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## THREE LOCAL GREEKS COME TO GRIEF IN MUNICIPAL COURT

### FOUND GUILTY OF HAVING WHISKEY IN THEIR POSSESSION.

Chief Hobgood and His Men Raid Busy Bee Cafe and Hotel and Capture Several Gallons of Fighting Fluid.

After several days of quiet investigation, with a view of collecting sufficient evidence to convict, Chief Hobgood and his force on Saturday night raided the Busy Bee Cafe and Hotel on Hillsboro street and found several gallons of whiskey. The arrested Agelos Contos, John Carras and George Kokinos followed. The three men were arraigned before Mayor Stem in Municipal Court last Tuesday afternoon. Each of the three was represented by an attorney—Messrs. D. G. Brummitt, B. W. Parham and A. W. Graham, Jr., each of whom are versed in the Greek language, but an interpreter was not necessary.

During the hearing Mayor Stem asked the defendant Contos if it was a fact that he offered to bribe Chief Hobgood on the night of the arrest. "Can you prove that," snapped the Greek in an excited tone of voice.

Chief Hobgood was called to the stand and testified that on the night of the arrest the defendant Contos stated that he would give him \$100 in cash if he would throw the three men out of the back door and say nothing more about the matter.

There are good Greeks and bad Greeks, and we have in our community some of them that are straight as the days are long, but the three that were arrested last Saturday night on the charge of retailing whiskey have been under suspicion for some time, according to the statement of the officers.

The three men were adjudged guilty of retailing, and Mayor Stem sentenced each of them to the roads for a term of six months. Each of the defendants noted an appeal, and they were released under a bond of \$300 each to answer at the April Term Granville County Superior Court.

## PLANNING FOR THIRD PARTY CONVENTION

### Senator LaFollette Will Probably Be Candidate For President.

St. Paul, Minn., March 12.—A call for a National convention of political organizations favorable to the "third party" movement to be held in St. Paul June 17, was issued here last night by a conference of delegates from eight States.

The purpose of the convention as stated in the call is to nominate a President and vice president and adopt a National platform. Thirteen organizations were represented at the conference. Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, was most prominently mentioned as the probable choice of the June 17 convention for the presidential nomination.

## TEACHERS ASSEMBLY AND UNVEILING

### Large Number Of Oxford and Granville County People Go To Raleigh.

Raleigh was the scene of all school teachers of the State Wednesday and Thursday, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Teachers' Assembly and the unveiling of the Aycock Memorial in Capital Square. More than one hundred tickets were sold here by the Southern and Seaboard roads and hundreds from the county made the trip by auto. The following Oxford teachers were present Thursday: Prof. C. G. Credle, Prof. W. W. Barnhart, Coach W. L. Liveness, J. P. Webb, Misses Carrie Fuller, Sadie Vinson, Saith Webb, Ella Clegg, Celia Benson, Sarah Coleman, Mrs. J. B. Booth, Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Misses Lila Curran, Edith Phillips, Fannie Webster, Helen Seaton, Ade Michael, Flossy Pruden, Edna Crews, Jeannette Biggs.

## MR. R. S. TURNER DEAD

### Passed Away At His Home In Henderson This Morning.

Mr. R. S. Turner, of Hyde son uncle of our townman, Mr. Hubert Turner, died at his home in Henderson this morning. The funeral arrangements had not been announced at this hour.

## MATERNITY CONFERENCE

### Conference Will Be Held In Oxford Next Wednesday.

Miss Lillian Tilley, of the county, announces that a maternity and infancy conference will be held in the new brick building next Wednesday, and on Creedmoor on the following Tuesday.

## Land Being Broken For Spring Planting

All over Granville county thrifty farmers have been taking advantage of the recent favorable weather to break up their ground preparation to the usual spring planting. Tobacco plants and cotton seed will not be put in for some weeks yet, but it is necessary that the ground be plowed and well broken up in advance of planting, and that is what is going on just now.

Tobacco plant beds are complete in most instances and indications now are for an ample supply of plants to take care of the acreage that will be put in this year. Recent rains, and particularly the two snows, have given the much needed moisture in preparation for the crops, and the coming favorable weather will now see hundreds of farmers behind the plows.

