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## SKETCH VIVIDLY DRAWN BY MRS. E. C. PEACE

### About People and Things of Interest to Our Readers.

A few recollections of the past history of our town cross my mind this morning, and I have decided to write up first the Baptist Church as it was long ago. When my uncle, Willis S. Grandy moved from Camden County to Oxford in 1859 we rented the house now owned by Mr. Cameron Hunt. His wife was a Methodist. There were seven of us children (three sets) under twelve years of age. The Baptist Church was on the opposite side of the street, after the war sold to the colored people and moved to a different part of the town, each piece of its timber marked. It is said, and reputed in its proper place. Upon its site is now the old Littlejohn house moved and remodeled, owned and occupied by Mr. Young. Some of the prominent members were Messrs. Willis and Tins Grandy, R. H. Marsh, William Hill Jordan, Alex Hunt, J. A. Stradler, Clay and Montague from the county, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Jones, Miss Amanda Fowler and Miss Annie Holt. Old Miss Annie Whittimore was one of its regular attendants, a charge upon its members for charity, lived in a one room log cabin next lot to Mr. J. M. Baird, feeble in health bent in body but deeply pious. Some of the pastors who served were R. I. Devin, M. Baldwin, E. F. Beacham, Dr. Wingate, John Carroll, F. Underwood, R. H. Marsh, C. A. Jenkins, John S. Hardaway.

The pulpit was ascended by steps with a bench for seats instead of the luxuriant chairs which at present adorn its rostrum, and the convenient reading desk for its Bible and hymn book. There was no organ or musical instrument. Mr. Titus Grandy led the singing, using a tuning fork for guidance in pitching the first note, and he sat on the second bench near the pulpit. His wife carried a small foot stool to warm her feet. The room was heated by two large stoves and not always comfortable.

The ladies occupied seats on the right side, the men on the left. There was no vestibule and two doors for entrance. If a young lady had a gentleman escort she parted from him at the door and rejoined him outside when services were ended. A gallery for colored people ran the length of two sides of the house. After the negroes were freed there seemed to be some confusion in their minds as to what privileges they were entitled, and to what height in the social life they might attain, so a few times until they learned better I have seen one or two together come in and take their seats with the white people, but an usher quickly speaking to them they silently withdrew. Then there were no Sunday School rooms but classes were held with a few benches intervening. Protracted meetings were sometimes held and speakers after salvation invited to the mourners' bench.

Mrs. Nonie Crawford presided for many years over the first cabinet organ used, helped in the singing by a few young girls. She and her mother were indefatigable in their zeal for the church and all its interests, seeing that the bell was rung at proper time, the sacramental elements provided, the fires made, carpet strips for the aisles furnished. They never allowed any engagements to conflict with the weekly prayer meetings. The well being of the church and its pastors was ever first in their thoughts and plans. Now reaping the reward of their labors.

"Hope has changed to fond fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise." The church bell was outside in a high latticed wooden belfry from which a long rope dangled, convenient for long loving boys to hang on to, and ring out the joyous news of a Christmas morning.

There were no Quarterlies or Sunday School papers but scholars learned hymns and portions of the Bible. Several times the Methodist Sunday School was discontinued during the winter as the building was poorly equipped for cold weather. Then we children attended the Baptist Sunday School and I learned the three chapters of "The Sermon on the Mount," the twenty-third and other parts of the Sacred Scriptures.

From a small, feeble beginning with seven members banded together by R. I. Devin in 1848 what a wonderful influence it yields in this our day of 1920 with a beautiful edifice electrically lighted, furnace heated, carpeted, with a necessary baptistry, a large membership and its greatly beloved and faithful minister, Rev. J. D. Hart.

ELLA C. PEACE, J. W. WHITAKER, OF FRANKLINTON, DEAD

Well Known Business Man and Farmer of Franklin County Passes Away.

J. W. Whitaker, of Franklinton, one of the best known and most highly respected business men and farmers in Franklin county, died at his home Wednesday after a long illness due to heart trouble. The end was not altogether unexpected, as his condition had been serious for a long while.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PASSES UPON COUNTY AFFAIRS

### The Road, Bridges and Other Important Matters.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday, May 3, the following members being present: Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, Chairman; B. I. Breedlove, J. T. Averett, W. E. Cannady, J. L. Peed.

### Food Campaign.

The Board adopted the motion of Commissioner Breedlove, seconded by Commissioner Peed, to donate \$250 to the Merchant's Association of Oxford to help pay the expenses of the campaign to raise more foodstuff.

