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A WRONG THAT SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED

The Patrons of the Oxford Postoffice are deprived of their mail for hours by Executive Order.

Along about the time Postmaster General Hays took the oath of office, an executive order was received here to close and lock the doors of the postoffice at nine o'clock at night, the execution of which excluded patrons from their lock boxes.

It was stated at the time the order was issued that it was done with a view of cutting down the running expenses and to shut out the tramps and vagrants who frequented the warm lobby at all hours of the night.

There can be no objection to the intent of the order, but so far as Oxford is concerned it is entirely out of place and uncalled for.

You could not find in a day's travel a more generous and accommodating force than those who handle the mail at the Oxford postoffice, and by this we include Postmaster B. K. Lassiter and all the force down the line to Jess, the janitor. All of these public servants are glad to confer a favor on the patrons of the office at any and all times, but when the hour of 9 o'clock arrives they must obey the executive order from on high and lock the front door of the office and turn out the lights in the lobby.

It frequently happens that the Seaboard evening mail is late. In that event the doors are closed and the lights extinguished before the mail is distributed in the lock boxes.

It is generally believed that Will Hays is the best Postmaster General we have had in a long time. He has already inaugurated many improvements in the service, and it is just like Mr. Hays to lift the executive closing order here as soon as he learns that we are not bothered with tramps and vagabonds, and that the patrons are barred from their lock boxes on account of a thing that does not exist.

Congressman Stedman will call on Postmaster General Hays in a few days and explain the situation to him and request him to lift the executive order so that the patrons of Oxford postoffice will have access to their lock boxes at all hours of the night, and here is what we imagine the Postmaster General will say to the North Carolinian Congressman:

"Major, I am very glad you called. I have a very high regard for the people of Oxford and I shall write Postmaster Lassiter and tell him to let the front door of the office stand open all night. By the way, Major, how is Brother Ben getting along? He has been a very efficient postmaster, and I hope to retain him in the service."

SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Dr. F. P. Hobgood Recognizes the Superior Qualities of the Women.

In view of the work done by the good women of the town in beautifying it and making it the admiration of all visitors, and in view of their successful efforts in improving the health conditions, and in view of their interest in the proper government of the town, as evidenced by their large attendance at the mass meeting last Friday evening, it seems to me obligatory on the board of commissioners to make some recognition of their claims. This the Board can safely do by placing two or more on the Board of Trustees of the Graded School. This kind of work is eminently within their domain.

Now I do not know how many, if any, of the present board will decline reelection. But the terms of two expire in a short time. These can do the gracious—even the gallant thing by declining the reelection which will doubtless be offered to them, in favor of the women.

Surely there can be found two who will meet the requirements of the position.

F. P. HOBGOOD.

THE NEW CITY WELL ON HANCOCK STREET

Now At a Depth of Four Hundred Feet.

The city supply well on Hancock street is nearing completion. When they began to sink the well last fall they struck rock at the depth of seven feet and have been drilling in rock ever since. Several drills have been broken and the work greatly hindered.

The contractors informs the Public Ledger that they have reached a depth of about 400 feet. So far they have struck two streams of water affording 20 gallons per minute. They will continue drilling until they get 100 or more gallons per minute, which they hope to obtain within the next three weeks.

Asked if they hoped to drill through the rock, the contractor said that the geologists had informed him that Oxford sits on a solid rock four hundred miles thick.

An automobile, the property of Rev. T. A. Sikes, associate editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was stolen from in front of the West Market Street Methodist church, Greensboro, while Mr. Sikes was attending service. The car was recovered in Winston-Salem and two men were arrested charged with stealing it.

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

THE FUMES OF TOBACCO DO NOT WARD OFF THE GERM OF INFLUENZA

It is Strange That Not One Of the Six Hundred Negroes Who Worked Day and Night At the Imperial Tobacco Plant During the Epidemic Did Not Contract the Disease.

