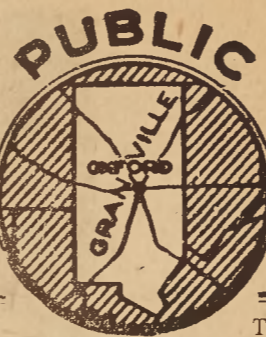


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**LATE NEWS****BABY IN HOSPITAL**

Mike Griffith, 18 months old, has been taken from his home at Kannapolis to Baltimore for heart surgery by physicians at Johns Hopkins. The child has been suffering with a congenital heart trouble for more than a year.

**\$20 MILLION INVOLVED**

The State House of Representatives resumed the fight last night over how it thinks the state's \$20,000,000 post-war reserve should be used. The issue is whether the fund should be spent on school buildings or used to help close a spread between spending and tax collections during the next two years.

**NEW HOUSING LOANS**

Mortgage loan insurance totaling \$4,188,600 on 625 new rental living units for North Carolina families was approved by the Federal Housing Administration at Greensboro the past week. The government housing agency issued commitments on two projects involving a total of 74 dwellings and \$2,350,000 in loans in Charlotte.

**SENATE BUCKS SCOTT**

The State Senate showed Governor Scott the past week that it does not intend to go along with him on his request for a one-cent increase in the gasoline tax separate from the \$200,000,000 bond issue for building secondary roads. The Senate voted 27-17 and 29-11 against adopting minority reports on House-approved bills providing for the road bond referendum and the separate gas tax increase.

**LIVING COSTS DOWN**

The cost of living has dropped for the fifth month in a row, and virtually all of the increase that occurred in 1948 now has been wiped out, according to government figures. The Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that its consumers' price index declined 1.1 per cent between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15. This fifth consecutive drop brought the index down to a point where it was only .09 per cent higher than a year ago.

**Our Citizens Ready To Put Up \$20,000 To Get School Site**

Editor, The Public Ledger: Of course, I do not write right and I do not vote right; but that does not necessarily bar my thinking right — occasionally, at least. Within a decade or so Oxford School District will need additional school facilities. What is now the graded school on College Street will become North Oxford Graded School and the present high school on Williamsboro Street will be needed for the South Oxford graded school. Then the district will be faced with the problem of finding a location and the erection of a modern high school building. Why not anticipate this situation and select the location now? Would not the Hunt property on Main Street be an ideal location? It is large enough for both building and athletic grounds. Furthermore, a three-story school building of modern design would be of aesthetic appeal — a thing of beauty in the heart of the town. Well, there are four men in Oxford who are willing to contribute \$5000 each for just such a project, that is, buy this property now and deed it to the Oxford School District upon condition that it be held and used when needed for the Oxford School District High School building. Why not launch a movement or campaign for \$100,000 in public subscriptions for the purchase of this property to be held and used as aforesaid? It would not require but 40 subscriptions of \$2,500 each to get the \$100,000. Remember this property owned and held by the school district would not be subject to tax and the property would carry the upkeep pending the time when needed for additional high school facilities. Furthermore, it is well to remember that contributions for such a purpose are measurably deductible from your income taxes. Most of us would rather keep our money here in local public projects than to send it to Washington for what purpose God only knows. Think it over.

JOHN W. HESTER.

**T. SGT. HARRY E. KELLEY IS EN ROUTE HOME**

T. Sgt. Harry E. Kelley, who has been in Japan for the past two years with the U. S. Army, is en route home on furlough. His wife has been with her mother, Mrs. F. H. Vaughan, at Bullock, while Sgt. Kelley has been overseas.

**DEC. 26 IS HOLIDAY**

Merchants here have designated Dec. 26 as a holiday. A typographical error in the previous issue gave the date as Dec. 2, the six failing to appear in print.

