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GET YOUR PENCIL AND DRAW A RING AROUND FRIDAY, JUNE TWENTY-FOUR

An interesting program is prepared for St. John's day at the Oxford Orphanage. Draw a ring around Friday, June 24, on your calendar, for that will be the date for the annual celebration of St. John's day. Also, make no engagement for that day because we expect to have at that time, rain or shine, as fine a program as we have ever had.

Grand Master J. Bailey Owen has announced the appointment as Orator of Dr. H. M. Poteat of Wake Forest, one of the most able and magnetic speakers of North Carolina. He is a very versatile and gifted man, and will have an oration well worth a long trip to hear.

The Master of Oxford Lodge has appointed Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby, Jr., pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church to deliver the address of welcome. Brother Oglesby, too, is a fluent and graceful speaker and between the twain something fine will be given us to reflect on. These appointments guarantee an especially worth-while program.

And the eats have not been forgotten. Supt. R. L. Brown thinks he is prepared to supply enough barbecue this time. He has bought more meat than the orphanage ever saw or heard of for a 24th—some 3,000 pounds—and is banking on filling all orders for barbecue. Lovers of it, of whom there are many, may be assured that the barbecue will not be likely to "give out" this 24th as it has on each preceding celebration. In addition to the barbecue, ample provisions for refreshments are being made.

Get your pencil now and mark your calendar.—Orphan's Friend.

THE EARTH WILL STAGE RACE WITH COMET IN JUNE

An Inspiring Spectacle Is Anticipated June 27th.

For a month this summer the earth will engage in a race with the periodic comet Pons-Wienerke, and because it has no chance to win it will endeavor through astral influences, to "trip up" its gaseous rival, according to a report made public a few days ago by the observatory of the University of California. The earth will not get into the race until the comet has a lead of between 12,000,000 and 20,000,000 miles, but then it will put "everything it has" into its test with the comet.

It will cap its supremacy finally when, on June 27, it flips its tail so hard against its terrestrial rival that the impact will send out sparks. These will go down in the record as a meteoric shower.

The comet, at last calculations, was approximately 37,000,000 miles from the earth. Its nearest approach will be .132 of an astronomical unit, or 12,000,000 miles, on June 7, and shortly thereafter the race will begin.

At the greatest brilliancy observable from the earth the comet will be of the eighth or ninth magnitude. Nothing greater than the sixth magnitude can be observed by the naked eye, so the world at large will see nothing of the visitor until the tail-slipping episode, on June 27.—However, the earth's attraction for the comet may be so great that new calculations may be necessary when the race gets under way.

Any potential prophecies that the comet will do great damage to the earth are out of order, the observatory states. On the other hand, the meteoric shower, if it develops as anticipated, will prove to be a harmless, if inspiring, spectacle.

GRANVILLE COUNTY YOUNG LADY WINS HIGH HONORS

Miss Katherine Jones Will Graduate From Mary Baldwin College May 30.

Miss Katherine Jones, the smart and attractive daughter of Mr. Stephen H. Jones, of Oxford Route 1, will graduate from Mary Baldwin College Staunton, Va., on May thirtieth.

Friends in Oxford and other places in the State, have received invitations to her graduating piano recital on the evening of the 30th.

Miss Jones has attended Mary Baldwin College three years since graduating from the Stem High School in 1918.

Mr. Stephen H. Jones and sister of Miss Katherine, will go to Staunton on May 26 to attend the commencement and graduating exercises.

Miss Katherine will remain in Virginia for the University of Virginia finals and the Washington Lee final dances. She will reach Oxford on June 10th.

Home For Sale—The Granville Real Estate & Trust Company is offering a very desirable home for sale in the town of Stem. Read their advertisement on another page of this paper.

More than 1,000 blockade stills have been captured by officers working out of the Asheville headquarters since January 1, 1920, according to an announcement by Chief Prohibition Agent J. Hery Reed, who stopped work with his assistants last Friday following orders from Washington.

