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AUTOMOBILES OUTNUMBER HORSES ON THE STREETS OF OXFORD

Standing at the monument at the head of Main street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock we counted 51 automobiles parked on Main, Hillsboro, College and Williamsboro streets. In the same area there were only three horses.

A number of these cars belong in Oxford, and those who drove in from the country were in a hurry to get back home.

It was a noticeable fact that most of the cars from the country were driven by women, who came to town on business while the men folks and horses remained at home to "make hay while sun shines."

Ten years ago there was a ratio of about one automobile to fifty horses in Granville.

The horse population of Granville County, outside of Oxford has not changed in the last ten years, and those of the farmers who own cars have as many horses as they did before purchasing cars. Horses are disappearing from the towns and cities, but not from the rural districts.

Some one remarked that the horse population of Oxford five years ago was about 100, and today it is doubtful if there are more than 25 horses in the corporate limits.

COMES TO THE

RESCUE OF BACHELORS

The following is a fair sample of the unsigned letters the Public Ledger receives through the mails, which never reach the public because they are unsigned. This one was mailed on Oxford Route 1, June 15:

Editor Public Ledger:

Allow me, a widower, to enter an appearance in defense of bachelors. Most bachelors are bachelors from force of circumstances. Many a bachelor has lost his first sweetheart and has no love to give another woman, when he, perhaps, can see his "ideal" walking the streets every day. Then perhaps he cannot find a girl of marriageable age who is not wearing a ring on her engagement finger.

Then, as for the widows, many are flouting their old wedding rings, and no gentleman would intrude. If they are looking for a man, why do they not lay aside the ring which to him can only mean "shoo fly, don't bother me?"

If bachelors must be taxed, why not tax the women too? I do not believe there is an old maid who has not broken more than one man's heart. Be consistent; let the tax be general.

X. Y. Z.

WHAT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS

Bankers Unwilling To Loan Money To State If Every Transaction Is To Be Given Wide Publicity In the Newspapers.

Raleigh, June 16.—The state treasurer is authority for the statement that more than a dozen bankers in North Carolina have offered to loan the state money provided "you do not rush into print with our names." The bankers apparently do not care for publicity of this sort, which they consider private business when divers interpretations are put on the reason why they have loaned money to the state at six per cent.

STATE BOARD APPROVES CUTS

Horizontal Reductions in Property Valuation For 40 Counties Approved.

Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—The state board of equalization in session here yesterday approved the horizontal reductions in property valuation made by the commissioners in forty odd counties, these valuations will be used as a basis for levying this years taxes.

Revaluations have been juggled considerably by the counties, ranging from ten to sixty percent reductions. It is estimated that the average reduction from the counties that have lowered revaluation figures will be 22 percent.

JUDGE DEVIN WILL PRESIDE AT DURHAM COUNTY COURT

(Durham Sun)

Judge W. A. Devin will preside at the June session of Superior court, which opens in Durham next Monday morning. The court calendar shows that there are a large number of divorce cases which will come up for hearing on the first day. The case of Frank Marshall against the Durham Traction Co., and others is expected to attract a great deal of attention, as is the case of C. A. Radford against Dr. A. Cheatham. The case was recently tried and the plaintiff was given a large verdict, but the Superior court granted a new hearing, due to a mistrial.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Dr. Craven Will Preach Commencement Sermon.

(Raleigh Times)

Sixteen boys and girls will complete the course at the Methodist Orphanage this year, the commencement exercises being held June 24 through 30, with the commencement sermon by Rev. R. C. Craven, of Oxford, to be preached at Central Methodist Church on June 25.

TOBACCO MARKETS IN EASTERN CAROLINA OPEN EARLY IN JULY

News from the tobacco sections of Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina is to the effect that the tobacco crop is earlier than usual this year and that a great many of the markets in those sections will open for the sale of the leaf on July 10th. The quality of the crop in those sections is reported to be only fair and the quantity has been cut down.

MARKETING PLANS NOT TO BE OPPOSED BY WAREHOUSEMEN

Markets in This Section Open Two Weeks After Eastern Carolina, But No Date Is Fixed.

Approximately one hundred warehousemen from many sections of North Carolina and Virginia attended the convention of the Carolina-Virginia Tobacco Warehousemen's Association in Henderson last Tuesday. The markets represented included Danville, South Hill, Chase City, Kenbridge, Clarksville, Blackstone, all in Virginia, and Henderson, Oxford, Roxboro, Zebulon, and Wendell in North Carolina.

