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BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU APPROACH RALEIGH IN AN AUTOMOBILE

There is a man secreted in the brush by the wayside. There have been several people in this community "pulled" in Raleigh recently for speeding and made to pay fines ranging from \$20 to \$25. The Public Ledger learns from good authority that an officer seizes himself in the brush by the side of the road, and when an auto passes him, another man down the road some distance, times the speeder. The two officers take the number of the speeder's car and compare time, and the arrest follows. The two men, working in a pair, are permitted to operate on any road leading into Raleigh. As a general thing, it is said, they select a smooth surface road where the drivers of cars are apt to exceed the speed limit of twenty-five miles an hour.

Many people who have been arrested and made to pay the fine deny that they were driving above a speed of twenty miles an hour. From what the Public Ledger has heard about the matter, it seems that the authorities of Wake county should place a watch on the "watchers."

The two "watchers," it is said, get a fee of \$2.00 for each arrest and some weeks they make more than \$100 arrests. It is said that one day last week 80 arrests were made, among the number was one man from Oxford.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

To Be Held At Mt. Creek Church On Wednesday and Thursday Of This Week.

Much interest of the Baptists of Granville is centered at Mt. Creek Church, where the annual meeting of the Flat River Association will be held tomorrow and Thursday. Dr. E. B. Meadows is the moderator and Rev. E. G. Usry is the secretary-treasurer.

In former years, when elaborate dinners were served on the church grounds, the attendance was never less than five thousand. The picnic feature was eliminated two or three years ago.

Only the delegates and those who are interested in church work now attend the meeting.

For many years the annual meeting was held in July, but the date was changed to October on account of the harvest season.

VETS AND SONS RETURN FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Granville county delegation to the Confederate reunion in Houston, Texas, returned Saturday. In the party were Commissioner B. I. Bredlove and Mr. H. H. Eatman. Capt. W. H. White came on a later train. In the party were five sons of veterans, as follows: Seymour, Henry and George Hart, Jim Burroughs and Grover Hobgood.

The Granville boys spent a night in New Orleans and were highly pleased with the Crescent City. They were highly pleased with Houston, but what little they saw of Texas did not impress them favorably as a place of residence.

ACTIVITIES OF THE OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB

Sees the Need of Better Gas and Phone Service—Date of Flower Show.

At the meeting of the Woman's Club on last Wednesday it was unanimously decided that Oxford was in need of better gas and phone services. Complaint will be made to the proper authorities.

The date for the Chrysanthemum Show was set for Wednesday and Thursday, October 29 and 30. The premium list will be ready for publication at an early date.

TOBACCO PRICES STIFFEN UP ON OXFORD MARKET

Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Sold Here Last Friday. Tobacco breaks here last week were fairly good each day. The farmers are not rushing the weed to the market.

Friday was the best day of the week as to quantity, quality and price. The price at the close of the week averaged two or three dollars above the previous week.

We invite the attention of the farmers to the warehouse announcements in this paper.

PARADE PRIZE WINNERS

Chief marshal K. L. Street, of the Granville County Fair, makes the following announcement:
First Day—Pony float owned by Miss Cooper, \$25.
Second Day—Best decorated truck, won by Stem, \$5. Best decorated bicycle to Miss Elizabeth White, \$5.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The 4th annual assessment for Street paving will be due and payable not later than Monday Oct. 25th. Prompt attention to this is important.

Oct. 12th 1920. ff.
R. B. HINES,
City Tax Collector.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT IS FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS

Says He Always Was For the League, and Has Been "Disappointed That United States Has Not Already Entered Into It—Exceedingly Anxious For Acceptance."

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 11.—Former President Taft, when shown the statement made publicly by Governor Cox, of Springfield, Illinois, last night said he recently had given permission for publication of correspondence between President Wilson and himself, during the drafting of the League of Nations covenant. He declared he had repeatedly referred to the fact that the President had consulted with him when the League constitution was being drawn and that there was no element of secrecy about the substance.

"When the subject of publishing the correspondence between the President and myself was broached to me by the emissary of the White House, I promptly said go ahead. I had frequently referred to the correspondence myself and would have possibly published it myself if it had been my business to do so."

