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## THE PROPOSED RECORDER'S COURT FOR GRANVILLE MEETS WITH HEARTY APPROVAL

It is either that or have more terms of the Superior Court. A Recorder's Court for the County is now being considerably discussed, especially by members of the bar. At various times in the past the establishment of such a Court has been suggested, but the movement received additional impetus recently on account of the crowded condition of the Superior Court calendar. At the last term of Court a large number of criminal cases of minor importance took up several days of the Court's time. For a year or more the civil calendar has been getting in a clogged condition and cases cannot be reached as rapidly as they would.

A number of the lawyers have heretofore been opposed to such a Court, but we are informed that at present all of them favor it. At the last term of Court Judge Allen several times suggested the need of a Recorder's Court for the County and advised that it be established. He stated that for many years he had been opposed to these courts, but having seen the effectiveness of their work in other counties he had changed his opinion about them. He said that such courts had effected a great saving in the counties where they had been established in the way of jail fees, time of witnesses and suitors consumed.

These considerations have had their effect here and we learn that the members of the bar are working on the proposition in the hope of establishing such a court will fit the conditions of this county. Such a Court would have jurisdiction of misdemeanors and an enlarged civil jurisdiction with right of appeal to the Superior Court. It appears certain that it will be necessary either to establish such a Court for the County or else to have more terms of Superior Court.

## DISTINGUISHED HIGHWAY ENGINEER SPENT FEW DAYS HERE

Mr. Henry G. Sherley, Secretary of the Federal Highway Council, Sounds An Optimistic Note.

Mr. Henry G. Sherley, one of the most noted highway builders of the United States, spent a few days in Oxford last week at the home of father-in-law, Judge Graham.

Mr. Sherley was for many years head of the Highway Commission of Maryland. He is a democrat, but on one occasion the republicans paid him an everlasting compliment. On this particular occasion a bill was pending in Congress to expend several million of dollars for highway construction. While the question was being debated, a republican rose from his seat and said: "If Henry G. Sherley will have the handling of this money I am for the measure." And it so happened that Mr. Sherley has spent many million and every cent was accounted for and not a penny was spent foolishly.

Mr. Sherley is secretary of the Federal Highway Council. He is frequently called to all parts of the United States and consulted on highway problems. He spent a few days in Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Raleigh recently, and found a healthy sentiment in favor of good roads.

"All of the Federal and State highways," said Mr. Sherley, "will be completed in the next five years."

This means that the National Highway from Washington to Atlanta, and the highways linking up the county spots will have the attention of the Federal and State governments within the next five years.

## MR. R. L. HAMILTON WILL MOVE TO LEAKSVILLE

Mr. R. L. Hamilton, for many years identified with the drug business in Oxford, who recently sold his drug business to Mr. J. N. Pittman, will locate in Leaksville, N. C., on February 1. He will superintend a number of drug stores in Leaksville. Spray and other towns in that thrifty section of the State.

Mr. Hamilton is closely identified with Church and Sunday school work here, and he will be greatly missed. Mrs. Hamilton and the children will remain in Oxford for some time.

## FARMERS URGED TO PROCLAIM THEIR INDEPENDENCE

They Can Do So By Signing the Reduced Acreage Agreement and the Cooperative Marketing Contract.

We request the various township committees of the Tobacco Growers Association to continue to secure pledges in acreage reduction and finish this work by the first of February, so we can begin a campaign in the interest of cooperative marketing.

Granville has been the leader in the first. Let us sign the cooperative marketing contract, which means the farmer's declaration of independence.

P. W. KNOTT, Secretary-Treas.

## HARRIS & CREWS' GENEROUS GIFT TO STARVING CHILDREN

Harris & Crews, proprietors of Orpheum Theatre, will donate the entire proceeds of the show next Wednesday night and matinee to the starving children in central Europe. The price of admission is 25 cents, and Anita Stewart in "Mary Regan" is the attraction.

## ALLEN VAUGHAN THE VICTIM OF TWO GINGER-CAKE COLORED MEN

They Got \$220 Working Negro State Library. Him Standing On Street Awaiting Their Return.

Times may be hard with some folks but apparently the grafter and the bunco artist still find an ample field for their operations. And that field is not confined to the great cities. It is here in Granville as well.

