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## THERE IS VERY LITTLE HOPE FOR THOSE WHO DESTROY SHADE TREES

They Are Among the Most Depraved of God's Creatures.

From time to time the attention of the Public Ledger is called to the fact that some vandal had destroyed during the night a number of young shade trees along the sidewalks of Oxford.

Some time ago some one encircled with a sharp knife a fine sugar maple in front of Mayor Stem's residence on Front Street and removed the bark; during the same night two trees on the same street and one on Raleigh street were either split open or cut down.

There is an instance where a tree was planted on private property to keep people from walking across the corner of the lot, which was twice pulled up by the roots and tossed to one side, and on the third planting it was bent over and slashed near the ground with a sharp knife.

The latest wantonly destruction of trees occurred a few nights ago on High street. Mrs. Margaret Lassiter several months ago planted six beautiful catalpa trees between the sidewalk and curbing in front of the southern exposure of her flower garden. She incurred the expense of ordering and planting the trees and gave them her personal attention, and of course the trees were the property of the city of Oxford and were planted for the sole purpose of beautifying the streets. They were in the way of no one; yet some one a few nights ago tore, cut and twisted four of these beautiful and promising shade trees.

The nature of a person guilty of such an offense is beyond comprehension. The law is equal to the offense if the vandals could be brought to the bar of justice.

## FUQUAY SPRINGS LEADS STATE IN HIGH AVERAGES

The Wilson Market Sold Most Pounds To Date.

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Comments received with the November sales reports from the tobacco warehouses, indicate that about 65 per cent of the 1921 crop has been marketed. The season's producers' sales to date have amounted to 180,921,628 pounds, (including estimates for missing reports), while the latest government estimate for the total crop is 295,000,000 pounds.

The North Carolina markets bringing highest prices during November were Fuquay Springs \$38.28, Aberdeen \$34.90, and Farmville \$34.54. The Wilson market has sold 25,339,318 pounds during the season and Winston-Salem 14,710,513 pounds, these two being the largest markets in the state.

During November there were 74,400,917 pounds of farmers' tobacco sold (including estimates for missing reports). The price averaged \$27.02 as compared with \$24.71 for November last year. This amount is one fourth of the total crop produced, and the season's sales of 180,921,628 pounds leaves 114,000,000 pounds to be marketed during the remainder of the season.

## SOME WORTHY GIRL TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION

Winston-Salem Woman Sends \$5,000 Check To Davenport College For This Purpose.

Lenoir, Dec. 18.—A check for \$5,000 was received by President Craven, of Davenport college, from Miss Annie Ogburn, of Winston-Salem, several days ago. This donation, according to the letter Miss Ogburn sent with it is to be invested and the proceeds used towards defraying the expenses for some worthy student every year. President Craven said that the \$300 interest which this \$5,000 would earn would not quite pay the annual expenses of a student, but that the board of trustees would make an order allowing this amount to cover the total necessary expenses, so as to make it possible for one more worthy girl to receive a college education.

## HANDSHAKING BAD FOR HEALTH

Wilson, Roosevelt and Caruso Victims of Too Much Handshaking.

President Wilson's breakdown in health was due to too much handshaking says a New York doctor. Not only that but Theodore Roosevelt and Caruso both came to their deaths in the same way, he says. Very well, but in handshaking a person uses the same muscles that he does in pumping. Strange no one has observed this fatal tendency in the case of farmers, milkmen and others. —Capper's Weekly.

## Fine Chance For Young Men.

An interesting fact was published recently about one of America's greatest institutions of higher education—Yale, which should encourage all young men who are desirous of an education and the only way they can get it is to work their way. Out of the total student enrollment of Yale of 3,222, in the year 1920-21, no less than 1,296 were self-supporting. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

The Banks of Oxford will open at Nine and Close at Twelve beginning December 26 until January 2, 1922. 12-20-21

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

## OXFORD AS A LOCAL MARKET FOR EGGS

More Cold Storage Eggs Consumed Here Than Ever Before.

Lately the people who trade at Oxford have been doing as they usually do as this season in regard to eggs. They have been holding them back expecting big prices at Christmas. We do not see anything in Christmas Day to run the price of eggs much above what they are bringing now. The merchants of Oxford during the past few weeks have gotten part of their eggs from western North Carolina and others have been forced to order cold storage eggs from Richmond, Va. It is probable that after Christmas those who have held back eggs will have to sell them at a lower price. We think the people who trade at Oxford should be able to supply the local market. They could do so if the eggs were brought in regularly. Cold storage eggs are perhaps a cent or two cheaper, but Oxford people want the Granville county product, and now is the time to bring them to town.

