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THE SOLDIERS CAPTURE THE TOWN OF OXFORD AND THE GIRLS CAPTURE THE SOLDIERS

Washington, Durham, Henderson and Warrenton Companies Guests of the Oxford Home Military Company.

do you see finer soldiers than the officers and men who composed the 120th Infantry, composed of five companies from the following: Oxford, Warrenton, Henderson, Durham and Burlington. Our annual field meet of this kind here last Friday and with the inspiring events. Major J. W. Jenkins, of Henderson, who presided at the meet, included other national guard officers. Those attending the meet included: Maj. A. E. Worsham, of Henderson; Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., of Oxford; Capt. C. A. Copeland, of Burlington, Col. E. A. Newell, Henderson, and Capt. E. H. Harden, of Concord. The staff officers present were: Maj. J. W. Jenkins, Henderson; Major Gordon Smith, Raleigh; Col. Don Scott, Graham; Maj. J. B. Mays, Jr., Oxford; Maj. Kenneth E. Caldwell, Lieut. Hardy M. Ray, Lieut. E. E. Fuller.

After the Battalion was drawn up, Major T. G. Stem, extended a hearty welcome to the visiting soldiers, and extended the keys of Oxford to the officers. The battalion then marched in parade formation to the ball park in South Oxford where it passed in review.

Prizes Awarded.

There were 16 events on the program. The first prize was awarded to Company "A," Burlington, in command of Captain W. V. Copeland, winning a total of 68 2-3 percent. This company was awarded a silver trophy cup by the Oxford Rotary Club. Second place was awarded first battalion headquarters company, of Oxford, in command of Lieutenant E. E. Fuller, winning a total of 65 2-3 percent and was given a pennant. The judges were Major Kenneth E. Caldwell, Capt. C. H. Barlow and Capt. S. Silvers. The prizes were presented by Mr. Ben K. Lassiter, president of the Oxford Rotary Club and Major T. G. Stem presented the Pennant, which was won by the Oxford Company.

The Barbecue.

After the sporting events the battalion with the Oxford Rotary club as guests, met in the armory, where a delightful barbecue was served by the young ladies of the town. Major Jenkins acted as toastmaster.

A number of short talks were made in which high tribute was paid to the manner in which the field meet was conducted, and the efficiency of the battalion, by visiting officers, Mr. B. W. Parham, in a short talk, thanked the ladies on behalf of the battalion.

WEALTHY MAN DIES AT HOME IN GREENSBORO

(Greensboro Correspondent)

The will of E. Sternberger, who was president of the Revolution cotton mills here at the time of his death last Tuesday at midnight, was filed for probate in the office of the clerk of Guilford Superior Court late Friday afternoon, leaving an estate of more than \$500,000. All of his property, real and personal, goes to his widow, Mrs. Bertha Sternberger, during her life, and at her death to their two daughters Mrs. Blanche Benjamin, of New Orleans, and Miss Emelia Sternberger, of this city.

MILLS IN GASTON USE HUGE AMOUNT COTTON

Mills Have Daily Consumption Of 903 Bales and the Daily Payroll Is \$3,865.

Gastonia, June 2.—Showing a daily consumption of over 903 bales of cotton, a daily payroll of \$3,865 and a total number of mills of 97 for Gaston county, the 1924 industrial survey made by the Gastonia chamber of commerce proves of special interest so far as the textile mills of the county are concerned. Gaston county now ranks as the third in the cotton spinning industry, the other two counties being located in Massachusetts and Rhode Island respectively. Gastonia holds its rank as cotton spinning center of the south, being surpassed in America only by New Bedford, Mass.

The County Financial Statement In Hand

To Be Printed At An Early Date.

The county financial statement is in the hands of the printer and it will appear in the Public Ledger at an early date. It will make about four pages in small type.

ST. JOHN'S DAY COMES ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24

ONLY THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY

The Speaker Of The Day Will Be Dr. W. R. Burrell, Of Monroe—Capt. B. S. Royster Jr., Will Make The Address Of Welcome.

With St. John's Day, June 24, only three weeks away, all is ready at the Oxford Orphanage to receive the thousands of visitors who are invited and expected to be here on this annual occasion.

Many Improvements.

Visitors will find this year more than usual interest in the annual event. Considerable work of building and repair has been going on and changes in the landscape have been made. They will find the Orphanage busier and the landscape more beautiful than ever before.

The Speakers.

The speakers of the day will be Dr. W. R. Burrell, of Monroe, and Mr. E. W. Timberlake, Jr., of Wake Forest will make response to the address of welcome to be made by Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., of Oxford. The physical directors for both boys and girls plan some outdoor work that will be well worth seeing. There will be an abundance of barbecue and refreshments.

A Cordial Welcome.

Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent of the Orphanage in extending the invitation to everybody to come, says:

"It is hardly necessary to say anything to our old friends who knew that they are expected and are most welcome. The rule is that a first visit leads to regular visits. But for the benefit of those who have not yet come to see us, especially Masons and Eastern Stars, let us say that they will find a trip to the Orphanage on the 24th one of the most pleasant experiences of their lives. Masons and Stars owe it to themselves to come here and see what they are doing for the future men and women of the State. It will delight their hearts to have tangible evidence of their good works."

STRANGE CRIME OF TWO CHICAGO ROYS

State's Attorney Says Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, Sons Of Millionaires, Guilty.

Chicago, June 1.—Youthful sons of two Chicago millionaires have confessed the kidnapping and slaying ten days ago of Robert Franks, 13-year-old son of Jacob Franks, another millionaire, according to Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney.

The boys who confessed are Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, both university students and both residing within a few blocks of the Franks' home in a fashionable Southside residential district.

They kidnapped the boy as he walked home from school, strangled him in their automobile, concealed his body and demanded a \$10,000 ransom from the parents, according to Mr. Crowe.

In view of the fact that these two pampered sons of millionaires have always had all their hearts desire, they craved new excitement. The detectives share the belief that the \$10,000 ransom money was significant to the craving for excitement.

DEVOE'S WEATHER FORECAST FOR JUNE

Second to 3d, hot and sultry with thunder storms; danger of hail; 4th to 5th, clearing and cooler; 6th, a storm over the lower Mississippi Valley; 7th to 8th, heavy rains over the Ohio Valley; 9th to 10th, thunder storms followed by clearing; 11th to 13th, warmer; 14th, a hot wave over the Missouri Valley will travel south-eastward; 15th, hot and sultry; 16th sultry. 17th, heavy thunder storms over the Ohio Valley; 18th to 19th, sultry and showery; 20th to 21st, clearing; 22nd to 23rd, cool and pleasant; 24th a hot wave over the Missouri Valley will move south-eastward; 25th to 26th, hot and sultry; 27th, a hot wave will form over the lower Mississippi Valley and travel southward; 28th to 29th; hot and sultry over a large area, 30th, showery.

CANTELOU-ROYSTER

Of interest to Oxford and Granville County people is the approaching marriage of Mr. Pittard Royster of Oxford to Miss Justine Howell Cantelou of Edgefield, cards as follows have been issued:

"Mr. and Mrs. James Rainsford Cantelou request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Justine Howell to Mr. Lucius Pittard Royster on Wednesday afternoon, June the eighteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty four, at six o'clock. At home Edgefield, South Carolina."



ANGUS WILTON McLEAN, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

A real business man, loyal and true Democratic statesman. Held in the highest esteem by former President Woodrow Wilson. Favors strict economy, curtailment of state expenses and reduction of taxes. Pledged to serve all the people, but makes no rash, wild and political promises. Closely connected and identified with the farmers of North Carolina. He has always been their friend.

(Political Advertising)

The Position Taken By Oxford Boys Motor Doctor G. S. Watkins To California

Editor Public Ledger:

Referring to my card regarding our County Board of Education, published in a recent issue, will you kindly give me further space to say that there is no personal issue involved, all the members of the present Board being my friends, and my only desire being the good of our schools and our County. Since writing my card, the following additional facts have been called to my attention:

An audit of the school finances was made by Mr. T. C. Harris, Public Accountant, for the session of 1921-22, and his findings published in the Oxford Public Ledger as required by law. Mr. Harris was also employed to audit the books for 1922-23 but to date has not completed this work.

With regard to excess of expenses of \$95,000.00 for our schools, over receipts, as mentioned by me, I find upon further investigation about \$40,000 of this amount was authorized for running expenses of our schools by the Legislature, and accordingly was spent by the County Board under authority of the Legislature, but the State so far has failed to pay over this sum to the County, leaving the County the bag to hold.

The balance of the debt, about \$55,000, was spent for school buildings which the County Commissioners as well as the Board of Education approved and thought reasonable equipment for our school system.

It was not my intention, and far from my desire, to do anyone an injustice, and being informed my remarks were being interpreted by some so as to reflect upon the integrity of our present Board, in justice to all concerned I am glad to make the above further statement.

G. S. WATKINS, M. D.

Friends in Oxford and Granville will be interested in hearing something about the trip of Hubert Curran and Alvis Hobgood through the West. These two young men left Oxford April 30 and arrived at Los Angeles, California, on May 20, making the entire trip by day light in order to see the wonders on the trip. They traveled by the Lincoln Highway. They stopped at such places of interest at coal mines, the Mississippi River, Colorado Springs, Pike's Peake, 60 miles through orange groves, an island in the ocean, riding on glass bottomed boats, Hollywood. They stopped to see two Oxford boys, Frank Taylor and Cameron Hunt who are making good in the west. Some days they traveled 100 miles without seeing a village or town. They are charmed with the wonderful country and will spend some time there.