## BROGDON SPLITS THE STATE BAPTIST VOTE

### The McLeanites Play the Smartest Kind Of Politics.

(Raleigh Correspondent)

A. W. McLean's selection of Willis J. Brogden, Durham attorney, as his campaign manager, has made a hit in Raleigh, and the almost universal expression following the announcement is that it was the smartest kind of politics. As a Baptist, Mr. Brogden is all wool and a yard wide, and if he don't split the denominational vote the faithful will want to know the reason why.

It will probably be ten days or more before Mr. A. Bailey announces his choice of a manager and April first before he turns his campaign over and throws headquarters wide open. Until then, he will manage his own campaign and speak here and there. After April first, he will follow a schedule calling for about ninety speeches in less than seventy days.

## FARMERS WILL PAY CASH FOR FERTILIZER

### To Take Advantage Of Low Prices On Cash Basis.

Indications are that the farmers of Granville county will use more fertilizer this year than in former years, and many of them will pay spot cash for their requirements. The cash price is made so attractive that the farmers will find themselves doing a wise thing, it is felt, in paying cash where possible, and the recognized need for soil fertility will be taken care of this year in that manner, it is believed.

Fertilizer in 1924 is selling a few dollars cheaper per ton making it possible for the thrifty farmer to use more to greater advantage than heretofore.

## SNOW IS BIG HELP TO COMING CROPS

### Stops Budding Of Trees and Works For Better Fruit Crops.

The snow that fell this week will be a great help to growing crops. Few crops have been put in as yet, however, and there is very little that can be damaged by the colder weather.

Those who are keeping in close touch with the fruit situation had the snow with delight. The milder weather of last week caused some swelling of buds on many fruit trees, and another week of such weather would have seen the trees well on their way toward putting out the new spring foliage. A cold snap after that would have played havoc with the fruit. This cold snap sets the fruit crop back slightly, and enhances the prospect for delayed budding and consequent possible killing by frosts or freezes.

## DR. WELLS ARRIVES

### Will Open Drug Store At The Head Of Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wells and family, who have moved to Oxford from Mullins, West Virginia. They will occupy the bungalow being built by Mr. R. C. Strong on Williamsboro street. They are receiving a most cordial welcome to Oxford.

Dr. Wells has bought the J. N. Pittman drug store and fixtures in the store in the Odd Fellows building, and will reopen the store this week.

Mrs. Wells is a sister of our townsmen, Messrs. Aubrey and George Moore.

## How Long Can Chicken Live Without Water

### Mr. C. H. Cheatham Has a Rooster That Fasted For Three Weeks.

The question of how long a chicken can live without either food or water is only partly solved by the finding of a rooster the other day which had been in a rabbit gum for three weeks. The rooster belonged to Mr. C. H. Cheatham, Route 3. It disappeared some time ago and 21 days later Mr. Cheatham chanced to find the old bird entrapped in a rabbit box.

When the rooster was liberated from the trap it flapped its wings, crowed lustily three times and made a bee-line for the barnyard and the hydrant, where the old hens gave him a hearty reception. The rooster was fat and plump when he went into confinement, and came out thin and spry, it is said.

## 326 MILLION IS ASKED IN NEW BILL FOR ARMY

### Needed To Maintain 12,000 Officers and 125,000 Men—Measure Carries \$7,000,000 For Continuing Work On Muscle Shoals Dam.

Washington, March 13.—Maintenance for another year of the regular Army at the present strength of 12,000 commissioned officers and 125,000 enlisted men, is recommended in the Army appropriation bill.

As reported to the House, the measure carries \$326,224,993, or \$16,224,268 less than last year's appropriation and \$3,362,778 less than the budget estimate.

The bill carries an item of \$7,000,000 for continuing work on dam number two at Muscle Shoals, with an additional contract authorization of \$3,040,390, and provides \$10,000,000 for flood control on the Mississippi and \$500,000 for similar work on the Sacramento River.

