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THIRTIETH OF MAY WILL BE OBSERVED HERE BY VETERANS OF THREE WARS

The Daughters Of the Confederacy, American Red Cross and the Oxford Woman's Club Will Participate.

The American Legion throughout the world will observe Memorial Day on May 30th. On that day honor will be paid those who wore the Blue and the Gray in 1861, those who wore the Khaki in 1898 and those who wore the Olive Drab in the World War. On May the 30th, the graves of more than 50,000 of our buddies resting in foreign soil will be decorated by American Legion Posts in Europe, supported by funds contributed at home, also on that date, the graves of over 22,000 of our comrades whose bodies have been returned from Europe and buried in their native land will be decorated. Furthermore, there are in the United States graves of 25,000 ex-service men who died since the war, to be decorated.

Appropriate memorial services will be held on May 30th. Program of these services will be published later. Program for the day will include services at Mt. Creek Church and decoration of graves there and at the Fakes Cemetery. Services will be in charge of the Oxford Post, American Legion, assisted by the Granville Post. The following organizations will take part: The Daughters of the Confederacy, American Red Cross and The Womens Club.

Ex-Service men of the wars of 1861, 1898, and the World War are requested to take part in the Memorial Day parade and attend services at the cemetery.

ELBERT E. FULLER, Commanding Oxford Post.

MR. GEO. R. POULS IS THE YOUNGEST PRISON Supt.

Oxford Man Filled the Position Longer Than Any One Else.

Mr. George Russ Poul, who was recently appointed superintendent of the Penitentiary by Gov. Morrison, is undoubtedly the youngest man who ever held the place. He had been made chief clerk under the McCulloch superintendency and was in line. He is a son of Congressman Edward W. Poul and son-in-law of W. M. Sanders, member of the prison board upon the Bickett and Morrison administrations.

It is worthy of note that the late William J. Hicks, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, served as superintendent of the State Prison longer than any other man. He built the prison and the stone wall around it.

A VOICE FROM AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Smith Recovering From Their Long Voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Smith arrived here last week from Cape Town, South Africa, somewhat fatigued from their long voyage of eight thousand miles. They are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. White and are the recipients of many hearty congratulations.

Mr. Smith is not quite as fleshy as he was when he left here four years ago, but he has the ruddy complexion of an Englishman and has acquired the accent of a busy Britisher.

Mr. Smith said he had read every copy of the Public Ledger since he left here four years ago. The paper was a month or six weeks old when it reached him, but he said he enjoyed it just the same and read every word in it, advertisements and all.

THE NEW CITY WELL IS NEARING COMPLETION

There Will Be Plenty of Water Here This Summer.

The contractors state that they hope to finish the city well on Hancock street by the first of June. The well is now about 500 feet deep, mostly through solid rock, with a flow of 40 or 50 gallons of water per minute.

"The deeper we go the greater is the flow," said the contractors. "We hope to obtain a flow of 100 gallons per minute by the first of June. We are now drilling in a sandstone rock and the flow will possibly be more than 100 gallons per minute a little further down."

MRS. BERGDOLL TELLS OF BURYING POT OF GOLD

Washington, May 16.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of Grover Bergdoll, draft dodger, told a House investigating committee that she buried the \$105,000 in gold obtained from the treasury in the fall of 1919. She refused to give any information regarding the burial place, but indicated it was not far away from Philadelphia as Hagerstown.

Asked where the gold was now, Mrs. Bergdoll replied: "In my possession and buried in the same place I first put it," adding that nobody else knew its location.

FAIR WEATHER THIS WEEK

Washington, May 16.—Weather predictions for the week are: South Atlantic and East Gulf states: Generally fair and temperature somewhat below normal.

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

A MOST GENEROUS GIFT TO THE CHILDREN OF THE ORPHANAGE

A Box of Mon STATE LIBRARY, Pounds Presented to the Orphanage by R. L. Brown.

