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TWO SECTIONS

NO. 14

KU KLUX KLAN DEFENDERS ARE FORCED INTO OPEN

Milliken Bill Passes House On Third Reading and Clincher Is Attached.

(News and Observer)

Defenders of the Ku Klux Klan, fighting in desperation to delay and defeat the passage of the Milliken bill on its third reading in the House Wednesday were forced into the open with the issue squarely drawn on the declaration that the measure "cut the heart out of the Ku Klux Klan," and went down to final defeat by a vote of 63 to 44, and defeat was sealed by tabling a motion to reconsider.

Every parliamentary resource at the command of the bill, even to the proposal to send the law into the general election in 1924 for ratification was brought into play and was smashed against the stone wall defenses built around the measure that requires the registration and unmasking of all members of secret organizations. The battle lasted two hours.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Interior Of The New Club House Is Very Attractive.

The ladies of the Oxford Woman's Club are to be commended for the improvements wrought in their new club house. It required an artistic turn of mind to convert the interior of an old residence into comfortable and inviting quarters, and this was done by throwing the rooms together and a liberal use of French doors, wall decorations, paint and draperies. A very convenient little kitchenette is a part of the very clever arrangements.

The club rooms were handsomely decorated yesterday with peach and apple blossoms, the occasion being the entertainment of the Rotary Club at dinner. In the evening the club served supper to the Oxford Fire Company, who were the guests of Mr. J. Robert Wood, Chief of the Fire Department.

THE HAT SHOP

To Be Opened By Mrs. Graham Roberts.

Mrs. Graham Roberts, well and favorably known throughout Oxford and the county, has leased the new Hall building at the corner of Main and Littlejohn streets and will at an early date open a high class millinery establishment.

Mrs. Roberts has returned from the northern markets where she bought a handsome stock of millinery. She has employed as trimmer Miss Street, of Greenville, S. C. As soon as the goods arrive Mrs. Roberts will announce the date of the opening.

Mrs. Roberts has for the past two or three years been the valuable assistant in the office of Mr. J. F. Webb, county superintendent of schools. Miss Lucy Webb will fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Roberts.

LEVI GARMAN'S FARMS

Situated On the Western Maryland Railroad, Near York, Pa.

Our townsman, Mr. Levi Garman, will leave this week for Bradbeek, Pa., where he owns two stock farms—one of 82 acres and one of 160 acres. A printed card at hand states that the annual sale of select live stock will take place on February 21. Thirteen head of horses and mules are listed for sale; 78 cattle and 70 head of purebred hogs.

Mr. Garman states that all the feed for the stock is grown on the farm and that one of the best revenues of the farm is the large amount of manure that accumulates.

THE RUHR DISTRICT

The Size Of Rhode Island and Has 3,177,637 Population.

Essen Special: The area now occupied by the French and Belgians in the Ruhr aggregates approximately 720,131 acres or nearly the size of Rhode Island, according to figures announced in German quarters. The population of this area is 3,177,637, which compares with the population of Massachusetts and Michigan. The military forces hold 14 city and nine rural districts. The total railway mileage in the Ruhr is 1,242 kilometers, of which two lines are militarized.

SOME FINE SHOATS

Porkers Grow To Perfection In Fishing Creek.

Messrs. M. J. McGhee and Mack Brummitt, of Fishing Creek, killed hogs recently. One killed by Mr. Brummitt weighed 512 pounds and one weighed 482. Mr. McGhee, who is recognized as one of the best hog raisers in the county and now has a number of pigs for sale, killed one that weighed 500 pounds. These shoats were only 12 months old.

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

THE NEW TENT HAT

New Headgear For Women Will Make Its Appearance Here Soon.

Milliners who have gone north to purchase goods state that the new headgear for women has made its appearance on Broadway, and they are going to be turning around to look at it on the streets of Oxford the first thing you know.

It is called a "hat" merely because it serves that purpose, and truth to tell, it is no a bad looking affair. To wear it the hair must be done up in a compact mound on the top of the head and a miniature "tent pole" thrust vertically through it. Over this is stretched a square foot of canvas, with a flag or ribbon, for a decoration. Strangely enough, this new fancy did not come from Paris. It was born and tried out in Kansas City, and the photograph of its first appearance in New York shows a crowd of men following the woman who wore it.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Durham Feels Good Over the Promising Outlook.

