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JOE ROBERTS, COL., IS TRIED ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER

PLEADED MANSLAUGHTER AND GETS SENTENCE FOR TEN YEARS

Other Cases Engage the Attention of the Court.

Granville County Superior Court, Judge Devin presiding, convened Monday morning and disposed of various cases up to four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, at which time the case of Joe Roberts, charged with the murder of his uncle, one Sam Slaughter, on the afternoon of October 21, which occurred on the Union Fork road. According to the evidence Slaughter and Roberts had been at a party about Slaughter's daughter and the two men got into a fight which resulted in the killing of Slaughter in the road.

The Sentence.

The prisoner, through his attorneys Royster and Royster, plead manslaughter. In passing sentence, Judge Devin stated that it is not less than 5 years or more than 10 years. It is understood that he will enter the State Prison on a ten year sentence, which can be reduced by good behavior.

Other Cases.

The following cases are among the large number disposed of up to Wednesday afternoon:

The case of U. C. Johnson, charged with passing worthless checks, prayer for judgment and continued upon the giving of a bond of \$100 for his appearance at the February term of superior court to show good behavior; he is required to report to Welfare Officer J. E. Jackson once a week to show good behavior, and upon the recommendation of the Sheriff or the Solicitor he is to be placed in custody if he fails to comply. He is to pay all of the worthless checks. Judge Devin showed a sympathetic temperament for the family of the unfortunate man and expressed the hope that he would pull through all right.

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THE LITTLE BROWN HEN

Her Ladyship Is the Talk Of the County.

We have noticed in the past few weeks a growing inclination of the part of residents of Oxford and the surrounding territory to raise poultry and the reason for it is not hard to explain. At the educational meetings held in the interest of the Granville County Produce Exchange, Manager Crews and County Agent Blackwell point to the fact that the egg industry alone in this country contributed more than a billion dollars to the national wealth last year.

Production of poultry and eggs has taken as a whole, come to be a great business, because there is money in it. No longer does the little brown hen roost on the end of a limb back of the woodshed. Today she has a room, and she no longer has to depend on the garbage thrown from the kitchen. Her owner knows she pays for her keep many times over during her lifetime and that, when old age creeps on and she is no longer a producer, she is still worth something to the dining table.

Don't be afraid of getting too many chickens in Granville county, for chickens and prosperity have become to be side-partners.

TWO SMART DOGS

They Saved the Life of a Woman.

The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 13.—Mrs. Ruby Pettis 55, who lives on a ranch at Sherar Bridge, near here, told in a hospital here today how her life had been saved by her two dogs, Jack and Pup. While driving a loaded wagon Sunday, the wagon turned over, leaving her beneath the load. Sagacity of the dogs in digging a hole under her head and upper part of her body enabled her to breathe, she said. She was unable to extricate herself, being forced to remain a prisoner for 15 hours until yesterday when a ranch hand heard the barking of the dogs and rescued her. Mrs. Pettis is recovering from exhaustion and bruising.

A NEW COGNOMEN

The Vick Chemical Company Assumes New Name.

Greensboro, Nov. 14.—A deed in value was filed here yesterday in the office of the register of deeds of Guilford county, a transfer of the name of the Vick Chemical Company to the Peerless Chemical Company, a concern lately formed to take over the Vick concern. The stamps upon the deed cost \$50 and the recording fee alone \$11.25.

Removal Notice.

Dr. G. S. Watkins has removed his office to the room over Lyon's Drug Store.

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

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

All Of the Institutions Are In Good Condition.

To His Honor W. A. Devin, Judge Presiding.

We, the Grand Jury of the November term 1923, Granville County Superior Court, beg to report as follows:

We have passed upon all bills presented for our consideration and express our thanks and appreciation to His Honor, Judge W. A. Devin, and the Honorable L. P. McLendon, Solicitor, for their kind consideration and assistance in the performance of our duties.

County Home.

We have visited the home for the Aged and Infirm, through a Committee and find the inmates well cared for. Numbers of inmates, white male 3; white female 7; colored male 5; colored female 9. Milch cows 3, hogs 14, horses 2, mules 1, plenty of feed for stock. The building is in condition for slight repairs.

The Court House.

