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THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF LEGISLATURE ENDED

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—The extra session of the legislature ended at noon yesterday after 17 days of strenuous work. The five major enactments of the session are as follows:

Submitted amendment to the constitution of North Carolina limiting the tax rate to be levied for State and County purposes, exclusive of school support to 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation; providing for a tax on incomes not to exceed 6 per cent; repealing the "stand or fall together" provision in the Grandfather amendment; and changed the qualifications of a voter in the State and four months in the precinct in which the ballot is cast, and removed the requirement that a voter must have paid poll tax before voting.

Passed the Revenue act, fixing the tax rate for the year at 15 cents on property valuation, and levying no tax for State purposes upon property. Passed the municipal franchise act; the Brooks educational bill; provides for the registration of women, etc.

GRANVILLE LOSES LOT OF TOBACCO BY RAIN

Tobacco Ripening Faster Than It Can Be Taken Care Of.

Rains which have fallen in some parts of Granville during the past few weeks have done an immense damage to the tobacco crop and some farmers are estimating their loss at from 25 to 50 per cent. It is estimated that the loss for the county is 25 per cent of the crop.

Many fields in the southern part of the county plants have last from two to four leaves on account of the heavy downpours.

In a great many fields the tobacco is ripening faster than it can be taken care of, too much water having forced it to mature a number of days ahead of schedule time, and although owners are working practically every minute of daylight yet they find themselves unable to handle their crops as fast as they are ready to be harvested.

If the value of the average acre of tobacco is placed at \$400, the farmers of Granville county have lost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 in the past ten days.

GAS EXPORT TO BEGIN WORK IN TOWN OF THE STATE

Will Look Over the Plant at Henderson At An Early Date.

The Charlotte Observer states that H. O. Gorman, chief engineer of the Indiana public utilities commission, who has been engaged by Charlotte and four other North Carolina cities to investigate the gas situation.

Will make investigation of several gas companies of the state in an effort to determine a fair rate of cost of gas production. He will give especial attention to the methods of manufacture to see if the plants are run economically.

The request of the gas companies that they be allowed an increase in rate was granted by the state corporation commission as a temporary measure, which will be in force until the commission meets again for the consideration of the question. The final hearing on the matter will take place before the corporation commission some time the latter part of September. It is expected that the engineer will complete his work within 30 days.

STATE AMERICAN LEGION WILL MEET IN WILMINGTON

Raleigh, N. C., August 26, 1920.—The American Legion, Department of North Carolina, consisting of 112 posts and 6,000 ex-service men, will hold its second annual State Convention in Wilmington, September 3 and 4.

The Department desires every post of the Legion in North Carolina to be represented by delegates as questions of importance will be decided upon at this Convention. Among them the matter of electing a whole time Department Adjutant and Finance Officer at a salary that will justify a man to devote his entire time to the work of the American Legion of this State, the publishing of a semi-monthly magazine by the North Carolina Department, the Fordney extra compensation bill, which is expected to come up in the next session of Congress, universal military training, education and good roads.

MACHINERY FOR SUFFRAGE ENACTED BY LEGISLATURE

In Force From and After Legal Ratification of the Federal Amendment.

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—After defeating the scales bill providing for the registration and voting of women in North Carolina, under provisions of the nineteenth amendment to the constitution, by a vote of 49 to 38, the house at noon today reconsidered and passed the measure upon its third reading. The vote was 50 to 28. The bill was immediately sent to the Senate for concurrence in the house amendment, which restricts the non-payment of poll taxes to 1920, and provides that the act shall be in force from and after legal ratification of the federal amendment, and after its legality has been contested and settled.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Two Day's Session Will Be Held in the Oxford Baptist Church.

