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BAND OF GYPSIES INVADE OXFORD

THEY WILL STEAL ANYTHING THEY GET THEIR HANDS ON

Sam Hockaday and Others Were Their Victims—They Travel in Three Hudsons, One Cadillac and One Dodge Car.

A band of eight or ten Gypsies invaded Oxford last Friday, and as the women passed up and down the streets they accosted men and engaged them in conversation, stating that they were fortune tellers; that they can read the stars, the palm of the hand and foretell their destiny. In some way or other Mr. Sam Hockaday became entangled with the band, and in some way or other they took about \$35.00 out of his pocketbook while he was talking to them. After they robbed Mr. Hockaday some of the band went out on Raleigh road and stole \$20 from Mr. Will Hight. Mr. Hight caught them in the act of stealing the money and reported the incident to Sheriff Hunt.

Late in the afternoon, the Gypsies left Oxford in the direction of Henderson. Armed with a warrant for their arrest, Constable Ernest N. Bragg found the band sitting around a camp-fire in the woods near the Granville-Vance county line. They were dining sumptuously on fried chicken when the officer came upon them.

When the officers informed them that the whole bunch of them were under arrest, they began to jabber like so many jackdaws, finally consenting to accompany the officers to Oxford and stand trial. It was late at night when they arrived in Oxford, and Sheriff Hunt. They told the Sheriff that they were foreigners, that they did not know the laws and customs of this country, and begged him to let them settle in full and go their way. As there was no charge against any particular member of the band, the sheriff demanded a cash bond of \$100 and cited the band to appear for trial at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The big and little gypsies emptied their pocketbooks on the table, and the best they could do was to raise \$80.00 among them. Of course they had rolls of bills sewed up in their clothing and around their bodies, as do all wandering Gypsies, but Sheriff Hunt accepted the \$80.00 without demanding a search of their clothing.

"You must appear here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for trial," said Sheriff Hunt, addressing the band. "We pay in full as we go," said the leader as they passed out of the door, and that was the last seen of them, and it was a good riddance. The band is traveling in three Hudson cars, one Cadillac, almost new, and one slightly used Dodge. The women were usually filthy and dirty and the smell of garlic was upon them, and the men were more so, if possible.

COTTON GOES INTO NEW HIGH GROUND

December Hitting For 35-Cent Mark On Bullish Crop Reports.

New York, Nov. 16.—There was active general buying in the cotton market at the opening today and prices made new high records for the season on higher Liverpool cables and bullish private crop and ginning figures. The local market open strong at an advance of 25 to 66 points, with December selling up to 34.60 January 34.10 and March to 34.32 on the call.

TO JAIL FOR SPEEDING

Rich and Poor and White and Black Share Alike.

(Greensboro Record.) "I am going to send everybody who comes before me for speeding to jail, be they white or black, rich or poor," declared Judge D. H. Collins, in municipal court here last Saturday morning. Four white men were charged with speeding and received a sentence of ten days in the county jail. One of them had been married just two weeks and he took the separation quit seriously.

A GOOD DAY'S HUNT

Five Wild Turkeys Bagged On Mrs. W. E. Dorsey's Place.

William Green and Misses Branch, colored, found a gang of 25 turkeys on Mrs. W. E. Dorsey's place last week and killed two of them on the spot. Later in the afternoon they called the turkeys up and killed three more, making a total of two gobblers and three hens. They selected the best turkey and presented it to Mrs. Dorsey. Five turkeys was a good day's work.

OXFORD CHAPTER O. E. S.

The Public Ledger is requested to say that Oxford Chapter No. 94 O. E. S. will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 22, in Mason-Hall.

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

THE COW, HOG AND HEN

THEY PUT FARMERS, MERCHANTS AND BANKERS ON THEIR FEET

Somebody Has To Do the Job Of Raising the Farmer's Standing and Why should It Not Be You?—Read What the Dry Goods Economist Points Out What Has Been Done In a Certain Section of the South By Merchants and Bankers Boosting the Cow, Hog and Hen.

Probably everybody in the South has heard by this time of the "Turner County program," the program by which a poor farming community has lifted itself unaided out of debt and dependency into solvency and increasing prosperity. The proved success of this program is of exceptional interest to Southern merchants, and, indeed, to all merchants who do business in agricultural territories; for it demonstrates (1) the value of diversification and (2) the value of cooperation.