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

HARD TO GET AT FIGURES ON TOBACCO REDUCTION

Some Farmers In This Section Disregard the Injunction To Reduce the Acreage.

It is a difficult matter to get anything like the correct estimate on the acreage that will be planted in tobacco in Granville county this season as compared with last year's planting. That there will be a reduction we do not doubt, but as to the extent of the reduction we do not know.

Our Stem correspondent stated in the last issue of the Public Ledger that the usual crop has been planted in Tally Ho this season. Farmers from various parts of the county advise us that they see very little, if any curtailment of the crop in their section, and many farmers predict that if the crop matures well this year the tonnage will be equal to that of last year, even if the acreage has been reduced considerably. It is also claimed that the cut in acreage has had a tendency to stimulate the farmers to raise a better grade of tobacco this year. They are possessed with the idea that there is enough common grades in hand to supply the demands next year, but good grades will bring good prices.

The Public Ledger fears that there will be an overproduction again this year and a corresponding shortage in the necessities of life. The wise farmer realizes what an overproduction again this year means to him and he does not propose to be caught between the crushing stones.

Some farmers claim that there will be a short crop this year on account of a shortage of tobacco plants. This assertion, too, is doubted by some of the farmers who state that they can get all the plants they want. As stated above, there is no rule by which any one can estimate with a degree of accuracy what the acreage will be this season, nor will any one know until an actual count of the acreage has been made.

A tobacco man told us a few days ago that South Carolina farmers have increased their acreage over last year, but we hope he is mistaken.

News comes from Person county to the effect that the farmers have cast their crop and that the acreage is equal to that of last year. Some of the papers published on the south side of Virginia claim that there is a slight cut in acreage in the old belt this year.

TRANSPORTATION MADE SIMPLE

Go Up Into the Air and Wait For the Earth To Move.

Editor Public Ledger: The other evening in a discussion of the problems of transportation I suggested the following idea: The earth, as I understood it, revolves at a rate of approximately 1000 miles an hour from west to east. My idea to simplify travel is to shoot straight up in the air far enough to get away from the earth and having figured the time for going up at the stationary space, stay long enough to let the earth go by, and then after two hours drop down on the Pacific coast. And if you want to go to Europe, stay up long enough to have Europe come by and drop down. The different problems of light, air, heat or cold, etc., would be no more than are contended with in a submarine. One can only reach a point due west, and not north or south. Any point east may be made by waiting up in space until morning to reach New York. Walter Stradley might figure this out and give us the proper timetable for the different points in Europe. W. L.

OFFICER CLARK CAPTURES NEGRO CHARGED WITH MURDER

Last Friday afternoon Officer Clark rode out in the country to Mr. B. M. Currin's place, near Kinton Fork with the purpose of giving a negro the once over that was working there. On arriving at the field where the negro was planting tobacco, Officer Clark and his deputies engaged the negro in conversation, discussing the crop conditions in general. After the officers had surrounded the colored man so that escape was impossible, one of them asked him what his name was. The negro hesitated a moment and then said "George," whereupon Clark asked if it was "George Thorpe?" The colored man looked surprised and without hesitation answered "yes sir, is the man dead?" Officer Clark was right in his suspicions, for the man turned out to be none other than George Thorpe, wanted in Durham for murder. Durham county officers came over Friday evening and removed him to Durham.

BULLOCK-BRAGG

At the Oxford Methodist parsonage last Saturday evening, Miss Bessie Lee Bullock, the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. W. Bullock, became the bride of Mr. Euwell B. Bragg, one of Granville's substantial citizens, Rev. R. C. Craven officiating.

On account of the recent illness of the brother of the bride, the wedding was quiet and was witnessed by only a few friends.

The best wishes of the community go with the happy couple.

—W. R. Kimball, who is well known in this city, is critically ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Renn, and little hope is held out for his recovery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD IN OXFORD AND AT Mt. CREEK

Address by D. G. Brummitt At Mt. Creek Next Sunday Morning and By A. A. Hicks At Elmwood Cemetery, Oxford, Next Monday Morning—Former Service Men Will Form In Front of Court House.

