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THINGS THAT WE SAW AND HEARD IN RICHMOND LAST WEEK

TWENTY TONS OF DRESSED TURKEYS INCINERATED

A Visit To the Federal Reserve Bank and Other Places Of Interest—The Cost Of Living In Richmond Compared With Oxford.

To any one who has lived for any length of time in Richmond, it is always a pleasure to return to that most delightful city of the Southern States even for a day, if not longer. Years ago the editor of the Public Ledger reported for the Richmond Times and later for the Richmond Dispatch, and we knew the city from end to end. It was our pleasure last week to visit some of the familiar scenes of twenty or thirty years ago. Land that could have been purchased in the West-End fifteen years ago for \$20,000 an acre. Twenty years ago four bridges only spanned the James at Richmond. They are now building the eighth bridge to tap the hills in Chesterfield, three miles west of Manchester. The land that this bridge brings into the market could have been bought five years ago for \$50 an acre to be a land of castles and elegant homes. According to the statement of the City Engineer and Building Inspector there are 864 new buildings being erected in Richmond today, and five of the number are skyscrapers. The number of houses that will be built in Richmond during the present year would easily accommodate every man, woman and child in Granville today. New manufacturing plants are keeping pace with the steady increase of population.

Poultry Incinerated.

Dressed turkeys were selling on the Richmond market one week before Christmas for 40 cents the pound; four days before Christmas the price dropped to 25 cents the pound, and on Christmas Eve the price was 15 cents the pound. Two days after Christmas the Health Department condemned 20 tons of turkey and ordered it to be incinerated. The warm weather and the glut of the market caused the decline. Strange to relate that spare-ribs of pork were not condemned, but backbones were. The inspectors stated that they did not find any tainted sausage.

The Federal Reserve Bank.

Desiring to see how the peoples' cash and bonds are housed, we called at the Federal Reserve Bank and was shown through the building by Mr. Harry L. Whitmore, who has charge of the vaults. To this splendid and highly esteemed official we are indebted for seeing more money than we ever dreamed of, but he was careful to keep it out of our reach. The currency, bonds and collateral amounted to several million dollars. The vault is three stories high, and the lowest story is fifty-two feet long by twenty-six wide. The upper floor is on a level with the basement floor of the building and the bottom floor extends a considerable depth below the sub-basement.

Entrance to the vault is through the main door on the basement floor, and communication between the various floors of the vault is by means of a stairway and automatic elevator located entirely within the vault. This arrangement makes it necessary for any one entering the vault to first enter the vault custodian's office, which is directly in front of the vault door and is surrounded by a heavy steel grille.

The main door of the vault is seven feet nine inches in diameter and twenty-nine inches thick. This door with its surrounding frame weighs 12 tons, and yet it is so nicely adjusted and hung on special roller and ball bearings that a pull of only a few pounds suffices to open and close it. The vault is electrically lighted and has a complete telephone system. There is also a special alarm which is to be sounded by any one accidentally locked in the vault at night. By this means simple instructions can be given and he can open the door from the inside and effect his release.

The Souths Largest Store.

One of the show places in Richmond is the big department store of Miller & Rhoads. We are indebted to Mr. George Harwood Bates, head of one of the departments for showing us through the establishment. The store covers one city block, bounded by Broad, Grace, Fourth and Fifth Streets. This is the South's largest department store, and serves with merchandise from the four quarters of the globe. There are many stores in Richmond, but Miller & Rhoads have no competitors; they are in a class to themselves. Their business is built upon a varied line of the best merchandise, and if you ask for a pure silk or linen handkerchief you get it. Enter into conversation with most any wide-awake, progressive citizen of Richmond on the question of the growth of the city, and the chances are ten to one he will point to Miller & Rhoads as the best

AN APPRECIATION

BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF MISS CARRIE HOBGOOD COMES TO A BEAUTIFUL CLOSE

At six o'clock Friday morning, December 28, 1923, the angel of death entered the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Hobgood and quietly bore away the soul of their youngest daughter, Carrie.

