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COUNTY AGENT TALKING COTTON TO FARMERS

Visits North Granville With District Agent McCrary.
County Agent J. H. Blackwell remarked yesterday that it is gratifying to know that the farmers of the county are getting out of the old ruts and are turning their attention to diversification. Speaking of cotton, Mr. Blackwell said that two money crops are better than one.
O. F. McCrary, district demonstration agent, with headquarters in Raleigh, spent a couple of days in the county this week with County Agent Blackwell. Their visit to Virgilina Wednesday revealed the fact that there is much interest manifested in that section on the part of the farmers.
There is one trouble here, as well as elsewhere, remarked the district agent, namely, that the farmers do not stress the importance of good seeds. They are prone to take the advice of some one who has old seed for sale, he said, rather than to invest in standard seed. Agent Blackwell finds the same conditions here in Oxford. Some men here, he said, who know very little about cotton farming advise the farmers what kind of seed and the amount of fertilizer to use.
It occurs to the Public Ledger that conflicting advice of this kind impairs the usefulness of the Demonstration Agent, who is on the job all the time and is ready to render expert advice on all matters pertaining to growing crops. He needs the support of every one in his great undertaking.

A PLEA FOR THE BIRDS

This morning my attention was called to the fact that, not only the little boys, but the men, were killing the robins. The boys for sport, and the men for the pleasure of eating them. I could hardly believe it all though the beautiful robin red breast, is a rare visitor on our lawns, now days. I was asked as chairman of Forestry, to take steps to stop this thoughtless sport. I took it up with the town authorities and found it to be against the law to shoot in town, and also against the law to kill robins in anyway. So friends take note of this and join me in an effort to take care of, and promote the life of the beautiful bird that God has given us to add joy and song to our earth, especially in spring. What would this world be without the birds? I have love birds of every kind, I love their merry twitter and song, I love to see them flying about among the trees around our homes, to study their habits, to watch them build their nests, and I love the little boys that shoot them, and too, I do not believe they will do it any more, after their attention has been called to the fact that they are destroying our beautiful bird life.
Now boys let us all pull together and take care of our birds, especially robins. Feed them if you please, put out water for them to drink, and hang some strings on the garden fence or bushes for them to use in nest building. Then watch them fly up into the tall trees with the strings. I tell you, it is more fun than killing them. Don't go near the nest or touch the eggs, wait till the baby robins come down on the lawn, then watch them learn to fly. I am sure you will.
BONNIE W. BRYAN,
Chairman of Forestry.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL IN SOUTH GRANVILLE

Moonshiners Leave Still With Jugs In Hand.
Officers M. C. Klapp and Bob Walker captured two stills last Wednesday in South Granville. The stills were in full blast when the officers came upon them, and when they heard the officers approaching they made a hasty retreat through the woods with jugs in hand, where they entered an auto and made their getaway. The officers destroyed 400 gallons of beer and dismantled the stills.

ONE OF TRIPLETS OF MRS. RAMSEY DEAD

The Other Two Are Strong and Healthy.
One of the triplets born to Mrs. R. H. Ramsey six months ago died in Washington yesterday. It will be remembered that Mrs. Ramsey died after the birth of the three children. She was the sister of Mr. John W. Hester of Oxford.
The children have been living with friends in Washington. Two of the triplets are strong and healthy, but the one that died yesterday was never strong, and despite the best of nursing and medical attention it passed away.

