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REMAINS OF COL. W. H. OSBORN WILL REACH OXFORD TOMORROW MORNING

The Interment Will Be In Elmwood Cemetery.

(Special To Public Ledger)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 4.

Col. W. H. Osborn, head of the Keeley institute here for more than 25 years, a former mayor of the city and United States commissioner of internal revenue in the Wilson administration, died at his home here at 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. For more than two weeks he had been desperately ill, but only within the past few days was his condition regarded as immediately critical. Death was caused by diabetes in an acute form.

Funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Church of the Covenant, and Wednesday morning the body will be carried to Oxford, the boyhood home of the deceased, for final rest beside the grave of his mother and father. Rev. R. Murphy Williams, pastor of the Church of the Covenant and warm personal friend of Colonel Osborn, will conduct the service. Many times within recent years Col. Osborn had expressed to his wife the desire that his good friend and pastor, Mr. Williams, have charge of his funeral in the event of his death. W. W. Fuller, New York capitalist and former North Carolinian, is hurrying to Greensboro from New York to pay a tribute to his friend and close associate.

Mr. Henry Osborn, nephew of Col. Osborn, stated this morning that arrangements were being made for the burial in Elmwood tomorrow, but he was unable to say at what hour. It is more than likely the remains will be taken directly from the train to the cemetery.

The following pallbearers will take charge of the body in Greensboro, a number of whom will accompany the remains to Oxford:

The active pallbearers will be John R. Robertson, Archie B. Joyner, Frank Venable, George R. Kennett, Robert R. King, Jr., Allen Osborn, Lowery Stafford, Enoch Stamey.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Col. John S. Cunningham, Maj. Charles M. Steadman, Gen. Julian S. Carr, Jr., C. McAdoo, Judge James E. Boyd, Judge W. P. Bynum, Col. Benahan Cameron, Col. W. H. Chapman, B. B. Bouldin, Dr. W. P. Beall, Dr. E. L. Stamey, Dr. A. L. Petree, Capt. James Y. Whitte, B. H. Merrimon, Dr. George A. Mebane, W. B. Merrimon, Judge R. C. Strudwick, Col. Al Fairbrother, J. B. Stroud, A. M. Scales, R. H. King, Sr., Capt. Neil Ellington, Julius W. Cone, E. J. Stafford, W. S. Clary, S. Schiffman, J. G. Foushee, Dr. L. C. Montgomery, Dr. J. I. Foust, John S. Michaux and J. E. Lathan.

BIG KLAN IN DURHAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

Two Hundred Charter Members Sign At Secret Meeting.

(Durham Sun)

Every citizen of the city attending the charter meeting of the Imperial Order of the Invisible Empire, generally known throughout the world as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, stood up and endorsed its principals and signed its charter. There are now between 100 and 200 charter members in Durham, and organizers expect the amount to reach 500 within the next few days, but only the best citizens of the city are being invited to become members. Only those invited can become members, according to the ruling of the Col. William Joseph Simmons, Imperial Wizard of the order.

CHRISTMAS MAIL WAS LIGHTER HERE THIS YEAR

Christmas mails during the holiday rush just over were not as heavy in Oxford post office as has been the case in recent years, according to Mr. Henry Critcher, assistant postmaster. Mr. Critcher did not attempt to ascribe a reason for the decrease, but there is no doubt that the general business depression contributed its share.

"While the mail matter was lighter this year," said Mr. Critcher, "it is interesting to note that the receipts for the month of December was \$200 above that of December one year ago."

MADE NEW BY FIRE

Is fire a blessing in disguise? If you will visit the Busy Bee Restaurant on Hillsboro street and note the improvements since it was burnt out, you will ask that question. This well known eating place has been renovated, refurnished and repolished until it fairly shines.

A special dining-room for ladies has been cut off from the main room by grille-work.

A New York Chef has been placed in charge of the kitchen, and those who know good food when they eat it, say that he does know how to cook a great variety of appetizing dishes.