While she had suffered great pain, which was borne with wonderful fortitude and patience, her passing was peaceful and calm. Conscious to the very last, her thought, as was characteristic of her unselfish nature, was of others, and not long before the end came, she requested the nurse not to let her parents, whom she loved with the tenderest devotion, come into her room because she did not want them to see her suffer.

Deprived in early life of health and strength, she gave up the pleasures which go with happy, care-free girlhood, devoting herself entirely to her loved ones.

"Taddy," as she was affectionately called by her family and intimate friends, appreciated beauty, as only artistic natures can, at the same time she was practical, and displayed good judgment, as well as good taste in every thing she did. Her friends and relatives, knowing her love for flowers, surrounded her in her last illness, which was of several weeks duration, with specimens of rare beauty, and the room in which her casket lay was a perfect bower of beauty. It was indeed a never-to-be-forgotten picture—the lovely form in the lovely casket, surrounded by beautiful flowers of every hue. It might be said of her, as Dickens says of "Little Nell,"

"She was dead. No sleep so beautiful and calm, so free from trace of pain, so fair to look upon. She seemed a creature fresh from the hand of God, and waiting for the breath of life; not one who had lived and suffered death."

The simple funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte, assisted by Dr. F. H. T. Horsfield.

The active pall bearers were her nephews, B. S. Royster, Jr., Roy Royster, Thomas Royster, F. W. Hancock, Jr., E. B. Howard, J. B. Mayes, Jr. and R. T. Howerton, Jr.

The following members were the flower bearers: Miss Dorothy Royster, Mrs. R. T. Howerton, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Currin, Mrs. J. B. Mayes, Jr., Mrs. E. B. Howard, Mrs. F. W. Hancock, Jr., and Mrs. Roy Royster.

RED CROSS DONATION

Mrs. Mary R. Delacroix, secretary of the Granville County Home Service Section of the American Red Cross is in receipt of a letter from P. E. Moise, director of the Red Cross Service of the National Sanatorium, in which he acknowledges the receipt of a check for \$25. This money, the letter states, was expended for the following publications: Life, Saturday evening Post, Popular Science, Motion Pictures, Adventures, American, Short Stories.

The local Chapter also donated \$25 to Oteen recently.

THE LATE A. A. ALGOOD

A Kind Father and Faithful Christian.

On October the 4th, Bro. A. A. Algood, in his eighty first year, quietly and almost suddenly passed out to his reward. For thirty years he was a member of Mount Zion Church, and for the past twenty two years has been a member of Hester Church, at which place he was laid to rest. He was married first to Miss Elizabeth Parker of Mecklenburg County, Va. To this union was born two children. In 1874 he was married the second time to Miss Elizabeth Knott, by whom he is survived. To this second union nine children were born. He has twenty nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bro. Algood was a good husband, a kind father, and a faithful Christian. He served for eighteen months in the Civil War, having been within twenty feet of General Robert E. Lee when he surrendered, and after the surrender he stacked his musket against the famous "apple tree."

A FRIEND.

—Magazine Subscription taken any time to all magazines.

JEANNETTE E. BIGGS.

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

TOBACCO MARKET WILL OPEN NEXT TUESDAY, JAN. 8

TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE CROP IS LET TO BE MARKETED

The Oxford Co-operative Station and the auction tobacco warehouses will open next Tuesday, January 8th. It is estimated that 25 percent of the unsigned crop is in the hands of the growers and that about 40 percent of the association's crop is yet to be marketed.

It is generally believed that prices will be better when the market opens next week than when the market closed for the holidays.

BARKER-WILSON

Dr. Wilson Weds One Of Richmond's Finest Young Women.

Dr. Archer A. Wilson and Miss Amorette Elizabeth Barker were married last Saturday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brannon Barker, 3216 Seminary Avenue, Richmond, Va. Dr. George W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, performed the ceremony. He was assisted by Rev. Thornton Wilson, father of the groom and pastor of the Presbyterian Church at South Boston.

The large and elegant home of the bride, in the shadow of the Theological Seminary, was made more beautiful for the occasion. A large number of the intimate friends of the contracting party witnessed the impressive ceremony.

The bride is a handsome young woman of pleasing personality. She is a musician, and in the language of Dr. McDaniel "she is a song bird."

