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## CARELESSNESS OF SOME HUNTERS

Members and Children Hear the Shots Rattle Against the Window Panes of the Schoolhouse.

Hunting is fine sport and we can understand anyone's desire for a day's outing with the guns and traps, but hunters are getting too much like auto drivers. They think only of themselves.

Reports reach the teachers and children in a school house in North Granville were frightened last week when they heard the reports from hunters' guns, and a second later heard the shots rattle against the window panes of the schoolhouse.

Hunting that close to a school building is too dangerous to be allowed. The hunters on this occasion probably did not know whether the children were in school or at recess. We doubt whether they even stopped to think. Their action might easily have led to a tragedy.

Each year more farmers are posting their lands against the hunters, and judging their reports of the hunters' actions, we don't much blame them. The hunters, or at least, the majority of them, go out with one aim—to get birds or rabbits, as the case may be. They are too careless. They don't stop to consider the farmer's position or the position of anyone else. And if they keep this practice up it will not be long until all land will not altogether solve the problem. There are too many hunters who disregard such niceties and trespass regardless. They do not go through the formality of securing permission, but take chances on slipping on and off without being caught. Unless they show more consideration the day is coming when they will find themselves without somewhere to hunt. The landowners will be provoked to the point of indicting trespassers and the hunters will be responsible.

## BAPTIST MEN ARE ELECTED TO OFFICE

Twenty Baptist Congressmen and four Governors Chosen in Southern States At the November Election.

While a number of Southern states did not hold general state elections this year and several of them did not have to choose a United States senator, in the elections that were held November 7, Baptist men elected governors in four Southern states, Georgia, Florida, Texas and Tennessee, while South Carolina elected a Baptist lieutenant governor, Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma a Baptist United States senator, and twenty Baptist congressmen were chosen, those coming from the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

In addition, eight other Baptist men were elected to high state offices and six Baptist jurists were chosen to the highest courts of their respective states. L. E. Thomas, state bank examiner for Louisiana, was chosen Mayor of Shreveport by a big majority over five opponents, and Hon. Clarence Cannon was elected to Congress from the ninth Missouri district by the largest majority ever given a candidate in that district.

Hon. Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, re-elected, is not only a prominent lawyer but is also minority leader in the lower house of congress. The Baptist governors chosen were Cary A. Hardee, Florida; Clifford M. Walker, Georgia; Austin Peay, Tennessee, and Pat M. Neff, Texas. The United States senators mentioned include Park M. Trammell, Florida; Walter F. George, Georgia, and J. W. Harrell, Oklahoma.

Practically without exception, every Baptist man elected to high office is active in the work of his local church and the denomination generally. Many of them hold positions of responsibility in the denomination.

## TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Whiskey Found In the Wreckage of the Car—Bird Dog Not Hurt.

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—An unidentified man was killed instantly and a man identified as T. L. Nevell, of Raleigh, a guard at the state prison farm, died shortly after being carried to a local hospital. The deaths were the result of the car in which they were riding running off a six-foot embankment about 100 yards from the Norfolk Southern railway crossing on the Fuquay road five miles south of Raleigh last night. A bird dog was found beneath the overturned car unharmed. Nevell leaves a widow and three children. A quantity of whiskey was found in the wreckage of the car.

Baptists Will Meet At Gastonia.

The next meeting place of the Baptist State Convention will be Gastonia. Rev. B. W. Spillman was re-elected president of the convention and Rev. L. R. Pruett, of Charlotte, was chosen to preach the annual sermon.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Monday, January 1, is a legal holiday, the Board of County Commissioners will not hold its monthly meeting on that date, January 1, but will hold its meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 1923. By order of the Chairman.

C. G. POWELL, Register of Deeds, Clerk ex-officio to the Board.

## NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

STATE

—Thomas A. McLendon, 71, father of F. McLendon—"Cyclone Mack"—the evangelist died at Bennettsville, S. C., last Tuesday.

—Captain Springs is assigned to command of Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, 2nd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery, N. C. N. G., now being organized at Smithfield, N. C.

—It is indicated that the population of Greensboro is now 25,000 souls from a police census nearly completed, begun several weeks ago. The United States census of 1920 gave the city a population of 19,896.

