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NATIONAL HIGHWAY DISPUTE SETTLED

ROAD COMMISSION UPHeld BY SUPREME COURT

The Road Will Be Built From Oxford To Durham Via Creedmoor. (Raleigh Correspondent)

The North Carolina Supreme Court last Saturday affirmed the decision of Judge N. A. Sinclair in dismissing the injunction obtained by Colonel Benehan Cameron, restraining the Highway Commission from changing the location of the Durham-Oxford highway from the Stem route to Creedmoor, thus ending a bitter controversy waged for two years by Colonel Benehan Cameron, who first appealed from John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, commissioner for this district, to the full commission and then went to the courts.

Stem Is On the Map.

The controversy in the Supreme Court finally hinged on whether Stem, which has a population of 500, comes under the legislature term "principality town." Justice Adams, writing the opinion of the court in which Chief Justice Hoke joined, holds that the question is one for judicial determination and on that ground dismisses the claims of Stem.

Justice Stacy, in a concurring opinion, upholds the view that the question was in the sound discretion of the commission, reviewable only in the event of abuse of that discretion.

Justice Clarkson, one of the authors of the act and who was active in securing its passage by the legislature, takes the view that the act of the legislature in placing the town of Stem on the map which accompanied the act was final and states that had the construction given by the courts been anticipated the bill would never have passed the legislature, pointing out that the proviso respecting changes was written into the prepared bill by the legislature itself.

Language Of the Act.

The language of the act in dispute follows:

"A map showing the proposed roads to constitute the State highway system is hereto attached and made a part hereof. The roads so marked may be changed, altered, added to or discontinued by the State Highway Commission: Provided, no roads shall be altered, changed or discontinued so as to disconnect county seats, principal towns, State or National parks or forest preserves, principal State institutions and highway systems of other States."

Justice Adams says:

"We think it will appear from a careful reading of these sections that the roads outlined on the map were intended as a tentative and not as a completed or final system of highways. They were not intended to be unalterable.

"As there is no recognized technical definition of principal towns we are of the opinion that the legislature used these words in a broad sense to be determined by the conditions appearing in each case, and in this sense they are the subject of judicial determination.

"This construction is essential to uniformity of decision, which would be defeated if the question were left entirely to the discretionary judgment of the commission.

"It is clear that the legislature was not willing to confer such extended powers on the commission but inserted the proviso with the

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THE TYPHOID SEASON IS HERE

And the Typhoid Fever Is Here.

Does your chance to miss it look to you any better than the sick one's chance looked to him? He had no more idea than you that he was liable to have it. Are you waiting as he did to see if you will have it?

"Better be safe than sorry" is a fine motto here. Take three doses of the Typhoid Vaccine at Weekly intervals and play safe. Less than three does not keep it off. Free at the County Health Department.

How about your children, fathers and mothers? Diphtheria lurks about their course of life. They implicitly trust you to protect them from that as they do for the bread you provide them. You labor for bread and they get it. You can get every child from six months to ten years protected from Diphtheria without cost to you.

Have them take toxin-antitoxin three doses at weekly intervals just as for typhoid vaccination, and they are then completely protected. If you will have them take five doses they will never have diphtheria.

With these are given every Saturday at the County Health Department and no charge. They will be given at many other points in the county. Write the Public Ledger for the dates and places. Also look for posters giving various places with times and hours for giving them. Don't ever be late, but strictly on time. Be on time the doctor will be on time.

J. A. MORRIS, H. O.

HOT FIGHT LIKELY IN AN ATTEMPT TO ABOLISH PRIMARY

Nat Townsend, Of Harnett, Says He Will Sponsor Bill To Restore Convention System— (Raleigh Correspondent)

One of the topics that has engaged the attention of politicians ever since the State Board of Elections met a few weeks ago to canvas the returns of June primary is the question of abolishing the primary system. There is underway a rather determined effort to get rid of it at the coming special session of the legislature. The tone of several newspaper editorials and the second contest Soldier Grist has demanded has emphasized the purpose of those who, on first blush, concluded that an effort ought to be made to turn the State back to the convention.

Now comes Representative Nat Townsend, fighting leader of the progressive group of this legislature, with the declaration that he will propose a State wide referendum on the question of primary abolition at the November election.