### Road Inspection.

On motion of Commissioner Peed, it was ordered that Commissioners Davis, Breedlove and Averett look over the Gela road and report at next meeting. That Commissioners Cannady and Breedlove look over the proposed Cheatham road and report at next meeting.

### To Build Road.

Mr. Bullock was instructed to survey the road from Ragland Store to B. F. Curran. The County is to build the bridge for this road.

### Contract On File.

Upon motion of Commissioner Peed it was ordered that Chandler & Watkins be given the contract to build the Reubin Hart road. Contract on file in Register of Deeds Office.

### Special School Elections.

There was a special school election ordered to be held in Walnut Grove District No. 3 to ascertain the wishes of the people as to a special school tax of 15 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and 45 cents on each poll. Registrar, R. S. Williams; judges of election, Claude Thomas and W. B. Adcock. Time June 8th. at home of R. S. Williams.

There was a special school election ordered to be held in Oak Hill District No. 1 to ascertain the wishes of the people as to a special school tax of 15 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and 45 cents on the poll.

### Road In Dutchville.

The motion to let Capt. Blair repair the road in three places in Dutchville before starting work on the Creedmore road was discussed. The motion was sanctioned by Commissioner Davis and Breedlove and opposed by Commissioners Cannady and Averett.

### Sixty-Five Cent Soil.

It was unanimously ordered that Capt. Blair be allowed the following prices on the Creedmore Road from Tar River Bridge to Howard Store: Soil 65 cents per cubic yard, earth 65 cents per cubic yard. The other prices to remain the same.

Mr. H. A. McGhee was appointed one of a committee of three to assess the damages of John Sanford.

C. G. POWELL, Clerk.

## MARSHALL URGES CHURCH TO PROVE WORK

Vice President Says Man On Street Wants to Believe. (Washington Special)

Vice President Marshall, speaking here with Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador at an interchurch world movement mass meeting, declared the church must prove its work by its faith and that it is "idle to legislate for purity if the priest, above his book is to leer at his neighbor's wife."

"It is vain to enact laws punishing murder," the Vice President added, "if the elders are to continue working little children to death. It is useless to forbid larceny if the deacons are to make large church contributions out of excess profits wrung jointly from labor and the ultimate consumer."

## TO CELEBRATE LANDING OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS

New York, May 6.—In celebration of the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers, the Sulgrave institution, with headquarters in this city, has issued an address urging the people of the United States to hold appropriate ceremonies in every section of the country beginning June 4.

## PEAKE-OGG WEDDING

Granville Man Weds Lady at Dillon, Mo.

Mr. Benjamin W. Peake, of Oxford, and Miss Nina Ogg, of Dillon, Mo., were married at the parsonage of the Lafayette Park Presbyterian Church at high noon May 1, 1920, St. Louis, Mo. After spending a few weeks in St. Louis the couple will make their home in Memphis, Tenn.

## WILL ATTEND BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Miss Grubbs Relieves Capt. Frank Spencer For Few Days.

The National Baptist Convention will be held in Washington City next week. Among those from Oxford who will attend are: Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hart, Rev. Geo. Tunstall, Rev. E. G. Usry, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Upchurch and Capt. Frank Spencer. They will leave Oxford next Monday morning.

Miss Grubbs arrived in Oxford and will relieve Capt. Spencer at the Western Union Telegraph office during his absence at the convention.

## MAYOR STEM IS ENFORCING THE VAGRANT ACT WITH VENGEANCE

### Sixteen Arrests Made and Among the Number Were Two Women.

Sixteen colored people have stood before Mayor Thad G. Stem this week charged with vagrancy. The fines imposed by His Honor ranged all the way from \$15 to \$20.

Mayor Stem explained to the vagrants in the kindest of language that their services were very much needed in all lines of industry, and then he told them with severity that they must either go to work or go to prison.

In less than an hour after the vagrants were set free they had good fat jobs, and to all appearance they are now much happier than when they were loafing and depending upon unknown sources for their daily bread.

One volchevski, a colored boy who held a spasmodic job with Mr. Lonnie Smith, to come and go when he pleased, was in the round up. The hardest service that the boy had to perform while in the employ of Mr. Smith was to eat three square meals every day and write his name on the back of a \$12 check every Saturday afternoon.

As soon as the boy was released from custody by Mayor Stem, Mr. Smith told the boy that his job was open to him and implored him to work for him again.

"I can't do dat," said the boy, "I has worked for you and I was arrested for vagrancy because I only got \$12 a week. Mayor Stem said I must get \$20 a week or I is on the vagrant list again."

The fact is, Mayor Stem said nothing of the kind. It was a ruse of the boy to get higher wages.

