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## TWO SCHOOLS, TWO DWELLINGS AND CHURCH BURNED NEAR GRANVILLE COUNTY LINE

It is believed to be retaliation for Distillery Raids—Plant Beds Destroyed and Warning Posted.

Two school houses, two dwellings and a church were reduced to ashes in Newlight township, Wake county, near the Granville county line last week, following raids made Monday and Thursday by federal and county officers. The consensus of opinion in that section is that the structures were burned by blockaders and bootleggers as a measure of retaliation or warning.

Following receipts of news of the burning of the school houses, one of which was in use, says the Raleigh News and Observer, Superintendent of schools John C. Lockhart, of Wake, went to the New Light section Saturday to make an investigation. Mr. Lockhart said that the J. L. Sears school near Stony Hill, the old Sears Hill school house a mile away and the West Grove Baptist Church northwest of Stony Hill were burned during the early hours of Friday morning. Mr. Lockhart said residents in the vicinity stated the three structures were consumed by the flames practically at the same time.

### Followed Liquor Raids.

On Monday Prohibition Agents Ranes and Richardson and Deputy Sheriff W. D. Edwards, of Wake county, went to the New Light section and destroyed one still site. Prohibition Agents Richardson and Shore, and Chief of Police W. V. Bobbitt and Deputy Sheriff Edwards, of Wake Forest, went into New Light Thursday and destroyed eight still sites and captured one still.

### Valuable Property.

Friday morning following the raid the L. J. Sears' school near Stony Hill was burned, causing damage estimated at \$5,000. The Sears school is a two-teacher school, with an enrollment of nearly 70 pupils. The West Grove Baptist Church, short distance northwest of Stony Hill, was burned at the same time, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars.

### Plant Beds Destroyed.

Unconfirmed reports of destruction of tobacco plant beds in the northern section of Wake county have been received. One report has it that a number of plant beds in the section along the Rolesville road from Raleigh to Neuse were recently destroyed by unidentified parties, while another was to the effect that similar destruction of plant beds occurred in parts of Wake Forest township and in the section between Wendell and Zebulon.

### Merchants Warned.

Five mercantile establishments at Wake Forest have received warning to send fertilizer purchased by them back to the manufacturers or the consequences. Notices were posted on their buildings a few days ago, signed by "The Farmers' Friends," and have so far been ignored.

## WASHINGTON IS FULL OF OFFICE SEEKERS

Row Brewing Over Plan To Remove Civil Service Restrictions.

H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, says: "Trouble is coming at a gallop for the republicans; there is no way to stop it. Old Normalcy is mighty smooth with his tongue, and pleasant to deal with, but not very expert in handling big problems. The White House is filled nowadays, early in the day, with job hunters, who, like Sam Jones' mule, are not backward in coming forward."

"A big row is brewing over the plan to remove the civil service restrictions from presidential postoffices. Mr. Harding will know that he has been in a fight before he succeeds in undoing what President Wilson did to put the postoffice department on a civil service basis.

Republicans are fighting among themselves over the postoffice jobs. They are divided as to whether the party should retain all or only part of the system established by the Wilson administration, or return to the old spoils system in which congressmen parcel out the jobs.

"Old-fashioned spoilsmen are in favor of the latter system and would have President Harding revoke the Wilson order of March 21, 1917, which made civil service examination necessary for the filling of offices of the first, second and third classes, the ones that formerly filled upon recommendations of the politicians.

"Postmaster General Hays is getting urgent protests from influential members of Congress against going back to the old form of patronage. They want civil service examination continued in some form. It is requiring all the tact that Will Hays can muster to handle the situation. No matter how it is settled, unless a wholesale compromise can be found, somebody's toes will be stepped on."

### Card From Mr. P. W. Knott.

In 1919 there was produced around 400,000,000 pounds of tobacco in the bright belt; in 1920 there was produced 600,000,000 pounds. Bro Farmer, which crop paid you best? Then to think of the immense amount of energy extended in making the 1920 crop which could have been profitably used elsewhere, the day of the tobacco specialist is over. There is a reason for reduction in the acreage of 1921.

