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BEAUTIFYING AND COM-MERCIALIZING THE EAST-SIDE OF COLLEGE STREET

Handsome Bank Building, Drug Store and Clothing Store Are Some of the Improvements.

There was more building and improvements on one square of College street than any other street in Oxford during the past eighteen months. The handsome Watkins' block and the express office on the west side of the street had a tendency to create a little jealousy and served to spur the business men on the east side to greater things. It has been said that the improvements on this particular square will draw business from the other part of the business district. The statement, however, is without foundation; correctly speaking, the new and handsome business houses on College street will draw to Oxford more new business to be distributed throughout the entire business district.

The Union Bank.

The Union Bank recently acquired the building now occupied by Mr. F. F. Lyon, the drugist. The architect has submitted plans for remodeling the building, including a plate glass front, vault and a series of rooms to facilitate the handling of increased business. The actual work will begin as soon as Mr. Lyon moves out.

The Handsome Drug Store.

The store room on the east side of the street occupied by Upchurch and Curran for a number of years is being fitted up for F. F. Lyon's drug store, and when completed will be one of the handsomest and best equipped drug stores in the State. The furnishing throughout will be modern in every particular. There will be four booths fitted up to serve fountain drinks, each booth to accommodate four people; to insure perfect sanitation, the soda fountain will rest on a heavy concrete foundation, and there will be a business office and room for the doctors in the rear end. Mr. Lyon expects to move into the new quarters about the first of April.

Harris-Mitchell Co.

Another vast improvement on the east side of College street is the remodeled building to accommodate the Harris-Mitchell Clothing Company. The large show windows add much to the appearance of the building. The store room has the appearance of being small, but with the modern furnishings being installed and the large room overhead, with an easy pair of steps, gives them ample room to handle an immense stock of goods. This firm hopes to be ready for business in two or three weeks.

SIGNS OF RACE SUICIDE IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Average Rate of Births in the State per 1,000 Population Is Computed at 29.

Figures given out by Dr. F. M. Bigger State Epidemiologist who is also in charge of vital statistics, says that the average rate of births in the State per 1,000 population is computed at 29 or five more than the average for the entire county in the registration area.

City county acquires the honor of having more children born per 1,000 population than any other county in the State, its average being 41.4, and the county of Currituck, down at the other end of the commonwealth, gives the worst evidence of race suicide with an average of only 11 births per 1,000.

The report by counties shows that Granville is below the average, with only 21.2 per 1,000.

Dr. Register says that inspectors are at work in various parts of the State checking the records to determine whether there has been carelessness on the part of the doctors. The first physician convicted was Dr. Henderson Irvin, of Eureka, Wayne county, on two counts. He was fined \$15 and costs.

THE NEED OF CONSERVATION

The Forests of Granville Are Being Depleted.

One of the great needs of the day is the conservation of wood in this section. It is appalling to witness the good wood wasted as a result of the saw mills in certain sections. Tall trees are cut down and after the merchantable timber is taken and sawed into lumber the tops of the trees in many cases are allowed to lie on the ground and rot.

In some instances efforts are made to get labor to cut up these laps into cord wood but without success.

The time is coming when some folks in Granville county will need some of the fire wood which is allowed to go to waste.

BRIGHT LIGHT IN OAK HILL

The Royster School District Stands For Better Schools.

The Royster School District, Oak Hill No. 4, voted for local school tax last Wednesday. This completes the township with the exception of two districts, one of which has an election pending now and the other will call an election the first Monday in April. Oak Hill township was one of the last to start in voting local tax for schools, but it looks now as if it will be the first to be completely covered.

THE OUTDOOR LIVING ROOM

Written For the Public Ledger By Edward Irving Farrington, Editor.

The ideal out-of-door living room is located close to the house. Oftentimes one may step directly into it from a low porch or through a rose entwined arbor. It will contain flowers, as a matter of course, with perhaps a goldfish or water lily pool or a tinkling fountain, for the use of water adds much to the charm of any garden and does not necessarily involve great expense. Perhaps there may be a sundial in this outdoor living room, but it should not have a place there unless so located that the sun will actually play upon it. A sundial in the shade is an anomaly. Many garden makers prefer to substitute a bird bath, preferably one which stands on a pedestal, for then birds are protected in a measure from marauding cats.

The Furnishings.

There are other attractive accessories for an out door living room, some of which are almost indispensable. They include chairs, tables and benches, so treated that they are practically weather proof. Sometimes there is room enough for a vine covered arbor or summer house, and a pergola adds much to the charm of the spot if it is so constructed that it makes a path or leads from one location to another. It is well to remember, though, that a pergola is not to be considered a substitute for a summer house and set up anywhere on the lawn.

