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### LARGE NUMBER OF FARMERS SIGNED COOPERATIVE MARKET CONTRACT HERE MONDAY

**The Campaign Is Still On and Meetings Will Be Held in the Various Townships of the County This Week.**

The Farmers' meeting held in the court house Monday at noon was largely attended, considering the inclement weather. Dr. Joyner, who was on the program for a speech, could not be present, but Mr. B. R. Brown, Chief of the Bureau of Markets, was present and explained the marketing contract to the satisfaction of the farmers.

At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's remarks many farmers gathered around the secretary's table and signed the contract. Those who did not sign were handed a blank contract with the request that they look over it, sign it and hand it in some time this week.

The campaign for signers is still on, and meetings will be held in the various townships of the county this week.

Mr. P. W. Knott, secretary and treasurer of the Granville County Tobacco Growers' Association, stated today that 80 per cent of the growers had agreed to reduce the acreage. The campaign for reduction of acreage is still on, and Mr. Knott is of the opinion that more than 95 per cent will eventually sign the pledge as they become enlightened as to its far-reaching importance.

### PRESIDENT WILSON TO LUNCH HARDING MARCH FOURTH

President-elect Accepts Wilson's Offer, But Later Won't Attend.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President-elect Harding in a letter received by President Wilson requests that a luncheon be prepared at the White House on March 4 for him and his immediate family. The President and Mrs. Wilson will not be present, as Mr. Wilson plans to go direct from the capitol after the inauguration to his new home on S. street.

Whether the President will ride to the capitol with the President-elect remains to be determined. Mr. Wilson will go to the capitol on the morning of March 4 to sign bills passed in the closing hours of this session of Congress, but if he is present at the inauguration he will remain in his automobile during the ceremonies.

Mr. Harding's letter was in reply to one from the President asking if he desired a luncheon prepared. White House officers described the letter as "very nice and generous." They said the President-elect had expressed gratification at Mr. Wilson's offer to have the luncheon prepared, and also had stated that he was pleased to learn that Mr. Wilson's health had so improved that he was able to attend the theatre.

### WEALTHY RETIRED TOBACCO MAN WHO IS NOW CHECK BOY

One of the most interesting and most talked of man in Washington is John H. Neudecker, founder of the Neudecker Tobacco Company, formerly located in the old Libby Prison at Richmond and afterwards in Baltimore, writes a correspondent of the Baltimore American.

Some years ago Neudecker sold out his interest to the American Tobacco Company for \$175,000. After buying a life of ease, Neudecker began to get restless and his doctor told him to get a job, even if he did not need the money. So he applied for work at the Congressional Library and he obtained a place as "check boy."

Now he checks the coats and parcels of the vast throng which daily wanders around the library admiring its beauties. So deferential, polite the visitors are made to feel that they are conferring a favor on him by giving him something to do.

However, the tourists are given a shock when the little gray man very politely refuses to accept the tips so frequently and freely offered him, commenting, "Why should I burden my conscience by taking other people's money in my old age when I don't need it? Why bother my mind? I want to be at peace with the world."

### GAS COMPANY HERE WANTS HIGHER RATES

Hearing Will Be Held in the Office of the Corporation Commission March 29.

Hearings on the application of a number of gas companies in North Carolina for increased rates will be held in the office of the State Corporation Commission, Raleigh, beginning Tuesday, March 29, 1921, at ten o'clock.

The Southern Gas and Improvement Company of Henderson-Oxford is among the companies asking for an increase.

The general feeling among the Oxford consumers is that the rate here is already too high.

### Noted Lecturer Coming

Dr. Madison Swadener, noted "Hoosier" orator, will lecture in the auditorium of the high school building next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be "American Ideals and the World Outlook." The admission is free.

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

### INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN BEGUN AGAINST STATE MOONSHINERS

Special Detail Of Twenty Officers Organized As Flying Squadron—Will Strike Quickly and Move To Another Section Of State To Renew Offensive; Expect To End Liquor Making.

(Raleigh Special)

A score of Federal Prohibition agents under the command of Chief H. G. Gulley left Raleigh secretly Saturday night for an unnamed destination.

It is the beginning of an intensive campaign to wipe out the illicit manufacture of liquor in North Carolina. Special officers, two from each State in the Southern division, have been assembled in Raleigh during the past few days, and the campaign carefully mapped out.

