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## WORK ON THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

One is impressed with the immense size of the building and the strength and durability of the foundation.

All its hustle and bustle on the new high school grounds where the Byrum Hunt Company is erecting a school building of immense proportions that will be a shining light in this community for generations.

The outside and inner walls of the basement have been completed. At a glance it would seem that the foundation covers half of an acre, the most of it being graded to a depth of nine feet. One is impressed with the strength and durability of the walls and superior quality of brick and other materials going into the building.

The Oxford postoffice is said to be the most substantial building here, but our new high school building will not only be as strong but the handsomest building in Oxford—much prettier than the graded school building on College street.

The Byrum Hunt Company has made better headway on the building than was believed possible. They have a large force of hands and there seems to be no scarcity of material.

## ANGELS WITH FLAMING SWORDS

Are To Stand Guard Along Highway To Prevent Uglification Of Bankhead Turnpike By Advertising Signs—Lady Commissioners to be Appointed.

(W. T. Post, in Greensboro News.) Angels with flaming swords, rhetorically, are to be stationed along the Bankhead highway in every State of the Union which the turnpike traverses, and their purpose is to beat back the devils of uglification who decorate the polished speedway across the continent.

This was determined at the meeting of the board of directors of the Bankhead Highway commission last week.

It was the women who gave the convention yesterday its largest interest. They met, a very small coterie of them, with Mrs. Jacksie Daniels Thrash presiding, and asked what would it profit a great nation to build a billion-dollar road across the continent only to lose its soul? They fancied their ugly brothers decorating the greatest thoroughfare south of the Milky Way with shoe signs, ni-beer, Bull tobacco and all inartistic devices which the masculine can evolve. Whereupon they met and resolved positively against the base uses of the highway for advertising purposes. They did not indicate what they would do. Perhaps they would stamped all the State Legislature into passing a law against the signboard along the route. But President Bennehan Cameron, of the Bankhead association, is resourceful. He will appoint him an angel in every State, the official position of the female seraph being "lady commissioner."

## CHARLOTTE TO PULL OFF ANOTHER BIG STUNT

Oxford Should Be Represented In the "Made In Carolinas" Exposition.

There is to be held in Charlotte this fall the first "Made in Carolinas" Exposition ever attempted. Oxford can furnish a number of attractions that would be a credit to the exposition, and already some of the local manufacturers have expressed their willingness to "show up" Oxford in the "Made in Carolinas" Exposition.

According to The Observer, "the exposition will be staged in a building having at least one hundred feet of floor space and the quickest response is being given from manufacturers of both States.

"The mineral interests, the tobacco manufacturing interests, the cheese industries, the cotton seed oil industries, the cotton fabrics industries, the clay and stone industries, the woodworking and lumbering and furniture interests, the food producing interests and the manufacturers of novelties and drugs and a dozen and one specialties will be represented."

## SHORTAGE TOBACCO PLANTS REPORTED IN EAST CAROLINA

Farmers Being Urged To Make High Grade Tobacco.

The Kinston Free Press: "There is reported to be a shortage of tobacco plants in some localities in the lower part of the belt. Recent heavy rains 'drowned' large numbers of plants, while low temperatures took toll of theirs. Prospects last month was for plentiful supplies. The shortage is not general, however, and many districts are supposed to have ample supplies for the short crop to be planted. Thorough soil preparation is expected to insure a crop of excellent quality locally. Tobaccoists are urging planters to make as good a crop as possible in order to offset expected low prices for leaf of poor quality."

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

## GRANVILLE COUNTY STATE LIBRARY. MONDAY. IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS

The National Highway Through Granville Will Be One Of The First Projects Taken Up.

The Granville County Road Commission, composed of Col. W. B. Ballou, Dr. E. T. White and John G. Morton, have been in consultation with the State Commission at Raleigh this week.

The commission held a long session Tuesday but did not get in touch with the governor. It heard five different delegations offering money for immediate construction of state roads through five counties, these being: Granville, Beaufort, Columbus, Duplin and Caldwell.

Nothing definite was promised any of the delegations presenting claims. Former Speaker Brummitt was there for the Granville crowd.

