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DRILLING A DEEP WELL TO ENLARGE THE OXFORD WATER SUPPLY

Struck Solid Rock At A Depth Of Three Hundred Feet—Expect To Reach Subterranean Stream At A Depth Of Five Hundred Feet And Have A Good Flow Of Pure Water By The First Of July.

The contractors are having all kind of trouble drilling a well to the depth of 500 or more feet at the south end of Hancock street to enlarge the Oxford water supply. They began boring the well in July and the old steam engine that furnished the power has been puffing and blowing every day since, Sundays excepted.

One Hundred Feet Deep.
The first hundred feet was easy sailing, but at that depth they struck sandstone and the drill snapped off the boring rod and it required several days to unfasten the broken part and lift it out. The well is one foot in circumference and the drill weighs 1000 pounds. It was a very tedious job fishing for the impediment with grappling irons and winding it out of the stone and lifting it to the top of the earth.

Two Hundred Feet Deep.
After boring through fifty feet of sandstone they struck a stratum of gray dirt forty feet thick, after which they struck hard rock and another drill was broken. After a delay of several days they fished the steel point out and continued on through the rock at the rate of twelve or fourteen inches a day.

Three Hundred Feet Deep.
Having passed through three strata of earth and two of stone, the drillers made good headway until they struck the third strata of stone last week. The bed of rock that they are now penetrating is not as hard as the second strata of stone, which leads the contractors to believe that the rest of the distance will be comparatively easy.

No Indication Of Water.
The dirt and stone so far lifted from the well is as dry as powder and shows no signs of dampness. Professional deep well diggers state that they always strike moisture immediately beneath the third stratum of stone, and they say they have known drills, weighing a half ton to be blown to the top of the ground by the force of the subterranean stream, and they tell us that they have known of instances where the drill has fallen from the boring shaft into subterranean streams and was never recovered.

Substantial Flow Soon.
Mr. C. B. Keller, superintendent of the Oxford Water Company, stated yesterday that the contractors will go to a depth of 500 feet for a stipulated amount and as far below that depth as is required to obtain the necessary flow of waer at so much per foot. He is expecting to reach water at a depth of 500 feet. In that event, says Mr. Keller, the well will be ready for use in June or July if the contractors experience no more delays.

As Cold As Ice.
"Don't you know," said Mr. Keller, "that the water at a depth of 500 feet is as pure as the dew from heaven and as cold as ice!"

OXFORD BAPTIST BARACA CLASS CHALLENGE PHILATHEA CLASS

The Race Is On For Increased Attendance Of Each Class.
Judge Devin stated to the Oxford Baptist Baraca class last Sunday morning that he addressed the Baptist Baraca class at Greenville the previous Sunday and was favorably impressed with the enthusiasm manifested by both the Baraca and Philathea classes, and attributed the interest largely to a challenge the Philathea class flouted in the face of the Baraca class to the effect that if the attendance of their class was not double that of the Baraca class from Sunday to Sunday they would treat the Philathea class, said Judge Devin, is largely attended by the girls of the East Carolina Training, and they can very well afford to challenge the Baraca class.

On motion of Judge Devin, the Oxford Baptist Baraca class issued a challenge to their sisters and sweethearts in the Philathea class, to the effect that if the attendance of the Baraca class is not double that of the Philathea class every Sunday, the class failing to win thereby obligates to treat the victorious class to a royal good supper.

The Philathea class accepted the challenge with a smile and the race is on. Supper will be served in June and December.

DANIELS WILL PROBABLY BE CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

Eastern Men Predicting He Will Seek Simmons' Seat.

Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "Eastern men watching the political developments of this general assembly are willing now to lay a wager that Joseph Daniels will do battle in 1924 with Furnifold McLendon Simmons unless the senior senator surprises his close friends and contents himself with laurels already won."

—It will pay to avoid the Fat Head who acts like he had the World on his shoulders and is afraid it is going to slip off.

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

A COUNTY-WIDE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL FOR GRANVILLE

Note the Conditions In 1897 and the Existing Conditions Now.

In 1897 the Legislature passed an act requiring the County Commissioners of every county in the State to call an election in every township to determine whether or not a special tax should be levied to supplement the general school fund. This act provided that for every dollar of special tax paid by the people in each district the State would pay to the district the same amount up to \$500.