It is especially a lesson in what business men can do cooperatively to improve the local conditions on which the success of their business depends. For the Turner County program was not developed by the farmers themselves. It was developed by the bankers and merchants of the county and sold to the farmers. Turner is a small county of South Georgia, with an area of only 231 square miles, an urban population of 2576 and a total population of 12,466. Its largest town, Ashburn, has a population of about 2500, and its next largest town in Sycamore, with a population of 562. Except for a little lumbering, it is an exclusively agricultural county. It possesses no particular physical or economic advantages. Perhaps it is less favorably situated than the average farming community in respect both to soil and location.

Like so many other southern counties, Turner has been a victim of the one-crop system. Staking practically everything on cotton it went broke as a result of boll weevil damage and post-war deflation. Its position at the start of 1921 was desperate. The farmers were hopelessly in debt and altogether broken in spirit, and the local merchants and bankers suffered accordingly.

Merchants and Bankers Woke Up. But instead of sitting back and complaining about their unhappy lot, the local merchants and bankers decided to do something about it. They had the good sense to realize that their prosperity was dependent upon the prosperity of the farmer, and that in order to help themselves they must first help the farmer. Under the leadership of George T. Betts, a prominent banker and business man of Ashburn, they got together to devise ways and means of putting the farmer on his feet.

With the aid of all the information they could acquire from every possible source, they mapped out what seemed to them a good plan. Then they called into consultation farmers and all other interested members of the community, with whom they went over the plan in detail, revising it where revision seemed necessary. Their next job was to sell the program to the farmers of the county. This was a tough job. The farmers were discouraged, skeptical and suspicious.

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THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Oxford Churches, Sunday Schools and Lodges Are Collecting Donations.

Thanksgiving day is the one day in the year when the nation turns to heaven for its preservation. Let us be thankful that we live, that we live in times of peace and prosperity. Let us be thankful that we have homes with husbands and children to love and to love us. Let us be thankful for the comforts of life. Let us be thankful for work, strength and desire to do our work gladly. Let us cultivate a spirit of gentleness, of brightness and gladness and wisdom that will make all about us thankful that we are alive.

In view of the great blessings that God Almighty has bestowed upon us in the abundance of crops and good prices, health, happiness and good feelings, one to another, what more fitting tribute of gratitude could we pay than to remember the fatherless and motherless and homeless children in our State with gifts. In that so much has been given us ought we not to do our mite to show humble recognition of that power that does all things well.

The combined thanks offering of the Oxford Churches, Sunday School and lodges to the various institutions of the state amount each year to \$1000 or \$1200. The needs are great and the amount will probably be larger than that this year.

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

TOBACCO REACHES \$26 PER HUNDRED ON OXFORD MARKET

Better Grades Are Now Coming In.

The general average on the Oxford tobacco market every day last week was above \$25 per hundred, and on Friday the average for all sold was \$26.05. The break amounted to 161,000.

The better grades that are now being offered will boost the season's average and off-set the low levels of October. It is generally believed that the better grades yet to come will send the general average of all such grades unsold to the high level of \$30 per hundred. About 4,000,000 pounds have been sold on the open market here so far this season, but much of it came from adjoining counties.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Various Committees Will Meet At the Woman's Club House Tonight.

An important meeting of all committees appointed by various fraternal and civic organizations in Oxford to assist in the annual Home Service Appeal of The Salvation Army will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, at 7:30, in the rooms of the Woman's Club. Chairman Andrew Jamieson of the Oxford Executive Committee has notified the chairmen of the respective committees, as well as each individual member of the different committees, as well as each individual member of the different committees, of the hour and place of meeting and urges a full attendance be had. The formal inauguration of the intensive effort will be launched Wednesday morning, and a number of important final details are scheduled for completion at tonight's meeting.

The following committee was appointed Saturday by President R. H. Lewis of the Rotary Club, following a highly interesting and inspiring talk on the work of The Salvation Army before the Club Thursday evening: E. B. Howard, chairman, L. C. Taylor, T. B. Rose, Jr., T. G. Curran, D. K. Taylor, Dr. N. C. Daniel.

Committees have already been appointed from Woodmen of the World, Jr., O. U. A. M. American Legion and Rotary Club, among the mens organizations and from Oxford Chapter Order Eastern Star among the women. Additional committees from Oxford Lodge 396, A. F. & M. Odd Fellows and the Women's Club are expected to be present at the general meeting at the Woman's Club tonight.