**Camp Lands Loaded with Explosives****Military Squads To Remove Shells In Few Weeks**

Project Supervisor T. F. Palmer Warns Citizens Against Trespassing on Lands Formerly Used for Training Soldiers

Thousands of acres of Camp Butler lands are literally loaded with TNT and must be systematically cleared before the lands can be appraised or safely entered. That was the warning which T. F. Palmer, project supervisor for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, passed along the past week to T. S. Royster, attorney for a committee of former owners of Butler lands.

Palmer pictured the range area as a virtual hidden arsenal and cited its potential dangers by relating that on the average, a dozen people have been killed on areas formerly used by military men before the lands are pronounced safe.

Royster was told that the recent fire in the mountain area of Butler had disclosed presence of an unexpected number of shells and explosives of all descriptions. "They are found not only in the range area, but as much as three miles off range," Palmer told Royster. Palmer added that he stepped into a farm house adjacent to the camp lands recently and found on the mantle of the living room a shell containing sufficient powder to blow up the farm. It had been picked up in the Butler area, he was told.

Demolition squads will be brought in to comb every foot of the land and remove and dispose of shells and other explosives and then appraisers will begin their work. Palmer explained. Appraisers will do their work about June and July and by the end of the year, every former owner will have had opportunity to purchase holdings, Palmer told Royster.

**Dr. Smith Heard By Rotary Club****Special Program on Cancer Control Given at Thursday Night Meeting**

The cancer education program was continued in Granville County Thursday evening with a special address before the Rotary Club. Dr. Bud Smith of the faculty of Wake Forest College, was heard by members of the club. He mentioned certain specific symptoms and advised seeing a physician when those symptoms appear. He mentioned radium, surgery and X-ray as positive methods of cure.

Mrs. Baister Royster, chairman of the cancer control program in Granville, introduced Dr. Smith after her presentation by A. I. Park, program chairman for the Rotary Club. President Fred A. Woodcock announced the appointment of W. A. Mitchiner, Dr. James Pruitt and H. B. Jennings as members of an "On to Nags Head" committee for the district conference to be held there in early May.

C. W. Bryan, long a member of the club, was elected to honorary membership in the organization.

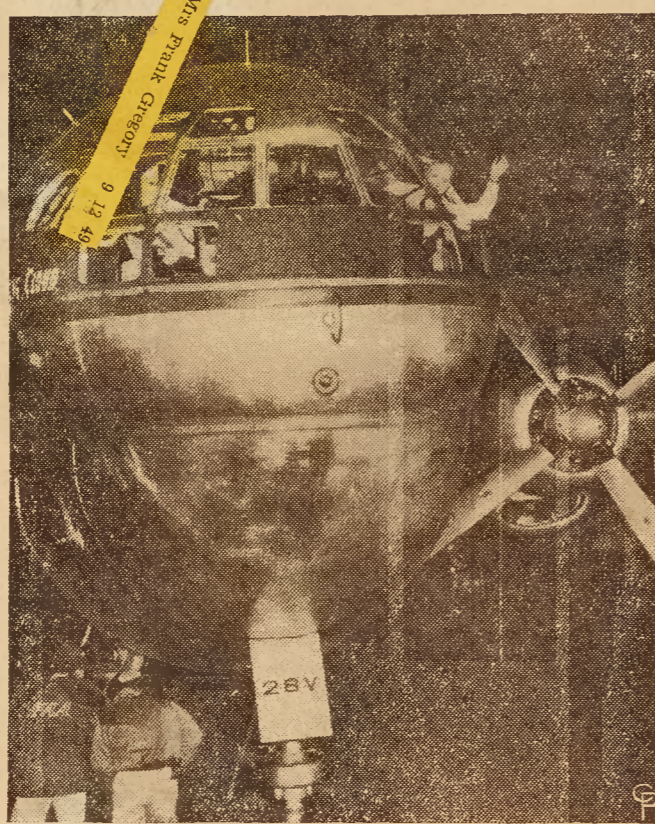
**Rosalind Knott Is Honored at Meredith**

Rosalind Knott, student at Meredith College, in the campus elections the past week, was named B. T. U. treasurer. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Knott, and her twin, Rebecca, are in their second year at the college. She is majoring in religion and has served as Training Union director for the Baptist Student Union and as a member of the B.S.U. council this year. She also has been a reporter on the Twig, student newspaper, and a member of the Freshman Religion Club. Y. W. A., the college choir and the Phi Literary Society.

