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### MANY EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

House Bill No 1019 Was Introduced With a Membership Of 705 the Pre-By Representative Parham Last Thursday and It Passed Its Final Beading In the House Saturday.

Judging from the interest manisioners have enough to do besides attending to the roads of the county. There is no reflection on the integrity and wisdom of the board of county commissioners but they were not exnected, as a body, to establish a and maintainance such as is demanded by the people.

The appointment of Dr. E. T. White. Col. W. B. Ballou and Mr. J. mission gives universal satisfaction. While these men do not possess exthey do possess business ability.

The first duty that confronts the one thousand. road commission is to procure the days' work for a full days' pay-a any other method that they may a- ters. dopt to build the best roads for the A committee consisting of Mr. C.

# OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE ENLARGED AND BEAU-TIFIED THIS SUMMER

STATE LIBRARY,

sent Edifice Will Only Seat About Six Hundred Comfortably.

At a congregational meeting last Sunday morning, the members of the fested in the plan to establish a Road | Oxford Baptist Church adopted a re-Commission in Granville county it solution to enlarge the church buildwould seem that it is a popular mea- ing this summer. It was pointed sure. The people have long realiz- out that the present building is not ed that the county board of commis- large enough to seat the membership; that thirty-five have joined the church since Christmas and that the prospects for many more members is very good. It is a well known fact that on many occasions two or three hundred people were unable to crowd thorough system of road building into the church. The Sunday school has also outgrown its present quarters.

It was brought out in the discussion that there are 1000 Baptist in Ox-Ennis Davis as the first road com- ford, which is a little short of onethird of 3,608, the actual population of the town. It was estimated that traordinary ability as road builders, if the church was large anough the average attendance would be at least

The plans for enlargement calls services of a practical road man and for an additional strip of land on the see that the road force puts in a full north side of the church, on which is situated the office building occupied thing that has never been accom- by Dr. Cannady. The church owns a plished in Granville county. If the strip of about twenty-five feet at the commission decides to buy gravel east end of the building. The two pits and haul the gravel to the roads lots, it is said, will afford ample and mix it with clay; to place the room for enlargement of the sanccounty convicts in the gravel pits, or tuary and the Sunday school quar-

teast money, are the things that in- D. Ray, chairman, Mr. R. O. Mainor,

# VAFURD, N. C. TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1921 WASHINGTON'S PRAYER

FOR THE NATION

(The Outlook)

upon the beautiful altar of the

Washington Memorial Chapel

at Valley Forge an exquisitely

illuminated copy of Washing-

earnest prayer That Thou wilt

keep the United States in Thy

holy protection; that Thou wilt

incline the hearts of the citi-

zens to cultivate a spirit of sub-

ordination and obedience to gov-

ernment; and to entertain a bro-

therly affection and love for one

another and for their fellow citi-

zens of the United States at

most graciously be pleased to

dispose us all to do justice, to

love mercy, and to demean our-

selves with that charity, humil-

ity, and pacific temper of mind

which were the characteristics

of the Divine Author of our

blessed religion and without a

humble situation of whose ex-

ample in these things we can

never hope to be a happy nation.

beseech thee, through Jesus

Christ our Lord... Amen,"

"Grant our supplication, we

Every day at noon a litany

and prayers for the Nation are

said in the chapel and it is in-

spiring to think that day and

night this petition of the Fath-

er of our Country makes thus

"And finally that Thou wilt

large.

"Almighty God: We make

ton's prayer for the Nation:

Recently there was placed

# PRESIDENT WILSON WILL RIDE WITH MR. HARDING

(Washington Special)

President Wilson will follow the long-established custom of riding to the cappitol with the incoming President on March 4 under plans of the congressional inaugural committee, approved by the President. Whether Mr. Wilson will attend the inaugural ceremonies has not been made known, but he will not accompany Mr. Harding back to the White House, going direct from the capitol to his new home on S. Street.

### The Escort.

350 officers and men, will escort the President and President-elect to the capitol and then will accompany Mr. Harding to the White House.