(Durham Sun.)

Every opportunity is to be extended Durham to make this city a sort of division headquarters for national north and south overland, passenger and freight transportation. Opportunity rests in the assurance of a hard surface highway from Durham directly north to the Virginia State Line.

Contract has been let for the last stretch of hard surface between Oxford and Virginia. This stretch will be concrete. Survey is under way for a route from Durham to Oxford. This stretch will be asphalt, but part asphalt, part concrete a great boulevard will be laid for fast through motor transportation, provided Durham pulls for it and beats Raleigh to the game.

Determination of the Durham-Oxford road awaits the result of the surveys under way. Authorization of paving and letting of contract is still further away, but ultimately the road will be built.

PLEASING NEWS

The Health Of Major Stedman Is Much Better.

News of the condition of Major Charles M. Stedman, the fifth district's representative in Congress brought back from there by B. Lee Pentress, city attorney of Greensboro is pleasing. Mr. Pentress says that the health of Major Stedman is much better than it was while he was indisposed during the political campaign. Major Stedman is yet vigorous, blessed with a vitality that took him through the Civil war, through the hard reconstruction period, through many campaigns, through years of service given his state and his country.—Greensboro Patriot.

WHEAT LOOKS GOOD

There Is a Fairly Good Crop Sown In The County.

Farmers tell the Public Ledger that the recent snow and sleet has done the wheat a great deal of good and that already it is showing an improved appearance. There is a fairly large crop sown in the county and farmers generally are hoping for a big crop this year. Some plowing has already been done in preparation for spring crops, but not a great deal.

DUKE BUYS HOTEL

Durham and New York Capitalist Acquires Majestic.

New York Special: Benjamin N. Duke, of New York and Durham has purchased the Majestic hotel, between Seventy-first street and seventy-second street, New York. The deal involved about \$4,000,000. Mr. Duke is a brother of J. B. Duke, of Charlotte. Mr. Duke recently purchased the Hotel Lorraine, Fifth Avenue and Forty-fifth street.

BORAH SAYS THAT WAR SHOULD BE OUTLAWED

Washington, Feb. 15.—A resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that war should be "outlawed as an institution or means for the settlement of international controversies," and proposing creation and adoption of a code of international law and an international court, was introduced by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL NEAR OXFORD

Constable Ernest Bragg and Deputy Crawford Davis captured a still in Fishing Creek last Tuesday. The kettle showed much usage, but it was not in commission when the officers found it.

WANTED YOUNG LADY TO TEACH

at home two small children of 5 and 6 years. P. O. B. 612.

GRANVILLE COURT IN MIDST OF SENSATIONAL TRIAL

Case Called Yesterday Morning—Henry Hicks, the Durham Boy Under \$1000 Bond Did Not Appear In Court.

Henry S. Hicks, son of William H. Hicks, well known Durham young man arrested here last week on the charge of attempted assault and placed under \$1000 bond to appear in Granville Superior Court yesterday, did not put in an appearance. Hicks was a roadman in the employ of the State Highway Commission, and was working on a stretch of highway near Oxford at the time of the arrest last week. Bond was ordered forfeited by Judge W. M. Boud, and capias issued for his arrest.

The Oxford boy, held on the same charge, was in court. The case engaged the attention of the court until a late hour in the afternoon. It will probably reach the jury by noon today.

MR. GRAY TO WED

Will Go To Charlotte For His Bride In April.

The following announcement from the Richmond News Leader is of interest to the many friends of Mr. Gray, popular manager of the Oxford office of the Carolina Power and Light Company:

"An entertainment given by Misses Laura and Margaret Alexander in their home in Charlotte, N. C., last Saturday, announcement was made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Mary Isabel Ardrey to Robert Somerville Gray, Jr., formerly of this city. The wedding will take place in April. Miss Ardrey is the daughter of Mrs. Lois Harris Ardrey and the late Dr. Lucius L. Ardrey, of Charlotte, N. C. She was graduated from the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro in the class of 1920, and for the last year has been technician at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. Mr. Gray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Gray, of 2301 Grove avenue. He was graduated from V. P. I. in the class of 1916. He received his commission at the officers' training camp, and served at Fort Monroe. After the armistice he went to Raleigh, N. C., and now makes his home in Oxford, N. C."

