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## THE STATE HAS TAKEN OVER CERTAIN ROADS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Oxford-Person County Road Will Be Taken Over By the State Soon.

The State has taken over the National Highway from the Virginia line to the Granville-Durham line, and C. G. Sanford, of Stem, has been placed in charge of the throughfare from Oxford to the Durham county line, a distance of 18 miles. He has a drag and a truck and is giving his full time to the work. The other road taken over by the Highway Commissioners extends from Oxford to the Vance county line on the Oxford-Henderson road.

It is understood the State Commission will take over the road from Oxford to the Person county line in a few days. These roads will be maintained by the state.

The plans of the engineer, whether he will bring his assistants with him or will employ local help, are not known here, but it is presumed that the supervising engineer will hire laborers here.

## THE AUTOMOBILE LICENSE TAX COMES IN SLOWLY

Sixty-Five Thousand Owners Failed To Respond (Raleigh Times)

With the assigned periods for securing automobile licenses closed and those driving cars with last year's tags subject to coercion, it appears that 65,000 automobile owners of North Carolina have delayed applying for licenses.

A majority of these—ill, of course, secure their licenses and are merely delaying doing so out of sheer shiftlessness, oversight or because they have spent their money for gasoline; but it begins to look as if thousands of automobile owners were either intending to try to get along without cars or without licenses.

Is it hard times? It is hard to return an answer without being charged by Governor Morrison with opposing his program of progress. There's plenty of progress. There's plenty of money whenever we need it, and the roads are better. Why then do men give up the use of their automobile or decide to run them illicitly?

Do they think the licenses are too high? Do they object to building the good roads. Of course, not. Since first the system of State highways was proposed the world has been told that the automobile owners would uncomplainingly bear their own and a part of everybody else's share of taxation.

It must be that some considerable portion of the 65,000 have worn their cars out or are waiting to gin their cotton. Or it may be that Ford owners have heard that the Legislature of 1921 made it possible for a man to pay his taxes with a hard-luck story.

Maybe this will aid you in making up your mind as to what is the matter.

## TAFT IS MADE CHIEF JUSTICE BY PRESIDENT

Washington, July 4.—The commission for the chief justice of the United States supreme court was signed at the department of justice Friday by Attorney General Duffell, in the presence of Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, and was sent to the White House where it was signed by the President. Chief Justice Taft was appointed from Connecticut, but was formerly of Ohio.

## THE FIRST HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE SWIMMING POOL

Mr. J. N. Pittman Will Be One Of Fifty To Donate \$100.

I read with delight in your last issue concerning a swimming pool for the city of Oxford. I, for one, will be one of fifty to give one hundred dollars to this project. This will give us a start of five thousand dollars.

I hope to see this work come to a head. We need something like this as much as we need any business we have. Let us see what can be done in the way of a swimming pool for Oxford.

## MERCHANTS ADOPT CLOSING HOURS FOR THE SUMMER

In the announcement recently published in the Public Ledger to the effect that the merchants of Oxford will close their stores during July and August at 5:30 o'clock every day except Saturday. Upchurch & Curran notifies us that they will close at six o'clock. The closing hour of all the stores on Saturday will be 9 o'clock, except the grocery stores, which will remain open until 9:30. This notice does not apply to drug and hardware stores.

## NORLINA WANTS TO JOIN VANCE COUNTY

Norlina Headlight Says Strong Talk Of Petitioning Legislature (Norlina Headlight)

There is strong talk of circulating a petition to ask the next Legislature to annex the territory north of the Seaboard railroad from Warren Plains to the Virginia line and that part on the south side of the railroad now in the Norlina Special Tax District to Vance county.

## SAM M. WHEELER QUILTS THE COUNTY BRIDGE FORCE

Work On the Creedmoor and Sunset Roads Will Be Discontinued.