H. E. Crews Replies To A. E. Bobbitt

He quotes Bailey as being changeable and advises me not to catch hold of Bailey's tail too strong, if I have been correctly informed you are as changeable as Bailey or more so, for a neighbor of yours told me you said if ever Bailey come out for Governor you would support him. Another man told me he was almost sure he heard you advocating Bailey for Governor in the barber shop. I also learned from a neighbor of yours, you said you had gotten to where you couldn't work and had to have an office. I see very clearly the hole the hog went through. I also learned from a Rino man of yours you worked for Morrison with the promise of pie and didn't get it. I guess that is what you are doing now. Political pie is not used in my home. We have desert pie once a week and that is often enough for poor folks. I am glad to say I don't have to have office to live on. I have laid aside funds enough to take care of wife and I the balance of our days, provided it is not taxed away from us by that machine gang you are working for. I suppose you don't have to pay for your articles, the cash has to accompany my communications. You told me yours was done on a credit. You will never make me believe yours cost you between \$7 and \$8.

Soloman the wisest man that ever lived made the most grievous mistakes. Mr. Bailey makes them too, but I believe they are honest. I throw up my hands and quit now.

H. E. CREWS.

(Political Advertising)

BRILLIANT WEDDING TOMORROW AFTERNOON

St. Stephen's Church will be the scene of a brilliant marriage tomorrow evening at six o'clock, when Miss Mary Elizabeth Niles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Lassiter, becomes the bride of Mr. Paul Stevens of Burlington. Among the out of town guests for the wedding are: Mrs. W. D. Stevens and Miss Helen Stevens, Henry, New York; Henry Stevens, New York City; Mrs. C. M. Foulke, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Simmons, Maury Dove, Lawrence Green, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chatham, Misses Mary Archer Williamson, Margaret Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Williamson, Miss Minnie Williamson, Walter Holt, W. D. Scott, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moulton, Miss Betty Moulton, Hamilton, Mass.; Mrs. Paul Andrews, Newport, R. I.; Oliver Iselim, R. P. Reima, New York City; Clem Strudwick, Hillsboro; Miss Grace DuPre, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ballou, Clarksville.

HONOR MEMORY OF SOLDIERS DEAD

GENERAL ROYSER DELIVERS MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Flowers and Flags Were Placed On the Graves of All Soldiers Who Died In All Wars and Laid To Rest In Oxford Cemeteries.

The business houses were closed last Friday so that all could participate in the Memorial Day exercises, which were held under the Auspices of the Ernest F. Hart Post, American Legion. The celebration began with memorial services in the court-house, which had been attractively decorated with national flags and colors. The service was presided over by J. W. Medford, commander of the local post. Invocation was offered by the post chaplain, Rev. F. F. Comerford, after which the audience sang "America." The post commander gave a few very fitting remarks of welcome after which he introduced the speaker of the day, General B. S. Royster, who in his clear-cut way paid high tribute to the spirit of American patriotism.

General Royster Speaks.

"We pause today to honor our dead heroes, to reflect on their virtue and to pay tribute to their memory," said the General as he began his address which sank deep in the hearts of all present. He told his hearers that the call of Abraham may be justly applied to America, for God has fulfilled his promise and made of America a great nation.

He spoke of the heroism displayed by the American soldiers on foreign fields, and referred to these soldiers as having paid the debt to France back with compound interest. He contrasted the patriotism of the doughboy with the militarism of the German soldiers. "We must use our every energy for peace based on the law of righteousness or civilization is lost and will be turned into a barbarian state." He spoke of the new nationalism that was fused by the late war. As a result of this struggle he declared we should have a new democracy and a new code of ethics. "There is one duty that we must not be unmindful of to those who went and did not return. It can be truly said that their giving the full measure has enriched the world and made it a better place by their going."

With Bowed Heads.

Following the general's address the audience stood with bowed heads for 30 seconds in memory of the heroic dead. The audience then sang "Star Spangled Banner" after which the chaplain pronounced the benediction.

At the Cemeteries.

At the conclusion of the solemn services at the court house the soldiers and a large number of citizens repaired to the old and new cemeteries in Oxford and placed flowers and flags on the graves of soldiers who died in all wars. The services ended with the regulation military salute and the sounding of taps.

Accommodations At Atlantic City

It is stated that Mr. Christ Hagie, of Stovall, intends to spend a few days at Atlantic City this summer. He is a man of strong religious convictions, and before going to the famous resort he made inquiries concerning the churches in Atlantic City, as to their location, etc. An answer to his letter came in due time, and it contained the following desired information:

Baptist Church, located next to the ocean; Episcopal Church, next to the theatre, Presbyterian Church, next to the cold storage; Methodist, next to the Gas plant; Synagogue, next to the Bank.