HICKS LED ATTACK ON LONG'S BILL

Present Law Is a SafeGuard To the Poor Man.

The measure introduced by Senator W. L. Long, of Halifax, to "limit the resale" of real estate sold under deed of trust to one resale met with opposition when put on its third reading Tuesday in the Senate where it originated. Senator Hicks, of Granville, led the attack on the bill, contending that the present law is a safeguard to the poor man who has jeopardized his home by contracting debt during prosperous days and has been called upon to pay in a period of depression.

Senator Hicks offered an amendment to the bill which would limit the resale to two and leave it optional with the clerk of court whether he shall require a bond with the bid or not.

In advocacy of the bill as introduced Senator Long expressed the conviction that the fact that the sale would be final would bring out the best bid on the one tender of the real estate.

THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

To Meet In Winston-Salem April 10-11-12.

Winston-Salem is to be the host of the 1923 session of the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 10th, 11th and 12th. From the office of the State Sunday School Association in Raleigh comes the information that the Sunday School workers in Winston-Salem are already busy with plans for entertaining the convention. It is expected that this will be one of the most notable conventions in the history of the State Association work.

ENGINEERS COMING

Organization From Fort Bragg Is Recruiting a Few Men.

For a short time the young men of this district will have the chance to enlist in Company "A," 4th Engineers now stationed at Fort Bragg. Starting Thursday the fifteenth, a detachment of six (6) Engineers will make a four day trip thru this vicinity. Headquarters will be at Rocky Mount and visits will be made to Tarboro, Wilson, Goldsboro and Smithfield. Postmasters at these places will be able to give information concerning the time the detachment will arrive.

SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL SERVICES IN OXFORD CHURCHES

To Be the Greatest and Most Far Reaching Meeting Ever Held In Oxford.

March 12 is the time set for the big Simultaneous Revival Services to begin in the several Oxford Churches. That this is to be the greatest and most far-reaching meeting ever held in Oxford, indeed remains to be seen; however those planning it do not have the slightest doubt of its abundant success.

"A word to the wise is sufficient," but a word of explanation may be worthwhile. These are called Simultaneous Revival Services because a separate service will be in progress in all the Churches at the same time. It is the plan of the different pastors of the several Churches to secure the best man possible, (preferably a man from the pastorate) to conduct the services in the separate churches every evening. The morning service will be a union meeting conducted by a different minister each morning, and in different Churches.

The meetings are to be preceded by a number of cottage prayer services in as many homes as possible. And different members of the several congregations will be called upon to lead some of these services.

Sufficient advertisement will be made by means of posters, street banners, and through the columns of the newspaper.

Remember the date and watch this paper for further advertisements.

CHM. PUBLICITY COM.

NORTH CAROLINA IS ON A SAFE AND SANE BUILDING BOOM

Two Hundred and Sixty Million Dollars Expended During the Past Year.

An unexampled boom in construction work has been recorded throughout the entire state of North Carolina during 1922, led by the \$50,000,000 road investment and the modernizing of state institutions for half this amount. Larger centers have made notable records, but building has not been confined to the cities. Small towns in every section of that state have put into construction many millions of dollars.

A survey of the construction in progress in the state, made by the Greensboro News in July, showed a grand total of \$260,000,000 being expended, divided as follows: State highways, \$35,000,000; county highways, \$15,000,000; municipal improvements \$30,000,000; churches, \$10,000,000; state institutions, \$15,000,000; public schools, \$15,000,000; other public buildings and business structures, \$75,000,000; homes and apartments, \$60,000,000; miscellaneous, \$10,000,000.

Much new work has been originated since this survey was finished, and it is probable that the total record for the state for the entire year can be conservatively placed at \$300,000,000.

Asheville, pop. 28,504, expended \$3,123,450.

Charlotte, pop. 46,338, expended \$5,148,656.

Durham, pop. 21,719 expended \$1,208,122.

Gastonia, pop. 12,871, expended \$1,783,701.

