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## THE KU KLUX KLAN WILL BE REORGANIZED IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

### Secret Meeting To Be Held Here At An Early Date.

An unsigned note to the editor of the Public Ledger reads:

"You will be asked to join the Ku Klux Klan at an early date. Date and place of meeting will be announced later."

All we know about the Ku Klux Klan, or "Invisible Empire," is that the headquarters are in Atlanta, and Col. William Joseph Simmons of that city is Imperial Wizard. A friend informs us that some one told him that the initiation fee is \$10. We seriously doubt the wisdom of such an order at this time.

The Klan claims that its object is to meet a "need today when fourteen million people of the colored race are organized, and when anarchists and the Bolshevik forces are encroaching daily upon the basic principles of Americanism." But the Negroes appear to believe that its activities will be directed against them chiefly as in days of old.

Col. Simmons says that he is receiving applications from persons all over the North, and that at present time there are 300 members in New York city.

An officer of the "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People" in that city, employed a clever ruse to learn some of the secrets of the Klan. He wrote to Atlanta asking for admittance, and thinking him a white man, replied, sending him a questionnaire to fill out. Two of the questions were: "Do you believe in PURE Americanism?" and "Do you believe in White Supremacy?" This seemed to be enough for the northern Negro, and he dropped the correspondence and turned the papers over to the judicial authorities of New York. District Attorney Tally issued a statement that "No quarter would be shown the Klan, if it employed terroristic methods, or violated the law in any way."

Continuing, he denounced the Klan and the "brave knights who were afraid to come out into the open," in scathing terms. Col. Simmons replied by telegraph, saying that Judge Talley "out of ignorance" was guilty of an untruth when "by inference" he charged that the activities of the Klan would be in opposition to law.

Called his attention to the waving of a crime which was at that time being the police of New York city, (they have since gotten it well in hand) as an evidence of the need of the Klan in that town. The New York Tribune considered the matter of sufficient importance to devote an entire page to it.

According to the Tribune, the original Ku-Klux-Klan was founded in Pulaski, Tenn., in 1865, as a social club of young men. It used an absurd ritual and weird uniform. The members accidentally discovered that the fear of it had a great influence over the superstitious negroes, and they made use of this discovery to safeguard the country against disorder from the recently enfranchised slaves. It soon expanded and absorbed many local orders which had been formed with a similar object. The plan played upon the fears of the Negroes by night parades, mysterious messages, and by calling upon them to "come out of the wood" and "confer with us just from Hell." The prime object of the Ku-Klux Klan was to protect the white people of the South from the disorder which followed immediately after the Civil War. It was broken up by the acts of Congress in the early seventies.

We hear that some branches of the new Ku-Klux Klan have been organized in North Carolina—one we believe at Wilson. We should regret to hear of the organization of one in Granville county. We do not think it would fill any need. Its avowed objects seem to be, the protection of the country against Anarchists and Bolsheviks, and the maintenance of White Supremacy. Now if there is an Anarchist or a Bolshevik in this state we have never heard of him. The white people of the state outnumber the Negroes approximately, three to one, so there is no possible danger to White Supremacy unless the white people deliberately surrender it. Except that we lead the world in the manufacture of contraband whiskey, ours is a law-abiding state, and the regular officers of the commonwealth are sufficient to keep it so. We have orders and organizations enough already, so let all to work and meet the hard times, and let the Ku-Klux Klan alone.

Col. Osborn's Will.  
The will of the late Col. Osborn, who died at his home in Greensboro recently and laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery in Oxford, was filed in the office of the superior court at Greensboro yesterday.

All of the property of deceased, real and personal, including his life insurance, was bequeathed to his wife, Elizabeth C. Osborn.

The will was made on July 19, 1910, and was handwritten, containing hardly 150 words. It is not known yet how much property of the deceased is valued at, although it is believed it will run well into six figures.

In his will Col. Osborn appointed his wife to be sole executor of his will without bond.

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

## EXPRESSIONS IN FAVOR OF HIGH SCHOOL BONDS

The generosity of the people of the state provides the orphanage children here with education, all equipment superior to that furnished to the children of the town. I hear that the orphanage will soon have a swimming pool and a modernly equipped play ground.