—Mr. Paul Stephenson while riding on an automobile in the streets of Benson, Johnson County, late Friday night, was fired at by the chief of police Perry, of Benson, and received a wound from which death resulted a 24 hours later.

—The body of Robert Malone, who disappeared suddenly and mysteriously from his home in Shiloh Township, Iredell County, on Saturday, December 9, was found Tuesday night in a branch in a dense thicket less than a half mile from his home. He was lying face down, with the right jugular vein severed.

—At the regular monthly meeting of the Henderson City fathers last week the Council determined the exact streets that are to be hard-surfaced and those to have sidewalks and curb and gutter work in the paving program, and resolved that the entire construction project for the coming year should not exceed \$200,000.

GENERAL

—What may have been a plot to assassinate members of the British Royal family was discovered when a hand grenade was found in the refuse of an ash can that was being taken into Buckingham Palace.

—After being marooned for five days on the barren Lizard Isle in Lake Superior, with the temperature hanging well below the zero mark and apparently without food, 23 of the 27 missing persons from the ill-fated tug Reliance have been rescued.

—W. H. Klepper, principal owner of the Portland Pacific Coast Baseball club, has telegraphed Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, an offer match for the heavyweight championship of the world, boxing with Jess Willard, to be fought there next July 4.

—Sharp criticism of the Ku Klux Klan, assertions of its shamfulness and suggestion for combatting it were contained in the charge to the grand jury by Judge William H. Barrett, of the United States district court for south Georgia, at the opening of the Albany division Monday.

—It is announced from Paris that Madame Sarah Bernhardt, world's most famous actress, will never again appear upon the stage, owing to ill health, Madame Bernhardt collapsed from heart weakness while rehearsing and since then has been under the care of two physicians.

—Drugs valued at \$10,000, which had been secreted in barrels of fish were seized by customs officials on board the French steamship Fenchurch at per pier in Brooklyn. The vessel arrived December 3 from Malaga, Spain. Discovery of the drugs was made, customs men said, when an automobile truck accidentally knocked over one of the barrels.

—Beautiful Pauline Frederick, stage and screen star, has been separated from her husband, Dr. Rutherford, well known Seattle, Washington, physician, whom she married at Riverside last June, according to information obtained from friends of Miss Frederick. Incompatibility is given as the cause for the separation but no motion of plans was made for divorce.

## MR. Z. A. WILSON IS HAPPY MAN

Mr. Z. A. Wilson, Kittrell Route 2, is the happiest man in Granville county. He is a veteran of the War Between States, is 71 year old and is the best shot in Granville county, having killed three wild turkeys at one shot, and on last Thanksgiving day climbed a tall tree and killed three deer with a rifle as they crossed the road in a thick woodland.

The happy part of the story is yet to come. Mr. Wilson, according to his own statement, has paid his respects to a very pretty young lady in the Berea section of the county for some time. "I jumped for joy last week when she consented to be my wife soon after Christmas," said the old Vet of many battles.

Mr. Wilson states that the young lady of his choice has promised to bake a 21-pound cake for the wedding supper if he will kill three wild turkeys for the occasion. The date of the wedding, he says, depends on the day he kills three turkeys.

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

## NO PUBLIC LEDGER ISSUED NEXT WEEK

The Force Will Take a Short Vacation—Some One Will Be In the Business Office Every Day.

In order to enable the Public Ledger force to take a short rest during the Christmas holidays, the paper will not be issued next week. To make up the lost time, no one will be taken off the subscription list until one week after their subscription expires.

Some one will be in the office every day next week to attend to business.

## THE MUNICIPAL COURT

A List of Those Who Failed to Comply With the Auto Law.

The following is a list of those who failed to stop their cars at the corner of streets prescribed by law and paid fines of \$7.75 in Municipal Court Wednesday:

Thurston Barnett, John Fuller, Mrs. Harvey Bullock, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Jake Alston, Raymond Daniel, Ray Garman.

For turning to the left at "go-to-the-right" signs, the following were fined \$3.75 each:

Harvey Harris, John Fuller, A. J. Kittrell, Jeff Duncan, Robert Couch.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Oxford Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 24, (At Eleven O'clock)

Organ Prelude.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Hymn—"White Shepherds Watched Scripture.

Anthem—"The Angel Song."

Offertory.

Anthem—"And There Were Shepherds."

