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## HISTORY OF THE YEGGS WHO OPERATED IN THIS SECTION SOME TIME AGO

Interesting Sketch Of the Noted Band Of Safe Robbers Who Visited Many Places In North Carolina Last Year. Blowed the Safe At Hoston, Va., and Came To Grief At Roanoke—There Was a Woman In the Case.

Dime novel fiction fades before the report which has been prepared by the Baldwin-Felts detective bureau on the activities of the band of the Bank at Glasgow, their last feat before being captured near Roanoke last fall. Interest in their history is revived by reason of the daring escape from Roanoke jail of Charles Wilkes and C. B. Gordon, who sawed their way to freedom, leaving William Welch, another of the gang, still in jail. Jas. B. Rodgers, the fourth member of the gang, was shot and killed at the time of the gun battle near Roanoke. Some of the activities of the gang as prepared by the detective agency are:

Rogers met Wilkes in Philadelphia in 1919. Rogers, Wilkes and Welch operated around Atlanta during 1919, robbing banks and while here was joined by J. W. Rice, who had escaped from the Kentucky penitentiary. This gang operated out of Philadelphia as headquarters at this time.

In the early part of May, 1920, after robbing banks in Kentucky, they were about to be caught and after cutting out lights on their car ran into a ditch and in order to leave no trace behind, set fire to the car—burning it up. This was a Chandler car, which they had secured in Philadelphia. Immediately after this experience they broke camp in Louisville, moving back to Philadelphia, where in June they secured the Super Six Hudson car, starting South for Atlanta, spotting banks as they went for future operations.

About September 1st, Rogers and Harris, alias Welch, left for a trip into Tennessee and were registered at the Savoy Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., from September 3rd to 14th. Along about this time they were joined by Wilkes and Gordon, the latter after visiting them one or two times in Louisville seems to have taken the place of Madray who was dropped for "talking." On account of bad roads and rainy weather in Tennessee they escaped, but on their way back to Atlanta, Stanley, N. C., was the first to meet their approval, it being robbed on Sept. 23rd, after which this work began in earnest.

This quartet leaving Atlanta about October 3rd, Rogers and Welch, alias Harris, traveling in car, Wilkes and Gordon by train. The first job on the trip being Stoneville, N. C., Oct. 5th. Rogers and Welch were going to Raleigh, N. C., where they were registered at the Yarrowborough Hotel from Oct. 7 to 10. Wilkes and Gordon having gone to New York to dispose of bonds, returned to Raleigh about the 10th. They all started again and on this trip on Oct. 11th the Bank of Halifax, located at Hoston, Va., was robbed. Gordon and Wilkes again went to New York to sell the bonds. Rogers and Welch went by auto through Lynchburg and Roanoke to Atlanta. Later Wilkes and Gordon returned to Atlanta where division of the spoils was made. Rogers and Gordon took a little trip to Covington, Ky., and Cincinnati about this time, returning to Atlanta the latter part of October. About Oct. 27 all left Atlanta for Raleigh. We find Rogers and Welch, alias Harris, registered at Stoneville Hotel, Charlotte, N. C., from Oct. 29 to 31, Gordon and Wilkes having gone on train to Raleigh.

On Nov. 5 and 6 the bank of Spring Hope, N. C., was their next prize. Gordon and Wilkes went to Philadelphia on Southern train No. 36, Nov. 6, to dispose of bonds. Rogers and Welch drove through to Lynchburg where they were registered at the Virginia hotel from November 6th to 11th.

Wilkes returned to Lynchburg on Nov. 10, without his friend Gordon, who had been on a few days drouth, decided to get drunk and spend some of Spring Hope's money, consequently remained over in Philadelphia. Nov. 11, the big three, Rogers, Wilkes and Welch, started South again, Selma, N. C., being a good prospect, but for some reason did not look right and was passed up. Conditions not being right down that way they changed their course and on Nov. 19 made the drive on the bank of Glasgow, Va., which Rogers had located on Nov. 10, along with Troutville, Buchanan and Fincastle, which he had marked as a double vault, returning to Lynchburg on the night of Nov. 10th.

