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JUDGE DEVIN IS THE BEST AVAILABLE MATERIAL FOR JUSTICE SUPREME COURT

The Popular and Able Son of Granville Can Get the Job If He Consents to Let His Name Go Upon the Ticket.

While several politicians have already announced their candidacy for associate justice of the supreme court of North Carolina in the Democratic primaries to be held June 5, there is a loud and persistent clamor for Judge William A. Devin, of Oxford.

Judge Devin has held court in nearly every county in the state, and being broad-minded, learned in the law and possessing unequalled judicial temperament, he is universally popular with the bar and the masses. It has been repeatedly said of him that he should have chosen the ministry, but the law in his hands is sacred, and that only magnifies his special fitness as an able jurist.

Many friends of Judge Devin here and all over the state have been for the past ten days discussing his qualifications for the supreme court bench. He is holding court in one of the eastern counties of the state this week and it is not known at this writing whether or not he will consent to let his name go upon the ticket. The Oxford bar, county officials and a number of business men are in communication with Judge Devin with a view of getting his consent to let his name go upon the ticket.

Judge Devin is not a politician—far from it. He regards the law as a sacred duty, and under no circumstances would he lower the high standard by taking to the stump.

MISS HELEN BULLOCK CAPTURES HORNER BROS. PRIZE

The prize offered by Horner Brothers for the best essay on The Consolidated School was won by Miss Helen Bullock of the Stem School. The prize was \$25.00.

Much interest was shown in this contest and some excellent essays were sent in. There is no doubt that much good was accomplished in having this important subject studied by the children of the schools.

The idea of consolidation has had a substantial growth in the county within the past year. People are thinking about it and discussing it everywhere. With the proper support of the leaders of each community, it will be only a short time until a practical solution of the difficulties of rural schools will be found. The ungraded school has played an important part in developing the interest in education. Its work, however, is about finished and the next stage is the consolidated graded school for the country children.

It is perfectly natural that a new idea, an enlarged plan for education should meet with opposition. It is one of the characteristics of the human mind to dislike a change, to fear an innovation. Ninety-nine people out of every hundred will raise objections to the transportation of children to larger schools when the idea is first presented to them. They imagine all sorts of difficulties and dangers. It is the experience, however, of practically every district trying this plan, that the difficulties and dangers have been largely imaginary. Transportation of children and consolidation is practical and will soon be put into practice in every rural section.

On behalf of the schools I wish to thank the company so generously offering the prize in this essay contest. Rev. R. C. Craven judged the essays.

J. F. WEBB.

WHAT THE LADY FROM WILKES CARRIED IN HER HANDBAG

The Winston-Salem Sentinel states that the big leather handbag carried by a Wilkes county girl when she landed in Winston-Salem a few days ago to visit her sister, did not contain wearing apparel, nor gifts for sister's children, nor a remembrance from mother to her married daughter—but instead there was a neatly-made copper tank that exactly fitted the inside of the bag. This miniature tank had a bung-hole on the top, and on the inside there were three gallons of the best whiskey ever seized in Winston-Salem.

This young lady came all the way from Wilkes county with the handbag, the contents of which, she says, had been given to her by a gentleman friend to be used in any way she wished. She must have forgotten about the gift, as there was no evidence of a sip being taken out.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

That the Parking Ordinance adopted on the 10th day of June 1919, be amended by adding at the end of paragraph one of said ordinance and after the word "degrees" in line six of said ordinance the following: "And not less than 20 degrees."

Adopted April 13th, 1920.

REGISTER OF STATE LIBRARY IS VERY BUSY

List of Deeds Recorded by Register of Deeds Charles G. Powell During the Last Ten Days.

E. H. Crenshaw and wife to F. C. Person, one lot in Oxford, \$150.
J. D. Roberts and wife to W. T. Yancey, 103 acres, more or less \$2500.