We do not envy those children their advantages, we rejoice that they have them. Oxford has always liberally supported that institution and will continue to do so. My information is that every orphanage in the state has better educational equipment than the schools of our town. The children of Oxford are certainly entitled to as much as those others are receiving.

I do not see how any person who voluntarily gives his money to supply these advantages to other children can vote to deny them to his own.

MRS. D. G. BRUMMITT.

I am going to vote for the School Bond Issue, for Better Schools for Oxford. First, because I believe it is my sacred duty to do this small service for the boys and girls of my community. Second, because I realize that in no other way can the small amount I shall be obligating myself to pay will accomplish so great a thing.

Third, because I believe there is no better investment to be made, certainly none that will pay a greater interest than that invested in the uplift and education and welfare of the children who are to be the future men and women—the future citizens of Oxford and Granville county. Fourth, because my love and interest in our boys and girls impels me to want them to have the best equipped school buildings and play grounds and the best system of education, it is possible to give them. Fifth, because I feel no hesitancy in voting for the bond issue and I believe the board of trustees will be faithful to their every trust and that they are in every way worthy of and entitled to the hearty support of the citizens of Oxford.

MRS. A. HAMILTON POWELL.

We sometimes think that our tobacco is our greatest asset. We are mistaken, however, because our boys and girls hold that place. I believe in education, and am solidly behind this local Bond Issue. Come on boys, and do the job right.

S. M. WATKINS.

Am I my brother's keeper? I take it that I am in its broad sense, and to live up to its principles I must help take care of his children. Therefore I shall vote for the bond issue.

W. LANDIS.

## MR. HARVEY HOBGOOD DEAD

### Followed Gen. Lee For Four Years and Was Wounded Twice.

The county mourns the death of Mr. Harvey Hobgood, 81 years of age, who died at his home on Route 1, Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and seven sons and seven daughters.

The last visit Mr. Hobgood made to Oxford was on Thanksgiving Day, when he visited his son, Mr. I. H. Hobgood, chief of police, and other relatives. He was taken sick while on this visit and a rapid decline set in.

Mr. Hobgood was a man of vigorous constitution in his day. He followed Gen. Lee for four years and was wounded in both legs at Gettysburg on the same day. One of the characteristics of Mr. Hobgood was that he never complained, and he was often seen in secret communication with his Lord and Master.

The remains of Mr. Hobgood will be laid to rest at Mt. Zion church this morning at 11 o'clock. There will be a service at the grave, conducted by Rev. C. Almon Upchurch.

## A DESERVED PROMOTION

### Capt. Hutchins Assigned To the "Flying Squadron."

Capt. J. A. Hutchins, the great Granville county detective and revenue officer, who has been spending a few days in Oxford, was notified yesterday by the Treasury Department that he had been assigned to the "Flying Squadron" of the Department of the South.

Capt. Hutchins does not know where his headquarters will be. He is of the opinion that he will be constantly on the move.

## MOONSHINER CAUGHT IN THE ACT AND LANDED IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Hoover Estes, Colored, Is Behind the Bars—White Man Implicated. Deputy Crawford Davis, Sam Wheeler, Officer Curl and Deputy Ed Lyon captured a moonshiner and still Wednesday night two miles south-east of Creedmoor.

The still was located between the banks of a narrow creek and was hid from view by a profusion of green cedar and pine tops. The officers approached the still from downstream and saw the men at work under the improvised shed of cedar and pine tops.

The white man, who seemed to be the directing head of the enterprise, made his escape, but Hoover Estes, the colored man, was captured.

The officers know the name and address of the white man and they propose to capture him before the sun goes down today.

Estes, the colored man, was landed in the county jail. He is in no frame of mind to talk, but it is understood that he was employed to make the liquor. Estes will not be given a hearing until the white man is captured.

The still was capable of turning out 100 gallons of liquor every day. There was sufficient material on hand to stagger every man in the county.

## BILL TO DO AWAY WITH GRADE CROSSINGS

### The Legislature Should Not Hesitate To Pass It.

The text of the Lawrence bill for ultimate elimination of grade crossings indicate a satisfactory degree. As we read the measure, it is designed not only to prevent future building of grade crossings, but to bring about elimination of all crossings now in existence within the limit of five years.

The expense of eliminating these crossings should be borne according in case where the crossing was made by the railroad, and by the county, in case where the county engineered the job.