Mrs. John Webb, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association, states that practically everything is in readiness for the eleventh annual meeting of the Association, which will be held in the Oxford Baptist Church Thursday and Friday, September 1 and 2. The women and girls of the churches of the Association are urged to attend the meeting and all the churches are asked to send representatives whether they have societies or not, said Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. J. M. Blalock, Oxford, is chairman of hospitality, and all delegates are requested to send their names to her. Those coming on the train notify her the time of their arrival in Oxford, so they will be met at the station.

THE PROGRAM

Thursday, Sept. 2, 3:30 p. m. (1). Devotional services, Mrs. Green. (2). Greetings, Mrs. A. H. Powell. (3). Enrollment. (4). Sunbeam session, Miss Sadie Parham, presiding. Report of junior superintendent, roll call of Sunbeams, recognition of State officers, exercises by West Oxford band. (5). Appointment of committees. (6). Announcements. (7). Closing.

Friday, 3 p. m.

Exercises by Oxford First Baptist church Sunbeams. (2). Sermon by Dr. W. C. Tyree. Friday, 10 a. m. Devotional services, led by Mrs. Torian; report of W. M. S.; report of group leaders; superintendent's report.

A Campaign Program—(1) Collecting and reporting pledges, Mrs. Hobbs; (2) Reaching unclaimed churches, Mrs. Amis; (3) Why we should have a missionary study class, Mrs. W. H. Upchurch; (4) A larger circulation of Mission magazines and the Recorder, Mrs. Weldon; (5) Duett, Mrs. Parham and Mrs. Upchurch; (6) Address by State officers; (7) Announcements.

Young Woman's and Girls Auxiliary session, Miss Isabel Parham presiding, followed by devotional exercises; report of Y. W. A. and G. A. Societies; report of Y. W. A. and G. A. superintendents; attainment of excellence, by Mrs. G. B. Phillips; the W. M. U. training school at Louisville, by Miss Sizemore; exercise by Oxford G. A.; report of committees.

RATES FOR PASSENGERS

Legislature Fixes Rate at Three Cents a Mile.

Raleigh, Aug. 25.—The house of representatives, adopting a substitute bill on rate fixing, which was reported by the committee having the matter in charge, today fixed intrastate passenger rates, effective August 26, at 3 cents a mile. The original bill took from the legislature the prerogative of fixing rates. The substitute bill as passed today gives to the legislature that right, which it was pointed out belongs to that body. Independent roads of one hundred miles or less may charge higher than 3 cents, but this may not be done by branch lines of large roads running into North Carolina. The substitute bill carried with it a provision that the corporation commission shall make a full investigation of rail and water transportation and report its findings to the general assembly in regular session next winter.

MRS. H. G. COOPER, JR., DIED IN BALTIMORE YESTERDAY

Remains Will Reach Oxford Tonight—Funeral Service From the Home Tomorrow Morning.

Mrs. Henry G. Cooper, Jr., wife of Lieut. H. G. Cooper, Jr., died in Baltimore Thursday at one-thirty. She had been in John's Hopkins' for several weeks and her death did not come as a shock to her loved ones. Lieut. Cooper has been constantly with her. Mrs. Cooper was a highly cultured woman, having been educated at Wellesley College and having traveled extensively. She was born in Bird-In-Hand, Pennsylvania, her maiden name being Wilhelmina Gibbons. Eight years ago she was married to Lieut. Cooper in China. She leaves two children, Henry G. Cooper 3rd, and Caroline. The remains will reach Oxford Friday night and the funeral service will be held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock from her home.

FINED FOR NEGLECT TO POST PUBLIC HEALTH PLACARD

Junius Allen Fined \$10 For Failure to Comply with the Public Health Law.

In the court of Justice J. J. Medford a case came up last Tuesday, charging Junius Allen with carelessly neglecting to post a placard notifying the public that a case of typhoid fever was present in the house of Allen.

The health officer testified that such notice to the public is required by law because typhoid fever is a contagious disease; and for the safety of the public there can be no excuse for neglect that is valid for the public.