Sermon—"The Virgin Birth."

Hymn—"White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

Benediction.

(At 5.30 O'clock)

Pageant—"Together Shall They Sing."

Synopsis—Except for a few connecting words the pageant is woven altogether from the Bible. It not only brings a message but instills the spirit of worship, reverence and prayer.

The interpreter and the Church, speaking for those who work and look for the kingdom of heaven, is sad, because the outlook seems so dark. A Pilgrim, the World Without Christ and the Wandering Jew visibly portray the sorrows of the world. An angel appears and reveals unto them that when the Church brings everything she has of life, service and possessions, the promised day will dawn.

## INFLUENZA IN MILD FORM PREVALENT IN THE STATE

Very Little Pneumonia Has Been Reported.

Raleigh Special says: With two weeks of almost continuous cloudy weather and extremes of temperature to aggravate the situation, almost the entire State has been swept by a mild recurrence of the influenza epidemic with a sharp increase in the seasonal cases of pneumonia. In many sections of the State the epidemic has assumed rather alarming proportions.

In Raleigh the situation is fairly widespread, but all of these cases are reported as being very light. The original type of influenza that worked death to thousands of people in the state four years ago has deteriorated until an attack of influenza, but for the complications, is little worse than the old fashioned "bad cold." Little pneumonia has developed locally.

## BAPTIST STATE MISSION BOARD ADOPTS AN ENLARGED PROGRAM

Appropriations Total \$13,000 More Than Budget Of Last Convention Year.

(Raleigh News and Observer)

The largest program ever attempted by North Carolina Baptists was adopted at the annual meeting here yesterday of the Board of Missions of the State Baptist Convention, when appropriations were made totaling \$127,227 or about \$13,000 more than the budget for the convention year which closed on December 1. The appropriation for church buildings was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and the field forces of the board were enlarged by the creation of a student worker and the appointment of one additional evangelist and one additional enlistment worker.

Christmas Cantata.

The Methodist Church choir will render a Christmas Cantata Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at the church. It will take the place of the regular Sunday morning service.

Fine Porkers.

Mrs. P. P. Gurrant, Route 3, killed 2 pigs Tuesday that tipped the scales at 895 pounds. They were only 12 months old.

Choir Practice Tonight.

St. Stephens' Church choir is requested to meet promptly tonight for practice.

## OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL AT CREEDMOOR

Land Clarence Davis, One Ford Car And Ten Gallons Of Dutchville Lightning.

Chief Curl, the sly old fox of Creedmoor, never lets his right hand know what his left is doing. Last Monday night he went to the phone and called up Capt. W. H. Whittaker of Stem. The phone message contained only five words, as follows:

"Something doing—come over tonight."

Capt. Whittaker is a man of broad vision, and to him the message seemed to imply:

"I know what it means to face a Creedmoor audience such as officer Curl is dealing with. It means that I must aim myself with a double-barrel shot gun and detail E. J. Ray to go with me."

When Capt. Whittaker and Ray arrived in Creedmoor, Officer Curl gave them the wink, and the thing was all over in a jiffy and no one was killed.

In the raid that followed a large still was captured at Mr. Simons' place in the outskirts of Creedmoor. Clarence Davis was taken into custody along with his Ford car and ten gallons of Dutchville lightning extracted from corn juice.

At the preliminary hearing Justice John E. Hart placed Davis under a \$300 bond to appear at the Feb. term of Granville Superior Court. The Ford car, whiskey and still is in the keeping of the sheriff.

## BE YE READY TO EXTINGUISH BLAZE

Have a Bucket Of Water in Easy Reach

Though possibly lacking in artistic value as a decoration for a Christmas tree, an old-fashioned water bucket with a good sized dipper make a very practical garnishment for the festive tree, according to State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell, in an appeal for precautions against fire. Here's how he would make Christmas safe for everybody:

"1. Let no one light the candles except a reasonable grown person and have a responsible grown person remain in the room as long as the lighted candles are left burning and extinguish the candles before leaving the room. Insist that the children do not touch the candles.

"2. Have a fire extinguisher or bucket of water and dipper handy in the same room with the tree.

"If you have an open fire let Santa Claus bring you a fender before Christmas day. Put the paper which comes around the presents where it belongs.

