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## GRANVILLE COUNTY MOON-SHINERS ENTRAP OFFICERS AND BURN THEIR CLOTHING

Chief I. H. Hobgood, Deputies Crawford Davis, Newton and Carl Each Lost An Overcoat and Undercoat. The average Granville County blockader is a dangerous man, and the officers know it. The blockader knows, too, that the officer carries a gun cocked and primed for him. No good feelings exist between the man who breaks the law and the officer who tries to enforce it.

Officers I. H. Hobgood, Conrad Walters, Crawford Davis, Newton and Carl were aware last Friday afternoon when they started for the Wilkins section of the county that they were likely to encounter a tough gang in the woods one mile from Wilkins station. They knew almost the exact spot where the gang was operating a 60-gallon capacity still, and they set upon a plan to surround the gang and capture the whole outfit, men and all.

The raiding party, consisting of the five officers above named, left Oxford in an automobile last Friday afternoon with the avowed purpose of entering the strip of woods one mile from Wilkins about twilight and surround the gang.

Arriving in the vicinity of the still, the officers parked their car at the side of a narrow road, at the other side of which was an old-field grown up in tall sage-grass, which was as dry as powder in a horn. The distance from the automobile to the still was about 800 yards. On leaving the automobile, Chief Hobgood, Deputies Davis, Newton and Carl removed their overcoats and under coats and placed them on the tall broom-sage, and Deputy Walters paced his coat in the automobile.

Not a word was said above a whisper as the officers entered the woods and scattered to the right and left, but as they were making their way to the still the tell-tale gun of a blockader, some distance from the still, was the signal to his companions by which they were warned to drop everything and flee for safety. The officers, too, heard the signal gun and knew its meaning. They dodged behind trees for a minute or two, hoping that some one of the gang would come their way, but the gang fled in the opposite direction.

When the officers came upon the still they found a complete plant capable of turning out 100 gallons of liquor every night. While they were destroying the plant and turning the sour-mash into the stream, they saw a heavy cloud of smoke to the west of them, and it dawned upon them that the blockaders had set fire to the field of tall broom-sage in which their automobile was parked, and when they reached the scene of the fire they found their coats and overcoats burned to a crisp, and the fire raging within a few feet of the automobile, which they shoved out of the way just as the flames reached across the road where it was standing.

## MOVEMENT TO BEAUTIFY WEST OXFORD SCHOOL GROUNDS

Strong Sentiment In Favor of a Community Library. The Parent-Teachers Association of the West Oxford School met Thursday night and began a program of work and progress that seem to have in it great promise for the future. Before the business session a delightful program of songs by the primary grades. Then Prof. Credle entertained the crowd by showing some very interesting slides with the lantern.

In the business session committees were appointed to present plans and recommendations looking to the founding of a Community library and the beautifying of the school grounds. These committees will report at the regular monthly meeting to be held Thursday night Jan. 5th, 1922.

## HAD TWELVE HUSBANDS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

She Collected \$400 a Month From the Government. A Chicago special says: At least twelve husbands who served in the army or navy are credited to Mrs. Helen Drexler, of Waukegan, Ill., the champion collector of government allotment checks, according to Federal authorities. She is charged with having married husbands in many parts of the country, divorced them, and received approximately \$400 a month from the government in the past three years.

## VETERANS WILL MEET IN RICHMOND IN JUNE

General Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has announced that the next general reunion of the old soldiers will be held in Richmond, Va., the capital of the Confederate states, beginning Tuesday, June 20, and lasting three days. Richmond was decided on as the next meeting place during the recent reunion in Chattanooga, Tenn., but the date was left with General Carr and his advisers, except that it was specified that it would be held in the spring.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

## STATE LIBRARY TOO MUCH HUNTING ON THEIR LANDS

The Birds Belong to the Farmer On Whose Lands They Are Found: "Since the hunting season opened in Granville county on November 15, it would seem that everybody, both whites and negroes, have quit work and taken to the fields with guns and dogs, and I wish the Public Ledger would remind them to respect the wishes of the land-owners and the farmers," was the burden of a farmer's complaint yesterday.

The average hunter forgets that the farmers have certain rights that should be respected whether the land is posted or not. The privilege to hunt at certain seasons of the year does not mean that hunters are at liberty to roam the county at large and shoot all game in sight, and when they find no game, take their revenge on sign-boards and old abandoned houses and shoot them full of holes.

As a matter of fact, there is a healthy and growing tendency among the farmers of Granville county to protect and propagate the birds to defend themselves against an invasion of damaging insects, and if the hunters do not respect the wishes of the farmers they are going to find their favorite hunting grounds of old closed against them at an early date.