When the epidemic of influenza was raging here two or three years ago and the people were dying by the score, the health officer closed up the churches, places of amusement and the tobacco warehouses as a precautionary measure. About the only place left open to do business where any considerable number of people gathered, was the Imperial Tobacco Company's big plant, where 600 colored people worked day and night, and strange to relate that not one of them contracted the disease.

It was generally believed that those who handled or used tobacco were immune from the disease, and as a consequence many men smoked and chewed incessantly who had previously used the weed in moderation.

Many people in this community will always believe that tobacco had something to do in warding off influenza, but the following item in the Scientific American seems to preclude any such idea:

"Strong tobacco smoke blown into glass cases containing small pieces of thin paper soaked in germ-cultures such as bacilli of cholera, influenza, diphtheria, typhoid fever and meningitis proved that tobacco smoke can effect only the weakest germs and then only after long exposure, the experiment showing no effect on the typhoid and diphtheria germs."

EAST CAROLINA FARMERS

Will Plant Less and Raise More Tobacco.

The Kinston Free Press says the infant tobacco belt in the lower north belt is in splendid shape where transplanting has been done.

Close observers here say that with eight or ten weeks of favorable weather the finest crop in history will be made within a radius of one hundred miles of Kinston. The quality will far surpass anything dreamed of in the early days of the weed's culture in this section, and will as a result of its texture and color bring good prices in spite of the hang-over from the 1918, 1919 and 1920 harvests still choking the warehouses and factories, it is predicted. The crop will be one of the smallest grown in the last ten years, however, owing to the many million pounds of leaf still awaiting consumption. Farmers are giving the new plants more attention than in any previous year with the hope of breaking the record for quality.

WOMAN'S PLEA FOR TEXAS WINS 1922 CONVENTION

If Texas Hogs Were One Big Hog, He Could Dig the Panama Canal in Three Months.

San Antonio, Texas, will have the next convention of the Methodist Women's Missionary Council because of the witty and fervid appeal of one of the Texan delegates. Following are some of her pleas in behalf of her home town and state:

"Texas occupies all of North America except a small part for the United States and Canada.

"Texas is so big that Brownsville people call citizens of Dallas Yankees.

"Chief occupation of Texans is to keep from making all money in the world.

"U. S. with Texas off would look like a three-legged Boston terrier.

"Texas alfalfa, if baled and piled into stairway, would reach to pearly gates.

"If Texas hogs were one big hog, he could dig the Panama canal in three months.

"If Texas steers were one big steer he would stand with one foot in Hudson Bay, another in Arctic ocean and his tail would brush mist from aurora borealis.

"Some state, I'll say."

RALEIGH DISTRICT QUOTAS FIXED FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

Granville County Quota Is \$22,025.

The Education Commission of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, meeting in Raleigh this week with Rev. H. M. North, educational secretary, apportioned to the nine districts of the conference their quota of the \$1,322,700 to be raised by the conference for the Christian Education Movement of the Southern Methodist Church. The quota of Raleigh District is as follows:

Edenton Street, Raleigh, \$25,000; Central, Raleigh, \$9,250; Epworth, Raleigh, \$1,265; Jenkins Memorial, Raleigh, \$1,960; Princeton, \$2,000; Creedmore, \$6,000; Milbrook, \$4,440; Garner, \$5,080; Tar River, \$4,550; Youngsville, \$3,500; Selma, \$5,160; Cary, \$6,000; Zebulon, \$6,660; Four Oaks, \$6,000; Kenly, \$5,000; Louisburg, \$10,000; Clayton, \$7,770; Oxford, \$12,000; Oxford Circuit, \$7,525; Smithfield, \$8,880; Franklinton, \$9,250.

OLD JOHN ROBINSON DEAD

Retired Circus Owner Victim of Chronic Bronchitis.

Miami, Fla., May 1.—John F. Robinson, retired circus owner, died at his winter home last night of chronic bronchitis. He was 77 years old.