Messrs John A. Carras and John Zohares, the proprietors, invite you to give them a trial. They believe that attentive service and a variety of food well prepared at moderate prices will make you a permanent customer.

MEETING OF STATE LIBRARY TO FARMERS WILL BE HELD IN RALEIGH JANUARY 12

Tobacco Growers Gather That Date, With Cotton Farmers Next Day—Mr. Medrith, Secretary of Agriculture, Will Deliver Address, Together With Former Governor Manning—Will Work Out System of Marketing Cotton and Tobacco; And Speakers Are Selected With Consideration of Intimate Knowledge Possessed Along Lines of Marketing.

E. T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture, Richard I. Manning, former governor of South Carolina, and Aaron Sapiro, of California, expert in co-operative marketing, will address meetings of cotton and tobacco growers of North Carolina in the city auditorium at Raleigh January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12, and the North Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association will hold its annual convention Thursday, January 13.

Attendance Not Limited.

While the two organizations are distinct units, they are both, right now, working toward the same goal—a proper and efficient method of marketing their own product. Attendance upon the sessions are not limited to the membership of the two associations for in addition to farmers not affiliated with the two bodies banking and commercial interests are expected to be largely represented.

Round Table Conference

The tobacco growers' meeting will begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 12, with organization for business, the basis of representation being one delegate for every one hundred members in each county. Words of welcome and of greeting will be heard from the outgoing and the incoming governors, to be followed by a round table conference.

The California Plan

At the recent meeting held in Richmond recommendations were made looking to the organization in North Carolina of a tobacco growers' marketing association modeled somewhat along the lines of the California organizations. Aaron Sapiro, attorney and the guiding hand of fourteen of the most successful of these, and who has been retained as attorney for the organization committee of the Interstate Tobacco Growers' Association, will explain in detail the plan of operation.

Meredith Will Close Meeting

Secretary of Agriculture Meredith has been invited to close the two-day meeting with an address on Thursday night. He is a forceful speaker and always has a message to deliver. The trio of speakers secured for the Raleigh meeting have been selected with consideration for the intimate knowledge they possess along lines bearing directly upon the problems of the cotton and tobacco growers now face and in the hope that they may be able to give some practical advice and suggestions toward the solution of these problems, rather than by reason of their oratorical powers.

THE BEST JOB OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Bold Train Robbery On New Bern Bridge Stopped By Soldier.

(Newbern Special)

The most daring hold-up and attempted train robbery ever to occur in this section of the State took place at 1:50 o'clock last Thursday morning on the railroad bridge over Neuse river when two negroes whose identity has not been learned boarded Norfolk and Southern passenger train No. 16, climbed from the rear of the locomotive over the tender, covered Engineer Clarence Smith and his negro fireman with revolvers and forced them to bring the train to a stop.

The negroes tried to force the fireman to uncouple the engine from the train and take the locomotive from the train and take the locomotive down the line while they returned and robbed mail and express cars and passengers.

Apparently amateurs at train robbery, the two negroes bungled the job, making slow work of forcing the engineer and his fireman to do their bidding. Meantime, other train going on and rushed back into the passenger coaches and informed the passengers. An army officer, was among the latter, secured a pair of revolvers from his luggage and went to the aid of the engineer and fireman. Crawling over the tender he covered the two blacks, forced them to drop their weapons after which they were placed under arrest and carried to Washington, N. C., and put in the county jail at that place.

TOBACCO SALES ON THE OXFORD MARKET

The Season's Average Is \$24.40 Per Hundred Pounds.

The following is the official report of farmer's tobacco sold on the Oxford market this season, up to December 31, 1920:

Pounds of Farmer's Tob. 6,683,028
Purchase price \$2,118,682.03
Average per 100 pounds . . . \$24.40

Stockholders Meeting

Regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The First National Bank, Oxford, N. C., will be held the second Tuesday in January, 1921, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

W. H. HUNT, Pres.

1-4-7-21

THE DEATH RECORD

—Miss Laura Hester died at the home of her brother Mr. B. F. Hester on Wednesday. Miss Hester had been an invalid for years. The interment was held Thursday at the family burying ground. The deceased leaves one sister Mrs. Parham of Oxford, and a brother B. F. Hester with whom she had lived.