**Motion Picture Shown At Meeting of Lions**

A motion picture on espionage and counter espionage activities in the United States during the war was presented at the weekly meeting of the Lions Club held Thursday night at Hill Top.

The program was arranged by Lt. Sherman E. Wilson of the local unit of the National Guard. The club accepted the transfer of membership of J. G. Wheeler, Jr., from the Henderson Club.

**LANDS IN MIDDLE OF CONTROVERSY**

ARRIVING AT LA GUARDIA AIRPORT in New York, this giant doubledeck Stratocruiser lands right in the middle of a controversy between the airlines and the Port of New York Authority over leases at the new Idlewild Airport. First of the large ships to land within the metropolitan area, the plane's normal 147,000 pounds was lightened to stay within the required 105,000-pound limit at LaGuardia. (International)

**Maggie Humphries Dies At Her Home****Funeral Rites for Retired Music Teacher Conducted Monday Afternoon**

Miss Maggie Humphries, retired music teacher and a life-long resident of Oxford, died at her home on Front Street at noon Saturday following a brief illness with heart disease. The 72-year-old woman was stricken early Saturday morning.

The funeral service was conducted at the First Baptist Church, of which she was a member, at 3 p. m. Monday. Rev. M. L. Baister, pastor, was in charge of the service and burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Miss Humphries was a daughter of the late Rev. C. F. Humphries and his wife, Mrs. Ellen Long Humphries, whose home had been in Persimmon County. She joined the Baptist Church at the age of 10. After completing her education at Oxford College, she was engaged in teaching music here for 20 years.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary H. Roberts, with whom she resided, and Mrs. Charles Simon of Columbia, S. C., and a brother, Charles Jenkins Humphries of Granville County, together with several great nieces and nephews. The active pallbearers were Jerry Harris, Dave Ashworth, Sam Baird, Sam Curran, Jr., Marshall Cannady, Willis Hancock, and Buster Curran.

**Police Seek Pair Following Holdup**

STAUNTON — Two persons, described as "a nervous gun girl" and her companion, were sought in connection with the holdup of a restaurant in Mint Spring, six miles south of here.

This was the report of state police. Officers said the girl, carrying a sawed-off shotgun, and the man, brandishing a nickel-plated revolver, invaded the restaurant about 11:30 p. m.

Police said the pair marched the three occupants of the restaurant into the establishment's kitchen, robbed their persons, rifled the restaurant's cash drawer, and escaped with about \$100.

The three occupants of the restaurant were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rosen, the proprietor and his wife, and Ernest Coirer, a customer. Most of the money was taken from Rosen's person.

**BONUS MEASURE SHELVED**

In a final, jittery ballot, the House of Representatives killed the Rankin veterans' pension bill by a one vote margin. President Truman told his news conference later that he was exceedingly happy over the outcome. Rankin proposed to pay veterans of World War I and World War II \$100 a month beginning at age 65.

**Granville Singers Win Honors At District Contests**

Ratings Won by Oxford High, Oxford Orphanage and Wilton Students

RALEIGH, March 28. — The final events of the Raleigh District Music Contest held at Meredith College closed Thursday at 6:30 p. m., with the judging of vocal solos, ensembles and choral events. Altogether, approximately 2,000 students from 40 high schools in the 17 counties of the district were enrolled for participation in Thursday's events, bringing the total enrollment for the two-day series to about 2,200 — an increase of some 700 students over last year's number of entries.

Dr. Harry B. Cooper, head of the department of music at Meredith, and chairman of the Raleigh district, states that the performances in this year's contest indicate the quality of work in this district has shown marked improvement over that of any previous year.

