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THE UNREASONABLE REQUEST OF THE SOUTHERN RY. CO.

THE GRANTING OF WHICH WOULD DAMAGE OXFORD

The Company Seeks Permission From the State Corporation Commission To Discontinue Certain Trains Between Keyville and Durham. Claiming that the automobiles have crippled the passenger traffic, officials of the Southern Railway have requested the State Corporation Commission to grant them permission to discontinue certain passenger trains between Keyville and Durham, and suggest the following schedule:

Leave Keyville	9:30 a. m.
Arrive at Durham	1:10 p. m.
Leave Durham	1:20 p. m.
Arrive Keyville	5:00 p. m.

The train from Keyville would probably pass Oxford about 12 o'clock noon, and on the return trip pass Oxford about 4:00 in the afternoon. Such a schedule as that would damage the business interest of Oxford.

If one train must be taken off, let us have a train from Durham at 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning, and a down train at 8 or 9 o'clock at night.

At a meeting of the Town Commissioners this week, Mayor Stem appointed Commissioners W. T. Yancey and J. H. L. Myers to act as a committee to co-operate with Burke Hobgood, of the Durham chamber of commerce, in trying to maintain the present service. This committee has already conferred with the officials of Chase City, Clarksville, Stem and Stovall asking that some organized effort against the discontinuance be put forth.

In the several problems of the railroads that have engaged the attention of the citizens of Oxford in the past, the railroads never failed to inform the committee that the passenger and freight receipts at Oxford would not justify the improvement sought.

This thing has been going on so long we fear the railway officials regard Oxford as a mere way-station. They should not be permitted at this time to work an injury to Oxford. They should remember that Oxford and Granville county aided the company to build the road in this county.

Chase City, about one-half the size of Oxford, enjoys six trains daily, two from Durham and Oxford and four from Keyville.

We trust the Railway Company will give Oxford an honest deal this time.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS AT CAMP GLENN

Lee Hammie Qualified On the Rifle Range.

A line from Staff Sgt. Ralph Walters at Camp Glenn, states that the Company has finished its shooting record and averaged about 120 points to the man. Lee Hammie attained expert rifleman, making 230 out of a possible 250. Four others of the Company, said Sgt. Walters, made the rank of marksmen. They are: James E. Mathews, Fred B. Perkins and Collie Lee Wilson. Lt. Charlie Jones missed making the rank of sharpshooter by the narrow margin of one point. His score was 218 out of the required 219.

"We are looking forward to the Field Day this week," says Sgt. Walters, "and hope to bring home the banner of this event. Corp. William S. Hunt Jr., has charge of the athletics and is doing some hard work. He and Lee F. Hammie are putting on a small show at the ring side tonight. Lee challenges the heaviest man in camp to stand on his chest and after that he will let Corp. Hunt drop a butcher knife on the muscles of his chest; by this they expect to prove to the rest of the companies that we have a man that not only is the champion rifleman of the Battalion but somewhat of a champion in this line."

WORK ON THE OXFORD-DURHAM HIGHWAY

GRADING FOR THE ENTIRE DISTANCE HAS BEEN LET

Work at Both Ends Now Under Way and Work on the Middle Link Will Begin Soon.

(Raleigh Correspondent)

Nine projects aggregating \$4.36 million of roads were included in advertisements for bids to be opened August 5th by the State Highway Commission. Specifications for the projects were available to prospective bidders last Monday. This is the first letting to be held since the extent of work is considerably less than the average for previous years over the past three years. The letting for the Fourth District is as follows:

Project 433, Granville.—Route 75 between Oxford and Durham, 13.73 miles grading.
Project 474, Vance.—Route 50 between Henderson and Franklinton, 11.42 miles grading and bridges.

WARM WEATHER STORY

OF INTEREST

A FORTUNE AWAITS THE LUCKY MAN

Some People Can Grasp a Business Proposition Quicker than Others.

A half dozen men gathered in the shade of a building on the west side of Main street yesterday afternoon, and the question of the new water supply for the town of Oxford came up. All agreed that the plans set out in the last issue of the Public Ledger is a splendid move in the right direction, and the Town Fathers were lauded for the progress that they have made.