Wilkes and Welch were captured near Roanoke and Rogers killed with about \$100,000 worth of Bank of Glasgow's property in their possession on Nov. 19, by members of the Roanoke police department.

When the three men were captured near Roanoke and Rogers killed on Nov. 19 it was not known that there were any other members in their gang, until about the first of December, some information was obtained through confidential sources

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

## GRANVILLE COUNTY FARMERS ARE GOING TO HAVE THEIR SAY THIS FALL

If Tobacco Sells Well All Is Well—No Tobacco Will Be Sold For Less Than It Cost To Produce It.

It is generally understood that the cooperative marketing contract will not be given a try-out this fall. One of the contributory causes of the delay, it is said, is because the big companies and many of the warehousemen have entered into contract with their help for the next season.

Taken as a whole, the farmers are the fairest-minded men in the world. The plea that the big companies and the warehousemen have made contracts has its weight with them. With seventy-five percent of the world's crop signed up they are equal in power to any syndicate on the globe and can rule with an iron rod if they elect to do so by the method of "stick brother, stick."

It is understood that the big companies look with favor upon the cooperative plan. Dr. Kilgore and some of the other noted speakers claim that the big companies, under the cooperative plan, can reduce their expenses 25 percent, the greater part of which will go into the pockets of the farmers.

As stated above, cooperative selling will not be put into full force and effect until next year. The Granville county farmers know this, but from their conversation we have had with many of them, we infer that there is a mutual understanding that they will assert themselves this fall to obtain a fair price for the weed. From what we can gather, there has been no concerted action as to what figure they deem is a necessary price. When questioned on this point, a well-known farmer said:

"We will first ascertain what it costs to produce the crop and, then add a reasonable figure for labor and investment. We are willing to meet the big companies half way, and feel that the big companies will respond to anything reasonable."

## DR. THOMAS PERFORMS OPERATION UPON HIMSELF

An abscess, commonly known as an old fashioned boil, formed on Dr. Nelson Thomas' leg. When it got good and ripe and began to throb, he adjusted a looking glass so as to get a good view of the disturbing element and lifted it out. The removal of the "core" left a hole as large as the end of your finger, but it is now a healthy sore.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT OAK HILL CHURCH

Much interest is manifested in the approaching revival services of Oak Hill Church. Rev. R. A. Lopsley, Jr., of Tarboro, one of the strong preachers of that State, will preach next Sunday at 11 and 4 o'clock. There will be services each afternoon during next week at 3 o'clock and 4:30. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

## LAWYERS MUST STAND TOGETHER FOR MUTUAL PROTECTION

Major Thos. W. Davis, for a dozen years secretary of the North Carolina Bar Association and its president for the past year, delivered the annual address at the convening of the annual meeting in Charlotte Tuesday night. He wants a stronger State organization of lawyers than now exists and one that will have as complete control over its members as a labor union does over its membership.

## BUTLER LOSING IN FIGHT WITH ORGANIZATION

"Hog-Combine" Having Things Its Own Way In Appointments. Washington, July 7.—Once more the Morehead-Linney organization is on the way to the patronage goal. Marion Butler has been worsted in the knock down the drag out contests here.

## HORTON M. EVANS BROUGHT TO TRIAL

Implicated In the North Granville Moonshine Case. Two weeks ago Detective Hutchins and other officers captured a large still in Oak Hill township. Horton M. Evans, of South Boston, was implicated and a warrant was issued for his arrest, and served on him at South Boston last Monday by Deputy Ed Lyon, and he was brought before Justice J. J. Medford for trial Tuesday. Horton asked that the hearing be postponed until July 14. Friends of the accused were here and ready to furnish bond for Horton, but a Virginia bondsman did not look good to Justice Medford, and he accordingly required a cash bond of \$500, and a cashier's check for that amount was tendered.