We have visited the several offices of the Court House and find them satisfactorily kept and in good condition. The Register of Deeds and the Clerk of the Court, need more room for the proper handling of the business transacted in the offices.

Road Camp.

We have visited the County Road Camps and find them in good condition and the prisoners well cared for. Number prisoners, white 3; colored 5. Number mules 19. Tent for Trustees need repairs.

County Jail.

We have visited the county jail and find it well cared for and in as good condition as could be expected with facilities provided. All the officers and officials in charge have been courteous and helpful in furnishing information for this report.

Justices of the Peace.

Out of the total of twenty six Justices of the Peace only eight made a report.

Conclusion.

In conclusion we wish to express our deep appreciation of your Honors charge to us. The thoughts presented and the manner of expression made a deep and lasting impression on the minds of each and every one of us and as a result we feel that we were not only better prepared for immediate duties of this Court, but also that it made us better and more loyal Citizens of the County and State.

Most respectfully submitted.

JNO. S. WATKINS, Foreman.

FORD CAR STOLEN FROM MR. SAM WATKINS

Twenty-Five Dollars Reward For Thief Or Car.

Mr. Sam Watkins, the popular proprietor of the Johnson Warehouse, drove to his residence at 11 o'clock Tuesday night and parked his Ford car in front of the side entrance on High Street.

Mr. Watkins is an early riser, and desiring to greet the farmers at an early hour he arose at 5:30 o'clock next morning, expecting to ride to the warehouse in the car, but some one during the night stole the car.

The officers were notified at once and they got in connection with all of the towns and cities within a radius of 10 miles of Oxford. Mr. Watkins offered a reward of \$25 for the car or the thief.

The robber abandoned the car in Henderson, and it is stated that a car was stolen on the same square in Henderson where Mr. Watkins' car was found.

LET US REMEMBER

THE LITTLE ORPHANS

There Are More Than Three Thousand In the State.

In the rush of other things let us remember that the more than 3,000 children in the various orphanages of North Carolina are dependent to a considerable extent upon the Thanksgiving Day donations in the churches of the state. That fact should be kept constantly in mind and we should all strive to see that the donation to the worthy cause this year is the largest ever made in North Carolina. There is no reason why it should not be.

LETTINGS ON NOV. 27

INCLUDING 138 MILES

Hillsboro To Durham Gap To Be Contracted For—Nothing In Granville County.

(Raleigh Correspondent)

Sealed proposals on 16 road and bridge construction projects will be opened by the state highway commission on November 27, according to an official announcement. The projects embrace 138.03 miles of improved highway and several bridges. Nothing in Granville.

EXCITING CHASE DOWN THE STREETS AFTER A STOLEN CAR

The Thief Abandons Car At Salem Church and Darts To the Woods. Officers In Close Pursuit.

While delivering milk on College street Tuesday night about 8:30 o'clock, Gene Faucette, who lives on Gholson's farm, saw a man climb into his car, which he left a moment before in front of a residence near the Graded School, and drive it down the street at a rapid rate.

Mr. Faucette jumped on a passing car that was going in the same direction, shouting at the top of his voice: "Stop thief."

Policeman J. Harvey Jackson was at the Hub corner when the stolen car passed around the monument and continued out Williamsboro street. Chief Hobgood jumped into Mr. Jackson's car, and the two men pursued the thief, gaining ground at every turn of the wheel. "We traveled so fast," said Chief Hobgood, "we came near landing in the ditch two or three times."

The thief was a white man and wore a cap. He evidently knew that the officers were close after him, and when he arrived at a point near Salem Church he abandoned the car and left the lights burning. The officers were only 200 yards in the rear when the man jumped out of the car and ran into the woods. Chief Hobgood returned to town with the car, and Mr. Faucette was a happy man when he learned that the car was not damaged.

