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MOB ATTACKS GRAHAM JAIL AND IS FIRED UPON BY DURHAM MACHINE GUNNERS

Three Negroes Are Held Charged With Attacking Prominent White Woman—The Soldiers Were Under Orders From Governor Bickett to "Shoot Straight."

Graham, N. C., July 19.—A mob of angry citizens rushed the jail here tonight bent on lynching three negroes held under suspicion of having assaulted Mrs. A. A. Riddle Saturday night and the Durham Machine Gun Company fired on the crowd, wounding a number, some of them, it is thought, fatally.

The machine gunners were outside the jail, when the rush was made by the mob in the effort to wrest one of the machine guns away. A serious fight ensued and the gunners returned to the jail where the machine guns were trained on the storming party and fired. Many citizens of the town, thoroughly aroused, are arming themselves.

OXFORD IS THE SCAPE GOAT

And Henderson Is the Honey Boy.

More than two weeks ago the Southern Gas and Improvement Company shut the valve at their plant at Henderson and cut the flow of gas off from Oxford. Henderson has a good flow of gas and Oxford has none. The people of Henderson registered a royal kick and got gas. Oxford people sat like dumps on a log and got it where the chicken gets the axe.

In the face of all this the Gas Company has asked for an increase. The case comes before the State Corporation Commission in Raleigh soon. Mayor Stem will attend the hearing.

DOCTORS IN CAROLINA

There are a number of counties in the State without a single doctor. There are 2,257 doctors in North Carolina. They serve two and a half million people settled in 48,749 square miles of territory. Which means on an average one doctor for every 1,100 people and every 23 square miles of area.

The doctors like the preachers are fleeing out of the country regions. Already there are a score or more of counties in North Carolina without a single doctor or preacher living out in the countryside. Instead they live in the villages and towns, and serve their patients.—News Letter.

NOTED PREACHER DEAD

Dr. W. F. Watson, Brother of Mrs. J. M. Fagan.

Dr. W. F. Watson, for many years a leading light in the Baptist denomination, died in Gastonia last Sunday morning.

Dr. Watson was the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Alexandria, Va., for more than fifteen years. He was a brother of Mrs. J. M. Fagan and had often visited her here and filled the pulpit at the Oxford Baptist Church and was highly esteemed by the congregation.

MRS. FRANK B. BLALOCK IS RECOVERING AT ST. LUKE'S

Mrs. Frank B. Blalock, who was hurt in an automobile accident near Fredricksburg, Va., last week, is recovering from the wounds in St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, and will be able to come home in a few days. Mr. Blalock, who has been with her since the accident, is expected home today. Miss Sarah Clement, who was also in the accident, but escaped injury, will remain with Mrs. Blalock until she returns home.

Mrs. George B. Wetmore Dead.

Mrs. George B. Wetmore of Oxford, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. B. Jones at Kingston, Thursday, where she was visiting. She was sick only a short time and her death was very unexpected. She has resided in Oxford for several years with her son, Mr. M. D. Wetmore. She was a member of St. Stephen's Church and leaves the following children: Messrs M. D. J. B. and H. S. Wetmore, Mrs. C. B. Jones. The interment was held Friday at Woodleaf.

American Legion Speaker.

Adjutant J. J. Walters, Oxford Post, American Legion, was advised this morning from Greensboro that Mr. F. G. Terwilliger, A. F. C., will address the post here next Thursday night in the court house. Full attendance of the post desired.

—Mr. J. F. Meadows and family have returned from an extended auto trip of 1500 miles across seven States.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OXFORD, N. C., desires to secure the services of an organist. Vacancy caused by resignation of present incumbent. Reasonable salary will be paid. Communicate with MRS. J. B. BOOTH, Chairman Music Com.

HANDSOME PREMIUMS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

The List Is Larger and Makes a Strong Appeal To Exhibitors

Since the premium list of the Granville County Fair was issued and distributed over the county last week, a good healthy sentiment has sprung up in favor of making the Fair in October next the largest and best ever held here. The new premium list carries the following information:

Officers.
E. G. Moss President
W. T. Yancey Treasurer
Mrs. L. W. Capehart Secretary
J. E. Jackson Assistant Secretary
Executive Committee.
D. G. Brummitt, T. G. Currin, E. G. Moss, C. G. Daniel, T. G. Stem, A. H. Powell.

