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CITY TO LEASE LAKE FOR FISHING; MINUTES WILL BE READ AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Parking Area To Be Improved Upon C. of C. Proposal

C. R. Watkins, Jr. and C. M. Booth to Lease Lake Devins Fishing Rights—City to Continue Cutting Sewer Roots

In a three and a half hour session of the Board of Commissioners here Tuesday night, there were squeaks that may become as audible as squawks before board members finish asking questions. A lot was accomplished at the session when Mayor W. Z. Mitchell, Jr., presiding, failed to draw any consideration for his own proposal at the end of the first hour and a half that the meeting be continued for a week in order that a popular TV program might be viewed. The mayor renewed his adjournment proposal at 11 p. m. and had left the meeting when final actions of the night came. Among accomplishments were agreements to lease fishing rights in Lake Devin to C. R. Watkins, Jr., and C. M. Booth, a decision to cut auto expense allowances for two city employees, a decision to accept recommendations of Chamber of Commerce for improving parking facilities and authorization of ordinances prohibiting parking adjacent to the intersection of Highway 158 on College Street, scene of a recent fatality, and parking on the north side of Hillsboro Street at Lewis where a new traffic light is to be installed. The board refused to pin down persons who had instructed a new business here to begin sale of beer before authorization had been given for issuance of beer license, offered no support to Mayor Mitchell's inquiry whether the administration would like to consider the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce that citizens be given opportunity to vote on a city hall bond issue and took no action on the mayor's statement that Mrs. A. A. Chapman is willing to accept from the city a replacement tree for one which was cut in front of her home and resulted in a damage claim prosecuted without success in Granville Superior Court. Minutes to be read.

Information Unit Of Reserve Forces To Visit Granville

The Senior Unit, Advisor for the Army Reserve in this area will be in Oxford and Creedmoor on Tuesday, Jan. 17, for the purpose of answering questions about the new Reserve Forces Act. Major George J. Zivich, of the Durham Advisor Group will be in the Post Office at Creedmoor on that day between the hours of 7:30 and 10:30 a. m., in Oxford at the Courthouse from 12 to 3 p. m. Young men and their parents who are interested in learning of the opportunities afforded by the Army Reserve Program are invited to stop by and talk with him. The Reserve Forces Act of 1955 establishes a clear obligation for all who enter service after August 1955, whether they are volunteers, appointees, or draftees. Of the 1,200,000 youths coming of military age this year, 7 out of 9 will be put in uniform some time before they reach age 26, either at their own request or involuntarily. Against those odds, it might pay a young man to know what his opportunities are and to get all the facts.

Art Classes Are To Begin Jan. 19

Classes in late afternoon and evening to be taught by Mrs. Weldon Smith. Under auspices of the Art Department of the Woman's Club, plans were completed here Wednesday afternoon for two classes in art to begin next Thursday at the Golf Club. The instructor is to be Mrs. Weldon Smith of Butler, a graduate of Bennington College, Bennington, Vt. The first class will begin at 4:30 and continue until 6, and the second from 7 until 8:30 each Thursday. A 12-week semester is being planned and the charge is to be \$15 for the complete course. Not more than eight more students may be accepted for the present classes. Mrs. Alban Richey, chairman of the club's Art Department stated yesterday. Interested persons may contact any members of the committee, Mrs. J. P. Hall, Mrs. Claude C. Wheeler, Mrs. Thomas Clement or Mrs. Richey at once. Mrs. Smith was greeted enthusiastically by prospective students at the Woman's Club at 3 Wednesday. Most of those in attendance were novices—interested in beginner instruction in drawing, design and color. Mrs. Richey and her committee received Mrs. Smith at the Richey home prior to the club gathering.

