham Roberts, Chairman of the Red Cross Seals Committee of Granville County made a very creditable showing during the Christmas campaign.

Forty thousand seals were allotted to her for sale, of which 29,244 were sold. The amount kept for local use was \$219.31, and Mrs. Roberts sent the executive secretary of the Red Cross Seal Commission \$73.11.

In acknowledging check, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, executive secretary, Sanatorium, thanks Mrs. Roberts as follows:

"Report of sale of Red Cross Seals with check for \$73.11 being 25 per cent of the entire amount derived from sale of seals in your town, is acknowledged. We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the time and energy given to make a success of the campaign. The reports coming in indicate the largest sale ever recorded in North Carolina and this has been accomplished by the intelligent cooperation of the chairman. We trust you will find time to act as chairman next year."

**THE NEW CLOTHING STORE**

Mr. Waverley Harris is Now On the Northern Markets.

Mr. Waverley Harris, buyer for the Mitchell-Harris Company, which will do business in Oxford, is now on the northern markets.

Work on the store building, such as painting, erecting shelves and installing show cases and counters, will begin next Monday morning and pushed to completion. The store is located on the east side of College street and was formerly occupied by Sizemore Bros. They hope to be ready for business March 10.

**SAD DEATH OF MRS. MOLLIE GRISSOM AND SON**

Mrs. Mollie Grissom, 35 years of age, who lived on Oxford Route 3, died at Tuesday of flu-pneumonia. The whole family was taken down and for several days they were unable to help each other, and on Wednesday evening last, her son, a bright boy of eleven years, was called to his reward. Mr. Grissom and the other two children are very sick.

After finding out that the family was sick, neighbors hastened to render assistance, and it is thought that Mr. Grissom and the children will survive.

**ONLY ONE GERMAN WOMAN LIST ON ALLIED WAR GUILT LIST**

(Paris Special)

Miss Elsie Scheiner, the only woman whose name appeared on the list of Germans demanded by the Allies, is a daughter of a prominent professor of Berlin University, and had charge of the women's concentration camp at Valenciennes during the war.

**MR. KNOWLES' CONDITION**

A Change For the Better Expected Today.

A telephone message this morning from the Knowles residence in the suburbs states that the condition of Mr. Knowles is about the same as it was yesterday. He has been a very sick man for the past week. A change for the better is expected today.

## AN APPEAL THAT MUST BE ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY

Some Money is Needed To Prolong Life.

The Oxford Influenza Emergency Committee, formed for the purpose of rendering aid to families stricken with influenza, is largely handicapped for the want of funds. The pocketbooks of a few have been opened to the committee, but ninety per cent of the people of the community have not contributed a cent.

The appeal is most urgent. Make all checks payable to W. T. Yancey, Chairman and send in at once.

The following amounts have been received on account the Emergency Influenza fund:

W. T. Yancey	\$25.00
F. W. Hancock	25.00
A. H. Powell	25.00
F. P. Hobgood	5.00
M. P. Chamblee	5.00
Miss Ruby Vinson	5.00
S. H. Pritchard	2.00
Mrs. D. E. Compton	2.50

The committee will greatly appreciate it if the people of the community will kindly sent in all amounts promptly as the chairman of finance, Mr. W. T. Yancey, wants to be in a position to pay all bills promptly. It is hoped that our people will cheerfully and generously accept this opportunity to have a hand in meeting a community obligation. A large amount of money has been spent in relieving suffering and distress.

**THE INFLUENZA SITUATION IN STEM COUNTY WORSE THAN LAST YEAR**

The Voters Are Pretty Evenly Divided On the Question of the \$25,000 School Bond Election.

Stem, N. C., Feb. 12. The influenza situation in this community is worse than at any time last year. There are more cases and the disease is in a very malignant form. New cases are every day reported, several entire families being confined to their home and everybody seems to be in a state of suspense. Dr. Hardee, with influenza patients in every direction, is the busiest man in this section of the county. He has the work of two men upon him and is obliged to turn down some calls as his physical powers are overtaxed.

School Tax Election

A special tax election is ordered to be held here March 10th, a bond issue of \$25,000.00 being voted upon in order that a better school building be built and better school facilities provided. The people are pretty evenly divided for and against, and the subject is beginning to be greatly agitated. We hope that no bitterness will be injected into the campaign and that all will fall free to express themselves one way or the other.

**Among the Sick.**

We are glad to note that Mr. F. M. Thomason of route three, returned last week from Wats hospital where he underwent a very painful operation, and is now getting along nicely.

We regret to note the critical illness of Mrs. A. J. Montague, of Hester, and hope she will soon be improving.

Reuben Bullock, colored of route two, was stricken suddenly with paralysis Tuesday afternoon and is not expected to recover.

**Good Colored Man Dead**

J. H. Moore, an honorable colored man of Route 2, died at the home of his brother in New Jersey last week and his remains were brought back and buried at the old Moore burying ground on Route 2 Saturday.