**Will Vary Attack.**

Points of attack will be widely scattered. Today the general raids will be prosecuted in one county and tomorrow, the agents may rest or they may go to some section remote from the scene of their initial raids and institute a new drive. Secrecy, it is understood, will veil their movements, and every precaution is being taken to forestall warnings that might be sent to the moonshiners.

**Alarming Growth.**

The growth of the liquor making industry in North Carolina during the past 12 months has been of serious concern to the prohibition forces, and the complaints that have been coming in to headquarters here from every section of the State have moved the chief of agents to action. With only 42 men to cover the State, Mr. Gulley has been seriously handicapped in restraining the liquor traffic.

**Citizens Co-operating.**

Active co-operating of citizens in many parts of the State has been promised the department, and a repetition of the achievements of the Law and Order League in Cumberland county is expected in many sections. Organized drives, with several score participants may be instituted and carried out, as was the case when the citizens of lower Cumberland got together and combed the swamps of 27 plants in one week.

**Fifteen Thousand Stills.**

Estimates of the number of stills actually at work in the State run as high as 15,000 and the estimated weekly output of whiskey of various sorts is placed at upwards of 100,000 gallons. Every variety of liquor is being made, agents find on their raids, ranging from a good quality of apple brandy to the vilest of concoctions of uncertain origin.

**Big and Little Stills.**

The plants in operation range from modern copper stills of a high capacity to crude makeshifts with nothing more than an oil can and a few feet of iron piping. Officials have been unable to trace the source of manufacture of the better class of stills which are being shipped into the State, but it is easily recognized that the moonshiners have access to the very best of equipment if they have the money to pay for it with.

**OXFORD LEADS THEM ALL**

Managers of the Orpheum contribute \$163.50 For Relief Of Distress Abroad.

It will be remembered that the picture houses throughout the country three or four weeks ago donated the entire receipts of the day for the relief of suffering in Central Europe. The day was very inclement here, and many who desired to see the picture and contribute their mite could not go to the Orpheum.

That the people of Oxford are inclined to do the right thing when they hear the cry of distress there can be no doubt; that Messrs. Harris & Crews, proprietors of the Orpheum, outdistanced all of the picture houses of the State, save two or three, and forwarded \$163.50 to the destitute children abroad, speaks well for the people of this community, especially in view of the fact that some of the picture houses in Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte and Durham are credited with amounts less than \$100.

Harris & Crews contribution of \$163.50 represents the total sale of tickets and the hat collection taken matinee and night.

### AN EGG EVERY DAY AND TWO ON SUNDAY

It will be remembered that the liberty hens throughout the country did much to win the world war. The loyal hens produced an egg a day and some of them contributed as many as forty per month, but as soon as the war ended the patriotic hens took a needed rest and eggs jumped to ten cents a piece in New York and as high as 80 cents a dozen in Oxford.

Sheriff Hunt has fifteen hens and two roosters that have inherited from their liberty-loving parents a fine sense of honor. These fifteen hens and two roosters are producing fifteen eggs a day and on some days Sheriff Hunt gathers as many as seventeen eggs.

The Sheriff recently entertained a couple of Methodist preachers and the fifteen hens came across with twenty eggs a day as long as the guests remained.

### OXFORD MARKET WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON

At a called meeting of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade February 18th, it was decided to close this season on March 18th.

Oxford Tob. Bd., of Trade,  
J. C. HOWARD, Sec-Treas.

### A BATCH OF EVIL DOERS MADE TO FEEL THE WRATH OF THE LAW

**The Lawyers in the Case of Wolf Against Wolf, Involving Several Interesting Legal Propositions, Had To Translate Certain Papers Effecting Property in Oxford Executed in Russia.**

The criminal docket in Superior Court was completed last Friday. There were no cases of great importance, most of them being for larceny, affrays and violations of the liquor laws. The case that attracted most attention was that against Holt Fowler, Odie Lee Fowler, Naaman Moore, John and Frank Chavis accused of distilling. All were convicted. Judge Horton feeling some doubt as to which ones were guilty imposed fines of \$200 each on all of them.

One Beck, a white man living near Creedmoor, was sent to the roads ten months for distilling and Hoover Estes, a negro, for six months.

William Allen was given six months on the road for assault. There was a verdict of acquittal in the cases of the same nature against Henry Greenway and Ox Harris. Lewis Hart and Rufus Amis were convicted of an affray and Hart fined \$75.00 and Amis \$20. John Hammie was acquitted of the charge of temporary larceny of an automobile, the property of Mr. L. F. Smith. There were several sentences of short terms for other offences.