## The Maps Are Here.

County maps of the roads that the Commission plans to take over under the State system have been mailed to the Board of Commissioners in 77 counties, and maps of the other 23 are in process of preparation. The maps require the approval of the county authorities within 6 days after they are submitted, or notice of rejection, which will bring them back before the full commission for discussion.

## Road Ready For Contract.

Chairman Page has ready several hundred miles of road ready to be let to contract, and contractors waiting to begin work as soon as the formalities of advertising for bids, and selecting the low or most satisfactory bidder have been observed.

## Central Highway.

The News and Observer speaks of the Wednesday meeting of the commission as follows: "Immediate construction of the missing links in that part of the Central Highway lying within the Fourth Highway district was ordered by the State Highway Commission yesterday and as soon as plans can be completed the work will begin. The road will be standard width, concrete construction, and will make the longest stretch of hard surface road completed in the State.

"Beginning at the western line of Alamance county, a few hundred feet east of the town limits of Mebane, the road will extend in an unbroken stretch of concrete through Hillsboro, Durham, Raleigh, to the Johnston county line. Plans are under way for the continuation of the road through the Second and Fifth districts at an early date, and a year hence the road will probably be upwards to 200 miles long.

"Connecting at Durham with the six miles of road already built, the road will continue eastward by way of Morrisville, connecting with the concrete road at Cary, and following the Garner road eastward from the capital to Johnston county line. The road is planned through Alamance county, to Greensboro to connect with the present asphalt road from Greensboro to High Point. Connecting roads will be rushed to completion to Chapel Hill, thereby connecting the State University with the highway.

"Conference between the Commission and the Governor and Council of State yesterday morning brought the two departments of the State administration into full accord and agreement, with the result that the Commission now has the formal assurance of money as fast as the roads can be built. As the matter stood at the end of the conference, the Commission is to proceed as rapidly as possible to build such roads in such places as its judgment prompts, and the Governor and Council of State will furnish the money."

## NEVER TOO OLD TO RUN

Harry St. George Tucker Suggests a Foot Race To Decide the Nomination For Governor Of Virginia.

Harry St. George Tucker is best remembered as the president of the Jamestown Exposition and twice defeated candidate for governor of Virginia. He is 69 years old and is in the running again. In a statement at Lynchburg he announced that he is willing to meet State Senator E. Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, his opponent for the Democratic nomination for governor, in a foot race of 200 yards and let the winner take the nomination. He first made the challenge in speeches in Mecklenburg county recently, in reply to charges by his opponent that he is too old for governor.

## OFFICERS BOWLING AND CLARK SAW ECLIPSE OF MOON

A total eclipse of the moon occurred early Friday morning and was visible here, it being witnessed by Bowling and Clark of the police force and others who happened to be out at that time. The eclipse was only seen at times, for it was partly cloudy, the elements clearing enough at intervals to enable the spectators to get a glimpse of the rare sight. The earth's shadow, reflected by the sun, began covering the moon at 1:03, the eclipse becoming total at 2:24, the totality lasting until 3:05 the shadow then gradually diminishing, disappearing entirely at 4:25.

## (X) EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE EVENING HOUR

—This evening at 8:30 o'clock 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.

—Dr. Minor C. Biddwa, of Middleton, Conn., will give an organ recital in the Oxford Methodist Church this evening at 8 o'clock, and on Sunday, May 1, at 5 p. m. Silver offering.

—The town election will be held in the court house tonight at 9 o'clock.

—The feature at the Orpheum this evening at 7:30 and 9 o'clock is "The Restless Sex."

—The skating contest at the Banner Warehouse is scheduled for 8 o'clock this evening.

—Big social gathering at West Oxford school building this evening at 7:45.

## THE OXFORD TEAM IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL CAROLINA LEAGUE

Henderson Gets Opening Game With Oxford At Henderson May 6.

The schedule of games of baseball to be played during the coming summer in the new "Central Carolina League," has been announced.

On July 4 West Durham plays Henderson in the morning and Oxford in the afternoon.