The difference between a small and a large crop is this: In a small crop they spread it on thick; on a large crop it is thin. The 1920 crop that failed to get anything on at all, stand a heavier dressing. Thin and short dresses might be alright in society, but long and heavy is what we need in the tobacco business for 1921.

P. W. KNOTT, Sec.

### Our Good Governor.

Henry Stubbs announces the session of the legislature just closed the best epoch of the 17 he has attended and says Governor Morrison got more action than any other governor has been able to get in 25

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT A BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS FOR GRANVILLE COUNTY AND TO INAUGURATE A BETTER SYSTEM OF WORKING THE ROADS OF SAID COUNTY AND TO ISSUE BONDS THEREFOR.

(Continued From Last Issue)

Sec. 16. That all roads laid out or opened by virtue of any act of the General Assembly, or by resolution of the board of county commissioners of Granville County, or otherwise adopted and used as a public road in said county, are hereby declared to be public roads; and the county shall have full power and authority to order the laying out and opening of public roads in said county where necessary, and to appoint where bridges shall be located and built, to discontinue such roads, and to alter roads so as to make them more useful and convenient to the traveling public; and all of the public roads of the county shall be at least thirty feet wide, and the board of road commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to widen any road in the county when and where they may deem necessary, not exceeding sixty feet in width.

Sec. 17. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the board of road commissioners of said county, the county road superintendent, and the road overseer, their servants and employees, are authorized and empowered to enter upon any lands near to or adjoining any public roads, to cut and carry away any timber or undergrowth except trees or groves or improved lands planted or left for ornament (shade) to dig or cause to be dug, sand, soil, clay or any other material which may be necessary to construct, improve or repair said roads, and to enter upon any lands lying near or adjoining the road in order to make such drains or ditches through the same as may be deemed necessary to cut and remove such trees and undergrowth outside of the right of way as may shade the road bed (except fruit trees or ornamental shade trees) doing as little injury to the said land or timber, or the improvements thereon, as the nature of the case and the public good will permit; and the drains and ditches so made shall be conducted to the nearest ditch, drain or water course or waste ground that will give sufficient drainage to properly drain said roads, and shall be kept open by the county road superintendent or road overseers, and it shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any ditch or drain on the public road in said county or to plow furrows across same, and any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days; and it shall be the duty of the county road superintendent, or road overseer, to have warrant issued by some justice of the peace in said county against any person guilty of said offense.

Sec. 18. If the owner of any lands, or the agent or agents of such owner

## GEN. ROYSTER NAMES TWO QUALIFIED WOMEN TO SERVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Editor Public Ledger:

Believing that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Oxford will elect two women as members of the Board of Trustees of the Graded School of Oxford, I wish to nominate for these positions Mrs. J. D. Brooks of South Oxford and Mrs. W. H. Upchurch of North Oxford.

B. S. ROYSTER.

## ROAD BUILDING TO BEGIN SOON AS PRACTICABLE

(Raleigh Special)

Just as fast as good business will warrant, the state of North Carolina is going to begin the construction of highways provided in the Doughton-Connor-Bowie road law.

Governor Morrison made this known in a lengthy talk with the newspapermen. An early meeting of the newly appointed highway commission is to be held in Raleigh when a canvass of the situation will be made and the first steps taken toward the big program involving the expenditure of fifty million dollars and, in time, much more.

The plan of Mr. J. Elwood Cox, High Point banker, who is a member of the new commission, for financing county work is meeting with approval all over the state. Briefly, Mr. Cox proposes this, using his own county of Guilford as an example: Where a county has voted a bond issue for roads, or has provided for one by legislative action, some of this money can be used in the immediate financing of the state projects and the state bonds covering the amount sold in the county in which this work is done.

"For instance," one of the road authorities explains, "Guilford has voted for a \$1,000,000 bond issue for road building in Guilford county. The market for bonds is unfavorable, but one-fourth of this amount, as much as the immediate future calls for can be anticipated by short term notes.

"Then along comes the state ready to take over the project under the terms of the Doughton-Connor-Bowie bill. Instead of Guilford county selling its project to the state, it will take state bonds and sell them in Guilford county. The state bonds are tax free and a patriotic citizenship will buy them. They will not have to go to New York, and meet the discount necessary to pay taxes on them."