Interesting Sketch Of Col. Wm. Lassiter

SPENT FIFTY YEARS IN ARMY OF HIS COUNTRY

Thrice Given Up For Dead, He Lived To Fight—Born In Oxford and Laid To Rest In Arlington.
(Los Angeles Times, Mch. 13)
There goes East to a plot in Arlington Cemetery today the body of an old soldier of the Old Army, Col. William Lassiter, retired, who died here Monday in the Westgate Hotel, technically of pneumonia, in fact from a weakness following exposure in the Indian Wars.
In more than fifty years of service he trod among the dying embers of one war, fought in two others and at 68 years of age, when his country called again, rejoined the colors to take charge, during the World War, of the military department of the California School of Agricultural Science.
Gen. Grant appointed him to West Point, Myers was his commander in the Indian Wars, Custer was his contemporary. Three times he was given up for dead and as often listed for retirement, but disability was a word not to be found in the lexicon of that generation and, when his time came, he died as he had predicted, on his feet—and in the arms of his brother.
On its arrival at Washington, the body will pass into the keeping of the War Department and will be buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery, where the colonel's widow awaits him.
Born In Old South.
Col. Lassiter was born seventy-three years ago at Oxford, N. C. He was the second cadet appointed after the Civil War to the United States Military Academy from a Southern State, and his first service was a tour of police duty in Louisiana. In his old age, he used to say that the most trying hours he ever passed were spent in a Louisiana Courthouse, locked up all one night, with a squad of soldiers under arms, waiting to be called out to suppress disorders expected during the Hayes-Tilden recount.
Fording the Red River, one day while still in Louisiana, his horse bolted. He caught at the bridle, missed it; clutched the stirrup, stumbled; was dragged off his feet and kicked in the head. Covered with blood, he was carried unconscious to the nearest tavern and left there for dead by his squad.
It happened that a country doctor, riding by, heard the story, stopped to look at the "dead man," found that three square inches of his skull had been "crushed in," but that he was still alive. Trepanning relieved the pressure on his brain and Lieut. Lassiter recovered.
Dies On His Feet.
They told him he would never sit on a horse again; his regimental surgeon tried to have him retired. In the thirty years that followed, two other surgeons tried to tell Lassiter the same thing. He only smiled and said in his gentle southern way that he "reckoned it wasn't as bad as they thought," and went back to work.
Promotion came slowly in the Old Army. Twenty years saw Capt. Lassiter in the Sixteenth Infantry, fighting Indians under Col. Myers. Incidentally, he was nearly frozen in a winter blizzard and virtually lost the use of his right lung, when pneumonia set in.
For the rest of his life that lung bothered him. Whenever he caught cold, it pained him. Sometimes the pain was so intense that it pricked him to his feet. "I shall die this way," he sometimes said, and he did. Catching cold in San Francisco last week, wet to the skin in a rainstorm, he rapidly developed pneumonia, immediately after his return to Los Angeles last Saturday. Death came to him almost instantaneously, just after his brother had raised him to his feet, to ease his breathing.
Long At Salt Lake.
For eleven years after the Indian Wars he was stationed at Salt Lake where prior to the admission of Utah to the Union, he had organized the State Guard, which he used to say afterward, "was the finest body of picked men he ever had seen. By special request of Utah's first Governor, he remained two years more in Salt Lake on the Governor's staff. The Spanish War found him at Fort Sherman, Idaho. He reached Cuba in time to take a Maudslowi bullet through the right lung, just over the liver. A Spanish marksman, shooting from ambush in a tree, picked him off as he was lying in a trench, on San Juan Hill.
All night he lay in that trench, given up for dead again. Instead, he recovered sufficiently to acquire yellow fever, but he was back on his feet in time to muster out the Seventy-First New York Volunteers at Monak Point.
Then his regiment was ordered

McLEAN ANNOUNCES PLATFORM IN RACE FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Opens His Headquarters In The Yarrow—W. J. Brogden, Of Durham, Is His Manager—Across The Street, On Another Corner, Is Bailey's Headquarters.

(Raleigh Correspondent)
The headquarters of Angus Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, which were opened in the Yarrowborough this week, already shows signs of activity on the part of old line Democrats from all parts of the State who find their way to the Capitol City and desire to shake hands with the candidate for governor. The headquarters are located in rooms 201-203 at the Yarrowborough. C. H. English, former private secretary to the late Claud Kitchin, and W. J. Brogden, popular lawyer of Durham, arrived Wednesday to take charge. In addition to Mr. Brogden and Mr. English, J. Dickson McLean, nephew and law partner of the candidate, will spend the greater part of his time between now and the primary in the state headquarters.
Bailey Headquarters.
Across the street, on another corner, Bailey headquarters have been opened and A. J. Flecker, local lawyer, is in charge pending the announcement of the Bailey manager, who is expected to take charge of the campaign on April 1. Activity is also noted in the Bailey camp.
Mr. McLean's Policy.
Aspiring to give the estate "a safe and sane yet thoroughly progressive

LIBRARY NEEDS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

Mrs. Lillian Griggs, Of The Library Commission, Addressed The Oxford Woman's Club On The Subject.