L. D. Dean and wife to N. R. Baird, 73 acres, more or less, \$4100.
L. F. Perkins and wife to W. T. Yancey, an undivided one-half interest in 226 and one-tenth acres, \$10 and other considerations.

L. M. Currin and wife to Ellis Howard and Augustus Tharrington, 165 acres more or less, \$5000 and other considerations.

J. H. Adams and wife to J. G. Cash, 120 acres in Dutchville Township, \$8000.

J. B. Mayes and wife to Neal Lyon, two undivided one third parts in a certain tract of land in Walnut Grove Township, \$800.
Elijah Goss to Jordan Moore, 68 and three-fourths acres, more or less, \$1675.

G. W. Stem and wife to J. C. Winters, 1 lot in Stem, \$115.
J. S. Thomasson and wife to Willie Green and Charlie Bullock, 99 acres, \$3500.

W. A. Beck and wife to J. S. Thomasson, 99 acres, \$2475.
B. B. Adcock and wife to George Speed, 110 acres more or less, in Walnut Grove Township, \$5500.
Hawkins Curtis to J. T. Blackwell, 20 acres more or less, \$1250.

N. H. Cannady and wife to T. G. Stem and J. B. Mayes, 1 lot on Hancock Street, \$1250.
Walter Burt and wife to L. P. Spencer, 5 acres more or less, \$500.
Milton W. Hunter to The Blalock Motor Company, lot in Oxford, \$100 and other valuable considerations.

B. G. Bailey to S. M. and D. G. Hockaday, 62 acres, \$4500.
A. W. Graham, Jr., and others to Mary C. Evans, 1 lot in Oxford.
R. B. Dean and wife to B. M. Curdin, 2 tracts in Walnut Grove Township, \$10,000.

A. A. Hicks, to C. S. Garman, 1 house and lot in Oxford, \$1000.
Oxford Loan & Real Estate Co. to William Bullock, parcel of land in Oxford, \$1000.
B. P. Thorp and others to Jeffereys Myers Mfg. Co. Timber deed, \$40,000.

William Thorp to Jack Royster, 150 acres, \$3000.
Sarah A. Green to Luther T. Howard, forty acres, \$900.
Oxford Loan & Real Estate Co. to J. F. Turner, 1 lot in Oxford, \$2,400.
Oxford Loan & Real Estate Co. to L. W. Miller, 1 lot in Oxford, \$1600.
Jim Downey and wife to Granville Real Estate & Trust Co., 56 and one-half acres, \$4500.

AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION

The 1920 Family Budget the Cause of Much Worry.

First comes the rent—32 per cent; Your groceries are 20; Your clothing bill is small, but still it's 6 per cent—that's plenty.

Insurance 4, cigars 2 more. Amusements come to 7; A tire, 15; 12, gasoline; That's 98—Great Heavens!

It cost you 2 to have the flu. And that all went for dope; You owe the nurse, and what is worse, The doc, too, lives in hope.

The butcher looks upon his books And forthwith mails a dun; The drygoods man your bill doth scan. And so on, one by one.

Your wages spent—the last red cent, In debt, and there you are.

ADDRESS TO OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dr. E. W. Knight of Chapel Hill Has Accepted the Invitation on the Night of June 1.

Dr. Edgar W. Knight has accepted the invitation to be present to deliver the address to the graduating class of Oxford High School on the night of June 1st.

Dr. Knight is one of the leading young men in the educational work of the State and he has a vision that is worth while. Oxford is very fortunate in getting such a live, well equipped man to appear at the close of the school term.

There are sixteen in the graduating class, the largest class since the addition of the eleventh grade. Class exercises will be held on the night of the last day of May. Further announcements will be made later.

JUDGE STACY OUT FOR SUPREME COURT BENCH

Former Superior Court Judge Aspires To Succeed Justice George H. Brown.

Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington, who recently resigned from the superior court bench, has announced definitely that he will be a candidate for associate justice of the Supreme court of North Carolina in the Democratic primaries to be held June 5.

