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Oxford Owners Sell Property in Vance

Old Farmers & Merchants Bank Building to Be Restored as Banking House

Owners of the old Farmers and Merchants Bank building on Garnett Street in Henderson, residents of this city, have sold the property to two Henderson men who have transferred it to Commercial and Industrial Bank in Henderson.

The property was sold to Julius W. Tillery and E. O. Falkner for a consideration of \$1,000 and other values. Tillery is executive vice president of the Commercial and Industrial Bank and Falkner is a director. In transfer of the property to the bank, the two announced it would be used later as banking quarters.

The building was owned equally and jointly by Mrs. Will J. Bobbitt, widow of Warrenton; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Crews of Oxford, and the estate of the late G. H. Fayette, also of Oxford, with Wachovia Bank and Trust Company as trustee.

The building was originally erected by the old Farmers and Merchants Bank, which became defunct in 1924. It has been occupied by the Vance County ABC Store since 1935.

Announcement has been made that a new building is to be erected on William Street, opposite the Seaboard Airline passenger station, for use of the ABC store, which will move there as soon as the quarters are available.

Tillery, a former Oxford resident, said a second story is to be built on the bank building and it will be newly furnished throughout for use of the bank, which will transfer its location from the building it now owns and where its quarters are located at Garnett and Horner streets. Joel T. Cheatham is president of the bank of which Tillery is the executive vice president.

Search Made For Alleged Thieves

Fence Found Broken and Two Herds Mixed in Single Pasture on Route 96

A combination of circumstances put sheriff's officers on the hunt early Thursday night for suspected cattle thieves.

Reports of gunfire in a pasture near Kinton Fork on highway 96 north of Oxford, a man sleeping in an automobile at the side of the road and a broken pasture fence set off the hunt.

Some of the Finch herd of cattle was found in the pasture with cattle of C. B. Keller. The sleeping man, Joe Tucker, a brick mason, said he pulled to the side of the road, wrapped himself and went to sleep when he discovered he was without motor fuel to reach home. He was unaware of any disturbance in the pasture, he told officers.

Sheriff Roy D. Jones and members of his personnel searched the area without any trace of the alleged thieves.

Anyone May Be Listed On Calendar, Mrs. S. J. Watkins Explains

Any resident desiring may be listed on the Community Birthday Calendar which now is being offered by the local Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. S. J. Watkins reminded yesterday.

Mrs. Watkins stated that an effort is being made to contact each home with a child in school, but she said persons without children in school had indicated a desire for listing. "If these people will telephone me, or send a post card, I'll personally pick up their listings and the necessary fee," Mrs. Watkins said.

The chairman emphasized that the calendars will not disclose the year of anyone's birth. They simply record the day of the month on which the birth occurred.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Chandler in Jacksonville, Fla., a baby girl, Elizabeth Gray, weighing six pounds, Dec. 24. Mr. Chandler is a native of this county.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Eric O'Brian of Thorndale Drive, a son, Jan. 8, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thaxton of Creedmoor, a daughter, Jan. 7, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Harris of Broad Street, a daughter, Nancy Carol, weighing 8 1/2 pounds, Jan. 9, at Granville Hospital.



LAUNCH MARCH OF DIMES—The Rev. Ronald D. Hicks, second from right, is shown as he conferred with some of his division chairmen here Friday night preparatory to launching the March of Dimes campaign in Granville county. Campaign supplies were distributed. Shown l. to r., are D. N. Hix of the county schools, Mrs. George Duffy of the Mother's March scheduled January 31, Mrs. O. C. Jenkins of Brassfield township, Chairman Hicks and Mrs. Sam Watkins of Oak Hill township.

Mrs. Cora C. Currin Interred Saturday

Funeral for Widow of John Lewis Beasley Conducted at Providence Church

Mrs. Cora Currin Beasley, 77, who lived with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Longmire on Alexander Street, died at 5 a. m. Friday at Granville Hospital. She was the widow of John Lewis Beasley and had been in declining health for several months and critically ill for two days prior to death.

The funeral was conducted at Providence Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Saturday by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Cline, assisted by Rev. E. G. Uary. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Beasley was a member of Providence Baptist Church and attended regularly and participated in the congregation's activities until she became ill. She was a daughter of the late Reubin and Rebecca Blackwell Currin and a life-long resident of Granville County.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Longmire, and Mrs. J. S. Hart of Oxford, Mrs. O. T. Wilson and Miss Hattie Beasley of Petersburg, Va., and Mrs. W. P. Pearce of Durham; two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Cole and Mrs. W. W. Watts of Oxford; one brother, R. O. Currin of Durham, and 10 grandchildren.

Two Ministers Are Heard by Rotarians

T. G. Powell Presented as New Member - John Norris Guest Junior Member

Two ministers, the Rev. Irvin Adcock and the Rev. Ronald Hicks, shared the program hour at the weekly meeting of the Oxford Rotary Club last Thursday night.