The only civil case tried last week was that of Nat Wolf vs. Abraham Wolf, involving the ownership of half interest in a house and lot on Lee Street here in Oxford. The case involved several interesting legal propositions and also the translation of certain papers affecting the land, executed in Russia. The jury found the issues submitted in favor of the plaintiff. Messrs. Hicks & Stem and Royster & Royster represented the plaintiff, and A. W. Graham & Son and D. G. Brummitt appeared for the defendant.

Judge Horton is creating a most favorable impression on all those who have observed him on the bench. He dispatches business with ease and with very little friction. He has been uniformly courteous to the members of the bar and to all those having business in his court. He works at the job and yet without seeming to hurry the lawyers gets business disposed of. The trial of civil cases will continue all this week and it is expected that all cases set for trial will be handled before the end of the term.

### MRS. L. J. STEED DEAD

Interment at Elmwood Cemetery Tomorrow Morning At Ten O'clock.

Mrs. L. J. Steed, a most estimable lady, died at her home on Rectory street early this morning following an illness of pneumonia. She is survived by a husband, Mr. L. J. Steed, who has managed the Oxford Organ-gram Machine Shop for many years, and three daughters, as follows: Mrs. Rollins, of Durham; Mrs. Webb, of Morehead City; Mrs. Ewell, of Richmond, and one son, Mr. Irvin Sneed, of Oxford, all of whom were at the bedside when the end came.

Mrs. Steed was a kind and gentlewoman, preferring to devote all of her time to her beloved husband and children. It was of common remark that it was one of the happiest homes in Oxford when all of them were gathered about the fireside. Mrs. Steed was a member of the Oxford Baptist church, and followed close in the footsteps of the Master all the days of her life. She had lived in Oxford for more than 25 years and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

The funeral will take place from the residence on Rectory St., tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. The interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

### ALL KIND OF WEATHER PREDICTED FOR THIS WEEK

The Weather Bureau announced last Friday that it would be as cold as blue blazes in this section on Monday, followed by frost and freezing weather on Wednesday and Thursday.

We have become so used to balmy weather in this glorious climate of ours that we accept the weather-man's forecast with a grain of salt and hope that he has got his figures twisted again as he did last week when he predicted "rain and possibly snow," and we got sunshine and turnip salad a plenty.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis has returned from New York and other points North.

**TODAY IS WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.** The Post-Office is closed. Get your stamps at Pittman's, the Leading Drug Store in Town. It

### MR. JOSH KING WAS A GUEST OF THE LARGEST HOTEL IN THE WORLD

Anticipated the Wants of the People of This Section and Buys Goods Accordingly.

Few men are more interesting than is Mr. J. S. King, who has just returned from a ten day's trip to the northern markets in the interest of The Long Company.

"Yes, I will be able to make a good showing in both stock and prices," said Mr. King. "Some lines have been withdrawn on account of the scarcity of raw material, and some lines are still advancing, but I was fortunate in securing satisfactory lines. There is a reduction on some lines, but taken as whole the reductions will not be as great as the buying public had anticipated."

While in New York Mr. King was the guest of Hotel Pennsylvania, the largest hotel in the world, with 2200 rooms and 2200 baths. It is interesting to hear Mr. King talk about this hotel, which covers two city blocks and is a little world of its own.

"The Palm Room is at the end of the Main Lobby, and it has an air of restful seclusion which is most welcome after the hustle of the day's work, or a fatiguing shopping trip. A special orchestra, whose violinist was formerly a member of the Amsterdam Symphony, plays during the tea time. I was highly pleased to run across Major Landis in the Palm room."

"That" the guests of the hotel may know of the happenings in this "little world" a complete printing plant, with the latest model of intertype machine, an editorial and reporter staff bend their best effort toward making a complete miniature four page daily paper."

Speaking of the service of the hotel, Mr. King said: "A telephone word to the order clerk will bring a most delightful meal to your room. If you are weary from a round of business appointments, or from shopping and sightseeing, and do not wish to go down to the dining room, grill room or cafe, a little table will be set up in your room and anything that appears on any menu will be served there, in the most attractive fashion. It is a cosy, comfortable way in which to enjoy a good meal and the service applies alike to breakfast, luncheon or supper."

We notice that Miss Grace Crawley Oakley is the editor of the neat little daily paper, in which we find the following quaint personal mention which reaches us by mail:

### HON. C. G. WRIGHT SPENDS WEEK END IN OXFORD

Hon. C. G. Wright, the able representative from Guilford, accompanied by Mrs. Wright, spent Sunday in Oxford, the guests of Hon. W. A. Devin and Mrs. Devin.

