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GRANVILLE PRISON CAMPS GET CLEAN BILL

Major McLendon Makes Report That Prisoners Well Fed and Well Treated.

Inspection of the prison camps and chain gangs of Granville by the solicitor for the Tenth Judicial District, Major L. P. McLendon, of Durham, reveals according to his official report that the prisoners are generally well housed, well fed and humanely treated, but that the cages are still being used as sleeping quarters in the road camps. Granville county is given a clean bill of health.

Mr. J. Ennis Davis, Chairman of the county board accompanied Solicitor McLendon on his tour of inspection in the county.

Good Showing

In Major McLendon's report to the attorney general, Granville makes a good showing. The prisoners are well housed in both State and county camps, bed linen and clothing is changed properly and laundered regularly, a varied menu which contains sufficient food of good quality is served with meat once or twice a day. However, in the road gangs, the men sleep in the steel cages, with canvas curtains to drop in cold or wet weather, as the only walls apart from the latticed flat iron bars.

The State at Large.

Solicitor McLendon, making his investigation of prisons in Granville, Durham, Person, Alamance and Orange, in company with the chairman of the board of county commissioners of the county, has acted in accordance with the request of Attorney General Manning's department at Raleigh. Prison scandals in Florida and other states, attack upon North Carolina state penitentiary, and bitter assaults upon some of the county systems in North Carolina with the result demand from organizations outside the state for an investigation of Tar Heel prison conditions, led Governor Morrison to undertake a State-wide investigation through the State's own legal channels. As a result Attorney General Manning instructed solicitors to make inspections covering their particular districts.

A LONG JOURNEY

Hamil Landis, C. E. and Herbert Moss To Set Sail For China.

Mr. C. E. Moss, who recently returned from China to visit relatives in Granville, will motor to San Francisco next week, accompanied by his brother Herbert, of the county, and Hamil Landis of Oxford. On reaching San Francisco they will sell their car and set sail for Shanghai, China.

Judge D. C. Hunt, Clerk of the Court, signed their passports this week, on the corner of which is pasted a photo of the man to whom issued.

THE PROPOSED PRODUCE MARKET

Not Having a Selling System a Large Number of Farmers Are Buyers Instead of Sellers.

Editor Public Ledger:

I was very much interested in one of the three questions asked in the last issue of the Public Ledger. I have asked that same question often in my own mind, and I was confident that the movement to inaugurate a system to market the product of the Granville farmers was an established fact. Is it possible that this movement, which gained such impetus last fall and winter has found its way in the dusty archives?

We Granville county people have given such little thought to the great vital question of marketing the farmer's product we have failed to grasp what is actually taking place around us. We are conservative to a fault. We do not have to go beyond the borders of our own State to find similar enterprises in successful operation.

By not having a selling system a large number of our farmers are buyers instead of being sellers. When the farmer sees around him such easy methods of buying, and such poor facilities for selling the same products, he naturally gravitates toward buying things he could raise, and concentrates his entire time on the one crop that finds a ready sale. We invariably find this true where there is marketing facilities for one crop only, but this condition never exists where the farmer has a stable market for anything that he can raise; there you find diversification and prosperous farmers and a live marketing center. To arrive at this conclusion we have to know the workings of a farmer's mind. Having spent 39 years of my life on a farm, and just being an average farmer, no more or less, being guilty of the practice the average farmer is guilty of, I believe I know something about the conditions surrounding the farm. I believe that if he had a convenient and stable market for anything that he could raise he would buy less and sell more.

P. W. KNOTT.

MR. H. E. CREWS SICK

The Public Ledger readers will regret to learn that Mr. Herbert E. Crews, the grand old man at Watkins' station has been quite sick ever since the district conference. It is said that he is slightly improved this morning.

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JURORS DRAWN

For the July Term Of Granville County Superior Court.

W. A. King, W. T. Chambless, C. G. Mangum, L. Elliott, Herman Curran, W. L. Adcock, S. M. Cutts, A. H. A. Williams, T. B. Currin, J. T. Eakes, H. A. Hart, B. M. Currin, Will Walker, J. M. Currin, C. C. Ellington, J. E. Wilson, T. F. Tunstall, R. A. Woody, H. L. Taylor, J. Y. Longmire, S. V. Morton, John Ellington, S. H. Whitfield, J. T. Blackwell, J. G. Lunsford, J. A. Tunstall, Graham N. Overton, Henry Green, A. E. Stroud, D. H. Wrenn, W. R. Currin, J. C. Winters, Otis Faucett, A. A. Currin, W. A. Currin, Lee Ball, Harper Clinton, R. N. Fleming, G. W. Reggan, C. G. Gordon, A. L. Noblin, W. S. Burwell, Jr.