The movement of the farmers to sell their tobacco under the cooperative plan was discussed during the session, but no action was taken other than the decision not to disapprove of the movement.

The convention decided that the markets in this section of the State would open two weeks following the opening date in Eastern Carolina, whatever time that may be, but did not fix a definite date for the opening.

All of the old officers of the association were re-elected, including W. G. Rogers, of Warrenton, N. C. president; M. O. Nelson, Danville, Va., vice-president; C. P. Brame, South Hill, Va., secretary.

MISS ANNIE LANDIS BRIDE OF MR. DAVID WILLIS

The Happy Couple Will Reside In Asheville.

Friends in Oxford are interested in the marriage of Miss Annie W. Landis to Mr. David Willis of Hendersonville. The ceremony was performed on June 8, at the home of Mrs. Alex Diggs, a sister of the bride in Asheville. Rev. Mr. Joyner of Lenoir officiated, using the ring ceremony of the Episcopal Church. The bride was becomingly attired in white georgette and carried a shower bouquet of roses and valley lilies.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left by auto for a tour of northern cities, after which they will be at home in Asheville. The bride has a host of friends in Oxford, having spent her life in the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis in Oxford, and no more attractive and charming a young woman has ever lived in our midst, being endowed with numerous lovely traits of character and person which endeared her to all.

The groom is a promising young business man and is to be congratulated on winning so fair a bride.

ANYWAY, IT'S HOT!

Despite Ordinary Temperature Humidity Makes It Uncomfortable. It has not been hot this week, but the reaction of the high percentage of humidity on the human system makes you think it is as hot as blazes.

Tuesday last was the hottest day of the season here. At 3 o'clock on that day it was 93 degrees in the shade at Hall's drug store. On the 13th of July last year the thermometer in the same place registered 100 degrees, but the "humidity" last Tuesday made it appear that it was warmer than it was one year ago.

The hottest day in Oxford last year was on the Fourth of July, when the temperature was 102.

The scientific weather men claim that "humidity is something that makes a normal day seem like what it ain't."

ROW AT CREEDMOOR OVER GAME OF BASEBALL

The Creedmoor Times carries the following reference to the game of baseball played there by the Creedmoor and Stovall teams last Saturday:

"Last Saturday afternoon with a large crowd of men, women and children assembled for recreation to watch the game between Creedmoor and Stovall, it was a shame on the good name of our town to have this game broken up by a general row and free for all fight not by the ball players but by outsiders in no way connected with the ball game. Men and women asserting that not even in the days of the dispensaries did they ever see more sign of men under the influence of whiskey. The advertisement our town will get from Saturday afternoon will take years to live down."

Local Firm Awarded Contract.

The Byrum-Hunt Company has been awarded the contract to erect the high school building at Kenbridge, Va. The building is similar to our new high school building now being erected by the Byrum-Hunt Co.

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GREAT DAMAGE DONE BY HAIL STORM ALONG THE GRANVILLE-VANCE LINE

Reports reach here from Hester, Knap of Reeds and other localities in Southern portion of Granville that growing crops were seriously damaged by hail Tuesday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock. No estimate has been placed as to the loss involved, but according to reports, tobacco suffered most, young plants being beaten to the ground and cut to pieces.

It is thought that the storm had its origin near the Virginia line in the Townsville section of Vance county.

Vance County Badly Damaged. The following account of the storm in Vance county is taken from the Henderson Daily Dispatch:

"The storm ripped a path about three miles wide through the county from the northwestern portion to the southeastern section, Henderson being in the eastern edge of the area affected. The clouds began gathering late in the afternoon, and had assumed such an appearance by 6:30 or 7 o'clock that the ordinary lay observer could see what was in store. The roaring of the storm could be heard for fifteen minutes before it broke, making a noise resembling a distant water fall. As it approached nearer a huge hail stone now and then as a forecast of what was close at hand.

East Of Oxford. "The section between the western suburbs of the city and the Granville county line appear to have been the center of the storm's path, and it was there that the greatest damage was done. The hail fell thick and fast and in large stones, many persons reporting the biggest they had ever seen.

Kittrell section. "Residents of the section lying in the path of the worst of the storm brought reports here today that piles of the hail could still be seen in places this morning, having been of such dimensions as to withstand the rising temperature of the night and early morning. These reports came from the Kittrell section.