Order Of Ceremonies. From the White House the procession will move over Pennsylvania Avenue to the capitol. There the President and probably Mr. Harding Bickett, has formulated a plan for ciwill enter the President's room. where Mr. Wilson will sign the bills passed in the closing hours of Congress.

### Guard Of Marines.

Five hundred marines in full dress uniform will be on duty at the capitol, augmenting the regular capitol police, and will form a lane through which the guests will pass in ascending the capitol steps.

Stand During Ceremonies.

Mr. Harding will take the oath in The county health officer gives his Judge Boyd asked. a stand thirty feet square which has hearty cooperation, making the mebeen erected on the steps. This stand | dical examinations which are neces-

# CREEDMOOR AND STOVALL WIN COVETED JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

Presentation Of Certificates Is Interesting Feature Of Community Meetings.

Two of the most interesting meetings that have been held through the medium of the Granville County Community Service occurred at Creedmoor Tuesday evening, Feb. 22nd and at Stovall Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24th. The most impressive feature of these meetings was the presentation of certificates of ing branded her forever. Junior Citizenship won by eighth Four troops of cavalry, numbering grade pupils of these schools. Since these certificates were among the first to have been issued in the State, a word of explanation will not be out of place.

> In order that the children of today may grow up to be fit citizens, the Bureau of Community Service, with the cooperation of ex-governor T. W. tizen-making on the following order. As a basis for fit citizenship four different classes of tests have been adopted, these being for:

- 1. Physical Fitness. 2. Intellectual Fitness.
- 3. Vocational Fitness.
- 4. Social Fitness.

The county director takes volunteer groups of boys and girls from dict: the seventh and eighth grades and belps them to prepapre for the tests.

NO. 17 MRS. VARNER LOSES SUFT IN

FEDERAL COURT FOR FUNDS Jury Finds Plaintiff Guilty Of Im-

proper Relations With Baxter Mc-Rary.

It does indeed seem that the impossible has happened. A pretty woman, with stylish clothes and pleasing manners, describes Mrs. H. B. Varner. Those who have seen her at the press conventions and in social gatherings, can scarcely realize that she has fallen; yet a court and jury at Greensboro last Friday morn-

Mrs. Varner was a Western woman and did not understand the ways and high standards of the Southern people. She permitted a mulatto to visit her home frequently to see her cook. This was done sometimes in the ab-

sence of Mr. Varner. | Vile tongues began to wag and in August last. while Mr. Varner was away from home, they charged her openly with having had improper relations with the negro, who is 62 years old and feeble in body. After being cast out by her husband she brought suit for "reasonable subsistence."

The case was heard in Federal court at Greensboro last week, Judge Boyd presiding. Here is what took place at ten o'clock last Friday morning when the jury rendered its ver-

### The Verdict.

"What is your verdict, gentlemen,"

"We have found Mrs. Varner guilty of committing adultery with Bax clared. Whereupon Judge Boyd read the issues submitted to the jury to be answered and incorporated therein the decision of the jury.

terest the people in the county. The fifty million dollar road bill

which passed the senate last week roads. The roads that are to be built from county seat to county seat will be under the supervision of the State Highway Commission. The local road commission will not handle the funds of the State and Federal building projects. The money for all State and Federal projects comes from one percent on gasoline. The road commission will handle only that which is set apaprt in the county. As stated above, the people begin to see daylight. They got an inkling from Governor Morrison last summer of what an important part good roads means to the county and the State. The State and Federal projects call for hard surface, and the county roads will be what the road commission make them.

### **TWENTY-FIVE MARRIAGES IN** GRANVILLE DURING FEBRUARY

Double the Number Of Licenses Were Issued One Year Ago.

If you should examine the marthe normal marriage rate in day, shows a slump in marriage li- to the door they shot at him." censes, as follows:

### White.

Tyer, of Greensboro to Miss Marie He gets it there." M. Meadows of Oxford; John Ho. good to Miss Maggie Faucett, of Newby to Musitle Carey, both of immunity from punishment." Charlotte county, Va.; Charles W. Eakes to Esther Wheeler, both of Granville; Earl M. Goss to Dora Walker, of Granville; Andrew Bedd to Louise Lowery, both of Mecklenburg county, Va.