CURB MARKET REPORT

Compiled By the North Carolina Division Of Markets. (November 13, 1923)

Apples per peck, at New Bern, 25c; Winston-Salem, 25-30c.
Snap beans per pound, New Bern 15; Wilmington 5.
Shelled butter beans per quart, New Bern 25; Wilmington 40; Henderson 25.
Butter per pound, Wilmington 45; Winston-Salem 50; Henderson 50.
Cream per quart, Henderson 50c—\$1.00.
Eggs per dozen, New Bern 45; Wilmington, Henderson and Winston-Salem 50.
Fryers per pound, New Bern 30; Henderson 35.
Hams, cured per pound, New Bern 30c; Wilmington 36; Winston-Salem 40-45.
Hens, dressed per pound, Wilmington 40; Winston-Salem 45; Henderson 40.
Irish potatoes per peck, New Bern 50; Wilmington 50; Winston-Salem 60; Henderson 75c.
Sweet potatoes per peck, New Bern 35; Wilmington 40; Henderson 40.
Side meat per pound, Wilmington 22; Winston-Salem 20-25.
Turnip greens per pound, New Bern 8; Wilmington 10; Winston-Salem 10; Henderson 10.

MR. WALTERS' LITTLE BOY RETURNS HOME

He Went To Washington To See the President and Other Big Men.

Eddie Walters, the 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Walters is an industrious boy with a progressive spirit. He attends the Oxford Graded school and at odd times earned a quarter or a dime here and there, all of which he saved up for a trip. Without saying a word to his parents he left for Washington City a few days ago to take a look at the President and other big men. He returned home yesterday a wiser boy than he was before he left, and the family "killed the fatted calf" for the one who was lost but is now found.

HOHENZOLLERN GOES CALMLY ABOUT HIS CUSTOMARY TASKS

Has No Intention Of Leaving Doorn, His Friends Declare.

Doorn, Holland, Nov. 15.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, goes calmly about his customary tasks at Doorn house, notwithstanding the reports which have gone abroad that he was preparing to depart for the fatherland. It is asserted here that there is no foundation for the report, that he and the members of his entourage have been granted passports for a journey to Berlin or elsewhere in Germany, and those close to him declare he has no intention of leaving Doorn.

AT KNOTT'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Harte Can Not Fill Appointment There Next Sunday On Account Of Mrs. Harte's Condition.

The services at Knott's Grove Church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be conducted by Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., Rev. J. D. Harte, who was to have conducted them, having been called away to Norfolk on account of Mrs. Harte's condition.

MOTOR ROUTES FROM RICHMOND INTO CAROLINA

NEW YORK TRIBUNE CARRIES TWO ROUTES TO OXFORD

Seventy-Five Per Cent Of Tourists Choose To Take the Road To South Hill.

BY O. M. WELLS

(Chief Roadman, Automobile Club of America)

The lower section of Virginia from Richmond south to the Carolina line has always been in such a condition that it caused a considerable amount of anxiety among motorists who go South. There is very little hard-surfaced road and the soil and gravel roads are likely to be mean in wet weather. There is a fine concrete road from Richmond to Petersburg, but from there down it is a soil and gravel road to Clarksville, and then bituminous-bound macadam road for a short distance out of Clarksville and a concrete road from Stovall to Oxford. The rest of the way from Oxford to Durham is composed of alternating stretches of top-soil, sand, clay and gravel.

There is a great difference of opinion among motorists who have gone South as to which is the better way to go to Oxford. Some branch off at South Hill and go through Henderson, crossing the Roanoke River via a new bridge. The route via Clarksville to South Hill, then through Stovall into Oxford, has been the main trunk line and used by 75 per cent of the motorists, and again this year we recommend the Clarksville route in preference to the Henderson route, as the road surface is travelable at this time.

The above appeared in the New York Tribune last Sunday along with an explanatory map of the road through Virginia to South Hill; thence direct to Oxford via Clarksville as the preferable route. A copy of the Tribune was forwarded to the Public Ledger by Mr. Frank B. Hays, the prominent technical editor of the New York Druggist Circular, for which the Public Ledger is thankful.

BETTER GAS SERVICE

The Southern Gas Improvement Co. has purchased two large tanks for gas storage. One of these tanks is to be installed near Parham's Mill in Oxford. Mr. Jenkins, manager of the Oxford-Henderson division states that these tanks will hold enough gas to furnish the two towns in case anything happens at the plant. The tanks carry an automatic valve which will turn more pressure into the line in case of a plant drop, and during the peak at cooking hours. The Gas Co. is striving to give the best service possible in Oxford and are spending a good deal of money in this direction.

The gas company has been granted a reduction in rates which go into effect on December 1st. Read the advertisement of rate reduction in next issue of The Public Ledger.