On Monday morning of this week while Mr. J. Bailey Owen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, Gen. B. S. Royster, a member of the Board of Directors and Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage, were having a conference in Gen. Royster's office about matters relating to this great institution, Mr. George Roopas came into the office, in company with Chief of Police I. H. Hobgood, and laid upon Gen. Royster's desk a large cigar box, stating that he wanted to present to the children of the orphanage sixteen pounds of money—copper money as a gift from the American Candy Kitchen of Oxford. Mr. Owen, Gen. Royster and Mr. Brown thanked him for his generosity and assured him of their appreciation of the gift. The American Candy Kitchen is owned and operated by Mr. George Roopas and Chappell Brothers and they deserve much praise for this liberal gift and the spirit which prompted it.

This sixteen pounds of money amounted to twenty-four dollars, and the form of the gift is unique as well as liberal. We hope that other merchants of Oxford will from time to time follow the splendid example of the American Candy Kitchen.

In a very short while after this gift was made, other generous friends of the orphanage contributed enough in pennies to enable Superintendent Brown to give ten pennies to each of the 375 children now in the institution.

LIVING COST IS STILL ON THE TOBOGGAN

Building Operations in April Were the Largest of Any April in History Except Last Year.

(By Albert Apple)

Cost of living may drop to only a fourth higher than 1914, but it will not go lower.

This is the opinion of John S. Drum, president of the American Bankers' Association, after analyzing questionnaires filled in by the association's members all over the United States.

"The minority opinion was that within two or three years prices would fall at least to 1914 levels."

Business Pick-Ups.—Leather and shoe trades are returning to normal, says Herbert T. Drake, president of New England Shoe & Leather Association. He adds: "Consumers of shoes will be disappointed when they realize that 10, 15 or even 20 per cent reduction in the shoe workers' wages means 10 to 20 cents per pair in the shoes he buys."

Automobile production now averages about three-fifths of capacity. Improving daily. Cheap tires are turning, one company's prices averaging below prices in August 1914.

Nation's bank clearing last week larger than same week, 1919. Same is true of total clearings since first of year, compared with 1919, despite lower prices. Largest gains are on Pacific Coast.

Building operations in April were best of any month since June, 1920. Contracts awarded in 25 northeastern states totaled \$220,886,000, largest of any April in history except last year.

Railroad traffic in the west shows steady increase of business volume. In April, 28 industrial centers east of the Mississippi had decreases in number employed, and 25 centers showed improvement. Unemployment country over, increased half of one per cent in April. Inactivity in lumbering and shipbuilding made Pacific Coast lose ground.

Elusive Dollars.—Half of the 487 business failures in April were in the textile trades. Grocers and butchers came second. Total liabilities at rate of about \$500,000,000 a year. Failures first week in May, 312.

Fifty leading stocks rose average of two points last week.

Gasoline in 30 leading cities now averages 23 cents a gallon, against 11 cents Jan. 1, 1915.

TOBACCO THE LEAST HARMFUL OF POISON

Eminent English Scientist Says Same Amount Each Day Not Harmful.

London, May 16.—Tobacco is the least harmful of the "four social poisons," tea, coffee, tobacco and alcohol, according to Sir James Cantile, the eminent surgeon, speaking here recently.

"Smoke the same amount of tobacco every day," said Sir James, "and the heart will become accustomed to a certain amount. If one smokes less one day than another, he feels the effect as much as if he had smoked more."

He said three days' abstinence from smoking would entirely free the system of nicotine. Sir James condemned the cigarette.

Approval of advances of \$2,000,000 to assist in financing cotton exports was announced today by the War Finance Corporation. The cotton will go forward to Havre, Genoa, Bremen and Kobe, Japan.

Little Miss Julia Winston Taylor who has been confined to her home several days by sickness is improving.

LARGE NUMBER OF TAR HEEL DEMOCRATIC POSTMASTERS MUST GET OUT

(X) K. Lassiter's Term Expired Yesterday.