Greensboro, pop. 19,861, expended \$4,223,137.

Hickory, pop. 5,072, expended \$329,525.

High Point, pop. 14,302, expended \$1,831,144.

Raleigh, pop. 24,418 expended \$2,020,348.

Washington, pop. 6,314, expended \$64,162.

Wilmington, pop. 33,372, expended \$951,000.

Winston-Salem, pop. 48,393, expended \$3,286,857.

SUMMER FASHIONS

Styles Back To Good Old Gingham Of 1860.

The gingham and chintz of our grandmothers are with us again. They are the most distinctive note of the summer fashions which are now shown in advance here by hundreds of mannequins sent for the purpose. They are wearing the self-same airy, printed frocks that the Yankee girls wore when they bade the boys farewell in 1860.

The whole idea of the summer styles seems to be to accentuate the lower half of the gown, making the bodice and sleeves less conspicuous. The consensus regarding the creations shown on the famous Croissant board walk here is that they are conclusive proof of the tendency toward the "daylight skirt," which must be at least an inch an da half shorter than last year.—Paris Cable in the New York American.

Successful Operation.

Miss Madry, the oldest daughter of Mr. Madry, the baker, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at Brantwood Hospital last night.

THREE MIXED UP IN TRIAL OF SLAYER

One Is Dead, Another Is Being Sued For Divorce and Pollard's Wife Has Left Him.

Richmond, Feb. 15.—Fates of three women are involved in the trial of Thomas Pollard, real estate man, who went on trial in the Corporation court before Judge David C. Richardson, charged with killing one of them.

One is dead, another is being sued for divorce and the third, his wife, has left him and is having nothing to do with the case.

Pollard is charged with shooting to death Mrs. Thelma Richardson, divorcee, his former stenographer, on the night of December 11 in his home.

It is alleged that the murder occurred after Mrs. Richardson had gone to his home to protest against his alleged fickleness in spurning her for another woman, said to be Mrs. Louise Black, former choir singer.

Able lawyers are connected with the case. Former District Attorney Hiram M. Smith and his father, Harry M. Smith, one of the most noted criminal lawyers in Virginia, represent the defense. David E. Satterfield and Richard E. Byrd, former United States district attorney, appear for the prosecution.

There have been charges in tampering with witnesses aired in court and affidavits are being repudiated by those who made them.

Interest attaches to the case by reason of the prominence of the defendant, who is a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Virginia. He is nephew of a former attorney general.

Work of selecting a jury started at noon Wednesday, 40 men having been summoned.

—Mrs. Richardson was a Miss Hamm of Georgia, stylish as well as pretty, when her effects were examined she had in her pocketbook a blank check signed by Pollard, dated several months prior to her discharge by Pollard.

Since the Pollard shooting Beck has instituted suit for divorce against his wife. It is pending in the courts.

Pollard's wife has left him and returned with her child to her father's home, and she is taking no part in the case.

J. Mosby West drove the car that carried Mrs. Richardson to the Pollard home. He says that on the way he gave Mrs. Richardson two drinks of whiskey.

TO ARREST MAN FOR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

The Warrant Is the First Of the Kind Ever Drawn In The State.

Raleigh Special: City Prosecutor Beckwith states that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of J. J. Wilkes, traveling salesman, of Atlanta, charging him with attempting to commit suicide at a local hotel Sunday night. Wilkes is at a local hospital suffering from a deep gash in his neck. The wound is said to have been inflicted with a nail file.

It is said that the warrant against Wilkes is the first of its kind ever drawn in North Carolina. Attempted suicide, it is said, is a felony under the common law. The warrant will be served when Wilkes is able to leave the hospital, Mr. Beckwith stated.

LATER: Wilkes did in the hospital Tuesday night.

CO-OPS PLEASSED WITH SECOND PAYMENT

Second Payments Netted Nineteen To Twenty-two Cents a Pound To Date.

Headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Association at Raleigh sends out the following statement:

"Many members of the cooperative at Danville and a number of the old belt markets state that the averages of the first two payments of the association exceed the averages paid by the auction markets last season. At Danville, Burlington, Apex, and other points, second payments have netted the organized growers from nineteen to twenty two cents a pound to date."