Judges for the vocal events were Miss Ouida Fay Paul, Greensboro College; Dan Vornholt, East Carolina Teachers College; and W. P. Twaddell, Durham. David L. Willmot, head of the department of public school music at Meredith, has acted as chairman of arrangements for this year's contest.

Soloists receiving superior ratings Thursday were: Marilyn Nash, Durham, and Fay Lee, Smithfield, sopranos; Eddie Anderson, Roanoke Rapids, unchanged boy's voice; Willie Davis, Durham, alto; and five baritone soloists, Russell Wiley, Oxford Orphanage; Herbert Wendegegraf, Chapel Hill; Roy Ray, Wake Forest; George Justice, Hugh Morson, and David Phipps, Durham.

Excellent ratings in the soloists groups went to the following sopranos: Nancy Murray, of Needham Broughton; Carolyn Brady, Hugh Morson; Virginia Howell, Wilton; Lou Jean Burkhalter, Cooper; Dorothy Ann Price, Pikeville; and Aylene Gentry, Helena.

Boys' unchanged voices: Alan Dickens, Nashville. Tenors: Billy Garner, Oxford Orphanage; Nelson Jackson, Durham; Billy Lee, Hugh Morson; Clifton Boyd, Roxboro; and Ralph Harrington, Sanford.

Baritones: Bruce Mooney, Helena; Bobby Mathews, Sanford; Bill Crisp, Needham Broughton; and Sonny Hines, Roanoke Rapids.

Altos: Mary Spight, Roanoke Rapids; Shelley Millican, Roxboro; Ann Rothgeb, Needham Broughton; Polly Sharpe, Hugh Morson; and Jackie Johnson, Sanford.

In the vocal ensemble events, superior ratings were won by boys quartets from Roxboro and West End. Excellent ratings went to boys quartets from Roanoke Rapids, Hugh Morson, Wake Forest and Oxford; mixed quartets from Helena, Sanford, Roanoke Rapids, Needham Broughton and Hugh Morson; and girls trios from Needham Broughton, Hugh Morson, Wake Forest, Nashville, Oxford, Sanford, Roxboro and Roanoke Rapids.

Junior high school choruses winning excellent ratings were mixed choruses from Carr and Oxford; girls glee clubs from Roanoke Rapids and Carr; and a boys glee club from Carr.

In the high school choral events, boys glee clubs from Roanoke Rapids, Oxford Orphanage and Hugh Morson won superior ratings; clubs from Oxford, Roxboro and Durham, excellent.

Two superiors were granted high school mixed choruses from Sanford and Hugh Morson. Excellent ratings went to mixed choruses from Pinehurst, Helena, Oxford, Nashville, Oxford Orphanage, Roanoke Rapids, Roxboro, Durham and Needham Broughton.

The final events of the afternoon, high school girls glee clubs, ended with seven clubs winning superior ratings and five excellent. Those receiving highest rating were Smithfield, Oxford, Nashville, Sanford, Chapel Hill, Durham and Hugh Morson. Excellent-rated girls glee clubs were Helena, Oxford Orphanage, Norlina, Roanoke Rapids and Needham Broughton.

The Oxford Orphanage also received two ratings of good and one of average. Rated as good were the girls' trio and the alto solo, and the soprano solo was rated average.

**To Address Women**

F. H. JETER

Guest speaker for Spring Federation Day program of Granville County Club women will be Dr. Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College. He is to be heard on the forenoon program of the session which convenes at 10:30 on Wednesday morning in the Agricultural Building. A picnic lunch in the Curb Market room and an afternoon session also have been planned for the federation, of which Mrs. E. E. Mangum of Stem is president.

**Bank Employees Take Training****Several Members of Personnel of Local Institutions Are Enrolled**

Several members of the personnel of two Oxford banks are attending an evening course in commercial law as it relates to banking which is being offered in Henderson each Thursday night for bankers of Granville, Vance, Warren and Franklin Counties.