The Rev. Mr. Hicks spoke of the current March of Dimes and the need of Granville County support of the program to create additional needed funds in the local March of Dimes treasury and to support the program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

T. G. Powell, Oxford tobacconist and member of the Board of City Commissioners, was presented as a new member of the club. Past President Fred A. Woodcock did the induction honors.

John Norris, a member of the senior class at Oxford High and captain of the 1954 football team, was presented as the guest Junior Rotarian for the month.

Stovall Teacher Has Injured Right Arm

Miss Mattie Mae Lyon of this City and a member of the Stovall School faculty, is carrying her right arm in a cast as a result of a fall sustained just prior to Christmas. The compound fracture of her arm and wrist made it necessary for Miss Lyon to spend a week in the hospital and another week in bed at home. She now has resumed her teaching duties, but still is wearing a temporary cast on her arm.

SCHOOLBOY GETS INJURY

Roy Jones, a student at Oxford High, and a son of Garland Jones, is nursing an eye injury sustained in a basketball play at the high school the past week. The injury was painful but not serious.

PTA Meeting at Stem To Be Held Jan'y 19

The Parent-Teacher Association of Stem School will not meet tomorrow night, but will instead meet on Wednesday night, Jan. 19. The postponement was necessary because of the examinations being held at the school this week.

License Examiners Emphasize Courtesy

O. L. Hairr and G. M. Guy Note Improvement in Driving Habits

Following too close, failure to use the hand signal, failure to yield the right of way and ignoring highway signs are some of the principal causes of accidents.

That's the word O. L. Hairr and G. M. Guy, local license examiners, are passing along to applicants of the court house. Both also are emphasizing the importance of practicing the simple rules of courtesy.

"Courtesy is contagious," Guy remarked. "Drive into a town or city where motorists practice courtesy to pedestrians and other drivers and you'll find a town with a good safety record. I'd like to see all of us become more courteous-conscious in our driving habits."

Hairr had a word for inexperienced drivers coming for a license examination. "Get a learner's permit and practice driving in the company of a skilled operator for a month or more before tackling the examination," he suggested. "It's easier to pass when this is done."

Their particular job is concerned with seeing the competent drivers get licenses, but both Hairr and Guy are striving constantly to encourage the use of safe practices on the highway and roadway. Both said they had noted "general improvement" in traffic habits in their travels around the county and state. "Folks are driving at reasonable speeds and with greater safety," Guy stated.

Legion Plans Supper Meeting Friday Night

There is to be a supper meeting of Ernest F. Hart Post, No. 90, American Legion, Friday night, Jan. 14, at 7 o'clock in the Legion Club.

Dr. R. W. Taylor, post commander, said plans would be completed for a minstrel on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 27 and 28, at the high school auditorium. Proceeds of the show, Dr. Taylor said, will be used for the Legion's child welfare program.

Jimmy Williams Is Reported Stronger

A group of friends from Hester Church community visited the boy, and Mrs. Roger E. Williams and family in Hickory on Sunday. They found the Williams' son, Jimmy, able to be up some in his room and showing increased strength after his recent hospitalization. The youth is suffering with leukemia, an illness diagnosed recently at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

County Commissioners Invited to School To Be Held at Chapel Hill

Members of the Granville County Board of Commissioners have been invited to Chapel Hill Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to a school conducted by the Institute of Government.

Registration will begin at the Institute building at noon Tuesday. Classes are to begin at the close of registration and continue through Wednesday afternoon.

The subject matter of the meeting is designed primarily for the newly-elected county commissioners but all county commissioners have been invited.

A part of the Institute of Government's training program for county and municipal officials, the school will be concerned with the powers and duties of county commissioners in the field of county finance and property taxation and with the duties of commissioners in connection with the financing of public schools and welfare programs.

Girl Scout Leaders Attend Conference

Local committees are continuing their efforts to cement Granville into the proposed area council of Girl Scouts.

Representing the community at a planning meeting held in Durham last Friday to further the five-county organization were Mrs. Bob Ray, Mrs. T. K. Huss, Mrs. L. R. Creech and Mrs. R. W. Taylor.

Other counties represented were Warren, Vance, Orange and Durham.

Demonsrations Set On Gas Treatment Of Tobacco Plant Beds

Two demonstrations are scheduled Wednesday on gas treatment of plant bed area.

The first is to be held at 10 a. m. at the Robert Renn farm in the Wilton section and the second at 1:30 p. m. at the J. T. Wody farm in the Berea section.

Farm Agent C. V. Moegeon said considerable interest is being manifested in the gas treatment plan, designed to control weed and grass growth and nematodes.