"I wonder what will become of the water tank and the wells when the new system is installed?" inquired one of the bunch.

"I suppose they will sell the tank and fill up the wells," was the version of another.

"Wonder if they would sell one of the wells," inquired an artful business man as his knife took a deeper hold on the soft pine stick that he was whittling; "if so, I would like to buy the well on Hancock street."

"What in the world would you do with it?" inquired one of the dumbbells sitting on a camp stool.

"Oh, don't know," was the laconic reply of the artful one, "but the sparkling water from its icy depth would make a pleasant and convenient bathing pool fit for the Gods."

The end of Hancock street is an ideal place for a recreation park and bathing pool, after the manner of Lakewood Park, Durham. It should be owned by the town and it would be the means of raising funds to pay interest on borrowed money.

Things As Seen By Mr. H. E. Crews

Editor Public Ledger:

Buffalo Springs, July 17.—As the political clouds have passed over, I will try to tell you the news as seen and heard at Buffalo Springs. There are 45 guests here today; twelve months ago there were three or four times that number.

Wife and I came here last Sunday for a two weeks' stay. They have the giddy aince here. I think wife enjoyed looking on last night. I never dance; so dancing never appeals to me.

Fair weather over here; land in good order and farmers are making good use of their time. The crops look bad—in fact the worse I ever saw them in my life for this time of the year. I hope you are having fair weather in Granville and the farmers can plow their crops. I told my tenants when I left I would try to forget the crops on my place while I am away.

The guests coming in from all directions tell me the same tale about the crops I have related.

I hope the Tobacco Growers' Association will soon make the second payment, as the farmers are needing their money.

H. E. CREWS.

Curb Market Every Wednesday and Sat.

The Curb Market has proven a wonderful success during the short time since it began six weeks ago. At the request of many of the Curb Market patrons we have decided to have the Curb Market every Wednesday and Saturday mornings from eight to twelve o'clock.

Thanking you all for your liberal patronage and trusting you will continue to work with us in this great movement and make it a permanent success. Other towns have done so and Oxford and Granville can do so too.

FARMERS PRODUCE EXCHANGE

J. Y. Crews, Manager.

Uniform County Special School Tax

Mr. A. A. Hicks, County Attorney, Is Drafting the Bill.

At their meeting last Monday the commissioners instructed Mr. A. A. Hicks, County attorney, to draft a bill to be introduced at the next session of the state legislature providing for a uniform county special school tax. At present there are 17 districts in the county that have a special school tax of 20 cents; ten districts that have a special school tax of 15 cents; and one district with a special school tax of five cents.

A special tax of 30 cents on each \$100 worth of property was levied for Oxford graded school district, that part outside of the town of Oxford.

There was a special tax of 10 cents on each \$100 worth of property levied for sinking funds on bonds of Oxford graded school including all property in said district both in and out side the town of Oxford.

TABBS CREEK CHURCH

The public is cordially invited to attend "The Children's Day Program" at Tabbs Creek Church Sunday July the 20th at 11 a. m.

HORRIBLE CRIME

MAJOR McLEARY'S BODY FOUND NEAR CHERAW, S. C.

Mortimer H. King, Canton Man, Makes Sworn Confession That He and Companion Slew Major—After the Army Officer Had Taken Them For a Ride, They Compel Him To Stop at Point of Pistol, Force Him Out of Car, Shoot Him To Death and Carry His Body Into Brush—Robbery Given As Motive.

Asheville, July 17.—Major Samuel H. McLeary, missing army officer, was killed by Mortimer H. King, near Canton, and a companion whose identity is still unrevealed by authorities on the afternoon of July 2, according to a sworn confession made at Canton today by King, to federal and local authorities.

The body was found eleven miles north of Cheraw, S. C., at 11:30 o'clock this morning by a searching party. The body was horribly mangled, it apparently having been dug up out of the ground and the flesh eaten by animals. There was no clothing on the body.