The course is being taught by J. G. Gardner, vice president and cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, and T. S. Kittrell, trust officer of the same bank. The course is offered in a classroom of Junior High at Henderson and will consist of 42 hours of study, extending over a period of seven months. Certificates will be issued to those who pass examinations at the close of the course.

J. Ward Boring, J. P. Harris, Jr., Misses Frances Pruitt, Frances Ragland, Sylvia Young, Lucy P. Murray, Janie Flintom and Mrs. R. H. Ligon, employees of Oxford banks, are attending the course.

**Yancey To Attend Governor's Dinner****General George C. Marshall to Speak for Gathering in Raleigh April 19**

W. T. Yancey, war-time chairman of bond sales in Granville County, will head the local delegation attending the special dinner which Governor Scott is to give on April 19 honoring county and city chairmen of U. S. Savings Bond Committees and other savings bond workers.

General George C. Marshall, wartime chief of staff and former Secretary of State, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Similar dinners are to be held in every state in the nation on that date to launch the "Opportunity Drive" which opens May 16. President Truman is to speak at a similar dinner in Washington.

**Tri-Wheel Property Advertised for Sale**

Tires, machine shop equipment and office furnishings and machines of Tri-Wheel Motor Corporation are advertised for sale under a chattel mortgage held by Union National Bank.

Another chapter is about to be written in the history of efforts of the community to establish an industry with payroll in Oxford.

The sale date is April 4. Tri-Wheel for several weeks has been in financial dilemma, unable to meet obligations.

**Price on Combination At Edward's Is \$79.95**

A \$15 error appeared in the full-page advertisement of Edward's Credit Jeweler storewide anniversary sale last Friday morning. One of the specials offered during the sale is floor model console combination radio and automatic record player which normally retails for \$109.95. The special sale price is \$79.95, but in processing the copy for printing, a higher figure appeared in the firm's advertisement.

**Committeemen Urged To Become Lobbyists For N. C. School Children****Bishop Penick To Be Here on Sunday For Confirmation**

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, will visit St. Stephen's Church here Sunday morning and conduct the rite of confirmation. The rector, Rev. E. B. Jeffress, will present the class of several members of the congregation who have asked to be confirmed. The service is to be held at 11 o'clock and is to include celebration of the Holy Communion.

**Two Negroes Are Held for Court****Ernest Boone, 22, and Pervis Downey, 18, Charged with Theft**

Two Oxford Negroes, Ernest Boone, 22, and Pervis Downey, 18, are being held in the Granville jail to face charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving as a result of charges preferred by Oxford Police Department.

The two were arrested the past week in connection with theft of an automobile tire from Tom's Auto Supply on Hillsboro Street. The arrest was made by Assistant Chief T. H. Johnson as the pair returned to the hiding place of their loot.

Police said the tire was slipped through a window of the Hillsboro Street store and concealed in an alley at the back of the building, where it was observed by an employee of W. A. Adams Company. A watch was set up by police and the arrests followed. The two were ordered held for Superior Court after Mayor W. M. Hicks found probable cause.

**Harvey Murray Is Dead In Virginia****Funeral for Former Resident of Oxford Conducted at Chase City Friday**

Funeral rites were conducted at Chase City, Va., Friday afternoon for Harvey Murray, former resident of Oxford, whose death occurred on Wednesday after an illness of several months.

The service was conducted at the Baptist Church at 3:30 with the pastor in charge. Burial was at Chase City. Mr. Murray resided in Oxford many years ago and was employed by the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company. In recent years he had operated an upholstery shop in Chase City.

Survivors include two brothers, H. H. Murray and Oscar Murray, and a sister, Mrs. Lonnie Mangum, all of Oxford.

**E. W. Rawlins To Be Promoted by S. R. In Washington Job**

An Oxford native, E. W. Rawlins, who has been assistant cashier in Washington, D. C., for the Southern Railway, will on April 1, be advanced to cashier, succeeding Robert H. Smith, who is being promoted to cashier.