A similar demonstration Friday at the James Howard farm at Tar River was well-attended, Moegeon said.

Henry Lewis and Alex McMahon, assistant directors at the Institute, will direct the instructional program.

Closing Posters Are Offered by Chamber

The Wednesday afternoon closing is to be continued here tomorrow after a successful beginning last week, according to officials of the Chamber of Commerce. It was also announced that a few door cards are available from the Chamber for member merchants who desire these for posting, announcing the midweek closing.

Two Commissioners Join Oxford Board

George P. Tarry and Thomas B. Currin to Sit With Body Tonight

Two newly appointed commissioners for Oxford took oath of office Saturday morning at City Hall with Clerk of Court A. W. Graham, Jr., administering the oath.

The two, George P. Tarry and Thomas B. Currin, will sit with the board tonight in the regular January meeting to be held at City Hall at 8 o'clock.

Mayor W. Z. Mitchell, Jr., also has announced committee assignments for the current year. Tarry and Currin, who were named as successors to Hubert Cox and Joe A. Watkins, resigned, will serve with other members of the board, J. J. Madford, T. G. Powell, George F. Daniel, L. E. Bredlove and J. M. Faskner, in the various assignments.

Following are the committees with the first named in each instance being chairman: Finance, Madford, Tarry, Powell and Daniel; Street, Powell, Bredlove and Currin; Town Property, Bredlove, Tarry and Faskner; Cemetery, Daniel, Currin and Powell; Water, Bredlove and Tarry; Lights, Powell, Madford and Faskner; Sewer and Plumbing, Faskner, Bredlove and Daniel; Sanitation, Bredlove, Currin and Faskner; Recreation and Parks, Daniel, Tarry and Madford; Fire and Police, Madford, Daniel and Faskner; Audit, Powell, Tarry and Daniel; Industry, Faskner, Daniel and Madford; Safety, Daniel, Currin and Faskner.

Winston-Salem Man Makes Talk

Members of the Granville County Mental Health Society, in a meeting Friday night at the Community House, got first hand information on how job therapy is used to treat victims of nervous diseases.

Chairman Alban Richey presided over the meeting, at which James Hartman of Winston-Salem was the guest speaker. Mr. Hartman spoke of the operations of Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., with particular reference to the Winston-Salem program. He also showed a movie, "Salute to Courage" depicting the Goodwill operation.

He emphasized the part of occupational therapy in restoring health to persons suffering with nervous disorders.

SUPPORT OF PROGRAM OF UFE SOLICITED AT MEETING OXFORD PTA

An appeal for active support of the six-point legislative program of North Carolina's United Forces for Education, was voiced at the January meeting of the Oxford Parent-Teacher Association held Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

The speaker was Walter B. Somerville, principal of the high school who filled in for C. W. Duggins, called away from the city by death of his mother. Mrs. Henry B. Jennings, Jr., president of the PTA, presided.

Briefly stated, the six-point program seeks personnel to implement the state's school attendance laws; state allotment of one special subject teacher for each 20 faculty members; increased operational funds; a salary scale of \$2,600 to \$4,100 for A-certificate holders, and provision for an extended period of employment of two weeks for all teachers.

"It is impossible for our schools to be staffed with adequately trained, properly oriented and adjusted teachers unless salaries are offered that will tend to keep the supply of teachers up to the demand," Mr. Somerville stated.

He added that "if our boys and girls are to be properly equipped we must do everything we can" to further the public school education system of North Carolina. "We're doing much, but we need to do more to meet the obligation."

The program of United Forces for Education would require \$33,000,000 more in 1955-56 than has been recommended by the State Advisory Budget Commission and \$44,000,000 more for 1956-57, Mr. Somerville stated. He recalled that a survey made by the North Carolina Education Commission had shown that North Carolinians are willing to pay taxes necessary to provide adequate public schools.

"If we are to raise the educational level of North Carolina, we must keep going forward... education must keep pace... with the strides of progress made in radio, television, transport and in other progressive phases of our economy," Mr. Somerville stated.

He cited income records in the state to show that counties with the highest average schooling time for persons over 25 have the highest average per capita income and that counties with the smallest average income have the shortest average public school training. "In our day and time education is an economic factor," the speaker stated.

Miss Retta Parker of the high school faculty conducted the opening devotions. Mrs. Earl Rose, PTA treasurer, reported a balance of \$2.50.

Chevrolet Clinic Being Shown Here

Equipment and Methods of Reconditioning Used Cars Being Demonstrated

Chevrolet's modern "clinic-on-wheels" for reconditioning used cars and trucks can be seen in action at Bialock Chevrolet Company on Hillsboro Street today through Thursday.

This unit is one of a fleet of 16 now traveling throughout the country as a means of explaining and demonstrating at Chevrolet dealerships the latest equipment, materials and methods for quality used car and truck reconditioning, according to W. T. Yancey, general manager.