## THE SMOKE-HOUSES OF GRANVILLE ARE BULGING

More Fine Meat in the County Than Ever Before.

The big corn crop last year had a strong tendency to fill the smoke-houses of Granville this fall and winter. As a fair sample of the hogs that are being salted down, we refer to three thrifty men on Oxford Route 5, who killed three hogs each last week.

Mr. G. F. Burnett killed three, each weighing 459; 456; 438. These porkers were only 14 months old.

Mr. E. C. Parrott killed three, each weighing 440; 292; 272.

Mr. A. J. Critcher killed three, each weighing 451; 200; 182.

Quite a number of farmers are waiting for the cold snap in January to kill hogs, and then the smoke-houses will fill up fast.

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus Is the Birthright of All Children.

One of the very good and noble women of Oxford called at the Public Ledger yesterday to say that she read with a great deal of interest the short Christmas gem of Mr. A. A. Hicks which recently appeared in the Public Ledger. In the conversation that followed this good lady said that one of the saddest things at all is to see a child who does not believe in Santa Claus. As our invitation she took her seat at the desk and wrote the following:

"A little girl asked me the other day if there really was a Santa Claus, and I trembled with mortal fear lest my affirmation should fail to convince her that there really was. Poor little innocent tot! She had been the victim of ridicule by some skeptical beings who had thrown away the birthright of all children—their belief in Santa Claus. Her little head had become dizzy with doubts and fears and worries. Her little heart was bursting with a shattered faith that would soon turn to mockery.

"Not believe in Santa Claus? Why, my dear, little girl, wherever did you get such absurd ideas? Santa Claus is the god of Christmas, just like Mars is the god of war, and Venus is the goddess of beauty. Surely you would not doubt Mars and Venus. They are stars you know, and you may look up some night—way high up in the sky—and see them shining there. Yes, little child, there is a Santa Claus. He is as real as the days in June, and as long as you believe in him he will be real to you always."

## GOLDEN BELT FAIR WILL BE ENLARGED

Aeroplane Landing, Race Track, Baseball Park With Accommodation For Football.

Th Henderson Dispatch states that the directors of the Golden Belt Fair have acquired new grounds a quarter of a mile east of the present site for a larger and better fair in 1922. The Dispatch says:

"The new grounds will permit of considerably more expansion than has ever been possible before, and the outlay will provide what it is hoped will be the biggest annual fall event of its kind in this part of the State, with the exception of the State Fair at Raleigh.

The race track is to be greatly enlarged, and inside the circuit will be provided a baseball field, ground for football games, and a landing for airplanes.

"The demise of the Granville county fair, whose grounds have been closed out and sold, the absence of a fair at Warrenton and in Mecklenburg county, in Virginia, and the smaller claim of the Franklin county fair at Louisburg, because of its size, is looked upon as affording an opportunity to put on an exhibit that will be much in advance of anything in this part of the State."

## Fire Alarm Turned In.

The kitchen chimney in rear of Mr. J. C. Davis' home on Front street caught fire yesterday afternoon and emitted sparks that fell on the roof of the residence. The fire company responded and extinguished the blaze. The damage was light.

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET CLOSED DOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sold To Date 6,547,097 Pounds For \$1,620,448.22, An Average Of \$24.75 For All Sold.

The buyers, warehousemen, clerks and helpers experienced a sense of relief last Friday when the last pile of tobacco on the warehouse floors was sold and the market was officially closed for the holidays, to reopen on Tuesday morning, January 3, 1922.

The official figures show that 6,547,097 pounds was sold up to the close on the 16th instant, at \$1,620,448.22, the general average being \$24.75.

The consensus of opinion is that there is 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco in the hands of the Granville county farmers yet to be sold, and it is the opinion of a number of well-informed tobaccoists that there is at least 2,000,000 outside of the county that will find its way to the Oxford market before the end of the tobacco season.

The Public Ledger does not share the opinion of the Southern Tobacco Journal in its statement "that practically all of the good tobacco in the State was marketed before the close for the holidays." The fact is, the Granville county farmers have been disposed to market the good and bad without thought of holding either grade until after Christmas, although it is generally believed that the big companies will be in a position to estimate during the holidays just how much of the crop is unsold and how much they must buy. If they find that they need low grades, the bids for that class of tobacco will be reflected immediately following the holidays, it is said. The buyers are frank to admit that they see no reason why there should be a decline in prices after the holidays, and one well-known buyer informed the Public Ledger that he had noticed for many years that there is a slight advance in prices during the first or second week in January, if there is not an overproduction.