The motive for the killing, according to King's confession, was robbery. After the major had taken King and his companion into his car and offered to give them a lift up the road, they compelled him to stop at the point of a pistol, forced him to get out of the car, shot him to death and carried his body into the brush at the roadside.

King is a deserter from both the United States army and the marine corps.

FARMERS AND FARM WOMEN WILL MEET

At State College, Next, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 23-25.

There will be a state-wide meeting of farmers and their wives at the State College, Raleigh, beginning July 23rd, and lasting through the 26th.

This is a very important meeting and a fine opportunity for the farmers and their wives to gain a lot of valuable information relative to their many problems.

Every farmer that possibly can should attend this meeting. It would be a nice vacation for many, and I am sure would be beneficial to all.

Some of the speakers of note that will address the meeting will be Dr. B. W. Kilgore and Dr. E. C. Brooks, of Raleigh and Senator E. D. Smith, S. C.; Miss Susie Powell, State Home Agent for Mississippi.

Those who want to go and stay more than one day can get rooms at the College and meals at the dining hall for 25c per meal.

Those of you that are going for the entire time should write Mr. J. M. Gray to reserve rooms for you and also a seat at the table.

J. H. BLACKWELL,
County Agent.

WATER BORNE TRAFFIC

Los Angeles Leads All Ports Except New York In Shipping.

Washington, July 16.—A survey of water-borne traffic, completed by the shipping board's bureau of research discloses that nearly 126,000,000 tons of freight, exclusive of coastwise commerce, were handled by American ports during the year ended last December 31.

Fifty-five per cent of this total passed through six ports. New York led with 27,600,000 tons and next in order were Los Angeles, 11,495,000 tons; Baltimore, 8,300,000; New Orleans, 8,690,000; Philadelphia, 7,870,000, and San Francisco, 5,740,000.

Dr. Wall Declines High Point Proffer

High Point, July 16.—Rev. Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the Baptist church at Goldsboro, who was invited to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of this city declined the offer. He had indicated a possible favorable attitude toward the proffer, but his letter to the congregation acquainted the church with the fact that his declination followed a week of prayerful consideration. This leaves the church without a successor to Rev. J. A. Clark, who resigned recently to accept Tennessee pastorate.

A CARD

I wish to announce that I am an applicant for the appointment of Postmaster at Oxford. Will appreciate any interest and support given me by my friends.

MRS. JAMES ROGERS.
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THE HOME CHAUTAUQUA

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-9

No Movement In Oxford In Many Years Has Been Received With Such Enthusiasm and Given Such Ready Cooperation.

The Home Chautauqua, to be held October 5-9 and presented by local talent under the auspices of the Woman's Club and the Rotary Club, has been thoroughly organized and committee are at work on the program. Great enthusiasm has been manifested and for the next two or three months citizens of Oxford will be preparing for the most important enterprise of its kind they have undertaken. The program, not yet complete, comprises music, drama, addresses by eminent speakers, pageants, demonstrations and exhibits, the intention being to make the work diversified and on a broad scale in order to bring out Oxford's talent of all kinds. One of the great aims is to perfect each program in far greater degree than is usually done in ordinary music and dramatic programs, and for this reason all to have part in the chautauqua will be requested to work intensively in preparation and to give careful attention to details. The work is so thoroughly divided and appointed to committees that ample time is given for developing the program.

The several committees met in joint session at the Woman's Club House last night to thresh out details, but the meeting adjourned without perfecting the program.

Last night at the Woman's Club, Miss Ethel Rockwell and Dr. Harold M. Meyers, of the extension Bureau of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. R. H. Holliday, of Oxford College met with the committees for expert advice and cooperation.

No movement in Oxford in many years has been received with such enthusiasm and given such ready cooperation. The response has been prompt and complete in every instance. Every member of the several committees is actively interested. Each has been allotted definite responsibility but no one is burdened by any feature of the chautauqua assigned to some one else.

Oxford's capacity for accomplishment and versatility will be under demonstration October 5-9. If the interest and spirit of cooperation so far manifested are sustained, as assuredly they will be, the chautauqua is bound to be a huge success.