One Allen Vaughan, a negro living near Fairport, fell a victim last week. Standing near a warehouse he saw a well-dressed ginger-cake colored man pick up a pocket-book. His curiosity was aroused and upon enquiry he learned that the purse contained considerable money and also some government bonds. The finder and his companion, who then approached, averred that they could get the bonds redeemed if they just had a little more money. Vaughan, happily or rather unhappily, happened to have \$220 in his pocket, the proceeds of a load of tobacco that day sold. This was just about the amount needed to effect the redemption of the bonds and the securing of the value of the contents of the purse. As the bonds were worth \$1100 Vaughan was easily persuaded to put up the \$220 on the promise that it would be returned within fifteen minutes along with \$200 which he was to be given for his aid in the matter. The two sharpers disappeared to effect the redemption of the bonds. Vaughan waited the fifteen minutes for their return. In fact he waited considerably longer thinking possibly that some unforeseen difficulty had prevented their return as quickly as promised. He is still waiting.

The matter was not reported to the police officers until next day. Chief Hobgood did everything possible to locate the men, but, of course, they had long since disappeared and had effectively covered their tracks.

Vaughan persists in saying that he was hypnotized.

## WARRANTS ISSUED FOR WIZARD AUTO OFFICERS

Charges Of Conspiracy and Use Of Mails To Defraud In Sale Of Stock Made Against All Officers and Three Directors Of Charlotte Company.

(Charlotte Observer)

All of the officers and three of the directors of the Wizard Automobile company are charged with using the mails to defraud in five federal warrants issued here late yesterday.

Warrants were speedily served on two of the defendants. The others are expected to be served today.

The men are:

F. W. Edwardy, Sr., president of the company.

R. L. Walters, vice president and general manager.

F. W. Edwardy, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

T. A. MacEwen, mechanical engineer and director.

H. E. Lowe, director.

Harry R. Johnson, director.

District Attorney Durham, of Gastonia, swore out the warrants which were issued by United States Commissioner J. W. Cobb. They were placed in the hands of Deputy Marshal E. S. Williams.

## THE LOCAL BUILDING SITUATION IS ENCOURAGING

"Waiting" Period About Ended and Contractors Making Ready To Begin Operations.

The tendency of the local building market is the subject of almost as frequent and as anxious inquiry as the high cost of living, deflation, or credit restriction; in fact it is closely involved in all of these questions, and quite inseparable from them.

The need for more homes here is growing more instead of less acute. Those who have waited patiently for a decline in labor and building materials will not reap the benefit they anticipated. There has been a decline, but both labor and materials are scarce and hard to get, and under the present circumstances contractors may not be able to complete a job on schedule time.

The Public Ledger knows of quite a number of people in Oxford who expect to erect dwellings this spring, and quite a number in Oxford and the county have expressed a desire to make improvements. The situation is encouraging, and no doubt the contractors, carpenters, masons and painters will have all they can do.

## THE COMING OF REV. BERTRAM BROWN

Editor Public Ledger:

May I add a further word to the people of Oxford and surrounding country regarding the coming of Rev. Bertram E. Brown, who is to hold services at the Episcopal Church this week.

Because the writer has known close at hand of the work of Mr. Brown as a community builder, of his fine pulp ministry, his deep consecration, and withal, his sense of brotherly sympathy for every one, I hope that Oxford may give him that hearing he deserves, that his messages may abide in rebuffed and rededicated lives.

R. C. CRAVEN.

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

## MILLIONS FOR HARD SURFACED ROADS BUT NOT ONE PENNY FOR SAND-CLAY ROADS

governor Morrison wants Warring Factions To Unite On Program Proclaimed By Both Parties.

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Millions for hard surfaced roads but not a penny for the sand-clay kind is the highway slogan of Governor Morrison.

8,000 Miles Wanted.

Some of the best engineers in the state have advised Mr. Morrison that three thousand miles of hard surfaced highways will connect every county in North Carolina, and this is his ambition. They can be built in five years, he is further informed, but compelling legislation supported by ample funds must turn the trick and not theoretical ideas. He doesn't want a quarrel with any one on the roads proposition, but he does want the warring factions to surrender their pride of paternity in the bills and stand aside for the administration program.

Both Parties For It.

The democrats and republicans are bound by platform planks to hard surfaced roads. He declared for the hard surfaced roads in his speeches during the campaign and with particular force after a few trips through the mountainous western counties. John Parker, attending the great roads rally staged by Colonel Kirkpatrick when the special session was on hand last summer, acclaimed the hard surfaced program. And now that the law makers are together, the republicans are either trying to outdo the democrats on the roads question for the partisan purposes of setting a trap for the majority.