Mr. Townsend finds on his side not only many of the newspapers but such strong administrationists as secretary of State W. N. Everett, who is pronounced in an opinion that the wisest thing the special session can do—deferring, of course, to the job it has been called here for—is to wipe out the primary lock stock and barrel. The only part of a ramrod he would leave would be the precinct meeting form which obtains even with the primary.

If Mr. Townsend leads the fight, and he says now that he will present the bill as soon as the special session is ready for business, he will have powerful folks upporting him. W. W. Neal, of Marion, is a perennial objectionist to the primary. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton, is another who protests. State Chairman John Dawson has never been a warm advocate of it and the ways are pretty well greased for a bill to get through in the open.

JUDGE DEVIN TAKES A SHORT REST

He Is Spending the Week At Swansboro.

Judge Devin reached home from Charlotte last Saturday, where he held court in that section of the State for several weeks. The Charlotte papers speak in high terms of the manner in which he conducts his court and the large amount of work he accomplishes.

Judge Devin is taking a short rest this week with friends at Swansboro where he will try his hand at catching fish. He expects to return home and be with the Baptist Baraca Class next Sunday morning.

MRS. M. A. LIGON DEAD

Mother Of Mr. H. A. Ligon, Of Oxford.

Mrs. M. A. Ligon, widow of the late J. A. Ligon, of Clarksville, Va., passed away last Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Johnson, in Henderson, age 65 years. She had been sick about five weeks. Mr. Ligon died four years ago at the age of 74. The following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. V. R. Turner, of Wonsan, Korea; Mrs. W. C. Moore, Chuckatuck, Va.; Mrs. E. M. Gee, Bon Air, Va.; Mrs. R. R. McLaren, Niagara Falls, Canada; H. A. Ligon, of Oxford; J. A. Ligon, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Johnson of Henderson.

THE COOPER MOTOR CO.

See the Extensive Announcement In This Paper.

The Cooper Motor Company, of Oxford, will be well represented at the East Carolina Ford tractor and truck demonstration in Goldsboro next Thursday.

Capt. Filmore, an aviator of note and well known to the people of Oxford, has been engaged by the Cooper Motor Company to fly over Oxford and the county within the next few days.

We invite special attention to the six pages of this paper devoted to the Cooper Motor Co. It is the most extensive announcement of any firm in the history of Oxford.

THE SILVER LINING

Crops Are More Bountiful Than Expected.

Many people, especially those who live in town, have a notion that nothing good can follow after a belated spring or so rainy a season as we have experienced this spring.

The fact is that the weather has been ideal for fruit and some other crops, and the sunshine and warm days from now on will cause the land to give up record crops after what many people have been disposed to regard as a season of "disastrous" spring weather.

THE DEMOCRATIC NAT'L CONVENTION

Called To Order In Madison Square Garden, New York, Today.

Some of the wise ones, familiar with the procedure of the 1920 convention, suggest the following program:

Tuesday, June 24.
Keynote address by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, Temporary Chairman. Meetings of the Rules Committee are worth watching.

Wednesday, June 26.
Address of Permanent Chairman. Expect decisions of Rules Committee, which may be carried to floor of convention.

Thursday, June 26.
Nominating speeches for ten or more candidates. Possibly first ballot for President. Meanwhile Resolutions Committee will be at work on platform.

Friday, June 27.
Balloting. Platform probably reported and adopted, although debate may continue until Saturday.

Saturday, June 28.
Balloting continued. Probably no result, and adjournment to Monday.

Monday, June 30.
Balloting continued.

Tuesday, July 1.
Probable final ballot, followed by nominations and prompt selection of candidate for Vice President. Adjournment.

LAST SATURDAY WAS LONGEST DAY OF YEAR

Last Saturday was the longest day in the year, according to the calendar of the Solar system. The sun rose at 5:09 a. m. and set at 7:40 p. m., making the day 14 hours and 31 minutes long.

While the people as a whole are under the impression and the general habit of terming the entire month of June a summer month, it is in fact only partly a summer month, when it is governed by the action of the sun within the solar system.

June 22 is the first day of summer under the solar system, due to the fact that on the previous day the sun had reached its zenith in the course of its travels north of the Equator, making that day the longest, and on the following day, June 23, the sun entered into its summer solstice. It had then reached a point past the Equator of 23 degrees and 27 minutes north, which is the approximate line of Tropic of Cancer. This is called the "declination point" and is the point when the sun begins its gradual return course to and past the Equator.

