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## WILEY PERRY GETS THIRTY DAYS RESPITE

The Execution of the Granville County Slay of Roy Aiken Postponed Thirty Days on Account of Sickness of the Warden's Wife.

It is announced from Raleigh that Governor Morrison on Friday morning last granted a respite of 30 days to Wiley Perry, negro, who was to have been electrocuted at 10:30 o'clock. The respite reached the penitentiary within the hour the execution was scheduled to take place and while the prisoner was being prepared for the electric chair.

The governor granted the respite because of the critical illness of the wife of Warden Sam Busbee. Mrs. Busbee has not been expected to live for several days. The warden and his family have an apartment in one of the penitentiary buildings.

Perry was tried and convicted in Granville county Superior court at Oxford on February 10, last, and was immediately sentenced by Judge W. M. Bond, to die in the electric chair at the State Prison.

It will be remembered that Aiken was assisting a Creedmoor policeman in arresting Perry when the negro shot and instantly killed him. He escaped, and was later captured in Norfolk and brought back to Granville county to stand trial.

## THE FASHION SHOW

To Be Held March 23d In the High School Auditorium.

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."

We refer to the approaching Fashion Show to be given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, March 23d at 8 p. m. in the High School Auditorium.

William Shakespeare is cooperating with the ladies and the local merchants to make the show a success, and the lovely maids and matrons of Oxford will grace the occasion by acting as models.

For the Easter parade will be shown all the lovely modes of the season, and best of it all is the fact that you will be able to see and buy what is fashionable and lovely in YOUR OWN HOME TOWN.

There will be shown also what is good and new and useful in hardware, food, furniture, toilet articles, jewelry, etc. A full list of the merchants to be represented will appear in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

For further information call the committee in charge of arrangements.

MRS. R. C. M. CALVERT,  
MRS. A. H. POWELL,  
Committee of Arrangements.

## ADVOCATES ANOTHER HOTEL FOR OXFORD

Mr. Leake Peace, who travels extensively in the State, compares Oxford's Hotel Facilities With Other North Carolina Towns.

Editor Public Ledger:

As the good, new hard-surface roads leading into Oxford invite more and ever-increasing numbers of transients and tourists to visit Oxford isn't it high time that our progressive citizens provide a new brick hotel with all modern conveniences to take care of the visitors within our borders?

This should be a modern hotel of 60 or more rooms and would cost probably \$100,000 including equipment. Would it pay? Well the hotels at Henderson, Durham and Raleigh are crowded every night and many guests of these hotels would spend the night or day in Oxford provided our facilities were equal to these other places.

Ask any of these towns about the size of Oxford, and not near as prosperous or as well located, if a good modern hotel pays?

Roxboro has a \$75,000 hotel; Warrenton a \$100,000; Weldon \$100,000; Lillington \$60,000; Pittsboro \$25,000; Sanford has four big hotels, \$150,000 invested in them; Reidsville has a new hotel costing \$100,000, and even tiny Vass, N. C., in Moore county, with a population of 500 people has a \$60,000 modern brick hotel.

Let us open our eyes to the fact that from ten to fifty traveling men arrive in Oxford on the early morning train and by autos, having spent the night in other places, and are gone by dinner time. Other towns and cities are making money entertaining them; we could do it as well if we had the new modern brick hotel.

(W. L. PEACE.)

## PROMISE FINANCIAL AID TO FARMERS

Washington, March 10.—The Federal farm loan board, at the conclusion today of a three day conference with the Federal land bank presidents, gave assurance that farmers of the country will have the benefit of the government's financial aid, authorized in the recently enacted rural credits legislation by the time the spring planting begins.

It was indicated that an early announcement may be made by the farm loan board regarding the methods it will employ in extending to the farmers the aid contemplated in the new laws. It was said some "rough places" may have to be smoothed out by the new legislation.

## OSCAR CURRIN DEAD

Brother Of Mrs. S. W. Parker.

Mrs. S. W. Parkekr has returned from Raleigh where she was called by the sudden death of her brother Mr. Oscar Currin. Mr. Currin was a prominent citizen of Raleigh, being employed as auctioneer for the Atlantic Coast Realty Company. He had been slightly indisposed for a few hours but his death came very unexpectedly. The funeral was conducted in Raleigh on Sunday afternoon. The deceased is survived by a widow, three children and several brothers and sisters.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

A Bill Of Sale Tells a Tale.

A warehouse bill dated March 5, 1874, now in the possession of Mr. T. T. Smith, shows that he sold on that date 744 pounds of Granville county tobacco at the Liberty warehouse, in Milton, for \$384.04.