He declared he favored acceptance of the League without reservations, and expressed disappointment that the United States had not become a party to it. Mr. Taft said the President was responsible for the great plan.

"The President wrecked his own League. He wrecked it with Article 'X,' of which he is the author. Personally, I would stand for the article X, because I am exceedingly anxious for a league to be established. At the same time the League to Enforce Peace, of which I was chairman, had no Article X in its possession."

CHAIRMAN GEORGE WHITE IS SURE OF VICTORY

Tide Has Swung To Cox and Roosevelt—Harding's Des Moines Speech Was High Point Of Republican Campaign.

New York, Oct. 11.—George White, chairman of the democratic national committee, gave his "personal assurance to the country that the tide has swung to Cox and Roosevelt." Senator Harding's Des Moines speech, "turning his back on our national pledges and ideals and rejecting the league of nations and all modifications of its covenant," Mr. White's statement said, "proved the turning blow."

"Since then headquarters has been receiving every unmistakable sign known to politics of a turn to the democratic candidates which will end in certain victory."

"I never said this before, because it did not appear to be true. I say it now because it does appear to be true. If we can collect the money necessary for the intensive publicity required to present the truth the appearance will become a certainty."

"I say this because the republicans, from their candidates down—as judged by his Kansas City speech—intend to cast to the winds even the few considerations of truth which have bound their discussion of the covenant. We must nail each lie several times over."

BELL PAYS COSTS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Former Sheriff Understood Also To Have Settled With Bond Concern (Henderson Daily Dispatch)

Former Sheriff J. E. C. Bell, charged with having misappropriated court funds to the amount of approximately \$40,000 during the period he was sheriff of Vance county, got off in superior court last week with payment of the costs in the case and a suspension of judgment, provided to pay the county the expense of handling the case. This he did, amounting to some \$2,100 in attorney's fees and incidental expenses. It is understood that the former sheriff also had made a settlement with the bonding company to the amount of around \$10,000, and that he had satisfied both the bonding house and the county's attorneys in the case. This takes the case off the docket.

NONE GENUINE WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE

The Man Who Signs All the Money Issued by the United States.

Washington—None genuine without this signature—"John Burke, treasurer of the United States." Burke signs every piece of paper money issued by the United States. That is, he signs the master bank note from which all the others of the series will be printed. Because he's the sort of godfather of all the money his mail swarms with "personal" letters from folks who, having lost their money, think he should make it up to them.

—Miss Hixie White and Mr. Ewing L. Smith were married in Raleigh Saturday, October 9th, 1920.

OLD NORTH STATE MAY, BY REASON OF GROWTH, GET TWO CONGRESSMEN

Examination Of Final Census Figures Show Big Increase In House Membership—Fifth District Makes Big Gain.

(Washington Special)

Examination of the final census figures of the country which places the total population of the continental United States at 105,683,108, indicates that the West and the South, proportionately will gain more in a political way than the East or Middle West through increased membership in the House of Representatives, more votes in the electoral college and in large delegations to the national political conventions.

This result will obtain whatever basis of apportionment is adopted by Congress next winter, fixing the size of the next House, which in turn is reflected in the electoral college and the conventions of the big political parties.

Fifty New Seats.

As a result of this increase of 13,710,842 in population during the past ten years, fifty new seats must be added to the House to prevent any state from losing any part of its present representation. Should the present membership of 435 be left unchanged by increasing the basis of apportionment, there will have to be a transfer of thirteen seats, now held by twelve states, to nine other states. For the past half a century the precedent had been to increase the size of the House so as to prevent loss of existing representation by any state. As a result, the House has grown from 243 to 435 members with only three states—Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont—losing one member each in the last fifty years.

Two More For N. C.

If this precedent is followed this year, five additional representatives seats must be given to California, four each for New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, and three to Illinois and Texas, and two to Massachusetts, New Jersey and North Carolina, and one each to Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Virginia, Arkansas and Minnesota.

Fifth District Has Great Gain.

In the percentage of gains by congressional districts in North Carolina the fifth, which includes Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham, Oxford, High Point and several other important places, made the greatest of any. The gain in this district was over 75,000 or 23.50 per cent.

GRANVILLE COUNTY TOBACCO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Meetings To Be Held At Culbreth and Stovall This Week.