The sun will enter its winter solstice when it reaches 23 degrees and 27 minutes south of the Equator or the Tropic of Capricorn. This will be on December 22. Like in the northern course, the day previous will be determining point and December 21 will be the shortest day in the year.

There are two days in the year on which the time of light and the time of night are the same. These are March 21 and September 23, when the sun is directly at the Equator.

These actions refer to the tropic, semi-tropic and temperate zones, but not to the frigid, or the Arctic or Antarctic zones.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

More Than \$250,000 Invested In New Buildings Here This Year.

The building operations enumerated in the last issue of the Public Ledger was only a partial list of the buildings that have gone up in Oxford during the past six months.

Mr. Melvin Mays is erecting a nice home on Hancock street.

Capt. J. I. Stegall is building four nice homes on Coggs hall street.

Mr. Earl Hunt has completed a nice home on Raleigh street.

A cotton gin is being erected on Raleigh road, and the colored people have put up a number of homes in South Oxford.

Taking into account the building operations now under way at the Oxford Orphanage, the expenditure for new buildings in this community for the past six months represent more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Now let us get busy and land a \$250,000 manufacturing plant to even up things.

BLUE BIRD TEA ROOM

Will Move To the New Hicks Building Next Week.

The Blue Bird Tea Room, which has made an enviable reputation since it was established by Misses Parham and Winston a few months ago, will be moved next week from its present quarters on Court Street to one of the handsome rooms in the new Hicks' building on Williamsboro street, opposite the court house.

The two young ladies who operate the Blue Bird are due the thanks of the community for the excellent service they maintain.

THE CURB MARKET

Liberal Offerings Of Produce Brings Satisfactory Prices—Some Fine Spring Chickens.

The Curb Market grows in popularity from week to week. The offerings last Saturday were more numerous and of better quality than at any time since the market was established.

The town people were on the curb at an early hour, and with the great variety of produce at hand it was easy for them to make their selections. The seller and the buyer seemed well pleased with the prices that prevailed.

Spring chickens that were hatched by the incubator early in the spring have made their appearance on the curb. These chickens were raised on butter-milk and they weight from two to two and one-half pounds each.

The curb market is located in the Granville County Farmer's Produce Exchange, opposite the court house and is open every Saturday.

JAS. S. JENKINS DEAD

Pioneer Tobacconist Passes Away At Home In Henderson—Interment At Stovall.

James S. Jenkins, representative of the Imperial Tobacco Company, passed away at his home in Henderson last Saturday morning, angina pectoris being given as the cause of his death, having been sick for only a day. Mr. Jenkins was born in Granville county in 1867. He was a pioneer tobacconist, having served as a buyer on independent auction floors for the past 35 years, being one of the oldest in point of service. For the past 25 years he has been a buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Co. on many of the larger markets in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. He moved with his family from So. Boston to Henderson about one year ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the home in Henderson Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Henderson, officiating. The interment was at the old family burying ground in Stovall at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie E. Jenkins; six daughters, Misses Minnie Jenkins, Frances B. Jenkins and Bernice Jenkins; and Mrs. William McGarthy of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; Mrs. L. R. Maker of Newport, Va.; and Mrs. J. F. Brandon of Blackstone, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Allen of Stovall, and Mrs. W. H. Dyer of Wilmington; one brother, W. D. Jenkins of Durham.

The active pallbearers were all prominent tobacconists of Henderson: A. T. McNeny, A. B. Noell, R. S. Johnson, C. A. Lewis, Frank Mills, A. Hobgood, J. H. Cheatham and D. Y. Cooper, Jr. The honorary pallbearers from Henderson were: W. J. Alston, William Ellis, J. F. Hicks, T. T. Hicks, J. M. Hughes, J. C. Kittrell, J. T. Marrow, J. D. Williams, J. R. Porter, T. G. Horner, W. W. Parker, J. B. Owen, P. H. Thomas, C. V. Singleton, V. W. Boyd. The out of town honorary pallbearers were: Sam Hobgood of Durham, G. T. Lacy of South Boston, Va., T. A. Fulgham and Henry Wood, of Danville, Va.; George L. Corbin, J. J. Hickey, Col. W. B. Ballou, T. B. Johnson and T. C. Watkins, all of Richmond; J. B. Wilborn, D. T. Yancey, A. W. Boyd, S. R. Crews, V. L. Fowlkes, W. H. Lawson, Venable Lawson, all of South Boston, Va.; E. L. Parham of Oxford.