MAYOR T. G. STEM AND THE OLD TOWN BOARD NOMINATED AND ELECTED

All Democratic Women, Whether Registered or Not, Were Permitted to Participate in the Town Convention.

Major Will Landis, Chairman of the Oxford Democratic Executive Committee, called the town convention to order in the court house last Friday evening for the purpose of nominating a mayor and seven commissioners. Practically all of the seats in the court room, with a sprinkling of ladies in the audience, were occupied when the gavel sounded.

The work of the convention was begun when Chairman Landis requested General B. S. Royster to take the chair and guide the convention through its deliberations. Desiring to recognize the ladies, Chairman Landis requested Misses Sadie Parham and Jeannette Biggs to escort the General to the chair. Preferring to dodge the lime-light, the two young ladies gracefully declined the honor with a smile. Messrs. B. F. Taylor and James Floyd escorted the General to the chair.

Major Stem Nominated.

When General Royster took the chair he stated the object of the convention and cleared the way for nominations in less than three minutes. Rev. J. D. Harte consumed four minutes in nominating Major Stem for Mayor; Mr. John W. Hester seconded the nomination in a three minutes' speech, and Major Stem accepted the nomination in a two minutes' speech. There being no further nominations for Mayor, the vote was taken by voice, and exactly 15 minutes after General Royster took the chair he announced that Major Stem was the unanimous choice of the convention.

Two Ladies Nominated.

When nominations for commissioners were in order, Dr. I. H. Davison arose and stated that he was about to do something that had never before been done in Oxford, and he proceeded to place in nomination Mrs. T. Lanier and Mrs. J. D. Brooks. Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., withdrew the name of Mrs. J. D. Brooks at her request, stating that she was not a candidate. The name of Mrs. T. Lanier was also withdrawn at her request.

Old Board Nominated.

Dr. E. T. White placed the old board in nomination, as follows: W. Z. Mitchell, W. A. McFarland, C. D. Ray, D. K. Taylor, W. T. Yancey, S. H. Prichard, John A. Williams. Others nominated were: Dr. G. S. Watkins, J. B. Powell, F. W. Hancock, Jr., and possibly others.

Free For All Vote.

The Chair stated that according to law and good usages only those who are qualified to vote in the municipal election are entitled to vote in the convention. "What is the pleasure of the convention?" inquired the Chair.

The Chair recognized Mr. Brummitt, who moved that all democrats present, whether qualified or not to vote in the municipal election, be permitted to participate in the nominating convention. This plan was used at former conventions and it expedited business declared Mr. Brummitt. The question was put and carried.

The Vote.

The Chair ruled that the seven receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the nominees. Ballot boxes were established on the table in the bar. The courtesy of voting first was extended to the ladies. The vote stood:

W. Z. Mitchell 122
W. R. McFarland 128
C. D. Ray 120
D. K. Taylor 125
W. T. Yancey 180
S. H. Prichard 101
John A. Williams 180

The Executive Committee.

At the close of the convention Major Will Landis was again elected chairman of the Oxford Democratic Executive Committee. The other two members elected are: Capt. John B. Mays, Jr., and R. K. Taylor.

Town Election.

Mayor Stem and the old board of commissioners having been nominated at the town election Friday night, there was very little interest manifested in voting at the town election Monday. There being only one ticket in the field the nomination was equivalent to election. Only 63 votes were cast.

NEW CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED ON ROUTE SEVEN

Interdenominational In Its Scope Of Activities.

The Interdenominational Church that is being erected on Oxford Route 7, is nearing completion and it is hoped that services can be held there next Sunday. Mr. Emphs Grissome gave the land on which the building is being erected.

The officers and teachers are as follows: Mr. Chas. Lewis, of Stovall, is superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mrs. Jim Cole and Mrs. M. L. Chewning are the teachers; Mr. Chas. Cole acting secretary.