It is generally believed that Stacy got a tip from Justice Brown, some time ago that he intended to resign.

SNEAK THIEVES ARE OPERATING IN OXFORD

Stole Lady's Coat and Hat From Hall Rack.

Monday evening shortly after dark a colored woman entered the home of Capt. W. H. White on Williamsboro street and lifted from the hall rack a fine winter coat and hat belonging to Miss Jeanette Biggs. Miss Biggs, in passing through the hallway, saw the woman as she passed out of the door and hastened up the street with the stolen articles under her arm. Miss Biggs immediately telephoned for a policeman, but unfortunately the officer could not be located at that hour, and the thief is still at large.

On the same evening, shortly after the robbery at the residence of Capt. White, a thief entered the J. J. Medford home on Gilliam street and stole several toilet articles from one of the rooms. Members of the family were at home when the theft occurred, but they were not aware that a robber was in the house. The first intimation that the house had been robbed was about 8 o'clock when Major William Medford entered and found that his room had been ransacked and that several articles were missing.

LOVES' YOUNG DREAM

Mrs. Fannie M. Haubold Is the Happy Bride of Justice J. J. Medford.

Cards reading as follows have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, of Farmville, Va., announce the marriage of their sister, Mrs. Fannie M. Haubold to Mr. J. J. Medford, of Henderson, N. C., on Thursday, April 22 at high noon.

"At home on Gilliam street, Oxford, N. C., after May 1."

Immediately after the ceremony in Henderson the happy couple boarded a train for Norfolk, Washington and New York.

U. S. COURTS TO PROSECUTE PROFITEERS IN THIS STATE

According to a dispatch, Special Agent Handy, of the Department of Justice, stationed at Raleigh, whose duty it is to supervise activities against profiteering and combinations to fix prices throughout the State, announces that cases are pending which will bring the workings of the government along this line nearer home.

There are a number of indictments pending in some of the leading North Carolina cities, the cases to come up before spring sessions of Federal courts.

Laws are still on statute books against hoarding, profiteering and the use of food grains for the manufacture of beverages. In many States heavy fines have been imposed, ranging from \$100 to \$2,500, while prison sentences have been imposed in many instances. The law applies not only to profiteering in foodstuffs but in wearing apparel also.

DON'T BE IN A HURRY TO SELL YOUR FARM

Land Values Are Steadily Increasing.

When farm plot lands increase in value per acre by one-fifth in one year and by one-half in four years, something has occurred that may be called a "phenomenon." These increases in value are indicated by the results of investigations by the Bureau of Crop Estimates. In March 1916, plot lands in the United States had the average value of \$58.39; in the same month in 1917 the average was \$62.17; in 1918 it was \$68.38; in 1919, \$74.31; and at the same time of the year in 1920, \$90.01, building values in all years not being included in the average.

Mr. A. H. Powell, of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company, one of the wisest and safest real estate men that we know, has always maintained that farm land in Granville county is cheap at \$100 the acre.

LAWYERS MAY APPEAR IN OVERALLS BEFORE COURT

The Columbia State says: "A rule in effect since January, 1836, requiring lawyers to appear before the supreme court of South Carolina wearing black coats, has been suspended until October 1, 1920, on account of overall clubs. At the request of members of the bar the supreme court suspended the rule and lawyers may appear in overalls until October 1."

GREENSBORO WILL BE BROOKS HEADQUARTERS

Aubrey L. Brooks will wage warfare against Senator Lee S. Overman from Greensboro and the capital of the opposition was changed from Raleigh last week.

Mr. Brooks finds Raleigh "full up" and no suitable quarters from which to direct his fire. His campaign manager is S. C. Brawley, of Durham.

Congress To Adjourn June 5.

Ms. Mondell, the Republican floor leader, told Congressman Stedman that June 5 had been selected as the date for final adjournment.

MORRISON AND GARDNER WILL INVADE GRANVILLE

Morrison to Speak in Oxford Saturday, May 1—Gardner Will Come Later.