In any event, the proper thing is first to get the consent of the farmer before invading his fields, whether or not the "posted" notice is encountered. The birds belong to the farmer on whose lands they are found and no one has a right to destroy them without his permission.

## PRESIDENT OF STATE WOMEN'S CLUBS BOOST COMMUNITY SERVICE

There Is Much In Her Message To Encourage Farming People.

Mrs. Sydney P. Cooper, of Henderson, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, who attended the Federation Council in Rocky Mount last week, sounded a note that is attracting much attention and favorable comment throughout the State. This was the first meeting over which Mrs. Cooper has presided since taking office, and her address reveals the fact that her heart and mind are attuned to constructive work of much value. Among other things she said:

"I want the key note of the year's work to be community service; I want the slogan for the Department of Home Economics to be a municipal market in every town in North Carolina. I am intensely interested in the curb market. The municipal market idea is one of the biggest constructive movements that the club women can undertake. It involves broad economic questions and would mean great things for our towns and the State. With the encouragement to our people to raise their home supplies in North Carolina, we can develop one of the greatest home industries of all."

Mrs. A. H. Powell, chairman of finance in the State Federation, was present and spoke of the splendid service that is being done through the Sallie Southall Cotton loan fund, which is being used as a loan fund without interest for worthy girls seeking an education, and loans have been made to seven girls this year.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE MEETS TODAY

Only Two Definite Matters of Legislation Placed On Calendar. With but two definite tasks laid out for it, the one correcting the Municipal Finance Act and the other to make provision to take care of a \$700,000 deficit in the public school fund for 1920-21, the extra session of the legislature meets in Raleigh today.

Six days as a minimum and ten for a maximum duration of the session in the expressed views of many members of the Assembly. But there is no accounting for legislatures. While leaders are expressing hopes for a short session, there is no definite assurance for one.

## WATKINS NEWS ITEMS

Mr. K. E. Parrott Realizes Good Price For Tobacco. Mr. K. E. Parrott, one of the best farmers along the Granville-Vance county line, planted 20 thousand tobacco hills, which produced 4,782 pounds and brought \$2,211.70. He worked one mule and two sons 11 and 9 years of age. He never paid out a cent for labor; made 75 barrels of corn; has fine hogs and sells butter, eggs etc. If there is a farmer that sells on the Oxford market who can beat him I would like to hear from him through the Public Ledger. H. E. CREWS.

## "WHO GOES NEXT?" WITH TUBERCULOSIS?

Buy Christmas Seals and help fight this terrible plague among us. The Next To Go, may be some one near to you, so buy Christmas Seals.

Hot In the Ring. Elsewhere in this paper Landis & Easton quote prices on blankets, bed spreads, millinery, coat suits and dresses and shoes at popular prices.

## LOCK YOUR DOORS AND FASTEN THE WINDOWS DOWN GOOD AND TIGHT

Load Your Pistol and Place It Under Your Pillow.

Sneak thieves abound in Oxford. One night last week they entered the home of Mr. E. A. Johnson on Hancock street and stole his overcoat from the hall rack. The theft occurred early in the night while Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were at the Oxford Jewelry store.

The boldest robbery committed here in recent years occurred at 7:30 o'clock one evening last week when two thieves entered the front door of the residence of Mrs. M. C. Cannady on College street.

Mr. Josiah Cannady and his mother heard a noise in a room above, and when they went out of the room to investigate they saw two thieves pass out of the front door, and in the hands of one of the men was a suit-case containing a new suit of clothes belonging to Mr. Cannady. On leaving the house they dropped a pair of shoes belonging to Mr. Cannady and also some silver bowls which they had stolen from the dining room before going up stairs. They jumped into an auto in front of the house and disappeared down the street.

The visit of the thieves was so unexpected and their getaway was so quick, Mr. Cannady evidently did not realize what was taking place until it was all over. If he had taken a pistol with him when he went out into the hallway, he could have killed or captured both of the men. It is a pity that such things happen when a fellow hasn't got a gun.

## BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS RECEIVE THEIR CHARTER

Association Controlling 190,000,000 Lbs. Tobacco Incorporated at Raleigh.

(News and Observer) The Burley Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, controlling nearly 190,000,000 pounds of burley tobacco and with 50,000 members, the largest co-operative association ever organized in America, has been incorporated in the State of North Carolina. Charter was filed with the Secretary of State by W. T. Joyner of Raleigh, attorney. As soon as it is made legal to do so, which is expected to be at the coming session of the general assembly, the Association will be re-incorporated in Kentucky.