New Gym Is To Be Used for Game At Oak Hill 7:30

Bleacher seats completed yesterday in preparation for first use tonight. The Oak Hill gymnasium, a new structure, will be used for the first time tonight when Stern High boys and girls teams visit Oak Hill for a regularly scheduled basketball contest which will get underway at 7:30. The structure replaces the old gymnasium which was demolished by a tornado in November of 1952, and is adjacent to the agriculture and home economics buildings, utilizing their walls in the forepart of the new building. Brick and block construction were used throughout, with the existing solid masonry walls of the old building being retained in the forepart of the new structure, thereby providing walls between the substandard construction of the agriculture and home economics buildings and the new gymnasium. The dressing room and corridor floors are of concrete, the main floor of the gymnasium being of conventional construction with a maple gloss finish. Convenient public entrances and exits face the principal parking area which lies between the east side of the main building and the gymnasium proper. The construction of bleacher seats was completed yesterday by the contractor, and the building is being readied for its first public use tonight. L. C. Adcock, principal of Oak Hill School, states that a large community turn-out is expected for the contest.

Mrs. J. Rob't Wood Buried Yesterday

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna White Wood, 66, widow of J. Robert Wood, Mrs. Wood, member of a prominent Granville family, died Tuesday afternoon in St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, following a long illness. Her pastor, the Rev. Russell Harrison, conducted the service. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. A daughter of the late Dr. E. T. White and Ida Hunt White, Mrs. Wood was born in Oxford and spent her life here. She was educated at Westminster College in Richmond, Va., and at Oxford College. Mrs. Wood was active in social, religious and club activities of the community all her life. She was a steward of the Methodist Church and upon completion of the education building, was an enthusiastic worker in equipping and outfitting the building. She was for a long time a member of the Methodist Church choir. She was a member of the Tuesday Study Club, a former regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a former president of Oxford Women's Club. She also was an honorary member of Granville Grays Chapter of U. D. C. See WOOD, Page 6.

CHOICE OF SITES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BUILDING STONE, GOLF COURSE OFFERED COLLEGE TRUSTEES DURING COUNTY VISIT



REQUISITES PRESENTED—Members of the visiting committee of Presbyterian College Trustees are shown above as they examined with College Procurement Organization committee members the especially prepared brochure "Oxford's 11 Requisites." Shown just after the luncheon at the Woman's Club at noon Tuesday, 1. to r., are Al King, Jaycee president, Mrs. Claude C. Wheeler and Rev. Thomas Traynham of the Presbyterian Church; Dail Holderness of Tarboro, Mrs. Rufus Wilson of Burlington, Visiting Committee Chairman Dr. Ben Rose Lacy of Wilmington, H. Dermont Hedrick, Chairman of the Granville College Procurement Organization, John Luther McLean of Lumberton, Dr. Harold J. Dudley, Synod secretary, Mayor W. Z. Mitchell, Jr., Site Chairman Sam C. Hall and Finance Co-Chairman W. T. Yancey.

Effort of County Committee Praised By Trustee Group

Presentation called one of best by Dr. Ben Rose Lacy, Chairman of Visiting Trustees of Proposed College. A choice of beautiful building sites with necessary utilities, an offer of blue white granite building materials, a golf course, and cash and pledges in the amount of a quarter million dollars, a promise of students for years to come from homes of Granville County, and a pledge of sustained interest were laid before a visiting committee of trustees of a projected new Presbyterian College here Tuesday. The committee members, Dr. Ben Rose Lacy of Wilmington, chairman, Carl Hudson of Raleigh, John Luther McLean of Lumberton, Mrs. Rufus Wilson of Burlington, and Dail Holderness of Tarboro, said frankly that they liked what they had seen and were impressed with what they had heard. Dr. Rose, speaking at the close of the offer made by Granville County through Chairman H. Dermont Hedrick of the Granville College Procurement Organization, said his committee had been "much impressed." "I commend you on your presentation and on the brochure prepared to present the matter," Dr. Rose said. "It is one of the best I have seen in the whole group. I commend you for the manner in which you have made your presentation." Dr. Rose said his committee and the college trustees "will refer to the proposal to change Flora Macdonald College, Peace College and Maxton Junior College into a single new four-year co-educational college at a cost of around \$5,000,000. Sites Visited. The busy day for the visiting group began with arrival of the committee around 10 a. m. After informality at the Presbyterian Church, the committee was driven about the city and shown points and places of interest as they were also taken to sites north of town on highway 15, northeast of town on S. Lem road, and in other localities. It continued through a luncheon hour at the Woman's Club when some 75 persons from around the county were guests. Sandwiched between the luncheon and a presentation of Granville's proposals at the armory in the afternoon was more travel about the city and county. Hedrick made the general presentation, but called upon several committee members to present Granville's "Eleven Requisites" for the college. Mrs. Claude Wheeler's topics were the vital church life in the community and the wholesome moral and cultural environment. The Rev. Thomas Traynham and Mrs. George Duffy framed the community's offer of opportunity for the college to render "the largest possible service to the church, the state and the nation." Mr. Traynham pointed out how the community and neighboring territory had joined in to support the Granville effort to land the college, including the Presbyterian constituency. Center of Population. C. W. Duggins presented Granville as a center for the state's population and how the college would be easily available to students of Eastern North Carolina as well as the populous Piedmont. Charles Fellenbaum set out the accessibility of Granville by highway. See COLLEGE, Page 6.