## FORMS READY FOR FILING OF INCOME

All Persons Compelled To Make Returns Whether They Receive Blanks Or Not.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Forms for filing income tax returns on income of \$50,000 and less are ready for distribution, the Bureau of Internal Revenue today announced. Copies will be sent to all persons who filed returns last year, the Bureau stated, but failure to receive a copy will not relieve any one from making a return by March 15. Distribution will be made by the various Collectors of Internal Revenue.

On the same date, the Bureau announced, forms will be ready for filing returns of normal income tax to be paid at source such as interest on bonds and similar obligations of domestic and foreign corporations having a paying interest in the United States.

## NEW HOME OF THE UNION BANK AND TRUST CO.

The first impression one gets on entering the new and permanent home of the Union Bank and Trust Company on College street, is the sense of absolute security. The massive stone front, the concrete floor and the reinforced walls and iron ceiling, all contribute to the solidity of the structure. The walls of the vault are 18 inches thick and are built of cement and steel. The door to the vault is 6 inches thick and is solid steel. Inside the vault is a steel safe 8 inches thick. The door of the safe is opened by a time clock.

## MINUTES OF FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Session of Flat River Baptist Association, held at Mountain Creek Church October 13 and 14, 1920, has been issued in pamphlet form and is now being distributed by Rev. E. G. Usry, clerk of the association.

Next session will meet with Mount Zion Church on Wednesday, October 12. The introductory sermon will be by Rev. W. W. Reynolds, pastor of Florence Avenue Baptist Church, Virgilina.

## The Salem Unit.

The Salem township unit of the Tobacco Growers Association will meet at Salem School house next Friday night at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Plans for a decreased crop and the cooperative marketing plans will be discussed.

E. A. HUNT, President.

## NURSES WANTED

Brantwood Hospital, offers a three year course in Medical, Surgical and Obstetrical Nursing. Young ladies desiring to take training please make application to the superintendent. The field is large. The opportunities for safeguarding the nation's health are unlimited.

Miss M. A. TENNY, R. N., Supt.

After-Stock Taking Sale.

Cohn & Son announce an after-stock taking sale on the fifth page of this paper. Everything must be sold to make room for new goods.

## AND BEHOLD REBECCA CAME FORTH AND TARRIED EVEN AS IT WAS WRITTEN

Washington Maiden Makes Her Grand Entree Into Church According To Scriptures.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 23.—A certain young devout church woman of this city, whose given name is Rebecca, never missed divine services, but often is late.

Last Sunday she arrived just as the pastor was reading from the scriptures the story of Rebecca at the well, as told in Genesis, 24th chapter.

As the late comer tripped up the aisle, he minister read: "And behold Rebecca came forth." Board smiles played over the faces of the worshippers. Blushes flooded the fair face of Rebecca. Courageously she went on, quickening her steps.

"And she made haste," continued the clergyman, reading quite oblivious to the situation.

Snickers from the youngsters, broader smiles from the grown-ups and half-suppressed giggles from the half-grown were the response.

By that time Miss Rebecca had reached the pew. She stumbled in and sank down as if she hoped the cushions would swallow her.

"Let the damsel abide with us," concluded the minister, closing his book and ending the reading much to the relief of Rebecca.

## TWO NORLINA NEGROES LYNCHED BY MOB

Pitched Battle In Which Five Whites and Three Negroes Were Wounded By Pistol Shots.

Warrenton, N. C., Jan. 24.—The lynching which occurred early this morning, was the culmination of several days of ill feeling between negroes and whites of Norlina which reached a climax early Sunday in a pitched battle in which five white men and three negroes were wounded by pistol shots. Thirteen negroes were arrested and brought to jail at the county seat here. Last night the mob numbered about 150, surrounded the jail, quickly overpowered John Green, the negro jailer, under threat of death; took Alfred Williams and Plummer Bullock, two of the prisoners, a mile outside of town and riddled them with bullets as they stood by the roadside.

Cause Of The Trouble.

Bullock was said to have instigated the clash at Norlina following a dispute with a grocery man over the purchase of ten cents worth of apples. Williams was said to have been one of the leaders of the negroes which gathered at the Norlina railway depot Sunday morning and opened fire on the whites. The mob did not molest the other eleven prisoners.

## The Wounded.

Raby L. Taylor, Lloyd E. Taylor, H. A. Rainy, W. J. Upchurch and H. A. Insoce were the white men shot, and Jerome Hunter, Robert Moss and Claudie Jones the negroes. Raby Taylor was the most seriously hurt, of the white men, being shot several times, once in the abdomen, with several punctures of the intestines.

## Negroes In Penitentiary.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Fourteen negroes arrested in connection with the shooting of the Taylor brothers and three other white men early Sunday morning at Norlina, arrived here at 12:45 today from Warrenton and were placed in the State Penitentiary.