MISS LOUISE CURRIN THE BRIDE OF DR. J. H. BULLOCK

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Currin was the scene of a quiet but very pretty marriage on Thursday at high noon when their daughter, Louise, became the bride of Dr. John Henry Bullock. The home was tastefully decorated with potted plants and a profusion of sweet peas. Only the members of the immediate families were present. Lohengrin's Wedding March was beautifully rendered by Miss Agnes Cannady. The impressive ceremony was solemnized by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue tricotone suit and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies.

She is a beautiful young woman, winsome and attractive, endowed with many lovely traits of character, very talented, being a graduate of Oxford College. The groom is a most promising young physician being one of the founders of Brantwood Hospital. After a tour of northern cities they will be at home in Oxford where they have a host of friends.

LARGE NUMBER OF DIPLOMAS AWARDED AT THE UNIVERSITY

Governor Morrison Hands Out Sheepskins To Graduates—Many Classes Have Reunions During the Week.

Chapel Hill, June 16.—The largest number of graduates that ever received degrees from a North Carolina institution, upwards of 180 men and women, with a long record of successful work behind them, stepping down from the platform of Memorial Hall at the University of North Carolina Wednesday, their diplomas in their hands, brought to a climax the 126th commencement at the University.

From the chief executive of North Carolina, Governor Cameron Morrison, the graduates received their jealously won diplomas, and from that other towering Tar Heel, former Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels, they listened to the last words of admonition most of them will hear on the University campus. Chapel Hill has rarely enjoyed a more delightful commencement. For four days the seniors, students, alumni, visitors, mothers and fathers and best girls surged backward and forward across the campus, attending final meetings, renewing old associations, joining in at class dinners, musical concerts, baseball games, dramatic productions, and listening to addresses on nearly every possible subject.

FARMERS ARE SIGNING THE MARKETING CONTRACT

The campaign for signatures to the cooperative marketing contract in Granville is meeting with success. Monday night at Stovall eighty percent of the farmers present signed the contract, and at Enon every white man present but one signed.

Ten new workers have been assigned to Granville and meetings are being held every night, and it is believed 80 per cent of the farmers will have signed by July 4.

MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTEND OPENING OF NEW BALL PARK

The Play-ground Of the Central Carolina League Is An Ideal Place For the American Game.

Oxford's handsome new baseball park was thrown open Wednesday afternoon with a game between Oxford and Henderson. The attendance was 2,500, the ladies being admitted free.

The park is one of the best and most comfortable in the State. The grand stand seats 1000 and the bleachers about the same number, and on this occasion there were at least 500 standing or seated on the ground.

Ten days ago the Oxford team took the opening game at the handsome new park in Henderson, the score being 1 to 0. Henderson has recently imported a number of new men, and it was generally believed in Henderson that they were in a position to capture the opening game here, and a large number of Henderson fans came over to see the thing done in good style, but Oxford was again victorious.

Mayor Stem Tossed Ball.

As a fitting opening of the new park, Mayor Stem at the request of the management advanced to the pitchers stand and tossed the first ball across the hom plate with the command to "Play Ball."

Ministers Present. The management presented tickets to the ministers of Oxford and confederate veterans.

The Mascot. A conspicuous figure in the immense crowd was little Charles Garmann the mascot of the team, proudly arrayed in a uniform exactly like those of the members of the Oxford team.

The Contest. The game was the best one played between the strong, well-matched teams of Oxford and Henderson, and it took ten innings of fast hair raising base ball to decide it finally in Oxford's favor by score of 3 to 2.

There was little to choose between the two pitchers, Krepps and Beaton, up to the last half of the tenth. To that time each had allowed only 5 hits and was pitching airtight ball, but in the last half of the 10th after two were out Beaton weakened. Ellis singled, and went to second on a wild pitch to third base on Speed's third hit and scored on Holding's timely-single to right, and the game was on. After Henderson had scored twice in the first inning on two hits and Holdings error, Oxford tied it up in the second on a pass, an error and Reece's hit which Hatch let get away from him for three bases.

From then on both pitchers were masters of the situation until the tenth. Henderson threatened in the eighth but Hales' sensational catch of Edwards line-drive to center put out the third man. Speed's hitting, the fast fielding or both teams and the work of both pitchers were the outstanding features of the game.

The Score.