The political invasion of Granville County by gubernatorial candidates for State officers will begin with the coming Saturday, May 1, of Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte. He follows Mr. Page, who spoke here recently, and who has a large number of ardent supporters in Granville, but no real manager here.

O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, now Lieutenant-Governor, who is also seeking the gubernatorial honor, has not appeared here since the campaign for the primary warmed up. He was here one year ago and spent the Sunday with his friend Mr. B. W. Parham. It is regarded as not unlikely that he will speak here before the Democratic State primary Saturday, June 5.

Campaign Warning Up. This is the first time in the last decade that the county board of commissioners have not been "cussed to a frazel," and as a general proposition the people are highly pleased with the present set of county officials and it is doubtful that either one of them, except one or two members of the county board, will have opposition.

Woman Candidate.

A prominent republican states that his party will nominate a full county ticket and that there will be a woman candidate for treasurer. So far Mr. John R. Hall, the present treasurer, is the only county official that has announced his candidacy. None of the other officers have indicated their intentions as to seeking their own positions another term, and no one else has announced for the places.

MEETING IN FULL SWING AT THE OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Frank Fincher, of Houston, Texas, Preaching To Large Crowds Daily.

The meeting at the Presbyterian Church has been gaining momentum with each day's service. On account of the shortness of Dr. Fincher's stay, it was decided to have three services a day. This was somewhat of an experiment in the history of evangelistic services in Oxford, but the large attendance at every service has abundantly justified the trial in this case at least.

The business houses, offices, etc., of Oxford agreed to close for one hour in the morning, for three days of this week, and this has rendered possible a large attendance of men at the morning services. Dr. Fincher has on more than one occasion expressed his appreciation of the courtesy of the firms in closing.

The afternoon services have been distinctly for children, and the number which has been present has shown the hold which Mr. Matthews, Dr. Fincher's co-worker and choir-director has in this short time obtained upon the children. On Thursday afternoon, more than a hundred children were taken in automobiles to Stovall, for a service, and a great experience was had by all who went—not only the children but the grown ups as well.

The meeting has, so far, been characterized by a deep spiritual power. Dr. Fincher in a quiet and convincing way preaches the redeeming love of God, and salvation through the blood of Christ. The very simplicity of the message is its power, and the Holy Spirit seems to be manifestly present in all his services.

The first time a call was made for profession of faith in Christ, more than fifty responded.

There will be no services on Saturday night, but on Sunday three services have been arranged for—in the morning at eleven, in the evening at eight, and in the afternoon a service of men will be held at the picture show at three thirty. This afternoon service will be a great meeting and all the men of the town are urged to be present.

POPULATION STATISTICS SHOW GAIN FOR DECADE

Rate of Increase For Ohio City Is 201.8 Putting It Ahead of All Others.

Population statistics announced by the Census Bureau include the following: Laurel, Miss., 13,037, increase 4-572.

Wichita, Kan., 72,128; increase 19,678.
Mansfield, Ohio, 27,824; increase 7,056.
Dedham, Mass., 10,783; increase 1,499.

Akron, Ohio, 208,435; increase, 139,368. Akron has gone ahead of Kansas City, Dayton, Ohio, Memphis, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., and Syracuse and Albany, N. Y. Akron's increase was the largest in number thus far reported in the fourteenth census.

DR. I. H. DAVIS AND MRS. DAVIS ON EXTENDED TRIP

Dr. I. H. Davis, Oxford's good old dentist, will take a brief rest—that is if you can call traveling a rest. He and Mrs. Davis will leave for the South tomorrow. They will spend three weeks in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas.

Tennessee for Wood.

The Republican State Convention of Tennessee has instructed its delegates to the Chicago convention to vote for General Leonard Wood for President as long as his name is before the convention.

REGISTRARS AND POLLHOLDERS To Serve at the June Primary and the November Election.