## MR. JOHN WEBB'S CONDITION IS IMPROVING

Mr. John Webb was removed to a hospital in Richmond Tuesday accompanied by Dr. Cannady. Mrs. Webb and his daughter and son, Miss Sallie and William Webb. The Public Ledger learns that Mr. Webb underwent a successful operation Wednesday evening and that he is resting well.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING AND PASS UPON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Three School Bond Elections To Be Held On August 12—Sheep-Killing Dogs and Other Matters.

The County Board of Commissioners met last Tuesday, the following members being present: Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, chairman; W. L. Clark, C. G. Daniel, B. F. Curran, Thos. G. Taylor.

**Qualified Jurors.** The register of deeds made his return to the Board of the names of the qualified jurors of Granville county, to be cut apart and placed in the jury box.

**Delinquent Taxes.** C. G. Powell, register of deeds, was authorized by the Board to list the taxes of all delinquents; also to add 25 percent to each tax listed, plus 25 cents for listing.

**Equalization.** Upon motion of Commissioner Taylor, and carried, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of F. H. Gregory equalizer, of all complaints filed in regard to equalizing the lands in Granville county.

**Rebate Withdrawn.** The Board rescinded the motion passed at the June meeting, 1921, wherein they granted the Granville County Fair Association rebate on 1920 tax.

**Sheep-Killing Dogs.** J. B. Stovall, Edward Jackson and Gabe Woody were appointed a committee to assess damages to E. B. Green by the killing of sheep by dogs belonging to Henry and Mary Taylor.

**Special School Election.** There was a special school election ordered to be held in Brassfield District No. 5, to ascertain the wishes of the people as to a special school tax of not more than 20 cents on the each \$100 valuation of property, and 6 cents on each poll. The registrar is Aubrey Jenkins, and the judges are J. E. R. Jenkins, W. B. Lane. The election will be held at the residence of Aubrey Jenkins on August 12th.

**Providence School District.** There was an election ordered to be held to ascertain the wishes of the people as to the territory set out in petition for the purpose of voting the territory in the Providence school district. The rate of tax to be the same in said Providence district, not to exceed 30 or the \$100 worth of property and 90 cents on the poll. The election will be held August 12, at the residence of the registrar, George Royster.

**School Bond Issue.** Moved and carried that an election be held in Creedmoor district to ascertain the wishes of the people as to a \$1800 school bond issue. Registrar, F. J. McDuffie. Time of election August 12th.

**The Tax Levy.** The Board unanimously agreed to defer the matter of making the tax levy until the first Monday in August, owing to the fact that the aggregate value of property was not available at this meeting.

**Standard Keeper.** Joe Baird was unanimously appointed standard keeper for Granville county.

**Unknown Dog.** E. C. Harris, Ham Cheatham and J. T. Cozart were appointed a committee to assess damage sustained by S. O. Parham by the killing of four breeding ewes by an unknown dog.

**MRS. MEBANE MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS** Report That She Is To Enter Race From Fifth District. Washington, July 7.—A very interesting report concerning the ambitions of Mrs. B. Frank Mebane has reached some of her Washington friends. It is to the effect that she will be a candidate for Congress in the fifth district next year. Mr. Mebane is a republican but Mrs. Mebane made some democratic speeches last year. It is not known here what party she will ask for the nomination.

Mrs. Mebane is a pleasant speaker, and is one of the handsomest women of the state. She would be a power in North Carolina politics.

## THE TOBACCO CROP IS SHORT IN MANY PLACES

"Gentlemen, You Have Heard the Evidence." The Danbury Reporter says: The cool days and nights of early spring, the insects and later the drouth have succeeded in making a short crop of tobacco. The farmers did their best to produce a full crop, but conditions beyond their control thwarted them. The crop in Stokes will be cut off from one-fourth to one-third of an average crop.

The indications point to low prices for common grades this fall, but good prices for good rich, heavy leaf. It is said on probably good authority that the manufacturers are loaded with common, but are short on rich grades. Gentlemen, you have heard the evidence, now act accordingly."

—Miss Ruth Dickens of Enfield and Miss Josephine Evans of St. Paul have returned to their homes after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Curran.