E. E. Britton, Washington correspondent of the News and Observer holds out very little hope for Democratic postmasters under the executive order of president Harding. He says:

"There will be many North Carolina postmasters who face an experience with the descending knife of a guillotine this year, for the 1917 confirmations end a four-years run this year. So it will be the civil service test as prescribed by the President that they will have to meet, and if a Republican gets among the three highest, then good-bye postoffice for them, or if there is a weak spot anywhere in their armor, the Republicans who are seeking the Federal payroll will be hoofing after them."

Expiring Postoffice Terms

Four-year terms as postmasters in North Carolina expiring this year:

Charlotte, J. H. Weddington, July 21; Dunn, E. T. Lee, July 21; Elm City, Russell A. Strickland, July 21; Franklin, Charles L. Ingram, April 16; Franklinton, George J. Whitfield, July 21; Goldsboro, L. M. Michaux, July 21; Greenville, David J. Whichard, July 21; Hamlet, R. B. Terry, July 21; Henderson, Isaac J. Young, April 16; Lenoir, V. D. Currie, July 21; Lillington, James M. Fuquay, June 8; Oxford, B. K. Lassiter, May 16; Roxboro, J. W. Noell, July 21; Selma, W. K. Etheridge, July 21; Wadesboro, S. S. Lockhart, July 21; Wintington, H. McL. Green, July 21; Newton, F. H. Williams, July 16. It will be seen that July 21 is a bad date to meet, and that some of the possible decapitations are past due.

Postmaster Lassiter.

In the above list appears the name of Mr. B. K. Lassiter, postmaster at Oxford, whose term of office expired yesterday. Now it may possibly happen that the large petition which was signed here by both Democrats and Republicans soon after the Presidential election in favor of Republican candidates for postmaster, will be used against Mr. Lassiter. The Democrats who signed the Republican petitions were assured that their names would not be used against Mr. Lassiter. The large list of names will no doubt have some weight with Postmaster General Hays. In any event Mr. Lassiter can put up a strong civil service examination and stand at the head of the list if he so desires.

GARDEN MART AND SPRING FLOWER SHOW WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 19TH.

The Annual Garden Mart and Spring Flower Show will be held Thursday afternoon May 19th at four o'clock at the residence of Mrs. D. G. Brummitt.

All persons having flowers or vegetables to exhibit are requested to have them at Mrs. Brummitt's residence not later than 10:30 on the morning of May 19.

Refreshments will be sold for the benefit of the Garden and Forestry department of the Woman's Club to be used by them in making Oxford more beautiful.

Admission is free and a most cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

If raining Thursday the Flower Show will be held Friday at the same hour.

LOOK TO THE LEFT

This Simple Method May Save Your Life.

Have you ever noticed that when people leave the curb they invariably look to the right to see if a car is approaching? The machine that is going to hit one always comes from the left. It is time enough to look to the right when you get to the middle of the street. One should always look to the left first.

GOOD CHANCE TO WIN MEAL TICKET

It Will Be Given To the Member Of the Oxford Team Who Knocks the First Home Run On the High School Athletic Field.

"I take it for granted that the Oxford baseball team will arrange to play on the high school athletic grounds as soon as it is ready for use," said a prominent Oxford citizen.

"Don't print my name," he said, "but I propose to give a \$5.00 meal ticket, good at the Crown Cafe, or its equivalent to the first member of the Oxford ball team who knocks a home run on the high school athletic grounds."

PAYING BILLS BY CHECK

The People Are Doing Business in a Business Way.

A fact worthy of notice is the large number of people in this community who are becoming accustomed to paying their bills by checks.

One day recently one of the Oxford banks handled more than one thousand checks drawn on it.

This did not include checks out of town and on other local banks—simply the checks drawn by its increasing line of depositors.

—Mr. B. K. Lassiter returned this morning from Atlantic City and Washington.

PRELIMINARY FIGURES FROM THE CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FOR GRANVILLE COUNTY

Issued By the Bureau Of Census May 19, 1921.