IN GOOD FORM

The Word Christmas Should Be Spelled Out.

It has always seemed more or less horrible to us to see Xmas used for the word Christmas. None but a thoughtless person would do such a thing. The News and Observer expresses our sentiments. It is as follows:

"No matter how far people may fail to keep Christmas as the birthday of Christ, it is His festival. In recent years some writers and advertisers have fallen into the habit of writing it Xmas. If premeditated this use would be to say the least, irreverent.

"Let it cease. The holy holidays should be spelled in full or not used at all. The Detroit Merchants Association has appealed to all to cut out the shocking Xmas. Let business men everywhere do likewise."

MR. FROTHINGHAM DEAD

Married In Oxford Many Years Ago.

News has been received in Oxford by relatives, announcing the death of George P. Frothingham at his home in Hampton, Virginia, on Sunday, Nov. 11. Mr. Frothingham was well known in Oxford as he married Miss Tempe Williams, daughter of the late Dr. J. Buxton Williams, a noted physician of the town. The deceased is survived by his widow and three children, Kary, Helen and Richard. The burial took place at the home in Hampton. Mr. Frothingham was a retired officer in the Government Ship Building Department, where he had been employed for thirty years. He was a native of Boston but had a host of friends in North Carolina and Virginia.

APPOINTMENTS

Speakers For the Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign Next Sunday.

E. R. Harris and Mrs. B. E. Parham at Bullock, 11 a. m.
L. L. Hudson and Miss Pearl Taylor at Island Creek, 11 a. m.
Judge Devin at Harmony at 11 a. m.
E. G. Usry and Mrs. W. S. Knott at Peaces Chapel at 11 a. m.
T. W. Fogleman at Stovall at night.
L. L. Hudson at West Oxford at night.

THE METHODIST PREACHERS ARE ON THE MOVE

REV. E. M. SNIPES REMAIN WITH US

Rev. B. H. Black Sent To Stantonburg Circuit, Washington District, and Rev. N. B. Strickland, Of Rocky Mount Circuit Takes His Churches In the Oxford Circuit—Conference Goes To Wilmington Next Year.

Methodist preachers members of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, got their marching orders Monday as Bishop Collins Denny, who presided over the sessions since the conference opened in Elizabeth City last Wednesday, read the list of appointments stationing all the preachers for another year. It is always the most interesting hour of the conference.

There were numerous changes this year, pastors of a great many of the most important churches shifting to other locations. Raleigh District. Presiding Elder, M. T. Plyler. Bailey circuit, L. C. Brothers. Benson circuit, J. E. Blalock. Cary circuit, D. N. Caveness. Clayton, Marvin Self. Creedmoor circuit, V. A. Royall. Four Oaks circuit, W. J. Watson. Franklinton, E. H. Davis. Camden circuit, G. A. Starling. Granville circuit, L. H. Joyner. Kenley circuit, W. B. North. Louisburg, O. W. Bowd. Milbrook circuit, M. G. Irvin. Oxford, E. M. Snipes. Oxford circuit, N. B. Strickland. Princeton circuit, G. B. Perry. Raleigh, Central, H. I. Glass; Edenton street, W. A. Stanbury; Epworth, R. F. Bumpass; Jenkins Memorial, W. H. Brown. Selma, Edgerton Memorial, O. P. Fitzgerald.

Smithfield, D. H. Tuttle. Tar River, D. H. Williams. Youngsville circuit, W. B. Humble. Zebulon circuit, E. M. Hall. Business manager North Carolina Christian Advocate, T. A. Sikes. Superintendent Methodist Orphanage, A. S. Barnes. Superintendent North Carolina Auto-Saloon League, R. L. Davis.

NEW TOBACCO CO.

Under the Laws Of Delaware By the Whelan Interests.

(Western Tobacco Journal) Details relative to the formation of a new tobacco company to be known as the Union Tobacco Company have been completed and it is understood that incorporation papers are being filed in Albany, N. Y. The Whelan interests, it is stated, are fostering the new organization. It is thought that the Union Tobacco Company will take over Phillip Morris, and possibly some other company, and that in addition a working agreement with British interest relative to marketing of certain brands is in contemplation.

