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"This indictment of public officials of Buncombe county for neglect of duty suggests interesting possibilities. In our county and municipal governments the waste of money is usually the result of inefficiency and neglect, poorly managed business, rather than corruption. He who occupies a place on a board of county commissioners or board of aldermen becomes one of the business managers of the county or the town. It is his business to see that the public money is properly expended and that every job of work for the county or town is done according to contract. In short, if a county commissioner or an alderman conscientiously performs the service he undertakes, he will give a good part of his time to the public practically without pay. There is no salary of consequence attached to either job. It is difficult to find men who will render all that service without pay, to the neglect of their own business. If they are patriotic enough to work for nothing few of them can afford to do so. They have to provide for their own keep. The result is obvious. Many are incapable and unfit to seek the places for the small honor attached thereto. Good men take them from a sense of duty and as a result of urging and give such attention as they can. The public business goes on in a way. Often there is a gap through neglect or lack of capacity to manage, lack of the knowledge necessary for some particular job. Often the board members realize that the business isn't managed as it should be but they excuse themselves on the ground that they can't be expected to give all their time to it. But in reality they are inexcusable. They have no business to accept the jobs unless they intend to render the service. They know the conditions and acceptance with mental reservations to give such attention as time and opportunity permits and let it go at that is a false conception of public service. If indictments for official neglect of duty should become popular—which they would help immensely. Public servants would either perform or they would not take the contract. "It all comes back to the people. Our county and municipal governments, or most of them, are conducted under a system established when conditions were entirely different. Under modern conditions counties and towns are large business corporations, they do much business in a year and take in and pay out much money. Men of executive capacity, of training and experience in the lines of business handled by county and town governments are necessary if the business is properly managed. That is so in private business. And if we expect this large and important business of all the people, in which every taxpayer is a stockholder, to run under the management of men who serve practically without pay and who give a few hours occasionally or a day now and then, to the work. We not only permit that to go on and expect good results, but we refuse to entertain suggestions of a change of system. We continue a system that we know can't be made efficient, no matter how worthy the men in charge. We are highly inefficient if we don't get results and take it out in abusing the managers. The latter deserves all they get for contracting to do what they know they can't do and don't intend to do. The stockholders deserve all they suffer for refusing to reorganize the business and change the method of management."

## TOBACCO CROP FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS

### Members Agree To Accept the Recommendations of the Directors As To the Maximum Acreage They Will Plant.

An agreement to pool their tobacco crop for the next five years and to limit their planting to a maximum to be fixed yearly was reached at Lynchburg by a number of tobacco growers of the dark tobacco belt of Virginia.

Organization of the American Tobacco Growers Protective Association was effected at the meeting and 15 directors were chosen. Head officers of the organization will be in Lynchburg. Efforts will be made to expand the association to include the tobacco growers of Kentucky.

Under the agreement reached it will become valid when it is signed by growers of tobacco representing 51 per cent of the 1919 crop, or approximately 24,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Members agree to accept the recommendations of the directors as to the maximum acreage they will plant.

## MR. EDWARD PARHAM DEAD

### Remains Arrived From Wilmington Tuesday Evening.

Mr. Ed Parham, a native of Granville county, died near Wilmington last Sunday evening where he was conducting a school. He was 61 years old and enjoyed good health up to a few weeks before his death.

Mr. Parham was a highly educated and refined Christian gentleman, and had been engaged in school work for a number of years.

The remains reached Oxford late Tuesday evening and were taken to the home of Mr. James Parham, brother, where the funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. The interment was in the old Cheatham-Parham acre on the home place of Mr. Hamlin Cheatham, Oxford Route 3. The funeral and burial service were conducted by Dr. J. D. Harte, assisted by Rev. T. Tunstall and Dr. S. L. Morgan, of Henderson.

The deceased was a brother of Mr. Neal Parham, of Oxford, and Messrs. James, Percy and Lonnie Parham.

## Stealing Tobacco.

Farmers who have tobacco stored in barns, pack houses, etc., might do well to keep an eye on it, as there is considerable complaint from many sections of the county of farmers losing tobacco. The writer heard a Gullford county farmer say the past week that three of his neighbors had recently lost a barn each by theft. The papers report many cases of this kind while we have one case here, that in which John Taylor lost his tobacco a few days since.—Danbury Reporter.