There are 18 railroad crossings between Henderson and Littleton, a distance of forty miles. Those familiar with this short stretch of road state that all but three of these crossings could be eliminated to advantage.

The Lawrence bill, applied to "any railway company or any county," might be regarded as a bill over passage of which the Legislature need not hesitate.

## SENATE STRONG AGAINST REPEAL OF PRIMARY LAW

### Poll Prompts Prediction That Neal Bill Will Die.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—A poll of the senate reveals such opposition to the primary repeal bill of Representative Will Neal as to warrant the prediction that the movement has this early been frustrated completely.

Lieutenant Governor Gardner, opposing with all his vigor the effort to revert to the convention system of picking candidates for state officers, has won in his fight and it is the turn over of Gardner men in the senate which foreshadows the defeat of the Neal bill.

"A state that is making such wonderful strides in all directions could never excuse repeal of an act designed to permit all the people to express themselves in political matters," said Lieut. Governor Gardner tonight.

"I am opposed to the Neal bill and I shall exert my influence in an effort to defeat the repeal measure."

## RESOLVE TO CURTAIL CROP BY 50 PER CENT

### Planters of Old Bright Belt Of Carolina and Virginia Tobacco Association At Danville Meeting.

At a well attended meeting of the Danville Tobacco Association in Danville Friday a resolution offered by H. L. Boatwright and urging a 50 per cent curtailment of tobacco acreage in the Old Bright belts of Virginia and North Carolina for 1921 was adopted.

## ENOUGH COIN RECEIVED FROM HOARD TO FILL UP WILSON BANK'S VAULTS

### Wilson, Jan. 11.—A big tow sack containing \$70,000 in coin was recently deposited in a bank here by S. G. Newbern, who has been appointed by the court as guardian for Henry Morris, a Wilson reulce, who is said to be the oldest and wealthiest citizen of the town. It represents the savings of many years and was taken from a safe in his home to be transferred. It required several days for the bank employes to get the coin counted as it was in all sorts of denominations, ranging from pennies to ten dollar bills.

## DR. NELSON THOMAS WILL DISPENSE SERUM FREE

### Sent To Him From the Mayo Foundation.

Dr. Nelson Thomas requests the Public Ledger to state for the benefit of the medical profession of the county that he has received a quantity of anti poliomyelitis serum from the Mayo Foundation, which he will distribute to them free of charge. The doctors using the serum are requested to report to the Mayo Foundation.

## INAUGURATION OF MORRISON AS GOV. EXCELS ANY SIMILAR OCCASION IN STATE'S HISTORY

### Following Oath Administered By Judge Clark, Governor Morrison Urges Support Of Schools and State Institutions and Proposes Construction State Highways.

Cameron Morrison took the oath of office as forty-eighth Governor of North Carolina in the city auditorium at Raleigh shortly afternoon Wednesday and before an assemblage of legislators and citizens of the State that crowded the big hall enunciated the program that, during the next four years, he will seek to write into the life of the State.

Governor Morrison was presented by retiring Governor Bickett, and took the oath at the hands of Chief Justice Walter Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

### Governor Morrison's Program.

We must enforce the law against crime in our state with Godlike impartiality and justice.

We must take humane care of all our defective and unfortunate people, whose defects and misfortunes are of a character that they cannot care for themselves.

We must throw around the home and life of our people an enlightened world's knowledge of preventive medicine and make ceaseless war upon sickness.

We must make the common schools for the training and education of our children as good as any in the world.

We must make the State's University—every one of its institutions for higher learning, adequate to discharge the glorious opportunities which our progress places upon them.

We must have good surfaced roads in the state. The main highways must be of hard surface, and dependable every day in the year.

We are ready to meet the reactionary and do battle with him in our determination to build this great system of state highways.

We must adopt a new system of taxation in which state taxation and county and other local taxation will be completely separated.

I most earnestly desire that we may unite for these larger and more pressing purposes.

### Takes Oath Of Office.

M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing.  
A. J. Maxwell, corporation commissioner.  
Stacy Wade, insurance commissioner.  
W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture.  
James S. Manning, attorney general.  
E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction.  
Baxter Durham, state auditor.  
Benj. R. Lacy, state treasurer.  
J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state.  
W. B. Cooper, lieutenant governor.

## THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

A very peculiar question has been raised regarding the present issue of bonds. It is one regarding the boundary lines of the school district.