## The Schedule For May.

May 6th Henderson at Oxford  
May 7th Oxford at Henderson  
May 9th Open Date  
May 10th Open Date  
May 11th Henderson at Oxford  
May 12th Open Date  
May 13th Oxford at Henderson  
May 14th Henderson at Durham  
May 16th Open Date  
May 17th Henderson at Oxford  
May 18th Oxford at Henderson  
May 19th Open Date  
May 20th Open Date  
May 21st Durham at Henderson  
May 23rd Open Date  
May 24th Open Date  
May 25th Henderson at Oxford  
May 26th Open Date  
May 27th Oxford at Henderson  
May 28th Open Date  
May 29th Open Date  
May 30th Open Date  
May 31st Open Date

## Between Henderson and Oxford.

Sept. 5th Oxford at Henderson  
Sept. 6th Henderson at Oxford  
Sept. 7th Oxford at Henderson  
Sept. 8th Henderson at Oxford  
Sept. 9th Oxford at Henderson  
Sept. 10th Henderson at Oxford  
Sept. 12th Oxford at Henderson

## Other Dates.

Roxboro, So. Hill and West Durham dates will be announced later.

## NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

—Governor Morrison appoints W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte banker, on the state highway commission to succeed Word H. Wood, resigned.

—The state highway commission, after a long conference with Governor Morrison and the council of state, is ready to spend \$10,000,000 in road building this year.

—Confirmation of David H. Blair for commissioner of internal revenue is held up in the senate by Hiram Johnson, in a spirit of revenge for what happened at the Chicago convention.

—A tornado hit the town of Braxton, Miss., Tuesday afternoon and demolished every business house except the bank. Braxton is a town of 600 inhabitants on the Gulf and Ship Island railroad.

—The cold windy weather of the last two weeks has caused the farmers of Robeson much trouble in getting a "stand" to tobacco. The acreage has been reduced somewhat from last year.

—The first ripe cherries of the season were brought to Raleigh Saturday by Lyman D. Goodwin. He gathered them from the farm of his father, I. T. Goodwin, Raleigh, route 6.

—The town of Hobbog, a few miles from Stotland Neck will hold an election in the near future to determine whether or not the town limits shall be enlarged.

—The ultimate total indemnity which Germany agrees to pay the allies is 200,000,000,000 gold marks, as against 226,000,000,000 demanded by the allies in their Paris terms.

—State college trustees elect Dr. Clarence Poe chairman and name a building commission to proceed with the expenditure of \$300,000 for new buildings.

—W. S. Lee, of Charlotte, is elected president of the Piedmont & Northern railroad to succeed the late Z. V. Taylor, who died recently.

—Three hundred doctors attending the state medical society's convention at Pinehurst this week. Dr. W. S. Rankin was again elected secretary of the state board of health and state health officer to succeed himself.

—A severe hail storm visited Salisbury section Wednesday doing much damage to growing crops.

## FOREIGN NATIONS OWE THE UNITED STATES TWENTY BILLION DOLLARS

Congress Will Be Asked To Expand This Money On Good Roads.

The World's debt to the United States is now approaching the gigantic total of \$20,000,000,000, a sum sufficient to pay all the running expenses of the government for five years, reports of the commerce and treasury departments show.

The National Good Roads Convention and the Bankhead Highway meeting held in Greensboro last week adopted a resolution asking Congress to devote ten billion dollars of this money to roads, believing that such a plan would directly benefit the most people.

The world is increasing its debt monthly through an increase in the foreign trade balance. Part of the money is due the United States government, while the remainder is on the credit side of American citizens—exporters, manufacturers and business men. Foreign governments now owe this government nearly \$13,000,000,000.

The interest on the world's debt, at 5 per cent per year, amounts to nearly \$1,000,000,000. This is the amount which the government is now paying out each year in interest to holders of Liberty bonds the Victory notes.

Despite this large credit in favor of the United States, mostly a paper credit so far, this country now has within its borders slightly more than \$3,000,000,000 in gold. This is approximately one-third of all the gold in the world.

## FRANK LINNEY'S NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SURE

Will Be Sent In Within Next Ten Days Despite Opposition Of Negro Association.

H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "Frank A. Linney will be nominated for a district attorney in the face of opposition from the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored Race, and regardless of his aspirations to succeed Judge Jeter C. Pritchard."

"The nomination will be sent in within the next week or ten days. It would have been made earlier had it not been for the protests of the negroes who charged him with conspiring to deprive them of their rights at the ballot box last fall. The attorney general and the President desired to give the colored people an opportunity to be heard."

