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NEW LIGHT TOWNSHIP IS NOT IN GRANVILLE

The Lord Mayor of the "Hurricane" Wants It Distinctly Understood That His People Are In No Way Affiliated With the Lawless Element In That Section Of Wake County.

The recent outbreak in New Light township, Wake County, where two school houses, a church and two dwellings were burned by the lawless element, has emphasized the fact that the disturbance occurred in the "Hurricane."

Ever since the great storm, many years ago, swept across the eastern corner of Granville and the adjoining territory in Wake, uprooting many trees in its path, that section has been known as the "Hurricane."

Some years ago a rough element in the Hurricane district of Granville fraternized with the lawless element across the border in Wake, but the good people of Granville organized and drove them out. But such a thing as burning churches, school houses and dwellings, was never practiced in that portion of Granville county. One of the peculiar traits of the people in the east corner of Granville is that when they commit an offense they "skip out" and you never hear of them again until they make a fortune in the Far West and return to the land of their birth and settle down.

When the cyclone swept down across the lower corner of Granville into Wake, it made a path about two miles wide and ten miles long. The red mounds of dirt piled up by falling trees marked the path of the storm until the present day. But two causes in recent years, dissimilar in nature, have contributed to make the Hurricane an empire unto itself. When an offense is committed anywhere in Northern Wake it is charged against the lawless element in the "Hurricane." And thus it is—from year to year the "Hurricane" grows larger. That portion of the "Hurricane" visited by the storm in Granville was a mere speck on the map, but the good people as far west as Creedmoor and south of Tar River now claim that they reside in the "Hurricane."

What sort of people are these New Lighters, anyhow? They are in no wise related to the law-abiding people of Granville county. Instead of the flaming torch they need to know the fear of God, and until conditions are improved to such an extent that a school-house and a church, at least, are safely left alone overnight. New Light will stand as a testimonial to the impotency of the law in Wake County.

BETTER DAY FOR THE OLD NORTH STATE IS COMING

During the next few weeks thousands of North Carolina farmers will sign a "new declaration of independence"—the cooperative cotton and tobacco marketing contracts.

The campaign for signatures has just commenced, but already encouraging reports are coming in to the state headquarters in Raleigh, and several counties have started an intensive canvas for signatures.

The organization committee says the campaign will continue until 75 per cent of all growers have signed up the five-year contracts, and every one connected with the plans for marketing tobacco and cotton cooperatively, feels that the movement means the dawn of a better day for the Old North State.

OXFORD LEADS A NUMBER OF MARKETS OF THE STATE

Mebane Has Led The State This Season On High Averages.

Oxford last month, according to statistics compiled by the State Crop Reporting Service, made a higher average for tobacco than any of the following markets: Elkin, Enfield, Farmville, Fuquay Springs, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, Kinston, La Grange, Louisburg, Madison, Mount Airy, New Bern, Pinetops, Richlands, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Spring Hope, Statesville, Stoneville, Tarboro, Vanceboro, Wallace, Warrenton, Warsaw, Washington, Wendell, Williamston, Wilson, Windsor, Winston-Salem, Yongsville, and Zebulon.

THE NEW PASSENGER RATE

Effective Here On and After Wednesday Last.

Passenger rates hereafter will be paid at the rate of 3.6 cents a mile in North Carolina, and South Carolina, too, the Interstate Commerce Commission having after some months got around to issuing the necessary order. Free baggage allowed will be 150 pounds. In both respects the rate conforms to the interstate rate.

It would have so conformed before but for the fact that the Legislature of North Carolina in special session last August took a hand and by special statute fixed interstate fares in North Carolina at 3 cents a mile and free baggage at 200 pounds.

A negro hotel proprietor in Raleigh was sentenced to the county jail for a term of four months for having whiskey in his possession for the purpose of sale. Also his hotel was ordered closed.

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

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON NEXT FRIDAY

It is generally understood throughout the county that the Oxford tobacco market will close for the season at the end of sales on Friday, March 25—one week from today.

Something like a quarter of a million pounds was sold here this week. Capt. Jack Howard, secretary of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade, said today that the total sales here this season will be close on to 16,000,000 pounds.