Under the provisions of this act an election was held in Granville County in every township in August 1897. The vote stood in the county 307 for special tax, 2174 against special tax. Not a single township in the county gave a majority for the tax. In Tally Ho there were only two votes for and 326 against the tax. This in spite of the fact that the schools would have received two dollars for every one paid by the residents of the districts.

This was a fair measure of the interest in public education in Granville County twenty-four years ago. At that time the total amount spent on the white schools of the county was less than \$6000. The total white school property was valued at \$4655. These figures include the town of Oxford. The lowest paid teacher in the Oxford Graded School today receives more than was spent on the whole township at that time. The \$350 spent on the white schools of Oxford township at that time was less than the janitor service of the Graded School costs today.

We have gone a long way from 1897 conditions. Forty school districts have voted special tax. The school property is worth over \$300,000. The interest in education has gradually spread until now most of the people are sufficiently interested to want better schools for their children.

The time has now come for a county-wide effort to give every child the advantages of a good school. An election has been called to vote a county-wide special school tax to take the place of the district taxes. This will give a uniform rate and uniform advantages to all the children of the county. There are many advantages in this county plan that cannot be explained in a short newspaper report. Every voter ought to thoroughly inform himself on this question before deciding how to cast his vote. A detailed explanation has been prepared and will be mailed to anyone desiring information on the subject.

J. F. WEBB,
County Superintendent.

THE MARKETING PROBLEM

The Improvement Must Be Made Gradual.

One of the important fundamental problems confronting marketing agencies, according to the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, is the education of the public to a point where it will generally realize that the present marketing system is a product of evolution; that improvements must be made gradually by changes in method and procedure and by eliminating specific recognized evils; that it is impossible to set up instantly a perfectly efficient and automatically operated new marketing machine; or to cure all economic ills by legislation. The public must appreciate also, say the specialists, that marketing is quite as much a problem for the consumer as for the producer.

WILSON CALLS SENATE TO MEET MARCH 4TH

Washington, Feb. 6.—President Wilson, acting on the recently communicated request of President-elect Harding, has issued a proclamation calling a special session of the senate to convene March 4.

Requests that the special session be called was made to the President several days ago by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, minority leader of the senate, who received the request of the President-elect through Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the majority leader. The session will act on cabinet and other appointments by Mr. Harding and probably will last only a short time.

REVENUE DEPT. SENDS OUT INCOME TAX BLANKS

The Internal Revenue Department has nearly completed the big job of mailing out nearly 150,000 income tax blanks of different kinds to all parts of the State. The blanks are being dispatched to individuals, business firms and corporations as fast as they are received from Washington. Nearly 50,000 blanks are to go to individual income taxpayers this year, and the remainder to business firms and corporations. Mailing of the blanks began the middle of January and will be finished some time this month.

POSTAL EXAMINATIONS ARE TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 19

Examinations for positions as postal clerks and carriers will be held in several cities of North Carolina Saturday, February 19. Entrance salary for the positions is \$1,400 a year with promotions up to \$1,800.

THE PERIOD FOR FILING FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS IS AT HAND

Expert Will Visit Oxford Monday, March 7.

Mr. Josiah W. Bailey, Collector of Internal Revenue, states that the period for filing Federal Income Tax Returns is at hand, and those who are required by the law to file returns are requested to render their returns at the close of the filing period may be avoided. This request is made not only in the interest of the Collector's Office, but also that of the tax payers, as his force of assistants in the income tax work reduced from what it was a year ago, and it is his desire to give to the tax payers all the assistance possible. Therefore those who file before the final rush will have a decided advantage in consideration and assistance.

Every effort will be made to reach as many tax payers at the most convenient place possible, considering the smallness of the field force. Deputies will begin to cover their territory on Feb. 15th, and work therein until March 15th.

The Chief of the Raleigh Division set aside Monday, March 7, as the day on which a deputy collector will be stationed in the commissioner's room in the Court House in Oxford.

COUNTRY CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Public Ledger invites the pastor, or whoever may have this work in charge, of all country churches of all denominations to send us for publication in Friday's issue of each week a directory of their church services. These notices must be in the office by noon on Wednesday. These notices will be kept standing and published each Friday in order that the congregations of the country churches may know what services and when they may be expected. You are also invited to send in any special church notice.

Fairview Methodist Church.
(Rev. C. A. Brummitt, Pastor)
Sunday school each Sunday at 2 p. m., W. C. Dixon, superintendent. Preaching services at 3 p. m. the 1st 2nd and 3rd Sundays.