## BIG MOONSHINE COMBINE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Big Men Furnish the Supplies and Money To the Little Fellows.

R. A. Kohloss, prohibition director for North Carolina reported to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes last week that a gigantic moonshine syndicate is operating in this State. The Federal commissioner gave instructions that every possible step be taken to break up the syndicates.

"There are at least two such syndicates," Mr. Kohloss said, "alleged to be operated by men who stand high in their communities, in a business way and otherwise; while not personally engaged, they furnish supplies and money to little fellows who are doing the work."

Mr. Kohloss reported the capture and destruction of forty stills in sixty days in North Carolina.

## A GOOD PROVIDER IS MR. T. E. BOBBITT

Has Not Bought a Pound of Meat or Lard in Fifty-three Years.

Mr. T. E. Bobbitt, one of the good men of the county, now 78 years young, who was married 53 years ago next Christmas Eve, remarked the other day that he had not bought a pound of meat or lard since he was married. He has been actively engaged in farming all of his life and there has never been a year since he reached his majority that he did not have meat and lard for sale.

Mr. Bobbitt regards it the duty of the farmer to produce the home supplies first of all, and he has been at it so long, he says it comes easy and fortifies the farmer against much uneasiness.

## JUDGE GRAHAM SENDS REMITTANCE TO RED CROSS

Judge A. W. Graham, writes to Miss White from New York as follows: "I see from the Public Ledger that Granville county is behind in its quota to the membership in the Red Cross. Enclosed find two dollars for which please enroll Mrs. Graham and myself as members. Hoping our dear old county will not be placed on the delinquent list I remain with best wishes for your success."

Mrs. Annie H. Landis, of Washington City, has also sent her renewal to the Granville County Chapter.

## Larger and Better State Fair.

Mrs. Vanderbilt seems to be planning a still greater State Fair for next year. She made a trip from Washington to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the state agricultural society held in Raleigh, for the purpose of discussing plans for next year's fair. Mrs. Vanderbilt made a great success of the last fair and without a doubt it will be even better next year.

## An Interesting Family.

Mr. Thomas B. Weldon has arrived to join the crops of workers at the Oxford Orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon and Mrs. Eva Camp, step-mother of Mrs. Weldon, and children, David and Hattie, will live in the house close by that of Mr. E. G. Hulise, on the Highway.

## TOBACCO GROWERS OF GRANVILLE WILL MEET AT COURT HOUSE NEXT WEEK

To Perfect County Organization By Electing Officers.

The campaign for Cooperative Marketing of tobacco has succeeded beyond all expectations, and now the final drive to sign up not less than 75 per cent of all the tobacco in the flue-cured belt is on in earnest. During the remainder of this week and next North Carolina farmers have been asked to sign not less than 50 million pounds, and they are going to do it if every one does his duty. In a number of the smaller towns of the State warehousemen, hankers and business men have gone to work signing the contract. If every business man and banker will line up behind this movement solidly, and not wait for the other fellow to do the job, it will be a wonderful success from the beginning.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter, who for a long time was President of the First National Bank of Oxford, and has been connected with practically every progressive movement in the County, has signed the contract with the men on his farms and has offered his services to assist in any way possible to make it a success as he believes it will put the tobacco farmers on a sound business basis.

There will be a county wide meeting held in the Court House at Oxford one day during Christmas week to perfect a county organization by electing a president, vice-president, secretary and a treasurer also a director from each township. Every man who has signed is urged to be present and all those who have not signed are asked to join with their fellow farmers so they may have a voice in selecting officers of county organization also in selecting delegates who will elect the Director for this district.

## E. G. MOSS, Sec. Organization Com.

## MISS LILLIAN MCFARLAND ON WINNING SIDE OF DEBATE

Miss Lillian McFarland, the pretty and smart daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McFarland, is a student at the North Carolina School for Deaf, at Morgan. Her many friends here will be pleased to know that she can "hold her own" in debate. The Deaf Carolinian, issued at the institution, says:

"Last Saturday night in the chapel, we had a stormy debate. The query was, 'Resolved, That there should be disarmament.' Miss Julia McBane and Captain Jonas Williams were on the Affirmative side and Miss Lillian McFarland and Captain Rodney Bunn were on the Negative side. We had a long debate. The judges decided the Negative side won."

## AUTOMOBILE THIEVES SENTENCED TO PRISON

In federal court at Raleigh last week, J. C. Kelley, Sanford automobile dealer, was sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary and fined \$5,000. A. W. Hoffman, major in the New York national guard, and Harry Craig, of German, Pa., were tried jointly with him. George Scott, suspended member of the New York automobile squad, and Frank Moran, of New York, other defendants in the case, were acquitted. District Attorney Ayldett reserved prayer for judgment against Hoffman and Craig.