Three years ago the District then known as the "Mile Limit," entitled to part of the term of the Oxford District free on account of financial arrangements, wanted to vote on the proposition of becoming a part of the Oxford District.

The State law very clearly provides for this by the provision that allows any district to vote a special tax or votes itself into a special tax district already in existence.

These people voted by an almost unanimous majority to come into the Oxford district and assume the same burden as people in the said district. The line was made and stated in the advertisement for the election and is now on record in the court house files.

The line is a reality. The people in the district know it and have been sending to school on that basis. The supreme power of the State, the people is authority for this act.

## AMERICAN ARMY IN GERMANY REDUCED TO EIGHT THOUSAND MEN

Washington, Jan. 13.—Reduction of the American forces for occupation in Germany from 15,000 to 8,000 has been ordered by the War Department.

Secretary Baker wrote today to Representative Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, that the reduction all ready was under way. He added that the ultimate withdrawal of the entire force was a matter "for future consideration."

## LOCAL ODD FELLOWS ENTERTAIN MOST HANDSOMELY

### Three Hopis Of Fun And Feasting.

One hundred and sixty Odd Fellows, members of the local lodge, did the handsome last Tuesday night. Seated at the banquet tables in the lodge room wit and wisdom was sharpened by an appetizing supper prepared by the Oxford Methodist Philathea class.

### The Menu

Grape Fruit.  
Ham, English Peas, Rolls.  
Coffee.  
Chicken Salad  
Cigars.

Mr. J. E. Jackson was the chairman of the entertainment committee; the repast was prepared under the supervision of Mrs. George Pritchard, and the following attractive young ladies served at the tables: Miss Martha Parker Brinkley, Miss Carrie Harris, Miss Lula Pratt, Miss Ruth Taylor, Miss Marie Winslow, Miss Selene Parker, Miss Sudie Crews.

### Master Of Ceremonies.

General Royster was master of ceremonies and he was at his best. The roll was called and a majority responded to their names. Past Grand Master H. M. Shaw congratulated the lodge on the splendid work during the past year. He stated that the lodge for many years had donated \$500 a year to the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro, and it was brought out in the meeting that the fraternal orders of Oxford are giving more to charity than the combined churches here.

Mr. J. F. Meadows was the noble grand of the lodge during the first six months of the past year, followed by General Royster during the past six months. There were more accessions during the term of General Royster and Mr. Meadows than in recent years. General Royster retires as noble grand and Mr. E. F. Lanier will be installed at the next meeting.

There was more genuine good-fellowship displayed at this "get together" meeting than you would find in any square mile in North Carolina. It could not be otherwise so long as Faith, Love and Truth is emblematic of the order.

### Good-Fellowship.

The meeting had both a serious and a funny side to it. It takes General Royster to inject fun into a crowd of men. He brought down the gavel with a quick whack and announced that we will now have a song by Judge Hunt, Frank Blalock, Allic Morris and B. F. Kearn, and you can take it from us that it was no "Swan's song" by a long shot. It fell to the lot of Mr. W. A. McFarland to explain to the lodge the best means of appealing "friend wife" when a member of the lodge arrives at home late.

Mr. C. G. Powell, register of deeds, was requested to explain the legal process of issuing a marriage license to himself in the near future. Mr. Frank Pinnix was requested to explain the best method of side-tracking a sweetheart long enough to attend a meeting of the lodge. It came like a shot from a clear sky when the chair announced that "we will now have a duet by Mr. Sloan and Miss Martha Parker Brinkley."

### Resolution Of Thanks.

It fell to the lot of Mr. A. A. Hicks to thank the ladies for the splendid supper. Mr. Hicks stated that he had been to many corn-shuckings, possum suppers, clam bakes, oyster roastings, water melon patches and high-lunged entertainments, but nothing struck the spot more admirable than the supper on this occasion. The lodge thanked the ladies by a rising vote.

## ONE OF GOVERNOR BICKETTS' LAST OFFICIAL ACTS

### Commutes To 30 Years' Imprisonment Death Sentence Of Kohler Holdslaw.

As his final act of clemency, Governor Bickett commuted to thirty years imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Kohler Holdslaw, Catawba county veteran of the World War, for the murder of John Gabriel, and granted a conditional pardon to W. L. Exum of Lenoir county, convicted of murder in the first degree in September, 1904, sentenced to death, but later commuted to thirty years imprisonment.