Real Privacy.

When the out door living room is at the rear of the house or in some other somewhat secluded place there is no need of surrounding it with tall shrubbery, the main purpose being to mark the boundary line and give a certain feeling of intimacy such as cannot be found in a broad open space. Perhaps, however, the situation chosen is one which borders a street or a neighboring yard. Then it becomes desirable to have a living screen that will provide real privacy. The out door living room should be a place where members of the household can feel free to eat their meals and relax from the cares of business or home life. Naturally there is a feeling of restraint if they are exposed to the curious eye of every passerby.

Some Varieties.

Now there is almost no limit to the number of different shrubs which can be used for either tall or low hedges, and any nurseryman will be glad to suggest those which are especially adapted to a given situation. If it is desired to have a hedge which is just as efficient and as handsome in the winter as in summer, evergreens may be used, including Junipers, Hemlocks, Pines, and Retinosperas. Probably quicker results can be obtained with evergreens than with deciduous shrubs, but on the other hand they are more expensive and do not make such fine displays in summer as flowering subjects.

Plant Shrubs Irregularly.

As a rule the shrubs which enclose an out door living room will not be sheared or clipped to give them a formal appearance. It is better to let them assume their natural habits of growth and to make so wide selection that there will be flowers from spring until fall, and highly colored fruits like those of the Barberry, the High Bush Cranberry and the Coraiberry to brighten the landscapes when winter comes on. If you want to enhance the apparent size of your plot, you will plant the shrubs in an irregular line, with here and there a taller specimen standing well to the front. It is also well to have an extra heavy planting at the corners, but don't make the mistake of planting the shrubs too close together at the beginning unless you are willing to take out every other one in a few years.

NEWSPAPER SCARE HEADS

Must Not Be Over One Column In Width.

A New York State Assemblyman has introduced a bill in the Legislature to limit newspaper headlines to stories of homicide or homicide trials to 36-point type and one column in width. A fine of \$1,000 is fixed as the penalty for any newspaper corporation violating the act and every officer, editor or reporter who might assist in such violation would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

KAPP DICTATOR OF GERMANY BY MILITARY COUP

Militars Refuse Demand to Resign. But Hastily Depart From Capital—New Regime Promises Elections.

BERLIN, March 14.—The overthrow of the Ebert government was announced in a proclamation issued at 10 o'clock Saturday morning after revolting troops from the suburbs had entered Berlin and occupied the Wilhelmstrasse. Up to that hour the movement had proved a peaceful one, no disorders developing.

The proclamation declared that the entire authority of the state has passed into the hands of General Provincial Director Kapp as imperial chancellor and premier of Prussia.

The proclamation, issued over the signature of Imperial Chancellor Kapp, says that the mandate of the national assembly to create a constitution and conclude peace has expired and it declares the national assembly dissolved. It adds:

"As soon as internal order has been restored we shall return to constitutional conditions and prescribe new elections."

Paris, March 14.—The opinion expressed in official circles at the moment is that the allied governments will take an attitude of aloofness and detachment toward the civil strife in Germany and permit the German people themselves to determine the form of their government. The armed disorders in Germany are looked upon as most unfortunate both for that country and the remainder of Europe at the time when reconstruction had been begun.

Oh, yes, we were about to forget. We haven't said anything about Hoover today. Well, Herbert is a mighty fine fellow. And Bob Glenn has come out for him. And Mr. Penrose is opposed to him. And Mr. Bryan is against him. And Mr. Hearst is down on him. So his chances look mighty bright.—Fayetteville Observer.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE REVALUATION ACT.

Mr. D. G. Brummitt Explains Why He Supported the Measure.

Editor Public Ledger:

In an article published in your paper a few days ago Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., makes the charge, inferentially at least, that those who "enacted" the Revaluation Act have been attempting to "suppress discussion" of it. I assume that this charge is aimed, in part at least, at Senator Curran, myself as we served in the legislature at the time this Act was passed. For myself I will be obliged to him if he will indicate in what way I have attempted to "suppress discussion" of this or any other measure. I have not engaged in any such effort, and I do not know of any one else who has done so.

I voted for the Revaluation Act, or rather I gave it my approval, since as I was speaker and every member of the House who was present voted for it, my actual voting was not necessary. I have no apologies to make for that action.

The Constitution of this State provides that all property shall be taxed "according to its true value in money." The Constitution is the supreme law of the State. No legislator who regards his oath could vote for any kind of law that provided for the taxation of property at one-third or one-half or any other proportionate part of its real value rather than "its true value in money."