## HALF DOZEN WAKE FOREST MEN EXPELLED

President Potent, in Announcing the Expulsion, Doesn't Disclose Names In an official statement given out by President Potent, of Wake Forest College, it is learned that six students of that College have been expelled for hazing which has occurred during this year. The statement given out by President Potent does not contain the names of the men whom the faculty and senate committee expelled.

## WILSON COMRADE OF ALL WAR VETERANS, HE SAYS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Replying to a letter from J. Bentley Mulford, national first vice president of the Rainbow Division Veterans, extending New Year's greetings, former President in a letter made public by Mr. Mulford says:

"I am proud to regard myself as a comrade of all the men of the expeditionary forces. It therefore affords me the greatest pleasure to receive from a group of them such a greeting as is conveyed to me by your letter of December 9."

## THE WEATHER IS TUNING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Cold Weather and Probably Snow Is Forecast For This Week.

The Weather Bureau predictions for this week are: "Middle Atlantic States: Generally fair weather but with a probability of local snows after Wednesday."

## Unique Present.

Mrs. M. P. Chamblee has received as a Christmas present from friends in Lowville, N. Y., a ten-pound cream cheese made of pure cream. All cream cheese is never manufactured there, but the Lowville manufacturer always sends out a number to his friends as a Christmas present.

## Baker-Harris.

At high noon today, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Harte, Miss Arginia La Vera Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harris will be married to Mr. Hugh D. Baker of Rocky Mt.

## WHEN MISS MARY WEBB PLAYS AND MRS. B. E. PARHAM AND OTHERS SING

Making Merry Unto the Lord At the Oxford Baptist Church.

The musical program at the Oxford Baptist Church last Sunday evening was a happy Christmas-tide event. It was perhaps one of the most soul-inspiring and uplifting sacred song service ever attempted here by any Church Choir, and much credit is due Miss Mary Webb, who devised the program and presided at the organ with much grace, the choir, as a whole, reaching the climax in each number.

The organ prelude, variations on "Silent Night," attuned one's heart and mind to better things; "Sing O Heavens," a meditation for violin, as interpreted by Mrs. Blount Bryan, violinist; Miss Dorothy Parham, pianist, and Miss Mary Webb, organist, would have received an encore anywhere else except in a church. One of the most inspiring numbers was a duet, "Love Divine," sung by Mrs. B. E. Parham and Miss Ella Johnson, the talented daughter of Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, who is a member of the Oxford Graded School faculty.

Pastor Harte read a passage of scripture and spoke briefly of the power of sacred song, and the evening service came to a close with an anthem sung unto the Lord.

## MAKING A MONKEY OUT OF SENATOR TOM WATSON

One of His "Gallows" In France Turns Out To Be a Crane.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—William P. Cowles, a local engineer who served as a major of engineers in the American expeditionary forces, in a statement said he had recognized a picture of a "gallows" furnished by Senator Tom Watson, in support of the latter's charge of wholesale executions in the A. E. F., as that of a crane he had constructed while in France. We had to have some means of unloading gasoline tanks from cars," said Mr. Cowles. "I constructed this beam by means of which the tanks were lifted from the cars by a rope and deposited on a platform."

## SOME GOOD DETECTIVE WORK

U. S. Secret Service Men Track Wolfe Lindenfeld To Europe and Arrest Him At Warsaw.

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—Plots and counter plots, reading like a chapter from fiction, were involved in the search for clues in many parts of Europe by American secret service agents which resulted in the arrest here of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, in connection with the Wall Street bomb explosion in New York, in September, 1920. Lindenfeld has fully confessed the authorities say, naming the ring leader in the plot, which he declared was aimed at J. P. Morgan, the infernal machine exploding prematurely.

## SAMUEL W. CLARK IS DEAD NEAR DABNEY

Victim of Heart Disease After Having Been in Ill Health For a Long While.

Samuel W. Clark, an aged and highly respected citizen of the Dabney section of the county, died last Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at his home of heart disease. He had been ill for a long time, and his death was not altogether unexpected by members of the family. He was about 68 years of age, and was one of the oldest residents of the county.

Mr. Clark is survived by his widow and eleven children. Mrs. Clark is the daughter of J. E. Burroughs, of Dabney.