Several other producers of cigarettes in this country may take an interest in the new organization, but this could not be confirmed. A company of a similar name had been incorporated a year ago, under laws of Delaware by the Whelan interests, but beyond organizing the company and registering incorporation papers no further action was taken.

SUPERIOR COURT

The Trial Of The Two Oxford Policemen, Charged With The Killing Of Will Harris, Colored, Is On.

The trial of Rosco Clark and Harvey Jackson, members of the Oxford police force, charged with the death of Will Harris, colored, which occurred last June, was called in Superior Court yesterday morning. The whole day was consumed in the examination of witnesses, and three or four are yet to be examined this morning. There are six lawyers engaged on the case, and it will probably not be given to the jury until late this afternoon.

HUCKLEBERRY FINN

Cast Of Ten Living Characters—At the Orphanum Tomorrow Night.

"Huckleberry Finn," Mark Twain's American Comedy, will be at the Orphanum Theatre tomorrow night, Wednesday, Nov. 21; curtain at 8:15 o'clock. This is not a moving picture. Ten living characters in the cast.

JUDGE WEBB'S WIFE DIES AT HIGH-POINT

High Point, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Edwin Yates Webb, wife of Federal District Judge Webb, of Shelby, died at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon in a local hospital where she has been a patient for nine weeks.

Before her marriage, 29 years ago, the deceased was Miss Willie Simmons, daughter of the late Professor William Gaston Simmons, of Wake Forest College.

MASONS OF THE 20TH DISTRICT HOLD MEETING IN OXFORD

THERE ARE SEVEN LODGES IN GRANVILLE

Adonira, Berea, Shiloff, Granville, Tally Ho, Oxford and Creedmoor. The Masons of the Twentieth District held an enthusiastic meeting in the local lodge last Thursday and Friday nights. Deputy Grand Master B. W. Parham opened the meeting Thursday night and requested Gen. B. S. Royster, past grand master, to deliver the address of welcome.

Addresses were delivered by Grand Master Hubert M. Potat and Educational Field Secretary W. C. Potat. Mr. D. G. Brummitt, P. M., introduced Capt. B. S. Royster, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge, who delivered an interesting address on "Washington, the Man and the Mason." The Grand Master followed with an address on "Why Is Freemasonry?" outlining the duties and responsibilities of the members of the order.

After the secret work was disposed of the public was invited to see the Masonic educational film, "Who Can Best Work," put on the screen by Dr. Wicker. This film is a graphic story contrasting the difference between men educated by an appreciation of the dignity of labor and people who erroneously believe that the world owes them a living without any effort to be displayed on their part and who naturally gravitate through failure of that plan to work, into dissolvement and dissension.

Friday night's session was devoted to an address by the Educational Field Secretary, who set forth the aims and plans of the educational program of the Grand Lodge. His subject was, "The Brotherhood of Man." Dr. Wicker has been requested by the Oxford Masons to make an early return and to bring his other films. This he has promised to do and the meeting is already being planned. The appearance of the Grand Master and the Educational Field Secretary was no doubt a great stimulus to Masonry here.

BYRUM CONSTRUCTION CO. BUYS VACANT LOT

Will Enlarge Their Office Building Or Littlejohn Street.

The Byrum Construction Company a month ago purchased from Mr. W. T. Yancey the building on Littlejohn Street adjoining the Public Ledger office. Last week they purchased from J. G. and A. S. Hall the vacant lot adjoining their building. This lot fronts 22 feet on Littlejohn street and extends back 81 feet to the wall of Hall's Drug Store.

This lot gives the Byrum Construction Company a frontage of 45 feet on Littlejohn street. The addition will go up at once, said Mr. Leo Byrum.

The new addition links up the four buildings on Littlejohn street and makes it one of the handsomest business blocks in Oxford.

Does Oxford grow? Less than two years ago a billboard adorned the corner of the lot on which these handsome buildings now stand, and the remainder was a hitching lot.

FIRE AT VIRGINIA NORMAL SCHOOL

Five Hundred Girls Routed From Beds—All Escaped.

Farmville, Va., Nov. 18.—More than 500 women students at the State Normal School were routed from their sleep early yesterday morning by fire which destroyed a wing of the main building, with an estimated loss of \$200,000. Of an estimated 800 students enrolled in the school, about half were housed in the main building, and about 100 of these in the rear wing. All were able to escape unhurt, however, and without the loss of a great deal of their personal belongings.