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson are on a bridal trip to New York. They will return to Oxford today and will reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hunt on Front Street.

MRS. BETTIE NASH DIED IN CHARLOTTE

Daughter Of the Late James T. Littlejohn Of Oxford and Sister Of Mrs. J. A. Taylor.

Charlotte, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Bettie Littlejohn Nash, widow of Captain Fred Nash, of Hillsboro and Charlotte, died yesterday evening at her home in this city after an illness of months, following a stroke of paralysis.

She was a daughter of the late James T. Littlejohn, of Oxford. She married Captain Fred Nash, of Hillsboro in the early seventies. She was a member of the Episcopal church, and was 72 years of age. She is survived by five children, Misses Mary Armand, Lydia and Bettie Nash, and Fred and Abner Nash, all of this city. The interment was in Hillsboro.

COOLIDGE PREDICTS CONTINUED PROGRESS

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Coolidge tonight extended new year's greetings to the American people in a message which said:

"At the end of the old year and the beginning of the new, it is well to take account of our spiritual, moral and material resources, and seriously appraise the progress of the past 12 months and the prospect of advancement in the coming year. The nation has made a record of gratifying accomplishment. There is every reason to believe advancement will continue in the coming months.

"It is a pleasure to extend the heartiest of new year greetings to the American people and express the hope and confidence that 1924 will bring them to full measure of prosperity and happiness."

MAJ. LANIER PROMOTED TO RANK OF COLONEL

Assigned To Staff Of The Third Army Corps.

Major A. S. Lanier, of Washington, a son of old Granville, has had the honor assigned him as Assistant Chief of Staff of the Third Army Corps, a position usually held by Colonels.

Major Lanier did valuable service during the world war in prosecuting spies and enemies of the Government.

OXFORD SCHOOLS OPENS

All Of Teachers Return To Resume Their Duties.

The Oxford schools closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 21st and open last Wednesday for the final semester. Members of the faculty who spent the holidays away from Oxford have returned to resume their duties in the class room.

CHRISTMAS WEEK WAS QUIET IN THE OLD TOWN

ONE NEAR-RIOT AND A HALF DOZEN DRUNKS

Gillard Lyon, Colored, Sent To the Roads For Eight Months.

The hydro-headed snake that lurks in moonshine liquor made its appearance on the streets of Oxford several times during Christmas week. Strange what effect the vile stuff had on some of those who inbibed freely. One man thought he had religion while another one thought he was being chased by the devil. Only about a half dozen of the most violent ones were arrested.

Gillard Lyon, colored, who was found guilty of trafficking in liquor six months ago forfeited his \$600 bond and enjoyed freedom up to New Years Eve, at which time he returned to the old town and his former haunts. Officers Clark and Jackson traced him to a house in the lower part of town, but he jumped through a window and came up town, the two officers in hot pursuit. They arrested him near Crenshaw's Garage, but a large number of colored people rushed in upon the officers and swore at them and accused them of having murdered a man recently. One old level-headed negro in the mob advised the prisoner to submit quietly to the arrest and avoid any trouble, but this had very little effect upon the crowd. Admired threats and jeers the officers finally landed their prisoner behind a closed door in Crenshaw's Garage and phoned to the Sheriff and Constable E. N. Bragg to come to their rescue.

In Municipal Court Wednesday, Mayor Stem sentenced the said Gillard Lyon to eight months on the road. He had previously served two terms on the road and is regarded as a bad man.

The recent trial of Clark and Jackson on the charge of having killed a negro in self-defense, while in the discharge of their official duty, does not set well on the minds of a large number of colored people, and this is responsible for the mad spirit that manifested itself on Christmas Eve, at which time the officer's lives were threatened, and they were justified in shooting, but preferred not to do so. The sooner the people, both black and white, learn that they must not resist an officer the better it will be. The officer may be wrong in making the arrest, but while there is life there is a possibility of speedy adjustment.

EASTER OF 1924 WILL COME ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20

And after New Year the next great festive occasion is Easter. So the story runs, and brings to mind the fact that Easter of 1924 falls on April 20, just about as late as Easter ever comes.