At the meeting of the Granville county road commission held Saturday, July 2, S. M. Wheeler, foreman of the bridge force, offered his resignation as foreman, and after consideration the board agreed to accept the same, and ordered the secretary to issue an order payable to Mr. Wheeler for \$300 in full settlement of contract made by Mr. Wheeler with the county board of commissioners.

Ordered that the superintendent of roads notify Thomas Blair that owing to the fact that there is no money available at present for road construction, work is hereby discontinued on the Creedmoor road when he has completed same to the nine mile post; also to discontinue work on Sunset road when he has completed same to Sunset.

S. M. Morton was appointed one of a committee of three to assess damage, if any, to J. T. Cozart on Oxford-Henderson road.

C. G. POWELL, Secy.

## MRS. CAPEHART TO BE MANAGER NEW CAFETERIA

Miss Margaret Will Go To Raleigh To Assist Her Mother With the Business.

(Raleigh Times) Mrs. L. W. Capehart, of Oxford, has accepted the position of manager of the new cafeteria, which will be opened shortly by the Wake County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Capehart has been Home Demonstration Agent under Mrs. Jane McKimmon for ten years. She will be assisted by her daughter, Miss Margaret Capehart, who has been doing catering work for parties and receptions in Oxford for some time. Both women are noted for the excellence of their home cooking, pies, breads and cakes. Home cooking is to be the special drawing card of the cafeteria, which will be located in the building formerly occupied by Williams Drug store on West Martin Street.

The former drug store is now being remodelled. The front will be entirely changed, and a lobby will be put in. There will be an entrance also from the lobby of the Bland hotel in addition to the main entrance on Martin Street. The color scheme will be blue and white, and the tables will be of blue and white enamel and of a novel design. The cafeteria will seat about a hundred persons.

Miss Mary V. Johnson announced Thursday that the cafeteria will be opened between the first and middle of August.

## THE ORPHAN'S SWIMMING POOL IS A JOY FOREVER

It Will Cost About \$8000 When Completed.

The Orphan's Friend says: "Great would have been the enjoyment of the Nobles of Oasis and Sudan Temples had they been here Saturday when the swimming pool was thrown open. The girls had the first turn at it, the boys their chance later. A happier lot of folks you could not have found anywhere. The girls went into the water with more caution, but the boys, having learned something of aquatic sports in a nearby pond, just hopped in kerplunk."

"There is no better swimming equipment anywhere. The pool is 25 by 100 feet, with a depth of from a foot and a half to seven feet. The shallow end is partitioned off for the benefit of the babies, holes permitting flow of water through to the deeper compartment. By the side of the pool, around which is a wide concrete pathway, is the bathhouse. This has four shower baths and all other necessary appointments. The pool, its equipment, and the playground which the Shriners have appropriated for, will cost about \$8,000 when completed."

## GEN. PERSHING IS NOW HEAD OF ARMY STAFF

(Washington Special)

General John J. Pershing Saturday became chief of staff of the United States army, relieving Major General Peyton C. March, who was given leave of absence effective until his retirement from active service in November. It was the first assignment to definite duty given the general since he relinquished command of the American expeditionary forces in France. Major General James Harbord who was his principal staff assistant in France is his assistant in the new office.

Within a few hours after he became chief of staff of the army General Pershing was acting as Secretary of War.

## GEN. ROYSTER IN NEW YORK

Accompanied by His Son Thomas and Master Henry Hunt

Gen. B. S. Royster will leave for New York City today to be absent two weeks. His son Thomas and Henry Hunt, the son of Mr. W. H. Hunt, will accompany him.

Gen Royster goes to New York on business combined with pleasure. They will stop off at Washington for a day on their return.

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

## THE BIG TABERNACLE IS READY FOR THE TWO WEEKS REVIVAL

The Mangum Warehouse Has Been Fitted Up With Electric Lights, Rest Rooms, Toilets For Women and Children and Seats Installed For the Accommodation Of Three Thousand People.