Mr. Rawlins was born in Oxford Jan. 14, 1900, and entered the service of the Southern as a clerk in the office of the treasurer at Washington on July 2, 1917. He was promoted to receiving teller on Sept. 1, 1937, and entered the United States Army on Dec. 1, 1942. He returned to the Southern as receiving teller on March 16, 1943. He was promoted to assistant cashier in Jan. 1, 1944.

**Copper Distillery Seized In County**

Better quality distilleries are showing up in the woods of Granville County.

County officers have reported seizure of several copper outfits during recent weeks. Deputies O. L. Harrison and W. T. Beasley seized a 300-gallon submarine type kettle in the lower part of the county the past week.

Officers said the outfit was in operation and that whiskey had just begun pouring through the 20-foot long condenser when the operators fled at the approach of the raiding party.

**Name Wake Man Eighth District Pres. at Session****Thomas A. Banks Named Successor to Dr. R. L. Noblin — Guy B. Phillips Speaks at Local Meeting**

School board and committee members from the eighth district of the North Carolina School Board Association, in a dinner meeting here Thursday night, were urged by Prof. Guy B. Phillips of the faculty of University of N. C., to "become lobbyists in behalf of the children of North Carolina."

He said that these 43,000 citizens of the state should regard themselves as directors of a \$68,000,000 corporation, and exercise their good judgment to the end that the school program is well-managed. He pleaded for better buildings, better prepared teachers which must be brought in with a better salary schedule, improved curriculum and more special services.

Mr. Phillips spoke after the Oxford High School mixed chorus had rendered several selections to the delight of the visitors, and special numbers had been rendered by the smaller groups from Oxford High, all under the direction of Mrs. Fred Webb, Jr. Dr. R. L. Noblin, district president, presided. Henry Scott of Haw River, president of the State Association of School Boards, reported on the progress of school legislation before the General Assembly. Granville Rep. T. W. Allen spoke briefly at the close of the meeting, stating that there is "great confusion" currently in the Assembly over school appropriations.

During the business meeting, Thomas A. Banks of Garner, a Raleigh attorney, was elected president, succeeding Dr. Noblin; P. B. Chamblee of Zebulon, a Johnston County committeeman, was named vice president; and J. T. Gobbell of Chapel Hill, was selected secretary-treasurer.

Up to Committeemen Prof. Phillips declared that it is largely a responsibility of county and district committeemen to "assess the problem of the school," and provide the guidance that the Legislature needs in its biennial sessions to help work out some of the problems. "Most of us are so absorbed in other things that we are not cognizant of the 'profit and loss' operations in the big business of education," the former Oxford school superintendent and local banker declared.

In presenting the idea that the school committeemen should become lobbyists for North Carolina children, he said the lobbyists for other interests know exactly what they want when they show up in Raleigh. He urged that school committeemen and board members "do more toward organizing and assessing the school directorate in the next two years."

Mr. Phillips said that pay must be "basically increased" to get better teachers into the profession. Boehlke and Dean D. B. Brian of Wake Forest, pointed out the flow of young men and women, many of whom had planned to teach, into employment offering greater beginning pay. He related many instances of inferior, fifth-ridden school buildings in the state. He said the "eighth grade is a sieve through which thousands of North Carolina youth are falling out." In emphasizing the need of better supervision he offered the school lunch program as a contrast. He said supervision is given there and that every school is proud of its lunchroom.

**L. E. Adcock Hurt In Farm Accident**

L. E. Adcock, well-known farmer of Tar River community, sustained a painful injury in a luckless accident the past week.

Mr. Adcock, father of J. C. Adcock of Oxford, was using an axe to pull down a board on the side of a farm building, preparatory to nailing it, when the helve came out of the axe.

The cutting edge of the axe was hurled forward, striking Mr. Adcock on the nose and lip. The injury was treated by a local physician, who called it painful but not serious.