Sample Of Notice.
The above is a sample notice, first write the name of the church; then the name of the pastor; the hour of the Sunday School and the name of the superintendent; date and hour of preaching service. There is no use to say "the public is invited," as everybody knows in this enlightened land of ours that they are urged to attend Sunday School and church services.

NO LIMIT TO WINE FOR SICK

Judgment Of Physician Only Factor, Asserts Prohibition Commissioner Kramer.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The amount of hard liquor a sick man may acquire legally is definitely fixed by statute, but the only limit to the amount of wine he may obtain is the "sound and honest" judgment of his physician and, perhaps, the depth of his purse.

Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, in a formal announcement, says there seemed to be some confusion as to the quantity of wine that a physician may prescribe. To clear up all doubts he lays down this rule: "Until further orders physicians may prescribe in their practice such quantities of wine as they, in the exercise of their sound and honest judgment, deem necessary in the particular case, if they, in good faith, believe that the use of wine as a medicine by the person for whom it is prescribed is necessary and will afford relief to him from some known ailment."

FARM PRODUCE HARDEST HIT

Five Billion Dollar Decline In Products.

Washington, Feb. 7.—If there is any doubt in the south as to the reason of the depression prevalent there now a glance at the following statement issued by the department of agriculture will clear it up. The decline in the value of farm products has been very decided in North Carolina.

The drop is almost entirely confined to crops, among which the chief declines in value are:
Corn \$1,662,000,000
Cotton lint and seed 1,300,000,000
Wheat 854,000,000
Hay 325,000,000
Tobacco 248,000,000
Oats 161,000,000

MEETING OF GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Granville County Fair Association will be held in the Court House on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 P. M. All members are urged to attend as this is an important business meeting.

E. G. MOSS,
Pres. Fair Association.

Reaching The Danger Point.
The Public Ledger announced a few days ago that a prominent business man, who is on a still hunt for a soul mate, was at the Orpheum with a half dozen pretty girls. We noticed last Friday night that he had only two of the same bunch with him. By the same rule of elimination the number will soon be reduced to one. That is the real dangerous point for a bachelor.

REPUBLICANS READY AND WILLING TO TAKE OVER JOBS

Lining Up To Grab Everything At First Chance—Old Stuff About Spoils Still Goes With Good Democrats.

Red Buck Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

North Carolina republicans are formulating definite plans to take Democrats expect them to do that, over the federal jobs in the state, and see no reason why they should not nail down everything in sight. Their candidate won, and this country is run by political parties.

The only serious and at the same time just criticism of President Wilson by prominent men of his own party is that he threw away good places at his disposal on "mugwumps" or "milk and cider" republicans instead of bestowing them on fighting democrats. The republicans have no intention of making any such mistake.

Tentative Plan.

Here is the tentative republican program for North Carolina:

First, to restore as far as possible the old order of offices for the state.

Second, to put a working republican everywhere they find a democrat.

Third, do everything possible to encourage voters of the state to join the G. O. P.

The one office definitely and virtually agreed on now is that of marshal, and Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, will get that unless there is some slip between now and the time Normalcy is sworn in.

Linney For Collector.

The latest dope is that Frank A. Linney, republican state Chairman will be collector. He can hold this office and at the same time recruit his health, which has not been good for several months.

Holton and Parker.

The disposition of Mr. Linney would leave the district attorneyship for A. E. Holton, the old republican war horse, and John J. Parker to fight over, with the odds in favor of Holton. Republicans point out the fact that the Winston-Salem man sacrificed a great deal to make the race for the senate against Senator Overman.

The Power Behind The Throne.

Republican National Committeeman Morehead will have a large say in the naming of the republicans. He and Mr. Linney have been working together for several years. They will approve or veto selections.

A THOUSAND GROWERS SIGN IN ONE DISTRICT

Over 1000 members of the Virginia Tobacco Growers' Association were reported from Tunstall district, one of the seven magisterial districts of Pittsylvania county, at a county meeting held in Chatham one day last week. The Danville Register says:

"Owing to the bad roads, complete reports from the other six districts were not available, but according to estimates made the membership in the other districts will compare very favorably with that of Tunstall district, in proportion to their relative sizes."

M'COLL PEOPLE NEARLY ALL BELONG TO CHURCH

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 7.—The town of McColl, in Marlboro county, South Carolina, with a population of 2,129, enjoys the distinction of having probably the largest proportionate church membership of any town in the county. Excluding the mill village adjoining, every man in the town except two is a church member; every woman and every girl beyond 12 years of age is a church member and there is only one boy in the town above 12 years of age who is not a member of the church.