Foreword.
This is the announcement of the eleventh annual meeting of the Granville County Fair Association. Like any other business running through a period of this length the Fair has had its ups and downs. On the whole, however, we believe it has had a reasonable degree of success even from a direct business standpoint, and there is no question that indirectly it has performed a distinct and valuable service in the agricultural development of the county. It deserves to become a permanent feature of our public life.

This year we approach the people of the county with an appeal and a promise. We appeal to the patriotic citizens to give us their best support in making this the best year in the history of the Fair, and we promise on the part of the management that no effort will be spared, no means overlooked to carry out our part in this undertaking.

We wish it to be understood that the purpose of this Fair is primarily to promote the development of the resources of Granville County, to encourage better methods of farming, the production of more and better live stock, and to increase the efficiency of the homemaker generally. At the same time we wish to make it a time of recreation and amusement. We expect to have amusement features that will amuse and entertain without lowering the moral standard of our people. For this purpose we have secured the famous Bright Light Shows, which have a standard of refinement and wholesomeness.

It is with great satisfaction that we present to you the following premium list. The premiums have been carefully revised to suit present conditions in the county, and the amounts offered have been very much increased. We ask you to give the following pages your careful attention. NOW, select such things as it is possible for you to exhibit, and begin, NOW to prepare your exhibit for the Fair.

MRS. L. W. CAPEHART, Sec.

The Premiums.
There is a handsome premium for almost every thing grown on the farm, including live stock, home economics products and school exhibits. The following is the list of premiums for community exhibits:

- First \$100.00
- Second 50.00
- Third 30.00
- Fourth 20.00

The premium list can be had by calling on Mrs. Capehart at her office in the Court house or from the Oxford Merchants.

The Amusements.
Man & West's Bright Light Shows will give two free exhibitions daily during the fair. The management has personally inspected the Bright Light Shows and guarantee that the exhibition is first-class.

CANNING POWDERS SHOULD NOT BE USED IN CANNING

In some communities there is a wide-spread use of canning powders. Both borax and calcium acid are bought from druggists for this purpose. Large quantities of these acids are also sold at a high price under fanciful canning compound names.

The United States Department of Agriculture warns against the use of any preserving powders or canning compound. Their use encourages careless and uncleanly work, and their excessive use may be attended with serious effects upon digestion and health. It is entirely practicable to "put up" fruits and vegetables sound health. It is entirely practicable that they will keep indefinitely with processing the products with heat. There is no reason for taking the risk of using canning powders.

Baseball.

Norlina will play Oxford at Horners Park this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

THE OXFORD-HENDERSON ROAD

The County Commissioners Should Come To The Rescue Of The Traveling Public.

Work on the Oxford-Henderson road is progressing so slow you can scarcely see what has been accomplished from week to week.

It is only a fraction over four miles from Oxford to the Granville-Vance line; yet that stretch of road has been torn up and impassable in places for several months.

The contractors are doing a good job of work, and when the job is completed it will be a thing of beauty; but nevertheless they have shown a disregard of the rights of the public to a remarkable degree. They plow up a stretch of road and provide no passage way around it. It is pointed out that if the contractors had the least bit of consideration for the welfare of the traveling public they could provide a passage way for vehicles with a few shovel fulls of dirt.

Coming upon the scene, the average man is faced with a condition that is well calculated to test his metal. He must either advance or turn back. If he turns back he is sure to miss his train; if he goes forward he is sure to get stuck in the soft ground and deep holes made by the plow. Under such trying conditions man is prone to take risks and he ventures out into "no man's land" and here you are.

This same thing has happened time after time on the Oxford-Henderson road, and it is said that the schedule price of pulling an automobile out of the holes and mire is \$16.

The County Commissioners should hasten to the rescue of the traveling public. They should compel the contractors to hurry up the work and by all means provide for the passage of vehicles at places where they block the road.