THE PROGRAM

At Mt. Creek. At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, May 29th, memorial services will be held at Mt. Creek church in honor of the soldiers of 1861 and of the World War, whose bodies are resting in the Mt. Creek Cemetery and at the Eakes Burying Ground.

An address will be delivered by Hon. D. G. Brummitt. The church choir will furnish appropriate music. Soldiers graves at both cemeteries will be decorated with the flag and flowers.

It is desired that as many members of the American Legion and other servicemen as can possibly do so attend this service. Persons going from Oxford are requested to meet at the court house at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Elmwood and Hillsboro Street Cemeteries.

Services will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, Oxford, on Monday morning May 30th, at 10:30 o'clock. The address will be delivered by Hon. A. A. Hicks. Patriotic songs will be sung. The graves will be decorated with flags and flowers. On the completion of the service at Elmwood the graves of soldiers in the Hillsboro St. Cemetery who fought in 1861 will be decorated. Almost all of the last mentioned lost their lives on the battle field and were brought back during the war and buried. Some of these were members of the Granville Grays.

The names of soldiers buried in the old cemetery are as follows: Granville Royster, Lyman Lathan, William Lathan, Luther Bell, Wiley Ferree, William Biggs, Lundy Paschal and Crews. It is probable that this list is not complete. The writer will be pleased to receive any further information in this matter. The names of soldiers buried in Elmwood, who were killed in action in France, are Fred F. Clark and Thomas Oakley.

The names of soldiers buried in Elmwood Cemetery who wore the Gray in 1861 are as follows: Col. T. B. Venable, Captains A. Landis, Richard V. Minor, Alex. Spencer, A. H. Williams, John A. Williams and James H. Horner. Drs. Sam Booth and P. W. Young, Charles Landis, Howard Dorsey and Alex. Crews.

Formation of Squad.

The parade will form on Main street Monday morning, May 30th, at 10 o'clock, head of column in front of court house. Formation will be as follows: Armed Squad, The Stars and Bars and The Stars and Stripes with escort; members of The American Legion and other Ex-Servicemen; Civil War Veterans (in Autos); Daughters of the Confederacy; American Red Cross; Members of Womans Club; Citizens.

Attention, Ex-Service Men!

A large attendance of ex-servicemen of town and country is desired. This is a duty we cannot afford to ignore. It is also earnestly desired that the citizens of Oxford and the county give these occasions a good attendance.

Ex-servicemen are requested to attend in full O. D. uniform with overseas cap, where possible to do so. But we wish your attendance any way.

BASEBALL NOTES

—Johnson, left-field; Stringfield, shortstop, and Ellis, second base, of the Wake Forest College baseball team, have signed up with Oxford.

—On Wednesday the Henderson team will again meet Oxford here, and on Friday Oxford will go to Henderson.

—The Public Ledger learns that Pitcher Beadle and third baseman Lynn, of the Washington City team, who have been hired by the Henderson team will reach Henderson in time to play Oxford next Wednesday.

—So Boston came over last Friday and engaged the Oxford team, the score being 7 to 3 in favor of Oxford. The feature of the game was Reece's home run scoring four men.

KING GEORGE BELIEVES JACK DEMPSEY WILL WIN

Paris, May 22.—King George of England picks Jack Dempsey to beat Georges Carpentier.

"I was disappointed that London was not picked for the fight, as I had hoped to see it," said the King. "I regret that I cannot go to America and be at the ring side. My own opinion is that Dempsey is too heavy for Carpentier although Carpentier may surprise the Americans."

WEEKLY WEATHER

Washington, May 21.—The weather bureau today issued the following forecasts for this week:

South Atlantic and Gulf States: The outlook is for normal temperature, partly cloudy weather and occasional showers during the week.

Nine Million For Schools.