## WEST OXFORD NOTES

—Mr. Thompson is being missed but Mr. Black is finding a cordial welcome from his people.

—The services at the Methodist Chapel held by the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Black, second and fourth Sunday evenings, are well attended.

—Mrs. Strickland, who underwent an operation at Brantwood Hospital recently is improving rapidly.

—Mrs. Young, one of our shut-ins, is recovering from a painful fall, sustained some time ago. The W. M. U. held a prayer service with her Sunday afternoon.

—Rev. C. A. Upchurch spent last week in Raleigh in attendance upon the Bible Conference held at the Tabernacle Church. He reports the sessions exceedingly interesting and instructive.

—The West Oxford Sunday School is outgrowing its quarters. Two hundred and ten being present Sunday. The Baracas greatly enjoyed having Gen. B. S. Royster as teacher of the class. There is none better in the state.

## COOLIDGE TO SPEND WINTER IN ASHEVILLE ARRIVING JANUARY 31

Asheville, Jan. 23.—Vice-President-elect Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge have chosen Asheville as their winter vacation point and will arrive here about January 31, coming from Atlanta where he will attend the Southern Tariff Congress, January 27-29.

## PAY YOUR TAXES NOW

One per cent will be added to your taxes on February 1, if not settled before that date. All taxes are now past due. Call and settle and save cost and trouble.

1-21-tf E. D. HUNT, Sheriff.

## REV. GEO. T. TUNSTALL WILL DEVOTE HIS ENERGIES TO ENON AND HESTER CHURCHES

He Will Supply Bullock and Tabb Creek Churches Until Pastor Is Called.

Enon, Hester, Tabb Creek and Bullock Churches have grown in membership during the pastorate of Rev. Geo. T. Tunstall to such an extent that he will relinquish the Tabb Creek and Bullock Churches and devote his entire time to Enon and Hester Churches after the first of April. He will supply Tabb Creek and Bullock Churches until a pastor has been called.

The combined membership of Enon and Hester churches is more than 600, to say nothing of the large number of non-church members who attend the services.

## STILL CAPTURED NEAR FAIRPORT LAST WEEK

Deputy Ed Lyon Had His Hand On a Moonshiner But Could Not Hold Him.

Deputies Ed Lyon, Crawford Davis and Chief I. H. Hobgood were duly informed that a couple of negroes were preparing to manufacture moonshine liquor in the woods near Bethel church.

The officers were informed that the still would be in operation about dark on Friday evening last, and they were on hand at that hour, and from a distance saw the two negro men fill the kettle with sour-mash and light the fire.

The officers closed in and, with drawn guns, demanded the moonshiners to throw up their hands.

"We is gwine away from here," said the negroes as they departed for the tall timbers, leaving their coats and hats at the still.

Deputy Ed Lyon took out after one of the negroes, and just as the two men were entering a briar patch, the officer stumbled, and in the fall caught the negro by the seat of his pants. The negro never slackened his pace, but Deputy Lyon emerged from the briar patch with the seat of the moonshiner's pants in his hand.

The officers have the coats and hats of the two men and they know their names and the place of their abode.

## DUNN ORGANIZES KU KLUX

To Put a Stop To Highway Robberies.

According to the Dunn correspondent of the Greensboro News, robberies and hold ups have been so frequent in that vicinity that the police have taken additional precautions to catch the offenders. It was further stated that—

Dunn is being organized by the "Ku-Kluxers"—at \$10 a throw. Since early last week a representative of the Imperial Wizard has been in town attempting to interest citizens in the revival of the picturesque clan around which Thomas Dixon wove so interesting a yarn. And he has been far from unsuccessful according to information that somehow has leaked thru the cloak of mystery surrounding the meeting of prospective members held in the rooms of the Masonic Lodge a few nights ago.

## THE HARDEST HEADED MAN ON RECORD

The Kick Of Mule Failed To Break His Skull.

A special from Hunstville, Ala., says: The claim of Joseph Jones, of Marmirac, to hospital attaches that he had "some bean" was borne out today when his story that he had been kicked by a mule on the head and that as a result the animal was lying helpless with a broken leg, was investigated and found to be true.

Jones said his way was blocked by a stray mule and he made a threatening movement to frighten it away. It refused to stampe, however meeting the assault with a well-directed kick to the brow. The mule's leg was found to be broken in two places. It was pronounced a hopeless cripple and was shot. Jones will recover.