## FIRST MEETING IN THE BIG TABERNACLE WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Presiding Elder Wooten, One Of the Strong Preachers Of the State, Will Preach the Initial Sermon—Mr. Ham and His Singer Will Arrive Monday and Have Charge Of the Two Week's Meeting.

The Tabernacle (Mangum Warehouse) is now ready for the big meeting. The first service preparatory for the opening sermon by Pastor Ham, of Atlanta, will be held at 8 o'clock sharp next Sunday night. The West Oxford Baptists and Methodists have arranged a Prayer and Praise Service in the Tabernacle for that hour. Presiding Elder Wooten, one of the greatest preachers in the State, is to be in Oxford Sunday and has consented to preach at the Tabernacle if the plan meets with the approval of the pastors of the town. Final announcement will be made from the pulpits of Oxford Sunday morning.

Mr. Ham and his singer will arrive in Oxford and have charge of the 8 o'clock service Monday evening. Mr. Spooner, the music director, is the man in charge of the choir of 150 voices in the great Tabernacle Church in Atlanta and is known as one of the foremost song leaders in the country.

All the singers in all the churches are expected to aid in forming the greatest chorus choir ever heard in Oxford. Seats for all singers have been provided and any singer coming to the meeting is urged to report to the choir director or Pastor Upchurch. "The Popular Hymnal," used by many of the churches in and around Oxford, will be used. Everyone should bring his book. Copies of the book can be bought, but the meeting is not to sell books. Bring your own book.

All our people are invited to this meeting, a special invitation being extended to the people of all denominations in our Country churches.

The Public Ledger feels that there is a great treat in store for the people of Oxford and Granville county. Reports from meetings held by this Atlanta pastor assure us that he is a man of fine personality, eloquent, faithful and fearless. A tireless worker in his own city. An effective preacher and fellow-worker where he has labored. We feel confident that our people will appreciate and enjoy him.

## SOUTH CAROLINA WILL OPEN MARKETS JULY 19

Tobacco In That State Is Showing Up Well and Crop Is Promising—Speculation As To Prices.

Winston-Salem, July 7.—Local tobaccoists are leaving for South Carolina to arrange for the opening of several leaf tobacco markets in the Palmetto State. Announcement is made that they will open on July 19. Letters received here state that recent rains have worked wonders and that the crop is showing up quite promising. No one seems to be in position to state definitely whether prices will be any higher than last season, though the general belief seems to be that present business conditions indicate that this year's crop will sell low.

## MR. C. W. BRYAN RETURNS FROM EAST CAROLINA

Crops Are Poor In Halifax and Adjoining Counties.

Mr. C. W. Bryan has returned from an automobile trip that took him to all parts of Halifax and adjoining counties last week. The tobacco in Halifax and around Tarboro is not worth harvesting said Mr. Bryan.

"The cotton and corn crops are looking very well in Edgecombe and Halifax," said Mr. Bryan, "but the tobacco and corn crop in Granville is the most promising I saw on my trip of more than two hundred miles. If the tobacco I saw is a fair sample of the Eastern Carolina crop, I am disposed to believe that the shortage there will have a tendency to boost prices here."

## DR. POE THINKS FARMERS HAVE WON GREAT VICTORY

Burkeville, Va., July 7.—"We have won one of the biggest victories in the history of American agriculture," Dr. Clarence Poe, of North Carolina, told Virginia tobacco growers in a speech here.

Announcement was made at this meeting that Virginia had signed up more than 50 per cent of the tobacco production of most of its tobacco producing counties in the cooperative marketing plan and that the state may go over the top this week in the drive for a majority sign up of its tobacco when all the returns are counted.

## TO ENLARGE THE OXFORD ICE PLANT

A Twenty-Ton Ice-making Outfit Will Be Installed.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Ice Products Company it was decided to enlarge their plant by installing a twenty-ton ice-making outfit. This will be in addition to the plant now in service. Filters will be put in and the plant will be modern in every particular, capable of supplying Oxford and the surrounding country.