	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Ellis 2b	5	1	2	1	4	0
Speed rf	4	0	3	1	0	0
Holding 1b	5	0	1	14	0	1
Johnston lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Harris 3b	2	1	1	0	2	1
Hales cf	3	1	0	3	0	0
Hughes ss	4	0	0	2	5	0
Reece c	3	0	1	7	1	0
Krepps p	4	0	0	0	2	0
Henderson	33	3	8	30	15	2
	Ab.	R.	H.	Po.	A.	E.
Hatcher rf	4	1	1	0	0	1
Quinn ss	3	1	0	5	2	0
Edwards 2b	3	0	0	2	3	0
Falcon 1b	4	0	1	9	0	0
Roberts 3b	4	0	0	1	2	1
Branch cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Getzy lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Powell	4	0	1	10	2	0
Beaton p	4	0	1	0	5	0

Two out when winning run scored. Struck out, by Beaton 10; by Krepps 6. Wild pitch, Beaton, Stolen bases Speed, Branch. Umpire, Mr. Caddell.

SOUTH HILL PUTS ONE OVER ON OXFORD

The South Hill team of the Central Carolina League engaged the Oxford team on the local diamond yesterday, the score being 3 to 1 in favor of South Hill. The South Hill team is composed of a fine set of College boys. About 50 fans came over with them and let their presence be known every time the Virginians scored.

SMALL INVESTOR TO HAVE CHANCE AT STATE BONDS

Treasurer Lacy To Advertise Five Million Dollars Worth Bonds. With a provision to take care of the small investor, a departure from the usual bond issue, the Council of State has authorized State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to borrow \$695,000 immediately and to advertise five million dollars worth of 5 per cent road bonds and bids to be opened July 15.

Of the bond issue, \$5,000,000 is for road building purposes to bear five per cent interest. The rest is to meet demands upon loan fund authorized by the State legislature of 1921 to assist counties in the construction of school buildings.

"VILLA NOVIA HEIGHTS"

Oxfords Handsome New Suburb On the National Highway One Mile North of the Court House.

Big things are in store for Oxford in the event the National Highway which is now being surveyed and relocated, is straightened so as to pass through the old Delacroix farm one mile north of the court house.

The Delacroix farm was subdivided and sold last year. The subdivision called for a straight street through the property and many parties purchased lots abutting on the proposed street.

If the National Highway survey through this property is adopted by the property holders and the State engineer, it means that one hundred elegant homes will be erected along the "Boulevard," at an early date.

Some of the things contemplated in the development is an amusement park in the center of which will be a lake fed from the famous Delacroix Springs, and around which will be built a number of pavilions. A portion of the park, handy to an all-right restaurant, will be devoted to a camping ground for tourists.

"Villa Nova Heights," or what ever name is given to this exclusive settlement, will be lighted by electricity, sewerage system will be installed and the homes will be supplied by fresh water piped from the famous old spring.

BATCH OF NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

(W. R. Mangum)

Stem, N. C., June 16.—A severe hail and wind storm visited Knap of Reeds, Lyon and Wilton sections of the county Tuesday night, inflicting heavy damage to crops.

The hail in the neighborhood of Lyon fell in pieces as large as guinea eggs and almost completely ruined the crops especially tobacco. One tobacco farmer remarked next morning, "My entire crop is not worth twenty-five dollars." Lightning struck the feed barn and corn crib of Mr. Caliph Allen near Creedmoor and both were destroyed by fire. Mr. Allen by strenuous efforts saved his live stock but lost a two horse wagon, harness, feed and about twenty barrels of corn. The rain accompanying the storm was light and fell hastily.

Mr. J. R. Fowler of Route 2, and Mr. Roy T. Walters each purchased a Ford touring car last week.

The residence of Mr. W. H. Thomasson who lives at the end of the street near Stem High School building caught fire on top of the dining room near the stove pipe Tuesday morning and was only extinguished by the most heroic efforts of the neighbors. Mr. Tom Gooch who lives on Sunset street some distance from Mr. Thomasson discovered the fire and gave the alarm, when the neighbors quickly gathered, some getting on top with axes and others furnishing water until the flames were brought under control. Mr. Thomasson who has been confined to his home with illness for the past week was just able to walk around out of doors.

The people of Knap of Reeds are cordially invited to attend a gathering at the Methodist church next Saturday afternoon, when ice cream and Brunswick stew will be sold the proceeds to go for the benefit of the church.

Miss Floy Daniel of Tally Ho returned home Friday from the Greenville Training School where she has been taking a Teachers Training course. She will also attend summer school and plans to teach the coming fall.