Everybody on the job for the best music, the best dramatic productions, the best demonstrations and exhibits, ever presented by local talent. Let's go.

AN ACCUMULATION OF STILLS DESTROYED

The accumulation of stills, 27 in number, which had been stored in the jail yard for the past two months were destroyed last Wednesday by order of the County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thomas G. Taylor was on hand to see the job well done.

Most of the stills were of copper and the total weight is more than one thousand pounds.

CO-OP MEET TOMORROW

An Interesting Lady Speaker Will Address the Meeting. At 2:30 O'clock.

The regular county meeting of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in the court house tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, July 19, at 2:30 o'clock will be enlivened by the presence of Miss Kelly, who will address the meeting. She is a very pleasant and fluent speaker. The ladies of the county are invited and urged to attend the meeting. And the ladies of Oxford are cordially invited to hear Miss Kelly speak.

The County Financial Statement Will Be Printed Next Tuesday

The county financial statement, which was handed to us six weeks ago, will make its appearance in next Tuesday's issue of the Public Ledger. The document makes 26 columns in small type.

WILL NOTIFY DAVIS AT CLARKSBURG

Democrats To Greet Nominee Within Fortnight At Native W. Va. Town.

New York, July 18.—John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President, makes plans to be formally notified soon at Clarksburg, W. Va., his native town of nomination.

Mr. Davis is arranging to make an extensive speaking tour of the West, addressing the farmers in the coming campaign. The nominee's plans for the campaign are fast taking shape.

DEMOCRATIC SAYING BY A DEMOCRAT

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS SURVIVED

Extracts From the Speech Of John W. Davis, the Democratic Candidate For President.

It is the not uncommon history of political parties that they come into being for the purpose of executing a definite program and when that program has been finished they fall into decay while new parties rise upon their ruins. To this rule the career of the Democratic party is a striking exception. It has survived long days of adversity. When one program was completed, it has always possessed the energy and the imagination to prepare another; and today, unlike its great Republican rival which has abandoned an entire section of the country save for the purpose of collecting delegates to conventions, it fights battles in every State from Main to California and from the Lakes to the Gulf.—John W. Davis.

The Issue This Year.

Make no mistakes. No matter how many separate questions may be involved in the inquiry, the issue before the American people this year is the question of confidence or no confidence in those who are now seeking to administer the Government, and their vote will be "content" or "non-content."—John W. Davis.

Back To Jefferson.

Much has been said, and rightly, of the unholy alliance between big business and crooked politics, but there is danger of putting the emphasis on the wrong adjective. For whether it is big business striving to grow bigger, or little business hoping to grow big, it is crooked business and crooked politics that make the accused partnership. In the court of public opinion as in a court of law, we must see to it that no distinction in point of guilt is drawn between the public official who betrays his trust and the private citizen who profits by that betrayal.

Let us get back to Jefferson. "The whole art of government," said he, "consist of being honest." A public office is a public trust.—John W. Davis.

Scandal Unknown.

The Democratic party has no place in our national life except as the party of Liberalism.

There has never been a public national scandal under a Democratic administration.—John W. Davis.

The Genuine Democrat.

In short, the genuine Democrat is a liberal with a liberal's outlook on life; loving freedom for freedom's sake; believing in the wholesome virtue of self-help; hating privilege in whatever form; wishing nothing for himself from the Government that his neighbor can not also enjoy; willing to think of the rights and interests of other men equally with his own; trusting the best and not the worst in human nature to prevail; and looking to a reign of good-will, mutual aid, and cooperation as the ultimate goal not only of men but also of nations.—John W. Davis.

MR. PHIL GUERRANT WITH AUSTIN-HEATON

Mr. Phillip Guerrante, who has for a number of years held the position of miller with the J. F. White Co., has given up his connections in Oxford and entered upon his new duties with the Austin-Heaton Co. of Durham, one of the largest flour mills in the South. The many friends of Mr. Guerrante wish for him unlimited success in his new field of endeavor.