Capt. Howard keeps close up with the sales, and in less time than an hour after the last sale next Friday he can tell the number of pounds sold during the entire season, how much the crop brought and the general average.

STOVALL NEWS LETTER

Several Couples To Wed. Stovall, N. C., March 17.—Judging from the large number who have applied to Dr. Taylor for a "bill of health," it would seem that the new marriage law is popular. From the present indications it looks as if this immediate section will contribute a dozen April, May and June brides and in the list of weddings scheduled to take place the feathers of an old bachelor will be singed.

The Sick List. Mr. Bert Spicer is quite ill with pneumonia. Miss Fannie Hines, who has been down with pneumonia, is on the road to recovery. Miss Louise Critcher is also recovering from pneumonia.

Stovall Defeats Stem. Stovall high school boys and girls played Stem basket ball team last Saturday. The Stovall girls scored 6 to 4; the Stem boys scored 45 to 2.

Lady For Mayor. It is whispered here in political circles of nominating a solid group of town commissioners composed of ladies, the ticket to be headed by a lady for mayor who is well versed in law and would make a fine executive officer.

Personal Mention. Messdames J. J. and J. B. Davis and Mr. R. H. Butler were Oxford visitors Wednesday. Miss Mattie Callie, who has been on an extended visit to relatives in Richmond, returned Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. James Yancey, of Grassy Creek, were in Stovall Wednesday. Mr. Newell Norwood is at Kinston on business.

Industrial Items. Mr. W. H. Taylor recently opened a grist mill and blacksmith shop. Mr. W. H. Winslow is having a new coat of paint on his residence.

Music On Tap. The brass band composed of Boy Scouts is making splendid headway under the skilled direction of Prof. Luther Sims, of Durham. The band will be able to make its first public appearance in the near future. It is said that there is some rare musical talent in the band.

It's a Girl. Mr. Ed Jackson is wearing a broad smile these days. The cause of all of this joy, he said, is a fine baby girl. Mother and child doing well.

BULLOCK NEWS NOTES

Mr. Guy Campbell left Tuesday for Richmond, where he will take a business course for six weeks.

Messrs. Willie, Tyree, Marvin, Clemet Currin and Ollie Hobgood motored to Bullock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royster and their son Thomas, motored to Oxford Monday.

Mr. Taylor Vaughan motored to Oxford Monday.

Miss Sue Royster of Oxford, is the pleasant guest of her sister Miss Emma Royster of Bullock.

Mr. Clifton Pittard was the guest of Miss Martha Davis Sunday.

Misses Myrtle and Cora Royster were the kuest of Misses Lois and Lillie Royster Sunday night.

Miss Margaret Campbell was the guest of Miss Daisy Davis Sunday.

Miss Gladys Campbell and Myrtle Royster were the guest of their aunt, Mrs. Ray Stovall, Tuesday night.

THE NEW EXPRESS CO.

Will Begin Operation Here On the First Of May.

It is announced that the Southeastern Express Company will begin operation May 1. The company will operate over the lines of the Southern Railway system and the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company. After the placing of the stock, it was necessary to purchase equipment and to organize the personnel of the organization. Provision has also been made for quarters for the company's offices in the various cities and towns where offices will be established.

SENATOR OVERMAN SOUNDED WARNING AGAINST LOBBYING

Would Require Representatives Of Big Business To Register and State Their Business.

Washington, March 16.—The "assistant government," which exists in Washington in the form of a myriad of lobbyists, according to the charge made by Charles S. Barrett, of Georgia, president of the National Farmers' Union, in a statement to the press, is the "invisible government" against which President Wilson fought so effectively, and which is now returning to Washington with the intention of again wielding all the dangerous power it so effectively employed before the administration of Woodrow Wilson, said Senator Overman.

The chief purpose of the bill is to require representatives of concerns who come here to lobby on legislation of any and every kind to register with the secretary of the Senate and disclose just what their business is.

STATE LIBRARY (X) OFFERS

Mr. Sam Cohn Will Erect Modern Home On Penn Street.

