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BEAUTIFUL SITE FOR REFORMATORY FOR NEGRO BOYS

Hon. W. N. Everett, Secretary of State Favorably Impressed With Lands On Raleigh Road, Which Forms a Part Of the Colored Orphanage Tract.

Hon. W. N. Everett, Secretary of State and Mrs. Everett, slipped in and out of Oxford last Thursday in a touring car so quick that only a few of our leading citizens knew of their coming and going until they had passed through, but during their brief stay Mayor Stem, General Royster, D. G. Brummitt, Judge Graham, B. W. P. Cham, B. K. Lassiter, T. C. Harris and possibly others, succeeded in convincing the Honorable Secretary that there was no need of going any farther to find what he was looking for—a site for a State Reformatory for Negro Boys, which was authorized by the recent session of the legislature.

The State owns the lands on which the Colored Orphanage is situated, and the Secretary of State came to Oxford to see if it is well adapted for the location of the reformatory. After much convincing argument and presentation of facts and figures by the gentlemen quoted above, the Secretary of State said that he was very favorably impressed with the site and its possibilities.

Mrs. Everett, a most pleasant and dignified lady, much younger than her distinguished husband, looked on complacently, and as her eyes lingered on the rolling hills and valleys stretching a mile to the rear of the Orphanage building, she remarked with a wave of her hand: "It is indeed a very pretty view."

After a demonstration by the children of the Orphanage the Secretary of State complimented Dr. Cheatham, Superintendent of the institution, for the noble work he is doing.

It is not known at present what the visit of the Secretary of State means to Oxford. The fact that the land is owned by the State and that the Secretary of State is most favorably impressed will have much weight in the final analysis.

COOPS. HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING

All Tobacco Grown On a Member's Farm Legally Belongs To the Association.

The monthly meeting of the Granville Tobacco Growers Association was well represented by all units of the county last Saturday, and the meeting, which was held in the Orpheum Theatre, was very enthusiastic. The meeting was presided over by Mr. B. F. Dean, the recently elected and popular Chairman. The third payment was discussed and the question of contract and tenant was discussed, and it was decided that all tobacco grown upon a member's farm belongs to the association. It was pointed out that the landlord is liable for all tobacco raised on his farm. There was some opposition to the new ruling, but the meeting was harmonious.

A RELIC OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

The Scrag Book, That Comforted a Granville County Soldier Through-out the Civil War.

Looking over some old documents the other day, Mr. J. W. Howell, of Fairport section of the county, ran across "The Jack Songster," a neat little book of 64 pages, printed by Sterling, Campbell & Albright, Greensboro, at the outbreak of the War Between the States, which was generously distributed among the soldiers on their departure to the battle-fields.

This book of songs has been in the hands of Mr. Howell for 41 years. The late James Bobbitt, of Fairport, who died in Davie county a few years ago, carried the book all through the war, and it is in a good state of preservation except a few of the back and front pages are torn.

Sterling, Campbell & Albright, the printers of this volume of songs, also printed the bulk of the 50-cent and one dollar bills of the Confederate money. These plates were destroyed by order of the government soon after the war.

GARDEN MART AND ROSE FETE

On the High School Grounds Next Thursday Afternoon, May 24.

The annual Garden Mart of the Woman's Club will be held on Thursday afternoon, May 24, from 4 to 6 o'clock, on the High School grounds. This garden party is always one of the smartest affairs of the early summer and is looked forward to with much pleasure.

Refreshments will be sold and the proceeds used for beautifying our town.

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

CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS.

Major Stem Is Interested In the Young Men.

I desire to call the attention of the young men of this County to a fine opportunity presented to them in the privilege they have of attending one of the Citizens' Military Training Camps this summer.

The age limits are 17-24 years. Only a limited number can be accommodated and it is expected that all applications will be filed not later than May 31st. Application blanks and more detailed information may be had at the office of the undersigned.

T. G. STEM,
Chairman for Granville Co.

UNIQUE CASE AT BAR

One In Which a Dog Shared the Love Of Both Plaintiff and Defendant.