The following is a list of the registrars and pollholders of the various precincts, of Granville County, who will serve at the June primary and at the general election in November. The first name at each precinct is the registrars and the other names are the pollholders:

Bell Town.
W. W. Brummitt; B. R. Pitts and W. C. Pittard.

Dement.
W. S. Howell; Richard Harris and L. T. Harris.

Wilton.
J. R. Gooch; W. N. Bobbitt, and G. E. Rogers.

Grissom.
E. P. Davis; C. E. Loyd and Russell C. Cash.

Wilkins.
H. G. Aiken; W. R. Fleming and W. A. L. Veasey.

Creedmoor.
V. O. Peed; I. E. Harris and R. O. Smith.

Stem.
W. S. Gooch; H. P. Webb and C. H. Washington.

Geneva.
O. A. Daniel; E. C. Allen and H. H. Latta.

Berea.
L. S. Russell; S. H. Slaughter and Claud Thomas.

Howard.
P. G. Pruitt; B. F. Dean and R. T. Critcher.

Buchanan.
W. L. Clark; A. D. Frazier and R. L. Pittard.

Oak Hill.
C. A. Stovall; J. S. Watkins and W. F. Royster.

Stovall.
F. H. Gregory; D. A. Burwell and E. B. Green.

Bullock.
T. A. Royster; B. T. Hicks and R. A. Davis.

Salem.
L. G. Breedlove; E. A. Hunt and M. W. Critcher.

North Oxford.
W. W. Fuller; R. L. Hamilton and D. A. Moore.

South Oxford.
F. W. Hancock, Sr.; John A. Williams and S. O. Parham.

The County Board of Elections is composed of two democrats and one republican, J. B. Powell, Chairman; C. R. Gordon, secretary; J. H. Gooch, of Stem.

OXF RD MAN IS HELD FIR FORGERY

(Raleigh News and Observer) E. H. Cook, 22-year-old young white man from Oxford, was arrested and jailed Monday afternoon by Captain Warren following the presentation for payment of the Commercial National Bank by Cook of a check for \$78. The endorsement of which, it is alleged, was forged.

According to information furnished to the police the young man offered to Mr. E. B. Crow, of the Commercial Bank, a check for payment, made out to Mr. M. C. McCaskey, and signed by T. R. Frazier. Cook, it is claimed, posed as McCaskey. When the bank officials refused to cash the check, Cook suggested that he could get Mr. J. H. Pool to endorse for him. He returned from the Pool store with the alleged endorsement of Mr. Pool on the paper. The cashier still refused to honor the check and decided to see if Mr. Pool had endorsed for the Oxford man. It was found that Pool had not endorsed for Cook and at the police station Cook confessed that he had written the endorsement himself.

A young man by the above name had a job in one of the local garages. He had only lived in Oxford a few weeks, and told the management last Saturday that he wanted to spend the week end in Durham and that he would be back on Monday morning.

THERE WILL BE A BIG TIME AT ENON NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Song and Devotional Service and An Address By Gen. B. S. Royster. An interesting program awaits the large crowd that will attend the County Baraca-Philathea Convention at Enon Church next Sunday afternoon, April 25.

The song and devotional service, conducted by Dr. J. D. Harte, will be held at 2:30, followed by an address by Miss Lola Long, of Greensboro. Gen. B. S. Royster will deliver the address of the day at 3:25 o'clock, and the round-table discussion, conducted by Prof. G. B. Phillips, will be at 4 o'clock.

The program is interspersed with music and everybody is invited to be present.

The Adam and Eve Club.

The immediate effect of the organization of Overall Clubs in the South as a means of bringing down the price of clothing was an increase in the price of overalls from \$2 to \$6 a pair. Any one could have foretold it. The only way to get ahead of the profiteers is to organize Adam and Eve Clubs.—Philadelphia Record.

PROF. PHILLIPS DISCUSSES PURPOSE OF OVERALL CLUB

The fundamental purpose of the various high cost Clubs that have been organized throughout the country is one that may be lost sight of in an effort to comply with some plan or keep up with some group of fad followers. It should not be an unjust fight upon local dealers in any line of business.