## ORGANIZATION OF HENDERSON'S BIG TOBACCO COMPANY

(Henderson Daily Dispatch.)

Mr. C. D. Riggan announces the organization and incorporation of the Farming Leaf Tobacco Company with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000. The officers are: C. D. Riggan, Pres., and general manager, R. J. Corbitt, Vice Pres., S. T. Peace, Treas., and C. M. Cooper, Sec., all well known and successful business men of Henderson.

This company owns the High Price Warehouse, Riggan Opera House, and Farmers Leaf Tobacco Company formerly the C. A. Lewis Tobacco Company recently appraised by the American Appraised Company of Milwaukee at \$250,000 valuation of property, real estate and fixtures not including the C. A. Lewis Tobacco Company plant which is valued at \$150,000.

## ANOTHER "DEATH FARM" SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND IN GEORGIA

Atlantic, Ga., April 28.—Evidence to the effect that another "death farm" has been discovered in South Georgia is in the hands of United States District Attorney Hooper Alexander.

Attorney Alexander today refused to divulge the names of the parties connected with the alleged "death farm," he declared that enough evidence had not been collected as yet for him to make any statement whatever in regard to the case. Federal authorities are using the utmost secrecy in their efforts to gather additional evidence.

It is known that since the conviction of John S. Williams, proprietor of the celebrated "death farm" in Jasper county department of justice officials have concentrated an investigation of peonage conditions in south Georgia.

## ARMY BILL PROVIDES FOR FORCE OF 168,000.

Washington, April 28.—An army of 158,000 is provided for in the army appropriation bill reported by the house appropriation committee. The total is \$331,072,159 which is \$15,631,747 less than the bill which failed last season providing for an army of 158,000 men.

## THE RETAIL PRICE OF GASOLINE HAS BEEN REDUCED

Detroit, April 28.—The Standard Oil Company of Indiana reduced the retail price of gasoline by three cents here today. The new price is 22 9-10 cents. The cut also applies to refined oils and naphtha.

## POSTAL ROBBERIES OF PAST YEAR TOTALED ABOUT SIX MILLIONS

Any One Who Captures A Train Robber Will Get \$5,000.

Washington, April 28.—Postal robberies during the last year totaled more than \$6,000,000, Postmaster General Hays announced today. Of this about \$3,500,000 has been recovered.

Hayes made his statement in connection with the announcement that the distribution of 1600 automatic pistols and 200 riot guns and about a million pounds of ammunition to postal employees had just been completed.

Postal employers or any other person bringing in a traitor robber will get a \$5,000 reward, Hays said.

## MR. J. P. CURRIN, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEAD

Was On the Streets Of Oxford A Few Hours Before the End Came.

Mr. J. P. Currin, a veteran of the War Between the States, died at his home near Wilton last Tuesday night. He was a noble citizen and carried his age well. He was on the streets of Oxford Tuesday evening a few hours before his death. While standing in front of the Acme hardware store he shook hands with Mr. J. M. Baird. He was with Dr. Morris and his son-in-law, Mr. John B. Elliott, and suggested to them that it was about time to drive home.

Speaking of Mr. Currin, Mr. B. I. Breddlove said: "Well do I remember the day when Comrade Currin and I marched away to war. I saw much of him during the long struggle, and he proved to be a brave, true and noble soldier."

Mr. Currin was a native of Northern Granville, and moved to South Granville, near Wilton, only a few years ago. He married a Miss Elliott, who survives. The union was blessed by several noble sons and daughters. The remains of Mr. Currin were laid to rest at Mt. Creek Church Thursday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. George T. Tunstall.

## "BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY" IS GOOD ADVICE

The Rockingham County Farmers Will Greatly Cut Tobacco Acreage This Year.

The Reidsville Review is gratified to note a strong tendency among the tobacco farmers of Rockingham, Caswell and adjoining counties to greatly cut the tobacco acreage this year. The Review says:

"Many tobacco raisers have expressed themselves strongly in favor of curtailment recently, and we are sure that they are fully informed now as to the importance of curtailing production this year. There is undoubtedly a serious shortage of plants owing to the ravages of flies which will help towards holding down the plantings. We understand, too, the tobacco warehouses of almost every market will not make advances or loans to tobacco raisers this year. The warehousemen are keenly alive to the fact that a full crop of the weed this year means disaster to the whole trade and they would indeed be pursuing a shortsighted policy to help increase production by making loans to the tobacco raisers.