Allen was fined \$10 and the cost of the proceedings, and was charged by Justice Medford with fully complying with all the requirements of law as touching typhoid fever or any other contagious or infectious disease.

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

NEGRO KILLED AFTER INSULTING WHITE GIRLS AT BUFFALO SPRINGS

(Special to the Public Ledger) Nelson, Va., Aug. 26.—Citizens of Halifax county, aided by bloodhounds, scoured the country surrounding Buffalo Lithia Springs today for an unidentified negro who yesterday shot and wounded James Baptist, a wealthy resident of the county.

The shooting occurred when Baptist pursued the negro after the latter had insulted some white girls working at a hotel. Approached by Baptist and others at the railroad station the negro fired eighteen shots from two revolvers, only one taking effect.

Baptist was wounded in the chest and was taken to a South Boston hospital. The negro in the excitement following the shooting escaped.

Fighting desperately and wounding a second member of the posse, after he had shot James Baptist, the negro was shot and killed this morning near Virginia by Marsel Elam, brother-in-law of Baptist.

Following him from the hotel the posse, aided by bloodhounds, tracked the negro to the outskirts of Virginia, where he was surrounded. Cornered, but firing continuously with two pistols, the negro wounded a second man, Crawling to where the negro was crouching, Elam leveled his shotgun and fired. The negro's head was torn open.

TOURIST FIGURE IN ROMANTIC COURT HOUSE WEDDING

When Mr. Herbert N. Barringer, of Washington City, and Miss Cecilia Arnold, of Virginia, walked into the register of deeds office last Tuesday and secured marriage license and announced that they desired to have the ceremony performed as quick as possible, word was sent to Justice J. J. Medford to come to the court house at once and tie the everlasting knot.

The bride-to-be was such a very handsome woman, and elegantly dressed, Justice Medford was cautioned to spruce up a little before he made his appearance.

The young lady was indeed very pretty and there was the indelible marks of culture and refinement in her features and bearing. She weighed not less than 175 pounds and is straight, tall and graceful. The groom was a small man, rather quick and inclined to be nervous. He appeared to be a well-to-do business man, and for all we know he may be a millionaire.

It was the first time in his official career that Justice Medford was called upon to perform a "ring ceremony." He hardly knew at what juncture of the ceremony to call for the ring, but when he pronounced them man and wife the groom reached into his vest pocket and fished out a large handsome diamond ring and placed it on the finger of the bride.

THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER

Fifty Thousand Persons Were the Victims of Influenza.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The Census Bureau will give out the population for the United States in October, and it has been variously estimated at from 106,000,000 to 110,000,000. These estimates were obtained by projecting previous populations, and subtracting 5,000,000 persons from the total to cover the loss in immigration and 50,000 persons who died from "flu."

BALD HEAD CLUB OF AMERICA.

Several Oxford Men are Eligible to Membership

The Bald Head Club of America has been incorporated in the State of Connecticut.

The club was organized about 15 years ago and has achieved fame. The paper filed with the secretary of State are dated at Salisbury, Conn., the 19th. One of the objects of the club, as set forth in the articles of the association, is "to promote and foster a sentiment of fraternity among those whose domes of thought protrude and tower above the foliage that merely affords shade and adornment."

Quite a number of Oxford men are eligible to membership on account of their naked domes. By rights an Oxford gentleman is entitled to the highest office in the organization by virtue of the scarcity of hair on his head.

A Pretty Picture.

One of the prettiest and most wholesome pictures of the decade is "Everywoman," which will be filmed at the Orpheum tonight and tomorrow night.

Mrs. Sallie Crews Paralyzed

Mrs. Sallie Crews was stricken with paralysis at the home of her daughter Mrs. Cora Ellis, yesterday. Her condition is said to be critical. She is a sister of Mr. D. N. Hunt.

—Whenever we hear a fellow bragging about the speed of his car, we begin looking up his age, relatives, past history and other facts that might be needed in an obituary.