Every tax law passed within my recollection required the assessment and taxation of property on this basis. The Revaluation Act is not alone in this particular. That values have increased so greatly during the past five years, and that the more nearly accomplishes the results aimed at by our past as well as present tax laws, should be a source of gratification to us rather than otherwise.

If any species of property ought to be assessed at less than its real value, the inability to have it so assessed is chargeable not against the Revaluation Act but to the Constitution. If land ought to be assessed at one-half or one-third or one-fourth of its real value, let's change the Constitution; but so long as the Constitution lays down a rule for our guidance, every legislator, every tax assessor and every citizen is compelled to follow its provisions. All of us have taken the oath to "maintain and support" that instrument. And the people have lately given their approval to the section requiring the assessment of all property at "its true value in money."

As late as the year 1914 the effort was made to amend this section so as to provide for the classification of property for purposes of taxation and the people by a large majority rejected the proposed changes.

I did not mean to take up so much of your space. It is possible that I may trouble you again later. Permit me to add, however, that I cannot imagine why any friend of Mr. Bailey's should want to give wide publicity to the Bailey article in its original form. Mr. Bailey found it necessary to admit several "errors" in his article, and one of these was so patent and so plainly calculated to arouse prejudice, that it is difficult to see how any one could have made such an "error."

FOREIGN BORN ARE OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION

They Are Returning to Their Homes Over the Sea Faster Than Immigrants Come In.

Congressman Isaac Segel, member of the House Immigration Committee, says that prohibition is causing so many foreign-born to leave the United States that emigration is exceeding immigration.

Reports showed that immigration since January 1 totalled 53,000, while 61,000 persons left the country. From the signing of the armistice until January 1 immigration and emigration were about equal, approximating 275,000.

LOUISVILLE POPULATION IS REPORTED AS 234,891

This Is Gain of Only 4.9 Per Cent In Ten Years—St. Jo's Padding Begins to Show.

The census bureau has announced the following 1920 population figures and increases:

Louisville, Ky., 234,891, an increase of 10,963, or 4.9 per cent; St. Joseph, Mo., 77,735, an increase of 332, or 0.4 per cent; Chambersburg, Pa., 13,171, an increase of 1,371, or 11.6 per cent.

Louisville was 24th city of the country in point of population in 1910. It showed a growth of 9.4 per cent at that time over the census of 1900, while from 1890 to 1900 its increase was 27.1 per cent.

TO OUR CONSUMERS.

We have bought two 80 H. P. Boilers and as soon as they are installed will give the public better gas, so be patient with us a little longer. We hope to have the new boilers within the next 15 or thirty days. We regret very much having had this trouble with our plant.

SOUTHERN GAS IMP. CO. Oxford, N. C.

INVITED TO VISIT OXFORD

The Daughter of the Late Judge Thomas Settle.

The Republicans have one woman on their State ticket—Mrs. Mamie Settle Sharp. She is the brilliant daughter of the late Judge Thomas Settle, and was born at "Mulberry Island," the ancestral home of the Settles, located on Dan river. Mrs. Sharp has the brains and poise of the Settles and, in addition, she is an attractive speaker.

The Public Ledger learns that Mrs. Sharp is expected to visit Oxford during the campaign and deliver a political address in the courthouse. No doubt the Democrats will have a lady speaker here to look after the distinguished visitor.

OFFICERS CAPTURE TWO MOONSHINERS NEAR KNAPP OF REEDS

Will Kimball and Ed Fleming, Both Colored, Admit Their Guilt. Deputy Lyon, W. A. Whittaker, of Stem, and Special Officer Lewis, of the Revenue forces, captured a still and two colored men near Knapp of Reeds late last Thursday evening. Ed Fleming and Will Kimball are the two colored men.

The still was a small affair, with a capacity of only ten gallons. It was made of copper and evidently cost a lot of money. The officers found part of the outfit in the barn of Ed Fleming, who admitted that he owned it.

The two men were frank to admit that they purchased the still for experiment purposes; that they had never operated the still, but were preparing to make a few gallons for their own use. The ingredients for making corn liquor were at hand and they were getting ready to operate the still for the first time when the officers came upon them.

Kimball having had experience in making a high grade corn liquor, the agreement between the two men was to the effect that they were to share equally in the product of the still, Fleming being the proprietor and a helper.