HARDING CALLS THE GOVERNORS

To Discuss the Prohibition Question.

Washington Special: Another conference of State governors will be called by President Harding to meet in Washington for discussion of the prohibition question. No date has been set.

FEDERAL GRAND JUROR

Federal Court Meets In Raleigh Next Monday.

Mr. S. O. Farham is among the Federal Grand jurors drawn from Granville and will attend Federal Court at Raleigh next Monday.

MANY ARE WORKING FOR THE TWENTY DOLLARS IN GOLD

The Contestants Have Until the Evening Of Feb. 22 To File Their Answers.

From all accounts reaching the office of the Public Ledger, the contest for the \$20.00 in gold prizes printed in our last issue, is creating a big lot of interest among readers of the paper. This contest is a plan to ascertain just what the public knows about local business affairs, and a number of contestants are beginning to realize that there are many things of interest concerning the city's commercial life of which they were not aware.

There is plenty of time left for those who are not working to win the money to get in and take down the prizes which are worth striving for. The contestants have until the evening of February 22 to file their answers. Of course it means a little work, but at the same time every one will be gleaming valuable information about the business life of the community.

Those who send in the best answers will win the money. The names of the prize winners and the answers completed will be printed Tuesday, February 27.

GOOCH HOT AFTER GOOD PLAYERS

Durham Manager Tenders Contracts To Fifteen Ball Tossers.

Capt. Lee Gooch, Manager of the Durham ball club, has gone to Durham for the purpose of sending out 1923 contracts and to supervise the building of a new park.

Capt. Gooch announces that the following men have been tendered contracts:

Louis Kearney, of Raleigh; Alex Gibson, of McColl, S. C.; J. Rogers, of South Amboy, N. J.; George Rescoe, of Mt. Olive, Ill.; Elmer Benson, of Manly, Iowa; O. W. Joudson, of Whitmore, S. C.; H. E. Atkinson, of Cardenas, W. L. Stitler, of Harrisonburg, Va.; Paul Danieley, of Atlanta, Ga.; Matt Meyers, of East Liverpool, Ohio; Walter Dayton, of Memphis, Tenn.; Key Sadler, of Greensboro; Edwin M. Holmes, of Beverly, N. J.; William Hiss, of Adison, N. Y.; and Vann B. Stringfield, of Wake Forest.

FATHER OF OXFORD MAN DIED IN RALEIGH

Mr. W. S. Mann, father of Mr. J. J. Mann, popular flagman on the Oxford-Henderson tarin, died in Raleigh Monday and was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon. He leaves a widow, two sons, J. H. Mann of Raleigh and J. J. Mann of Oxford, and one daughter, Mrs. E. V. Jenkins of Orangeburg, S. C.

METHODIST ORPHANS DOWN OXFORD QUINT

Clever Passing Wins Hard Fought Game For Raleigh Crew, 18-14.

(News and Observer)

Unable to form a defense for the clever pass work of the Methodists, the basketball team from the Oxford Orphanage went down in defeat 18 to 14, in a hard-fought contest with the Methodist Orphans Monday afternoon at the Raleigh Auditorium. The score was close throughout the game.

FAMILY POISONED

Rat Poison Got Into the Bread By Mistake.

Tom Gordon's family, who live near Soudan, were taken violently sick last Monday morning. Dr. Thomas was called, and upon examination found Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gordon and two sons were poisoned by eating rat poison in the bread. A white and colored boy on the place are suspected.

BIT BY MAD PIG

Carl Puckett Takes Pasture Treatment.

A mad pig bit Mr. Carl Puckett, of Route 1, on the hand last Sunday. On examination at Brantwood Hospital poison was discovered in the wound and he was sent to Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment.

MUSIC IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On Monday, Feb. 19th, at 8 o'clock p. m. in auditorium of the Graded School, Mr. William Breach, of Winston-Salem, will speak to the people of Oxford and Granville County on the subject of "Music in the Public Schools."

Mr. Breach gives his entire time to this subject and speaks with authority. Every body come—fill the auditorium.

If each person will bring his neighbor, the audience will be assured. Let the automobile committee get together and work out plans for assembling a record-breaking audience.