SEVERAL PATIENTS ARE KNOCKING AT THE DOOR OF BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL

Number Of Rooms Will Be Furnished By Societies and Private Individuals.

Those who have taken a look at Brantwood Hospital since it received the finishing touches are highly pleased with its beauty and arrangements. Dr. Jack Bullock stated yesterday that they hope to have everything ready for the formal opening during the first week in September. Some of the modern equipment, said Dr. Bullock, has not arrived, which may delay the opening a few days.

The Oxford Baptist Philathea class and the Oxford Methodist Philathea class will each furnish a room. Upchurch & Currin have selected a handsome room and will furnish it. The Oxford Cotton Mill has raised \$250 towards furnishing the sitting room. In all there are thirty-five rooms to be furnished. Several fraternal orders and private individuals have looked over the hospital with a view of furnishing rooms.

The expense of fitting up the hospital has been very heavy. While the managers are not soliciting financial aid, they do not hesitate to say that they will greatly appreciate any effort on the part of the public to furnish as many rooms as possible.

Dr. Thomas said that donations of white cotton rags would be greatly appreciated. The general feeling here is that whatever the hospital may want the good people of Oxford and Granville county are ready to respond.

Miss Tenny, the lady superintendent of Chapel Hill, and three professional nurses have been engaged. The nurses' quarters, a neat four-room building at the rear of the hospital, is now ready to receive them. Dr. Watkins stated that three nurses would be sufficient at present, but it will be necessary to put on two more before the end of the present year.

Speaking of the outlook for business, Dr. Bullock remarked that fifteen people who need minor operations have stated that they are waiting for the hospital to open to have the operation performed. A noted surgeon will be at the hospital during the opening week to attend to the large number who are waiting to be treated.

NEWS LETTER FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

Stem, N. C., August 26.—Mr. C. G. Nels, of the Stem Motor Company, has returned from the funeral of Mr. Theibert Ellis, in the old Copley burying ground near Morian last Monday afternoon. Mr. Ellis was killed by Claud Bowler at Pomp Day's barn Sunday afternoon. He and his wife had motored up to Mr. Day's home, father of Mrs. Ellis, and finding no one there started back home and stopped at Day's barn to look at his tobacco. As Ellis was cranking his car, his wife standing at the door, Bowler sprang from behind a woodpile and fired at him, the bullet entering the side. Mrs. Ellis ran to him and tried to shield him from the murderer, but Bowler caught hold of her and pushed her aside and fired again at Ellis and then fled. Mrs. Ellis ran up to her father's house and rang the door bell, and before she got back to the car Dorsey Newton and a small boy had arrived on the scene and found Ellis breathing his last. Bowler, the murderer, is still at large, but determined efforts are being made to apprehend him. He was a former suitor of Mrs. Ellis, and at the time of her marriage last Christmas, it is said, he purchased a pistol and has several times threatened to kill Ellis. The unfortunate victim of Bowler was a most excellent young man, about twenty years of age and highly esteemed in his community.

W. A. Brinkley, of the Granville Auto Co., Lyman Farabow, of Oxford Route 8, and J. F. Bragg, of Stem Route 3, left Wednesday for several weeks stay at Leamington, Ont.

Rev. H. G. Bryant and Mrs. Bryant, of Kanapolis spent the week end with friends in Creedmoor and Tally Ho communities. Mr. Bryant filling the pulpit at Creedmoor Baptist church. He was formerly pastor of Creedmoor and Tally Ho churches and is now pastor of the First Baptist church at Kanapolis, which has a membership of eight hundred, with an average attendance of four hundred at Sunday School.

Mr. J. H. Daniel, the champion watermelon raiser of Tally Ho, raised one this season that measured 31 inches in length and 29 around. Herman Overby, of Oxford Route 6, raised a number of melons weighing 40 to 45 pounds.