## CHANGE OF SCHEDULE ON SEABOARD RAILWAY

The new schedule on the Seaboard Railway, effective Sunday, Nov. 28, is as follows:

**Arrive At Oxford.**  
(Southward)  
No. 485 ..... 7:45 a. m.  
No. 413 ..... 1:00 p. m.  
No. 411 ..... 3:25 p. m.  
No. 42 ..... 7:45 p. m.

**Departs From Oxford.**  
(Northward)  
No. 486 (for Durham) ..... 7:50 a. m.  
No. 412 ..... 12:15 p. m.  
No. 414 ..... 2:45 p. m.  
No. 420 ..... 5:15 p. m.

## CHANGES IN PASTORATES OF CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

### Membership Of Conference Churches Beyond 100,000.

The report of the statistical secretary of the North Carolina Conference, as submitted to the conference at Rocky Mount last week, shows that the past year has been one of progress in all lines of church endeavor. The membership of the conference has gone beyond the 100,000 mark, and the material growth has been greater than was even hoped for.

## Raleigh District.

Raleigh district, presiding elder, J. C. Wooten—Benson circuit, E. M. Hall; Cary circuit, D. N. Caviness; Clayton, C. T. Thrift; Creedmoor circuit, V. A. Royall; Four Oaks circuit, E. B. Craven; Franklinton, S. A. Cotton; Garner circuit, J. C. D. Stroud; Granville circuit, F. B. Nabilt; Kenly circuit, J. E. Holden; Louisburg, G. F. Smith; Mill Brook circuit, J. C. Williams; Oxford, R. C. Craven; Oxford circuit, B. H. Black; Princeton circuit, W. G. Farrar; Raleigh Central, C. K. Proctor; Edenton Street, W. W. Peele; Epworth, H. M. Jackson; Jenkins Memorial, B. Pattishall; Selma, G. B. Perry; Smithfield, D. H. Tuttle; Tar River circuit, E. R. Clegg; Youngsville circuit, W. L. Loy; Zebulon circuit, G. W. Fisher.

## Other Appointments.

Superintendent anti-saloon league, R. L. Davis; assistant editor and manager N. C. Christian Advocate, P. A. Sikes; superintendent Methodist orphanage, A. S. Barnes; editor Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey; president Louisburg college, L. S. Massey; conference secretary of education, H. M. North; student, Emory university, W. G. McFarland.

## NEVER-FAILING SIGNS OF AN APPROACHING WEDDING

Usually about this time of the year a young man's fancy turns to an engagement ring, and Mr. E. A. Johnson, manager of the Oxford Jewelry Company, can usually size them up as soon as they open the door, but he underestimated a young man from out of town the other day.

"I want to see some of your engagement rings," said the young man.

Mr. Johnson took a tray from the show case, on which were a number of handsome rings, ranging in price from \$10 to \$300. The young man selected a \$200 dollar diamond ring and withdrew a short stick from his pocket, and as he passed it through the ring he remarked: "That's the right size, but I want to ask you if an engagement ring will also serve the purpose of a wedding ring?"

When assured that it would, the young man took from his pocket a roll of bank bills as large as your arm, and as he slowly counted out \$200 he remarked that it was a lot of money, "but," said he, "I'm getting off cheap. I asked my sweetheart which she preferred, an inexpensive ring, and an automobile or a good ring, and she said she preferred a diamond ring, so here it goes."

The young man also purchased a nice gold watch and a fountain pen and took a look at the silverware and the 101 other fine Christmas presents.

"The joke is on me," said Mr. Johnson to a friend. "I thought I had a fifty-dollar customer, but you can't always tell."

## WE OVERSTEPPED THE BOUNDS

### The Bible Can Be Read Through in Sixty Days By Reading One Hour Per Day.

Judge Oliver H. Allen, a highly esteemed churchman, says we were slightly mistaken in our report of his estimate of the Bible before the Oxford Baptist Baraca class last Sunday morning. He does not believe the chapters, verses and punctuation is inspired, but he did mean to emphasize the verbal inspiration of the Bible in the original documents.

That is THE VERY WORDS. The other points he stressed were the Divine Unity of the Scriptures—the Old and the New Testament.

He also said it was sixty days instead of one year that the Bible could be read through at one hour per day.

—The new Baptist church of Henderson is expected to be opened to the congregation within a few days. It promises to be one of unusual credit to its congregation.