The two men were brought to Oxford and arranged before United States Commissioner J. J. McLeod. After hearing the frank statement of the two men, to the effect that Fleming owned the plant and Kimball was to be the distiller, and there having been no liquor manufactured, he placed Kimball under a \$500 bond, and soaked Fleming to the amount of \$1000 bond. Kimball furnished bond, but Fleming was unable to do so, and he is now in the county jail.

LODGE REVALUATION TO ARTICLE TEN ADOPTED BY SENATE

Senate's Latest Decision Accepted Generally As Putting Treaty Issue Into Next Campaign—Simmons Endeavors To Secure a Compromise But Was Unsuccessful.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Fourteen Democrats vote with republicans but defection from administration ranks far short of number necessary to ratify Peace Pact.

Senator Hitchcock tells colleagues new Reservation to Article Ten unacceptable to President.

Final Vote On Treaty expected this week.

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INCREASING INTEREST IN EVANGELISTIC SERVICE AT OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Eight Hundred People Present Sunday Night—Inspiring Music at Every Service—Special Sermon to Farmers Friday Morning.

Growing in vital interest and enthusiasm, the great revival at the Oxford Methodist Church has reached the point that the church will not hold the people who flock to the services. The universal opinion is that Mr. Price is preaching a gospel of brotherhood that will help the entire community. His subjects deal with all phases of Church life in such a way as to make the thinking man think seriously. The fine spirit of cooperation means that Oxford is a much better and bigger place than when these two great men reached town. Mr. Stentz continues to please and to help those who hear him sing. His Choir of over twenty men sang "The Church In The Wildwood," Sunday night with wonderful power.

Announcements.

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock—What Is It That a Man Wants Most? Tuesday night—The Biggest Fool In Oxford.

Wednesday morning—The Value or Price of Human Soul.

Wednesday night—The Modern Business Man's Blunder.

Thursday morning—Picked Or Preserved—This is to be Old People's Day, every old person in the community is expected to be present.

"Lot, the Retired Farmer." Friday morning has been set apart as Farmers' Day. "Lot, the Retired Farmer" will be the theme. Farmers are requested to make arrangements to be present at this service, ten o'clock Friday morning. The consensus of opinion here is that Evangelist Price is in many respects superior to the great Billy Sunday, and the singing of Mr. Stentz adds interest to the services.

HOW TO INTERPRET THE LABEL

Little Yellow Label Causes Confusion to Some Subscribers.

The little yellow label that appears on each copy of the Public Ledger mailed to subscribers is like this:

11 John Smith 12mar20.

The interpretation of the label appears confusing to a lot of subscribers and results in misunderstanding and to avoid this the following explanation is made.

The first number shown above is 11, is for information to this office and need not concern the subscriber. The name John Smith represents the name of the subscriber, whatever the name may be.

The above causes little confusion, but the trouble to some is with the remaining part of the label—12 mar 20. This always shows the day of the month, the month itself and the year to which subscription is paid. That is taking the above label to illustrate, John Smith's subscription is paid to the 12th day of March, 1920, the 1920 being abbreviated to 20.

So many subscribers construe the 20 to be the day of the month, on which subscription expires, but they will always find that the figure or figures before the name of the month represent the day of the month and the figure or figures following the name of the month represents the year.

This explanation is made to those who mistakenly get the idea that their paper is stopped before their time is out.

SENATOR TITUS G. CURRIN RETURNS FROM FLORIDA

Senator Currin returned Saturday from a ten days' pleasure and business trip to Florida. He had in view the purchase of a winter home, but he found nothing that compared favorably with his dear old native Granville County soil.

"The fine large hotels and pleasure resorts," said Senator Currin, "are well calculated to please the most fastidious, but the outlying districts are sparsely settled, and somewhat gloomy."

Senator Currin said that there is one thing in Florida that he is willing to acknowledge is far ahead of North Carolina—the system of roads. The State is a net work of good roads, said the Senator, and he and a party of friends took an automobile ride of 180 miles for what it would cost to go from Oxford to Raleigh. The good roads, he said, enables the thousands of tourist to travel all over the State at a very small cost.

MR. BRUMMITT WILL DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

(Kinston Free Press)

Hon. D. G. Brummitt, of Granville, the brilliant speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly will deliver the commencement address of graduates of Granger High school here the night of May 28. It was announced today by Kader R. Curtis, superintendent of schools. Speaker Brummitt is an orator of wide repute. He is Granville county's representative in the assembly.

GREAT SPIRITUAL TIDELWAVE

All Business Houses in Oxford Close One Hour Every Morning.