The members of Tally Ho church will regret to learn of the illness of the pastor Rev. L. M. Hobbs at his home at Creedmoor. He is slowly recovering but is still a very sick man.

Mrs. James H. Webb received a wire message Wednesday morning conveying the sad intelligence of the death of her brother Mr. Bob Russell, which occurred in Durham Tuesday. Mr. Russell was a man of superior worth and had served with honor and credit in the state legislature and was well posted on all public questions.

Miss Claudia Spencer, who has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. F. Cotton of Oxford Route 6, left Wednesday for her home in Hyde county. She attended Louisburg college the past session, and will attend school next winter in the western part of the state. She is a most intelligent, sweetspirited young lady and is making thorough preparation for teaching, her chosen occupation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rives and family of Rocky Mount spent the week end with Mrs. Rives' grandmother, Mrs. S. P. Washington of Oxford Route 6.

Mr. P. B. Hardee, prop. of the Stem Drug Co., is taking a vacation in the western part of the state.

There will be a free entertainment at Stem High School building Saturday night, given under the auspices of The Ladies Aid Society. Following the exercises ice cream and other refreshments will be served the proceeds to go to the society.

THERE MAY OR MAY NOT BE A SHOWER OF METEORS HERE

It Will Not Come Close Enough To Earth To Knock Down Chimneys.

The astronomers tell us that there is only one chance in 1000 that the earth will be destroyed by collision with the Pons-Winnecke comet on or about June 28.

After racing two weeks to overtake the earth, it's due to swipe us with its two-forked tail—about June 28. Then we may see a great shower of meteors—shooting stars. Most comets have a tail made of star dust and luminous gases. But Pons-Winnecke is loaded for bear. Its tail is a stream of meteors 600 miles long. Like a load of buckshot. When closest to the earth, these'll travel 24 miles a second. This year it comes closer to the earth than ever before—but that'll be 1,000,000 miles away. Again, it may fool you entirely, for it's the joker of the comets.

Astronomers say Pons-Winnecke this year may duplicate the great fire-rainstorm of 1833, when it was estimated that a comet dropped 240,000 meteors.

Meteors come into view 90 miles above ground. Generally burn out 50 miles overhead. Only one in 1,000,000 ever reaches ground, says Prof. Forest R. Moulton, University of Chicago.

Largest known meteor was found in Greenland in 1894 by Explorer Perry. It weighs 38 tons. Measures 11 by 8 by 4 feet.

But most meteors weigh only a few ounces. They're made mostly of nickel-iron. With a fused black crust like varnish. Often contains, gold, platinum and diamond specks.

OXFORD MAN IS MANAGER OF ARIZONA HEALTH RESORT

Major P. H. Montgomery, well known to the people of Oxford and Granville county, has been elected director of a health resort in Arizona. The Courier, published at Mayer, Arizona, says: "Mayer is soon to have a health resort. Under the direction of P. H. Montgomery, formerly of Phoenix, who is himself a health seeker, a group of twenty cottages and one main boarding house, is to be erected in Mayer and will be furnished and, it is planned, ready for occupancy by June 10. There are to be all the advantages of life in a city, electricity, telephone service, running water and shower baths, with none of the crowded conditions so detrimental to seekers of health."

A MURDERER WITH A PULL

The acquittal of Dr. Peacock last week at Lexington is meeting with disfavor all over the State. The Public Ledger is inclined to believe that the verdict makes murder easy in North Carolina. The Statesville Landmark is of the opinion that the doctor will enjoy good health at an early date. It says:

"Surely greater faith than can be found in Israel is manifest by those who profess to believe that Dr. Peacock faces a life term in the criminal insane department of the State prison simply because he has been acquitted of murder on the ground of insanity. Having passed from under the shadows of the electric chair Dr. Peacock's recuperative powers will be amazing, and presently (it may be a few years but more probably not so long) he will be found to have recovered. And having recovered, or so much improved that, in the opinion of alienists, he is not deemed dangerous, he can't be held in an insane hospital. The law will discharge him."

GEORGE EMERY NAMED AS LEGION COMMANDER TO SUCCEEDING GALBRAITH

George G. Emery, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was unanimously elected as national commander of the American Legion at a meeting of the executive committee of the Legion at Indianapolis, Ind., this week. He succeeds Frederick W. Galbraith, who was killed in an automobile accident last week at Indianapolis.

Thomas J. Bannigan, of Hartford City, Conn., was elected vice-commander, succeeding Mr. Em