The Director of the Census announces, subject to correction, the following figures from the Census of Agriculture for Granville County, North Carolina:

Farms Acreage. (Jan. 1, 1920.)
White farmers 3,503
Colored farmers 1,954
Operated by owners 1,549
By tenants 1,571
Total acres 1,923
Improved acres 298,604

Domestic Animals.
Horses 3,735
Mules 2,371
Cattle 6,965
Sheep 820
Swine 9,706

Farm Values. (Value of land and buildings)
January 1, 1920 \$12,964,695
April 15, 1910 4,908,503
Increase, 1910-20 \$8,056,192
Per cent 164.1

Principal Crop. (1919)
Corn acreage, 25,453; harvested 360,496 bushels.
Wheat acreage, 5295; harvested 48,111 bushels.

Tobacco acreage, 18,585; harvested 9,455,588 pounds.
Cotton acreage, 2,275; harvested 1193 bales.

LADY HAD SAD EXPERIENCE WITH WOOLEN FABRICS

PACKED AWAY FOR WINTER

The Moths Ate the Garments and the Tobacco In Which They Were Packed.

Now is a good time to use moth balls. They cost but little and can be had from any drug store. You are placing away the blankets used during winter and early Spring and some moth balls should be put between them to keep out the moths. The winter buggy robes and the automobile robes are being packed away and should have moth balls between them to keep away the moths. Moth balls should be placed between woolen clothes and in the pockets of the clothing to protect it.

A good lady informs the Public Ledger that it has been a custom with her to pack away her things in the spring and summer with a layer of tobacco leaves between them. She said she had tried that plan for many years and was successful until last year.

"I was never more surprised in my life than I was last fall when I unpacked by blankets and other woolen fabrics and found that the moths had ruined them," said the lady. "I could scarcely believe my own eyes," continued the lady, "some of the tobacco leaves were actually cut to pieces by the moths."

"Where did you get the tobacco?" we inquired.

"Oh, the tobacco was very nice and yellow and as thin as tissue paper; my husband brought it all the way from South Carolina but I will admit that I never had any trouble when I packed my things away with a layer of Granville county tobacco between them. They tell me the goats will eat South Carolina tobacco, but I don't know whether it is true or not, the moths certainly will eat it."

JOHN J. PERSHING IS THE NEW CHIEF OF STAFF OF AMERICAN ARMY

General James Harbord, Pershing's Right Hand Man In France Will Be Assistant; "Black Jack" To Train Regular Army and Organized Reserves.

(Washington Special)

Selection of General John J. Pershing to be chief of staff of the army is announced by Secretary Weeks. General Pershing will assume his new duties July 1, succeeding Major General Peyton C. March. His assistant will be Major General James G. Harbord, who was General Pershing's principal staff assistant in France before he assumed command of the service of supply.

As chief of staff, Secretary Weeks said, General Pershing will direct training of the regular army and organized reserves, which he will command the event of active field operations before his retirement. He will retain the duties recently assigned to him as chief of the war staff now being organized.

BARACAS WILL RENDER PROGRAM IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH TOMORROW EVENING

Best Music Talent Of the Community Will Participate.

The Baptist Baraca class will conduct the prayer meeting in the Sunday school room of the church tomorrow evening. Upon motion of Judge Devin it was decided to have a brief program in connection with the prayer meeting. Mr. M. P. Chamblee was appointed chairman of a committee to look after the musical feature. There will also be three minute talks by some of our best speakers. The public is cordially invited.

HEAR AARON SAPIRO IN HENDERSON TOMORROW

Aaron Sapiro, the noted authority on cooperative marketing, will speak in the court house at Henderson tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

OLD ENGLISH MAY DAY FETE FEATURES OF THE OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

To Be Held On Cooper Green Friday Afternoon, May 27.

An old English May day fete reminiscent of the days of good Queen Bess will be a feature of the Oxford High School commencement. According to Anglo-Saxon tradition, noble lords and ladies went to lay aside the dignity of their high estate in the May-time and gather with shepherd lads, dairy maids, and other peasant folk on the village green to "crown ye fair queen o' May." The singing of spirited rounds, the performance of dances in which high and low alike took part, and the winding of the May-pole all helped to make merry in honor of the queen. Not infrequently the court jesters appeared to add to the gaiety of the occasion.