ASA CANDLER SEEKS DIVORCE FROM WIFE

Coca Cola Millionaire Says His Wife Acknowledged She Didn't Marry Him For Love But For His Money.

Atlanta, Ga., June 22.—Asa G. Candler, Sr., Atlanta Capitalist, has brought suit for divorce from his wife, Mrs. Mae Little Candler. The papers alleged cruel treatment.

Before his second marriage Mr. Candler was sued for \$500,000 for breach of promise by Mrs. Onezimb de Bouchel, New Orleans beauty and society leader. This case resulted in a verdict for Mr. Candler, the trial taking place after his marriage to Mrs. Riggan.

Some months ago Atlanta social circles were started by the announcement by the Atlanta chief of police that Mrs. Candler and two Atlanta business men, had been arrested in a raid on a fashionable apartment house in the northside residential section while they were sitting around a table on which was a bottle partly filled with liquor.

About that time Mrs. Candler by reports moved from the Candler residence to the home of her mother.

DR. J. B. WILLIAMS DEAD

Interment At Elmwood Cemetery Yesterday.

Dr. J. Buxton Williams, a native of Oxford and the son of the late Dr. J. Buxton Williams, died last Sunday in the hospital at Rocky Mount, aged 52 years. His home was near Rocky Mount, where he had a large practice in the countryside. Three sisters and two brothers survive. They are: Mrs. James Gibbs, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. George Frothingham, and Miss Mary Williams, of Hampton, Va., all sisters; and W. P. Williams, of Texas, and Harry G. Williams, of Oxford, brothers.

The remains reached Oxford Monday afternoon and the interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery, conducted by Dr. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephen's Church, assisted by Rev. Charles Howard, who accompanied the remains to Oxford. As a testimony of love and esteem more than 100 people, friends of the deceased, motored over from Rocky Mount section to attend the last sad rites. He was laid beside the grave of his father and mother. Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams. The pallbearers were personal friends of Dr. Williams while living in Oxford: B. K. Assiter, H. H. Holman, J. A. Williams, J. B. Powell, T. Lanier, H. T. Osborn, A. A. Chapman.

ST. JOHN'S DAY

The Usual Large Crowd Is Here Today.

As we go to press this morning the automobiles are parked at every available place from the center of town to a point beyond the Oxford Orphanage, a distance of a mile, and still they come. The mercury stands at 90 in the shade and the crowd hastens to the protecting trees at the Orphanage. There is a little cloud overhanging Oxford at this hour, and if it does not rain today it will be the first St. John's Day at which it did not rain here.

GOOD NEWS OR BAD?

Farmers Getting Rich and Don't Know It.

We move in strange times. Experts from the Federal Department of Agriculture, experts of the Weather Bureau and trade analysts generally were calculating last week that the corn, cotton and wheat crops will be short in the West and South. For the first time in many years, if their estimates are correct, the United States will not produce enough wheat for its own daily bread.

Unfavorable weather is said to be responsible for the crop shortage. October cotton is up \$3 since the first of June. Within a week September wheat prices have jumped nineteen cents to the bushel. Naturally the farmers may be expected to feel more cheerful. It is figured now that their total wheat crop will bring them \$157,000,000 in excess of incomes previously calculated. The corn growers are in a way to profit by a \$240,000 increase in potential crop values, and the cotton men are at least \$30,000,000 richer on paper than they were a month ago. No one will begrudge the farmer their profits. They need them. But one is compelled to a second thought by the sounds of jubilation raised in many parts of the country by what in the past we would have mourned as a partial failure of crops and a lessening of the Nation's resources. With a greatly increased purchasing power in the farm areas, business generally should be improved.

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The Greatest Dope Cache In History

Hidden carefully beneath a shipment of brushes \$1,500,000 in morphine, opium, heroin and other drugs were found hidden by customs officers at New York. This greatest dope seizure in the history of narcotic smuggling has resulted in the disclosure of an international ring with headquarters at Bremen, Germany. Two men are under arrest as American agents of the ring.