## STATE LIBRARY. OXFORD COUNTY TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION

List Of County and Township Officers and Committeemen.

**County.**  
Dr. E. T. White ..... President  
P. W. Knott ..... Secy and Treas.  
J. L. Dove ..... Organizer

**Sasfras Fork Township.**  
H. C. Gillis ..... President  
J. G. Morton ..... Vice-P  
R. H. Butler ..... Sec-Treas.  
L. M. Carrington ..... Organizer  
Ex-Committee—W. L. T. B. Newton, T. A. Royster, W. E. Yancey.

**Brassfield Township.**  
C. W. Allen ..... Pres.  
Wm. Bobbitt ..... Vice Pres.  
Edwin Floyd ..... Sec and Treas.  
W. P. White ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—H. C. Floyd, C. E. Gooch, R. L. Pratt, C. E. Floyd, W. B. Dixon.

**Tally Ho Township.**  
H. P. Webb ..... Pres.  
C. H. Washington ..... Vice Pres.  
O. A. Daniel ..... Sec and Treas.  
R. H. Gooch ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—L. H. Knott, H. M. Bragg, T. L. Williford, E. N. Clement, W. L. Umstead.

**Salem Township.**  
E. A. Hunt ..... Pres.  
M. F. Adcock ..... Vice Pres.  
Roy Crews ..... Sec and Treas.  
C. G. Mangum ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—C. R. Hester, W. G. Wilkerson, I. P. Smith, C. E. Parrott, E. M. Hart.

**Oak Hill Township.**  
J. T. Hart ..... Pres.  
D. T. Winston ..... Vice Pres.  
J. A. Stovall ..... Sec and Treas.  
J. S. Watkins ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—R. S. Hart, W. F. Royster, G. C. Hobgood, G. T. Pittard, Earnest Eakes.

**Walnut Grove Township.**  
C. M. Knott ..... Pres.  
B. F. Dean ..... Vice Pres.  
L. B. Slaughter ..... Sec and Treas.  
J. A. Mize ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—Elam Curdin, Wm. Hobgood, R. S. Jones, B. F. Currin, L. B. McFarland.

**Dutchville Township.**  
W. H. Daniel ..... Pres.  
W. A. L. Veasey ..... Vice Pres.  
V. O. Peep ..... Sec and Treas.  
W. B. Clark ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—E. B. Green, R. C. Bullock, J. A. Veasey, W. B. Clark, J. Y. Whittaker.

**Fishing Creek Township.**  
J. W. Deah ..... Pres.  
A. D. Pitts ..... Vice Pres.  
C. R. Gordon ..... Sec and Treas.  
B. R. Pitts ..... Organizer  
Executive Committee—J. T. Bobbitt, W. W. Brummitt, W. J. Brummitt, W. T. Crews, Bennie Hunt.

## IN HONOR OF MISS CHEATHAM, BRIDE-ELECT

The attractive bungalow of Mrs. Ira Howard was the scene of a happy gathering on Tuesday afternoon when she entertained in honor of her niece, Miss Bettie Mae Cheatham, whose wedding takes place tomorrow. The home was tastefully decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums, carrying out a color scheme of yellow and white. The guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs. W. A. Devin, and after being given score cards in the shape of wedding slippers and kewpies by little Virginia and Laureta Howard were presented to the receiving line which consisted of Mrs. Howard and the bridal party. An enjoyable game of rook was enjoyed at fourteen tables. The guest of honor was presented with a hand painted sandwich plate by the hostess and each guest was given baskets of rice. An elegant salad course was served by Mesdames R. M. Ray, F. W. Hancock, Jr., J. P. Harris, N. M. Perebee, E. B. Howard.

## NEW LIMITATION ON CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Washington, Nov. 25.—New limitations on the weight and size of Christmas packages for soldiers stationed in Germany, Porto Rico and the Panama canal zone have been fixed by the quartermaster general.

Packages for Porto Rico must not weigh more than 50 pounds or have a combined length and girth of more than 84 inches; packages for Panama must not exceed 72 inches in length and girth, and packages for the army in Germany must not weigh more than 25 pounds or have a combined length and girth of more than 84 inches.

## COL. COOPER TAKES A DAY OFF AND GOES HUNTING

It is all right for a banker to take a day off occasionally and relax, but the community was greatly surprised to learn that Col. Cooper collected his sons and grandsons about him and shouldered a gun and gone in quest of big game on Thanksgiving Day.