## LISTED LIVE STOCK IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

Slight Decrease In Number Of Horses, Mules, Hogs and Cattle.

According to the tax listers enumeration there was a slight gain in the number of horses in Granville county in 1922 over the previous year. The following is the tax listers' figures for 1922, as compared with 1920 and 1921:

Horses.	
1920	3,721
1921	3,839
1922	3,460
Mules.	
1920	2,419
1921	2,731
1922	2,587
All Cattle.	
1920	7,110
1921	7,316
1922	7,035
Hogs.	
1920	8,639
1921	7,723
1922	6,468
Sheep.	
1920	603
1921	759
1922	768
Goats.	
1920	19
1921	19
1922	39

## DRUNK MAN IN CAR

A Rich Young Fellow Dashes Three To Death And Is Held For Murder.

A few days ago a rich young hilarious young fellow, full of whisky and driving a high-powered automobile, ran into a crowd getting off a street car in Philadelphia, dashing three people to death.

The affair served to emphasize the condition of recklessness which prevails there. The indignation aroused caused a sudden activity on part of the police in suppression of speeding. On the first day, 500 automobilists were placed under arrest for reckless driving. The majority of the parties carried to the court had no license, or were driving when drunk.

It takes an affair like that to bring the public into realization of the situation, and the same conditions prevail to a more or less extent in small towns, and Oxford has its quota of fast and furious and reckless drivers and occasional drunks, but it is indeed fortunate that Mayor Stem has put the check-rein on all who stand before him convicted of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Being a good Methodist, he cannot even tolerate the smell of mean liquor, and woe be to the man who stands before him the second time charged with driving a car while the least bit under the influence of liquor. At the end of argument he knows how to say "the fulles text of the law" in tones that shakes the walls. His firmness has been the means of saving many lives and limbs in Oxford.

The Philadelphia police declare the campaign against reckless driving is to be prosecuted permanently, but unless history fails to repeat itself, the agitation will die down and things will lapse into the old condition and remain so until another killing occurs.

## SOLICITORS PUT ON SALARY BASIS

The New Bill Increase the Terms Of Court In Granville.

After October 1, 1924, solicitors in the several judicial districts of the State will be placed on a salary of \$4,500, plus an expense allowance, in lieu of present fees. That measure, representing extensive concessions, is the only result of the program embracing four reforms in the judicial system of the State which was advocated by the legislature committee of the North Carolina Bar Association.

After failure of the redistricting measure became assured, bills poured in changing or increasing the terms of court in the several counties and such measures were passed for Granville, Robeson, Catawba, Avery, Hertford, Iredell, Wilson, Forsyth, Yancey, Randolph, Washington, Pasquotank, Nash, Edgecombe, Scotland and Henderson counties as well as the Twelfth Judicial District.

## NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Detour Established In the City Of Durham.

The State Highway Commission has issued the following information as to the detour of the National Highway established in the city of Durham:

"Southbound traffic on Hillsboro street, Durham, turn to right at Broad street about 1-2 miles from courthouse. Follow Broad street about 3 mile to Cherry street. Turn to left on Cherry street and follow detour signs to the Durham road at the county fair grounds. Turn right on Route No. 75 and follow it to Durham. Northbound traffic follow reverse directions.

## CLOSE CALL AT LOCAL RAILWAY CROSSING

Unknown Party, Driving a Ford and Accompanied by a Woman, Plunged Headlong Into a Death Trap and Narrowly Escaped Instant Death.

At five o'clock last Friday evening as the Oxford-Henderson Seaboard train approached the corporate limits in East Oxford, as it sped on its way to Henderson, Engineer Steele and his fireman saw a Ford car going east at a rapid rate on the Oxford-Henderson highway in an effort to cross the track before the train reached the crossing.

As luck would have it, the engine passed over the crossing only a few feet in front of the auto, which was moving at a rapid rate. In an effort to save himself, the driver turned his car to the left, and in doing so, grazed the side of the train and turned turtle.

The engineer and fireman looked back and saw the two occupants of the car, a man and a woman, emerge from beneath the machine and brush themselves. It was learned that the occupants were Mr. Powell of Henderson and Miss Irene Stem of Stem.

So far, the Public Ledger has not been able to secure the names of the occupants of the car, where they were from or where they were going.