One of the most delightful and instructive meetings of the Woman's Club during the winter was held Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Lillian Griggs, of Raleigh, secretary of the Library Commission, addressed an appreciative audience on Library Needs of Granville County. Mrs. W. T. Yancey, Chairman of the Literature and Library Department, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Tom Woods accompanied by Mrs. Walter Crews, sang a lovely solo. In introducing Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Yancey stated that she was an authority on Library Work, one who could tell us of the needs in Granville County. Mrs. Griggs delighted her hearers, all of whom are interested in hearing plans by which an enlarged and public library may be established in Granville. The speaker told of the wonderful work being done by the Library Commission, by means of which Oxford and Granville may establish this long felt need. It is thought by all that renewed energy and interest will be put forth by those most interested in this big public work, which will add so greatly to the Welfare of all the citizens of both Oxford and Granville.

THE NEW SAFETY SLOGAN

Just Four Small, Simple Little Words.

Sometime ago the American Railway Association offered a prize for the best slogan to be created at railroad crossings over the country, and the reward has just been made. The prize-winning slogan is: "Wait—You may Lose." It is impressive, if you will study it for a moment, for most accidents at railway crossings come through the driver trying to beat the train. No, when they approach a crossing, and while debating whether to enter a race with the train, the slogan shouts out: "Wait—You May Lose." Just four words, but as full of truth as a passage from Holy Writ. Far stronger in warning power than "Stop, Look and Listen" or "Watch Out For The Cars." Just four small, simple little words, yet words strong enough to cut down the population of our cemeteries and save many heartaches if drivers only heed their powerful warning: "Wait—You Might Lose."

MRS. D. C. HUNT AT BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL

She Is Recovering From An Operation.
Many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. D. C. Hunt is quite ill. She underwent an operation at Brantwood Hospital last Tuesday morning. Assisting with the operation were Dr. L. S. Booker and Dr. Hunter Sweeney of Durham. According to late reports from the hospital Mrs. Hunt is resting as well as could be expected.

CAN OXFORD AFFORD TO EXPERIMENT?

A WORD AS TO OXFORD'S WATER SUPPLY

Editor Public Ledger:
The question of a water supply for the town of Oxford is a matter of concern to every citizen of the town, and the tax-payer should be interested to the extent of requiring of the authorities the assurance of a supply not for to-day and tomorrow, but for the next 50 or more years. To get this supply the town must bond itself to the amount of probably \$200,000 or more. If a mistake is made, the money expended is largely wasted money. The town now requires about 225,000 gallons daily and the time is not distant when its daily requirements will reach 500,000 gallons, to say nothing of its ultimate needs, which will run into the millions of gallons daily.
Now, Jordan or Hicks Creek has a flow of about 225,000 daily in normal weather, which amounts to our daily consumption now. But this stream can't be used for the reason that the Ray Development sewer, the Hospital sewer, Orphanage sewer and the town sewer all empty into this stream, and to go above where these sewers empty into the stream for the supply of water would leave no water with which to flush these various sewers—and the state board of health would never permit the creation of such a source of pollution.
And to go to the stream on which is located Cheatham's Mill will not afford an adequate supply of water, as that stream has only about 300,000 gallons daily flow in normal weather—only enough for the present needs, which should not satisfy those into whose hands the future of the town is intrusted. Furthermore, it would require about 4 miles of pipe lines.
The other source from which the town may get its supply of water is Tar River. It is fortunate that nature has so provided for the needs of the town. Here we have a low-water flow of 2,500,000 gallons daily and a distance of only 6 miles from the corporate limits of the town. Tar River is the source of water supply for Oxford. It may not be selected now, but the day is not distant when it will be realized, though possibly after the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars in an attempt to provide a cheaper source. Why make the experiment?
AN INTERESTED TAX-PAYER.

BERGDOLL TO RETURN

No Agreement To Give Immunity To The Draft Dodger.