A spotted setter dog, about 18 months old, left the home of Mr. D. Coley in Southern Granville a few months ago. Coley later found a dog at the home of Mr. S. B. Currin, in northwestern part of the county that corresponded in every way to the dog that left his home. Both men loved the dog, hence the suit brought to determine the ownership.

Mr. Currin, the plaintiff, employed General Royster, and Mr. Coley, the defendant, employed Mr. D. G. Brummitt, and the case was argued before Justice J. J. Medford in the commissioner's room at the court house last Saturday evening.

About a dozen witnesses, six for the plaintiff and an equal number for the defense testified. The dog was in court and gazed pitifully and lovingly at both plaintiff and defendant. Each of the witness for the plaintiff swore positively that they knew the dog, and described minutely every spot on him without looking at him. The witnesses for the defense were equally as positive as were the witnesses on the other side.

"I know the dog well," declared a witness.

"Yes," said General Royster, attorney for the plaintiff, "but does the dog know you?"

Mr. Wycroft, a breeder of high class dogs, and who gave Mr. Coley a pup 18 months ago, was put upon the stand. After examining the dog in court very carefully he stated that he had no doubt in the world that it was the same dog that he let Mr. Coley have. He examined every spot on the dog and the dog's teeth; said that the dog is about 18 months old and that it resembled in every particular the dog that Mr. Coley raised from a pup.

Both litigants and all of the witnesses were good, nice people and it would be hard to find a more conscientious bunch. Both Mr. Currin and Mr. Coley stated that they did not want the dog unless it was the dog they believed it to be.

When Miss Coley, a pretty little lady, who had raised a dog and sent him into the garden to chase the chickens, snapped her fingers and said "Jack," the dog manifested much love and affection for her. She was positive the dog belonged to her brother, the defendant.

The evidence was so evenly divided it looked as if a toss of a penny was the only solution, but after hearing the evidence, Justice Medford gave the dog back to Mr. Currin, the plaintiff.

Mr. Brummitt, attorney for the defendant, noted an appeal to the Superior Court.

OXFORD INVITED TO COME IN

Chicago Telegram To Prof. C. G. Credle.

Prof. Credle, Superintendent of the Oxford public schools, received the following telegram from Chicago last Saturday:

"Because of your splendid record the University of Chicago extends special invitation to enter National track and field meet May 25-26. Teams from the entire United States competing for interscholastic championship. Expenses of not over \$15 paid while here."
(Signed) H. O. CRISLER.

REVIVAL AT WEST OXFORD BAPTIST

Rev. H. T. Stevenson, the well known evangelist, is holding a revival in West Oxford Baptist Church. There has been much interest manifested in the meetings. It will probably come to a close at the end of Wednesday's service.

STATE BAND COMING

The State Band of the A. and E. College, Raleigh, will give a concert Saturday evening, May 26th, at the Oxford Orphanage. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MUCH ACTIVITY AT OXFORD COLLEGE

Beginning Next Saturday and Continuing Through Monday.

The finals at Oxford College, which begins next Saturday and lasting through Monday, promises to be most interesting from start to finish.

Fine Arts.
The Fine Art and Domestic Art Reception will be held next Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Sunday May 27.
At 11 a. m., Rev. C. L. Jackson, D. D., of Wadesboro, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the Oxford Baptist Church; and at 8:30 o'clock in the evening he will deliver the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. in the College Chapel.

Monday's Program.

At 10 a. m., graduating exercises. Invocation, Rev. F. F. Comerford. Music. Address before the literary societies by President H. W. Chase, University of N. C. Presentation of certificates and diplomas, and baccalaureate address by President Hobgood. Class song.

Class marshals—Hazel Baely, Ethel Harris.

At 8 p. m. Annual Concert.

IN OUR MORNING MAIL

R. E. Sanderford Writes From Brazil.

R. E. Sanderford writes the Public Ledger from Santa Cruz, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, as follows: "The Public Ledger arrives in batches of six at a time usually two weeks apart and about four weeks after the date of issue but is even more welcome in this far off land than when we lived in the good county of Granville. The postage is the same to send matter here, more than 6,000 miles from Oxford, as it is to send to Ruffin and Benaja. The domestic rate applies between Brazil and the United States in both directions by special arrangement between their respective governments."