A ROMANCE OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Fine Little Baby Born In a House Car.

There passed through Oxford this week a family of tourists en route to Florida in two house cars of the most comfortable and modern type. In one of the cars were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Snubbs, of Providence, Rhode Island. They camped near Petersburg last Sunday night, and to them was born a fine little boy. After a quiet rest of two days they resumed their journey, reaching Oxford Wednesday at noon.

The proud parents informed the Public Ledger that they regret the little fellow was not born in North Carolina.

DR. ANDREWS SICK

He Is Resting Nicely At Brantwood Hospital.

Dr. E. E. Andrews, field supervisor of Maternity and Infancy work in North Carolina, who is organizing the work in Granville, contracted a light case of pneumonia. He is under treatment at Brantwood Hospital.

"THE LORD'S SUPPER"

The communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. At this hour the pastor will preach on the sufferings of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane, using as his subject "In the Garden." There will be no evening service on account of the Baraca-Philathea Convention that will be in session during the day.

NEW FRATERNAL ORDER WILL PROBABLY ORGANIZE A LODGE IN OXFORD

"Sons and Daughters Of American Liberty" Includes Prominent Men On Charter.

Announcement is made that the "Sons and Daughters of American Liberty," a fraternal insurance society organized and managed by North Carolina exclusively, and the first organization of its kind to be started in this state, is now ready for business. Leading men and women in all walks of life, it is stated, are among its charter members, including state officials, United States senators and congressmen, ministers, lawyers, doctors, farmers, editors, manufacturers, laboring men, and representatives from every element of the state's best citizenship.

Camp headquarters for the State are in Charlotte, and the installation of local lodges throughout the state will begin at once, it is announced. It is said the initiatory work is beautiful, teaching a splendid lesson of patriotism, loyalty and good will.

A RARE OLD BIRD

The Thanksgiving Turkey Is Roosting High.

We are less than two weeks away from Thanksgiving, and the burning question "What will my Thanksgiving turkey cost?" is still unanswered. It is the farmer that controls the price the consumer will pay for his turkey. Up to this time few, if any, turkeys have been bought for the holiday. Not before next week will the farmer's price be known.

The rare old bird is now busy establishing its annual alibi. It is scarce. It is scrawny. It has a poor appetite. It is roosting high. And the moral of it all is that its price will be as high as its roost. Farewell, old Gobbler, we have sung your praise on many occasions. And just as we had hopes of continuing our pleasant relations, the expected happened, namely: Bulletins have already begun to arrive about the shortage of the cranberry crop.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Yes, Brother, the Good Old Days Have Gone.

Yes, times have changed. We had commenced to suspect as much, but we looked out and saw a citizen or two still in the same old rut and still knocking progress, and we doubted if times have really changed. Then up the steps came an old friend of the editor, who, after adjusting himself in a chair and lighting a "two for five," began the old familiar song. He said:

"Gone are the happy days when we used to wear a katy, ride a safety, drive a rubber-tired buggy, carried a torch in a Bryan parade, ate free lunch, smoked Creomo cigars, danced the two-step, went to a Chinese magic lantern show and thought the 'Black Crook' was a racy burlesque show. We didn't have much mazuma to spend then, but we were the bug's bustle with what we did have. And a nickel in those days had more rubber in it and would stretch farther than a two-bit piece will now. Yes, brother—gone are the good old days."

HARVEST OF BARGAINS

Retail Prices Lower Than Wholesale.

Sweaters are worn this season as never before. And it is interesting to note that some of our local merchants anticipated the demand and placed heavy orders before cotton went soaring. As a result, brush wool coats and sweaters of all patterns are being purchased on the Oxford market at retail prices which are lower than the wholesale prices of today on the same goods. Now's the time for the ladies to reap a harvest of bargains.

POULTRY EXPERT HERE

Mrs. D. S. Koons will be in Oxford for some time, making a survey of the poultry raised in this vicinity. Mrs. Koons has made a special study of poultry culture and is prepared to help poultry raisers in and around Oxford, on such problems as culling, feeding of moulting hens and other such poultry problems. While in Oxford she will call on all poultry raisers to take up these important problems.