Washington, March 20.—War and State Department officials jointly announced that the Washington government would enter no agreement to extend immunity to Grover Bergdoll, as an inducement for his return from Germany. The government has taken no part in steps to have the draft evader return.
New York, March 20.—Low in funds and anxious to recover his fortune, Bergdoll is willing to return to the United States and do his bit in prison as a slacker and ready to expose those who aided him to escape, said Norman Hapgood, editor of Hearst's International Magazine, following receipt of a cablegram from a representative in Berlin.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Get Ready For The Distinguished Visitors.

The Seventh District of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs, of which Mrs. R. G. Lassiter is president, will hold its annual session in Oxford Wednesday, April 23. There will be a number of distinguished women here on that occasion.
On Tuesday, April 22, the Odd Fellows of this district will hold a meeting in Oxford. A large delegation is expected.
The Granville Presbyterian, recently formed and embracing twelve counties and thirty-two churches, will hold a three days' session in Oxford beginning Tuesday, April 22.

The County Jail Is Practically Empty

Deputy Conrad Walters Has Only Two Boarders.

There was only one inmate in the county jail for some time and it began to look as if the prison house would be deserted by the end of the present month, but another black bird was caught in the meshes of the law Wednesday, and now Mr. Walters has two prisoners awaiting the April term of court.

MRS. COUNCIL'S FATHER DEAD

Mr. R. S. Armstrong, the father of Mrs. H. J. Council, died at Emporia, Va., yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Council left this morning to attend the burial at Elm City this afternoon.

STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION MEETS

I. M. Meekins Nominated For Governor—Marion Butler Knocked Out Of The Box—The Session Was Stormy.

(Raleigh Correspondent)
The Republican State Convention met here Wednesday and nominated I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, for Governor, and selected Blair, Meekins, Branham and Parker as delegates to the National Republican convention to be held in Cleveland.
Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, the key-note speaker, lauded "the administration of President Coolidge and the late President Harding. He referred to the present conditions in Washington as shaking the confidence of the people, and declared that a lot of the talk about public official was "jackass propaganda."
A resolution presented by Martin Butler to "Make the State party organization conform to the national organization created considerable debate. On a motion to table, a vote by roll call was demanded, and the resolution to table was carried.
The convention was stormy from beginning to end and left a sore spot on some of the sore backs.

MRS. E. A. HUNT DEAD

Laid To Rest At Salem Church Last Wednesday Afternoon.

Mrs. E. A. Hunt, who was taken with pneumonia last week, died at her home near Salem Church last Tuesday morning, aged 40 years. The doctors battled continuously for four or five days, but the heart-action was not strong enough to carry her through the crisis.
Mrs. Hunt before marriage was Miss Elizabeth Moyer, of South Boston. She was head milliner at Landis & Easton's for two or three seasons, and made many friends in Oxford and county. She is survived by a devoted husband and three small sons, Edwin, Graham and Alfred. She was a member of Salem Methodist Church and was highly esteemed by the congregation and the whole neighborhood for her many christian virtues. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the grief-stricken husband and the three little boys.
The funeral and burial was at Salem Church last Wednesday afternoon. The ceremonies were conducted by Pastor N. B. Strickland, who was assisted by Rev. L. H. Joyner, of Stem, former pastor at Salem Church, and by Rev. Hudson, pastor of Island Creek Baptist Church.
The active pallbearers were: Oscar Breedlove, Will Landis, L. T. Breedlove, A. A. Hicks, T. G. Curran, W. Z. Mitchell, B. W. Parham. The honorary pallbearers were: Dr. A. Salls, Dr. N. C. Daniel, Hamlin Cheatham, C. G. Mangum, M. F. Adcock, George Barnes, E. B. Parham, James Parham, D. N. Hunt, Cam Easton, Calvin Breedlove, Samuel Hobgood, A. B. Hart, Sam Holeman, Dr. E. T. White, E. E. Fuller, John W. Hester, Josh King.

BONUS BILL PASSES HOUSE THIRD TIME

Washington, March 18.—The house today for the third time in four years passed a soldier bonus bill. The vote was 355 to 54 and was taken after 40 minutes debate.