## LIBRARY SERVICE FOR GRANVILLE CO.

Mrs. Lillian Griggs, Secretary and Director in the North Carolina Library Commission, will deliver a lecture on "Library Service for Granville County," in the Club House on Tuesday afternoon, March 18, at 3:30. This is a subject which should appeal to every citizen and a large attendance is urged. Mrs. Griggs is well informed on the subject of Library Work and can give us some help in organizing and enlarging our Oxford Library. She comes at the invitation of the Library and Literature Department of the Woman's Club. Do not forget the day and hour; Tuesday at 3:30 at the Club House.

## Great Blizzard of '88 36 Years Ago Today

### Oxford Was Snowbound For Three Days.

By reference to the files of the Public Ledger we find that the snow storm that visited this section last Tuesday was gentle in comparison to the Great Blizzard that swept down from the North on March 11th, 1888, and lasted until the 14th, piling up mountains of snow against the houses. "The Seaboard main line trains were abandoned for two days between Norfolk and Raleigh, and many people in this section and Virginia, who could not get help, died from hunger and cold," according to the old newspaper files.

## AUSTIN SPENCER IS RECOVERING

### Moved His Hips Yesterday For The First Time Since Stricken Down.

Mr. Austin Spencer, the popular city mail carrier who was paralyzed several weeks ago while in the discharge of duties at the Oxford post office, is on the road to recovery. Stretched upon a cot at Brantwood Hospital, where he has lain for several weeks with little hopes of recovery, moved his hips yesterday for the first time since he was stricken down. He has made a brave fight, and when he saw that he could move his hips and "work a toe" he exclaimed that he "will get well."

## PET COON STRAYS

### Left Raleigh Six Weeks Ago; Captured Near Oxford This Week.

Mr. Oakley, who resides on Oxford Route 6, caught a coon in a steel trap one morning this week. The coon was wearing a collar, on which was the following inscription: "W. D. Lee, Raleigh, N. C."

In the correspondence that followed Mr. Dorsey Oakley learned from Mr. Lee that the coon left Raleigh six weeks ago; that he adventured for the coon several times, but this was the first information received.

## BAILEY TALKS TO HIS NEIGHBORS

### THOSE WHO EXPECTED HIM TO RANT ARE DISAPPOINTED

### Makes No Attacks Upon Individuals; Talks Of 'Machine,' Taxes and Freight Rates.

(Raleigh Correspondent)

Raleigh and Wake county neighbors of Josiah W. Bailey filled the courthouse tonight to hear his "opening gun" in his campaign for governor. Joseph B. Cheshire, local attorney, presided, and N. A. Dunn, local merchant, introduced him.

### Hits the Machine.

His opening campaign speech was an elaboration of his previous addresses on the "machine," taxes and freight rates. He is trying to get away from the "machine," he said, but he passed a few remarks uncomplimentary to the "political power." High fight on the "machine" is nothing less than symbolic of the great public uprising against these powers he intimated. "Kings are falling in Europe," he told his audience.

### Would Change Tax System.

On taxes, he stood for the farmers and sympathized with them in the great burdens they bear. The state government, he suggested, is responsible for high taxes; the state confiscated all sources of taxation off property. He would have the state return some of the sources to the counties or bear some of the burdens. He did not propose new sources for either the counties or the state.

### Increase Franchise Tax.

Mr. Bailey's remedy for excessive freight rates was very plain. What the state needs is a governor who will increase the franchise tax of the roads if they do not lower rates. Then, too, he finds there is a need for a trunk line railroad running east and west.

### Lawyers' Fees.

He succeeded quite well in refraining from attacks on individuals. Speaking once of the power of the governor's office and its patronage, he said he understood the present governor had over \$100,000 during his administration to pay out in lawyers' fees.

### State Officials Present.

Chairman John G. Dawson, of the democratic state executive committee, was in the audience. Secretary of State W. N. Everett was there also. Both are reputed to be McLean men, but they enjoyed the speech along with a good many other McLeanites who were present. He spoke for an hour and a half.

## HOUSTON MENTIONED AS PROMINENT DARK HORSE

### Native Of North Carolina and Cabinet Officer Under Wilson Subject Of Talk.

Washington, March 11.—North Carolinians here are manifesting keen interest in a report from the north and east that David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture and later of the treasury under President Wilson, is going to be a prominent dark horse candidate for the presidency. It is understood that Mr. Wilson told friends that Mr. Houston would be a good chief executive.