Twenty-five workmen got busy last week and converted the Mangum warehouse into a splendid tabernacle, where Dr. Ham, of Atlanta, will conduct revival services beginning July 11th and continuing for two weeks. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the West Oxford Baptist Church, and all of the churches of Oxford and the county are expected to take a lively interest.

Dr. Ham, who will do the preaching, is pastor of the Tabernacle at Atlanta, one of the largest Baptist Churches on earth. He succeeded Dr. Len Broughton as pastor of the church when the famous minister was called to London, England.

Prof. Spooner, the director of the choir in Dr. Ham's church at Atlanta, will direct the music in the meeting here. Pastor Upchurch, of the West Oxford Church, states that 250 invitation cards are being mailed to the best singers in Oxford requesting them to join the tabernacle choir during the revival.

Pastor Upchurch insists that the meeting will be known as the West Oxford Baptist Church revival services and that Dr. Ham will do the preaching. Pastors of the Oxford churches and as many of the pastors of out of town churches as possible will take a lively interest in the meeting, and converts will be asked as to what church they prefer to join.

The Mangum warehouse has been made very comfortable for the protracted meeting. Two dozen large electric fans will be installed, and toilet and rest rooms have been set apart for the comfort and convenience of women and children.

The preacher will stand upon a platform four feet high. The choir loft, with a seating capacity of 300 is on an elevated platform in rear of the speaker.

There is much interest manifested in the approaching revival. Three cottage prayer meetings were held in West Oxford last night and the regular prayer meeting will be held at West Oxford church at the usual hour tomorrow evening.

## CERTIFICATES GRANTED TO SEVENTY-EIGHT YOUNG WOMEN

58 Pass Nurses' Examination and 20 Are Granted Reciprocity Licenses.

Miss E. E. Cain, of Salisbury, secretary of the state board of examiners of the trained nurses of North Carolina, announces that certificates to practice in the state have been awarded to 78 young women as a result of the examinations given by the board at Raleigh recently. Of this number 58 passed the examinations and 20 were granted license through reciprocity with other states, these 20 young women already having license from other states.

## GERMANY MUCH INTERESTED IN AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL

Berlin, July 4.—Prospective withdrawal of the American troops from the Rhine as reported from Washington, attracts much attention in Germany in connection with the news of the adoption of the peace resolution by the house. The papers comment that the only advantage of this symbol of re-establishing of peaceful relations with the United States will be a reduction of the expenses of occupation through the retirement of the most expensive contingent in the allied army of occupation, but doubt whether this will compensate for the incursion of the present American zone in the area occupied by French troops, and declare the population of the Coblenz district certainly will regret the change.

## BIG DECREASE IN FRENCH POPULATION DURING WORLD WAR

Paris, July 4.—The population of France on March 6, 1921, was 76,084,206, according to the figures given out by the census bureau. The previous census taken in 1911 gave the population as 38,468,813. Thus the population of France decreased nearly two and a half million during the war.

It is explained, however, that the 1921 figures do not include the soldiers, marines and sailors outside of France.

## THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

The Stores Were Closed and There Were Very Few People On the Streets.

Yesterday, the Glorious Fourth, was the quietest day Oxford has had in a long time. Practically every business house was closed and there were very few people on the streets. The day was rather warm, and those who did not go fishing or to the woods or joy riding, either remained at home or went over to Henderson to attend the big celebration and ball game.

—About 5,000 people gathered at the fair grounds in Greensboro Friday night to hear W. J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, discuss the past, the present and the future of the organization. About 225 men clothed in the robes of the order marched in the parade.

## THE FARMERS ARE SIGNING THE MARKETING CONTRACT IN GOOD STYLE

Averaging More Than Two Hundred Contracts and a Million Pounds Per Week.