Col. Wright is one of the half dozen very able men of the House. His views on taxation, roads, education and other issues are sought by his colleagues.

"There are several knotty problems to be handled," said Mr. Wright, "and it requires some time to thresh them over. I feel safe in stating that we will enact a road law that will work a great benefit to the State, especially to the county roads."

### INCOME TAX FACTS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Many inquiries from newly weds as to the amount of taxable income for the year 1920 are received by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. In many cases both parties were employed up to the wedding date and the point on which advice is sought is whether the joint income must be shown. The ruling of the Bureau of Internal Revenue is that if they were married on or before December 31, 1920, a return must be made of their combined income if it equaled or exceeded \$2,000.

Separate returns of income of each or a return of their combined income may be filed: If the net income of husband or wife exceeded \$5,000, separate returns should be filed for the purpose of correctly computing the surtax which applies only to income in excess of that amount.

The newly weds are entitled to a \$2,000 exemption plus the additional \$200 for each dependent under 18 years of age or who is incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective. This exemption may be divided in any proportion in separate returns of husband and wife if filed that way.

"And remember that March 15, 1921, is the final date for filing returns and payment of one-fourth of the amount of income tax due" is the admonition of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

### SURVIVES OPERATION

The Public Ledger learns this morning that Mr. Hamlin Cheatham, one of the best men of the county, residing at Wayside Farm, Route 3, who was operated upon at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia this week, is getting along nicely, and hopes are entertained that he will be able to come home in a few weeks.

### NORTH CAROLINA PASSENGER RATES ORDERED RAISED

State Loses In Fight For Maintenance Of Present 3 Cents A Mile Rate—If You Board A Train Without a Ticket, It Will Cost You 15 Cents.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Railroads of North Carolina are ordered by the interstate commerce commission to increase their passenger rates to the level of those in effect in interstate commerce, to take effect March 20, 1921.

The roads were also ordered to reduce the baggage allowance of 200 pounds per passenger to 150 pounds, as required by interstate regulations, and to maintain a charge of 15 cents against passengers traveling within the state who board trains without tickets at stations where they could have obtained tickets.

### FARM HANDS ARE MORE PLENTIFUL IN GRANVILLE

One of the best farmers of the county last week told the Public Ledger that quite a number of farm hands had applied to him for work.

This seems to imply that farm labor will eventually adjust itself. Almost every day you will see colored men returning from the North and West to their homes in Granville.

As an outgrowth of the World War many Granville county farmers and housewives in Oxford acquired the habit of doing their own work, and the farmers will continue to "slave" rather than pay big wages and be bossed by the hired man, and the housewife is also more independent than she has been for three or four years.

Good farm laborers and house servants are in demand here, but they are required to do a fair day's work at a fair wage.

### CONGRESSMAN WARNS OF WAR WITH JAPAN

The Yellow Peril Is About To Get Into Serious Trouble. (Washington Special)

Refusal of Japan to make any move toward disarmament until she has completed her battleship and cruiser program was declared by Representative Miller, republican, Washington, today to mean preparation of Japan for war "unless the cool headed statesmen and diplomats of Japan purge the demagogue, jingo and junkers that now appear to have the public eye and ear."

Urging in a speech in the house the strengthening of Pacific coast defense, Representative Miller declared that although "every day of the world we hear the rattle of the saber from across the Pacific," there was no possibility of war between the United States and Japan unless the latter made it. "It might just as well be understood now, better than at any time in the future," added the Washington representative, "that our Pacific coast states will not and shall not become an 'Unredeemed Japan.'"

### MR. P. W. KNOTT ISSUES IMPORTANT STATEMENT

To the Tobacco Growers of Granville County:

I wish to say to the tobacco growers of Granville County that as a matter of courtesy we yielded the floor at our convention in the court house Monday to Gen. B. S. Royster, who made a speech in reference to the special school election in Granville.

We wish to state in this connection that General Royster's address was in no wise a part of the convention; that we, the tobacco growers, are not committed to anything but the reduction of acreage and the cooperative marketing contracts.

This statement is made purely for the purpose of absolving ourselves from any and all entangling alliances whatsoever that are calculated to draw our attention from the object for which we are organized and pledged, namely, to stabilize the marketing of tobacco.