By diligent inquiry the Public Ledger learns that a colored preacher by the name of Robert Sanderford left Granville several years ago to do missionary work somewhere in South America. The above letter is in very good form, and the Public Ledger desires to thank the writer and hope he will let us hear from him again.

RUNAWAY BOY HEARD FROM

He Has Written His Mother That He Is Working And Is Well.

A Granville county boy, fifteen years of age, left home a few months ago because he felt too big for school. The letter was mailed at the door of a Northern Pacific Railway train, and no date or town was given.

The mother said she will be only too glad for him to keep his job if he will only make known his postoffice address so she could write to him. In his letter to his mother he makes the following statement: "If I had a little more knowledge of figures my boss would be glad to promote me. I have bought a good arithmetic and you can bet that I am devoting all of my spare time to it."

BUS LINE STOPPED

The Roads Are Too Rough Via Creedmoor, Says Mr. Averett.

Mr. Will Averett who operates a bus line between Oxford, Henderson and via the National Highway to and from Durham, recently put on a bus between Oxford and Durham via Creedmoor.

Mr. Averett maintains his schedule on the Oxford, Henderson and Durham route, but the roads between Oxford and Creedmoor are in such bad shape, says Mr. Averett, he was compelled to discontinue the Creedmoor line until the roads are in better shape.

GOOD FIVE CENT CIGAR

High Taxes On Tobacco Products Is a Barrier.

Washington Special: "What this country really needs" said vice-President Thomas R. Marshall, three years ago "is a good five cent cigar." Tobacco dealers in annual convention here last week declared they were making progress toward the ideal expressed by the former vice-President. High taxes on tobacco products is the principal barrier. H. G. Wemmer of Lima, Ohio told the convention.

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Six Miles From Tar River Bridge.

One fatality at Tar River bridge and several close calls in recent months caused a frined to remark the other day that the Highway Commission should erect a monument at that point and adorn it with a skull and cross bones and bearing these words: "Six miles to the nearest hospital."

MR. GRAHAM ROYSTER DIED IN BALTIMORE

Highly Esteemed Citizen Of Granville.

Mr. Graham Royster, highly esteemed citizen of Granville county, died at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, last night, where he had been under treatment for four or five weeks. He served one or two terms as county commissioner and declined to run on account of his health. Mr. Royster is survived by his wife and two sons. He is a brother of Mr. F. S. Royster, of Norfolk.

It is not known at the time of going to press at what hour Mr. Royster will be laid to rest. It is thought that he will be buried at the home place near Wilbourne Store, a few miles south of Virgilina. It is practically sure that his body will leave Baltimore about 12 o'clock today. It is hardly possible that the funeral will take place tomorrow; if not late tomorrow evening, the burial will in all probability take place Thursday afternoon.

LIFE PHENOMENA AND ELECTRICITY

Dr. C. Coulton, of Columbia, S. C., and his assistant Mr. E. A. Trevalian, are spending a few days in Oxford in the interest of the World Renowned "Vi-Ray-O" High Frequency Outfits for the Home and Practicing Physicians. It is a wonderful machine small and inexpensive. When the current is applied to the naked skin it does not shock one in the least. Applied to the hand or the arm you can see the violet rays shoot out on the other side. A description of the work is fully explained in the announcement of Dr. Coulton elsewhere in this paper, who will remain in Oxford until Thursday morning. Quite a number of machines have been sold in Oxford.

A GOOD CHANCE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

There Are More Than a Dozen Lame Children In Granville Entitled To Free Treatment.

Thursday, June 7th, is the day set for the Orthopaedic clinic in Raleigh. From 9 to 5 Dr. Miller from the Orthopaedic Hospital and Dr. Hugh Thompson of Raleigh will examine the crippled children brought to the Wake County Clinic Rooms in the Court House. There will be nurses in charge to help the doctors and social workers to be of general assistance.