Sentiment continues to grow in favor of the Cooperative Marketing plan for tobacco in Granville County, and the "Sign Up" is progressing fine, averaging over 200 contracts and about a million pounds a week. Granville now has about four million pounds already signed up with no work done in three townships and just a very little in two others. Enon School District has signed every white man in it except four, two of these have said they would sign Oak Hill and Sassafras Fork Townships have from 60 to 80 per cent signed up, with Oxford and Brassfield Townships next, averaging over 40 percent. The first two townships will be completed within a few days with practically 90 percent signed up.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore addressed a mass meeting at Creedmoor on July 4, followed by an intensive campaign in Dutchville Township. All the Banks of Granville County have endorsed the movement, and Mr. W. H. Hunt, President of the First National Bank of Oxford, Mr. W. T. Yancey and Mr. J. P. Harris, Cashiers of the National Bank of Granville and the Union Bank & Trust Company, also Mr. Joe Gooch, President of the Bank of Stem have used their personal influence in favor of the movement with telling effect.

Since it has been decided best not to try to handle the 1921 crop through the Marketing Association, everybody is interested in making the "Sign Up" 75 percent strong before the markets open, and this should be the slogan over the entire belt. A number of men who refused to sign two weeks ago have looked up some of the workers and signed the contract within the past few days.

## BASE BALL

Oxford 4; Polarine 3.

—The biggest attraction in Oxford for the Fourth was the ball game between Oxford and Polarine Team from Norfolk which is composed of bona fide employees of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Norfolk Division. These fine young men are all amateurs and are enjoying a holiday, touring N. C. and Va. in local games, directed by C. W. Bender. This game was one of the best played on the local diamond this season and was won by Oxford score 4 to 3. The features of the game were lovely catch of Langley in center, three bagger by Holding and lovely work of Hughes shortstop, all for Oxford.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Polarine . . . 002 100 000—3 9 1 Oxford . . . 300 010 000—4 5 1 Batteries—Crump, Bost, "Spees" Coffey, Reece.

Henderson 1; Oxford 0.

Henderson defeated Oxford in a fast game at Henderson yesterday. The game on the "Glorious Fourth" had more snap than any yet played. Score by innings: R. Henderson . . . 000 000 001—1 Oxford . . . 000 000 000—0 Batteries—Beele and Powell, Krepps and Cutchins.

Where They Play.

Wednesday—Oxford at Roxboro. Thursday—Henderson at Oxford. Friday—Oxford at Henderson. Saturday—Chase City here.

## TAFT'S PUBLIC SERVICE HAS COVERED WIDE RANGE

Mr. Taft's appointment to the chief justiceship of the Supreme Court makes a precedent.

It is the first instance on record of a former President of the United States being named for high judicial honors.

While John Quincy Adams and Andrew Johnson returned to public life after their retirement from the presidency, they entered the legislative branch of the Government. To Mr. Taft has come the unique distinction of being translated after a comparatively brief lapse from the post of chief executive to that of chief judiciary.

Mr. Taft's career has been one of conspicuous public service. In his youth he was an assistant prosecuting attorney in his native county; promoted thence to a local judgeship; later Solicitor General of the United States; then a Federal Judge; Governor General of the Philippines; Secretary of War, and President of the United States.

Even after his retirement from the latter exalted post, his usefulness as a public servant did not cease, for he was made co-chairman of the War Labor Board at a critical period in American history.

## ORDERS PROPERTY OF BERNSTORFF RETURNED

Washington, July 4.—Alien Property Custodian Miller was ordered today by Justice Hitz, of the District of Columbia supreme court, to return to Countess Bernstorff, wife of the former German ambassador to the United States, stocks, bonds and cash amounting to \$1,000,000 which was seized under the trading with the enemy act.

## JACK DEMPSEY KNOCKS OUT CARPENTIER IN FOURTH ROUND AT JERSEY CITY SATURDAY

American Retains Championship Of the World By Flooring the Frenchman With a Pile-Drive Blow To the Jaw.—Both Men Retire From the Arena With a Fortune.