### Superintendents To Meet.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of public instruction, has issued a call for a meeting of all the county and city superintendents of schools in the state to be held in Greensboro on March 23.

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

## NOW'S THE TIME FOR FARMERS TO DO RIGHT

And now we come to the point in this rambling discussion when we must again rise to remark that the only sensible thing for farmers to do is to curtail the next crop. Farmers are no fools. They know perfectly well that if they plant a full crop next year they can not hope for good prices. In fact we almost venture to say that a full crop next year would mean lower prices than have prevailed this season. Now is the time for every tobacco man to do his duty in this matter. Selfishness should not be tolerated. Bankers, supply men, warehousemen, all should remain quiet or silent whenever an opportunity arises to help the farmer solve the simple problem. This is the time for unselfish, earnest, hearty cooperation. —Southern Tobacco Journal.

## THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A YOUNG COUPLE WHO DESIRED TO WED

### Came All the Way From Chase City Without a Medical Certificate.

It will be a long time before all the people over in Virginia learn that the recent session of the North Carolina legislature amended the marriage law, requiring the male and female to exhibit a "bill of health" to the register of deeds before he is permitted to issue marriage licenses.

The new marriage law went into effect came whirling down the National Highway from Chase City in a high-power car early last Saturday morning and presented themselves to Mr. Charles G. Powell, register of deeds, and made it known that they were in a hurry to wed and return home.

"Good," said Mr. Powell, "where is your medical certificate?" "Medical certificate," gasped the young man, "I never heard of such a thing."

"And neither have I," said the young woman.

"I must have a doctor's certificate of good health before I issue the licenses," said Mr. Powell.

"We are mighty far from home. Is there any other way out of it?" asked the impatient young man.

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Powell in a jocular mood, "I might send a few drops of blood down to the State Board of Health and get them to analyze it."

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the young lady, "that would take a whole week or longer."

The young couple departed from Mr. Powell's office to consult with the doctors and the lawyers. The long distance telephone was called into use and late in the afternoon speeches were arranged according to the law and the Gospel, and Justice Medford pronounced them man and wife.

## REPRESENTATIVE PARHAM MADE PRESENTATION SPEECH

Speaking of the closing hours of the General Assembly at Raleigh last week, the News and Observer says: "The house was given over to the presentation of gifts. To Speaker Grier, a magnificent tray of silver was given in token of the appreciation, the love and the esteem in which he is held by the House. The presentation was made by Representative Parham, of Granville. Mr. Grier was deeply moved by the tribute paid him on behalf of his fellow members by Mr. Parham. Both speeches were brief, both done in the acme of good taste. Both were given an ovation when they spoke."

## MRS. F. M. DANIEL DEAD

### Large Gathering At Enon Church Last Saturday.

The remains of Mrs. F. M. Daniel, who died at her home near Providence last Thursday, were laid to rest at Enon Church last Saturday afternoon. She is survived by a husband and one child.

Mrs. Daniel was only 26 years of age and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

The funeral and burial services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Ury, assisted by Rev. George T. Tunstall. The pallbearers were: Rat Cannady, W. L. Currin, Ohto Daniel, Bob Watkins, Graham Daniel, W. B. Currin, Ellis King, and fourteen ladies acted as floral bearers.

The gathering at the grave and floral tribute attested the love and friendship of a large number of people.

## WATTS ESTATE GOES TO FAMILY

### Bulk of the \$20,000,000 Fortune To Wife and Daughter.

(Durham Herald)

Provisions in the will of the late George Washington Watts, noted financier and philanthropist, who died here recently, set aside more than \$500,000 for various institutions and charities.

The bulk of the estate left by Mr. Watts, estimated to be worth close to \$20,000,000, is to be equally divided between his wife, Mrs. Sara V. Watts and his daughter, Mrs. Annie Louise Hill, wife of John Sprunt Hill, of this city.

## ASSEMBLY COSTS DOLLAR A MINUTE

### So Says Alex Lassiter Who Has Signed The Vouchers For Eleven Of Them.

"About a dollar a minute," replies Alex Lassiter, principal clerk in the House for the past 11 sessions when anybody asks him how much it costs the State to gather its lawmakers together. "No; put it this way—it costs just about a hundred dollars, on the average to pass a bill through both Houses. We passed 1,072, so it cost about \$100,000 this time."