Provisions will be made to care for any one who have to stay over night because of sickness. We are very anxious that all crippled children of Granville will attend this clinic. These children will be treated without cost to their parents.

If you have a crippled child please call at the office of Public Welfare at Oxford and register your name, so that we can make arrangements for examination. Don't forget the date, Thursday, June 7th, at the Court House in Raleigh.

J. E. JACKSON.

M'LENDON INSPECTS JAILS AND PRISONS

Will Probably Visit Granville This Week.

Having inspected the jails and prison camps in Durham and Orange county last week, L. P. McLendon, Solicitor will inspect the other three counties of this judicial district within the next two weeks. The other three counties to engage his attention are Granville, Person and Alamance, on days and dates not mentioned, but most suited to his convenience.

The solicitor is requested to pay special attention as to housing, food, clothing, sanitation, and brutality on part of guards, and to report criminal actions, both on the part of guards and prisoners.

HAMMER MURDERESS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED

Caught In the Drag Net Of the Pinkertons.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, May 20.—The woman being held here as Clara Phillips, the California "hammer murderess" has been definitely identified by Deputy Sheriff Walter J. Hunter, who arrived here from Los Angeles. She will be taken back to Los Angeles where she escaped from jail last December, by the steamer Columbia, leaving Amapalpa May 30.

Pinkerton detectives, who located the woman here three months ago, will get heavy reward offered by California.

REVIVAL AT OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To Begin June 10.—Rev. G. T. White, noted Minister Of Richmond, Will Assist Pastor Harter—Every Reason To Expect Large Results.

The pastor announced in the Baptist church Sunday morning that the revival meeting in that church would begin June the 10th. Rev. Geo. T. White, Pastor of the Barton Height Baptist church of Richmond will come to assist in the meeting. Mr. Waite is one of the progressive pastors of Richmond and has a great church and Sunday school. The attendance in the latter averaging 600 to 750. The Baptist church here was never in better condition in every way that at the present time and there is every reason to expect large results from the contemplated meeting.

REMEMBER MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30TH.

Major L. P. McLendon Is the Orator Of The Day.

Major L. P. McLendon will deliver an address in the Court House on May 30th, at 10.30 a. m. Immediately after the services in the court house are over the soldiers graves in the two cemeteries will be decorated. A committee from the American Legion will visit the Oxford business men, in the next few days requesting that all stores and offices be closed for two hours, from 10.30 to 12.30 o'clock.

We are requesting that all the flags in town be lowered to half mast. Let them remain at half mast from sun up to sun set.

We are making an appeal to all people to take this day to honor the memory of our men of all wars who have "Passed Over The River." Is it asking too much? Just one day in the year.

J. W. MEDFORD, Commander,
Ernest F. Hart Post, Am. Legion.

CAPT. WHITTAKER CAPTURED THREE STILLS

Brought Them To Oxford On His Ford Car Monday.

Capt. Whittaker, the brave deputy at Stem, arose with the sun last Monday morning and made a trip to the Granville-Wake line below Creedmoor and captured three stills, all within a radius of two miles.

One of the stills was being made ready, but the other two were cold. It is the first time that any one ever brought in three stills at one load in one day.

COMMENCEMENT AT MARY POTTER SCHOOL

Graduating Exercises Tomorrow Morning At 11 O'clock.

Although the commencement at Mary Potter School began last Wednesday, the best part of the lengthy program is yet to come.

The class day exercises this evening at 8:30 promises to be interesting. This is the annual oratorical contest.

Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock graduating exercises, and the annual address by Dr. Louis F. Rut, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Shaw, president, extends a cordial invitation to be present. Nine of the Oxford pupils graduate with high honors at this session.

ORPHANAGE WOOD WORKING PLANT SOLD

The Garman Wheel Company Is Transferring the Machinery To Their Plant.

The Garman Wheel Company has purchased the woodworking plant at the Oxford Orphanage and the material is now being moved to the Wheel Works. The consideration is not mentioned.