CROPS GOOD ON GRANVILLE, PERSON AND DURHAM COUNTIES

Messrs Thomas Frazier and his brother William, good farmers of Surl, Person County, had the pleasure of visiting three counties last Thursday. They came to Oxford and took the train to Durham and returned to Oxford in the evening in time to visit the Orpheum Theatre.

Mr. Thomas Frazier, who is a good judge of crops, said that there is a good stand of tobacco in all three of the counties; that there will be a preponderance of fine tobacco to decorate the warehouse floors.

The corn crop as a whole, said Mr. Frazier is somewhat disappointing in some sections of the three counties, but he was of the opinion that the yield will be equal to that of last year.

While in Oxford Mr. Frazier bought a handsome Thornhill wagon from Horner Bros. Company and ritched his old friend Frank, 29 years old, to the wagon and drove home. Mr. Frazier admitted that he had read the advertisement of the Thornhill wagon in the Public Ledger and that he was convinced that it was the wagon he wanted.

EMINENT MEN COMING TO THE GRANVILLE EXPERIMENT FARM

Tobacco Growers of the County Invited to Meet Them July 23-24.

Mr. E. G. Moss, director of the Granville Experiment Farm, is in receipt of the following letter:

"A number of our agricultural teachers have asked that arrangements be made which will enable them to receive special instruction concerning tobacco growing. We have about forty teachers now and they will be at the State College from July 8 to July 29. I had thought of a plan such as the following: Arrange for all of our men to spend two days at the Oxford farm where they could be instructed by you and other men who you desire to secure. This plan would enable you to use the experiment farm with its buildings, etc., as a laboratory. I should like for these men to come up July 23 and 24 provided this is the most suitable date between the 8 and 29 for giving this instruction."

It would be well for the farmers to remember the date, July 23-24, and be present. Among the teachers coming are the following: Dr. W. W. Garner, Washington City; E. H. Mathewson, Louisville; Dr. F. A. Wolf and Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, West Raleigh.

GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT WILL CONVENE NEXT WEEK

Granville County Superior Court will convene next Monday for one week's term, Hon. O. H. Allen, of Kingston, judge presiding. The docket is light.

WILL THERE BE A REACTION IN THE PRICE OF TOBACCO?

The Tobaccomen Are More Or Less At Sea.

For three or four years tobacco has been growing in demand and in consumption. The world war, of course, had considerable to do with the marvelous increase in consumption. On account of the demand that has increased from year to year and on account of the fact that for the last four years there has been no increase in production, prices have been high and each year has seen them higher. Last year it seems as if the limit was reached, and no such prices were ever heard of or dreamed of. Many men made a great deal of money. Manufacturers did well, and as a rule warehousemen prospered, and farmers had money to throw at birds. And now the solemn question is, will there be a reaction? Will prices rule much lower than for several years? Is there a hold-up in consumption, causing a decrease in demand? To be perfectly candid, tobaccomen are more or less at sea. We can not for the life of us see why conditions should justify any considerable lowering of prices. More tobacco is being consumed, we believe, than ever before, and there is no such thing as an over-production.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

A GLOOMY DAY

In The Dark, Without Water, Gas And Electric Power And Ice.

Sunday was a gloomy day in Oxford, made so by the act of Providence or some other agency. Two weeks ago the Southern Gas and Improvement Company closed the valve at their plant in Henderson and shut off the flow of gas to Oxford.

Last Saturday night a heavy wind storm down the road blew down the poles and wire of the Carolina Power and Light Company, which deprived Oxford of power and light. The pumps that supply Oxford with water are driven by electric power, and as there was no power the pumps were at a standstill Sunday, and what little water there was in reserve there was no ice to cool it.

The only public utility in Oxford that had any life in it last Sunday was the telephone company.

When the electric current came on a few hours later there was plenty of light and power and the water pumps began to function, but you need not expect any gas from Henderson until you smell it.

THE HENDERSON WATER CO.