## BASE BALL MEETING

There will be a meeting in the Court House Friday night, January 14, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. for the purpose of planning for a winning base ball team in Oxford this summer. Everybody is invited and urged to be present. Organization and support are vitally essential to good base ball. Let's begin early and put Oxford on the base ball map this summer.

W. W. HARRIS.

## Have You Seen Him?

Mr. Roscoe Clark, of the Oxford police force, has received his handsome new uniform, which becomes him very much. The uniform ordered by Capt. Bowling was received by him this week from New York, but it was too tight and he sent it back to be enlarged.

## MR. J. A. GOOCH IS MAYOR OF STEM

### The People Want A Bridge Across Betsy Green Branch.

Stem, N. C., January 13.—At a meeting of the commissioners of Stem Thursday night Mr. J. H. Gooch, for 14 years justice of the peace, was chosen mayor. Mr. Gooch is well versed in legal matters and his advice is sought by hundreds of people every year. No better qualified man could have been elected to the place, and it is a foregone conclusion that he will reflect credit upon our municipality.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Lee Minor, who recently returned from Brantwood Hospital continues to improve.

Many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. W. E. Morgan, formerly of Route 3, is dead. Her death, occurred at her home near Angier recently. Mr. Morgan has sold his large farm near Angier and moved to Apex.

The people of this community would be very glad if the county would build the bridge over Betsy Green Branch. The bridge was ordered by the county commissioners a year ago to be built.

Mr. E. P. Mangum, who is in the lumber business at Culloden, Ga., returned last week to resume his work after spending the holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Melvin Peed and two little sons formerly of Route 3, who have been spending a few days with her sister-in-law Mrs. J. M. Bullock here, left Tuesday for a few days visit to relatives in Durham, and will go from there to Wilmington, where she will join her husband, Mr. Melvin Peed and make their future home.

## CHIEF JUSTICE WALTER CLARK TO RESIGN

### Wishes To See Europe, Meditate and Write—Now 75 Years Old—Long Time On Bench.

According to the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, Chief Justice Walter Clark, who has been on the bench longer than any living North Carolinian, intends to resign in the middle of his term. He has expressed a desire to leave the bench in order to travel in Europe. He would make a study of the Old World made new and write about it.

The Chief Justice is now 75 years old but there is not a sign of old age about him.

A bill will probably be introduced in the legislature this week to retire jurists after they reach 70, and providing a stipend to them in retired life. It is stated that Chief Justice Clark knows nothing of it, but, if passed may cause his resignation sooner.

## MR. JOSH KING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNION BANK

At a meeting of the directors of the Union Bank and Trust Company, held in the bank building this week, Mr. J. W. Horner, the efficient president, tendered his resignation. He stated that he had so many business connections it was practically impossible to continue as president.

Mr. Josh King, well known to the people of the county, was unanimously elected to fill the position of president made vacant by Mr. Horner.

The Union Bank and Trust Company has outgrown its present quarters and will move into their handsome new stone building on College street within the next ten days or two weeks.

## A DESERVED PROMOTION

### Mr. Charles A. Taylor Wins Laurels At Asheville.

We see it stated in the Asheville papers that Mr. Charles A. Taylor has been promoted to assistant cashier in the Central Bank and Trust Company in that city.

He is one of the fine sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Taylor, of Oxford, and has been identified with the banking interests in Asheville for several years.

## HARDING RESIGNS AS SENATOR

President-elect Harding has resigned as United States Senator from Ohio. He resigned as soon as the newly elected Republican governor of Ohio assumed office, having waited so that he might have a Republican successor. His resignation will take effect on January 15. The last six weeks before his inauguration will be devoted to preparation for his administration.

## THE TOBACCO MARKET

### Quarter Million Pounds Sold Here This Week.

It is claimed that there is a marked improvement in the price of tobacco this week.

It is estimated that at the end of sales today the market will have handled a quarter of a million of pounds this week.

### Price Slashing Sale.

Landis & Easton announce on the fourth page of this paper that they have put on another price slashing sale in their two big stores. Their advice is to buy now while prices are on a rock-bottom level. Read their advertisement entitled "Stop-Look-Read" and see where you can save money.