## FIRST HALF ENDED IN BASEBALL PLAY

Roxboro On Top In Percentage Column With Only Half Of Games.

Henderson's victory over Oxford Tuesday afternoon by the score of 1 to 0 finished the first half of the season in the Central Carolina League, and leaves Roxboro on top by a safe margin in the percentage column, says the Henderson Dispatch.

"As the matter stands at the close, Roxboro has won 11 and lost 6 games making a total of only sixteen games, for a percentage of .647, on a schedule that has permitted less than half as many games as either Henderson or Oxford has played. Oxford finished with 20 games won and 15 lost, with a percentage of .571, while Henderson comes out third with 19 games won and 17 lost and a percentage of .527. West Durham and Chase City have each won 3 and lost 7 games, and each has a standing of .300 in the percentage column. South Hill winds up in the cellar, having won two and lost 7 of the nine games played, and giving a percentage of .22."

The first games in the second half of the season was played here Wednesday with Roxboro, and Henderson at Chase City. The game here was called on account of rain, the score being 2 to 2 in the fifth innings.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Roxboro . . . . .000 20x—2 3 1 Oxford . . . . .000 20x—2 2 1 Battery—Edwards and Dennis; Krepps and Cutchins.

The season will last until early in September, according to the schedule in hand.

## Henderson's 3 Oxford 2.

In a 13-inning game on the local diamond yesterday Henderson defeated Oxford by a score of 3 to 2. It was the most exciting game of the season. Hughes' three bagger tied the score for Oxford in the ninth inning.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Henderson 200 000 1—3 7 3 Oxford .100 001 000 0—2 6 3 Coffey, Cutchins, Reece; Beale, Depew, Powell.

## OXFORD BASEBALL PLAYER IS MARRIED IN RALEIGH

Fans here will be interested in the wedding in Raleigh Tuesday of Clem Johnson, crack left fielder of the Oxford baseball team. He married Miss Helen Pope Saintsing, of Wake Forest. The News and Observer today reported the wedding as follows:

"Clement B. Johnson, one of the best known college athletes in the State, was yesterday quietly married to Miss Helen Pope Saintsing of Wake Forest in the parlor of the Yarrowborough Hotel by Justice of the Peace Arch J. Wood.

"The groom was on crutches, having sustained a broken ankle about two weeks ago in a baseball game at Chase City, Va., between the Oxford and Chase City teams.

"Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left last night for the groom's home in Wilmington, where they will spend their honeymoon. Mr. Johnston will rejoin the Oxford baseball club in about two weeks and expects to reenter Wake Forest College in September, having completed his sophomore year last spring.

"Mr. Johnson has been a member of the football, basket ball and baseball teams in Wake Forest for the past two years.

## MR. W. A. MCFARLAND IMPRESSED WITH LYNCHBURG

Mr. W. A. McFarland spent the week end and the Fourth with his brother, Dr. R. A. McFarland, pastor of Rivermount Baptist Church, Lynchburg. Mr. McFarland was very much impressed with Lynchburg, and especially Rivermount Church, which is on an eminence overlooking the city. Practically all of the members of Rivermount Church, said Mr. McFarland, are well-to-do, and the young men of the church are men of affairs and are very enthusiastic church workers.

Mr. McFarland made the trip to Lynchburg via Durham and returned via Burkeville. He noticed that the crops everywhere are late, but have a good color and are promising with seasonable weather.

## SOME FINE FISH TAKEN FROM TAR RIVER

The Most Successful Catch Of the Season.

Former Sheriff Sam Wheeler selected eight of the best local fishermen he could find to accompany him to Tar River last Tuesday afternoon. Besides Mr. Wheeler, the following men constituted the party: A. P. Hobgood, Jack Clement, J. T. Daniel, Erastus Hobgood, J. S. Hutchins, Henry Critcher, Conrad Walters, Jack Howard.