Eight of the fleet are tractor-trailer units, each carrying enough equipment to completely establish a reconditioning department. The remaining eight are specially equipped panel trucks recently added to the fleet, which carry a compact cargo of 1,500 pounds of similar demonstration equipment and materials.

Instructors in charge of the 16 mobile clinics completed a most comprehensive course on all phases of reconditioning, qualifying them to advise dealer personnel on latest reconditioning methods and demonstrate the most modern equipment and materials available.

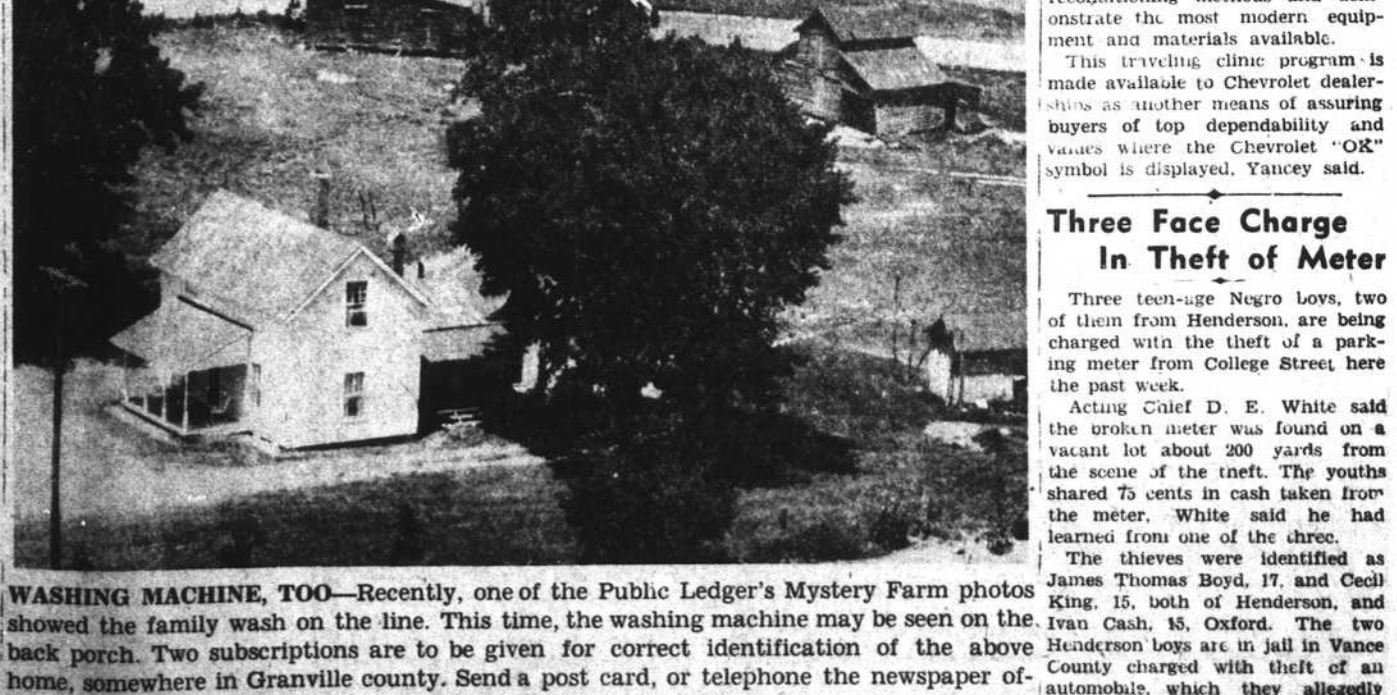
This traveling clinic program is made available to Chevrolet dealerships as another means of assuring buyers of top dependability and values where the Chevrolet "OK" symbol is displayed, Yancey said.

Three Face Charge In Theft of Meter

Three teen-age Negro boys, two of them from Henderson, are being charged with the theft of a parking meter from College Street here the past week.

Acting Chief D. E. White said the broken meter was found on a vacant lot about 200 yards from the scene of the theft. The youths shared 75 cents in cash taken from the meter. White said he had learned from one of the three.

The thieves were identified as James Thomas Boyd, 17, and Cecil King, 15, both of Henderson, and Ivan Cash, 15, Oxford. The two Henderson boys are in jail in Vance County charged with theft of an automobile, which they allegedly transported across a state line.



WASHING MACHINE, TOO—Recently, one of the Public Ledger's Mystery Farm photos showed the family wash on the line. This time, the washing machine may be seen on the back porch. Two subscriptions are to be given for correct identification of the above home, somewhere in Granville county. Send a post card, or telephone the newspaper office prior to 5 p. m. Jan. 17. This is Mystery Farm No. 20.