SHORT OF TOBACCO STICKS AND FIREWOOD

Mr. R. W. Lassiter remarked yesterday that he had been familiar with farming conditions in Granville county for more than 40 years and that he had never seen so much damage wrought to the tobacco crop as was caused by the recent rains. In riding over the county this week he saw several fields of the most promising tobacco ten days ago now in total ruin. He spoke of seeing numbers of women and children striving to save as much of the crop as possible. Some of the farmers, he said, are short of wood and have no tobacco sticks. He said that the condition in some parts of the county is very serious.

—Mrs. Leak Landis, of New Orleans, is at the home of Mrs. Will Landis.

COLBY PROCLAIMS SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT ADDING IT TO AMERICAN CONSTITUTION

The Seal of the United States Affixed To the Certificate Makes Woman's Suffrage the Nineteenth Amendment Of the Constitution Of the United States.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The proclamation announcing officially that the suffrage amendment to the constitution had been ratified was signed today by Secretary Colby of the State Department.

Secretary Colby's statement follows:

"The certified record of the action of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee on the suffrage amendment was received by mail this morning. Immediately on its receipt the record was brought to my house. This was in compliance with my directions and in accordance with numerous requests for prompt action. I thereupon signed the certificate required of the Secretary of State this morning at eight o'clock in the presence of Mr. F. K. Nielson, the solicitor of the State Department and Mr. Charles L. Cook, also of the State Department. The seal of the United States has been duly affixed to the certificate and the suffrage amendment is now the 19th amendment of the constitution of the United States.

"Now, therefore, be it known that I, Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of Section 205 of the revised statutes of the United States, do hereby certify that the amendment aforesaid has become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution of the United States."

NEGRO WHO ATTEMPTS ASSAULT ON ALAMANCE COUNTY GIRL LYNCHED

Eight Men Take John Jeffries From Five Officers.—Grand Jury Returns True Bill, and Arrangements Are Made For Trial At 4 O'clock When Prisoner Is Taken To Woods and Shot.

Burlington, Aug. 26.—John Jeffries, a negro apparently 18 years of age who, according to reports, confessed that he attempted to commit criminal assault on May Lee Rudd, the six or eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rudd, on their farm about a mile this side of Elon College between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning, was taken from Sheriff C. D. Story and four deputies about 100 yards from the jail at Graham and lynched. His body, containing about 20 bullets, was found lying in the woods about a mile and a half from Graham shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Negro Is Identified.

It is stated that the girl and her mother identified the prisoner and that the negro confessed to the crime, alleging, however, that the child invited him into the woods. Three doctors who examined the girl, according to reports, testified that she had been assaulted.

Alamance Superior court was in session, and the grand jury immediately gave its attention to the case. It returned a true bill of indictment against Jeffries, and a special venire were made for giving the negro a trial at 4 o'clock.

For some time before the hour for the trial the court room was jammed with citizens; there were perhaps 1,000 people present awaiting the trial. There were, it is said, not more than 25 persons between the courthouse and jail, which are about 150 or 200 yards apart, when the officers brought the prisoner from the jail and started with him to the courthouse.

Eight men, says the report formed a party, met the officers, and, after a scuffle, overpowered them and placed the negro in an automobile. The sheriff and deputies followed immediately, but it is said were unable to keep in sight of the Buick six carrying the prisoner.

In a short time the negro was found lying in the woods near the residence of Levin Holt, on the Belmont highway, and his body bore evidence that he had come to his death as a result of about 20 pistol shots.

Lynching Comes As Surprise.

It is stated that the lynching came as a surprise to persons in Graham, hundreds of whom were in the court room awaiting the beginning of the trial. There were no signs of a mob, and the fact that the eight men took the officers so completely by surprise is thought to have aided them materially in their designs.

THE SLOGAN OF THE BAPTIST BARACA CLASS

The members of the Oxford Baptist Baraca class will be pleased to know that Hon. W. A. Devin is at home and will teach the class next Sunday morning.