The Union Sunday School literature is used, and it is hoped that a large Sunday school can be built up. The services are to be held every second Sunday and will be conducted by the different ministers of the county. Rev. S. R. Oglesby will hold services next Sunday afternoon.

A cordial welcome awaits you, and everyone will be made to feel at home.

FIRST TEN MILLION DOLLARS OF HIGHWAY MONEY GOES TO DISTRICTS

Granville County Is the Fourth District, Which Is Allotted \$1,120,400—Clifford Holder, Of Illinois Was Elected Chief Engineer At a Salary Of \$7,500.

Raleigh, N. C., May 2.—Selection of a chief and nine district engineers and the allotment of district quotas from the \$10,000,000 fund for road construction this year featured the closing hours of the session of the State Highway Commission here last week.

Chief Engineer.

Clifford Holder, of Illinois, has been elected chief engineer for the commission at a salary of \$7,500 and it is thought by Commissioner Page he will accept and report for duty at an early date.

The nine district commissioners, who will receive \$3,600 per annum, follow by districts:

First: J. C. Gardner, Raleigh, now with the commission.
Second: R. E. Snowden, Kinston.
Third: Will Morson, Raleigh now with the commission.
Fourth: F. E. Schnaefe, Durham at present Durham county engineer.
Fifth: John D. Waldrop, Greensboro.
Sixth: J. D. Pridgen, Raleigh now with the commission.
Seventh: C. E. Currie, now with the commission.
Eighth: H. E. Noell, Marion.
Ninth: Wythe M. Peyton, Asheville.

The Apportionment.

In round figures, the apportionment by districts of the ten million dollars the commission expects to spend within the ensuing year is as follows:

First	\$1,513,300
Second	\$1,157,100
Third	\$998,200
Fourth	\$1,120,400
Fifth	\$1,106,800
Sixth	\$1,371,000
Seventh	\$847,700
Eighth	\$962,500
Ninth	\$962,500

The Mileage.

These amounts are to be expended in the respective districts independent of the amount the state receives from federal aid funds and independent, also, of such money as may be expended by the counties for the construction of local roads. The mileage apportionment fixed by the commission, totalling more than 6,000 miles of "hard surfaced and other dependable highways" is as follows:

First district	812
Second district	627
Third district	581
Fourth district	652
Fifth district	703
Sixth district	717
Seventh district	603
Eighth district	603
Ninth district	650

DR. BALDWIN'S ORGAN RECITAL GREATLY ENJOYED

The music loving people of Oxford greatly enjoyed the organ recital given by Dr. Minor C. Baldwin of New York, in the Oxford Methodist Church last Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Dr. Baldwin has Sunday afternoon before and on each occasion was greeted by large numbers who thoroughly enjoyed the art of producing the exquisite sounds of which the fine organ at the Methodist Church is capable in the hands of the master.

During the intermission Miss Berte Hutchins, Oxford's gifted soprano, rendered several beautiful selections, assisted by Mrs. K. L. Street at the organ.

COHN & SON'S SPECIAL SALE WILL CONTINUE

On account of the immense business done by Cohn & Son they have decided to continue the big special sale. New goods are arriving daily and are being placed immediately on the tables. Patrons from Granville and four adjoining counties were shopping at Cohn & Son's one day last week and they were highly pleased with the bargains that were handed out to them.

It has been demonstrated that the best way to get people from a distance to visit Oxford is to put on a big sale like the one now being conducted by Cohn & Son. They have the goods and the prices are right. See the double page announcement of Cohn & Son in this paper.

The Road Commission.

The Granville County Road Commission and the road supervisors of the county were in consultation in the road commissioner's office yesterday.

FEDERAL OFFICERS KILL THREE NEGROES NEAR VIRGINIA STATE LINE

The Negroes Were On Guard At the Still and Fired On the Officers.