## WEAR THE WHITE FLOWER

### The Oxford Baptist Baraca Class Will Distribute Carnations—Picnic In Near Future.

Conforming to an established custom, the Oxford Baptist Baraca Class at its meeting next Sunday morning, the same being Mother's Day, will distribute white carnations among the members present.

Mr. I. W. Mangum, the able president, and Mr. James Fagan, the eloquent and learned teacher, have been an inspiration to the class during the past six months. There were more than one hundred members present last Sunday, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a "get together" meeting some evening in the near future.

## OXFORD COLLEGE NOTES

The Chinese Operetta "The Feast of the Little Lanterns" that was given on last Friday night by the Voice and Expression Class of the Oxford College, in the college auditorium, will be repeated this Friday night. Everyone who saw the operetta praised it so highly that it was decided to repeat it. Mrs. Woodall, teacher of Voice and Expression, has revised the play, which makes it worth-while. The same cast of characters and beautiful costumes will be presented in the repetition of this play.

On Saturday evening Miss Ellen Carrier, pupil of Miss Brueser, gave her graduation piano recital, assisted by Miss Gypsy Collins, reader. Miss Carrier played with much ease and finish, and her technique was remarkable, especially in the Liszt's rhapsody and the Chopin concerto in E minor. Miss Collins gave a scene from "Everywoman," and her character delineations were most charming.

The pupils of Miss Boggs are giving a series of luncheons in the Domestic Science rooms, each girl taking turn as hostess. These luncheons are beautifully served and most temptingly prepared.

On Friday of this week the pupils from the departments of piano, voice and expression will give a recital and on Monday, May 10 Miss Brueser will present Miss Cornelle Cain in graduation piano recital, assisted by Miss Mary Burbot, soprano. The public is cordially invited to both recitals.

### Lost His Gold Watch.

Mr. Baldy Williams, of the firm of Sizemore & Williams, lost his gold watch on the streets of Oxford last Wednesday. If the watch was found by an honest person, it will be returned to Mr. Williams and he will be rewarded for his honesty. If it was found by a dishonest person the chances are that Mr. Williams will never see it again.

### A Fine Improvement

The Carolina Power and Light Company is to be congratulated on the excellent street lights installed in the business section of Oxford this week. The new and improved globe throws a much stronger light than the old globe.

## HANCOCK STREET TO BE PAVED WITH CONCRETE

### Total Frontage on the Street Is 2102 Feet—Other Improvements.

At a recent meeting of the Board of town commissioners the contract to pave Hancock street was let to the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company, the work to be completed within 30 days. The full particulars of this important piece of work appears elsewhere in this paper in legal form.

Hancock street extends south from Front street and it is one of the handsomest residential streets in Oxford. The street is only 1651 feet long, yet within the last four or five years about two dozen neat homes have sprung up on the short thoroughfare.

The summit of Hancock street, adjoining the residence of Mr. B. W. Parham on the south, is the highest point in the corporate limits of Oxford. Ground at this particular point has been broken for the elegant home of Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr.

On the west side of the street, adjoining the home of Mr. E. B. Howard, land has been broken and materials assembled for the home of Capt. John B. Mayes, Jr.

## THE HIGHEST PAID LAWYER IN THE WORLD

### Mr. Hughes' Income Is One Million Dollars a Year.

(The Chicago Evening Post)

Charles E. Hughes may not have assayed 100 per cent as a presidential candidate back in 1916, but as a lawyer and as a money-getter in the legal field it doesn't seem he has any serious competitors. Friends of the former Republican candidate say his income is \$1,000,000 a year. If he really makes that \$1,000,000 Hughes is making more out of strictly legal work than any other lawyer in this country. Hughes' present income is in striking contrast to what he received as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. That position pays \$14,500 a year. When Hughes was defeated for the presidency some said he made a mistake in resigning from the Supreme Court in order to run. But did he? What really happened in November, 1916, was that the voters of this country—and particularly the voters of California—kicked Hughes upstairs into a position about 60 times what his former one had yielded.

## AUTOMOBILES COVERED THE COUNTY LIKE SUNSHINE

In the campaign to raise more corn, hay and other foodstuff in Granville, thirty-five cars were dispatched from the court house Thursday for the purpose of posting handbills and distributing literature bearing upon the question.

The distributing teams state that practically every home in the county was visited by them on their rounds Thursday. They found several farmers in the remote districts who were greatly surprised to learn that there is a shortage of foodstuff and that supplies for the future depended upon their own efforts. Quite a number of farmers said that they would not only raise enough foodstuff for their own families and stock, but would raise enough meat and bread to support one hundred people one whole year. One of the teams that passed through Dutchville found a farmer who had been in the business for fifteen years and had never raised any supplies whatever for his family and his stock. "Glad you told me," said the farmer, "I will get busy."