Aaron Sapiro, who drew the marketing contract, will return to Kentucky December 9, to advise in other matters of detail in connection with the permanent organization and the elections, which will be held December 12, and which will be followed by the district meetings of delegates, which will choose directors for the twenty-two districts. These directors will handle the affairs of the 50,000 members of the association and the sale of their tobacco.

Notice has gone out to every burley tobacco grower who signed the contract that the association had been "duly and legally incorporated" and that each grower would receive instructions in due course telling him where to deliver his tobacco to the association. The notice is signed by Robert W. Bingham, chairman of the organization committee, and Joseph Passonneau, organization manager.

## THE NUMBER OF WORKING PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Persons Of Both Sexes In Gainful Employment Number 895,852.

The Census Bureau states that the 1920 census shows that 895,852 persons of both sexes the gainfully employed in North Carolina above ten years of age number 895,852, or 48.6 per cent of the total number of persons. This number 1,944,673. With the males in the State of ten years and over numbering 917,883, the gainfully occupied number 695,152, or 75.5 per cent, while of the females of the same ages, numbering 926,790 there were 202,700 or 21.9 per cent engaged in gainful occupation. The report shows that over half the population of the United States ten years of age and over works for a living, the District of Columbia leading the list with its 62.6 per cent.

## SIMMONS ENDORSES RED CROSS SEALS

Now Is the Time To Buy the Seals.

Senator Simmons finds time to send a message pledging his support to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and wishing great success for the Seal Sale. He wired Dr. L. B. McBrayer, managing director, North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, Sanatorium, as follows: "I am pleased to note significant decline in tuberculosis death rate in North Carolina from 154 in 1915 to 115 in 1920 and congratulate North Carolina Tuberculosis Association on its share in this result. Strongly commend your work and sincerely hope that 14th Annual Christmas Seal Sale will greatly increase revenue for your association. You may count on my support."

## Christmas Sale.

Don't forget the Sale of Christmas articles at the Lyon Building this Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6. Everybody come and help a good cause.

## NO DATE SET FOR THE HOLIDAY CLOSING OF THE OXFORD MARKET

A Majority Of The Tobacco Board Of Trade Favor Closing Down For The Holidays On Friday, December 16—Prices Are Steady.

It is understood that the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade will meet one day this week to agree upon a closing date of the local market for the Christmas holidays.

It is said that a majority of the board are in favor of closing down at the end of business on Friday, November 16, and re-open the market on Monday, January 2, 1922. If these dates are adopted it means an interval of 16 days rest and recreation.

When the Henderson and Durham Tobacco Board of Trades met to fix the date for Thanksgiving closing, they also selected December 16th as date on which the markets would close for the Christmas holidays. As stated above, the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade has not fixed the closing date, but it is thought that all of the markets in this section will close down for the holidays on Friday, December 16.

If the Oxford market closes for the holidays on Friday, December 16, it means that there are only eight more sales days in this month. If the tobacco comes in during these eight days in proportion to last week's offerings there will not be more than 1,500,000 pounds in the hands of the farmers at the close of the year, according to the belief of buyers and warehousemen.

The prices that prevailed on the market last week will have a tendency to crowd the market from now until the close of the year; however, the buyers are of the opinion that the prices will be steady until the entire crop has been sold.

## FORMER SHERIFF HOBGOOD IS REGAINING HIS HEALTH

The Big Man Has Lost Considerable Flesh.

The many friends of former Sheriff Crawford Hobgood throughout the county will learn with pleasure that he is recovering from a severe spell of sickness covering a period of more than a month. Dr. Booth, the attending physician, is greatly encouraged at the progress of his patient.

A few days before Mr. Hobgood was confined to his bed he remarked that he weighed about 275 pounds, and acknowledged that he was eating too much, a habit that is too frequent among us. He has fallen off considerably, and it is doubtful if he has a pair of pants and coat in his wardrobe that will fit him. While talking to a friend the other day he crossed his legs with comparative ease and remarked that this is the first time in twenty years that he could perform that trick. Mr. Hobgood has maintained a cheerful disposition throughout his sickness. His friends hope to see him on the streets in the near future.

## MISS RUTH CREWS BRIDE OF MR. W. D. BARKER

Granville Man Takes Bride From Well Known Family Residing In Vance County.