Buys Twenty-Seven Acres For New Reservoir.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch)

J. H. Bridgers, president of the Henderson Water Company, announced today that his company had purchased twenty-seven acres of land lying along Conacanara and Sandy creeks, embracing the junction of these two streams, for an additional reservoir of water supply for Henderson.

The purchase of this land for a reservoir for public water supply, Mr. Bridgers said, puts the entire water shed of Conacanara creek under the protection of the State Board of Health.

If the community would like to have the immediate development of this property, Mr. Bridgers said, it could be done if each customer would consent to an increase in his water rate equivalent to one cent per day for the average house.

In giving out this statement Mr. Bridgers incidentally called attention to the fact that this is the largest water works in the State in the hands of private corporation, and said that this condition was probably due to the extraordinarily low rate which the city pays for hydrant rental, the total amount being \$3,500.00 per annum. The taxes on the property and free services for schools and churches amounts to \$2,000, leaving the hydrant rental to the city only \$1,500 per annum.

A NEGRO'S TRAFIC IN AUTOMOBILE AND SUPPLIES

Last week, a negro giving his name as John Davis and other names at various places, is alleged to have stolen a Ford touring car from Mr. W. A. Reid, of Trotsville, Va., and disappeared. He also took a number of tires, five of which he sold on the road for \$4.

He came down the National Highway and spent a few hours in Oxford, the car to two men near Hickory, Catawba County, for \$400, collecting \$100 of the sum. After getting rid of the car the negro disappeared and has not been seen since.

—Which are more trying days, less Endless days during the World War or these days in Oxford now which are Lightless, Waterless, Iceless, and Gasless?

THE CROPS OF GRANVILLE ARE IN FINE CONDITION

The County Has 36,700 Acres Planted To Corn—The Tobacco Crop Average Is 91 Percent In Condition.

(Especially reported for the Public Ledger by Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician.)

July 17th: The crops of this section of North Carolina have improved remarkably even though they are still late, after the late conditions during the spring. The winter and discouraging weather June crop conditions improved seven per cent as the weather was very favorable excepting for some spotted hail hit sections. The crop forecast is favorable at present as announced by the state's Cooperative Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh, N. C.

Granville County Crops.

Granville County has 36,700 acres of corn or 104 per cent compared with last year, averaging 94 per cent in condition. The Tobacco crop averages 91 per cent in condition. The acres are estimated to be 103 per cent of the 1919 crop. The condition of the wheat crop at harvest was 93 per cent of normal.

The Present Price.

The North Carolina corn acreage this year is four per cent below last year's and indicates 89 per cent of a full crop prospect. The forecasted fifty-seven million bushels production is three per cent better than was made last fall. The present farm price is \$2.27 per bushel or 32 cents more than a year ago. The United States acreage is slightly increased from last year but the present condition of the crop forecasts five per cent less production.

Good Prospects.

The Tobacco crop that put us to the front and brought so much wealth into northern and eastern Carolina is increased five to six per cent in acreage with a condition of 80 per cent of a full crop. This means that we have a good crop prospect and if prices hold up, we will have another high rank in the crop's value.

THE PRICE OF BUILDING MATERIAL WILL INCREASE

The drop in some wholesale lines of lumber has inspired many people with the belief that we are on the verge of seeing a general decline in the prices of building materials. As a matter of fact, however, there has been no change in fundamental conditions in the material markets. The sharp check in building operations at this time is due to the non-arrival of supplies that should have come forward many months ago. The tie-up in deliveries is bound to force prices for the fall and spring building seasons to even higher levels.

Just as soon as building materials that are held at the plants can be shipped, there is going to be a scramble to get them. Between the fall and next spring, with shipments coming through, the demand is going to increase sharply, with the inevitable result on prices. Whatever slight over-supply may be evident at some places now will be quickly absorbed.

The actual building movement can not gain any great headway again until rail shipments are much improved. As soon as deliveries begin to be made regularly and promptly there will be a further upward trend in prices. This is the more favorable view in the trade now, and appears to be the most logical.—Industrial and Engineering News.

NAVY PAY INCREASED

This Will Be Of Interest To Young Men Who Contemplate Enlisting In The Navy.