—The remains of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids were brought to Oxford Wednesday afternoon and interred in Elmwood Cemetery. The little girl died at her home Tuesday after a lingering illness. Mrs. T. G. Taylor and Rives Taylor who were with the family accompanied the remains to Oxford. The service was conducted by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield.

—Miss Jessie White, the sweet young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, after a lingering illness died at her home on Wednesday morning. Possessed of many lovely traits she was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. Her death is a great loss, the deepest sympathy goes out to her grief stricken family. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte, on Thursday and the interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

—After an illness of three weeks, Mrs. R. S. Ury, 72 years old, died at her home on College street last Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. She was a devout christian lady and was a member of the Oxford Methodist Church. The funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon by Dr. Craven, assisted by Dr. Harte, and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The active pall bearers were: Newman Fuller, J. T. Sizemore, J. F. White, L. H. Harris, N. M. Cupp, Graham McFarland, Honorary—Dr. E. T. White, W. H. Hunt, A. A. Hicks, Calvin Breedlove, H. J. Council, W. Z. Mitchell, J. R. Hall, John Meadows June Hunt, Newton Stark, J. J. Medford, C. S. Garman, E. D. Hunt.

—Mr. John R. Garlick died on Wednesday afternoon at his home on College Street after an illness of two weeks. His death came rather unexpected as he had seemed in better condition for several days than he had recently. Mr. Garlick though a native of Virginia had been a resident of Oxford for about five years being employed in the office at the Southern Railway. He was sixty two years old and a consecrated member of the Methodist Church leading a quiet, godly life. Besides his widow, he leaves six children Mrs. T. R. Easterling, of Rocky Mount, Misses Elizabeth of Washington, Jane, Alma and Robert and Lynwood. The interment took place at Garrysburg his old home.

—The remains of Charles H. Pearson of New York, reached Oxford Tuesday and the interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. He had been ill for several weeks. He was a former resident of Oxford and had a large number of friends here who sympathize greatly with his loved ones in their bereavement. Besides his widow he leaves two sisters in Oxford, Mesdames J. D. Brinkley and L. T. Hines, and a brother, Guy Pearson of Virginia. He also leaves one daughter, within the last month having lost a daughter well known in Oxford. The services were conducted from the home of his sister, Mrs. Brinkley, by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield.

STATE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Winston-Salem People Will Place New Institution In Fashionable Suburb.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 3.—The Baptist hospital to be erected in this State under direction of the State convention, will be located in Ardmore, a new residential section in the western part of this city. The site chosen includes about thirteen acres, all of which will likely be taken for the new hospital, work on which is expected to begin in the early spring.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

In revising our subscription list we find that the time of a number of subscribers expires during the present month. Those who receive the paper with a red label printed on the first page will please understand that their time has expired and that we hope they will renew. The subscription price of the Public Ledger is \$2.00 per year in advance, paid at the office or to Mr. Hart Overton, our authorized agent.

Colner-Lamb

The following is of interest to Oxford people, where Mrs. Lamb has often visited: "Announcements is made of the marriage of Mrs. Mary Miller Outlaw Lamb to Mr. David Marion Connor on Monday, the nineteenth of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, Saint Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia."

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Oxford Savings Bank & Trust Company will be held on Tuesday January 11th 1921 at twelve o'clock in the office of National Bank, of Granville.

W. T. YANCEY, Sec. and Treas.

1-4-7-21

GRAND OPERA IN THE WOODLAND OF GRANVILLE

An Incident On a New Years Morning Many Years Ago, As Related By Hon. T. T. Hicks, Of Henderson.