Meredith, Flora Macdonald, Queen's State College, and many other North Carolina Colleges have been staging elaborate May day fetes for several years. This year the spirit of celebration has extended to a number of the larger high schools. The Oxford celebration will be staged on the Cooper green on Friday afternoon, May 27, at 5:30. If the weather should prove inclement, the performance will be postponed until Monday afternoon at the same hour. The program follows:

Ye Order Of Events.

- 1—Procession.
- 2—Crowning o'ye Queen.
- 3—Welcome, Sweet Springtime.
- 4—Ye Irish Fling.
- 5—Ye Rye Dance.
- 6—Ye Highland Fling.
- 7—Ye Cuckoo Chorus.
- 8—Dance o'ye Milk Maids.
- 9—Ye Spirit o' Spring.
- 10—Winding Ye May-pole.

Ye Persons.
Queen o' May—Miss Margaret Davis.
Maid o' Honor—Miss Zulene Evans.
Crown-bearer—Miss Mary McFarland.

Pages—Masters Baldy Williams and Dick Lewis.
Spirit o' Play—Miss Julia Brent Hicks.

Queen Elizabeth—Miss Inez Walters.
Sir Walter Raleigh—Mr. Henry Hunt.
Heralds—Messrs. Joe Floyd, R. M. Curran, Jr., Chas. Easton, and Thomas Royster.
Jesters—Messrs. Irvine Jackson, Will Hicks, Edward Mitchell and Frank Smith.
Pages to Queen Elizabeth—Messrs. Jack Brinkley and Cam Easton.
Lords, attendants, milkmaids, dances, etc.

OXFORD DEFEATS HENDERSON

The Henderson Babes Get Mad and Quit the Game.

The Oxford ball team engaged the Henderson team on their own grounds last Friday. The weather was unfit for play and the game never should have been called.

Four innings had gone scoreless for both sides. The trouble arose in the fifth innings. It was Harris' double to right that precipitated the row. Henderson maintained that the ball went outside the first sock, making it a foul. The umpire did not see it in this light and the Oxford team scored one run.

Regardless of the righteousness or the unrighteousness of the course Henderson took in withdrawing from the field, the incident was most unfortunate, and is regretted by fans and lovers of clean honest sports on both sides.

Withdrawal from the field is not the legally constituted method of kicking on the trend of a game. A formal protest to the league officials would have been the proper method of settling the affair.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Oxford 0 0 0 0 1—1 3 1
Henderson 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 1

TWO BABIES GO TO SEA IN A LOOSE CRAFT

Drift All Night and Land On the Shore Of Hyde County.

(Kinston Free Press)

Harry Long and Hayes Farrish Creary, six and five years of age respectively, were modern babes in the woods recently when they were lost nearly two days in the wilds of Hyde County. The boys were playing in a small boat on a stream near Belhaven when the craft drifted away from the shore. They were unperceived, and their errant ship continued on a wild voyage that might have been the little fellows' last. After hours of aimless drifting across the wide expanse of water at Belhaven the boat touched the Hyde County shore, and the youngsters, exhausted and frightened, slept curled up in the bottom. When day broke they got ashore and started on foot for home.

A Sweet Singer Coming.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Oxford Baptist Church have secured Miss Katharine Campbell Johnson for a song recital on the evening of June 7th. Miss Johnson possesses a wonderfully rich and sweet contralto voice and is probably the most popular singer in the state. Oxford is fortunate in having the opportunity to hear her. A full notice of her recital will appear later in this paper.

Four Persons Poisoned.

Four persons are dead in Culpeper, Va., from eating bread in which arsenic was used instead of baking powder. Some of the bread was fed to a dog and hog and both were killed.

EASY TO GET LIQUOR IN SOME PLACES

The People In This Community Are Peculiarly Blessed With Prohibition As Compared With Some Other Places.