When it was learned that Col. Cooper had actually gone to the woods there were those among us who imagined that some of the bank employees had tied a bear to a tree somewhere so that the Colonel could establish a reputation as being a first-class shot.

Col. Cooper's little army which invaded the sector of Providence consisted of himself, his sons and grandsons and Commissioner John A. Williams and his sons.

## FORD EMPLOYEES TO GET BONUS CHECKS

Checks Aggregating More Than \$7,000,000 Now Being Written; Extra Bonus.

Detroit, Nov. 24.—Bonus checks aggregating more than \$7,000,000 for employees of the Ford Motor Company are now being written and their distribution will start January 1 next according to announcement this morning by Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company.

## SOVIETS SEND ENVOYS HERE TO START REVOLT

### To Agitate Strife Among the Unemployed.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Russian soviet authorities estimate that the unemployed in this country will number 5,000,000 by the end of the year, and two representatives of the third international have been sent to organize soviets here, according to official advices from Moscow.

The representatives of the third international plan to arrive in the United States in December, it was said, and propose to form committees of the unemployed in cooperation with the Communist party, establishing soviets of each trade. Their mission, the advices stated, is to unite the revolutionary movement in America into one fighting body to bring about an armed revolution.

## IT IS DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AT NIGHT

### The Farmers Should Remember How a Highwayman Riddled Mr. Luther Sadler With Bullets.

If a foreign enemy were to appear on the outskirts of Oxford and were to proceed to harass the citizenry with crimes such as murder, highway robbery and wholesale burglary, no amount of money we could raise would seem too large to rid us of the menace. The wave of crime that now engulfs is just as serious and no nigardness should prevent them being taken to give adequate protection. The lawabiding citizen is not permitted to carry concealed weapons, and he is therefore placed at a great disadvantage when he is assailed by a highwayman.

If it was generally understood that the farmers are heavily armed while returning home from the tobacco market at night, or that they had deposited their money as Mr. Sadler did, there would be fewer hold-ups. Sidney Bass, the colored man convicted of shooting Mr. Sadler on a lonely highway at night, was sure that his victim was unarmed.

If there had been some one hidden from view in Mr. Sadler's wagon, and if he had risen up at the opportune time and shot the highwayman down, that would have ended highway robbery in Granville for a while at least.

The Public Ledger has heard it whispered that there is plan in on foot to trap the would-be highway robbers. It is said that a farmer will display a large sum of money and depart for home at night with it in his possession. Two heavily armed men will be secreted in his wagon, and when the highwayman demands him to throw up his hands he will do so.

The best thing that a farmer can do under the circumstance is to deposit his money in a bank as soon after the sales as possible. That is the only safe way to do business.

## BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL OF TALLY HO

### Young Son Of Mr. J. M. Minor Painfully Hurt.

Stem, N. C., Nov. 25.—Haywood Lee Minor, the young son of Mr. J. M. Minor, of Tally Ho, was the victim of a very serious accident late last Tuesday morning. While pulling corn from a shredder his right hand was caught in the machine and terribly lacerated. He was rushed to Dr. Hardee here, who found the thumb almost completely severed and the forefinger badly crushed. He was taken to Brantwood Hospital, where the thumb and forefinger were amputated. He was brought home Wednesday and is resting as well as could be expected.

## OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

### Sales Will Be Resumed Next Monday.

Let us hope that the prices will range as high, or higher, at the opening next Monday as they were at the close last Wednesday for the remainder of the week.

The five Oxford warehouses handled 600,000 pounds of tobacco on the three sales days this week, and the average for all sold was \$29.10.

There were several truck loads brought in by substantial farmers on Wednesday, which brought clear checks ranging around \$1,400 for the load.

## FRESH EGGS ARE IN STRONG DEMAND HERE

### Merchants Are Ordering Cold Storage Eggs From Richmond.

The people of Oxford are not getting enough fresh eggs from the country. Some of the merchants here are ordering cold storage eggs from Richmond and other cities further away. It would seem reasonable for the people of Granville to supply Oxford with eggs but they are not doing it. Why send so much money off for things we can raise here.