The county executive committee of the Granville County Tobacco Growers' Association will meet the local executive committee of Tally Hill and Walnut Grove at Culbreth at 11 o'clock next Thursday morning, and at Stovall at 11 o'clock next Saturday.

All farmers are invited to attend the meetings and enlist their names.

The meeting at Creedmoor last Saturday was a success. About fifty farmers enlisted.

Tobacco growers all over the county are asked to become members of the organization and work for its success.

DURHAM PLANNING FOR COX-HARDING DEBATE

Candidates Have Been Invited and National Chairman Approve. (Durham Herald)

President R. H. Skyles, of the Durham chamber of commerce, announced that plans have been set on foot for a joint debate between Senator Warren C. Harding, republican presidential candidate, and Gov. James M. Cox, presidential candidate, to take place in Durham, Friday night, October 15 at the annual chamber of commerce membership dinner. Managers Will Hays and George White, of the two parties have given their approval to the plan and are now in communication with Messrs. Harding and Cox relative to the engagement.

THE COLORED FAIR

Friday and Saturday Were Big Days For the Colored People.

The Granville County Colored Peoples' Fair was held at the Fair Grounds last Friday and Saturday. It was well attended by the industrious colored people and the exhibits reflected much credit upon the county. The splendid behavior was characteristic of the good colored people of old Granville.

Steady Flow Of Gas In Sight.

Mr. W. G. Murfit, auditor of the Southern Gas and Improvement Company, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. Murfit is authority for the statement that there will be a steady flow of gas in five or six days. They are putting in a new boiler at Henderson and as soon as this is in place there will be sufficient pressure to supply Oxford at all hours of the day and night, said Mr. Murfit.

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

SENATOR GEORGE W. PARHAM, THE PEOPLE AT STEM

Hon. B. W. Parham Spoke On the Economic Conditions of the State Under Democratic Rule.

The voters at Stem got a good dose of simon-pure Democracy last Saturday night, which was administered by Dr. Hardee, Senator Glidewell, of Rockingham, and our own indomitable Parham, as Congressman Stedman pronounced the family name at the court house the other night. The large auditorium of the high school building was crowded with gracious ladies and men, and the applause was loud and long as Hardee, Parham and Glidewell uncovered the schemes of the Republican party and magnified the ever-living truths of Democracy.

Dr. Hardee, chairman of the meeting, stated in his preliminary remarks that it used to be customary to address a mixed audience as "ladies and gentlemen," but according to the new order of things it is now his privilege and pleasure to address the audience as "fellow citizens."

The remark was greeted with hearty applause.

Candidates Speak.

Clearing the deck for the big guns, Dr. Hardee stated that Sheriff Hunt was now on his native heath and asked him to take the stand. Sheriff Hunt can entertain a crowd of men, but there were so many handsome ladies present they got his goat, but what he said was to the point, and we will let it go at that. The next speaker was Mr. Charles G. Powell, the handsome candidate for Register of Deeds, a survivor of the Hindenburg line. Mr. Powell stated that more than a year ago the Commissioners elected him to fill the office of Register of Deeds, made vacant by the resignation of his father. He then went on to say that he was giving all of his attention to his official duties and thanked the people for the confidence they imposed in him and stated that he will appreciate their support in the coming election. Mr. John R. Hall, county treasurer, made a few appropriate remarks, thanking the voters for past favors and stated that he will appreciate their support on the second day of November next. The speeches of the above candidates were cut short on account of what was yet to follow.

Economic Conditions.

There was a raffle of applause when Mr. B. W. Parham, candidate for the House of Representatives, rose to speak. He stated in a jocular way that he "got into the running" by the skin of his teeth and he thanked the Stem precinct for saving his hide. He captured the audience on the first round and then began to enumerate in a logical way the many blessings that have followed in the wake of Democratic rule in the State and the Nation. He stands four-square on education, good roads and a sane and safe program that will maintain the dignity and prosperity of the State. Mr. Parham's remarks were also a strong portrayal of the justice and mercy embodied in the League of Nations.

The Revaluation Act.