Mr. Houston is not popular in some sections of the south because of certain acts while secretary of the treasury to put the finances of the country on a normal and sound foundation. He is a man of great ability, learning, fine character and superb courage. He is not the kind to whoop up the boys, but to make an appeal to intelligent people.

Mr. Houston was born in North Carolina, educated in South Carolina and taught in Texas and Missouri. He is now in New York.

## KITE SEASON IS ON

### Boys Call For Stout Twine and Paper.

Two or three enthusiastic young American sports called at the Public Ledger office this week to get some stiff paper to make kites. "One of the boys had a ball of stout cotton cord, which he stated was a mile long. The March winds is the time to fly a kite, said the boy, and he hopes to make a kite six feet long and three feet wide with a tail ten yards in length."

## THE DEFUNCT BANK AT VIRGINIA, VA.

### Date Of Hearing Set For Next Thursday.

Virginia, Va., March 13.—Mr. Henry Ford, assistant cashier of the Bank of Virginia, was arrested last week by Deputy Bass. He went to Halifax and gave bond for \$15,000 for appearance at court.

The last reported shortage of the bank was \$200,000 and the audit still incomplete.

## AN EXCITING CHASE AFTER A WHISKEY CAR

### CONSTABLE E. N. BRAGG IN HOT PURSUIT

### Three Men On a High-Power Packard Touring Car, Wearing a Virginia License, Evaded Arrest.

Yesterday morning a brand new Packard touring car, in which was seated three well-dressed men, parked in front of Crenshaws Garage on Hillsboro street. While nosing around the car some one smelled a first-class brand of whiskey and hastened to inform Constable Ernest N. Bragg of the discovery. Before leaving the court house Officer Bragg deputized Bob Walker and Ernest Hunt to get a car and follow him to the Crenshaw Garage. Bragg and the other two officers met at the garage just in time to see the Packard car move off in the direction of the Southern depot. Bragg directed his two lieutenants, who were driving a Ford car, to take the shortest route and head them off, but when they arrived at the depot the Packard Car was passing through Elmwood Cemetery at the rate of 50 miles an hour.

Supposing that the whiskey car was on its way down the National Highway, the officers returned to the business section with the intention of phoning to officers at Stem and Durham, but instead of turning down the National Highway at the cemetery gate, the whiskey car returned in the direction of the business section of the town, where the officers again spotted it. Seeing that the officers were still on the job, the Packard car turned down Granville street, where Fords dare not go in muddy weather. As it passed through Cam Town the car threw mud as high as the houses and frightened the colored people. At the south end of Granville street the whiskey car turned up Front street in the direction of Oxford College.

Hoping to head the car off Officer Bragg and his deputies took a short cut for the intersection of Raleigh road and Front streets. General Royster's corner, but when they arrived at that point they saw the Packard car a quarter of a mile ahead of them down the Henderson road.

Realizing that a Ford car could not hold a light to a high-power Packard car, the officers returned to the business section and phoned to the Henderson police department to head them off, but the whiskey car did not show up in Henderson.

Officer Bragg is as sore as a hornet because he could not place the three men in the clutches of the law.

## J. ELMER LONG FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR

### Jno. W. Hester Speaks In Behalf Of the Durham Lawyer.

Editor Public Ledger: I have never before advocated the candidacy of any man running for a state office through the columns of a newspaper. But in this instance I am going to ask of you the space of a few lines in advocacy of the candidacy of J. Elmer Long, of Durham, N. C., for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Long is a man not very well known to the people of this county; otherwise there would be no occasion for his friends to say anything, in behalf of his candidacy. His ability, integrity and high character generally would be all the advocates needed.

Mr. Long is a young man, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, a lawyer of varied and extensive practice and a legislator of experience, having served in the House two terms from Alamance County and two terms in the Senate from the district embracing Alamance, Caswell, Orange and Durham. Knowing Mr. Long as I do, I have no hesitancy in saying that the people of Granville can do no better than vote for him in the coming primary. The office of Lieutenant Governor has been neglected in the selection of men to fill it, resulting recently in considerable embarrassment to the Democratic party. But J. Elmer Long will reflect credit on the party, and will bring with him dignity and efficiency, and in the event of the death of the Governor, the chief magistracy of the state would be in safe and sane hands.