An overall club or a food club of some kind should have as its definite purpose the teaching of a great lesson that is being disregarded by the public in general. In the first place all must realize that supply and demand regulate the prices of articles. The public must also realize that at present there is a demand for the very highest priced articles of every kind and few people take less than the most costly. In a certain line of clothing in an American city, five years ago the records show that 15 per cent of the goods sold was what they called fancy articles and the remainder included the average grades. Today the same firm has a record of 95 per cent fancy goods on its sales. This is the cause of high prices to a great extent.

An overall club should have as its purpose the effort to economize and at the same time the tendency to make people stop and consider the cost of all goods. It is certainly within the spirit of the purpose if not in the plan that all old clothes that men have been throwing aside too soon be used now and that they be used with the idea of preventing the purchase of so much high class goods. When this plan is worked out there will be results that will be worth while. Such a spirit will be established that a man will not mind going on the streets or to his work clad in old clothes that he otherwise would discard.

There is without doubt a place in Oxford for an organization pledged to economy in all lines and especially along the lines of clothing. To make popular such a habit of thrift will mean much to any community.

In view of the fact that quite a few men now feel that the present plan of the Overall Club is not the best one that may be worked out the present Chairman of that Club will be open to suggestions regarding a Mass Meeting as soon as possible to perfect an organization that will accomplish something worth while. In other words, it seems that there is a very real demand for some wise step. Let this matter be taken up in a Meeting and settled. If the Overall Club is the thing, then every man in Oxford ought to be in it. If it is not, none should be in it but in one that will profit all.

If the movement that is sweeping America is worth anything Oxford should profit by it and every person should be interested in it. There is no reason why a woman's club for economy in Dress should not be popular. A few moves will set the style and then the work is done.

WOMEN WON'T HAVE TO PAY POLL TAX

The Constitution Is Very Plain on the Subject.

Advocates of woman suffrage who have been studying the question of whether women will be required to pay poll tax when they become voters say they will not have to pay and that the matter can be easily understood by reading the constitution. The argument is somewhat as follows:

"Under the constitution of 1868 there was a poll tax required never to exceed \$2 and to be applied to education and the support of the poor. The poll tax was authorized to be levied, however, only on every male inhabitant of the State over 21 and under 50 years of age. There was no authority to levy it on males under 21 nor over 50, nor on females of any age. There is no authority therefore given to any officer to collect poll tax on any one except males between 21 and 50, constitution of N. C. Art. V Secs. 1 and 2. The XIX Amendment when ratified will not affect this matter of poll tax which is purely a State regulation, restricted by the State constitution.

"The provisions as to poll tax were in the constitution of 1868 in which there is no requirement that it shall be paid as a prerequisite to voting. The article in the constitution on Suffrage is Art. VI, (a different article from the one authorizing the poll tax) and in the amendment to Sec. 4, Art. VI, known as the Grandfather Clause, there is a provision that any one proposing to vote must have paid on the first of May previously 'his poll tax for the previous year, as prescribed by Art. V, Sec. 1 of the Constitution.' It will thus be seen that prepayment of the poll tax is not required of every voter but only 'as prescribed by Constitution Art. V, Sec. 1.' Turning to that article, it will be seen that what is prescribed is that males between 21 and 50, shall pay the poll tax. There is no authority to collect poll tax from any one else nor to require any one else to pay poll tax. As to Suffrage (Art. VI, Sec. 1) provides simply that male persons who are citizens or naturalized and over 21 shall be entitled to vote. The word 'male' in this section will be stricken out by the ratification of the XIX Amendment."

Molasses Sold at Auction.

Yesterday at the court house door in Smithfield two barrels of molasses—one of 55 gallons and the other 56 gallons—were sold to the highest bidder bringing 85 cents a gallon. These two barrels were taken at a blockade still in Wilders township several days ago.