The enterprise of U. Carry Em Store, has made it possible for the poultry keepers to get the benefit of the experience of this expert.

LECTURER COMING

Dr. Howard W. Odum, Professor of Sociology and Director of the School of Public Welfare of the University of N. C., will give a lecture on Tuesday November 20th at 4 o'clock. Tea will be served and all members of the club are invited to attend as well as any other people who are interested. This invitation is cordially extended by the Civic Department and Welfare Department of the Woman's Club.

SALVATION ARMY ESTABLISHES HEAD-QUARTERS IN OXFORD

Quarters Will Be In the Hicks' Building, Where Officers Will Be Available To the Public At All Times.

Supported by a committee of the most prominent and big-hearted men and women of Oxford, and by various public-spirited civic and fraternal bodies of the city, the Annual Home Service Appeal of The Salvation Army will be held in Oxford next Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 21-22. The object of the appeal is to secure funds with which to finance the varied activities of The Salvation Army in this city during the coming year. The following is the personnel of the Oxford Executive Committee:

Andrew Jamieson, chairman, J. W. Medford, treasurer, Gen. B. S. Royster, J. E. Jackson, Major T. G. Stem, R. H. Lewis, Hugh Peed, Charles Powell, J. L. White, Rev. J. D. Harte, F. Comerford, pastor Presbyterian Church, Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, pastor Episcopal Church, D. A. Coble. Due to absence from the city attending the annual conference of the Methodist Church at Elizabeth City, Rev. E. M. Snipes was unable to serve on the committee at this time, but his many friends expressed the certainty of his whole-hearted support and good-will towards the cause of The Salvation Army. Representing the leading women's organizations, Mrs. J. C. Roberts, President Woman's Club, and Miss Virginia Carroll, Worthy Matron, Order of Eastern Star, have been invited to serve on the Executive Committee. Announcement was made yesterday by the Executive Committee to the effect that The Salvation Army would open permanent headquarters in Oxford immediately, and continue during the coming year. Headquarters have been established in the Hicks Building, through the courtesy of County Welfare Officer J. M. Jackson, where officers of the Army

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LOCALS PREPARING FOR ANCIENT ENEMY

The Gridiron Test Will Be Held At Chapel Hill This Afternoon At 3:30.

The Oxford High School Football team will line up against the Henderson team at Chapel Hill this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

At a second meeting of the coaches and officials of the Eastern Carolina football championship series held in Raleigh Monday night, it was decided to play the Henderson-Oxford game which was scheduled for Henderson today on neutral territory, and Chapel Hill was selected as the scene of the battle. Oxford stated that under no circumstances would the Oxford team play a championship game in Henderson—declaring that the only way they would play would be on neutral territory. Henderson gave its consent.

The two teams have tied once this season, the contest being the first of the season for the Henderson boys. Neither team was able to cross the other's goal line during the four quarters of battling. Since that time by their steady improvement, the Oxford and Henderson teams have been looked upon as strong contenders for the Eastern Carolina championship.

Local students have arranged yells and songs for the coming clash, and a large number of Oxford people will witness the contest at Chapel Hill this afternoon.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE

The People Are Not Responding As Promptly As They Should.

The annual Red Cross drive for members and funds began in all parts of the county last Monday and will continue until the 29th.

There is no organization outside of the Christian Church more worthy of general support. It is nonsectarian and international. Its relief is extended wherever there is need for it, regardless of race or creed. The generous contribution to the sufferers from the recent Japanese earthquake is an illustration of what it does just as the contribution of the Japanese Red Cross to the sufferers from the San Francisco earthquake was a demonstration of the feeling of human brotherhood which is at the base of the organization. Every man, woman and child ought to be a member of the Red Cross. If this could be brought about, more than ten times the sum apportioned to Oxford and Granville county would be secured.

WATCH YOUR \$100 NOTES

The federal reserve bank describes a new counterfeit \$100 federal reserve note as follows:

"On the Federal Bank of Chicago, Ill.; check letter 'D'; face plate No. 333; back plate No. 880; A. W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury; Frank White, treasurer of the United States; portrait of Jackson. This is poorly executed counterfeit, apparently printed from crudely etched plates, on a single piece of paper, red and blue ink lines being used to imitate the silk fiber of the genuine."