### Colored.

Bullock to Corene Harris; George

Mr. Ernest Howard, Mrs. A. H. Powell and Mrs. W. H. Upchurch, was appointed to draft plans and submit and is expected to become a law, ap-, the same as early as possible. It is plies only to the State and Federal hoped the work of enlargement will be accomplished by the first of October.

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT

Liquor Is Plentiful In Some Places In North Carolina-

The second section of the Eighteenth Amendment reads: Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." Bearing upon this subject the News and Observer presents several letters in the possession as follows: "Our little town in Anson county is getting to be one of the worst places for drinking and drunkenness of Attorney for the County Board of

any place I know of and I am sure there is a number of blockade stills running near here."

"Here in Davie county liquor is plentiful. Two men have not had any other business for some four or five years. Children get it, neriage license book in the office of groes in the business helping the the register of deeds you will find white men; some running stills by themselves. Some have to attend Granville county for the past ten | court but all get out and come back years is 31 per month. February and proceed to make more. Houses one year ago broke the record with have been burned, stores set on fire, 55 marriages, 33 of the number be- one woman shot at because she opening colored people. February this ed her door to see what her dog was year, which came to a close yester- barking at, when her husband went

From Hertford county: "There is a shop at-selling something that Robert Lee Johnson to Emma L. makes people drunk. I have a bro-Hill, both of Granville; William B. ther stays drunk nearly all the time.

A Cleveland county citizen writes: "The people of-don't, as a rule, Granville; E. P. Mangum to Miss Ote- drink or engage in the traffic; but lia F. Minor, of Granville; Ollie M. are related to guilty parties or afraid Gentry to Aline M. Jones, both of of consequences. Some makers and Person; Herman Gryder to Beatrice dealers have made the whiskey busi-Jennings, both of Granville; Mathew ness profitable and that often means

A communication from Alexander county, signed by a justice of the peace and a postmaster, says: "Our court is in session and Judge Shaw said in his charge to the jury that there was more perjury now than he had ever seen in his twenty years on William Parker to Annie Heggie; the bench. Will not get more than Frank Howell to Annie Harris; Clar- half through the docket this week. ence E. Hicks to Jemie V. Allen; Tom Almost every case had liquor at the Allen to Hattie Keaser; Mathew Gris- bottom of it. Two murder cases. som to Nannie Mann; Merland Les- Fifty per cent of our territory in Alter to Esther Blackwell; Hillard exander county is under the influence Foster to Lillian Bridges; James and is controlled by the blockaders.'

# Tanner to Sarah Rogers; Robert Mit- COMPREHENSIVE WAY TO

its silent appeal.

### COUNTY-WIDE TAX TAKES THE PLACE OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

The act under which the count wide special school tax election is called provides that if a majority of the voters of the county vote for this tax, all special school district taxes Mr. and Mrs. Hedgpeth and Mr. are revoked unless the voters in any existing special school district ask by an election that the district tax be retained.

The County Board of Commissioners are forbidden by law to make any further district tax levy for schools to the voters of each district as to Roberts, mother of Mrs. Hedgpeth the district tax.

B. S. ROYSTER. Education of Granville County.

tation of this section is that if the were laid low and could not help special county-wide school tax is themselves, Mr. Roberts being the voted by the people of the county, last of the four that was called to his the Board of County Commissioners reward. must ascertain the sentiment of the! A few days before his death, Mr voters in any existing tax district as Roberts was taken to Brantwood to whether they wish this special tax Hospital where he could have the continued before said board can levy best medical attention, but he was so this special tax. We know, of but far gone the doctors could only proone way to ascertain the sentiment long his life a few hours or days at of voters on a particular question bestand that is by submitting it to them at an election held for the purpose.

JAMES S. MANNING, Attorney General of the State of North Carolina.