A late Easter means a well-dressed crowd, fruit trees robed in plentiful bloom, flowers exhibiting every color of the rainbow. Ye who now shiver in the cold of a bleak January may picture to yourself a balmy April day in Oxford. Through the open windows of churches turned into floral cathedrals is heard the peal of the organ, the words of the benediction and the "Amen" of the choir. Down the steps of the church comes the joyous crowd, some members of which while others meander along green-bordered sidewalks.

But it is a long time before Easter and the reason it is such a long, long time is that the full moon in March falls on the 20th of that month which is just one day before the equinox which marks the beginning of spring. The rule as to the coming of Easter is simple and should not be forgot. It is this: Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox next year is scheduled for April 19, which is a Saturday.

FINE FAMILY WILL LEAVE GRANVILLE

Regrets are expressed of the departure of Mr. M. F. Adcock and family of Route 5. Mr. Adcock will remain in the county until Saturday, January 12, at which time he offers for sale his stock, feed and farming implements, the same being advertised in this paper. The loss of this splendid family is Wake Forest's gain.

TWO OF THE LARGEST

Two of the largest shoats butchered this season belonged to John Clark, who lives in the suburbs of Oxford. The pigs were only 14 months old, and when dressed last week each weighed 610 pounds. They were fattened by Mr. C. J. Turner.

Mr. W. S. Pruitt, of Fishing Creek, recently killed a porker that weighed 560 pounds. This hog was 14 months old, and it took on weight at the rate of one pound per day last year.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To our friends who favored the Public Ledger with their patronage during the past year, we extend our heartiest thanks and the sincerest of wishes that the New Year may bring for them prosperity and an abundance of good things.

DECIDES TO ENTER THE MINISTRY

Geoffrey, the Youngest Son Of Reverend Horsfield.

It will be learned with genuine pleasure that Mr. Geoffrey Horsfield, youngest son of Rev. P. H. T. Horsfield, Rector of St. Stephen's Parish, has decided to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church. This talented young man after attending the Oxford High School finished his secular education last June at Princeton, where he did most creditable work, receiving his A. B. Degree. He is now studying at the General Theological Seminary, New York. St. Stephen's Vestry and members are proud to give most flattering recommendations for this young man to take up his chosen life work, following the footsteps of his saintly father, who is well-known all over North Carolina, having served for many years as Rector in Goldsboro and Wilmington, before coming to St. Stephen's Parish. Mr. Horsfield is very talented and has a keen sense of humor and is well fitted to assume the grave responsibilities awaiting him in his chosen profession.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Sue Fletcher Has Been Added To the Faculty.

The High School of Oxford which is one of the State's accredited schools, has recently organized a new Literary Society which has been named the John Jordan Baugless in honor of a North Carolina man of letters.

The Oxford school takes pride in having already established in its curriculum two Literary Societies named after two other late distinguished sons of Carolina—the O'Henry and the John Charles McNeill.

The school evidently realizes the fact that there can be no better way of instilling state pride, patriotism, ambition and the taste for literature in the minds and hearts of the growing youth of today than by keeping before them the names of North Carolinians who have wrought along literary lines and whose attainments are keeping the torch-light to be flung to a new generation.

Miss Sue Fletcher of McCall, South Carolina, has been added to the Faculty of the Junior High School of Oxford. Miss Fletcher takes the position held by Mrs. W. R. Kimball, who has gone to Winston-Salem to become secretary of the local Y. W. C. A. Miss Fletcher is a graduate of Winthrop Normal College and comes to Oxford most highly recommended as a gifted teacher.

MRS. ARTHUR W. DANIEL DIED NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Mrs. Arthur W. Daniel, of Tar River section, died last Tuesday night, aged 31 years. She was a consistent Christian and was highly esteemed and loved by all who knew her. She was laid to rest at the old Moss cemetery Thursday afternoon. The pallbearers were: P. N. Adcock, S. C. Connell, J. A. Adcock, J. D. Tippett, J. H. Newton, L. M. Adcock.

MR. W. H. ROYSTER DEAD

Burial In Northern Granville Today.

Mr. William H. Royster, a prominent and influential citizen of Northern Granville, died in a hospital at Donville last Tuesday night, aged 58 years. He had been sick only a few days.