Three unidentified negroes were killed outright and six others wounded when a party of nine prohibition officers, headed by R. G. Gulley, of Raleigh, raided a monster distillery, six hundred yards beyond the Virginia line from Warren county Friday morning at 5 o'clock. None of the officers were wounded. The plant, with three stills of an aggregate capacity of 475 gallons, 22,000 gallons of beer and other property valued at \$7,500 were destroyed.

Notorious Negroes.

The plant was manned by seventeen negroes, most of them believed to be residents of the southern section of Wake county, with Hayes and Joe Baldwin, Apex negroes, fugitives from justice of the Wake county court in charge of the operations. Both the Baldwins escaped in a high powered automobile, carrying several of the wounded negroes with them. Altogether it is the largest distillery ever destroyed by North Carolina prohibition forces.

Negroes Fired First Shot.

The negroes who were killed were on guard at the still and fired on the party of eight revenue officers when they approached the plant. The officers returned the fire, and after a battle lasting several minutes, three of the negroes fell mortally wounded. During the shooting, twelve other men at the distillery succeeding in making their escape.

NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

France will proceed along to the evacuation of the Ruhr region in the event of failure to receive the support of her allies.

The total damage wrought by the hail and rain storm at Salisbury Wednesday is estimated at close to \$100,000.

The Buick automobile taken away from the son of Mr. D. O. Cowan, some weeks ago on the road near Winston-Salem, has been located at a town in Illinois.

A young white man registered at a Charlotte hotel the last two weeks is arrested on charge of robbery of passengers on sleeping cars out of Charlotte.

Annie Wiggins, said to have been more than a hundred years old and had lived all her life in Plymouth, died in that place a few days ago. She has a son living who is over 80 years old.

Rev. Tom P. Jimpson, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, at Winston-Salem, has announced that he would be a candidate for mayor of Twin City. Mr. Jimpson is a live wire and there will be something doing with his hat in the ring.

The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company has been awarded a clear title to the old courthouse property in Greensboro and plans now call for the erection of a 15-story office building.

The robbers who secured \$113,000 in gold currency and securities from the bank at Auburn, Ky., Tuesday, were caught near Brower, Ky., Saturday morning and stolen securities amounting to \$103,000 recovered.

Mrs. W. J. Macon, who had a son killed overseas during the world war, died suddenly of heart disease while attending a play put on by the American Legion in the opera house at Louisburg Thursday night. Mrs. Macon was 60 years old and highly thought of by all who knew her.

President Harding, addressing the officers of the Atlantic fleet gathered about him on the flagship Pennsylvania, after he reviewed the powerful armada in Hampton Roads, declares America wants only that which is righteously her own. "and by the eternals we mean to have that."

Thirteen penitentiary sentences were imposed and fines of from \$300 to \$3,000 were assessed by Judge Beverly D. Evans in the United States Court at Macon, Ga., Saturday morning on thirty-six of the defendants convicted and five pleading guilty in an alleged conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express Company of goods valued at more than \$1,000,000 while the company was under Government control.

Deputy Sheriff R. L. Flynt, of Kernersville, was shot through the body and perhaps mortally wounded and Deputy Sheriff J. T. Scott, brother-in-law of Sheriff George Flynt, was shot in the leg Saturday afternoon during a raid on a blockade whiskey plant near Rural Hall.

Lieuts. Joseph E. Virgin and Hardson J. Hartman, of the eighth aéro squadron, U. S. A., were killed Friday afternoon at Pope Field, Camp Bragg, in an accident to their airplane while descending from an altitude of 500 feet. The plane was dashed against a high pine tree and went into a nose dive.

Anna Edson Taylor, the only woman who ever navigated Niagara Falls in a barrel and survived, died in the Niagara county infirmary Saturday. She made the trip over the falls October 24, 1901, in a crudely constructed wooden barrel as a cast at a fortune, but ill fortune pursued her from the time of her adventure to the time of her death. She was 58 years old.