A marriage of interest to the friends of both the bride and the groom in Vance and Granville counties is that which took place last Saturday morning at the home of Mr. H. E. Crews, when his daughter, Miss Ruth Crews, became the bride of Mr. W. D. Barker, of Dexter, Granville county. The marriage was a quiet one, and was attended only by members of the two families and specially invited guests. The ceremony was performed at 11:30 a. m., and the couple left in the afternoon for New York, where they will spend ten days on their honeymoon.

The bride is one of Vance county's charming young women. She is a trained nurse, and through her services in this capacity in Vance and Granville counties has made hundreds of friends. The groom is a prosperous farmer of the Dexter section, and is regarded in the highest esteem of those who know him.

## HON. GEORGE D. BEST SPENT WEEK-END HERE

Was Highly Impressed With the Services At the Methodist Church.

Hon. George D. Best, leading business man and banker, of Freeport, accompanied by Mrs. Best, spent the week end with his nephew, Mr. L. F. Smith, at the Exchange Hotel. He was here to attend the funeral of Mr. D. G. Crews. Mr. Best's first wife was Miss Flora, the younger daughter of the late James A. Crews.

Mr. Best attended the morning and evening service at the Methodist Church last Sunday and was highly impressed. He said the evening service, including the sermon, music and cordial greeting was the best he ever witnessed.

## Cohn & Son's Big Sale.

The big sale inaugurated by Cohn & Son continues with unabated interest. New values are added daily and the crowd of shoppers at Cohn & Son's grow larger. See the fifth page of this paper.

## Wilton Council.

All members of Wilton Council No. 258, Junior O. U. A. M., are requested to be present next meeting night, Friday, Dec. 9th. C. W. ALLEN, R. S.

## THE ADVENTURE OF TWO RUNAWAY SCHOOL GIRLS WHO WERE CAPTURED HERE

Walking Along the Railway Tracks, Muddy and Hungry.

Last Friday evening, shortly after dark, Mr. J. E. Jackson, superintendent of welfare, found two girls in the Southern Railway freight yard. They were neatly dressed, but their shoes were muddy and they complained of being hungry and foot-sore.

When accosted by the welfare officer they were reluctant to talk and positively refused to divulge their names, but they soon softened under the gentle and kind treatment of Mr. Jackson and gave their names as those of two popular movie stars and gave Raleigh as their home.

"Your home may be in Raleigh, but there is some doubt in my mind as to your identity," said the welfare officer. And as he led them away he said: "Come with me and get something to eat, and perhaps you will then tell me your names and where you are from."

While enjoying a good supper, the two girls divulged their true names to Mr. Jackson, but still stuck to it that they lived in Raleigh.

Mr. Jackson called the Chief of police of Raleigh, who consulted the city directory and learned that all young people with the same names as given by the girls were at home or accounted for. Unaccounted, Mr. Jackson called up Henderson, and the voice at the other end of the wire advised him that these two school girls were missing. They were well cared for here over night by Mrs. W. H. Walters and left for home early Saturday morning.

## MUCH ARMY MATERIAL TURNED OVER TO THIS STATE FOR ROAD WORK

More Than \$3,000,000 Worth Up To November 1—Equipment Must Be Used For Building Highways.

The federal government has turned over to North Carolina for road building purposes more than \$3,000,000 worth of surplus army equipment. This is shown by a summary prepared by the department of agriculture's bureau of roads. It is set out that up to November 1, the state authorities of North Carolina had received 620 trucks and 112 automobiles under the Wadsworth-Kahn act which authorizes the war department, to distribute surplus army material to the various states.

Total value of the property turned over to North Carolina at the time of the last compilation is given as \$3,093,920. Value of equipment distributed to other southern states is given as follows:

Virginia, \$2,902,000; South Carolina, \$1,768,000; Georgia, \$4,271,000; Tennessee, \$3,156,000.—Associated Press.

## MR. J. W. BAILEY'S SPEECH ISSUE IN PAMPHLET FORM

Mr. Bailey Will Mail the Pamphlet Free Upon Request.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, has put into pamphlet form his speech delivered before the State Farmers Union in convention at Henderson November 16 on "The Agricultural Crisis: Is There a Way Out?" This speech and Mr. Bailey have been much discussed here and throughout the State. All admit that he is as sharp as a steel trap, and it is not surprising at this distance to find a few who express the belief that he is "too smart."

A favorite expression among the farmers in this section is to the effect that Mr. Bailey is riding on a tidal wave; that he is the man of the hour, and that his speech is of political significance.

In this speech will be found the facts as to agricultural conditions in North Carolina as shown by the United States Census and the Year Book of the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Bailey will mail this pamphlet free upon request.

## THE OXFORD METHODIST LOVE THEIR NEW PASTOR

He Has a Good Warm Hand For Everybody.