The pay in the Navy has been increased and the following is the rate of pay of some of the principal ratings per month:

Chief petty officers	\$126
First class petty	84
Second class petty	72
Third class petty	60
Non-rated men, 1st c.	54
Non-rated men 2nd c.	48
Firemen first class	60
Firemen second class	54
Firemen third class	48
Apprentice seamen	33

ROAD WORK HELD UP IN THE STATE

Practically all road work in the State has been held up by the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission refusing to allow the use of coal cars for hauling any other product than coal. These cars have been used exclusively for hauling rock from the quarries and the order makes it impossible for the contractors to get the rock for the work.

SKETCH OF GOVERNOR COX, THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

From Printer's devil to president. That is the ambitious road James M. Cox has set out to travel, and now he has got as far as inducing the Democratic party to put it up to the voters of the nation to decide next November whether they want to send Gov. James M. Cox to the White House or prefer Senator Warren G. Harding. In either event Ohio furnishes the next president. Just as the Republican candidate for president was born in the Buckeye state fifty-three years ago and has lived there ever since, so also the Democratic candidate for president was born there fifty years ago and has made his home there always.

His birthday is March 31. His birthplace is a humble little farm near Jacksonburg, in Butler county. His parents were farmers, his father of English decent and his mother of German. He worked his way into the Amanda township high school, selling papers and working as a printer's devil in a country printshop to get by. The smell of the printer's ink made a hit with youthful "Jimmy" Cox and he set out to learn the trade of a journeyman printer. Then he graduated to a newspaper reporter and got a job on the Cincinnati Enquirer, of which he soon became one of the minor editors.

Young Cox's first taste of politics came when he was 4. He got a job as secretary to a Democratic Ohio congressman, with a chance to earn \$100 a month and live in Washington part of the time. This job he kept for four years, when he scraped enough money together to get control of the Dayton News. Five years later he secured the Springfield Press Republic, changed its name to Springfield Daily News and has operated both papers with marked success under what is known as the News League of Ohio.

Mr. Cox was elected to Congress from the Third Ohio district in 1908, and was re-elected in 1910; was elected governor of Ohio in 1912 and defeated for re-election in 1914; was elected governor in 1916 and again in 1918.

Gov. Cox married twice. His first wife, whom he wedded in 1893, was Miss Mayme L. Harding of Cincinnati. He married her while he was a reporter. His second wife was Miss Margaret P. Blair, a Chicago girl. He married her three years ago shortly after he had been elected governor for the second time.

THESE BE DOG DAYS

A Period In Which Dogs Are Supposed To Be Especially Liable To Go Mad.

Webster's International Dictionary defines Dog Days as a "period of from four to six weeks, variously placed between the early part of July and the early part of September; canicular days—so called because reckoned in ancient times from the heliacal rising of the dog star, Sirius. Popularly the sultry, close part of the summer when dogs are supposed to be specially liable to go mad. The conjunction of the rising of the dog star with the rising of the sun was regarded by the ancients as one of the causes of the sultry heat of summer and of the maladies which then prevailed. But as the conjunction does not occur at the same time in all latitudes and is constantly changing in the same region, there has been much variation in calendars regarding the limits of the dog days. Some dates that have been given by Roger Long (1680-1776) as the beginning of dog days are: About 735 A. D., July 16; 16th century, July 6; 1616-1752, July 19 after 1752, July 30.

STRONG TEAM WILL CROSS BATS HERE SATURDAY

Baseball fans are looking forward with pleasure to the big game at Horners Park next Saturday afternoon between the Oxford and Henderson teams.

These two teams are evenly matched, and if our country friends want to see a good game this will afford them an opportunity. Both teams are composed of fine young men and the best of order will prevail.

GOV. BICKETT WILL RESIDE IN WINSTON-SALEM

Gov. Thos. W. Bickett will open a law office in Winston-Salem and move his family there to live when he retires as Chief Executive. At least two other lawyers of prominence, one of whom now live in Winston-Salem, will be associated with the Governor.