RAILWAY TAX CASE

The Taxes Involved Are Those Levied For the Calendar Year, 1921.

(Washington Special)

North Carolina's income tax law was upheld by the United States supreme court this week when it affirmed the decision of the United States court for the eastern district of North Carolina. Action was brought by the Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk Southern, Seaboard Air Line and the Southern railway, against A. D. Watts, former commissioner, et al.

They attacked the law, as it levied on them, as unconstitutional, in that it violated the commerce clause, the fourteenth amendment and also the state constitution. The supreme court held that the state was within its rights even though the roads were engaged in interstate commerce.

NEW PRISON SYSTEM WORKING SPLENDIDLY

Prison Camps Are As Clean As the Average Hotel.

Raleigh Special—The new prison system under which the whip and dark cell were banished as forms of prison discipline is working splendidly, George Ross Pou, superintendent of the North Carolina state prison, declared following a return from an inspection trip covering the prison camps which are a part of the State system.

The physical condition of these camps, Mr. Pou stated, is "up to their usual high standard," and, while the reports of sanitary inspection and rating by the state board of health is not yet available, Mr. Pou asserted his belief that the average score of the camps under his control will be higher than the average score of hotels and cafes in the state.

FORMER OXFORD LADY INJURED IN WRECK

Mrs. S. P. Kirkpatrick Hurt in Car Collision On Mt. Vernon Line.

A special from Washington says ten persons were more or less seriously injured when two trains collided on the interurban line last Wednesday on the route to Mount Vernon, and had aboard a number of visitors to the Shriners' convention in this city.

Among those who were injured was Mrs. S. P. Kirkpatrick, the wife of conductor Kirkpatrick who ran between Oxford and Henderson three year ago.

FRIEND A. P. HOPGOOD IS WELL AGAIN

In Good Shape After An Illness Of Two Weeks.

The old town never seems exactly right if you don't see Mr. A. P. Hopgood two or three times a week. This popular member of the Perkins-Green Company was taken sick two weeks ago and he was quite ill for a week. He was confined to his house for ten days and lost an average of one pound of flesh every day. He could well afford to lose a pound of flesh daily for three months and then tip the scales at 195. When he came down to the store yesterday he announced that he is "still forty and fat and ready for a fishing frolic."

DESTITUTE CHILDREN

Clothing is Needed for Ten Little Children.

Mr. J. E. Jackson, superintendent of welfare states that clothing is badly needed by ten children in the county, whose ages range from one to ten years. Six of these children were recently bereft by fire and the other four are objects of charity. If you have any clothing to spare that these little tots can wear please see Mr. Jackson.

CLOSING OF OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 1922-1923 Session Was Noted For Its High Ideals and Achievements.

TWENTY-ONE DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

The Session Came To a Close With An Inspiring Address By Mr. W. T. Bost.

The closing of the Oxford City Schools was marked on Tuesday night by the graduation of one of the largest classes in the history of the schools and one in which occurred a very singular fact, the number of boys exceeding that of the girls. Every one of the twenty one members have signified their intention of entering college in the fall, entrance having been made now. A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the speaker of the evening.

After two choruses by the graduating class and the invocation by Rev. F. F. Comerford, B. K. Lassiter introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. W. T. Bost, a well-known Raleigh correspondent of the State press.

Mr. Bost's Address.

The subject of the inspiring address was "Christian Education," in which the speaker opened his remarks by showing the conflict between Christian and secular education, in which both systems are filled with Christian principles. He prefaced his remarks with an explanation of our ideal situation in the North Carolina schools by which, pupils are allowed credit to be given for Bible studies in the Sunday Schools. Our State Schools are a reflection of our Christian Education, the object of which is truth and the end, freedom. Mr. Bost stated further that we are in the world to be made and that our State Schools are making us, in the process of which, mental faculties must be developed, that we may interrogate an inner consciousness, from which is gotten knowledge. Education means to know how to have a love that shall have respect for opinions of others, how to have a hope to see the world beyond but not scorn the world below; and a faith that never becomes in fanaticism. Education gives unconscious power to move to next step in life! every effort today opens into greater effort tomorrow. We are here to grow by doing things. He closed his address by pleading with the graduating class to go into life to play heroically the tasks set before them, realizing that it is better to be than to do, surcharged with the mind of Christ Jesus, living in sweet and blessed unconsciousness.