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion is on at the home of Mr. D. N. Hunt. The occasion being the coming of their son Raymond A. Hunt, wife and 2 children from Charlottesville, Va.

Every member of the family is present except William Gibbs Hunt, wife and 2 children of San Antonio, Texas.

MR. PIKE CREWS IS VISITING HIS MOTHER

Mr. Lewis A. Crews, popularly known as "Pike" Crews, who is looking after his sisters interest at Littleton, is visiting his mother on Oxford Route 6. He states that the crops in Granville county are more promising than in Halifax and Warren counties. Pike states that the report that he will get married soon is without foundation so far as he knows at this time, but he will not vouch for what might happen if the right party should happen to cross his path, he said.

—Mrs. H. G. Cooper and Miss Sophronia Cooper left Thursday for a visit to Buffalo Springs.

GOVERNOR BRYAN IS DESIROUS TO BE CALLED BAPTIST

HE ATTENDS CHURCH REGULARLY

The Democratic Candidate For Vice-President Is Not a Member Of Any Church.

Although he is not a member of any church, Governor Charles W. Bryan, vice presidential nominee of the Democratic party, wishes to be classed as a Baptist, he said when questioned as to his religious affiliations, according to the Washington Post.

Mrs. Bryan and the governors children are members of the First Baptist church of Lincoln, Neb., and Governor Bryan attends this church regularly with them, he said.

Governor Bryan's parents were Baptists and the governor was brought up in that religion, although he has never formally affiliated with any church. The vice presidential nominee is a believer in Christianity and a believer in what the church stands for, he said, but he is not a modernist.

BUS OWNERS TO ASK REGULATION

Oxford Man Is One Of the Directors Of the State-Wide Movement.

(Greensboro Correspondent)

The North Carolina Bus Owners Association, in convention here this week, made plans to try to get the general assembly pass a law regulating operation of busses, elected officers and directors and selected Wrightsville Beach as the next meeting place. The association will hold its convention the second Monday in July 1925. L. F. Bernard, of Greensboro was chosen president of the organization. The three vice presidents are A. B. Bales, Goldsboro; Harvey Hester, Asheville, and J. M. Wright, Gastonia. L. E. Scholl, Greensboro, was made secretary-treasurer.

Six directors were chosen. M. E. Hart, Raleigh; T. C. Caudill, North Wilkesboro; W. A. Averett, Oxford; E. M. Holt, Greensboro; Guy Carpenter, Gastonia, and S. T. Gresham, Fayetteville. Among the provisions of the bill which the association will ask the general assembly to pass, the following are the chief points.

1. Provide for granting certificates by the state corporation commission without discrimination to all operators of motor busses now operating in good faith.
2. The commission be empowered to refuse a certificate to any further applicant if it be shown he intends to parallel another bus operator's route.
3. Any new applicant must show that operation by him of bus line would be to the public convenience and necessity.
4. License tax to be on a seat-mile basis for passenger busses; on a ton-mile basis for package and freight carriers.
5. When certificate is granted operator of bus will be required to furnish the public service in accordance with dependable schedules.
6. Operator will be required to furnish indemnity insurance as a protection to the public.

BARBECUE DINNER

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Oxford Methodist church will serve a barbecue dinner at the court house next Tuesday, July 22 from 12:30 to 2 p. m. Everybody turn out and eat dinner with the young ladies.

SUNDAY SERVICES

At St. Stephen's Church Next Sunday.

A card from Dr. Horsfield, dated at Richmond, says: "There will be usual service at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday next—7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 6 p. m.

"The interior decorations effected on my nose yesterday were very successful, and I expect to return to Oxford Saturday."

LARGE SWEET POTATO

Grown In the Garden Of Our County Agent.

Mr. J. H. Blackwell, our County Agent, exhibited in his office yesterday a sweet potato that was five inches long and as large in the center as a hen's egg. It was grown in his garden and it was the largest we have seen this season. As county agent he sets a splendid example, as much as to say "follow me."

—Capt. W. H. Fillmore and wife, left Oxford by plane Wednesday for Tarboro, where they will spend a few days.