ALL CENTRAL AMERICA

# MAY SOON BE AT WAR

Panama, Feb., 27.-Hostilities between Panama and Costa Rica show possibilities of developing into a conflict involving all of Central America and Columbia.

Leading Colombians residing in Panama have sent a wireless message to Bogota, asking the Colombian government to furnish them with arms for the purpose of enlisting against Costa Rica.

They also ask the Colombian government what action it is willing to take officially to protect Panama against Costa Rica, which is a member of the recently formed union of Central American states. The other members are Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras.

Panamanians Capture Entire Force In Disputed Territory That Threatened War.

will accomodate only the Presidentand a few others. The other guests will stand during the ceremonies. DEATH OF MR. ROBERTS

FOLLOWS CLOSELY UPON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE

and Mrs. Roberts Were Victims Of Pneumonia-

The death of Mr. Roberts last Saturday morning was the fourth death in two families near Providence within the last two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hedgpeth passed to their rewithout first submitting the question ward, then followed the death of Mrs. whether or not they wish to retain and on Friday last Mr. Roberts passed away, all four of them having succumbed to pneumonia. It was the same old story of devotion-the survivors worked and battled with the disease that was devouring their It seems that the proper interpre- loved ones until they, one by one,

The interment took place in the family plot near Providence Sunday afternoon, where Mr. Robert's beloved wife, daughter and son-in-law were laid to rest only a few days ago.

WANTS TWO LADIES ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

**Editor Public Ledger:** 

We heartily endorse the article of our teachers are ladies, it is only of Junior Citizenship: fair that they have some representation on the Board, and we think that | Morris. these representatives should be mothers.

MR. AND MRS. J. M. FAGAN.

Mrs. Brook's Plan Endorsed. Editor Public Ledger: We appreciate Mrs. Brook's suggestions as published in the last issue of the Public Ledger.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. SNEED

Is There Trouble Anywhere? The Public Ledger is swamped with unsigned communications complaining of the Oxford public school system. In glancing over the communications we are at a loss to lo-

sary to ascertain the Physical Fit- ter McRary," Foreman Sumners deelect, Chief Justice White, the mem- ness of the pupils. The requirebers of the congressional committee, ments along this line are that the of-

ficial medical inspection card must show no defects-or only corrected defects-and addition, certain athletic tests must be passed. The minimum requirement for intellectual fitness is to pass the seventh grade

examination and for vocational fitness is to be an active member of one of the agricultural clubs, or w have a savings bank account of personally earned money, or to have personally earned money invested in some renumerative farm occupation or trading projects. For social fitness no definite tests can be set, but the applicant for a certificate must learn to play fair, cooperate heartily in team work, be honest, spend his time in the right way, etc. When all these tests have been satisfactorily passed, a certificate of Junior Citizenship bearing the great seal of the State and the signatures of the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is issued. Besides showing that these

years thus taking the pupil through High School). The certificate is not complete until these tests have been passed.

The first certificates were issued n North Carolina in December, 1920, ten Granville boys being among the recipients. These however, were not presented until this time.

After the close of the moving picture program at Creedmoor Tuesday evening, the school gave a patriotic program after which Mr. Royall, the

very popular Methodist minister, made a short but inspiring talk on Mrs. Brooks in the last issue of the citizenship. He then presented to Public Ledger. Since the most of the following boys their certificates

Wyatt Daniel, Vallin Estes, John

It was very fitting and appropriate that this exercise should occur on the birthday of the father of our country. As a final feature of the evening the people were directed to a cherry tree and given an opportunity to chop at it with a hatchet-after the manner of the original George. In this instance however one needs must chop blindfolded. thus provoking great merriment. The prize for the best "lick" went to Mr. Bullock.

A somewhat similar program was carried out at Stovall Thursday afternoon. Mr. John Hester being the Panama, Feb. 29.-Two Coast Ri- cate the trouble. Some claim that speaker. The following boys from Three Issues Decided.