HUNTING QUAIL

The Average Shot Brings In a Dozen Or More Birds.

Quite a number of hunters scoured the fields of Granville last week for quail. Those rated as "good shots" returned with a dozen or more birds, but the "poor shots" had to content themselves with a less number.

One old sport informs the Public Ledger that he fired fifteen shots and killed ten birds. One man who fired twenty-one shots and got nothing, stated that the birds are so wild this season he couldn't get a decent shot.

DR. PEPPE THE GUEST OF DR. WATKINS

Dr. Pepple, a distinguished physician of Richmond, was the honored guest at a luncheon at the home of Dr. Watkins last Friday night. All of the Oxford doctors enjoyed the feast and the social hour.

GRANVILLE COUNTY PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Appointments For This Week In the Educational Campaign.

County Demonstration Agent Blackwell and Manager Crews of the Granville County Produce Exchange, following time and places: Tonight at Bethel School. Friday night at Knott Grove. There will be a culling demonstration at the home of Mrs. Tilden Barnett at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

CUT IN GAS RATES

EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 1.

The Reduction Begins After First 5000 Cubic Feet Of Gas Has Been Consumed.

According to the announcement of the Southern Gas and Improvement Company a reduction in gas rates in Oxford and Henderson will be put into effect beginning December 1. The rate was made voluntarily by the company.

Only the consumers using over 5000 cubic feet will be effected by the cut. The reduction will be of advantage to consumers using gas for house heating, water heating and other large users where the meter registers over 5000 cubic feet per month.

For the first 5000 cubic feet, the gross charge is \$2.50 with net \$2.45; net 5000 cubic feet gross \$2.00, net \$1.95. The minimum monthly charge is \$1.50.

CAPT. WHITAKER CAPTURES BIG STILL

It Was In Full Blast Over In the Mountains.

Capt. W. H. Whitaker, the fearless Chief of Police of Stem, brought in a 50 gallon capacity still Monday morning which he captured on the west side of Bowling Mountain early last Sunday morning. The moonshiners had made a "run" during the night and had just refilled the kettle when the officer came upon it.

Capt. Whitaker states that the manufacturers of moonshine have adopted Saturday night and Sunday as the best time to ply their trade. He said that they hide their liquor as soon as it comes from the still, which will help to defray their court expense if they are caught. He found only a half pint of liquor at the still last Sunday morning, which was laid aside by the moonshiners for their own personal use. He saw two men at the still, but did not get close enough to discern their color.

Capt. Whitaker is of the opinion that there will be much activity on the part of the moonshiners from now until Christmas.

MORRISON ASKS FOR OUSTING OF McBRAYER

Head Of the State Sanatorium Acknowledges His Guilt But Wants To Retain His Position.

(Raleigh Correspondent.) Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the State Sanatorium, who pleaded guilty of trading with himself, and was fined \$50 and ordered removed from his position by Judge N. A. Sinclair in Hoke county superior court last week, "is no longer qualified for the position he now holds," in the opinion of Governor Cameron Morrison, who wrote Dr. T. W. Long, chairman of the board of trustees of State Sanatorium, to call the board together at once and take steps to remove Dr. McBrayer and select his successor.

Governor Morrison's letter to Dr. Long follows: "I do not see how, without a clear cut violation of the law of your board Dr. McBrayer can longer remain at the head of the institution. The law cannot be violated by the resignation of Dr. McBrayer, followed by his subsequent election. Under the law he is no longer qualified for the position which he holds in my judgment, and I hope your board will take immediate steps to remove him and select his successor."

PLEASANT ADDITIONS TO OUR TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dixon and their ten year old son Frednay, of Chatham County, Va., and recently of Mullins, S. C., are now residents of Oxford, and have rooms at the home of Mrs. J. S. Bradsher. Mr. Dixon is Supervising Grader for the Tobacco Association. Mrs. Dixon is an enthusiastic club woman, and is a pleasant addition to the membership of the Oxford Woman's Club.

Among the recent new comers to our town is Mr. J. R. Fanely recently of Mt. Olive, who may be found in business hours at Oxford's new apple store. Mr. Fanely is a member of the Johnston-Caswell Masonic Lodge No. 10 of Warrenton, N. C. He is making his home in Oxford at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Bradsher.