BIG REDUCTION SALE

The page announcement of Landis & Easton will be seen elsewhere in this paper. There is a reduction of ten per cent on all goods sold during the annual reduction. They will also give away a Ford touring car. The sale will begin next Saturday and will continue 35 days.

Interesting Program.
Pupils of Mrs. C. A. Upchurch will render a musical program at the High School Building Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

SWEET PEPPER PLANTS FOR sale—Bell and Pimento. 20c per dozen. Phone 48-W or call at Carolina Printing Co. 5-22-1t A. N. CRITCHER.

JOHN HESTER TAKES A FLING AT THE EDITOR

The Public Ledger Reiterates That It Stands For a Hard Surface Road From Oxford to Raleigh Via Creedmoor; For a Hard-Surface Road To Franklin and Lousburg Via the Most Direct Route, and For the Best Interest Of Granville County Always—Read What Mr. Hester Says.

Editor Public Ledger:

I am almost persuaded that you are opposed to the Creedmoor Route of the hardsurface highway from Oxford to Durham, though you have not been very clear in your statements regarding the same. In your last Tuesday's issue of the Public Ledger you were kind enough to furnish the people a statement of the population of the four southern townships of the county, together with the increase of the taxable property and the increase and decrease of the population of these townships. Since you went to the trouble to show that the southern end of the county comprising Brassfield and Dutchville Townships have decreased in population since 1910, I really did not expect to find you becoming alarmed in your next issue at the prospect of Oxford's losing the business of southern Granville to Durham. In one issue of your paper it is not worth having and in the next you are crying because it might be lost to Durham. You may think straight, but you argue otherwise.

Now, let's state the issue so that the simplest may not be confused. The whole controversy is over the routing of the hardsurfaced from Oxford to Durham over one of two routes—by Stem or by Creedmoor. These two routes only have been surveyed and these two routes are the routes in question and only these

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HON. R. A. SNEED VISITS OXFORD

The Secretary Of State Of Oklahoma Spent a Few Days In Granville Last Week Amid the Scenes Of His Boyhood Days.

Hon. Richard A. Sneed, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Oklahoma, spent a few days in Oxford and the county last week amid the scenes of his boyhood days.

He was born and spent his early life in the old aristocratic neighborhood of Williamsburg. His father and mother were united in marriage by Bishop Green in old St. John's Church at Williamsboro.

This is the second visit of Mr. Sneed to Granville in 50 years. Gen. Royster accompanied the distinguished visitor to Williamsboro, where the scenes revived memories of the long ago. The old church is practically the same, but the bustling town of Williamsboro of his boyhood days is only a memory. Old Williamsboro was the home of many men of note. Secretary of State Henderson, if we make no mistake, was born there; at least he spent many years of his life there. Remarkable that Mr. Sneed, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Oklahoma, was born on the same hill.

It is to be regretted that historic Williamsburg and Old St. John's Episcopal Church passed out of Granville when Vance was made a county. It fits in so well with the old traditions of Granville we feel that we hold a prior claim to the hallowed spot.

BOYS TAKE TO THE WATER LIKE DUCKS

Cheatham Mill Pond Is Their Favorite Swimming Pool.

Seeing a couple of sores as big as a half dollar on the legs of a little boy friend, the Public Ledger asked him what caused the trouble.

"They don't hurt much in the day time, but they burn and throb at night," said our little friend. "They are cold water sores and I got 'em by bathing in muddy water at Cheatham's Mill Pond. Some of the other boys didn't get 'em because their blood is not rich enough." The little fellow admitted that he and four of his companions have been in swimming several times since the first of May. He said the water is so cold it made him shiver when he first jumped in, but after staying in the water a few minutes he was warm and comfortable.

"Did any of the boys contract a bad cold," we asked.
No sir; some of us had bad colds, sore throats and pneumonia, but we forgot all about them as soon as we jumped into the water.

"What did your mother say about you going in swimming so early?"
"She don't know anything about it, and you must not tell her, for she would skin me alive," said the little boy.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

The double page advertisement of Cohn & Son in the Public Ledger last week, announcing their big clearance sale, filled their stores with satisfied customers. The sale is still going on. See half page adv. elsewhere in this paper.