Engineer Steele, who was an eyewitness of the accident, ran the Florida limited on the main line for a number of years. For long and faithful service the Seaboard transferred him to a lighter run. We found this pleasant and faithful old servant in a reminiscence mood. He said that one afternoon some years ago he saw an auto racing with his train to reach the crossing first. The limited train was moving at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour as Capt. Steele turned to his fireman and said:

"Jim, do you see that auto coming down the roads. I calculate that we will meet on the crossing, but we missed him by a hair-breadth. This was near Graystone, and the four occupants escaped without injury."

"I have often seen autos racing with trains to reach the crossing first, and it is a great wonder that more of them are not killed."

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Voters Will Be Asked To Limit Bond Issues, Protect Sinking Funds And To Exempt Partially Mortgaged Homes From Taxes; Bonds For World War Veterans.

Four propositions, three of them changes in the Constitution which involve the fiscal policy of the State, and one referendum on a bond issue, will be submitted to the people at the next general election unless the General Assembly should in special session modify what has already been done.

Three constitutional amendments, providing for the (1) limitation of the State debt to 7 1/2 per cent of the assessed property valuation; (2) the inviolability of sinking funds to retire the State debt, and (3) to exempt from taxation one-half farm and residential property under mortgage and one-half of such mortgage, not to exceed \$8,000.

The fourth proposal of the General Assembly that the voters will have submitted to them is the Grist bill, providing a bond issue of \$2,500,000 for long loans on easy terms to veterans of the World War for the purchase of homes, the maximum of any one loan to be \$3,000.

## A WISE LAWMAKER

He Kept His Mouth Closed For 58 Days and Nights While the Big Noise Was Going On.

(News and Observer)

During the recent session of the General Assembly, Representative Patterson, of Hoke county, voted "No" and said nothing for 58 days and then got up and moved that the rules be amended to provide that nobody else should be allowed to talk about any one thing for more than five minutes. The idea appealed to the House, and the next day it adopted his suggestion as a rule. It worked. Talk was curtailed tremendously, and the House did more in the last four days than in all the rest of the session put together. Mr. Patterson promised his folks he was going to do what he could to cut down expenses. One vote couldn't do it, but he was consistent throughout, and he voted "no" when they were spending money.

## CO-OPS WILL CLOSE THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, local manager of the co-operative warehouses states that the season will come to a close on Thursday, March 22.

"The growers will please take notice and be governed accordingly," said Mr. Mitchell.

## THE TOWN ELECTION

To Be Held On the First Monday In May.

All that is needed to precipitate a hot campaign in Oxford is the naming of the date on which the town convention will be held. Major Will Landis is the chairman of the Oxford Democratic Executive Committee and it is up to him to name the date, and as soon as this is done the birds that have been chirping ever so long will burst forth in one mighty political song.

"There are eight or ten candidates for the office of tax collector and town clerk. It is an appointive office, and the respective candidates must look to the commissioners for the job. Those of the candidates who feel that the present board will not support them will work for the nomination of a new board, and slates are being made and smashed accordingly.

One thing is certain, Mayor Stem will have no opposition, and that fact is very pleasing to everybody.

For the first time in the history of the old town, the present board is accused of being "too progressive." Back in the days of muddy and slushy streets it was customary to refer to the board as a set of "dead men." The percentage of those who desire to return "dead men" to power is very small, but nevertheless there is a decided movement on foot to infuse some new blood into the present board, if the members stand for reelection as a whole.

## MURDER IN BRASSFIELD

Lizzie Hockaday Shot In the Back—Her Son Held In the County Jail.

While sitting in her home over in Brassfield last Friday night some one approached the house from the rear and shot Lizzie Hockaday, colored, through an open door, and she died instantly.

Sheriff Hunt and Coroner W. D. Bryan went over to Brassfield early Saturday and spent the day in search of testimony, but nothing of a tangible nature developed. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the woman was shot to death by an unknown party.

The sheriff visited the scene of the murder again on Sunday and secured sufficient evidence against Roy Hockaday, son of the murdered woman, to hold him.

Lizzie Hockaday, the murdered woman, owned a good farm and had a substantial bank account, and she often said that she did not have an enemy in the world.

## LETTER TO GROWER

Advising Them To Make Proper Settlement With the Association.

(Winston Sentinel)

It is learned that officials of the Cooperative Marketing Association are sending out letters to members who have sold leaf during the season at the local auction warehouses advising them to make proper settlement with the association, by the payment of five per cent of the amounts received for the weed sold on the open market—and thereby prevent the institution of suits in the courts.

It is known that a large quantity of tobacco grown by farmers who signed up with the Cooperatives has been sold at the local warehouses during the season, some of them contending that they were not in position financially to hold their weed in accordance with the plans of the new organization.