Editor the Public Ledger:

This morning I awoke some time before my folks and neighbors were ready to get up and engage in the activities of the new day of the New Year. As I lay there thinking how much money I had in the bank that nobody wants to borrow, and of the happiness and prosperity of the country and its people, and what gumps they were to vote out of power the brilliant and glorious administration that had brought existing conditions to pass, a new year's day of the long ago came back in memory to me. Not that I saw it, for it was just before I was born; but I used to hear my mother and her brother, my uncle "Big Ed Crews," relate it.

Their father, James Crews, who was the chief founder of Salem Church, living a mile to the east of it, was quite a hustler in his time. He started with nothing, owned fifty or more slaves when Sherman's army came along, and had more than fifty thousand dollars when he died ten years later at the age of 90. He reared nine children, all of whom lived to be old and all but one left large fortunes. Old man Jimmie, as he was called, was a working man, and knew how to have things done around him.

One new year's morning just before day he called up his two stoutest sons, Ed and Tom, and two of his best negro men, and told them to go over to the new ground and all four of them join in and cut down the big oak that was there when Columbus came across, and under whose boughs many an "Indian warrior had no doubt wooed his dusky mate."

The four got up and went, each with his own sharp axe, and the welkin did ring with the music of those axes as they pierced that mighty monarch of the forest.

Paderewski and Caruso and Rubenstein and other grand opera stars of the world never made such music as that which thrilled the soul of the old man standing on his front porch, knowing that it penetrated on that clear frosty morning to the inner ear of every man, woman and child on Bob Taylor's, Ed Morabbe's, Sam Moss and Abner Hicks' plantations, and even to the sleepy denizens of Cooper's Quarter.

Presently the great tree fell, and great was the fall thereof. Just then the two negroes began to holler with those sharp voices, such as were afterwards heard around the world as "rebel yells." Then the four each cut off a log or nearly so, and went to the house to breakfast. They had imbibed the spirit of their master, and went up proud of their achievement in waking up the neighborhood that new year's morning. But to their unmistakable surprise instead of the plaudits of "well done, good and faithful servants," the master's brow was clouded, and they saw that he was madder than they had ever known him to be. When they sought to know the reason why, he said to them in stentorian tones:

"What in the world did you holler for?"

How sad it is that we have no more trees to cut, and no more boys and axes and negroes to cut them. Yet I doubt not that in the future, when we have worried of the movies and the autos had the quasi pleasures of this day and time other pleasures will be found equal to the new year's joy of my grandfather, if not better.

THE FLORIDA LIMITED

Only One Stop Made In North Carolina.

Winter tourist traffic was inaugurated on the Seaboard Air Line last Monday, the first train having left New York Sunday morning. The first run north from Jacksonville will not be made, it is understood, for a day or two after the first train south, in order that the return journey may be started by the same train.

No stops are made by this train in North Carolina, except at the Johnson street station in Raleigh to change engines.

BRAME WAS ENFORCING DRY LAW ALL HIS OWN

Asserting that Supervising Revenue Agent S. R. Brame had no authority to destroy any of the liquor in the custody of the government and that all sales of automobiles that had been seized since the prohibition amendment became effective were without sanction, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the United States district court, last week said the courts have been at variance with Mr. Brame because he has "attempted to enforce a law of his own."

Miss Annie Hamme Hurt

Miss Annie Hamme, one of the valuable teachers in the Creedmoor school, was painfully hurt at her home near Cheatham Mill last Saturday. She was seated in a buggy and ready to come to Oxford when one wheel of the vehicle struck a stump in the yard and threw her out. She was brought to Oxford, and on examination Dr. S. H. Cannady discovered that the arm was broken near the shoulder. Dr. Cannady states that she is resting very nicely.

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

A PLEASANT HOUR WITH A FINE OLD VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN

Coming down from Richmond last week Mr. Newcomb, a stout old Virginia gentleman who has accumulated a fortune, got on the train at Petersburg and shared a seat with us as far as Lacross. The conversation soon drifted around to the high cost of living, where it stuck until he left the train.