PHILADELPHIA TOURISTS ADMIRE MRS. LASSITER'S FLOWER GARDEN

The atmosphere of Oxford at this season of the year is fast becoming scented with the delightful odor of flowers, and the flower garden of Mrs. Margaret Lassiter, which is in full view of High Street, is greatly enjoyed by the passing throng.

In passing that way we, the home folks, slacken our pace so as to longer enjoy its beauty, but the northern tourists who pass this delightful spot, stop their car, become enthused and ask those who chance to be passing all manner of questions.

One afternoon last week Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bassil, a handsome middle aged lady and gentleman, passing through from their winter home in Florida to their home at Bryn Mawr, in the fashionable suburbs of Philadelphia where many wealthy young ladies are educated, chanced to see Mrs. Lassiter's flower garden and were perfectly enthused. They enquired if it was a municipal garden, and being assured that it was a private estate, they asked the name of the lady.

"I wonder," said the lady, "if Mrs. Lassiter would care if I made a picture of the garden to show my friends?"

Being assured that Mrs. Lassiter could have no objection, the lady was assisted out of the car and she took three views of the pretty spot and requested her husband to write Mrs. Lassiter's name in his note book.

MELLON OUTLINES TAX PROGRAM CONGRESS TO PASS

Secretary Of the Treasury Recommends Repeal Of Federal Excess Profits Tax.

(Washington Special)

Four specific proposals for revision of the Federal taxes are made to Congress by Secretary Mellon with a recommendation for early action so the new taxes can be applied for this calendar year. They are:

1.—Repeal of the excess profits tax and the existing \$2,000 income exemption of corporations, the loss of revenue to be made good by a modified tax on corporate profits or a flat additional income tax on corporations to yield an aggregate of between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000.

2.—Readjustment of income tax rates so that no income will pay more than 40 per cent this year and 35 per cent thereafter, with a view to producing aggregate revenues substantially equivalent to the estimated receipts from the income tax under the existing law.

3.—Repeal of the so-called luxury taxes together with the "nuisance" taxes such as those on soda fountain drinks, but retention of the transportation and miscellaneous specific sales taxes.

4.—Imposition of sufficient new and additional taxes of "wide application" such as increased stamp taxes or license taxes on the use of automobiles to bring the total revenues from internal taxes after making the changes above suggested to about \$4,000,000,000 in the fiscal year 1922 and 1923.

THE SCHOOLS MUST BE KEPT OPEN SIX MONTHS

State Equalizing Fund Will Not Be Sufficient To Pay Difference Under 30 Cent Rate.

Raleigh, May 1.—Public schools in North Carolina must and are going to be of six months duration; the state equalizing school fund of about \$600,000 is not going to be sufficient to meet deficits in many counties since the reduction in property valuation, and in all probability a tax rate of 45 cents will be necessary to provide what a 30 cent rate would produce under revaluation.

Thus writes Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, to city and county superintendents in North Carolina regarding the necessity of board of education and county commissioners providing enough revenue for six months school terms stipulated in the constitution. The letter points out the situation the counties are going to face in the event horizontal reductions of the revaluation figures already made are allowed to stand by the state tax commission; which alone has the power of review.

KNOX PEACE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY SENATE

Three Democrats Vote For the Resolution and No Republicans Against It.

Washington, May 1.—The administration's first step toward placing the United States on a technical legal basis of peace was taken last night by the senate in adopting the Knox peace resolution.

The vote for adoption of the resolution was 49 to 23.

Three democrats voted for the resolution and, although no republicans voted against it, Senator Nelson of Minnesota, was paired against it. The democrats voting for it were Senators Myers, Montana; Shields, Tennessee, and Watson, Georgia. Two other democrats, Reed, Missouri and Walsh, Massachusetts, were announced as favoring the resolution.

The resolution now goes to the house with prospects of prompt action there.