A NUISANCE

Editor Public Ledger:

Will you please state in the Public Ledger that there is one community in Oxford that is greatly disturbed at night by the barking of a dog. The owner of the dog is aware that there are sick and nervous people in the neighborhood, but it has not occurred to him that the barking disturbs them. It would not be so bad if the weather was cool so that the windows could be closed against the continued barking of the dog.

(Signed) SUFFERING HUMANITY.

—Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, will leave Saturday for Richmond where he will assist in the marriage of Mr. Alexander Parker to Miss Mary McDaniel. Miss McDaniel is the daughter of Rev. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond. Mr. Parker is a prominent young lawyer of Richmond, and nephew of Mrs. J. D. Harte of Oxford.

FORGET IT ALL AND GET BUSY

The Building Of the Highways Means Much To the County.

Now that all obstacles to building the Oxford-Durham Highway via Creedmoor have been removed, let everybody fall in line and work for the success of the enterprise. There was grave danger of the county losing the \$1,000,000 road, but it is a thing of the past, and now is the time to shout for joy.

The building of the hard surface road from Oxford to Durham via Creedmoor is only the beginning of better and larger things.

Wake county is now building a high-class air-line road from Raleigh to Creedmoor, and when completed Oxford will be one hour nearer the State Capitol than ever before. By the time the hard surface road has been completed to Creedmoor, to Granville County Road Commission, acting in conjunction with the State Highway Commission will build a high class road from the Franklin county line via Wilton to connect with the National Highway seven miles south of Oxford.

When the roads have been completed according to the plans of the State Highway Commission, Oxford will become quite a center. Our town will be on a direct line from Roxboro and the west to Henderson and the east; from Franklinton and Louisburg and the east to points in Virginia; and on a direct road from Raleigh, and from Durham. The present road from Oxford to Durham via Stem will always be a first-class road. The county and the State will see that the Stem road is maintained.

With the National Highway sweeping down through the county, at a cost of \$2,000,000, and the system of State highways to be built, Granville county has much to be thankful for. It means the doubling of land values, better schools, better churches, better farms and more business in Oxford if our business men will go after it. We must learn that good roads lead from Oxford as well as to Oxford, and it is up to the business men to make Oxford a trading center.

HULL COMMENTS ON REPUBLICAN TICKET

Pays His Respects To the Harding- Coolidge Administration.

The newspapers quote Chairman Hall as follows: "This campaign will demonstrate whether a political party can live, or ought to live, after having dragged the government through a bottomless cesspool of corruption, and left in its trail conditions of debauchery and scandal on a scale unrivaled in the nation's history, as during the past three and one-half years of the Harding-Coolidge administration.

"It is hypocritical folly to talk about giving the people any sort of decent government during the next four years, unless wholesale corruption in many government departments is first removed and public morals and official honesty are restored at Washington. Instead of frankly confessing and abjectly apologizing for the Republican record of graft, bribery and rapine during the present administration, the Cleveland convention cheered loudest when the patriotic Democratic senators who exposed Republican corruption, were denounced by Mondoll and others as character assassins and scandal mongers."

THE BAPTIST PICNIC

Oxford Sunday School Will Spend Day At Lakewood Park.

It was announced last Sunday morning that the Oxford Baptist Sunday School will hold its annual picnic at Lakewood Park, Durham, on Wednesday, July 2. The trip will be made with automobiles and trucks and 400 are expected to attend.

Five Dollars Will Be Given For Essay

The regular county meeting of the Granville Tobacco Grower's Co-op Association will be held in the court house on Saturday, July 19, at 2:30 o'clock. Interesting program is being arranged and the ladies are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Members of this association have offered a prize of \$5.00 for the best essay written by any boy or girl under 21 years of age and read at this meeting. Notice of this meeting is given in advance so that each boy and girl have ample time to prepare essay.

J. Y. FLOYD, Secy.

LARGE HEN'S EGG

Mr. J. T. Daniel was exhibiting on our streets yesterday an egg, laid by a Dominecker hen, that weighed one-fourth of a pound. The day is at hand when eggs of this size should sell by the pound and not by the dozen.