The issues decided on by the jury were as follows:

1. Did the defendant (Varner) separate himself from the plaintiff (Mrs. Varner) and fail to provide her with the necessary subsistence according to his means and condition in life, as alleged in the complaint?

Answer: Yes. 2. Did the plaintiff commit adultery with R. B. McRary as alleged in

the answer? Answer: Yes.

3. What shall, if any, should be allowed and paid or secured to the plaintiff for her reasonable subsistence from the estate of the defendant?

Answer: Nothing. Appeal Noted.

Mrs. Varner, prostrated over the first tests have been passed, this verdict of the jury declaring her certificate bears blank spaces for the guilty of the worst charges brought records of the second and third against her, will take an appeal to tests (given after intervals of two the United States circuit court of appeals, her counsel announces.

Juror's "Souls Tried."

Every man on the jury had his 'soul tried" in deciding the question, P. M. Summers, foreman, stated after it was decided.

It was hard to believe, he said, that Mrs. Varner, a white woman of prominence, apparently enjoying all the advantages of wealth, could be guilty of intercourse with a negro. as charged, but after digesting the evidence, and looking at the matter from every angle, they decided that she was.

MR. BREWER, PROPRIETOR OF VANCE HOTEL, DEAD

Angina Pectoris Following Acute Indigestion Brings Death Quickly.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch) Charles S. Brewer, proprietor and manager of the Vance hotel, died in his apartments in the hotel at 11 o'clock yesterday morning following an illness of only a few hours. Acute indigestion, followed by angina pectoris, was given by his physican as the cause of his death. He was 43 years old.

# THE MORAL STUNTED

Imagine What These Customers Are Likely To See In Their Delirium. How would you like to drink boot-

