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LATE NEWS

ISRAEL UN MEMBER Israel was admitted to the United Nations yesterday as the 59th member.

GRANGE BACKS PROGRAM The North Carolina Grange, in meeting this week in Raleigh, approved the aims of the Brannan farm program now before Congress.

BERLIN TRAFFIC MOVES The Russians ended their blockade of Berlin yesterday and traffic began moving thereafter by rail and road to the jubilant city.

YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING A 16-year-old choir boy at Roanoke, Va., has confessed to savagely bludgeoning and choking blonde Dana Marie Weaver to death in the parish house of Christ Episcopal Church in that city.

CCC CONTROL RETURNED The House this week passed a bill to return control of the Commodity Credit Corporation to the Agriculture Department and restore its authority to acquire storage facilities for surplus farm crops.

PRICE INSURANCE ASKED A new farm program, under which farmers could buy government "price insurance" on major crops, was proposed this week by Chairman Cooley of the House Committee on Agriculture.

BOND SUPPORT URGED Governor Scott this week urged the opening note in a campaign to convince North Carolinians they need both school and road bonds to "advance greatness."

Beginner's Day At Nichols Postponed Beginner's Day, originally planned at John Nichols School today, Friday the 19th, has been postponed to May 27 because of the current outbreak of measles in the community.

Delegates Return From Church Meet Rev. E. B. Jeffers, E. G. Peoples, A. L. Taylor, J. P. Hall, A. W. Gamble and M. K. Pinnix were among the members of St. Stephen's Church who attended the Diocesan conference held this week in Durham.

Four Games Remain On O. O. Schedule Four games remain on the baseball schedule of Oxford Orphanage, including one at Oxford Park May 24 with Oxford High School.

Move Launched To Buy Hunt Estate for Future Oxford Need

R. Marsh Ray To Head Movement; Outlines Ideas

Oxford Business Leader Proposes to Acquire Property In Forthcoming Sale To Meet Increasing Needs of Citizens

Envisioning the future of Oxford, a prominent business man here yesterday proposed the organization of a citizens' corporation to acquire and hold the W. H. Hunt estate property for future use and benefit of "all the people of Oxford."

Ray said he would act as voluntary chairman of the citizens committee until such time as a permanent organization can be perfected. Those who are willing to subscribe to the enterprise should immediately contact Mr. Ray.

D. F. LANIER ENDS QUARTER CENTURY ELECTIVE SERVICE

Veteran Commissioner Served Through Period of Town's Greatest Growth and Development of Expanded Municipal Services

There was a little trace of regret, but more evidence of relief from a public responsibility, when D. F. Lanier completed his service Tuesday morning as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Oxford.

"I have discharged what I think is my duty and responsibility," remarked Mr. Lanier, adding that he was of the opinion that every citizen should make some contribution to the betterment of his home town or county by public service.

Mr. Lanier was elected first to the town board 26 years ago, serving for a term with the late Mayor W. Z. Mitchell. Since his first election, he has served with former Mayors T. G. Stem, the late J. A. Taylor, J. W. Medford, B. S. Royser, Jr., T. C. Jordan, Jr., W. M. Hicks. He has been continuously a member of the board of town commissioners except for two years in the early 30's when he was a member of the Granville County Board of Education.

D. K. Pittman Is To Visit School Today

D. K. Pittman, who has been elected principal of Oxford High for the 1949-50 term, will visit the school today to meet the faculty and to check into the records of the school with the retiring administration.

Check Flasher Is Sought After He Pays Visit Here

Two Merchants Victimized by Balding White Stranger In Town

A check flasher paid a visit to Oxford the latter part of the week and pulled two jobs before vanishing.

Police yesterday said one of the checks was passed at a furniture store and the other at a supply store, and both were in the amount of \$87.50. In each instance, merchandise was purchased and the balance of the check obtained in cash with a statement that the purchaser would call for the merchandise.

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The following committees were appointed by Mayor Currin, the first named in each instance to be chairman: Finance, J. P. Harris, J. A. Watkins and D. T. Currin; Street, R. R. Herring, Joe A. Watkins and B. J. Williams; Town Property, D. T. Currin, Sam Baird and J. P. Harris; Cemetery, Sam Baird, B. J. Williams and D. T. Currin; Water, Joe A. Watkins, Sam Baird and B. J. Williams; Lights, B. J. Williams, R. R. Herring and J. P. Harris; Sewer and Plumbing, R. R. Herring, D. T. Currin and B. J. Williams; Sanitation, Sam Baird, W. N. Thomas, R. R. Herring; Recreation and Park, Joe A. Watkins, Sam Baird and D. T. Currin; Fire, W. N. Thomas, Joe A. Watkins and B. J. Williams; Audit, J. P. Harris, R. R. Herring and W. N. Thomas.

Braggtown Plays Dodgers Sunday

Julius Moore Expected to Pitch for Visiting Club at Recreation Park

Julius Moore, the touted Stem High lad who today becomes eligible to sign in professional baseball, is expected to pitch for the Braggtown club in a contest with Oxford Dodgers here at 3 p. m. on Sunday at the Recreation Park.

County League Play Continues

Kinton Fork, Stem and Enon Winners in First Round of Play

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Bernard L. Bragg Buried Wedn'day

Funeral for Granville Native Conducted in Chase City, Va.

Bernard L. Bragg of Chase City, Va., son of the late H. M. Bragg and Mrs. Emma Wheeler Bragg of Stem, died at 9:20 Monday night in Community Hospital, Danville, Va., where he had been critically sick for several days. He was 60.

Dodgers Sunday Band to Present Outdoor Concert

School Musicians to Be Heard at Oxford Orphanage on May 22

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Growers in Granville Need 2 Million Plants

Pat Hedgepeth To Play For Benefit Dance Fri. Night

Pat Hedgepeth, Granville County's Benny Goodman of square dance music, has been putting his boys through over-time drill this week in preparation for the Oxford Shrine Club square dance here tonight, Friday, May 13, from 9 to 1 o'clock.

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Producers List Need at C. of C.

Farm Officials Believe Emergency Will Be Met by Co-operative Action

Farm leaders yesterday expressed the belief that plants would be available for setting all of the 17-812 allotted acres of tobacco in Granville County by mid-June.

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Oxford Lodge To Have Candidates

Shriners Making Plans for Spring Ceremonial of Sudan Temple in Raleigh

Oxford Lodge No. 122 will have five candidates for the Shrine at the spring ceremonial of Sudan Temple to be staged in Raleigh next Wednesday and Thursday.

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