"Farmers have been thoroughly informed as to the surplus stocks of tobacco on hand and trade conditions at this time and if they persist in disregarding warnings as to overproduction they will have no one to blame but themselves if the tobacco markets go to pieces next fall. We hope they will play safe this year. Plant only what tobacco can be carefully cultivated and be sure to raise plenty of food crops."

## COMMUNITY SOCIAL AT WEST OXFORD TONIGHT

Everything is in readiness for the big social to be held in West Oxford Graded School building tonight at 7:45 o'clock. The following is the program:

1. Opportunity for social betterment at West Oxford—Mr. R. H. Lewis.
  2. Religious opportunities in our community—Pastors E. H. Black and C. A. Upchurch.
  3. Privileges and opportunities of parents—Supt. D. F. Lanier.
  4. Play of pleasure—Miss May Reynolds, of Raleigh, who is trained play leader.
- Others on the program are well known Oxford people. There will be music, games and refreshments.

## HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS READY FOR THE CROWD

The Opening Game Of the Central Carolina Baseball League Will Be Played Here Friday, May 6.

The athletic field on the new high school property on Williamsboro street has received the finishing touches. The Oxford and Henderson teams of the Central Carolina League will play the first official game of the series there on Friday afternoon, May 6.

By virtue of the location and pleasant surroundings the attendance will be much longer than on former occasions.

—More than 175,000 unionized marine engineers, firemen and seamen threaten to strike May 1 in protest against wage cuts.

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## LICENSE TAX ON CARS INCREASED BY NEW LAW

It is not generally known in this section that under the new State highway law, enacted by the last Legislature, the license tax on automobiles was considerably increased. For instance, last year a Ford car license cost \$10, while under the new law this year it will be \$12.50. Ford trucks last year paid \$12.50; this year it is \$25, exactly double last year's price.

The schedule of prices for license on cars and trucks, as taken from the new law, follows:

- 24 h. p. or less, \$12.50 per year.
  - Over 24 h. p. and not more than 30 h. p. \$20 per year.
  - More than 30 h. p. and less than 35 h. p., \$30 per year.
  - 35 h. p. or more, \$40 per year.
- Trucks with carrying capacity less than 1,000 pounds, \$12.50.  
1,000 pounds and under one ton, \$15.00.

- One ton and under two tons, \$25.
  - Two tons and under 3 tons \$75.
  - Three tons and under 4 tons \$200.
  - Four tons and over, \$300.
- On all trailers \$15 per ton carrying capacity.  
\$5 on each motorcycle, and \$5 for each motorcycle side-car.  
Registration fee and first five plates, \$25.  
Each additional plate, \$25.

## NOTHING HEARD OF LOST MAN

Strange Disappearance Of L. C. Bickett Casts Pall Of Gloom Over Newton.

Newton, April 27.—The strange disappearance of L. C. Bickett, brother of former Gov. T. W. Bickett, has cast a pall of gloom over Newton and not for years has the town been so stirred up.

Mr. Bickett was a man of lovable disposition and was universally liked here. He is married but has no children and it is generally known that his home life has been beautiful and that true hospitality was administered there as in the old days. His residence is one of the most beautiful in the city.

There is no doubt in the mind of those acquainted with Mr. Bickett that he was mentally deranged when he left the city and they believe that he is wandering around somewhere suffering from the pains that are racking his body.

## FIFTY MILLION SIGN PETITION TO PRESENT TO CONGRESS

It Has Been Largely Signed By the People Of Granville.

Petitions sent out by the Tobacco Merchants of the United States are being circulated in Granville for signatures to be presented to Congress protesting against further imposition on the trade for additional taxes. In all 400,000 petitions are being circulated throughout the country and a maximum of 5,000,000 signatures are expected to be sent in.

—North Carolina is not the only state with which President Harding is having trouble over patronage. In every state rival factions are contending for the advantage.