## A NUMBER OF SOUTHERN TRAINS WILL BE TAKEN OFF

The Southern Railway system announces that it will discontinue temporarily eight interstate trains which now, to a large extent, duplicate the service afforded by other trains and are not necessary to the public convenience under the present conditions. The reason set forth for the discontinuance is on account of decreased travel. Among the trains to be discontinued are Nos. 43 and 136. The second sections of 35 and 36 will make all stops between Washington and Danville now made by 43 and 136.

## Mission Service.

The Mission under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Brown began in the Episcopal Church last night and is full of promise for a series of services of unusual interest to all. The Rev. Mr. Brown is a most pleasing and helpful preacher. Services every night this week at 7:30 o'clock. Afternoon children's service each afternoon at 3:30. All are cordially invited to be present.

## VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT ASKED TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Expected To Reach Raleigh First Week In February.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Both branches of the legislature adopted a resolution inviting Calvin Coolidge, vice president-elect to address a joint session of the general assembly.

This invitation was ordered sent direct to Mr. Coolidge, when it was learned that he with Mrs. Coolidge would spend the winter in Asheville. The date is left open and will depend upon the vice president elect's pleasure. The vice president elect and party are expected to reach the state January 30 and if he accepts the invitation of the legislature will speak here soon after that date.

While the joint resolution inviting Mr. Coolidge to come to Raleigh and address the law makers was sponsored by a republican, Senator Cox, of Randolph, there wasn't the slightest opposition to its passage. Some of the "old-timers" looked smartly at their elderly colleagues when the clerk read the resolution in the house but Governor Doughton was willing, and the resolution was passed, ratified and a copy on its way to Mr. Coolidge in less time than it usually takes to draw a bill.

## THE NEW BERN HOUSEWIVES ARE TO START SOMETHING

Satisfied that the grocers and butchers of New Bern are not carrying their share of the load in the general deflation of prices, and that they are thus securing an unfair advantage of merchants in other lines who have put their prices down within reach of the public, there is a concerted movement on the part of the house wives of New Bern to put into operation a co-operative enterprise for the purpose of actual wholesale cost plus operating expenses.

The matter has not yet progressed sufficiently for the formulation of advanced has met with the approval of those who have been approached on the subject, and there appears to be every indication that it will be accepted enthusiastically by a multitude of housewives who are now at their wits' end to make ends meet with the limited appropriation for table expenditures under the family budget.

Faced with the probability of a reduction in salaries, and with rents absolutely and table costs almost as high as they ever were, the determination has about been reached that since the grocers and butchers are unwilling to bear their proportionate burden of loss, some means must be taken to force them into line, and it is generally considered that the surest plan of securing this result would be to give them some independent competition in which no profit whatever would accrue for any purpose.

## WILSON TOBACCO MARKET

Forty-Five Million Pounds Average \$22.58 Per Hundred.

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 24.—Thus far this season 45,418,557 pounds of tobacco (bright leaf) have been sold on the Wilson market for \$10,258,920.55, or at an average of \$22.58 per hundred, as compared with the total sales here last year of 42,330,596 pounds for \$22,720,280.44, or at an average of \$53.67 per hundred, according to figures made public by the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade.

## MR. HARDING WILL NOT ATTEND CHARITY BALL

President-elect and Mrs. Harding have declined an invitation to attend a charity ball to be held at Washington on March 4 as a substitute for the discarded inaugural ball. The committee in charge announced that Mr. Harding had replied that he could not with propriety attend a ball of any sort at the time in view of the opinions he had already expressed against holding an inaugural ball. The charity ball plan will not be abandoned, however it was added.

## NASH COUNTY FARMERS ELECT DEMONSTRATION AGENT

At a recent meeting of the County Commissioners in Nash, the office of Farm Demonstration agent was voted to be discontinued. Within a short time after this was done, according to the "Nashville Graphic," a number of farmers held a meeting, formed a "Farmers club" and employed the agent to continue the work in Nash. They increased his salary approximately \$1,000.

## MR. WES BRUMMITT WILL VISIT BROTHER IN TENNESSEE

Mr. Wes Brummitt will go to Dresden, Tenn., next week to pay a visit to his brother, Mr. J. H. Brummitt, who left Granville several years ago. Mr. J. H. Brummitt, who left Granville fifty years ago, is a neighbor of Mr. J. H. Brummitt in Tennessee. He has been on a visit to relatives here, and Mr. Wes Brummitt will accompany him home next week.

Judge D. C. Hunt, Mr. J. E. Jackson and Prof. J. F. Webb are in Raleigh today.