## MISS C. E. HESTER DEAD

### Interment At Creedmoor Yesterday Afternoon.

Miss Clyde Elizabeth Hester, of Creedmoor, died at Watts Hospital, Durham, last Tuesday night from a chronic case of appendicitis. The funeral was at Creedmoor yesterday afternoon. Besides her father and mother, Miss Hester is survived by one brother and five sisters. They are: Joseph E. Hester, Maurice, Annie Britt, Vivian May, Mary Swain and Edith Winston Hester.

## COL. WM. LASSITER'S REMAINS WILL REACH WASHINGTON MONDAY

### The Interment Will Be In the National Cemetery At Arlington.

The remains of Col. William Lassiter, who died in Los Angeles, Calif., last Tuesday morning, are enroute to Washington City, where they will be laid to rest in Arlington cemetery next Monday. Accompanying the remains from the Pacific coast are Mr. R. W. Lassiter and his daughter, Mrs. Berkeley Simmons, of Washington, brother and niece of Col. Lassiter. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. G. Lassiter and Mr. B. K. Lassiter, nephews of Col. Lassiter, will leave for Washington next Sunday, accompanied by other near relatives of the deceased.

Col. Lassiter was 73 years of age. He entered West Point Military Academy at an early age, and when he received his commission he was assigned to the Indian campaign in the West. It is said that he was entirely fearless and one of the most graceful riders and popular officers in the service. At the end of the Indian Wars he was assigned to special duties in the Department of the East and spent much time in Washington.

Col. Lassiter was born in Oxford and spent his boyhood days here. On entering the army his duties were such as to claim his entire attention and it was seldom that he had time to visit the old home town, which he often referred to as the dearest spot on earth.

Having attained the age of retirement, the War Department placed Col. Lassiter on the retired list a few years ago. He finds a fitting resting place in Arlington Cemetery, overlooking the Potomac, at the side of his wife, who died several years ago.

## HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TO BE HELD MARCH 28

### Five Schools In Granville Enroll For the Contest.

High school debaters in 250 high schools scattered through all sections of the state are now making preparations for the approaching contest of the high school debating union of North Carolina.

The triangular debates will be held throughout the state on March 28, according to an announcement made by E. R. Rankin, secretary and the final contest for the Aycock memorial cup will be held at the university on April 10 and 11.

The query which will be discussed this year by all the schools taking part in the contest is: Resolved, That the inter-allied war debts should be cancelled. An extension bulletin on this subject, containing a statement of the query with limitations, a brief of the subject under discussion, a bibliography of the subject, and selected articles bearing on both sides of the question, has been issued by the university extension division, and copies of the bulletin have been forwarded to the member schools of the high school debating union of North Carolina.

The high school debating union is conducted under the auspices of the Societies and the University extension division of the University of North Carolina. It was organized in the fall of 1912, and this year's contest will thus mark the twelfth in the history of the movement. Winners of the Aycock Memorial Cup in the past have included: The Pleasant Garden high school, 1913; the Winston-Salem high school, 1914; the Graham high school, 1916; the Waynesville high school, 1917; the Wilson high school, 1918; the Durham high school, 1919; the Asheville high school, 1920; the Durham high school, 1922, and the Elizabeth City high school, 1923.

Granville County has enrolled five schools. The contestants of the Oxford High School under the careful guidance of Prof. Walter Barnhart, are leaving no stones unturned. They are searching the libraries, magazines, files of newspapers and all manner of publications for articles bearing upon the query. This was the first call for the files of the Congressional Record the Public Ledger has had for some time.

## MRS. C. E. GOOCH DEAD

### Mrs. Mary Esther Gooch, wife of G. E. Gooch, of Knapp of Reeds Section, Died at Watts Hospital, Durham, Yesterday.

Surviving her are her husband, four children, Estelle, Howard, Farnk, and Carmena Gooch; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dixon, of Granville county; one brother, John Dixon, of Granville county, two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Veazey and Mrs. Otho Curl, both of Granville. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her father with Rev. Mr. Joynt officiating. Interment will be in the family burying ground.