MR. BERNARD PITTARD DIED IN CHICAGO SUNDAY

Recently Joined the United States Navy—Interment At Grassy Creek. News reached Oxford Monday of the death of Mr. Bernard Pittard, of Northern Granville, who died in Chicago Sunday morning.

The Public Ledger was unable to get full details of the death of the young man. We learn, however, that the body is in transit at this writing and that the interment will be at Grassy Creek Church, probably this afternoon.

He recently enlisted in the Navy and was regarded by a large number of friends as being a model young man.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

There Is Less Complaint Over Prices Than At Any Time This Season.

The five Oxford warehouses had good breaks of tobacco each day last week and the quality shows up some better than for several weeks past. Prices are firm and seem to please the sellers very well. In fact there is less complaint over prices than at any time this season. Some of the largest growers who have been holding back their crops are now selling freely. Some fine averages, running from \$40 to \$60 for entire loads, have been made by different farmers. There is quite a lot of the weed yet in the farmers' hands.

REPUBLICANS ENDORSE MR. JAMES ROGERS FOR POSTMASTER AT OXFORD

Mr. Leak Peace Endorsed For Deputy Collector Of Internal Revenue.

The Republican Executive Committee of Granville county met in the court house at noon Monday. Dr. Sykes, county chairman, presided over the meeting.

Among other things, the committee endorsed Mr. James Rogers for postmaster at Oxford, and Mr. Leak Peace, one of the most faithful men in the party, was endorsed for deputy collector of internal revenue. Mr. Rogers, Mr. Peace and Mr. Fagan were the three candidates for the Oxford postoffice and each of the three have a substantial backing by the business men of Oxford. The fact that Mr. Peace did not get the plum that he was throwing at signifies nothing. Will Hays, Morehead, Grissom, Linny and Butler will split their shirts for Peace. The party will take care of him all right and nothing short of a \$4000 job will heal the wound inflicted by the local executive committee. The Public Ledger would like to see Mr. Peace on the "Lame Duck Roost."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY GETS DOWN TO REAL WORK

Educational Legislation Will Get Started This Week—Roads and Taxation May Come To A Vote In The House Before End Of Week.

(News and Observer)

The General Assembly Monday entered upon the six week of its session. While it is unlikely that either branch of the General Assembly will reach either of the two major matters before it—roads and taxation—the week will see disposition made of The Welfare measure, tick eradication, State-wide stock law, and the bill to increase the salaries of statutory State officers. All of these matters have been set for definite action during the week.

Against a total of \$4,341,686 for 1920-1921, Dr. E. C. Brooks, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has recommended, and the Budget Commission concurred in the recommendation that \$5,170,200 will be needed for the years 1921 and 1922.

THE AMOUNT IS SMALLER THAN WAS EXPECTED

North Carolina Gave Only \$119,000.29 To European Relief Council. (From North Carolina Headquarters European Relief Council Aberdeen, N. C.)

To date the people of North Carolina have contributed through all sources including the Literary Digest; to the European Relief Council Child Feeding Fund \$119,009.29.

Certainly we have failed to realize the dire distress of these millions of children and the imperative necessity of relief being granted them by us when we spend in one day for manufactured tobacco \$21,000.00 more than we have contributed in three months for saving child lives.

Surely we can afford to contribute to this worthy cause at least as much as we spend in a single day for tobacco.

We ardently beseech the people of North Carolina to awaken to their responsibility and contribute liberally and at once, before it is too late, in order that these precious children may not be allowed to die.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT CROP NEXT YEAR

It Is A Physical Impossibility For The Farmers To Raise More Than A Half Crop.

The prospect is that the Granville farmers who are signing pledges to cut their tobacco acreage one-half the coming spring, are for once, at least, signing with a determination to observe the pledge. And it is equally safe to say that the farmers who are keeping themselves in the background have quietly made up their minds regardless of the pledging movement they know that they are going to do. They will raise tobacco on the pin money basis, and they will go in for home supplies as the big thing. The conditions under which the Spring crop will be cast establish drawbacks in addition to the discouragements of low prices. The prospect is that fertilizer will be cheaper, but the labor situation is not improved. In fact, reports from the farmers indicate that they are being faced with greater difficulties than ever in repopulating the tenant houses. It would be a physical impossibility for the farmers of Granville to raise much over half of an average crop this year if they wanted to do so. A "short crop" of tobacco for 1921 seems to be one of the certainties of the year.