Nine and a half million dollars for new school buildings has been voted in half a hundred towns and communities in North Carolina during the months since the General Assembly adjourned, and with other bond elections still on the calendar, the total will reach twelve million before the end of the year, according to a tabulation of bond issues given out by the State Department of Education.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON BY REV. Q. C. DAVIS TO OXFORD COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS

Rev. Q. C. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Albemarle, N. C., delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Oxford College at 11 o'clock last Sunday morning from the pulpit of the Oxford Baptist Church. The choir, composed of a number of young ladies from the College, under the supervision of Mrs. Anne Woodall, director of voice and expression, rendered several anthems. The faculty and student body, numbering 150, occupied seats in front of the pulpit.

The Ideal Wife.

Rev. Q. C. Davis delivered an impressive sermon, taking as the bases of his talk the names of four women of the Bible. His text was the 55th verse of the 27th chapter of Matthew:

55 And many women were there, beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

As a noble example, he referred to Mary Magdalene, who threw herself at the foot of the Cross, repented of her sins and made contributions to the cause of Christ. As an example of enthusiasm radiating from a home of love and purity, he spoke of the mother of James and John, who had raised her two sons to reverence the Lord, urged that one should sit at the right and the other to the left of Christ. The mother of Zebedee's children, he said, was the type of a mother that was willing to pay the price to obtain the blessings of Christ. The other two women of the Scriptures referred to was Mary, the wife of Cleopas, and Mary of whom Christ was born.

The speaker emphasized the importance of keeping the home clean and pure. If love and prayer does not dominate the home there can be no happiness in such a home. Suppose, he said, that Mary, the wife of Cleopas, had "nagged" her husband because he brought a friend home with him to take supper without consulting her convenience, would there have been as much happiness as if she had welcomed the act of her husband and the guest in true Christian spirit? Some married women, he said, made better housekeepers than wives, but a good woman, dominated by christian grace, makes a happy home.

Sermon To Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Q. C. Davis also preached the sermon to the College Y. M. C. A. at the Baptist Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. His text was the 59th verse of the 9th chapter of Luke: "Follow me." The sermon was all that the text implies, and you can well imagine the broadness of the theme as developed by Mr. Davis, for every one who has seen and heard him knows that for pulpit work he is richly endowed. Nobility of person, elegance of manner, mellowness of voice, flexibility of tone, vigor of thought, richness and grace of expression, virility if utterance are all his and unite to make him at once a speaker of unique attractiveness and of wonderful magnetism. Furnished with such qualities of heart, head and body he readily awakens not to say commands the attend of any audience before which he stands. Certainly this was true of his appearance here Sunday.

Closing Exercises.

The closing exercises were held at the College Monday, and was well attended by friends of the time-honored institution. The graduating exercises were held at 10:30 a. m.

Address before the Literary societies, by Mrs. Corine Petty Jerman, at 11:30 a. m.

Class exercises at 3:30 p. m. Art reception at 5 p. m. Annual concert at 8 p. m.

Students Depart.

As usual, the eyes of President Hobgood moistened this morning when "his girls" were getting ready to depart for their homes. It was one of the finest student bodies in the State, and their cheerful faces will be missed in Oxford this summer.

Art Exhibit.

The Art Exhibit at Oxford College was given Saturday afternoon under the direction of Miss Helen Wilkerson. It was greatly admired by a large number of visitors, some of whom declared it to be one of the best that has been given at the college.

The work showed much thought and care on the part of the pupils as well as the teacher. "The Three Wise Men," in pastel by Ella Adams was considered one of the best pictures exhibited. Other pictures of hers which deserve much credit are the oil paintings: "Changing Pastures," by Mague; "Angel Heads," by Reynolds; Virginia Riggan's "Soldiers," by Daubigny, and the "Appeal to the Great Spirit," by Dallin, were noticeable. Breton's "Song of the Lark" and "The End of the Trail" in brown crayon by Amy Perry; "The Mill," after Rembrandt and "The Land of the Blue-birds" by Marjorie Norment; "Dawn," after Maxfield Parrish, by Jessie Giles were admired. The original studies and other paintings of Alline Yancey, Evelyn Knott and Juliet Jeffreys showed much talent. The work of Alice Hall and Henry Brooks showed much promise. The drawings by the Prang pupils were also good.