It is not often that the Public Ledger is disposed to print the details of a prize fight, but prize-fighting is not so very horrible, if you should happen to know the workings of the game.

It is nothing more than a money-making venture. The promoters select two men that look good to the public. The two combatants are brought together and it is then there agreed as to which will win. In the life time of old Richard K. Fox he bet \$25,000 on the loosing man in order to get up enthusiasm, and at the same time bet \$125,000 on the man whom he knew would win. We have no doubt in our mind that there was at least \$100,000.000 bet placed on the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

It is necessary in a prize fight to shed some blood to satisfy the people. Since the advent of the moving pictures, the greater part of a prize fight is purely theatrical and very tame as compared to two farmers engaged in a first-fight on a warehouse floor.

## The Jersey City Fight. (Condensed Report)

Jack Dempsey is still the pugilistic champion of the world. The fight took place last Saturday afternoon in an arena in Jersey City which covered 10 acres of ground and was witnessed by 91,000 people.

## First Round.

Carpentier walked into Dempsey and landed the first blow, a light left to the head. They fell into a clinch, and Dempsey battered the Frenchman in the body with short rights and lefts. Dempsey was short with a left to the head, but repeated with a left that staggered Carpentier and made him miss with a swing. Dempsey landed a left that skimmed Carpentier's nose, and drew blood. The Frenchman backed away and missed with a right. Dempsey countered with a left that made Carpentier's knees sag. There was a furious exchange at close quarters and ended with Carpentier falling through the ropes. Carpentier crawled back, gamely flew at Dempsey and they exchanged body punches in a clinch. Just before the bell Carpentier nailed Dempsey with a left and punished him in the body as the bell rang. Dempsey's second.

## Second Round.

Carpentier missed with a left and then landed a hard right to the chin that sent Dempsey reeling to the ropes. The blow apparently disconcerted the champion and sent him back on his heels, but he came back with a terrific right to the jaw that caused a look of worry from the Frenchman's handlers. They went into a clinch and when they were separated Carpentier missed a left to the chin. Carpentier landed a half dozen rights and left to Champion Jack's head. Dempsey hooked a right to Carpentier's cheek and split the flesh under the right eye. Blood began to trickle from the gash. Carpentier missed a right swing, and Dempsey's right also was short. They were locked in a clinch exchanging punches to the body as the bell rang. Carpentier's round.

## Third Round.

Dempsey began crowding Carpentier and the Frenchman backed away. Carpentier ducked a hook and Dempsey backed him into the ropes, shaking him with a solid right to the chin. Then Carpentier landed two right upper-cuts to the body in the clinch. The Frenchman missed a right swing and nearly fell down. Then he reached Dempsey with a long right to the jaw and as he came into a clinch Dempsey clubbed him on the neck with the rabbit punch. Carpentier led with a left and they clinched. Dempsey was out-roughing his frailer foe in the clinches. Carpentier circled around, waiting for a chance to whip over a right, but Dempsey's body punches had weakened him. The champion drove Georges into a corner, hooking him with rights and lefts to the head as the bell rang. The bell saved Carpentier. Dempsey's round.

## Fourth Round.

Dempsey rushed Carpentier to the ropes and sent a left to the body that made him wince. Carpentier landed a right to the head and tried to hang on. Carpentier was floored by Dempsey and was knocked out when he started to rise.

## Extent Of Injury.

The following certificate from Dr. Connolly ought to satisfy the people that there was a fight:

"This is to certify that I examined Georges Carpentier after his fight with Jack Dempsey and found him to be suffering from a compound fracture of the meta-carpal bone of his right thumb and a slight wrist sprain. These injuries have rendered his right hand useless."

## The Financial End.

Tex Richard, the promoter, announced immediately after the fight that the gate receipts was more than one million and six hundred thousand dollars. Richard said that it probably would be several days before a final and accurate accounting could be made.