chell to Marilla Jones; Fred Mitchell	SOLVE THE PROBLEM	cans were killed and nine wounded	the teachang about nortiglity: others	that school received certificates:	leg whiskey drained off of "pickled"
to Maggie Harris; Richard Bailey to		and two Panamanians were wounded	the teachers show partiality; others	Willie Breedlove, James Davis,	snakes?
Hallie Smith; Charles Bullock to	Editor Public Ledger:	in fighting at Coto, on the Pacific	claim that the standards were	William Davis, Mack Satterwhite,	Don't you think you would rather
Exie Moor; Sandy Gregory to Edna	Your flock of geese problem inter-	side of Costa Rica-Panama frontier.	raised with a view of blocking	Bert Spicer, Gordon Spicer, Garland	lose your thirst? Well, if you pat-
Carter, E. C. Pungear to Matilda	ested me. I applied percentage to	The entire Costa Rican force which	the progress of some of the	Stovall.	ronize the bootlegger it may be you
Smith,	it and had no trouble in arriving at	occupied Coto, were captured.	most advanced pupils, and one says		have been drinking that kind of
Contraction of Contractions	the answer. In like manner I ap-	occupied coto, were captured.	that she agrees with Mrs. Brooks	USE NEWSPAPER AD. TO	"elixir," for down in the museum of
TO ROAD SUPERVISORS	plied percentage to Mr. Lyon's fish	ONLY FIFTEEN MORE DAYS	that "square pegs will not fit round	EXPLAIN HER MARRIAGE	the University of Alabama booze
OF BRASSFIELD TOWNSHIP	puzzle, and it showed me the length		holes."		thieves drained the alcohol off of the
Children and a second s	of this piscatorial specimen. Thus:	Look After Your Federal Income Tax	One lady brought in a communica-	Second Wife Claims That Her Mar-	bottled snakes and are using it to
The Road Supervisors of Brass-	The fish's length is 100 per cent.	<b>Returns</b> Now and Avoid Being	tion signed "Fond Parent." She	riage Was An Honor To Her Late	
field Township are hereby called to	The length of the body is 50 per cent.	Penalized.	stated that her preacher wrote it and		
meet at Wilton on Monday, the 8th	mi, length of the toil is 0 inches	Those liable for filing Corpora-	told her to take it to the Public Led-	Husband.	NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN
day of March, 1921, for the purpose			ger office, and as she handed it in	Mrs. Ann B. Banton Turner, a	
the reapportioning the hands of the	cent.) The length of the head (9	come Tax Returns to prevent being	she remarked that "there will be	resident of Madison Heights, a sub-	
Various roads during the remainder	inches.) plus 9 inches, plus 25 per	penalized should not forget that	five or six more just like it handed to	urb of Lynchburg, whose husband	College.
of the year. A full attendance is de-	cent, equals 50 per cent. There-	these returns must be in the hands	you today."		The Rev. S. E. Mercer, 52 years
stred. G. L. ALLEN, Chairman.			Here is where we get off. If an	died two months ago and who has	old, has demonstrated his belief in
On Its Last Legs.	inches is 100 per cent.	nue at Raleigh by March 15th. Only	of the row is caused by raising the	of a stir by a newspaper cond in	the old adage that it is never too late
The General Assembly entered this	Here is another one for you: If	15 days more remains in which to	standards we fail to see why the	of a stir by a newspaper card in	to learn by re-entering Trinity col-
week at Raleigh on its concluding	the length on a level floor and the	file these returns.	preachers and the Public Ledger has	which she undertakes to ward off	lege at Durham after an absence of
stages. Up to this time the legis-	shadow of a 2-foot rule held perpen-		the right to interfere. In the ab-	criticism of her early marriage, de-	25 years from the class rooms. Two
lators have done nothing, in a sense,	dicularly is 18 inches, and the length	CHARGED WITH NON-SUPPORT	sence of specific changes the Public	riago a compliment to her late hus	of his sons are undergraduates at the
other than mark time and prepare	on the level ground of the shadow of	OF WIFE AND CHILD	Ledger is of the opinion that if cer-	hand Mrs Turner save	institution, A. E. Mercer, a junior,
for whatever is to be finally enacted	a tree is 27 feet, how far is it from	CLIER DI PROPINI	toin obildron noid more allellilli o	Weller MILD, I GIMOL Dujo.	and L. E. Mercer, a freshman.
into law.	the top of the tree to the tip of the	W. H. Clark, Of Virginia, Placed Un-	books and parents talked less, things	dution toward my former husband	Mr. Mercer is taking work leading
and haw.	shadow? H.	der \$1000 Bond-	will soon adjust themselves. No	duties toward my former husband	to an A. M. degree, having received
A Fine Son-		Constable Ed Lyon on Saturday	harm can come from advocating the	ing optically uppertented with great	his A. B. degree in the Trinity class
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. West, of	Pretty and Capable Milliner	last placed W H Clark of Virginia	enlargement of the board with two	ing entirely unprotected, with great	of 1896.
Georgetown, S. C., announce to their	Miss Anne Toussaint, of Baltimore,	under arrest, charged with non-sup-	lody mombars and we are willing 101	responsionnes resting upon me, r	Weman's Club Meeting.
many friends in Granville the arri-	i and taken charge of the	nort of with and children	the needed to severile suicil a plan	HOPO JOW WITH HOU DO COO AND DA	The Oxford Woman's Club will
val of a fine son, Frank Tyson, on		Tranking Mr. 10 1 1 1 1 Oct 1	through the Public Ledger, but we	your judgment, but excase me for ac-	hold an important meeting in the Li-
January 10.					how an Wednesday afternoon
	that "she is pretty, pleasant and ca-	appear before Governor Morrison	nications that are calculated to re-	more the most pernous thes the	March 9 at 3:30 o'clock. All mem-
-Your battery should have water	pable." Miss Toussaint has a	appear before Governor Morrison next Saturday. If the governor	flect upon the school unless specific	a compliment to the memory of my	hard any urgently requested to be
about every two weeks. Stop at Wil-	French name, but she is 100 per cent	gives him up he will be escorted back	charges are prought and property	former beloved husband."	present.
lard Service Station.	American and proud of it.	to Virginia.	signed and executedEDITOR	Totmet peroved unserna.	[ present.
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