Senator Glidewell reviewed the revaluation act from every angle and justified its workings to the satisfaction of every fair-minded man. "Be fair and slow to anger," he said, as he proceeded to examine the act in its entirety. The act, he said, was inspired by a desire to conform to the Constitution, wherein it is stated that all property must be taxed at its true value. The act was conceived for the advancement of the State, said the speaker and it will survive the attacks of the Republican party; as the people become familiar with its scope it will become a popular measure of far reaching importance.

The League Of Nations

Senator Glidewell's remarks on the League of Nations was of much beauty and power. Go back, he said, to a few months previous to the declaration of war and watch the events unfold. On the eve of declaring war with Germany, Lodge, Borah and Taft advocated a League of Nations. To follow immediately after the close of hostilities. Soon after the armistice was signed, said the speaker, President Wilson went abroad for the purpose of devising the best and most durable covenant at the peace conference the mind of men could conceive. The Continent of Europe, said the speaker, herald Mr. Wilson as the savior of the torn and suffering world; and as he sat at the table writing the covenant of peace, he was as the instrument in the hands of God, laboring for the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth.

As the popularity of President Wilson swept across the face of the earth, said the speaker, the Republican party trembled; that Senator Lodge, as leader of the Republican party, dispatched emissaries to all parts of the United States to interview leaders and report their findings, and when the popularity of the League of Nations was known to all men, Senator Lodge declared openly that the Republican party would not stand for any of the Wilson policies; that Senator Lodge was responsible for blocking the League of Nations and the plot to destroy the influence of President Wilson.

Hon. A. A. Hicks, chairman of the County Board of Elections, was present but did not speak.

NATION IS CRYING FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

Wanted, a Senator To Restock Farms With Men To Work.

WANTED—A United States senator; one with vision and imagination; a practical statesman having sincerely at heart the welfare of the United States. Must believe that public money should be spent for public good and understand importance of protecting the farmer. Clap trap flag waving spurious patriots need not apply. No consideration given to political opportunists. Man for the job must be capable of believing the perfection of government functioning has not been reached. For details apply American Press, 225 West 39th Street, New York City.

Public men as well as publishers may wonder what is behind the publication of this statement, so we will get quickly to the point.

Opportunity is knocking at the door of every national legislator. It offers to the sincere and able man a chance to demonstrate sound constructive statesmanship, to be of incalculable benefits to his country and to gain for himself a public approval that in all likelihood will land him in the White House within the next ten years. "The American Press" is prepared to submit the broad program and to aid if necessary in the working out of the detail. Politics will not play any part in the plan from start to finish. It makes no difference whether the leader in this movement is a Democrat, a Republican or an independent. It is sufficient that he be an American.

HISTORY OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

Miss Edie Jones Is In Search Of Valuable Material.

Miss Edie Jones, of Granville county, who is attending the East Carolina Teacher's Training School at Greenville, under date of October 5th requests the following information concerning Granville county, which, we hope, some one will furnish:

The Outline.

(a) Historical background of Granville County. (b) A brief historical sketch of Granville county. (c) Radical strains and influence. (d) Noteworthy localities; achievements, events and personages. (e) Some great men.

Valuable Work.

Miss Jones states that she desires to secure the above information within the next two weeks. The files of the Public Ledger, covering a period of 35 years, contains much of the material Miss Jones desires to procure, but it would require considerable time and energy to compile it in good form. The Public Ledger has tried for the past ten years to get some one to write an interesting history of Granville county.

Here is hoping that Miss Jones' short sketch of Granville county will grow to be a 300-page history.

HARDING ALIENATES THIRTY THOUSAND WOMEN VOTERS

New York, Oct. 11.—Democratic national headquarters has sent Senator Harding by Mrs. Lyman Wilber, of the executive committee of the California women's league for the peace treaty, informing the republican presidential nominee that his rejection of the league of nations in his speech last Thursday at Des Moines alienated the support of 30,000 women of California. The telegram was sent after a meeting of the executive committee in San Francisco last Friday.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT SPEAKERS ABROAD IN THE LAND

Hon. D. G. Brummitt has returned from High Point where he delivered a rousing speech last Saturday. He has other speaking engagements in the State next week.

Mr. John W. Hester spoke to a large and enthusiastic crowd at Oak Ridge last Saturday.

Mr. B. K. Lassiter has returned from Ohio. It is presumed that he made several speeches in the Buckeye State.