H. G. Harris to Hennis F. Fuller a certain lot or parcel of land in the town of Oxford, on the west side of Board street, consideration \$3000.

I. W. Mangum and wife to Sam Cohn a certain lot in the town of Oxford, on the south side of Penn avenue, consideration \$2190.

J. J. Medford and wife to W. L. Adecock, a certain lot or parcel of land on Raleigh Road near corporate limits, consideration \$3000.

J. T. Peace and wife to Alex. Peace, Jr., a certain lot on the east side of Granville avenue, in town of Oxford, consideration \$1350.

R. H. Whitfield to General L. Crenshaw, one-half an acre in Creedmoor, consideration \$100.

Oxford Motor Co. to R. C. M. Calvert, a certain lot on Gilliam Street in town of Oxford, consideration \$4000 and other valuable considerations.

FARMERS OF THE STATE SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSS

Cotton and Tobacco Price Srinkage Alone Cuts Down Revenue.

Farmers in North Carolina lost a total of \$168,000,000 by reason of price shrinkage in cotton and tobacco crops of 1920 alone as compared with the 1919 crops and prices, according to estimates of Frank Parker, agricultural statistician.

The 1919 cotton crop of 832,000 bales brought approximately \$154,000,000 at the current price of 36 cents while the 1920 crop of 840,000 bales at 15 cents brought only approximately \$58,000,000.

The 1919 tobacco crop, on the other hand, with the average price ranging around 50 cents, brought a total of \$163,000,000 for the 326,000,000 pounds, while the 1920 crop with prices dropped to 21 1-2 cents gave a return of only \$90,515,000 for its increased acreage and its production of 421,000,000 pounds.

The report says the farmers in the central part of the State suffered less than those in the eastern part of the State.

THE THREE LARGEST LAND OWNERS IN GRANVILLE

They Don't Kick As Much About High Taxes As the Men Who Own a One-Acre Farm.

Mr. G. H. Faucett, of North Granville, the largest land owner in the county, was in Oxford Wednesday. Mr. Faucett being the largest land owner in the county, and a very fine gentleman, we inquired at the sheriff's office to ascertain who is the second largest land owner in Granville, and a half dozen well informed men named Mr. D. T. Winston, of North Granville, as being the second largest, and Mr. Sam Jones, of South Granville as being the third largest.

The combined taxes of these three men is a handsome sum of money. All three of them are quiet, dignified gentlemen, and have less to say about high taxation than the man who pays only \$1.13.

MCCULLOCH SUCCEEDS COLLIER AS HEAD OF STATE PRISON

Tuesday afternoon, in Raleigh, the new board of directors of the State Prison, headed by James A. Leak, of Anson County as chairman, elected E. F. McCulloch of Bladen as superintendent to succeed J. R. Collier. George Ross Pou of Johnston was chosen chief clerk to succeed Mr. McCulloch.

Members of the board in addition to Chairman Leak are W. M. Sanders of Smithfield, E. B. Ficklen of Pitt County, A. L. Bullock of Robeson and R. M. Chatham of Surry. Mr. Sanders is the only member of the old board who holds over.

A BEAUTY SPOT AT THE SOUTH END OF HANCOCK ST.

A Bathing Pool and a Park Are Some Of The Things Discussed.

It is rumored on the streets that three or four of the enterprising citizens on Hancock street have under consideration a project that means much to the beauty of the south end of their charming thoroughfare.

The project, it is said, calls for a large concrete basin and bath-house at the end of the street. The land on the south side of the ravine, known as the "Cedar Grove," will be developed into a park if the project goes through.

NEW MARRIAGE LAW POPULAR

It Has The Effect Of Causing More Thinking On The Matrimonial Prospects.

The new law requiring physical examination of applicants for marriage licenses has caused no lull in the office of Register of Deeds Charles G. Powell.

"It seems to me" remarked Mr. Powell, "the new law is a popular measure."

The new law has had the effect of causing more thinking on the part of matrimonial prospects, and also has cut down the speed of elopements to such an extent as to make them difficult and probably discouraging.

Robert Chapman, of Cheraw, S. C., president of the Southern Consolidated Yarn Spinners' association, predicts drastic reduction in production of soft and hard yarns by southern mills at an early date.

THE OFFICIAL CALL OF THE BANKHEAD NAT. HIGHWAY

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Bankhead National Highway Association is called to meet in the City of Greensboro, N. C., on April 21st and 22nd. This meeting is called for the purpose of transacting all official and legal business connected with the organization. The executive committee for Granville county is as follows:

DR. E. T. WHITE, Chm.
COL. H. G. COOPER
GEN. B. S. ROYSTER
D. G. BRUMMITT
JOHN WEBB
B. W. PARHAM
AUGUSTUS GRAHAM
CHARLES G. POWELL
(Signed) ROUNTREE.

LIST OF MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED THIS MONTH

Mr. Charles G. Powell register of deeds, has issued twelve marriage licenses so far this month. All licenses issued since the fifth of the month was in compliance with the new law, requiring a health certificate from a doctor.

White List.

Kenneth Hicks and Mamie Jones, Granville county; John Brown and Virginia Hall, Oxford; Wade M. Currin and Pauline Mize, Creedmoor; Odell Oakley and Lucy Bowling, Granville and Person; John K. Suddereth and Marie Lunsford, Chase City; Fred R. Morris and Maggie Hobgood, Granville county.

Colored List.

Claud Rogers and Lola Hawkins, Granville county; Robert Brooks and Pearl Wilkerson, Granville county; Percy Chavis and Pattie F. Umstead, Granville county; James E. Hunt and Mattie Boone, Oxford; Bob Parker, and Sarah Pettiford, Granville county; William L. Green and Lorine Tinsley, Oxford.

MEMORABLE EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

Easter, Equinox, Hop-scotch and Base Ball Are Some Of the Diversions.

This month is made memorable in a number of ways. It has been four years since a Presidential inauguration, always an event of March 4. And it has been three years since Easter Sunday has occurred in March, this year on March 27.

And, too, the month is always kindly remembered because of the fact that in it falls St. Patrick's Day, the Irish saint day whose "date" is always March 17.

On March 20, at 10:51 p. m., Eastern standard time, comes the vernal equinox, and we have spring. That is an event looked forward to with pleasure ever since the coal pile began to dwindle. That business will "pick up" in the spring is the optimistic forecast.

March is a month of opposites—a lion coming in, a lamb as it departs. It is a month of wild winds and delightful zephyrs, of new hats for the women, of delving in the earth, of seed planting and hoping for radish and lettuce crops. It is a month of marbles and meandering for the boys, of hop-scotch and baseball.

It is the month for the return of the migrating birds, and for household renovating and backyard recreation.

WALTER REYNOLDS LEAVES HALF MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE

Died Without Making Will—Estate Goes To Brothers and Sisters.

Walter R. Reynolds, who died in Winston-Salem two weeks ago, did not leave a will. The estate is valued at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

Under the North Carolina law, the property goes to the brothers and sisters of the deceased, and to the children of a deceased brother and a deceased sister.

MEMORIAL TO WILSON

Temporary Committee Appointed At Meeting In New York To Work Out Details.

New York, March 17.—A movement has been launched here to establish a perpetual memorial in honor of Woodrow Wilson—"The man who projected into the world the idea of the League of Nations."

Although the form the memorial is to take was not definitely decided upon, it was suggested that a minimum sum of \$500,000 be raised as a trust fund the proceeds from which shall be awarded each year to the person who during the year has made the greatest contribution toward international amity.

OXFORD WILL HAVE A HIGH CLASS LAUNDRY SOON

Mr. Leslie D. Mebane, of Burlington, was in Oxford this week making arrangements to establish a laundry here as soon as the machinery can be shipped and installed.

Mr. Mebane is a practical laundryman and he proposes to put in a plant large enough to take care of all the wet wash to be done in this section.

Basket Ball!

TONIGHT. All Stars vs Henderson. Time 8:15.

NOTICE TO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GAS RATES

On Tuesday, March 22nd, 1921, the Corporation Commission of North Carolina will again take up the matter of the petition of the Gas Company for the purpose of determining whether or not the temporary rates allowed several months ago shall be made permanent.

I will be glad to receive expressions of opinion on this question from the citizens of Oxford in the form of short, concise letters, to the point. If you have anything to say in regard to this matter write it out and send it to me at once. It is my purpose to use these letters at the hearing before the Corporation Commission.

T. G. STEM, Mayor

STEM NEWS LETTER

Four Cases Of Pneumonia. In the family of Mr. W. B. Cash of Oxford Route 6, there are four confined to the bed with Grip. Mr. and Mrs. Cash and their two daughters, Miss Wirta and Mrs. Naomi Honeycutt. Grave fears are entertained for the recovery of Mr. and Mrs. Cash, the physician making two visits a day to see them.

On the High Seas. Doctor and Mrs. P. R. Hardee received a wireless from their son, Dr. Walter P. Hardee, who with his wife and little girl is enroute home from Hong Kong, saying that they would land in San Francisco March 22. He is expected home by the 10th of April, having been away from the United States nine years.

Basket Ball. The Stem basket ball boys "wiped" the Stovall by a score of 45 to 2 in a game played here Saturday afternoon but the Stovall girls won over the Stem girls 6 to 4.

Farms Going Slow. Since the fertilizer companies announced a reduction of 25 per cent in guano, more interest is being manifested by the farmers, but there is no enthusiasm over planting another crop of tobacco, and regardless of organizations, a material reduction in acreage will be made in this section.

Not So Bad. Mr. W. R. Farabow, of Fuquay Springs spent the week end in this community. Despite the low prices which prevailed his crop of tobacco brought him \$2,500 and he is of course wearing a smile.

Death Of Mrs. Daniel. The Angel of Death entered the home of Mr. Fred Daniel of Epon section Thursday, March 10th, and claimed as his victim his beloved wife. For the past twelve months she had been in declining health and with a complication of diseases which baffled the skill of the best physicians of the county. For a week before her death she was in a critical condition and her death was not unexpected. Prior to her marriage the deceased was Miss Marie Cozart, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cozart of Route 1, and is survived by her husband, an eight months old infant, her parents, two brothers and one sister. When in her girlhood days she professed religion and united with the Methodist church at Knap of Reed's but later joined the Baptist church where she was a most useful and consistent member. Funeral services were held in the church at Epon Saturday afternoon conducted by her pastor Rev. G. T. Tunstall assisted by Rev. E. G. Usry and the remains laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Personal Items. Miss Jewell Fogelman, of Route 2, who has been confined to her bed for four months as a result of injuries sustained in an auto wreck is out on crutches and her friends wish her a speedy restoring to health.

Mr. Jasper L. Clayton of Route 2, who was seriously injured in an auto wreck a month ago is slowly improving. He sustained internal injuries and was mentally affected by the shock and cannot remember anything about it.

A colored denomination known as "Christ's Disciples" are building a church at a point on the road in the Russell place opposite the Latta place and have named the building "Latta's Chapel."

Rev. F. B. Noblitt announces that he will preach at Stem church next Sunday night on "Neighbors" and show how it is possible to love thy neighbor as thy self. If the weather is inclement he will defer this subject to a later date.

Mr. W. W. Bowman, of Culloden, Georgia, was a welcome visitor in our town Friday. No man who has lived in our community made more friends here than Mr. Bowman.

The friends of Mrs. J. C. Hopkins, who has been in Watt's hospital the past month, will be glad to learn that he continues to improve and expects to return home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. L. Hill of Route 2, spent the week end with relatives in High Point.

We regret to note that Mr. Frank M. Thomasson, of Hester, is quite ill. He was taken to Watt's Hospital Tuesday and operates upon by neighbor Dr. J. C. Hopkins.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. J. R. Overby, of Oxford Route 6, who is in the throes of grip.

MRS. JERMAN WILL DELIVER THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

There is interest in the announcement of President Hobgood that Mrs. Cornie Petty Jerman of Raleigh will make the Commencement address at Oxford College, her Alma Mater, this year.