In point of fine fish and genuine sport, this was the most successful party of local fishermen of the season. They cast their seine in the river near Providence, and in less than a quarter of a mile from the starting point they caught 75 pounds of fish, each weighing more than one pound. In the catch were six chubs weighing from three to seven pounds. The fishermen were in the water only two hours.

## BATCH OF NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

(W. R. MANGUM)

—Miss Pauline Hobgood, of Enon section, principal, and Miss Floy Daniel, assistant, are the teachers chosen for Tally Ho graded school the coming fall term. Miss Hobgood is a graduate of Oxford College and is attending summer school at Wake Forest. Miss Daniel graduated from Stem High school in 1919 and has just returned from Greenville training school, having finished her first year in this institution.

—A Standard Oil truck, loaded with three barrels of gasoline going from Durham to Oxford, caught fire just as it reached this side of Ledge Rock bridge near Stem. The driver discovered the fire about fifty feet this side of the bridge and jumped off in time to save himself from injury. In a few moments the flames had enveloped the machine, the oil exploding with loud detonations and flying in every direction all round. A crowd seeing the smoke, quickly gathered and gazed at the rapid destruction of the car and contents. It is thought to have caught from backfiring, and is a total loss.

—Mrs. Frank Meadows, of Stem, and Messrs. J. R. Overby and two sons visited the Old Dominion Sunday. Mrs. Meadows stopping with Mrs. W. H. Gooch near Clarksville, and Mr. Overby's party spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis. Mr. Overby and Mr. Davis's mother, who are first cousins, are the only members of the old Overby family now living and their meeting together recalled many pleasant reminiscences of former days. Mr. Samuel Davis, well known in North Carolina and Virginia as "The hardware man," and who has demonstrated the fact that advertising pays, commenced business in Clarksville twenty years ago and now has a hardware business worth \$45,000, and is a large stockholder in The American Tobacco Company and other concerns.

—This community was visited by a heavy rain Sunday and crops are growing nicely. They are clean of grass and have been well worked and there is nothing in the present outlook to discourage the farmer but the probable low prices.

—Mrs. Ziba Roberts of Route 1, was taken to Watt's hospital last week where we are glad to note she is getting along as well as could be expected.

—Messrs. Armie Daniel, H. P. Webb and Miss Lizzie Daniel, of Tally Ho, and Miss Mamie Moore, of Stem motored to Loch Lilly Sunday, returning home by way of Durham. The shores of the lake were lined with cars and the usual number of pleasure seekers were present. The lilies which grow all over the pond, and for which it is named, have shed their blooms and only a few blossoms left.

—The baseball game played here last Thursday between Stem and Providence was stopped in the sixth inning on account of rain when the score was 21 to 7 in favor of Stem. Ira Fowler pitched for Stem and showed that he is an expert at this business as he was five years ago, when he played with the Wendell team and won such fame in this sport.

—Mrs. B. F. Farabow of Tally Ho, the writer and family were Durham visitors Tuesday. Crops along the highway, for the greater part of the way are good, the corn and tobacco which was damaged by hail some weeks ago have largely grown out of it.

—Mr. Frank Meadows, merchants near Stem, purchased a new Dodge touring car Friday.

—Mrs. Jennie Jones of Durham is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. F. Farabow of Tally Ho.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lem Day and Mr. R. C. Daniel of Oxford and Miss Connie Day of Roxboro, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniel of Tally Ho Sunday evening. Mrs. Daniel is the champion flower raiser of our community. We have rarely ever seen such a variety of the most beautiful flowers, consisting of ferns, geraniums, potted plants, all highly cultivated and with such a collection as is seldom seen in the country.

## CHANGE IN COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW

The General Assembly of North Carolina at Raleigh in January, 1291 amended the compulsory school attendance law to include all children between the ages of 7 and 14 years. The old law included all children between the age of 8 and 14.

Of course our law makers had in mind the future welfare of the children of North Carolina. They knew that children 7 years of age could not do farm work to any great extent, and that children in the cities and towns have no excuse whatever for not attending school.

—Miss Lila Curran left Friday to join the Elliott Party for a fifteen day tour of Canada. New York and Washington City.