Scholarship Medal.

The Davis Scholarship Medal was presented to Miss Carnerine Ragland by Prof. W. W. Barnhart in a few appropriate words. The annual report was made by the superintendent, Prof. C. G. Credle, at which time he read the honor roll for the year. Col. H. G. Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the Diplomas to the Senior Class. Little BoPeep Usry, Mascot of the Class, gave a toast and a song.

Class Roll.

Lillian Walters, President
Martha Cannady, Vice-President
Beth Cannady, Secretary
Ben Medford, Treasurer
Augusta Carroll, Florence Dean, Carrie Duncan, Mattie May Lyon, Catherine Ragland, Mary Etta Tunstall, Ruth Upchurch, Bailey Currin, Edward Gill, Jesse Knott, Henry Phipps, Thomas Royster, Winston Taylor, Madison Usry, Jack Usry, James Webb, Nathan Wolf.

Scholarship Honor Roll.

First grade, Sallie Webb, teacher, Julia Brent Byrum, Baby Jane Hunt, Dorothy McFarland, Eleanor Mayes, T. G. Stem.
First grade, Sadie Vinson, teacher, Florence Alston, Marguerite Harris, Rowena Taylor, Frances Upchurch.
Second grade, Sadie Parham, teacher, Mildred Bullock, Lyawood Hoggood, Eliza Lewis, Annie May Taylor, Graham Wheeler.
Second grade, Ella Clement, teacher, Larue Cooke, Ruby Keller, Frank Taylor, Mary Williams.
Third grade, Ella Johnson, teacher, Fannie Gordon, Katherine Hogue Jamieson, Lucile Smith, Ruth Warren, Frederick Webb.
Third grade, Sarah Clement, teacher, Edna Farrar, Dorothy Grimm, Marshall Hurray, Menneth Muse.
Fourth grade, Mildred Harris, teacher, Katherine Blacklock, Greenville Pace, Lucy Wheeler, Baldy Williams.
Fourth grade, Kathleen Covington, teacher, Fannie Lou Cozart, Elizabeth Hamilton, Albert Jones, Sidney Usry.
Fifth grade, Carrie Fuller, teacher, Elder Hunt, Lee Roy Pittard, Estelle Remsen, Edwin Warren.
Fifth grade, Claire Harris, teacher, Wilma Blackwell, Pansy Lani, Alex Thomerson, Bailey Webb.
Sixth grade, Mrs. W. R. Kimball, teacher, Sophia Hunt, Pattie Lewis, Wilma Long, Katherine Steagall, Julia Winston Taylor.
Sixth grade, Lila Currin, teacher.

REVIVAL AT OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. G. T. Lumpkin Will Preach Next Sunday Morning—Rev. Geo. T. Waite Of Richmond To Take Up The Revival Work Monday Night.

The revival services to be held in the Baptist church will begin Sunday morning with a sermon by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, who will be visiting in Oxford with his family, on their way to their new home in Winston-Salem. The pastor will preach at the evening hour. Rev. Geo. T. Waite of Richmond will be here to take this work up on Monday night, and will continue for ten days or more. The time and the conditions are just right for a good meeting and the public generally is invited to all of the day services during the week will be announced perhaps on Sunday.

The Oxford people will give Dr. Lumpkin and the members of his family a cordial welcome back to their old home, and no doubt a very large crowd will hear him preach Sunday morning.

A REAL ROMANCE

Dr. George N. Thomas and Wife Graduate.

Many people here will remember with pleasure Mr. George N. Thomas who held a clerkship in the Granville County War Office and later with the First National Bank of Oxford.

About the close of the World War Mr. Thomas married Miss Burnice Wood, the fine daughter of Mr. J. Robert Wood. Following his marriage he studied medicine at Wake Forest College and graduated with honors at that institution two years ago with high honors. For the past two years he has been studying at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated last week and became a full fledged doctor.

In the meantime his pretty and industrious wife, nee Miss Burnice Wood, has not been idle. She will graduate next week from the Virginia Normal school at Fredericksburg. Her father, Mr. J. Robert Wood, will attend the graduating exercises.

It is not definitely known where Dr. Thomas will hang his shingle, but it is understood that he will be connected with one of the large hospitals in the North for one year.