## MORRIS IS A BRIGHT GRANVILLE COUNTY CADET

### Dr. J. A. Morris' Son Stands Second At West Point.

We are glad to learn from Judge A. W. Graham, who was at West Point Military Academy recently that Cadet Morris, bright son of Dr. J. A. Morris, health officer of Granville County, stands second in mathematics in a class of 633 boys and that he stands well to the front in all other studies.

Cadet Lyon, of Creedmoor, who entered the Military Academy with Morris, has resigned and returned home on account of the death of his father.

## Episcopal Bazaar.

The Annual Bazaar given by the ladies of the Episcopal Church will begin on Wednesday next at dinner time and continue through Thursday night. Everybody come for dinner Wednesday and also see the collection of beautiful articles of fancy work for sale. Menu and prices will appear in Tuesday's paper.

## Back To Old Prices.

The big readjustment sale at Cohn & Son is still on with greater reductions. It makes no difference what it is the prices have been reduced to pre-war basis. Sugar at 11 1-2c is in keeping with other prices at Cohn & Son. See Cohn & Son's double page ad in this paper. (adv.)

## PROTRACTED MEETING AT OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH IS LARGELY ATTENDED

### Dr. Bruner, Pastor Of The Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, Brings a Convincing Message Of God's Wonderful Love.

The revival services which began at the Oxford Baptist Church last Monday night has been largely attended by all denominations. There is nothing of the sensational in the utterances of Dr. Bruner. He is quite content to take his text and stick close to the Word of God, and the message he presents is most convincing and many have been convicted of their sins.

Dr. Bruner will remain here and assist with the meetings until the close some time next week. There will be preaching every night, except Saturday night, until the close, and Dr. Harte extends a cordial invitation to out-of-town people, as well as to all others, to come and hear Dr. Bruner preach.

Recognizing the importance of the revival services at the Baptist Church, all other churches in Oxford will be closed next Sunday night to afford every one an opportunity to attend the protracted meeting.

## DOCTORS OF THE COUNTY GATHER AT BRANTWOOD

The Granville County Medical Society met at Brantwood Hospital Tuesday to discuss the affairs of the society and to look over the hospital plant and enjoy a fine dinner. Fourteen physicians of the county and Dr. Riddick, of Durham, were present.

Individual members of the medical society were loud in their praise of the hospital plant and those in charge.

## Operations.

Brantwood was thrown open for the reception of patients two months ago last Tuesday, since which time seventy-five patients received treatment, and of that number all but three were operated upon. This does not include the clinic in which twenty children were operated upon.

## Finger and Thumb Amputated.

Master Haywood Lee Minor, son of Mr. J. M. Minor, of Tally Ho, got his hand hurt in a corn shredder Tuesday and he was brought to Brantwood for treatment. It was necessary to amputate his thumb and finger. He was able to return home the following day.

Mrs. Humphreys, who lives near Berea, entered Brantwood Wednesday for medical treatment.

## THANKSGIVING DAY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED HERE

### The National Bird Was In Evidence In Nearly Every Home.

The warehouses, stores, banks and business places were closed in Oxford Thanksgiving Day, and practically everybody who remained in town attended the union meeting at the First Baptist Church or the special Thanksgiving service at St. Stephen's.

Quite a number spent the day with friends in the country and others tramped through the fields and woodlands in quest of game. The pleasant faces of quite a number of young men and women who are attending colleges and schools elsewhere were in evidence. Judge Allen adjourned court for the day and the old temple of justice took on the appearance of Sunday.

## JURY LOCKED UP AFTER SITTING FOR TWO WEEKS

### Trial Of J. T. Harris On Charge Of Murder Long Deprived Out Door.

Asheville, Nov. 24.—The jury in the J. T. Harris murder trial in Superior court here took the case this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to be locked up until a verdict is returned. Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, presiding, told the jury officer if a verdict was returned before 10 o'clock, to call him, otherwise let the jury go to bed.

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

## WANT RURAL POLICE FORMED FOR STATE

### North Carolina May Have Organization Similar To Pennsylvania Constabulary.

The Raleigh News and Observer states that a movement will soon be launched in North Carolina for the organization of a system of State police, which is variously known as rural police, or State Constabulary, in several other States in the Union. The mounted constabulary of Pennsylvania is perhaps the best known State body of this order. In South Carolina and other Southern States such organizations have existed for some time and it is said have proven their efficiency as to complement to the police force and the officers of the counties.

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