## THE TOBACCO ACREAGE TO BE INCREASED

### Indications Point to 10 to 14 Per Cent More in the Carolinas.

Lexington, Ky., May 6.—Acreage of the United States to be devoted this year to tobacco raising probably will increase by about 10 per cent over 1919, says a review made public by the Department of Markets, University of Kentucky.

The review recites, "while indications are that crop acreage will be increased from 10 to 14 per cent in the Carolinas and Virginia and about 500 per cent in Georgia, the latter increase meaning that farmers of Georgia are taking to tobacco as a means of utilizing areas attacked by the boll weevil and now unsuitable for cotton."

## MAYOR STEM ELECTED FOREMAN OF LOCAL FIRE COMPANY

Capt. Wade H. Britt Resigns After Many Years of Faithful Service

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Fire Company Thursday night the following officers were elected: Foreman, Mayor T. G. Stem; assistant foreman, S. M. Wheeler; secretary, Charles G. Powell; treasurer, J. T. Sizemore; surgeon, Dr. Nelson Thomas.

The resignation of Capt. Wade H. Britt, who has served the company faithfully for many years, was reluctantly accepted.

## CULBRETH NEWS ITEMS

There will be a regular club meeting at Culbreth Saturday night, May 8th, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Kathleen Burrows, of Youngsville, is visiting Miss Kathleen Jones.

Mr. Henry Hemmerling, of Staatesville, is spending several days at the home of Mrs. Sam Jones.

A primary is as interesting as a straw vote—and as un decisive.

## THE MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION OF OXFORD SENDS OUT IMPORTANT LETTER

### Every Farmer in the County Is Implored To Raise More Foodstuff.

Realizing that the farmers may not be able to secure sufficient corn, hay and other foodstuff to carry on their farm work, the Merchant's Association of Oxford is mailing to every farmer in the county the following letter, imploring them to fortify themselves by raising more corn, hay and other foodstuffs, which cannot be procured in this or any other market should the shortage continue.

## The Letter.

Corn is now selling for \$12.50 per barrel and difficult to obtain at that price. There are practically no oats on the market and the price advances every day. Hay went up \$5.00 per ton in a single day last week. One firm here rationed out such hay as it was able to obtain allowing only one bale to each horse. The situation which these facts disclose is our excuse for this letter.

Owing to the rainy spell and the small crop planted last year this County produced less foodstuff and forage than in any previous year of its history. The present difficulty in obtaining such supplies from the West and the extravagant prices that must be paid for them indicate that this scarcity is general and not simply local. The difficulty is not simply in having to pay high prices but in obtaining such supplies at all.

It is useless to expect that conditions will be better in the forage and food producing states at the end of this year. All production depends on labor and we know that the labor supply on the farms this year is 72 per cent of normal as compared with 84 per cent for last year.

In our judgment the Granville County farmer who does not produce a sufficient supply of foodstuffs on his farm will be unable to obtain them elsewhere. He may be walking around with a pocketful of money, and have a bunch of starving horses and cattle on his hands. The merchants of the county find it more and more difficult each day to obtain the supplies of this kind which their customers seek.

We therefore feel it our duty to lay our situation before you. We feel very strongly that it is absolutely necessary this year that every farm in the County shall produce the corn, the hay and the other forage and foodstuffs needed to carry on and operate that farm. It is not suggested that any farmer shall undertake to make these products for sale; the County will be safe if each farm produces the foodstuffs that it consumes. If each one will add just a few acres to his corn crop, fertilize and cultivate it well, the problem will be solved.

We have felt in our duty to lay this situation before you. It is our desire to serve you, but when it is impossible for merchants to obtain goods of a particular kind it is their duty to acquaint their customers with the situation in ample time. We have stated the facts as they exist—we leave it to your good judgment to take such action as will assure a food supply on your farm and save your merchant from the embarrassment of having to tell you that he can not supply your wants.

## THERE WILL BE BREAD LINES WITHIN A YEAR

### Head of Farm Bureau Federation Declares Country Faces Greatly Decreased Food Production.

The idea of a fellow walking around with a pocket full of money and can't get anything to eat, is enough to chill the marrow in his bones. The following special sent out from Washington is a timely warning:

Bread lines within a year in all the large cities are predicted by J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation if something is not done quickly to increase food production. Mr. Howard, who has just completed a tour of the agricultural States, said that this observations on food production have strengthened his worst fears.