"Well," said the old gentleman, "my father died leaving me to support a family of mother, three sisters and a brother. I promised him I would see that they all finished high school. At that time I was getting \$9 a week."

"Just think of supporting a family on \$9 a week!" we replied merely to keep the conversation going.

"Well, the fact is," rejoined our companion, "you couldn't have done it twenty years ago if you tried to live then as we do now."

"Let me tell you something," he went on. "We lived in a small town. Our house was on a lot 100x250 feet, and, with the exception of a strip of lawn, every inch of the ground was cultivated. We grew all the vegetables we ate, and when winter came, as we had no cellar, we buried in the garden all we would need through the winter: potatoes, cabbage, turnips, carrots and beets. This has cellar storage beat a mile because the vegetables will not dry out. We put up plenty of plums, cherries, currants and gooseberries from our own garden."

"In the fall I bought from a farmer three barrels of apples and a barrel of hickorynuts. Our garden supplied the popcorn. And, oh boy, those winter evenings! As soon as real winter set in I got hold of a quarter of beef and half a hog and hung them in the wood-shed. We kept chickens, so that we were never hungry for meat. In fact, we never wanted for a single essential.

"Our clothes were not tailor made; probably the larger percentage of them were home made.

"I also bought ten cords of wood and, as I had to saw this during the winter, you will no doubt appreciate that I was not under the painful necessity of going to Florida to play golf to keep in condition.

"I don't say that I want to go back to that life, but people ought to understand that in the days of low prices apples were not wrapped in tissue paper, and we did not telephone to the store our order for a couple of pounds of potatoes, or for a spool of thread and have it delivered in a four-thousand-dollar truck with the delivery man in uniform."

"Today we all want the gee-gaws, which we have educated ourselves to call the 'refinements,' and we've got to pay for them—by sacrificing some of the essentials—some of the things that make real home living."

"Yes, they all graduated from high school."

GRANVILLE COUNTY DELEGATES

Will Attend the State Tobacco Growers' Association in Raleigh January 12-13.

Mr. P. W. Knott, secretary-treasurer of the Granville County Tobacco Growers' Association, has named the following delegates to attend the State meeting of the association in Raleigh Jan. 12:

Walnut Grove—C. M. Knott; A. J. Mize alternate.

Dutchville—W. B. Clark; W. A. L. Veasey alternate.

Fishing Creek—J. W. Dean; C. R. Gordon alternate.

Salem—E. A. Hunt; Roy Crews alternate.

Brassfield—C. W. Allen; W. N. Bobbitt alternate.

Oak Hill—R. S. Hart; J. S. Watkins alternate.

Sassafras Fork—H. G. Gill; J. G. Morton alternate.

Tally Ho—H. C. Webb; R. H. Gooch alternate.

Oxford—C. H. Cheatham; H. A. McGhee alternate.

At large—Dr. E. T. White, P. W. Knott, J. L. Dove.

This is very important meeting in the interest of the Tobacco Growing Industry of North Carolina farmers; business men, bankers, warehousemen and all interested in co-operative marketing are urged to attend.

P. W. KNOTT, Sec-Treas.

NEW YEAR GIVEN NOISY WELCOME HERE

Banks, Post Office and Railroad Freight Offices Closed In Celebration Of Dawn Of The Year.

New Year's day was not observed as a general holiday in Oxford. All of the banks were closed, however, as well as the post office, which cut off all city and rural delivery, and out all city and rural delivery, and the freight depots of both the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway were closed for the entire day.

The new year was given a rousing greeting at midnight, and, while it was nothing in the way of a general public celebration or noise-making, it was slightly more than is customary in Oxford. Few people remained up to bid the old year farewell and greet the new, but those who did made their full share of noise.

Many whistles were blown and bells were rung, and numerous pistols were fired off in several sections of the town between midnight and 1 a. m.