## HOG KILLING TIME IN WEST OXFORD

The following parties in West Oxford killed some fine porkers last week: W. M. Saunders killed two that weighed 463-469; C. J. Wilson two that weighed 397-329; C. L. Harris one that weighed 476; Mrs. V. T. Carrington two that weighed 400-401. Total 3,278.

## CAPT. JACK HOWARD IS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Capt. Jack Howard, buyer for the Liggett-Myers Company on the Statesville Market, is spending the holidays at home. The mountain air planted roses in his cheeks, and he speaks well of the splendid little city of Statesville. While Capt. Rowland, the popular railway conductor was always pleased to call out: "Next stop is Statesville, the best town in North Carolina."

## FRAZIER-COTTRELL WEDDING

A simple home wedding of interest to many of our people was solemnized at the home of Pastor C. A. Upchurch Wednesday Dec. 14 at 3 o'clock, when Miss Lucy E. Frazier the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Frazier of near Stovall, became the bride of Mr. Sidney T. Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Cottrell of the Salem Community. They entered the study to the strains of Lohegrin's Wedding March. Meditations was played softly while the vows were being said. Mrs. C. A. Upchurch presided at the piano. The bride wore a suit of dark blue, and never looked more attractive. They will live with the parents of the groom. Their many friends will wish for them much happiness.

## THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS WILL REMOVE AN OLD EYE-SORE

A Committee Will Decide What Is the Best Thing To Do With the Walls Of the Old Market House.

Ever since the old market house burned down a year ago, the town board has been in a quandary as what to do with the property. The two tall towers at the front of the building were badly cracked by the heat, and the commissioners realize that they must come down, and at the last meeting of the board the question was referred to the committee on buildings to decide what is the best thing to do with the property as it now stands.

There is not a crack in the walls below the second story, and as the building of scaffolds to remove the tower would be expensive, it was suggested that workmen begin at the rear end of the building and remove the second story walls as far up to the front as the tower, then build the second story and put on a roof, which would enable the workmen to place timbers so as to reach the towers.

The majority of the board favor the plan of making it a two-story building, to put on a roof and close the door and windows and not put on the finishing touches until some one lease the building and suggest as how to arrange the interior to best suit their business. As stated above, the whole thing is in the hands of the committee on buildings and grounds, and it is not known what they will evolve.

When the building burned down last January the county commissioners leased the site to the town of Oxford for a period of 99 years with the proviso that the old structure shall be replaced by a creditable building. It is understood that there is about \$7,000 insurance money available for restoring the building.

## A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR KILGORE

The Farmers Will Achieve Greater Things This Year.

North Carolina agriculture has made remarkable progress during 1921. Evidence of a determination to achieve greater things is abundant on every hand. More pastures, better seed, and improved livestock are reported from all over the state. But the greatest step toward a more prosperous agriculture and a fuller rural life has been the organization of cooperative marketing associations for peanuts, cotton and tobacco.

Those who have helped in promoting these associations can feel that their efforts will be repaid many fold through the years to come. Today cooperation is in the air in a very real sense, and the success of these new associations will be followed by the organization of cooperative marketing associations for sweet potatoes, apples, livestock, and other products, for agriculture must be made profitable through farmers' own marketing organizations.

## FINE CLASS OF GIRLS

Miss Lila Curran Is Their Sunday School Teacher.

Twenty-three pretty and smart girls, whose ages range from twelve of fifteen years, members of Miss Lila Curran's class, entertained the Oxford Baptist Sunday school last Sunday morning with songs and recitations. The class has twenty-three members and there were 23 members present on this occasion. This class has an attendance record of 90 percent during the year, and it is the banner class of the Sunday school. Little Miss Alma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McFarland, is the organist.

The teacher of this class is Miss Lila, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Curran, who is also the teacher of the sixth grade in the city schools. Her strong point is to awaken a wholesome enthusiasm among her pupils.

## WOMEN ORGANIZE CLUB MARKET IN S. C.

And Sell Product That They Raise.

Farm women in South Carolina have established nineteen club markets in towns of that state where they sell vegetables, fruits, chickens, eggs, and other products that they raise. The town council at Bennettsville built an attractive market house for them which is screened and conveniently equipped, and the women have perennial gardens so that the market can be supplied with fresh vegetables the year around.

## Cheaper Airplanes.

Henry Ford has made it possible for almost everybody to own an automobile, and now he contemplates popularizing the airplane. He is said to be resolutely considering the manufacture of airplanes for commercial use.

## TAX PAYERS

Will take notice that a penalty of 1 percent per month will be added to all taxes not paid before January 1st, 1922. Pay now and save this expense.

R. B. HINES, Town Tax Collector, 12-20-21