Twenty speakers took the floor during the brief period, however, advocates of a full cash payment option assailing the rule under which the bill was taken up, which limited debate and prevented the offering of amendments. "Die hard" of both parties declared against the measure on principle, while proponents argued it was a measure which would become law.
The measure provides for paid-up 20-year and endowment life insurance policies and cash payments to veterans entitled to not more than \$50 in adjusted service credit. Provisions of the old bill for vocational training and farm or home aid are eliminated.

CREEDMOOR'S NEW POLICE OFFICER

Mr. W. O. Bowling of Rougemont Has Been Elected Policeman of Creedmoor and Entered upon His Duties Last Monday.

Mr. W. O. Bowling of Rougemont has been elected policeman of Creedmoor and entered upon his duties last Monday. He was formerly on the Durham police force and is a good man.

EQUINOCTIAL GALES

The sun rose this morning at 6.03 and sets this evening at 6.12. Equinox is determined by the time the sun enters one of the two equinoctial points when the days and nights are equal in duration and rain and wind is usually the result.

McADOO LEADS UNDERWOOD IN GEORGIA

Presidential Primary Figures Show McAdoo, 91,682; Underwood, 49,945.

Atlanta, March 20.—Complete and partial returns from all but two of the 160 counties of the state late today showed William G. McAdoo leading Oscar Underwood by almost two to one in yesterday's primary, for the Democratic preference.
Returns complete from 137 counties and incomplete from 17, gave McAdoo 91,682; Underwood 49,945. Elections were not held in four counties.

C. & M. HOSIERY MILL

WILL BE READY TO START IN TEN DAYS

Everything Is New and Modern and the Working Conditions Are Ideal.
The C. & M. Hosiery Mill, located at the corner of New College and Rectory streets, will start up in about ten days, said Mr. Charles Cohn, one of the promoters. The buildings have been remodeled and made new with a view of health comfort and expediency. The machinery is all new and of the most modern type, such as is used in the large manufacturing centers.
The mill will start up in ten days with a force of forty men and women and increased to 75 as soon as the new beginners qualify to take higher positions and make room for others.
It is hoped that all the force needed can be had from the town and county. The working conditions are ideal; the work is light and clean and the pay of the operatives is increased as they are promoted and assigned to larger responsibilities. The fore ladies of ability and pleasant personality will set an example for those who are under the supervision.
The citizens of Oxford are justly proud of this new enterprise. More manufacturing plants with substantial payrolls is what is needed in Oxford, and it is hoped that all of the operatives can be supplied here at home.
It will be seen on the back page of this paper that the C. & M. wants 40 people at once, and there is no earthly reason why the most fastidious cannot accept good, clean wholesome work at good wages.

COL. BALLOU MOVES TO HIS SUMMER HOME

On the National Highway Near Clarksville.

Many friends in Oxford will be glad to know Col. W. B. Ballou is this week preparing to move his family from his residence in Richmond to his summer home on the National Highway near Clarksville, overlooking the two picturesque rivers.
His summer home puts him in close touch with his headquarters in Richmond and the tobacco interests in Virginia, the Carolinas and other states. The people of Oxford hope to see more of the Colonel and his excellent family.

B. Y. P. U. STUDY CLASS

Under the Direction Of Miss Kathleen Covington.

The Baptist Young People's Union held a three days' study course in the Oxford Baptist Church this week. Miss Kathleen Covington, of the high school faculty, director of the work, with Miss Pearl Taylor in charge of the intermediate department, and Miss Bernice Ustry in charge of the senior department. The services came to a close last night and those who passed the examinations were given rewards.

PROF. M. C. S. NOBLE COMING NEXT WEEK

Will Deliver Commencement Address At Fredrick School Next Monday Night.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, will deliver the commencement address at the Frederick School next Monday night at 7:30. There will be a play presented the same evening by the elementary department, and on Wednesday evening there will be a play given by the Senior department. All friends of the school are invited.

Two Strong Boys Want Good Homes

Welfare Officer J. E. Jackson requests the Public Ledger to announce that he has two strong boys that he wishes to find good homes for, aged 15 and 16. They would be valuable help on the farm, said Mr. Jackson.