**Flu Closes Schools**

Stem High School and Tally Ho Graded School were closed last Friday on account of the influenza epidemic and it is quite uncertain as to when they will reopen.

**Personal Mention**

Rev. J. L. McNeer and wife, of near Wilmington, are on a visit to Mrs. McNeer's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Nance of Route one.

Mr. J. B. Mayes and son, Captain John B. Mayes Jr., of Oxford, were visitors in our town Wednesday.

**CROWN PRINCE IS READY FOR TRIAL**

If Allied Governments Will Take Him in Place of 900 Who Are Wanted.

(Washington Special)

President Wilson had before him a personal cablegram from Federick Wilhelm, former crown prince of Germany, suggesting "if the allied and associated governments want a victim let them take me instead of the 900 Germans who have committed no other offense than that of serving their country in the war."

What action the President might take on the message, which presumably was identical with that reported in Amsterdam dispatches as sent to the rulers and presidents of other powers opposed to Germany in the war, was not disclosed. There was a suggestion at the White House that he might reply. In some quarters, however, the opinion prevailed that he would not even acknowledge its receipt since, it was pointed out, the United States is not a party to the treaty or a member of the league of nations and has no legal voice in any proceedings as to extradition of German officials or officers for trial.

## CAUSE OF RELIGION IS GAINING THROUGHOUT WORLD

The Gain In Membership During the Last Four Years Is Three Million. The Year Book of the Churches for 1919, indicates that the cause of religion is marching on at an encouraging rate, the gain in membership since 1916 having been 2,861,182, with an addition of 3,519 ministers and 6,347 churches. Figures show that there are now 233,834 churches in the Nation. These are served by 195,313 ministers, priests and rabbis, with 44,788,036 member of these various organizations. The total Roman Catholic baptized membership is reported as 17,549,324. The report of Jews who hold membership in various synagogues is only 260,000, in spite of the large population of persons of Jewish ancestry. This is accounted for by the fact that membership in Jewish congregations is, in most cases, restricted to heads of families and these only are reported in the table. The two Mormon bodies report a membership of 494,388. The Greek Orthodox Church reports 119,871, while the Russian Orthodox Church has a membership of 99,681. Another Oriental body, the Syrian Orthodox Church has 50,000 members in this country. The total Protestant Church membership reported is 25,980,456.

The membership of the largest Protestant bodies is as follows: Methodist Episcopal, North, 4,175,502; Southern Baptist Convention, 2,887,974; Presbyterian in the U. S. A., 1,603,033; Northern Baptist Convention, 1,502,341; Disciples of Christ, 1,193,423; Protestant Episcopal, 1,065,825; Congregational Churches, 808,122; the newly formed United Lutheran Church in America, 782,807, (the membership of the 20 Lutheran bodies in the United States totals 2,451,997); the four leading colored denominations, National Baptist Convention, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and Colored Methodist Episcopal total 4,191,257.

**MAMMOTH CONCERN WILL OPERATE CHAIN STORES**

The Largest Transaction Ever Recorded In the Mercantile World. (Richmond Special)

Formation of a mercantile corporation with \$750,000,000 capital, is announced here with the return of officers of the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods association.

The new combination is said to have quietly purchased 1,600 stores within the past few weeks. The announcement shows that the entire property of J. L. and P. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, N. C., with stores located in various parts of that state, figure in the transaction. The firm owns stores in Greensboro, High Point, Durham, and Lexington, N. C., and Roanoke, Va. Complete holdings of the Montgomery Ward, United Candy company, Marler, Dalton and Gilmer company are also included.

George J. Whalen, of the United Cigar Stores, the United Retail Stores corporation, of New York, and James B. Duke, of the American Tobacco company, of New York, are said to be the backers of the new corporation.

Announcement is that an application has been filed in Delaware for a charter.

Besides the various stores obtained, it is said, the corporation has gained control of several well known textile mills. Discussing the new coalition Norman H. Johnson, secretary of the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods association, declares this is the largest business transaction ever recorded in the mercantile world.

**YOU MUST GET BUSY**

Somebody May Go Hungry Unless We Work.

Farmers who remain on their farms, in consequence of the fact that cotton and tobacco bring greater returns than food crop are giving less time and attention to the production of wheat, corn, potatoes, vegetables, and other produce for the table.

There is every reason to believe that even less of these things will be produced in 1920. Locally, then, as well as generally, somebody may go hungry unless we get busy and work.

The most practical solution the Public Ledger has to offer, is for every household in town, which has any space at all, to begin now making preparations for planting gardens. Back yards and front yards may be fertilized and made to produce an abundance of potatoes, tomatoes, beans, peas, and other produce which will add greatly to production and cut a big slice out of the grocery bill.

We must all get into our heads that we must work more, produce more, and save more, and there is no occupation which will give fathers, mothers, and their children more fruitful exercise than gardening. Grow gardens and talk about them, but let us not become so interested in the conversation that we forget to work.

The erecting of a memorial in the vicinity of Belleau Wood to the United States Marines who were killed in France is advocated by Major George Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps.