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OXFORD-CREEDMOOR ROAD SHOULD BE ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTY

Oxford Lost a Lot of Trade This Spring On Account of Its Bad Condition.

Oxford cannot survive many years if the same mistakes are made on the road system of the county as was made on the Oxford-Henderson and the Oxford-Creedmoor roads last fall and winter.

One short fill at Cheatham's Mill, which blocked traffic for six months and deflected an untold amount of trade, could have been avoided entirely by building a short detour.

Oxford also sustained a heavy loss of trade on account of the bad condition of the Oxford-Creedmoor road. The road was plowed up last fall and several miles of it became a loblolly and remained in that condition until the end of the tobacco season. That, too, could have been avoided by foresight and judgment.

The people of Creedmoor section are a patriotic and law-abiding people. They are loyal to Granville and will push and pull for the success of the county as hard as the people in any other section, but the deplorable condition of the Creedmoor road which blocked them from the county seat for several weeks and months was enough to awaken a feeling of discontent.

The commissioners abandoned the work on the Oxford-Creedmoor road for the good and sufficient reason of a scarcity of funds, but Capt. Blair was later instructed to resume work and complete the road as far as Hester. That section which has already been completed by Capt. Blair is as good as any road in the county.

The roads of Granville are now in the hands of the county road commission and a competent superintendent. It is practically certain that the mistakes of last winter and spring will not occur again.

Just how much damage the Oxford-Creedmoor road project cost Oxford is set forth in the Creedmoor Times as follows:

"The building of a new road from Oxford to Creedmoor has been a bone of contention before the Board of County Commissioners for nearly a year, and now that the road matters are controlled by a new Road Commission, there seems to be but little left up in the contentions for and against the road.

A splendid start has been made on the construction of the road and a few miles of it has been completed and it is a splendid job, so far, quite an improvement over the old make-shift of a thoroughfare, which in some places was hardly wide enough for a vehicle to travel, to say nothing of the passing of another vehicle on the highway. We say that it is a good job so far; we traveled over the road the past week and we were highly pleased with the prospect of a good road to the county seat. But right on the heels of this comes the announcement that the work will be discontinued by the new Board of Road Commissioners. We are not advised as to the reason for such discontinuance, but if such is done it will be nothing short of a calamity.

Southern Granville, especially Dutchville Township, has apparently been discriminated against in the matter of road construction and repairs.

"Now that this work is well under way the people of this section are going to see that it is put through unless there is a mighty good reason for discontinuing the work. Our people feel that they should have the co-operation of the Retail Merchants Association of Oxford, together with the Tobacco Board of Trade. The former we are glad to see are awaking to the importance of the trade from this section that is being diverted in another direction simply because of the better facilities for traveling. The tobacco interest in Oxford suffered the loss of not less than a million pounds of tobacco the past season because the people could not get to the market on account of the condition of the roads. If Oxford expects to grow and expand she must extend a helping hand to the outlying districts, and show a friendly spirit instead of antagonism.

"The completion of the new road now being constructed will open up to Oxford a new territory from which they can draw trade going and coming, but unless there is a more concerted effort on the part of the people along the road at both ends of the road, we fear that it will never be completed as was contemplated when the contract was made for its construction. Our people are not saying much, but are simply waiting for a show down by the commission—if they allow the work to continue as first outlined, all well and good. But otherwise there will be something doing."

LIMIT PHYSICIANS MAY PRESCRIBE IS FIXED

Washington, April 25.—An arbitrary limit of 4 to 7-8 gallons of beer maximum physicians may prescribe at one time has been set in new prohibition regulations which await the approval of David H. Blair, the new Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

YOUR BATTERY SHOULD HAVE WATER ABOUT EVERY TWO WEEKS. STOP AT WILKINSON SERVICE STATION.

THE NEW GASOLINE LAW IS NOW EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Users of Fuel Will Contribute One Cent Per Gallon to Roads—State Will Collect From Big Distributors—Tax Will Be Passed On to Retail Dealers and By Them to Consumers—Expected to Net Road Fund Half Million.

Beginning last Tuesday morning, every citizen in North Carolina who buys a gallon of gasoline for the propulsion of his vehicle will pay a tax of one cent to build and maintain the roads over which he is about to drive. The gasoline tax of one cent per gallon in the course of a year will net the road building forces in the State \$500,000 according to estimates of the automobile department of the office of the Secretary of State.

Unlike the tax that is levied by the Federal government upon the National drink, the tax will be collected at the source of supply and the purchaser will not have to hunt through his pockets to see if he has an extra penny. The wholesale dealer will pay the tax to the State, and the charge will be handed down through the retailer to the consumer. Gasoline is expected to rise from 30 to 31 cents a gallon.

State Uses 50 Million.

Fifty million gallons of gasoline were burned by Tar Heel motorists during the past year according to the estimates of the authors of the State road law, and a cent a gallon would raise half a million dollars for the general road fund. Rebates are provided for the users of gasoline for purposes other than automobiles. Industrial plants using gasoline for motive power may make application for the rebate of the tax.

Near 200,000 Automobiles.

Arrangements have been perfected by the department for the collection of the annual license fees for automobiles in the State, aggregating, according to the estimate, two and a quarter million dollars for the year. License fees together with the gasoline tax, will bring a gross revenue to the State road fund of approximately \$2,750,000. It is estimated that 200,000 licenses will be issued during the year, as against 147,000 for the year drawing to a close.

The License Tag.

Four car loads of license tags have been bought by the department at a cost of 11.5 cents each. The tag this year will be the same size as last year's tag, with black lettering against a white background instead of the yellow as now used.

Schedule of Prices.

Under the schedule of fees charged last year, the sale of licenses netted the State \$1,800,000. Somewhat higher rates, and the increased number of cars in operation this year will run the figures beyond the two million mark. The schedule this year is as follows: 24 h. p., or less, \$12.50; over 24 and less than 30 h. p., \$20; over 30 and less than 36 h. p., \$30; over 35 h. p., \$40.

THE JOHN NEAL WILL CASE

When Courts and Lawyers Get Through With It, There Will Probably Be Little Left of the Estate.

A special from Winston-Salem says that when the courts and lawyers get through with the \$700,000 estate of the late John Neal, who died last fall in Omaha, Neb., it is feared that little will be left for the Methodist Children's Home at Winston and the Masonic orphanage at Oxford, each being left \$250,000, according to the alleged will filed in Forsyth county, and which is being attacked as not genuine.

The alleged wife and child of the deceased is also contesting for their share of the estate. In addition, Public Administrator Charles E. Hamilton filed a caveat with the clerk of the Forsyth county Superior court, in the matter of the John Neal will, which has been protracted in Forsyth Superior court through the office of the court, Mr. Hamilton, who, by virtue of his office as public administrator, is the legal administrator of estates of all persons dying intestate, and without which and whose estate must be administered, asserted in his affidavit that the will filed in Forsyth court for probate is not the will of the deceased, but that he is informed and believes that the original of the copy was destroyed by the deceased before his death, and that it was not his mind in destroying the original that the estate be distributed as recited in the paper writing filed. The affidavit by Mr. Hamilton calls upon the court to summon to appear at the next term of court all persons interested in the probate of the paper writing and set up their cause as parties defendant in this action to the end that the court may determine the validity of the paper writing purported to be the last will and testament of the late John Neal.

FOUR INCENDIARY FIRES ON ONE BARN

It is reported that four fires on the farm of C. J. Burt, who lives four miles southwest of Apex, have been started recently doing considerable damage, and believed to be the work of incendiaries.

TOWN CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

To Nominate Candidates For the Office of Mayor and Commissioners.

Very little interest is being shown so far in the municipal election to be held Monday, May 2.

Mayor Stem has announced his willingness to serve another term, and so far as present indications go he will have no opposition.

It is not sure that all of the members of the old board care to stand for re-election. They have been very faithful servants and the town will be fortunate to retain them.

A gallant member of the old board expressed a willingness to step aside for a sister to be put in his place, and qualified his assertion with the remark that he saw no reason why a woman could not sit at the council table.

An entire new registration for women voters is required as there has been no municipal elections since the adoption of the 19th amendment. Less than ten women have registered so far, and the books will close tomorrow evening.

The nominating convention will be held in the court house next Friday night at 8 o'clock. Major Will Landis, Chairman of the Oxford Democratic Executive Committee, urges the democratic voters, men and ladies, to be present.

MR. T. B. ROSE, JR., BRINGS HONORS TO OXFORD

Elected Member Of the State Baraca Executive Committee.

The four days' session of the North Carolina Baraca-Philathea Union came to a close in Henderson Sunday afternoon.

Highly pleasing to the people of Oxford was the election of Mr. T. B. Rose, Jr., of Oxford, who will serve on the state executive committee.

Officers Elected.

The Baraca Association elected C. W. Andrews, of Mt. Airy, as its president, and the Philathea Union chose Miss Bertha Cates, of Burlington. The Junior Baraca-Philathea Association elected Erastus Freeman, of Cliffside, as its president.

Next Meeting.

The 1922 session of the Baraca-Philathea Union and the Junior Baraca-Philathea Association will be held in Hendersonville. The date has been changed from the last week in April to the third week in June.

APPLE CROP NOT TOTAL LOSS

Twenty Percent Of Bloom Will Produce Full Crop—Spraying Is Advisable In Any Case.

While most varieties of apples have had a large percentage of the buds and fruit killed by the recent low temperature, there is still enough live fruit in many Carolina orchards to produce a profitable crop, according to C. D. Matthews, State horticulturist.

"The results of the March and April freezes have been variously reported, ranging from 15 percent injury to total destruction. Many apple orchards in Central North Carolina, reporting only partial injury, will produce a profitable crop. It requires only about 15 to 20 percent of the normal bloom of an apple to produce a full crop. Every orchard should be carefully examined to determine the exact condition of the crop."

MRS. BICKETT HEADS THE EPISCOPAL AUXILIARY

Mrs. H. G. Cooper Elected State Custodian.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, was chosen president of the woman's auxiliary of the diocese of the Episcopal church of North Carolina at the State Convention in Winston-Salem last week.

Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. W. L. Hall, of Hillsboro; secretary, Mrs. W. D. Burwell, of Henderson, secretary of educational departments, Miss Ella Hall, of Charlotte; united offering custodian, Mrs. H. G. Cooper, of Oxford; secretary department social service, Mrs. J. S. Holmes, Chapel Hill.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES GIVEN AT THE WAGE HEARING

Startling disclosures were made by the United States Railway labor board at the investigation in Chicago last week.

Negro women, washing windows for railway companies, get \$120 a month in the South, while postal employees get only \$116 to \$125, witness declared. Other cited statistics from the South and the West show that firemen get \$200 per month and track hands \$150 per month. It was shown that wages in some of the important industries was only half of that paid on the railroads.

CHANGE OF TAX LISTER FOR TALLY HO TOWNSHIP

Owing to the serious illness of Mr. E. E. Bullock, he will be unable to list the taxes in Tally Ho. Mr. J. M. Bullock will take the list.

His address and home is Stem, N. C. W. P. STRADLEY, County Supervisor.

TOWN CONVENTION

For the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Mayor and Commissioners for the Town of Oxford, a Convention, or mass meeting, will be held in the Court House Friday night, April 29th, at 9 P. M.

Democratic Voters, men and ladies, are urged to be present.

W. LANDIS, CHM. Dem. Ex-Com.

Change Of Hour.

On account of the organ recital at the Methodist church Friday night at 8 o'clock, the Town Convention will be held at 9 o'clock, immediately after the recital instead of 8 o'clock as advertised in last week's issue.

OXFORD'S GAS RATE IS AS HIGH AS THE HIGHEST IN THE STATE

Commissioner Maxwell States That He Can Find No Justification For the Oxford and Henderson Rate Being Higher Than Goldsboro, New Bern and Washington, N. C.

The decrease in gas rates in sixteen North Carolina cities and towns ranging from 10 to 35 cents per thousand feet, which was ordered by the Corporation Commission last week, the following gross rates per thousand for the first 10,000 feet will be effective as of April 1:

Winston-Salem, \$1.95; reduced from \$2.30.
Raleigh, \$1.95; reduced from \$2.50.
Durham, \$1.95; reduced from \$2.30.
Charlotte, \$1.85; reduced from \$2.10.
Wilmington, \$2.05; reduced from \$2.35.
New Bern, \$2.35; reduced from \$2.50.
Elizabeth City, \$2.40; reduced from \$2.59.
Henderson, \$2.50; reduced from \$2.59.
Oxford, \$2.50; reduced from \$2.60.
High Point, Salisbury, Spencer and East Spencer, \$2.10; reduced from \$2.35.
Greensboro, \$1.95; reduced from \$2.10.
Goldsboro, \$2.35; reduced from \$2.60.
Washington, \$2.35; reduced from \$2.60.

The gross rate per thousand feet for gas consumed in excess of ten thousand cubic feet shall be 20 cents less than the rate charged for the first ten thousand.

The minimum charge in all cases shall be \$1.50 per month. Commissioner Maxwell filed a concurring statement with the order as to all the rates except those applicable to Wilmington, Elizabeth City, Oxford and Henderson.

"I can find no justification for the rates for the three latter cities higher than the rates named for Goldsboro, New Bern, and Washington."

WHO WROTE THE LETTER?

It Was Evidently The Work Of a Joke-Smith.

Some one recently secured a business envelope and letterhead from the Farmers Hardware Company at Virginia and wrote something about the North Carolina marriage law and mailed it to the Public Ledger, which was signed by the Farmers' Hardware Company. In reference to the communication, which was published April 22, Mr. R. B. Loyd, the very able and pleasant manager of the Farmer's Hardware Company, under date of April 23, sends the following explanation:

Mr. Loyd's Letter.

"We notice an article in your issue of April 22nd, signed by The Farmers Hardware Co., expressing indignation concerning the marriage laws of your State. We beg to say that this is either an error or someone has endeavored to play a joke on us, as we are not interested in the marriage laws of any State, further than hoping that this ancient custom will continue; nor have we authorized anyone to place our signature to such an article.

"We would thank you to correct this, not as we are offended, but we are strictly in the Hardware Business, and do not anticipate establishing a Matrimonial Bureau."

EXPERT ORGANIST IN RECITAL AT OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, of Middletown Conn., will give an organ recital in the Methodist Church Friday, April 29th, at 8 P. M. and on Sunday, May 1st, at 5 P. M.

This is the third visit of this great organist to Oxford. Come out, bring your friends and don't forget to bring along a silver offering as he comes under a heavy guarantee.

DIVIDENDS WILL BE PAID ON WAR RISK INSURANCE

Washington, April 25.—Dividends ranging from \$1.04 to \$7.50 on each thousand dollars of government insurance will be paid June 1 to holders of one and two-year converted policies, it was announced by Director Cholmeley-Jones at the War Risk Bureau.

MRS. W. H. OSBORN ENDOWS ROOM AT BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL FOR CHARITY PATIENTS

Those Of the County Who Are Not Able To Pay Will Be Entitled to Receive the Benefits Of the Bequest Made To the Memory of the Late Col. W. H. Osborn.

While in Oxford recently Mrs. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, paid a visit to Brantwood Hospital and was highly pleased with the institution and the scope of the work being carried on there.

After inspecting the hospital and noting the care and attention bestowed upon patients and the careful business methods of the institution, Mrs. Osborn informed the managers, Doctors Watkins, Thomas and Bullock, that she desired to endow a room to the memory of her husband, the late Col. W. H. Osborn.

"I will endow the room in honor of Mr. Osborn because he loved the people of Oxford and Granville county," said Mrs. Osborn, "and if he was living I know that he would appreciate my effort to help those of his native county who cannot help themselves."

Dr. Bullock today announced that the room endowed by Mrs. Osborn will be ready early in May. He stated that this room will be used for the treatment of all patients free who are not able to pay for medical attention. The doctors of the county, he said, will be at liberty to send all such patients to the charity room at Brantwood and they will be treated free of charge in accordance with the expressed wishes of Mrs. Osborn.

BLAIR SECURES HARDEST PLACE IN WASHINGTON

Prohibition Enforcement Has Made Many Gray Hairs.—Anti-Saloon League Beating Up Sentiment For An Anti-Beer Law and Expects To Get It.

"David H. Blair, the Winston-Salem man who was last week appointed Commissioner of Revenue," says the Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, "will soon be an older and wiser man. The job he sought after and secured is the hardest in Washington. Prohibition enforcement has made gray hairs in many heads within 18 months."

Hard Place To Fill.

If the republicans do not transfer that task to the department of justice Winston-Salem will not know Mr. Blair when he returns there after his service in the bureau of internal revenue. Col. W. H. Osborn virtually worked himself to death there. Daniel C. Roper had enough courage to quit before he broke down. His successor was glad to get out. Pestered by newspaper men, brewers, distillers, anti-saloon leaguers and many other varieties of human beings the commissioner of internal revenue has but little time for anything but work.

Druggist Oppose Beer.

"The argument to be made to Congress is that druggists, the only people who can handle beer, have never kept it in stock, and do not consider it as medicine. To bolster their position the dry leaders, through the responsive nationwide organization of the anti-saloon league, are beating up sentiment for an anti-beer law. "The druggists," said Mr. Wheeler, "are determined to free themselves from the odium which would attach to their drug stores as beer joints. The undue haste on the part of the liquor interests to have the beer regulations issued at once should not meet with favor."

"It is not done for the purpose of supplying a legitimate need, but to discredit prohibition. Most of the physicians are resenting the movement and the druggists, the only ones who can sell the beer for medicinal purposes are opposed to it."

GRADUATE VOICE RECITAL

Mrs. Woodall Presents Miss Hazel Thompson, Assisted By Mr. George Moor, Tenor.

At 8:30 o'clock Friday evening, April 29, in the chapel at Oxford College, Mrs. Woodall will present Miss Hazel Thompson in graduate voice recital.

Miss Thompson will be assisted by Mr. George Moor, tenor. The program is classical and most interesting.

Mrs. Woodall extends a cordial welcome to the friends of the college to be present.

ELIZABETH CITY SHIPS FIRST CARLOAD PEAS

Norfolk, Va., April 25.—Elizabeth City shipped her first carload of early garden peas Wednesday, April 20. There were 347 baskets in the car and they went on sale on the New York market Saturday morning.

South Carolina peas sold on the New York market last Friday for \$4.50 a basket. The Eastern Carolina growers hope to realize the same price.

—The Julian S. Carr medal, highest oratorical prize open to members of the junior class at the University of North Carolina has been won by Thomas L. Warren, of Lenoir, who spoke on the subject "Liberty and the Blue Laws."

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT THE GRAVE OF PRIVATES OAKLEY AND WEST

The Remains Of Thomas L. Oakley Rest In Elmwood Cemetery, and the Remains Of Tenny B. West At Mt. Creek Church.

The bodies of Private Thomas L. Oakley and Tenny B. West, who fell in France, reached here last Saturday morning and were escorted to the undertaking establishment of Upchurch & Currier, where a large number of people viewed the caskets during the day.

The ceremony at the court house one week ago, when the remains of Eakes, Clark and Elliott lay in state, was also for Oakley and West. Nevertheless, the same reverence for these two heroes was paid to their memory again last Sunday.

Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock the remains of Thomas L. Oakley were escorted from the undertaking establishment of Upchurch & Currier to Elmwood Cemetery by a detail of ex-service men under the command of Capt. E. E. Fuller.

The religious service, conducted by Pastor C. A. Upchurch, was very impressive. Gen. B. S. Royter, who had known Private Oakley, followed him to his last resting place and paid a tender and loving tribute to his memory. A detail of eight men fired three volleys and taps was sounded by Ewing Smith, a former bugler of the Granville Grays.

Returning from Elmwood, the remains of Tenny B. West were escorted to Mt. Creek Church, where the same service as that to the memory of Private Oakley was held.

The floral tribute to the memory of the two fallen heroes was beautiful, and a large number of people witnessed the last sad rite.

HENDERSON CHILD ELECTROCUTED SATURDAY

The Consumers Of Electric Current In Oxford Experienced a Shut Down.

Shortly after the current was turned on in Oxford last Saturday morning all machinery driven by electricity came to a dead standstill, and we were at a loss to know what caused the shut-down until Sunday morning, when we learned that Sidney Clopton, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clopton, was accidentally electrocuted in South Henderson at the hour the current went off in Oxford.

The Henderson correspondent of the News and Observer says: "The Clopton boy and Tom Collins, about the same age, were playing near the Clopton home around the pole that supports the heavy wires running from the sub-station. The Clopton boy seems to have taken hold of the ground wire which came loose from top of pole falling over on one of the feed wires, carrying sixty thousand volts which killed the child instantly."

"Seeing her helpless child, Mrs. Clopton rushed to his rescue, and when within about 10 feet of the pole the current was so great it knocked her down, rendering her unconscious and for several minutes she and her son lay in the power of the deadly current."

"Her neighbors were unable to go to her until someone could run to the substation about three hundred yards away to have current cut off during which time the ground wire had tripped the switch in Raleigh and the switch was thrown in again. Not knowing the trouble the switch was thrown in a second time in Raleigh, sending the sixty thousand volts through the child's body a second time and kept the neighbors, who stood by, from going to their rescue."

WANTS RAILROAD RATES REDUCED

Farm Bureau Federation Outlines Legislative Program.

Washington, April 23.—Repeal of the guaranty section of the transportation act, reduction in railroad rates, equal protection for agriculture under the tariff, an adequate credit facilities for agriculture was announced today as the legislative program which the American Farm Bureau federation will recommend to Congress as an aid to farmers.

Attention of Congress also was directed to the "center" of food production of the United States as being "somewhere" in the Mississippi Valley, while the center of consumption is in the populous areas of the East "many hundreds of miles away." Ocean freight rates from competing countries to the consuming centers were declared to be much lower "than the exorbitant and increasing freight rates from our farms to our own consumers."

The program was formulated by the executive committee of the federation after a two-week conference here.

Mr. E. E. Bullock Sick.

Mr. E. E. Bullock, bookkeeper at the Granville Warehouse last season, was taken sick and rushed to Brantwood Hospital Sunday afternoon. He is a very sick man and it is practically certain that his recovery will be slow.