MR. GARNETT TO WED BRIDE COMES FROM ENGLAND

Mrs. Lucy Hays Furman Will Go To New York To Receive The Bride On Arrival In America.

Mr. A. W. Garnett formerly of Wallasey, Cheshire, England, now a resident of Oxford will go to New York the latter part of this month where on July 1st, he will be married to Miss Florence Bolton of Aintree, Liverpool, England. The marriage will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Miss Bolton on her arrival in the U. S. A. will be received by Mrs. Lucy Hays Furman who will accompany Mr. Garnett to New York.

Mr. Garnett has for several years been connected with The Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., both in North Carolina and South Carolina and has made many friends since he has been living in Oxford.

—The Public Ledger thanks old friend Col. J. H. Morris for a generous supply of strawberries, the finest of the season. They were grown at his home place on Broad street.

Granville County Takes Pride In Its Noble Son

Indications received from various parts of the state are that D. G. Brummitt, Granville's candidate for Attorney General, will be nominated in Saturday's primary. Mr. Brummitt's candidacy was well received from the first, but recent developments make it as sure as political prophecies can be said to be sure that he will be nominated on the first ballot. He will receive almost the unanimous vote of Granville county.

Mr. Brummitt's service as speaker of the lower branch of the Legislature in 1919-20 gave North Carolina its first general introduction to him, though he was well known to most of the public before that. The manner in which he presided over the House drew attention to his ability to fill a position usually beset with many pitfalls. Members of the Legislature and others having to do with that body said that he was fair-minded and utterly impartial in presiding; that was one of the things most frequently said about him. This fairness and impartiality brought him strong friendships and commendatory notice from press and public, for the love of a square deal is universal. He was frequently referred to in such terms as the "coming man," the man who must "be reckoned with in future," etc. Since that time he has been rated one of the state's foremost leaders and his opinions are in demand on public issues.

Mr. Brummitt is particularly well qualified for the office of Attorney General. In his own profession he is known as a lawyer of exceptional ability and he has had considerable experience in an advisory capacity, an experience that will fit in well with the office of Attorney General.

Headed by Judge W. A. Devin the fourteen lawyers of Oxford have unanimously passed resolutions strongly supporting Mr. Brummitt. This endorsement, signed by each of them, says:

"The Oxford Bar most heartily endorses Hon. D. G. Brummitt, of Granville, for the office of Attorney General."

"A diligent student and clear thinker, forceful and convincing in debate, careful and painstaking in business relations and recognized as an able and experienced lawyer, Mr. Brummitt possesses every qualification to fit him for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of the high office to which he aspires."

"Mr. Brummitt is a vigorous campaigner and has always rendered most efficient service to his party since attaining his majority. In him the people would have a worthy successor to the distinguished lawyers who have occupied this important office."

The law is Mr. Brummitt's abiding passion; he has given it the close analytical study so essential to the office for which he is a candidate. His fitness for the position is conceded, not only by those in his own party, but even by those of different political faith. The knowledge of law that he has and the characteristic habit of studying a problem from every angle before decision, will insure the citizens of the state dependable legal service at his hands.

It is gratifying to Mr. Brummitt's friends in the county and elsewhere that his strength is so evident. Granville has produced men to hold high positions in public service and the addition of another to the honor roll will be most pleasing. When big things are to be done, Granville is always looked to for its quota of men capable of doing them.

VETERANS OFF TO MEMPHIS

The old veterans of the county to the number of eighteen or twenty gathered at the local Seaboard station at noon last Sunday and entrained for Henderson where they caught a sleeper from Memphis to attend the Confederate reunion.

In the squad were W. H. White, Commanding; J. H. Morris, R. E. Booth, J. L. Dixon, W. P. Slaughter, P. G. Montague, J. M. Cotton, T. J. Smith, W. E. Veasey, M. A. Gregory, J. W. Cox, J. M. Merritt, L. E. Eastwood, J. F. Hobgood, G. Nutt, W. T. Blackwell, L. C. Wilkerson, W. W. Cox, J. D. Cox, Allie Pruitt.

They will return home next Saturday or Sunday.

HOKE IS ELEVATED TO CHIEF JUSTICE

(Raleigh Correspondent)

William A. Hoke, 19 and a half years a member of the state supreme court, Monday afternoon was elevated to the chief justiceship made vacant two weeks ago by Chief Justice Walter Clark's death, and the statement which went out from the governor's office carried the withdrawal from all consideration of Judge Henry A. Grady's name as the successor of Justice Hoke.