The people of Oxford and Granville County are more or less shocked to learn of the large number of moonshiners operating in the county around about. A close observer estimates that not more than five gallons of moonshine liquor finds its way to Oxford daily. With the recent order to curtail the activities of the prohibition forces in the State, the moonshiners will multiply rapidly. It is bad enough here, to be sure, but there is a shock in store for all who read the following extract from the Philadelphia Press, which was written by James Leonard McCarthy, a newspaper correspondent of note at Harrisburg, Pa.:

It is amusing to read of the new state prohibition act recently passed in Harrisburg. Prohibition at the present time is really one immense joke. The only thing it really prohibits is the display of the whisky decanter behind the bar. To my personal knowledge I know of at least fifteen saloons, some within one or two blocks of the City Hall, where it is just as simple a matter to order a drink and get it as it was before prohibition, the only difference being the price and quality of the so-called whisky they serve you. Some of it has as strong an odor of ether as you would find in an operating room in a hospital, while some of the places sell a mixture that it would take a chemist to analyze to determine what the contents were.

"Saloonkeepers at the present time are making more money than they ever did before so-called prohibition took effect, and at the same time are filling hospitals with victims of the poison they are selling. I have positive proof from an inside source that several of the saloons that are selling liquor pay from \$6 to \$8 a gallon for the stuff for which they receive from thirty-five cents to fifty cents a drink. That's prohibition."

"Conditions will never change as long as saloon owners keep on the right side of political leaders and prohibition will never be strictly enforced as long as the saloonkeepers continue to 'come across.' There is no use denying facts, as any man who really wants a drink and has the price can get it without any trouble."

"I recently went into one place where I knew they were selling so-called whisky and asked for a thirty-five-cent drink. The bartender informed me that the thirty-five-cent goods were run out, but that he had fifty-cent stuff, but if I was willing to wait a few minutes the thirty-five-cent goods would be ready, as the boss was down stairs making some up. There is no still required to make the stuff the majority of the places are selling; they merely mix whatever drugs it requires together and it is ready for serving. Prohibition has not prohibited in the least. The only thing it has done is fill the pockets of politicians, raised the price of so-called whisky and created new patients for the hospital."

SQUIRE A. P. OVERTON TAKES THE RADIUM TREATMENT

An Eating Sore Of Four Years' Standing Disappears From His Neck.

The eating sore, or cancer, which formed on the neck of Squire A. P. Overton four years ago and gave him much concern all these years, has passed away at the touch of radium.

As a last resort, Squire Overton went over to Richmond a month ago to consult Dr. Rudd. The doctor examined the sore and told the Squire that he could give him immediate relief and guaranteed a cure within a month. The Squire took out his check book and dared the doctor to do it. The doctor gave the sore one light application of radium and told Squire Overton to go home, and as he departed the doctor said: "Be very careful with yourself; you have \$5000 on your neck."

"The deep sore on the Squire's neck has healed up, and the scar is not larger than a ten cent piece."

Mrs. Hargrove's Brother Dead.

Mr. Enoch Ferebee Lamb, brother of Mrs. Mamie Hargrove, of Oxford, died suddenly Saturday in Roanoke, Va., where he was visiting his son, Tazwell Hargrove Lamb. He was a native of Camden county and one of the prominent men of Eastern Carolina. Besides his profession of law, he for many years edited The Falcon, a weekly published at Elizabeth City, and took a prominent part in politics in Masonic circles, in the business life of his city and in church work, being an active Presbyterian. His wife, Ella Creecy, was the daughter of the late Col. R. B. Creecy for many years known as "the nestor of North Carolina journalism," and publisher of much interesting historical literature.

Governor Cameron Morrison Friday ordered a reward of \$250 for the capture of Carl Tilley, wanted by the Greensboro authorities for the murder of Policemgn W. T. McCulston in that city a week ago. Similar rewards have been made by municipal and county authorities in Guilford county.

Mrs. Ezzell has gone to Dunn to attend the marriage of Mr. Ezzells.