LOCAL CONTRACTOR HAS BIG JOB

The Byrum Construction Company Will Build Three School Houses At Greensboro.

The Byrum Construction Company has been awarded the contract to build two high class school houses in Greensboro and one about five miles from the city.

The work must be completed in time for the fall term. Mr. Leo E. Byrum, head of the company, will spend one or two days a week in Greensboro until the work is completed. The following left for Greensboro this week to push the work: Chandler Watkins, Paul Walters, Cam Easton Jr., John R. Sneed, Willie Sneed, Will Mitchell.

THE SWIMMING POOL

To Be Officially Opened For The Season Tomorrow Morning.

Capt. J. I. Stegall states that the Boys Scouts' Swimming Pool, which was recently donated to them, will be thrown open for the season tomorrow morning. Quite a number of young people enjoyed the dip last night and today.

The Gholson pool, three miles north of Oxford is nearing completion. It will be an ideal pool when it is filled with fresh water.

LOCAL WELFARE BOARD

The New Members Are Rev. F. F. Comerford and Mrs. R. M. C. Calvert.

The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare this week appointed two new members on the Granville County Board of Welfare. One of the vacancies was caused by the death of the late Rev. R. C. Craven, and the other by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Cooper Ewins. Mrs. G. C. Daniel remains on the board, the two new members being Rev. F. F. Comerford and Mrs. R. C. M. Calvert.

ON THE HIGH SEAS

Col. W. B. Ballou Is Returning From Europe.

A postal picture card from Col. W. B. Ballou, dated at Bristol, Eng., May 26, and showing the ruins at Verdun, France, says:

"I have just returned from a motor trip through the battlefields of France and Biglum."

Col. Ballou is now on the high seas enroute to New York and his home in Richmond.

COUNTY BOARD TAKES UP SCHOOL BUDGET

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND COUNTY BOARD WILL MEET JUNE 16

The County Commissioners Refuse To Grant License To Clairvoyants and Fortune Tellers.

The County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday declined to adopt the county school budget as presented for their consideration by the County Board of Education. They were willing to set aside the same amount as last year. No agreement having been reached, the Board of Education will meet the County Commissioners on Saturday, June 16 to discuss the question. In case the two Boards cast a tie vote, the Clerk of the court will cast the decisive vote, according to the new law, which also states that the commissioners have 30 days from the 28th of May to adjust the budget.

The Court House.

Mr. F. B. Simpson, the Raleigh architect who submitted plans some time ago to remodel the interior of the court house was before the board. The board suggested that he make a working drawing plan and report at the next regular meeting. Mr. Simpson stated that the foundation and walls of the court house are in fine shape.

Undesirables.

There was a fortune teller before the board seeking to operate a fortune-telling tent in the environs of Oxford. The board refused to grant license to any fortune teller or clairvoyant to operate in the county.

Sheepkilling Dogs.

An unknown sheep-killing dog did considerable damage to Mr. S. M. Watkins' fine flock of sheep. The board appointed a committee to ascertain, if possible, whose dog it was, assess the damage and report at the next regular meeting.

CO-OPS HERE TO GET ANOTHER PAYMENT

Directors Elect Officers In First Meeting New Board.

Directors of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in the first meeting of the newly elected board at Raleigh last Tuesday authorized another payment to be made to the member growers of dark fired tobacco in Virginia, next Monday, June 11, on all tobacco delivered to the association since February 17.

Satisfactory Prices.

There will be further payments to the members in every other belt according to the announcement of the association's directors when the gradual sales of tobacco which are now taking place at satisfactory prices have brought in sufficient funds to warrant further payments.

Export Company Big Buyer.

Richard R. Patterson in charge of the big co-operative's leaf department, stated that he is strictly adhering to the association's policy of marketing instead of dumping tobacco and that all sales are being made at the association's prices. Among recent customers who have purchased from the co-operative are the Export Leaf Tobacco Company, and Patterson Brothers.

Directors Name Officers.

George A. Norwood, Goldsboro, president; Joseph M. Hurt, vice president, from Virginia, from Williamson, vice president, from South Carolina; M. O. Wilson, secretary; James H. Craig, treasurer, and Oliver J. Sands, executive manager. The directors also named an executive committee for the coming year as follows: Oliver J. Sands, chairman; George A. Norwood, Joseph M. Hurt, Bright Williamson, S. F. Austin, J. A. Brown and Norman Williams.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Fine Program For Next Sunday Afternoon.