KNOCKING THE "H" OUT OF HIGH COST OF LIVING

Read the Market Letter Of T. R. Lanier On The Fourth Page Of This Paper.

The buying public will greatly appreciate the reduction noted in the market letter of T. R. Lanier on the fourth page of this paper. Occoneechee flour at \$11.50 per barrel; five pound bucket of pure lard \$1.05; white granulated sugar 8 cents per pound; coffee at 14 cents per pound are some of the items enumerated.

PEOPLE OF GRANVILLE INTERESTED IN RECORDER'S COURT AND ROAD COMMISSION

A partial canvass of the county indicate that the people of Granville are over-whelmingly in favor of a Recorder's Court and a Road Commission. The Public Ledger learns that a bill for both measures will be drawn and presented to Representative B. W. Parham, who will introduce the bill.

Mr. Parham will probably want to know the sentiments of the people of the county before he presents the two bills. It is stated on good authority that in all probability a meeting will be called next week to ascertain the views of the people on establishing a Recorder's Court and a Road Commission.

THE WILLIAM T. HICKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

To Be Built At the Oxford Orphanage As Soon As Funds Can Be Raised.

The current number of the Orphan's Friend contains a picture of the proposed William T. Hicks Hospital, which will cost at least \$100,000. At the annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Carolina subscriptions a little in the excess of \$10,000 were made in a few minutes and a plan inaugurated whereby Masons and the public will be asked to subscribe to this great need at the orphanage. Subscribers will have three years in which to make full payment, one-third payable each year.

The Orphan's Friend says: "We are very much in earnest about the new hospital to be built at the Orphanage. Ever since the flu epidemic, when the need of much better facilities for caring for sick children was so emphatically brought home to us, the subject has never left our minds. We venture to say that no institution approaching the size and scope of the Orphanage stands in so urgent need of a new hospital. There are about 375 children to be cared for at the institution and a thoroughly appointed hospital is a necessity, as we have sadly realized on more occasions than one."

The Hicks Memorial Hospital will be a great credit to Oxford, and our home people should do all they can to hurry it along. Of course, General Royster could go out into the State and get \$100,000, but that's not the thing—our people should start the ball rolling with a goodly sum. A big brick and stone hospital under the big oaks at the Orphanage would add much to the civic beauty of Oxford, and it would be the talk of all the tourists from Washington to Atlanta.

RECEPTION GIVEN BY MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Miss Mary Elizabeth Niles of Oxford, Was Among the Pretty North Carolina Girls Present.

(Washington Post)

Mrs. Josephus Daniels held her last and general reception for the season Wednesday afternoon. She was assisted by the wives of most of the members of the Naval Affairs Committee, Mrs. Adelaide W. Bagley, and the Misses Bagley, and a bevy of North Carolina young ladies who are attending school in Washington at Guston Hall, the Fairmont College and the Cathedral School. The young ladies assisting Mrs. Daniels were: Marjorie B. Hoyt, Washington; Elizabeth Canady, Kinston; Mary L. Lasater, Winston-Salem; Carrie Hendren, Winston-Salem; Elizabeth Hendren, Winston-Salem; Frances Montcastle, Lester; Dorothy Mandenhall, Lexington; Mildred Cooley, Nashville; Margaret Pou, Smithfield, Caroleen Lambeth, Thomasville; Katherine Baker, Raleigh; Margaret Vaughan, Greensboro; Margaret Forester, North Wilkesboro; Blanche Bales, Wilmington; Mary Archer Williamson, Burlington; Mary Elizabeth Niles, Oxford; Margaret Thorpe, Wilmington; and Eleanor Brown, Asheville.

CONVERT COMMON TOBACCO INTO FERTILIZER—NO TAX

Tobacco growers of various States who have refused to sell their product at the prevailing market prices may convert their common tobacco into fertilizer, without payment of a federal tax, under a ruling yesterday by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Commissioner Williams held that if tobacco is used for making fertilizer it becomes a fertilizer ingredient and is not "manufactured tobacco" within the meaning of the revenue laws.

This ruling means that large quantities of common tobacco will be used for fertilizer, and we believe the idea is a good one.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

Fine Boys and Girls.

The members of the Browning Literary Society of the Graded School presented a little play Friday, entitled "Judge and Burglar," for the benefit of the fund for the starving children in Europe. The admission was only ten cents, and \$52 was realized. Miss Janette Biggs deserves much credit for the success of the play.