BRAVE WOMAN TRAVELING ALONE IN AN AUTO

Passes Through Oxford on a Four Thousand Mile Trip.

So many strange things happen along the National Highway these days we wonder what will take place when the great throughfare is hard surfaced and thrown open to the world.

Last week a rather stout and fearless looking woman about 45 years of age called at the Public Ledger office and by way of introduction said:

"My name is Mrs. Kate Godwin, of Seaboard, Woldo county, Me. I have been down to Charleston, S. C., to pay a visit to my sister and I called in to see if you have a copy of the Charleston News-Carrier."

"Are you not afraid to travel alone?" We inquired. "Not in the least," said the lady. I go well armed and it would go bad with any one who attacked me. My sister persuaded me that it is dangerous to travel alone in the South where there are so many tramps, and I put up at the hotel in Darlington and Fayetteville, but I prefer to sleep in my car and prepare my own meals."

We went out in front of the office and examined the lady's car. It resembled a small house, and there was a couch seven feet long and three feet wide which was fastened to the wall and folded up when not in use. There was a frying pan, a coffee pot, a cup and saucer and an oil stove. A plank four feet long, fastened to the side of the car with hinges, served as a table. There were numerous "pigeon holes" and small closets built in the side and back end of the car.

Mrs. Godwin said that she will have traveled 4,000 miles alone when she reaches her home in Maine. She said that she had camped out every night but three and no one had bothered her in the least. She said that she usually drove up to a farm house and ask permission to park her car over night and that no one so far had refused her request.

MR. J. F. MEADOWS IS THE BEST GARDNER OF THE SEASON

He Enjoys Eight varieties of Vegetables At This Season.

When it comes to early vegetables, Mr. J. F. Meadows is generally ahead of everybody in this community about three weeks. Knowing that he is always in the lead, and that some of the early gardeners in Oxford are jealous of him, we inquired last Saturday as to how many varieties of vegetables he is getting from his garden at this time.

"Oh, well," said Mr. Meadows as he began to count on his fingers, "I think we are getting about eight varieties at this time. Green peas, cabbage, lettuce, beets, onions, white potatoes, snap beans; not many strawberries now, but we have had all we could use on our table for nearly two months; plenty of snap beans for two weeks, and green peas for probably one month; tomato blooms and some young tomatoes, but they are not large enough to eat."

Our interview with Mr. Meadows convinced us that College street, as usual, is right there with the earliest garden in Oxford. In justice to others, it can be said that Mr. Meadows has, indeed a very rich garden spot which lays well to the sun, but it must be admitted that he is smart and that he reflects credit upon the soil and climate of Granville.

BUTLER COMES TO THE RESCUE OF ORGANIZATION

Will Be Doing the Shoving When Linney Goes Over.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "The Morehead-Linney combine, the 'hog-combine,' former Senator Butler called it is traveling a rough and rugged road. The Blair and Linney contests will get over the top but when he makes the last surge to cross Butler will be doing the shoving. The Greensboro pie slate will be broken through the middle. Some of the Linney leaders yelled 'enough' when Senator Borah started after him, but fighting Mary Ann never took a back step. Here is the program:

"Blair's nomination is to be taken up early this week and confirmed unless Roaring-Hiram tears the senate down. After that Linney will be considered and after days if not weeks will get by, by the help of the President and Attorney General Daugherty. When that is over the fur will fly. Gilliam Grissom, and Wm. B. Duncan will be pitted against each other for collector. The odds are on Duncan now.

"In the meantime John J. Parker, of Monroe, J. J. Britt, of Asheville, and Col. Isaac M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, will be trying to succeed Judge Gould on the District of Columbia supreme court bench. There is plenty of fighting along the way."