The remains of Mr. Royster reached the home place in Northern Granville Wednesday afternoon, where the interment takes place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Royster is survived by a devoted wife and the following children: Miss Joy, a student at Oxford College; Miss Jessie, Miss Hazel, Lonnie, Dwight, Clarence and Buster.

BIG BLACK DOG LOST

Wills Hancock has lost his pet and companion dog. He is a big black Newfoundland dog and answers to name of Toby. His collar gives his name and name of owner. Has a white spot on breast and white hair tip end of tail. Wills offers liberal reward for information as to his whereabouts. Everybody should help this young man find his big pretty dog.

Removal Notice.

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

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE WAS A PLEASANT MEMORY

One Of the Most Beautiful Annual Figures Of All the Various Activities Of the Oxford Woman's Club Is the Community Christmas Tree.

For the past few years a tree has been set up in Oxford at a central location of the town (at the Christmas season) the magnificent cedar of this year being perhaps the handsomest one ever displayed.

Towering up twenty odd feet into the air its branches wired with hundreds of colored incandescents lights a substantial platform surrounding its trunk with steps leading down from it to the ground, and all disguised with evergreen shrubbery—the whole made an impressive setting for the enactment of a beautiful pageant on Monday evening, the day before Christmas.

The scene was inspiring, and the spirit of Christmas became infectious in the great throng that gathered round to view the pageant of the Holy Nativity, and to hear the reading of scripture, and join in the singing of Christmas anthems—the words of which were flashed by spot light on a mounted placard, that all might see.

To the Executive Committee of the Civic Department of the Woman's Club who planned this Community Christmas tree, is due something more than the vote of thanks incident to ordinary entertainments. It is very certain that from all thoughtful persons of the community a sincere and hearty tribute of appreciation is felt for this splendid feature of common interest so carefully and beautifully planned and executed by a few of Oxford's enthusiastic young club women.

One can never tell how far reaching in effect is the pure and heartening influence of a Christmas tree in which all may claim a share—nor how many homeless hearts are cheered at the mere sight of the tree, with all its blessed associations.

The Star of Peace that burned so brightly in the topmost branch may have guided some wayfarer in the right way, or suggested reverence and devotion in an indifferent heart as did that other star at Christmas time, so long ago.

The committee wish to thank everyone who gave time and encouragement and substantial aid toward bringing their plans to pass. Especially do they feel grateful to Chief Hobgood without whose active interest and valuable assistance they could have accomplished little—and to Mr. J. Robt. Wood who is always dependable when help is needed, in the interest of the community work.

The community at large, with one voice, wishes to thank the entire force of workers—with the hope that the New Year yield each one a harvest of happiness that is commensurate with the pleasure that has been afforded by them in their efforts expended on the Christmas tree.

CARD OF THANKS

—The people of Goshen Chapel Church, near Berea, wish to thank through the Public Ledger, the people of Oxford for aid in making the Christmas tree a success.

—Mrs. Roxie O'Brian wishes to thank the good people of Oxford and Berea section for sympathy and gifts since she moved to Berea the last of November. Her husband died last February and left her with 8 small children. She especially desires to thank Mr. J. E. Jackson, Welfare Officer for the interest manifested for the children and herself.

GRAHAM TAKES OATH TO SUCCEED FATHER

William A. Graham, Jr., Of Lincoln Now Commissioner Of Agriculture. (Raleigh Correspondent)

William A. Graham, Jr., has been sworn in to succeed his father, the late Major William A. Graham, Sr., as Commissioner of Agriculture. The oath was administered by Associate Justice W. A. Hoke, a lifelong friend of the Graham family and formerly of Lincoln.

Mr. Graham assumed his duties in the office of the new agricultural building occupied by his father. Besides Associate Justice Hoke, there were present, Joseph Graham, of Akron, Ohio, brother of the new commissioner, and two sisters, Misses Carrie and Evelyn Graham, of Raleigh, also a number of intimate friends. Mr. Graham assumes active charge of the Department of Agriculture at once.

GONE TO LOS ANGELES

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gulick, who have resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., for a number of years, have moved to 4229 Lockwood street, Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Gulick is a daughter of the late Howard Dorsey.