Rev. E. H. Snipes, who was recently assigned to the Oxford Methodist Church, made a profound impression in his two sermons last Sunday. He is a man of commanding appearance and has a pleasant voice, fine pulpit mannerisms and a beautiful flow of language. His discourse last Sunday morning was the "influence on the right kind of character."

Pastor Snipes will not only win the hearts of his congregation, but all classes of people in our community will esteem him highly. He is a man with a warm hand and he is a good mixer. After a most forceful and thoughtful sermon by Mr. Snipes at the evening hour, words of welcome and fellowship were spoken by the entire ministerial band of Oxford. The words of welcome from the laymen of the churches and town were very earnest and bespoke for the Mr. Snipes a happy and prosperous stay and ministry among us. A beautiful solo by Miss Bert Hutchins and a lovely rendered anthem by the choir were greatly enjoyed by the congregation.

## OXFORD STORES ARE FILLED WITH GOODS NOW FOR CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

The Shoppers Will Begin To Quick-En Their Pace This Week.

Have you done your Yuletide shopping yet? Or are you waiting until the day before Christmas to rush to a crowded counter, make an effort to hastily find some gift for a friend or relative?

There are only 18 more days until Christmas. Two of those days are Sundays, leaving only 16 shopping days until the annual visit of Santa Claus.

A trip through the larger Oxford stores, yesterday show that this year shoppers are heeding the call to do early shopping as never before. Every store visited that carries a line of useful and substantial gifts, including the stores that handle toys, were filled with customers, all making an effort to select some gift. Not all of these buy on the spot, of course, but many of them do make their selections, and are ready to get them when the time comes.

## Wide Range To Select From.

Every store in Oxford is filled with holiday goods. There are special designs of jewelry to be given during this season of the year; there are toys in practically all of the stores catering to the family trade; there are the holiday candies done up in holly boxes for the Christmas girl; there are the ties and initialed handkerchiefs that always catch the eye of the inexperienced buyer; there are a host of other things that can be purchased for a small pittance, but which will gladden the hearts of all.

For those who wish to make a more expensive purchase there are the expensive furniture suits; the beautiful draperies, the vari-colored dress goods, and the latest in hats and shoes; there are the electric appliances which every housewife wants deep-down in her heart, and often lets her husband know of it; all those things which the shopper who has a greater range in price to pick from can buy.

## Oxford Is a Shopping Center.

Oxford has grown steadily in a commercial way until it can truthfully be said that it is a "shopping center." You will find here a greater variety of stores than you will in any town its size and as great a variety as in many larger towns or cities. The quality of merchandise you find here will compare favorably with elsewhere and is good enough for anybody. The merchants as a whole have responded to all appeals and have contributed their parts to making the town what it is. The merchants have been able to do what they have because local people have bought from them and this patronage has sustained them. No merchant is asking your trade solely because he is a home mercantile nor is the buyer supposed to buy from him solely because he is a home merchant, but if the buyer can get at home as good merchandise, as good a variety and at as good prices as he can elsewhere why impoverish the home town and enrich some other?

In view of the approaching holiday season visit the local stores early and you may find just what you want. If you do, not only the merchant but the community will be better off for the money you spend at home.

Special consideration should be shown the local merchants who bid for your trade. These will be found among our advertisers. Read what they have to offer.

## THREE YEARS' DELAY FOR GERMANY TO PAY

Paris, Dec. 5.—Germany will probably be granted a three years' delay in her cash indemnity payments, the Associated Press is informed from the most reliable source. Negotiations are now going on between the reparations officials of France and Great Britain, and the responsible officials of both countries virtually agree that Germany must be given a breathing spell.

## AGREEMENT ON IRISH PROBLEM IS REACHED

London, Dec. 6.—The conference between the government ministers and Sinn Fein delegates reached an agreement at an early hour this morning on the new proposals, which underwent certain modifications for an Irish settlement.

## WATERMELON LATEST FALL CROP MARVEL

Elizabeth City, Dec. 2.—Jordan Warren, colored, who lives on Speed street, pulled a seven-pound watermelon on the first day of December and brought it around to the Buxton-White Seed Company, where he had bought the seed to show his measure. The watermelon did not look so big, but it was heavy and healthy looking and Warren handled it with great care.

## Big Reduction Sale.

The special cash sale of the Perkinson Green Company, which began last Saturday and will continue twenty days, appeals strongly to the buying public. Many of the high-class articles mentioned in their announcement on the second page of this paper are as low, or lower, than pre-war prices.