There is an effort on foot to have more than one hundred members present on this occasion. The lessons for this quarter are very interesting and instructive. The slogan of the class is: "Let us go up to the sanctuary Sunday morning and hear Judge Devin."

VANCE COUNTY FARMERS PROTEST AGAINST PRICE REDUCTION OF TOBACCO

Willing To Offer Tobacco On The Open Market. Provided a Living Price Will Be Paid—Farmers Urged to Market As Uniformly As Possible.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch) A mass meeting of the tobacco growers of Vance county held in Henderson Saturday afternoon, August 21st, to protest against any reduction of the price to be paid for tobacco less than that paid last year resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:

We, the tobacco growers of Vance county being assembled and after due deliberations are resolved that, Whereas the tobacco growers of the bright tobacco belt are now being advised to content themselves with a lower price for their product than was received for the crop of 1919—even though this crop has cost considerably more to produce, and,

Whereas all other lines of industry are showing unparalleled thrift and prosperity, organized labor is getting a reasonable wage for its toil. Railroad corporations and manufacturing companies are coming in for new higher rates and prices, all of which make the cost of living veritably higher for the farming class of people. With the continuously increasing prices of the labor and other material entering into the cost of production. And,

Whereas there are thousands of farm women who have toiled through the heat of a southern summer, without the barest possible hope of a vacation or rest, and there are many thousands more of little children whose little tired hands and backs are still subjected to the deadly strains of completing the harvest, thus creating a condition, which demands the best efforts of every right thinking man and woman throughout the land for its own relief.

Now, therefore, we, the tobacco farmers of Vance county in mass meeting assembled, in Henderson, and pledge our most candid support to the following declaration of principles:

1. That in the production we have stood between the elements and the rest of the world; we have carried all risks to date, and have already accounted for attendant losses; so now, we do herein and hereby resent and protest against any tendencies of those controlling the price of tobacco, in as much as said persons or corporations have run no risk in the producing of the crop, and stand no risk of losing if the farmers are paid a fair price.

2. In view of the fact that the manufacturers and dealers are increasing their wealth in these days of prosperity all we ask of the commercial world is a square deal—an opportunity to lay by some accumulations for ourselves and families. We desire to live and let live. We have toiled faithfully, not for our health nor for our pleasure, but in the hope of profit. Our products are for sale but we are determined not to sacrifice the result of our toil upon the altar of the speculators' greed.

3. That we are willing to offer our tobacco upon the open market, provided only; that the trade is willing to allow us a good living profit; otherwise, we shall feel compelled to call upon producers everywhere, and of every class to come to our aid in an effort to close the doors of the packing houses until such time as the markets of the world may indicate a disposition to deal with us in a just manner.

4. That we further advise the farmers to prepare their tobacco in a good merchantable condition and market as uniformly as possible so that the market will not be flooded at any one time.

5. Where further request that our brother farmers throughout the bright leaf belt call district or county meetings and take similar action immediately.

Among the speakers for the occasion were J. C. Anthony, county agent, H. B. Hicks, J. C. Kittrell, J. R. Teague, G. T. Askew, N. A. Garrett, S. G. Satterwhite, C. E. Fuller. Mr. Satterwhite stated that in response to a request from the U. S. Department of Agriculture as to the cost of raising a hundred pounds of tobacco that he found that it cost \$42.50.

HIGHER RAIL RATES EFFECTIVE

Increases Granted Roads To Meet Expenses.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Increase transportation charges on practically all railroad and steamship lines of the country became effective last night.

Nearly every railroad has filed blanket schedules with the Interstate Commerce Commission making effective the general increase of approximately 333 1-3 per cent in freight rates, of 20 per cent in passenger fares and excess baggage and milk charges, and of 50 per cent in charges for Pullman accommodations. Water carriers will inaugurate on joint rail and water traffic rate increases corresponding to the all-rail advances.

—As a general proposition, the man who squeezes the dollar seldom squeezes his wife.