—Judge W. A. Devin is presiding at Durham this week.

## LOCAL FIRM AWARDED HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACT

### The Building To Be Ready In Five Months.

When the dozen or more sealed bids were opened last Monday afternoon, the contract for the high school building on Williamsboro street was awarded to the Byrum Hunt Company, whose bid was \$63,700.

The building will be completed in five months from date.

## HEALTH CERTIFICATES ARE NOW NECESSARY TO PROCURE MARRIAGE LICENSES

### Males Free From Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases, Females From Tuberculosis.

In accordance with an act recently passed by the general assembly, prospective brides and bridegrooms in this state must undergo a rigid medical examination before being granted marriage licenses.

Registers of deeds who issue licenses without first having first seen certificates signed by reputable physicians, are subject to a fine of \$200 and a road sentence of 30 days.

Registers of Deeds Charles G. Powell has received a copy of the law which is effective at once. Men will be examined for tuberculosis and venereal diseases, while women must undergo the test for tuberculosis. The text of the bill follows:

Section 1. No license to marry shall be issued by the register of deeds of any county to a male applicant hereof except upon presentation of a certificate executed within seven days from the time of presentation of said certificate to the register of deeds as hereinafter provided, showing the non-existence of tuberculosis in the infectious stages, and that the applicant has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be an idiot, imbecile, or of unsound mind. No license shall be issued to any female applicant who shall not present a certificate showing the non-existence of tuberculosis in the infectious stages, and that she has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be of unsound mind.

Section 2. Such certificates to be executed by any reputable physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state and who shall reside within the county in which said license to marry shall be applied for, and certificates of the county health officer of such county, whose duty it shall be to examine such applicants and issue such certificates without charge.

Section 3. Any register of deeds who issues a license to marry without the presentation of the certificate herein above provided for, or contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$200 or imprisoned 30 days, in the discretion of the court.

Section 4. Provided further, that any physician who shall knowingly and willfully make false statements in the certificate herein above provided for shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$200, or imprisoned more than six months.

Section 5. No laws now in force relating to the issuance of marriage licenses to marry shall be repealed or abridged by this act, except such as may conflict herewith.

## CONGRESS MAY ADD ANOTHER STATE TO THE UNION

### Proposed That the State of Lincoln, Be Carved Out Of Idaho and Washington.

A new State—Lincoln—may be placed on the United States of America map of Congress with the Idaho disunion petition, proposed in the legislature of Idaho. Northern Idaho has asked the legislature in behalf of a new State, which is to include the Idaho panhandle, and possibly the western portion of Washington. The petitioners want the new State to be named Lincoln, Spokane and Lewiston are suggested as possible location of the capital.

## SENIORS AT OXFORD COLLEGE IN THEATRICALS

### A Beautiful Drop Curtain Has Been Installed.

Friday, April 8, is the date set for the senior play "Captain January." This will be the first performance with the new drop curtain which is already in place and is truly a thing of beauty.

As this is the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, American Indian music is popular and is being used on many programs. The "Feast of the Red Corn," an Indian operetta, will be given at an early date by the chorus class. The operetta is by Paul Bliss, who wrote the operetta given last year with such success. It is full of bright, catchy Indian music, to which is being added some of the songs of Thurston Lurance, the master composer of Indian music.

—Instead of Dr. Barnard from Chapel Hill who was to lecture on Greek Art, Dr. Odum gave two lectures Friday afternoon and evening. His subjects were "Community It's Meaning" and "The Relation of Community to Government." Both talks were interesting and helpful. Dr. Barnard will deliver his lectures later.

—The faculty of Oxford College will be at home to their friends Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 o'clock.

—Mrs. S. H. Ury, who is under treatment at St. Luke's hospital in Richmond, is improving.

—Mr. A. D. Capehart who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Watts hospital, Durham, is getting on nicely.

—Dr. and Mrs. F. C. McDowell returned to Zebulon Tuesday, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Cheatham on Route 3.