A recommendation for the appropriation of \$23,000,000 to defray the expense of the church during the coming five years and an overture for the unification of the five branches of the church were the outstanding features of Saturday's session of the general assembly of the southern Presbyterian church in session at St. Louis last week.

THE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE PUTS THE HELLO GIRLS OUT OF COMMISSION

As For Ourselves We Hate To Think Of a Telephone Without the Sweet Voice at the Other End of the Wire.

Within a couple of years, as the telephone engineers figure it, there will be no more "hello girls" and "central" will be a thing of the past. One of the most important time and money saving inventions of this country is now coming into use in the big cities. This is the automatic telephone. By means of this all operators are eliminated and only a few persons left in charge. It also insures privacy on your wire and thus prevents other people listening to what is being said.

In the business world "time is money" holds true everywhere. What is a better time-saver over the present-day phones than the automatic telephones? First you call the operator. She very rarely answers at once and generally after one, two and even three minutes, and as luck would have it, just when you have an important call to make. Then the operator asks for your number, and she must repeat it a number of times before she gets it right. Even if she does repeat the right number, it is not out of the ordinary for you to get a different one. The telephone does not reproduce the voice exactly and it is not entirely the operator's fault.

With an automatic telephone all this is eliminated. A few turns of the disk, which just takes a few seconds, and you are connected with your party, if your party is there and answers. There is no chance to get a wrong number. Thus no time is wasted and a very much quicker connection.

So just as train communication succeeded and improved on the stage coach, just as the telephone improved on the telegraph and did away with the necessity of going in person or sending a letter to get into communication with some one, so will the automatic telephone improve on the present-day phone, dividing the time in half.

As a summary we can see that by lower prices the telephone will be put in the hands of all the people, better business relations will be promoted and increased business will follow. Soon we will be wondering how we ever got along without it, just as we wonder how we ever got along without the ordinary telephone.

As for ourselves, now that the prospect is before us, we hate to think of a telephone without the voice that answered limply at the lift of the hook.

A dial provides no fine example of patience and good temper, as the hello girl does. It cannot smile at you in spirit or help you to begin a day right with some dim suggestion of bright graciousness, as is often perceptible to the listening ear on what soon will be called the old-fashioned telephone.

A great many people would have to admit, if they were honest, that from the voice on the wire they learned more than the proper pronunciation of some of the commoner words of English. They learned to admire the quality of patience as it was demonstrated thousands of times a day by girls who, before they were latter perfect in their peculiar technique, had to be sweetly tolerant toward the whole world beyond their switchboards. Who hasn't hoped some day to see "Central" and to learn whether she was as nice as her voice?

WILSON DEFENDANTS IN TOBACCO CASE GUILTY

One Gets Three Years, One Two, One 18 Months and Fined \$1,000 On Conspiracy Charge.

Wilson, May 23.—R. L. Fenner of Rocky Mount, Frank Barnes of Wilson, and W. T. Estes, Jr., and J. R. Rutter of Kentucky, were convicted on Saturday on indictments charging them with conspiracy to defraud the Imperial Tobacco company and passing bogus checks. Fenner was sentenced to three years. Estes two years, Rutter 18 months and Barnes was fined \$1,000.

The four men are from prominent North Carolina and Kentucky families.

Rutter on the witness stand told of his duties as follower of the sales in the Centre brick warehouses of this city; of a conference he said he had with Estes and Fenner at which he testified, these two men outlined a plan which they claimed they had worked all summer in Georgia for making sums of money from false sales of tobacco for which false tickets would be given. Later Barnes was taken into the conference, Rutter declared, and the quartet decided they could "make it go" here. The witness declared he made out the false tickets in the presence of three other defendants. These tickets were later used, he said, to represent tobacco that was not on the floor of the warehouse. He said the alleged fictitious sales began last September and continued until December, when the four men were arrested.

Lecture Postponed. The lectures that were to be given in the Masonic Hall beginning May 30th by Mr. W. C. Wicker of Elon College, have been postponed. The date will be announced later.