"Every immediate condition indicates lower agricultural production," said Mr. Howard. "Under present conditions of marketing and transportation costs of living must go higher and higher, until the time comes when limits are reached and belts of hungry urbanites can be no further shortened. Then a back-to-the-land movement will begin in such volume that industry will suffer. In the mean time undesirable national elements will flourish and radicalism grow rampant."

## HALF MILLION DOLLARS LOSS IN HENDERSON FIRE

### Fertilizer Plant Of American Agricultural Chemical Co. Is Burned

The fertilizer plant of the American Agricultural Chemical Company at Henderson was destroyed by fire Tuesday night entailing an estimated loss of more than \$500,000, which is covered by insurance. Officials said the flames originated in a pile of sacks which it was believed was ignited by sparks from a locomotive.

O. Max Gardner in a statement from Shelby says he will win the nomination for governor. He will address the people of Granville county at the court house Saturday, May 15 at 2:30 o'clock.

## PREPARING TO ENTERTAIN LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES HERE NEXT WEEK

### Ladies From All Over the State Will Be the Guests of Oxford People.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference will convene in the Oxford Methodist Church May 11-14, the first session being at eight Tuesday evening. An interesting program, which will appear in the Public Ledger next Tuesday, has been arranged for three days and evenings.

Every one is invited to attend these meetings. The hospitality committee wishes to thank everyone that has been so good to offer to entertain the delegates.

Two hundred and twelve names have already been received and the list grows from day to day.

## WHAT WILL OXFORD DO WITH TEACHERS SALARY PROBLEM

The proposal of the General Assembly to revalue all property and allow an increase of only ten per cent over the amount raised last year is one that is now facing School boards everywhere. It is a problem that is hard to solve since an increase of only ten per cent in the school funds in Oxford means that even the needed additional teachers cannot be employed, not to mention the increase in salary of those already in service. Oxford would be able to raise only one thousand dollars more than during the past year. A salary schedule of at least 40 per cent increase is absolutely necessary.

The Schools will suffer unless enough money is provided to allow this increase as teachers will not sign a contract on a ten per cent increase. The average salary in Oxford at present is \$55.40 per month for twelve months. An increase of \$5.34 would be allowed the teachers in Oxford. Is that just and fair? Can you expect to get teachers on any such basis?

People say, well what can I do. Here is a suggestion. Make your representatives feel the need of this situation and let them go to Raleigh in the Special Legislature and make provisions to run the school efficiently. Another way would be to say to the School Board, employ teachers at a fair salary and we will provide the money by keeping enough of the Special tax that we have already voted to do so. Eighteen cents will possibly do so where the district has been levying 30 cents.

## PRESIDENT WILSON IS ON THE JOB AGAIN

### You Will Hear Something Crack About May 15.

May will undoubtedly prove an interesting month in the political history of the country if it is indeed to witness the active re-entry of President Wilson into administrative activities.

The Charlotte Observer, which has a corner on the grapevine and the wireless, says: "Reports from Washington outside the regular news channels might seem to prepare the public for the re-entry of the White House into politics. The profiteers who may have been feeling easy all the while, may have occasion to 'quake in their boots' before the month is out. Meanwhile, there will have been a presidential arraignment of Congress and a demand that essential legislation be enacted, including revision of the revenue law, passage of bills recommended by the President to reduce the high cost of living, passage of bills providing for the protection of certain war industries, particularly the dye industry, and, possibly, labor legislation and new Treaty proposals designed to put the Democratic party in a better technical position for the elections. Indications of this impending activity of the Administration had a lot to do with the favorable report of the Senate Committee on Agriculture in reference to the cold storage bill. The word has gone out that any bonus bill at this time is likely to be vetoed, the President favoring the bonus but insisting on a reconsideration of the whole taxation system in connection therewith."

## FORMER GRANVILLE MAN IN GREATER BANKING OPERATION

A system of Chinese-American banks with proposed branches in the United States is now being put in operation in a number of Chinese cities. An Associated Press dispatch from Shanghai says: The new institution, the Chinese-American Commercial and Industrial Bank of China, has grown out of a recent interchange of visits to America and China of leading American and Chinese financiers. Following the opening in February of the main bank of the system at Peking, steps were taken in March to open a branch at Shanghai, and others, it is said, will be started without delay in Canton, Hankow, Tientsin and Chentu.

The Public Ledger learns that Mr. Gregory, a nephew of Col. R. O. Gregory of Oxford, who went abroad some years ago to look after the interests of the British-American Tobacco Company in Shanghai, and Hsu-Eu-yuan, a Chinese financier, are vice presidents of the banking house in Shanghai.