A rare treat is in store for all who hear this gifted lady.

The Oxford School Board.

(Raleigh News and Observer) There ought to be women on every school board. Gen. Bev. Royster advocates two for the Oxford board. As a city long famous for its schools, Oxford must keep its lead.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MADE GENEROUS PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

The State Board of Education at Raleigh this week organized according to law these departments as follows:

"1. Division of Teacher Training, with Mr. A. T. Allen as director and Mrs. T. E. Johnston, Miss Susan Fulghum and Miss Hattie Parrott as supervisors. The three supervisors will have charge of the county summer schools and the professional supervision of the teachers in service.

"2. The Division of Certification of Teachers, with Mr. A. S. Brower as director. The office force for this division will be the same as that provided for the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors with one additional assistant, Miss Frances Lacy, who was elected by the Board of Education.

"3. The Division of Negro Education, with Mr. N. C. Newbold as director. This department will add later such assistants as may be necessary to give closer supervision of the negro schools of the State, and to secure a better expenditure of the State's appropriation of these schools.

"4. The Division of Publication, with Mr. W. H. Pittman as director. The assistants in this division will be selected later.

"5. The Division of Physical Education, having one director and needed assistants will be organized later.

"The State Board of Examiners will continue until April 1st, when the Division of Teacher Training and the Division of Certification of Teachers will supersede it."

A MEASURE FOR RELIEF FROM REVALUATION ACT

The Legislature has at last passed a measure for relief from the Revaluation act. Under the act, the adjustments are to be made locally. The Board of Appraisers of each county, will meet, with the Board of County Commissioners, on the second Tuesday in April, next to decide whether there is sufficient cause for a horizontal reduction in the valuation of property in that county. If they find that such cause exists, they may order such reduction as they see fit, subject to possible revision by the State Tax Commission. The last provision is made because of the necessity for equalization of the school funds, etc. The right of the individual tax-payer to appeal to the Board of County Commissioners, to adjust inequalities, is left as in the original Revaluation Act.

Thus we have only to wait until the second Tuesday in next month, before our Board of Appraisers, and our Board of County Commissioners, will meet to consider what reduction is proper for Granville county. It is a safe prediction that they will have plenty of help to decide that much of the valuation of property in this county should be greatly lowered. They have a difficult task, but we believe they will discharge it with fairness and wisdom.

When the boards meet we hope they will bear constantly in mind that the intent of the act, is only to ascertain the "legal value" of property. According to one of the best lawyers in North Carolina, the "legal value" of real estate is its cash value—the amount of actual money, it would bring, if sold for cash, on the day of the assessment. This is very different from a sale upon long credit. We trust our Appraisers and our Commissioners will bear these facts well in mind when they meet in April.

IN THE REALMS OF ROMANCE

A Double Wedding Thirty Years Ago Results In A Double Wedding Tomorrow.

A double wedding at Wakefield tomorrow when Miss Clydia Chamblee will become the bride of Mr. F. Y. Conyers, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Laura Bell will become the bride of Dr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, harkens back 30 years ago when the mothers of the two brides of tomorrow were the brides at a double wedding at Wakefield, the wedding supper being served at the parental home of Mr. M. P. Chamblee, of Oxford. Although Mr. Chamblee is quite a young man, he remembers the event very distinctly. He will also be present at the double wedding tomorrow, Miss Clyde Chamblee being his niece and Miss Laura Bell his cousin.

CLARA HAMON FREED ON FIRST BALLOT

Ardmore, Okla., March 17.—Clara Smith Hamon today was acquitted on a charge of having murdered Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma and millionaire railroad and oil promoter.

CAPT. J. A. WHITE, OLD R. R. CONDUCTOR, DEAD

Capt. J. A. White, for many years conductor on the Southern Railway, Richmond-Durham division, died yesterday after a short illness. Interment at Louisburg this afternoon.

Capt. Frank Spencer and others from Oxford, will attend the funeral.

New Passenger Rate.

The intrastate passenger rate in North Carolina is now 3.6 cents a mile, effective Wednesday, instead of 3 cents as heretofore.