We, the undersigned, agree to close our places of business from 10 to 11 o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week in order that we and our employees may have opportunity to attend the special services now being held at the Methodist Church:

Granville Real Estate & Trust Co., Cohn & Son, William Cherkas, J. R. Hall, J. C. Hall, E. A. Wiggins, Sizemore & Williams, Landis & Easton, Oxford Buggy Co., Granville Motor Co., Taylor Cannedy Buggy Co., City Barber Shop, F. E. Young Motor Co., Sterns Knight Motor Co., J. N. Pittman, V. Kappan, The National Bank of Granville, The Hub, Deleo Light Co., Oxford Jewelry Co., J. W. Knight, F. F. Lyon, J. F. Webb, W. T. Murray, Lyon Winston Co., Cooper-Veasey Grocery Co., Hicks & Stem, A. W. Graham Jr., Jno. W. Hester, D. G. Brummitt, Royster and Royster, F. W. Hancock Jr., F. W. Hancock, D. C. Hunt, C. G. Powell, Moore Lumber Co., Parham & Lassiter, W. A. Parham, J. S. Bradsher, E. D. Hunt, Fuller & Lyons, Lillian W. Capehart, Breedlove & McFarland, Upchurch & Curran, C. D. Ray & Son, Dunford & Kern, J. L. Garrett, J. T. Sizemore, H. J. Council, Oakley & McFarland, Candy Kitchen, H. M. Turner, J. M. Ellington, S. Burgen, Busy Bee Cafe, King Cash Bakery, L. F. Day, R. F. Brown, Blalock Motor Co., J. F. White Co., Merchants Grocery Co., J. Robt. Wood, The Long Co., Taylor Bros., Oxford Motor Co., John W. Brown, Acme Hdw. Co., Oxford Loan & Real Estate Co., First National Bank, Howell Bros., Pete Bullock, Rose 5 and 10 cent Store. Union Bank & Trust Co., Perkinson-Green Co., Horner Bros. Co., Oxford Hdw. Co., Hugh-Smaw Fur. Co., J. A. Dean, J. D. Brooks, Carolina Power & Light Co., Pitchford & Co., J. E. Jackson, R. S. Montague.

FISH ARE PLENTIFUL IN GRANVILLE COUNTY WATERS

Amateurs Have Created the Wrong Impression.

A number of amateur fishermen about town have already cast their nets into the various streams of the county without success.

"Such men as Hal Holman and other amateurs," said A. P. Hobbgood, the noted angler, "are calculated to scare the fish away instead of enticing them into the nets. When the real fishermen of Oxford, and there are quite a number of them, cast their nets and lines into the waters of the county it will be seen that our streams are supplied with an abundance of fine fish."

The good fishermen of Oxford are: A. P. Hobbgood, Sam Averett, Dr. J. D. Hartie, J. R. Hall, Frank B. Blalock and James B. Powell. When these men return without a "phenomenal catch" you will know that fish are scarce, and not before.

PUT THEM IN THE POT

Your Neighbor's Chickens Must Not Bother You.

There has been so much said about the chicken ordinance, we asked Capt. Reid, of the police force, what he would do if his neighbors chickens got into his garden.

"Put them in the pot," said Capt. Reid unhesitatingly. "I did it last year and I will do it again this year if they bother me."

Capt. Reid is correct. The law gives one the right to kill pestiferous birds of the barn yard, but it does not say anything about putting "them in the pot."

Any way, you and your neighbors are planning to plant gardens. You don't want your own chickens to scratch up and eat up your own garden, and it is certain you don't want your neighbors' chickens to do what you would not allow your own to do. Avoid unnecessary losses, quarrels and possibly law-suits by fixing your fences.

THE SHERIFF IS ENTITLED TO REWARD

He Gets \$20 For Every Moonshine Still Captured.

Col. T. H. Vandorfer, who is Federal Prohibition Director for North Carolina, is advising all boards of commissioners and sheriffs of the State, that the \$20 reward allowed by State law to sheriffs for each distillery destroyed stands good.

The Attorney General has ruled that this \$20 fee is over and above all other remuneration attached to his office, whether he is on a salary or fee basis. The reward was intended to stimulate activity on part of sheriffs to run down and destroy the blockade plants and belongs in the pocket of the sheriff.

In some counties there has been contention that the sheriff is not entitled to the fee, but the decision of Attorney General Manning sets that matter at rest.

MANY BODIES WILL REMAIN IN FRANCE

Fifty Thousand of The American Dead Will Be Returned.

Secretary of War Baker last week informed the Senate Military Committee that the bodies of about 50,000 of the American dead in France will be returned to the United States, while between 20,000 and 25,000 will remain permanently interred overseas.