"Candles will not ignite a green pine tree, they are pretty, will gladden the light, are easy to get and signify our love for the old North State.

## THREE-CENT GASOLINE TAX AND FIFTEEN MILLIONS FOR ROADS ADVOCATED

A special from Raleigh says: Police power for state highway patrolmen whose roads so often are pre-empted by the agriculturist who drives his mule and plough into the ditches and clutters up the roads while machines balk, and further power of the highway commission to say to railroads what grade crossings must be eliminated, are among the major recommendations, not hitherto guessed, made by the legislative committee of the state highway commission today.

While the commission took up interurban motor bus franchise tax and a tribute from the heavy haulers which now go without paying anything on the roads they weight down, this was done informally and no recommendations were made as to these features. The commission likes the Maryland law, but will not recommend it now. The committee adopted the three-cent gasoline tax and recommended the issuing of \$15,000,000 bonds by the next general assembly for the completion of the highway program.

In recommending powers of the state highway commission to legislate away some of the grade crossings, the state would pay half the expense of underpass or overhead bridge and the railroads the other half. The legislature two years ago came near taking this issue, but lost its nerve.

CAPT. ARTHUR COLEMAN WILL SAIL NEXT WEEK

Will Carry a Cargo Of Brunswick County Sheep.

Wilmington, Dec. 21.—Captain Arthur Colman, captain and owner of the British schooner "Message of Peace," which was recently involved in charges of rum running, expects to sail within the next week for the Bahamas, with his recently purchased craft, City of Baltimore. The City of Baltimore, which Colman bought at auction here several weeks ago, will carry a cargo of sheep purchased in Brunswick county.

## THE LOCAL CHURCHES WILL BOOST THE NEAR EAST RELIEF FUND

At a conference held with the ministers of this county it was decided that the mass meeting for the raising of funds for the Near East Relief be held sometime in January. At that time all the churches of Oxford will assemble together as a unit to boost their grand and noble work.

Therefore, Mr. John Yunan will not speak here Jan. 1, as had at first been planned. More definite announcements will be made later.

C. H. RAGLAND.

## PILLSBURY-FLEMING

Quiet Wedding At the Home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brummitt.

A marriage of unusual interest to many friends was solemnized Thursday at eleven thirty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brummitt, when their mother, Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming of Raleigh became the bride of Mr. Joshua Plummer Pillsbury of Raleigh, Rev. E. M. Snipes officiating. Only the immediate families were present at the impressive ceremony. The bride was attired in a suit of blue and carried bride's roses.

The bride is a musician of state wide reputation, having been for several years the popular organist of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. She is greatly beloved in Oxford where she was reared, being the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hays. The groom is an instructor at A. & E. College and has a host of friends.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury will be at home in Raleigh.

Out of town visitors at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Talton and children; Miss Dorothy Ross Pillsbury, of Durham; and James Anderson, of Raleigh.

## STEM

—Mr. J. T. Stem, visitor Saturday.

—R. L. Stem, visitor Tuesday.

—R. O. Stem, visitor Wednesday.

—Misses Pauline and Irene Stem are at home for the holidays.

—Mr. Yancey Oakley continues critically ill at his home on Route 2.

—Miss Blanche Newton is at home from Oxford College to spend the holidays.

—W. R. Farabow has returned to his home near Varino after spending a few days in and around Stem.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker, and R. J. Gooch spent a few hours in Durham Monday.

—Mr. B. F. Goss of Route 1, who has been quite ill the past several weeks is slowly improving.

—Miss Mamie Moore is at home from Elon College to spend the holidays.

—M. B. Washington of Chase City Va., is at home to spend the holidays with his father, W. H. Washington of Route 1.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fowler and Mrs. U. M. Roberts spent Monday in Durham doing Christmas shopping.

—Miss Katie Lee Minor left Tuesday for Yatesville Ga., to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. P. Mangum.

—Miss Janie Gooch, a student of N. C. W. is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gooch.

—Misses Ira and Jeannette Young of the local school faculty left Wednesday night for their home in Durham to spend the holidays.

—Messrs. Raymond Umstead, Wesley and Edward Jones of Route 1, and Ford Farabow of Tally Ho are at home from the University of N. C. to spend the holidays.