COOLIDGE AND LOWDEN TO TOUR N. CAROLINA

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 11.—Announcement is made by republican district headquarters here that Governor Coolidge, Governor Frank O. Lowden and other republican leaders will tour North Carolina this month in a special train, the party arriving in Asheville on Monday, October 18.

Missionary Tea.

There will be a Missionary Tea at the residence of Mrs. Kerr Taylor on Friday afternoon, October 15 from four to five o'clock. An interesting program will be given. Everybody is cordially invited. A silver offering will be taken at the door.—Maria Brown Missionary Society.

—Sometimes a man knows that there is something wrong with him and is afraid to ask the Doctor what it is. But it is different with a woman.

—To get a medium priced range without a fault, buy a Cole's Down Draft Range. They are made by experts.

MEET MISS SILER, THE HANDSOME DEBUTANTE

It Is Our Pleasure To Introduce To You the High Sheriff of Chatham County.

The election of a woman as high sheriff of Chatham County is, in the opinion of The Charlotte Observer, an event of more than ordinary interest and one which should command something better than the passing reference which has been given it. "Chatham, the county that has gained distinction through the setting of what might be called a startling precedent, was of original English settlement. The county was named for Lord Chatham, and Pittsboro, its Capital, for his son, William Pitt. That these people have been the first in America to elevate a woman to the office of high sheriff goes to show that the English character can adjust itself now, as it always done, to any and all progressive movements. Sheriff Myrtle Siler is the official designation of the new incumbent, and she is a member of one of the oldest families of Chatham. For many years her ancestors have been prominent in public affairs, with a record for progress and improvement in all matters pertaining to moral, social and material development. Siler City, where she was born and reared, was named in honor of her grandfather. Her rudimentary education was secured in the schools of her native village, then she ventured forth to the McIver movement—the State Normal at Greensboro—and now she is a prominent figure in State public affairs."

EX-SERVICE MEN FAVOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The Best Means Yet Devised By Men To Banish War From The Face Of The Earth.

We heard a young man who went to France among the first volunteers in 1917, remark yesterday that he had never met a former service man who opposed the League of Nations. This is very significant, these two million young, strong, sober and intelligent Americans, know modern warfare because they have been in it. We have talked with some of the bravest, who did valiant service and whom no one could dare accuse of weakness and they have spent while describing the horrors of the Argonne. And they know too, that the next war will be far more destructive of human life than any previous one, because scientists have developed methods and means of warfare, which surpass anything yet known. During the last year we were at war, our own military scientists developed inventions which were rejected, because they were considered too cruel. If another war is waged, engines of death will be used hitherto undreamed of.

Surely the boys who know, desire to save the human race from carnage, even worse than that through which they passed. Surely America's voters will heed the wishes of her brave defenders. Surely they will cast their ballots on the 2nd of November for the best means yet devised by man, to banish warfare from the earth.

PROSTITUTING THE BIBLE

(News and Observer)

I note that the opponents of the "League of Nations" are trying to use the Bible to back up their contentions that the League won't work. A few days ago I happened to hear an old man in a store telling a crowd that we can't stop wars, for the Bible said: "We should have wars and rumors of wars till the end of time." This man had never seen or read the document but he had heard a political speaker say so. I called this man's attention to Isaiah 2:4, "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; and nations shall not lift up swords against nations, neither shall they learn war any more." This prophecy is repeated by Micah 4:3.

A political speaker who would prostitute the Bible to further his political ambitions, is certainly unworthy the respect of decent people. Or if this is a case of ignorance, then he is unfit for leadership in any political party. It is strange that some people who loved "Peace" so well during the war, are now ready to fight at the end of time.

W. E. HOCUTT.

NOVEMBER 14 NAMED ARMISTICE SUNDAY

Washington, Oct. 10.—President Wilson has named Sunday Nov. 14 as Armistice Sunday to be observed as a memorial day to the Americans who gave their lives in the world war.

COX DONATES \$5,000 TO CAMPAIGN FUND

New York, Oct. 10.—The democratic campaign fund has been enriched by a check for \$5,000 from Governor Cox. The contribution came via a plain envelope addressed to Wilbur Marsh treasurer of the national committee, without accompanying letter, the candidate's signature on the check being the only means of identification.