## STATESMEN AND FARMERS AT FUNERAL OF CHAMP CLARK

The Houston Post draws a contrast between the statesmen in tall hats and the farmers in baggy trousers who attended the funeral of Champ Clark recently. The Post says:

"The observant Associated Press reporter who attended the burial of the late Champ Clark at Bowling Green, Mo., saw a great contrast between the visitors from Washington and Jefferson City in their frock coats and stove pipe hats, and the 'quaint' men from the 'country-side' in broad-brimmed hats and baggy trousers. It might be observed further that the boys in the broad-brimmed hats and baggy trousers are footing the bill in taxes, however, for the well-groomed gentlemen in high hats and long coats from Washington and the Missouri Capital."

## THE SMALLEST TAX RECEIPT

### Two Acres Of Land Listed At Thirty Cents.

Uncle Ned Booth, who served many years as deputy sheriff and tax collector in Granville county, was asked what was the amount of the smallest tax receipt he ever handed.

"For many years there was a two acre tract of land near Shoo Fly, owned by Isabell Hedgpath, on which the tax was only 30 cents. The land was very poor and there was no house on it," said Uncle Ned.

We searched the tax books to see what the two acres was assessed at under the revaluation act, but for some cause or other it was not listed this year. Possibly some one has purchased it and listed it with other land.

## STUDY HEART ACTION BY "LONG DISTANCE"

Washington, March 13.—An amplifying apparatus, described as so delicate as to permit a physician in one city to make a stethoscopic study of the heart action, of a patient hundreds of miles away, was demonstrated to a group of army and civilian medical men at the army signal corps laboratories.

The demonstration was directed by Brig. Gen. George Equier, chief of the signal service. The stethoscopic apparatus, with electrical connection, was placed over the heart of one of the laboratory assistants and the heart beat was amplified many thousands of times, emerging through a phonograph horn to be heard distinctly and studied by the physicians in a room some distance from that in which the subject was located.

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION AT THE Graded School Next Thursday Night.

On account of another meeting which would keep a number of parents from attending, it has been decided to have the next meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Thursday night, March 17, at 7:30 instead of Friday night. Every parent and every other person in the Oxford school district who is interested in the success of the schools of the district is cordially invited to be present.

## THREE DROPS OF CHEMICAL ENOUGH TO KILL A PERSON

### A World War Could Not Now Last More Than a Week.

New York, March 14.—The chemical warfare service has discovered a liquid poison so strong that three drops will kill any one whose skin it touches, it became known here today.

Falling like rain from nozzles attached to airplanes the liquid would kill everything in the aircraft's path, according to a high official of the service.

## LAND VALUES IN AMERICA

### The Average Price Of Plow Land Is \$93.78.

Washington, March 14.—Average grade plow lands in the United States were valued at \$93.78 per acre as compared with 90.01 an acre a year ago, the department of agriculture today declared. Although showing a decline from the peak price of 1920 the average still is higher than any of the preceding years.

## PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM WILL VISIT OXFORD

Mr. S. H. Pritchard, secretary of the Oxford Baseball team, is in communication with the Buffalo team of the International League with a view of arranging a practice game here at an early date.

Mr. Pritchard will make up a team of the best Oxford players and supplement it with professionals to play the Buffalo team, in the event the game is played here.

## FIVE FIREMEN DIE IN RICHMOND BLAZE

Richmond, Va., March 14.—In a half million dollar fire which originated Sunday afternoon in the six-story furniture store of Charles G. Jurgens' Son, Broad street, the revised list of the dead is as follows: James R. Guthrie, 25; fireman; Adolph Gustav Heinecke, 24, civilian; T. R. Johnson, 34; fireman; J. H. Gailiher, 34; fireman; Grover C. Richardson, 35 fireman.

In a Class By Himself.

A Washington correspondent says Josephus Daniels will leave office pleased with the whole world. Good for Josephus! But he is the only Democrat we ever heard of who left office pleased with either this world or the world to come.

—Mr. A. J. Yancey, the grand old man from Northern Granville, is in Oxford today.

## LAST CALL FOR TAXES

Call at office and pay your taxes. I have to advertise April 1, 1921. If you see your real estate advertised don't blame me, as I must settle.

3-8-21 E. D. HUNT, Sheriff.