Nice Contribution.

The county field served by G. T. Tunstall gave him \$546.52 to send to the starving people of Central Europe.

BROADSTREET FORECASTS EARLY RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS

It Is Well To Forget Some Of the Events Of Our Recent "Silk-Shirt" Era.

(Extract From Broadstreet's Review)

Without attempting to make any hard and fast predictions, indeed with every disposition to keep out of the ranks of the prophets—who are proverbially lacking in honor in their own country—it may be well to set down a few facts which have a bearing upon the working out of either of these forecasts.

In the first place, it apparently needs to be again brought to the attention of the fainthearted that this country has so far come through lightly from the troubles which have beset the world as the result of the overweening ambition of the German militarists; that our present trade and industrial troubles, due in part to our own extravagances, are the natural results of the antecedent causes, and that it is best that the reckoning come as early as it did.

In other words, our condition might have been a whole lot worse—it is certainly a great deal better than is the lot of our European friends and allies. The industrial worker may be idle in unprecedented numbers and a fraction of his pay (25 cent, perhaps) has been cut, but he had an opportunity to prepare for the inevitable reaction, while the farmer, mourning the fat returns of 1919, should not forget that his money and crop returns are better than in 1914, 1915 or 1916, which were not esteemed bad years at the time. For the great mass of people who did not directly gain by extravagant wages or prices, the return to saner price levels is a nearly unmixed good, and all three of the groups cited have the knowledge that, as a result of readjustment, a dollar goes and will go further than it did in recent days of so-called boundless prosperity.

The fact is that, for a while at least, business will need the present quiet period to recast its ideas, form new plans and prepare to put in operation new and better conceptions. As put by one observer, the old figures are blurred and new ones must be prepared.

It is hardly to be hoped that the present readjustment will not go far enough to retire a large number of those who in the past year and in unprecedented numbers sought the profits of a business life with a mount of business equipment and a deficiency of ability to succeed. It might be well if we were able to forget some of the events of our recent "silk-shirt era" of extravagance were it not for the lessons conveyed that in the long run ability, education and experience are also entitled to their reward. Perhaps no better service could be done the American business man, wage earner or farmer than to hold up to his eyes the example of battletorn France, which in its patient rebuilding of its shattered fortunes, this year, shows a gain in its export trade comparing favorably with all but the very largest gains in our own. With the experience of some past years of stress in mind, one is inclined to look askance at efforts of "medicine men" of both parties to offer patent nostrums to the people in the belief that acts of Congress will arrest, delay or mitigate the working out of the great natural forces now in operation. The patient's fever seems to have broken, and there remains now the process of building up his strength, for which time and care are the main requisites.

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MISS LAURA CLEMENT THE BRIDE OF MR. W. T. YANCEY

Will Be At Home In Oxford After January 8th.

A wedding of state-wide interest took place at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of December 28th, at the home of J. L. Clement, of Mocksville, N. C., when his daughter, Laura, was united in Marriage to William T. Yancey, of Oxford, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends.

The impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist church was used by Rev. Mr. Sherrill, pastor of the bride, while Miss Bessie Clement, sister of the bride, softly rendered a selection from McDowell, "To a Wild Rose."

The bride was becomingly gowned in a going-away suit of blue duvety with accessories to match and wore a corsage of Palmer violets.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Yancey left by auto for Salisbury, where they took a train for New York and other northern points. They will be at home in Oxford after January 8.

The bride is from one of the leading families of Mocksville and is one of the town's most popular and charming young ladies.

The groom is the popular cashier of the National Bank of Granville and is held in high esteem by his many friends.

Oxford Woman's Club

The Oxford Woman's Club will meet in the Oxford Library on Wednesday, January 12, instead of the 5th of the present month.

Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the National Bank of Granville will be held in the Office of the said Bank on Tuesday January 11th 1921 at twelve o'clock.

W. T. YANCEY, Cashier.

1-4-7-21