## The Women Were There.

More women than ever before were gathered for a prize fight anywhere,

## SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND FARM HANDS NEEDED TO HARVEST WHEAT CROP

Farmer's Paying From \$3 to \$5 For Ten Hours Work.

Hutchinson, Kan., July 4.—More than 65,000 farm hands are needed in the great wheat producing states of the middle west to save the 1921 crop.

In Kansas, with a bumper wheat crop, dead ripe, farmers have raised wages from \$3 to \$5 a day for 10 hours' work in the field. In this state alone farmers are calling for from 35,000 to 40,000 additional men, at once.

In many Kansas counties women and girls are going into the field to help save the crops. Business men in many of the smaller towns are closing their stores to help.

Machinery companies report the labor shortage is so serious, that they are being flooded with orders for harvester and thresher machines. A survey made in the seven big wheat producing states shows that the 28,028,000 acres of wheat planted last year will produce approximately 375,217,000 bushels.

Wages paid this season are lower than the \$7 a day harvesters were paid last year. But this is because wheat now is bringing only \$1.25 a bushel this year, while a year ago it was selling for \$3.

The survey in the wheat states shows also that the co-operative marketing plans—a movement that stirred wheat growers more than any other single idea in a decade—will not be carried out on any vast scale with the 1921 crop.

## PROPERTY VALUES IN GRANVILLE NOT KNOWN AT YET

County Assessor Walter P. Stradley Is At Work On the Books.

No accurate estimate is available as yet as to the value of property in Granville county under the 1921 valuation as given in the recent task of list-taking, and probably will not be until the tax books are turned over to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. W. P. Stradley, county assessor is busy writing up the township books and getting them in readiness for the commissioners. Mr. Stradley stated that no totals had as yet been made, but he said that he is certain the taxes will be higher this year than they were last year. When asked if there will have to be an extra tax levy, Mr. Stradley stated that the commissioners are restricted by the constitution as to the levy of county funds.

## WILL HAVE FINAL DRILL BEFORE LEAVING FOR CAMP

Advance Squad Left Today For Morehead City.

Officers and enlisted men of the local headquarters company are getting things in readiness for their departure to Camp Glenn, Morehead City, next Saturday, where the annual encampment of the North Carolina National Guard will be held.

A squad of five men left this morning for Camp Glenn as an advance guard to take preliminary training courses before the full company arrives at the seaside camp. The rest of the company will leave here next Saturday via Seaboard and will be away two weeks, returning home on Saturday, July 23.

## MR. JOHN WEBB'S CONDITION IS IMPROVED

Mr. John Webb was taken critically ill last Friday and grave fears were entertained that he would not survive for many hours. We are advised this morning that his condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. Webb has been in poor health for some time. The Export Company, which he represented on the local market many years retired him last season with the hope that the intermission would prove beneficial to his health. The many friends in this part of the State will be glad to learn that he is somewhat better this morning.

## Successful Operation.

It is not often that two of a family are taken with appendicitis at the same time, but such was the lot of Miss Willie Lee Smith and her brother Frank, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smith, who underwent a successful operation at Watt's hospital in Durham last Friday. They were accompanied to the hospital by Dr. T. L. Booth, their old family physician, and members of the family. Many friends will be pleased to know they are resting well and will be at home soon.

## Dr. Davis Returns.

Dr. I. H. Davis has returned from the North Carolina Dental Association which met in Charlotte last week. This good old doctor always has a good time wherever he goes. About 15,000 according to the most cautious guessers, were packed into the front sections of the big arena. They were, for the most part, furious rooters for the Frenchman. About \$500,000 worth of summer millinery was threatened with devastation when early in the day the clouds lowered ominously. But there was no sign of concern among the feminine spectators. They were clearly on edge and eager. They wanted to see action. Old fighting men shook their heads doubtfully. They don't know what this new sign of the times forbodes.