## THE TOBACCO WEEVIL SITUATION SERIOUS

The Farmers Are Warned Not To Let Any Tobacco Dust Or Scrap Lay Around In Which the Weevil Could Breed.

In view of the serious tobacco weevil situation throughout the bright tobacco territory, the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade sounds the alarm in this issue of the Public Ledger. This is a very serious matter.

Very recently a hogshead of tobacco was shipped from the bright belt to Richmond, and when it was opened a few days later it contained stems only.

## THE WEATHER MENU

Fair Weather, Sunshine and Spring Flowers Are Again In Prospect.

The first day of spring is only eight days off—March 21—and if the present promises of the Weather Man are maintained the home gardener may begin his earthly labors soon.

The little yellow spirea in the parkways are beginning to reflect the first golden glows. The little frogs are singing in the ditches along the countryside. The trailing arbutus is beginning to hit the trail, and the pussy willows are swelling.

Negro Minstrel Show.

There will be a "Negro Minstrel Show at Corinth School Friday evening, March 16, at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 and 15cts. 3-9-23x

## OXFORD IS THE IDEAL LOCATION

The State Will Establish Another Training School.

A bill passed its final reading in the closing hours of the Legislature which will arouse the interest of the wide-awake citizens of several of the Eastern counties of the state. This new bill was introduced in the House by Representative Fountain, of Edgecombe county, and provides for an establishment to be located somewhere in the eastern part of the state to correspond with the Stonewall Jackson Training School, which is located at Concord, in the western part of the state. The bill carries with it a building and equipment fund of \$50,000 and a maintenance fund of \$10,000.

The purpose of this institution is to train and discipline the delinquent and wayward boys of the eastern half of North Carolina. It would seem that some of the essential requirements of the location for this institution would be a healthful climate, a fertile and well-drained soil and a place easily reached by railroad and highways.

Oxford offers an ideal location for the new institution. There are several very desirable places within a short radius of Oxford where the conditions for live stock production and agricultural pursuits can be extended as well as can be done anywhere in the State; the products for manufacturing and woodcraft can also be found here in abundance.

Before the Board of Directors take final action as to a site, the Public Ledger invite them to give Granville county a careful consideration.

## SHERIFF DESTROYS 10 GALLONS OF WHISKEY

The Accumulation Of Old Stills Goes To the Junk Man.

The ten gallons of the Davis whiskey, captured at Creedmoor several weeks ago and stored in the county jail for safekeeping pending the order of the court, was destroyed last Saturday in the jail yard in the presence of Sheriff Hunt, Commissioner Thomas G. Taylor, Deputy Conrad Walters and a number of other witnesses.

At the last term of the Granville County Superior Court Judge Bond, presiding, ordered the sheriff to destroy the liquor and smash the large number of stills that had accumulated in recent months.

The ten gallons of liquor destroyed by the sheriff was captured in Creedmoor several weeks ago and was known as the Clarence Davis whiskey. It was in packages and hermetically sealed. No one was allowed to taste the liquor while it was in the keeping of the Sheriff, but those who smelled it when poured upon the ground declared that it was a very good brand of corn whiskey.

As soon as the whiskey had been destroyed, the large accumulation of stills were smashed, and the copper now awaits the bid of the junk man.

## MRS. R. C. SMITH DEAD

Laid To Rest At Salem Church Sunday Afternoon.

Mrs. Rebecca Cottrell Smith, an esteemed Christian lady, died at her home in Salem township last Friday morning. She was about 70 years of age. The remains were laid to rest at Salem Church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Smith was the mother of Ira Smith and a sister of J. A. Cottrell, who are known to many persons in Granville and Vance counties.

## JUDGE DEVIN AS A WISE TEACHER

Will Teach the Whole Baptist Sunday School Next Sunday Morning.

Mr. Ernest Howard, the very efficient Superintendent of the Oxford Baptist Sunday School, advises the Public Ledger that Judge Devin will teach the whole Sunday School next Sunday morning.

Judge Devin is one of the very few men who has the faculty to talk to the old and the young at the same time and hold their undivided attention.

## MOONSHINERS IN FISHING CREEK

They Took Wings and Flew Like Birds When They Saw the Officers Approaching the Still.

Constable Ernest Bragg made a raid in Fishing Creek last Saturday and returned with the usual trophy: It was a twenty-five gallon capacity copper still and it was sizzling hot when the officers reched the secluded spot down by a running stream. The officers destroyed ten barrels of beer and dismantled the still.

The officers saw the moonshiners as they departed for the tall timber, but were so far away they could not discern whether they were white or black, and one of them appeared to be a woman.

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