The congregation at Salem Church is noted for its good people and fine children in the Sunday School. The children will celebrate Childrens Day next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

If you have a spare hour next Sunday afternoon you can spend it profitably at Salem. Pastor Black is doing a fine work at this church.

ORPHANS TO GRADUATE

Grand Master Potent Will Deliver The Address.

Dr. H. M. Potent Grand Master of the North Carolina Masons will deliver the address at the Oxford Orphanage on Monday evening, June 18. There are 17 bright boys and girls in the graduating class this season. Twelve of these will attend college, making a total of 27 children of the Oxford Orphanage in college.

ROAD CONDITIONS

(Richmond Times-Dispatch.)
Richmond to Oxford via National Highway—Road generally good. It is closed from Stop 17 to Dutch Gap road. Detour via Chesterfield, C. H.

SCHOOL HOUSES MUST BE MADE SAFE

Fire Marshals Brockwell and Ellis Cannady Are On The Job.

(Raleigh Special)

Asserting that the Cleveland, S. C. fire in which seventy-six persons lost their lives, has aroused the interest of citizens in school buildings, Stacey W. Wade, commissioner of insurance, announced every school building in North Carolina will be inspected by officials of his department and where changes are necessary orders issued for them to be made before the beginning of the fall terms.

The inspections will be started this week, the eastern section of the state being visited first by the inspectors, operating under a state law, a large part of which was written by Mr. Wade, covering all classes of buildings and giving the commissioner full authority to make changes in the interest of protection.

"While I do not believe we have any buildings in North Carolina similar to the one in which the Cleveland fire originated, I intend to find out whether changes are necessary in any of them. The people ar thoroughly aroused to the situation and I am sure we shall have their corporation. I have written the county superintendents and members of county school boards, asking their assistance.

"Especial attention will be given to the number of exits and fire escapes. We have some of the best school buildings in the South and even in the small ones I know of no instance where kerosene lamps are used for lighting purposes.

"We intend to leave nothing undone to see that each school building is put into proper shape before the fall terms begin," he said.

Fire Marshals Brockwell and Cannady will start the inspection this week.

GEORGE J. GOULD'S WILL

Will Filed For Probate Sets Up Fund For Three Born Out Of Wedlock

Toms River, N. J., June 7.—In the will of George Jay Gould, filed for probate Monday in the Ocean county court, bequeathing a fortune estimated at \$36,000,000 to his widow and ten children, Mr. Gould made public acknowledgement for the first time that he was the father of George Sinclair Gould, Jane Sinclair Gould and Guinevere Gould, born out of wedlock before his marriage to his second wife, Mrs. Guinevere Gould.

Although the three children of his second wife, whose father Mr. Gould acknowledged himself to be in his will, are excluded from inheriting their father's share in the original Jay Gould trust, they are provided for in two trusts set up for their benefit. Their exclusion from sharing in the Jay Gould trust is brought about by the legal definition of the term "lawful issue."

By the terms of the will, the late Mr. Gould's share in his father's estate is distributed equally among the seven children of his first marriage.

A trust fund of \$4,000,000 is created for the use of Mrs. Gould during her lifetime and is to be divided among her children in the event of her death without a will.

The residuary estate estimated at \$16,000,000 is left to the executors to be divided in ten equal parts, a share going to each of the children by both marriages.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERS

Messrs. B. K. Lassiter and Assistant Postmaster Henry Critcher Attend Trial.

Mr. B. K. Lassiter, who was postmaster when the Oxford postoffice was robbed of \$35,000 three years ago, and Mr. Henry Critcher, assistant postmaster, attended this week the trial of the three men held in Raleigh on the charge.

Neither one of the Oxford witnesses recognized either one of the yeggs, who spent a day or two in and around the postoffice before they blew the safe.

One of the yeggs, 65 years old, confessed that he was implicated in the robbery here. Argument in the case closed yesterday afternoon.

METHODIST PICNIC

Three Hundred Will Go To Durham Next Wednesday.

The Oxford Methodist Sunday School will picnic at Lakewood Park next Wednesday. It is estimated that if the day is fine there will be 300 in the party.

The Oxford Baptist Sunday School spent last Wednesday at Lakewood, and they are loud in their praise of the recreation feature of the park.

TO ORGANIZE B. Y. P. U.

At Tally Ho Church Sunday, June 17.

Rev. H. T. Bryant will preach at Tally Ho Church at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening, June 17. Following the sermon a B. Y. P. U. will be organized.