P. W. KNOTT, Sec-Treas.  
Tob. Grower's Assn.

### SLOGAN IMPROVES WITH AGE

"If you have a good business, advertise and keep it; if you want a good business, advertise and get it," is the best advertising slogan we have seen in 33 years of active newspaper work. It was written and used with telling effect by a country publisher over 50 years ago—Chicago Journal of Commerce.

### REMAINS OF MR. BURCHETT BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Mr. Charles Burchett died at his home in Greensboro last Saturday. His remains reached Oxford Monday afternoon and the interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery, the burial service being conducted at the grave by Rev. R. C. Craven.

Mr. Burchett was engaged in the upholstery business here some years ago.

### Register Now.

The registration books for the County Special School Tax Election are now open at all precincts in the county. The books will be closed March 5. Only those who register can vote. Register now.

### APPOINTMENT OF HUGHES AS SECRETARY OF STATE IS ANNOUNCED BY HARDING

Former Presidential Candidate and Supreme Court Justice Has Accepted—Harding Is Happy At Acceptance.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 21.—Definite announcement was made by President-elect Harding that Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, Republican nominee for the Presidency four years ago, had been offered the position of Secretary of State in the next administration, and had accepted.

### Hughes His Own Boss.

Mr. Harding himself issued no formal statement, but said merely that he asked Mr. Hughes to come here in order to formally offer him the State portfolio.

"I am very happy to say," said the President-elect, that he has agreed to accept."

Asked whether he could go into details about the consultation in regard to diplomatic and State Department affairs, Mr. Harding replied:

"You must ask Mr. Hughes. That is going to be another policy of this administration. From the beginning the Secretary of State will speak for the State Department."

### Definite Policy.

"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Harding, "I am giving no consideration at this time to any of the district appointments. The ultimate course of the administration is quite another matter, though I am sure there has been a definite policy decided upon."

### IMPERIAL KLEAGLE OF KU KLUX KLAN EXPLAINS ORDER

Raleigh's Newly Chartered Klan Appears In White Robes. (Raleigh Times)

Raleigh's newly chartered Klan of the Ku Klux, several hundred strong, with covered faces and disguised in long white robes, appeared on the street Friday night in a long slow moving procession leading from Capitol Square to the city auditorium where a public meeting was held and the Imperial Kleagle of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan explained the principles of the order. At the head of the parade the fiery cross of the order was held high.

Invitations had been issued to the Governor, State officers, municipal and county officers and numerous other citizens to occupy reserved seats. Only one official availed himself of the opportunity to occupy the platform. This was W. H. Penney register of deeds of Wake county.

The Imperial Kleagle discussed the spirit of the Ku Klux Klan, declared it was the same spirit that imbued the members of the Boston Tea Party when the patriotic colonists turned against Great Britain's tyranny, and was the main spring of the original order which sprang up for the protection of the South in the days of reconstruction.

He stated that the order has no fight with the negroes, and waving a welcome to a hundred or so who occupied the east gallery of the auditorium declared that they are welcome to any public meeting of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Anyone who says that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are against the negro, race as a race or the negro as a negro, simply lies," he said, and the auditorium applauded him.

### MORE PAY HAS BEEN VOTED FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT

A salary increase of \$3,000 a year—from \$12,000 to \$15,000—has been voted for Vice-President Coolidge by the Senate, which at the same time reduced his patronage roll bill by striking out a provision for a private telegraph operator at \$1,500 a year.

Senator Rorerene, Democrat, of Ohio, offered an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial bill to increase the Vice-President's salary. Chairman Warren, of the appropriations committee, warned that the increase would travel a "rocky road" in the House, unless the Speaker's salary also was increased to \$15,000.

Elimination of the provision for a telegraph operator was made at the request of Vice-President Marshall who said the Vice President had no need for a private operator. He urged, and Senate accepted, an amendment providing for a private messenger for the Vice-President at \$1,000 instead of a page at \$600.

### DAUGHTERTY GIVEN PLACE AT HARDING 'ROUND TABLE'

Official Announcement That Ohio Man Will Be the New Attorney-General To Succeed Palmér.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 21.—Definite announcement that Harry M. Daughtery, of Ohio, had been chosen for the attorney generalship under the coming administration, was made here today by President-elect Harding.

### Pleasant Virginia Gentleman.

Mr. N. R. Norwood, of Chesterfield county Virginia, is in Oxford this week shaking hands with old friends. He has been living on his fine farm in Chesterfield, near Richmond, just long enough to acquire the "Lord Chesterfield bow," but the smile and handshake is that of a Granvillian.