—G. F. Woodlief who was with the Bank of Stem during the year 1922 up to December 15th, has accepted a position as cashier in a bank at Duke, N. C.

—Mrs. M. A. Clements and sons left Wednesday for Durham where they will make their home. The village feels a loss in this good lady and industrious sons leaving the community.

—J. C. Winter had the misfortune to stick a rusty nail nearly through his forefinger on the right hand last Thursday. He paid little attention to the wound at first and kept at work eight hours before having it dressed. By that time it had become very painful and since that time he has suffered intensely not being able to sleep scarcely any except when under the influence of an anesthetic. It is hoped that the danger has passed but he continues in somewhat of a critical condition.

## MIDNIGHT HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. STEPHENS'

As Christmas Eve Merges Into the Holy Day.

As usual in St. Stephens' Church there will be a midnight Holy Eucharist, where the dawn of the Nativity will find faithful hearts keeping watch before His own Altar. This year this service will be held, as Sunday, or Christmas Eve merges into the Holy Day.

## DR. HAYWOOD IS OUT DR. STRATON AVERS

Abrogated His "Courtesy" Title By Violating Agreement.

Rev. Dr. Oscar Haywood, of North Carolina and New York, by announcing he is working for the Ku Klux Klan and by carrying on that work in New York City, has automatically abrogated his title as evangelist in Calvary Baptist church, of New York, according to Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the church. Information developed from the Calvary Baptist authorities is as follows:

In 1918 the Calvary Baptist church joined with the Collegiate Baptist church. Dr. Haywood was pastor of the Collegiate Baptist church while Dr. Straton was pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Dr. Straton continued as pastor of Calvary and Dr. Haywood retired. He told the Calvary officials he was going to his farm home in North Carolina to live, but that he expected he would be called upon to do some work in neighboring towns and cities. Therefore, as said, he felt he would like to have some title. Whereupon the Calvary Baptist church on June 15, 1918, passed a resolution defining Dr. Haywood's status, as far as the church was concerned and the title of "evangelist" of the resolution.

Dr. Oscar Haywood, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, of New York, is reported to have abrogated the Calvary Baptist church's resolution by working for the Ku Klux Klan, a fraternal organization which is a member of the Calvary Baptist church.

## Co-ops Will Open For Business On Thursday, January 4, and the Independent Houses Will Open On Monday January 8.

After a long siege of work, everybody connected with the local tobacco market were happy when the last pound of tobacco on the floor was disposed of and the market officially closed for the Christmas holidays.

The co-ops will open for business on Thursday January 4, and the auction houses will open on the 8th of January. The sales have been very heavy during the present month, and it is generally believed that 80 percent of the crop has been sold.

Ever since the Coops were advised a month ago to bring in their tobacco before the 20th of December, so as to get the second payment early in January, they have handled vast quantities of tobacco on the local market.

With satisfactory prices in the past and bright prospects for the remainder of the crop, the tobacco growers of Granville, Coops and otherwise, should enjoy a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## NOVEL METHOD USED IN ROBBING A BANK

(Los Angeles Special.)

The Southwestern State bank was robbed of \$1,000 today by a young man, with his hand wrapped in a bandage who walked into the bank. He presented a check for \$1,000 and a letter to B. R. Brundage, the cashier.

"You are looking into the barrel of a revolver in this bandage," said the letter. "I want you to O. K. this check; go to the paying teller with me and get the money."

Mr. Brundage stepped with the man to the paying teller and directed him to cash the check, which he did. "I want you to go with me," the bandit then told Mr. Brundage, and he walked the latter a block down the street, passing three policemen who stood chatting on the corner. "You may go now," said the bandit, "and thank you, you've been awfully kind." With that he disappeared around a corner.

## WANAMAKER EDITORIAL IN MOUNT HOLLY JAIL

Printed on a card pasted upon the doorway leading to the tier of cells in which Harry C. Mohr sits in the Mount Holly, New Jersey, Jail, is this quotation from an editorial written by John Wanamaker:

"It has come to me as a good rule not to believe anything against another unless it is first confirmed; and even when it is an assured fact, my rule is not to repeat anything that will be harmful to another.

"I cannot hold other people's tongues, and it has taken me a long time to get control of my own tongue—but it can be done!

"And it is well worth while, if for no other reason, it saves a lot of time."