Burglars Active, Four Establishments Entered

Burglars have been busy in town and county this week, keeping city and county officers on the run to find clues that might lead to arrests. Victims of the night-operating thieves were Morton and Sherman and Farmers Exchange in this city, Cooley's Store in Stern, and Diamant's Center at Dement's crossing east of the city. The two Oxford break-ins occurred during Tuesday night and the two outside of the city during Wednesday night. Agents of the State Bureau of Identification are assisting Oxford police and sheriff's men in their search for clues. Nelson Cooley of Stern reported on Thursday morning to Sheriff Roy Jones that entrance to his place had been gained through a back window and that the missing loot included meat, coffee and perhaps other items of food. W. G. Drumwright, operator of Diamant's Center, said entrance to his place was through a window. He reported loss of about 75 pennies taken from the cash register. Sheriff Jones and an SBI agent was busy yesterday attempting to lift fingerprints at the break-in scenes. Detective J. E. Cash and Assistant Chief N. E. White handled the in-town break-ins with the aid of SBI Agent Sterling Morton and Sherman were heaviest losers. The missing loot there included four truck tires, about \$2 in cash and a number of PO wrenches. Entrance was gained by cutting an outside fence and crawling through an unlocked window to the shop. At Farmers Mutual, the officers found entrance had been gained through a basement window. Money was stolen from a drink box and a coke dispensing box. Exit was made through a door opened from the inside.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Arrington of Aberdeen, a son, Jan. 10, at Granville Hospital. Mrs. Arrington is the former Edna Mae Burns of Granville County. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wilson of Stovall, a daughter, Jan. 12, at Granville Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. James Tarry of Kingsbury Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Evlene Royster, Jan. 9, at Maria Parham Hospital, Henderson. The Tarrys have one other child, a daughter, Anna Christian, age 30 months. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie McCall Watson of Baker Street, a son, Michael Guthrie, Jan. 8, at Granville Hospital. In earlier report, the name was inadvertently listed as Watkins instead of Watson.

Rodman's Opinion Of Local Concern

Attorney General Holds County Responsible for Municipal Prisoners. One of the opinions of Attorney General John B. Rodman handed down this month was of especial interest here. Rodman held that a county is responsible for the care of prisoners of municipalities within that county. The question arose locally when the Oxford administration decided to abandon its jail upon continued complaint of Jail Inspector T. A. Early of the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare that it did not conform to North Carolina law. The Board of County Commissioners delayed acceptance of city police prisoners at the county jail until Rodman held that it was the county's responsibility. Each city prisoner, if fine and costs are imposed, pays a turnkey charge and \$2 per day for board. If a prison term is imposed the costs of maintaining the prisoner before trial is born by the county.

Bert Slaughter Shot By Own Gun, Reports His Hunt Companion

Accidental discharge of his own gun put Bert Slaughter in VA Hospital, and not the gun of a hunting companion, it has been learned. An earlier story erroneously stated that the accidentally discharged gun was in the hand of Robert Slaughter. Robert Slaughter reports that he and his father were hunting ahead of Bert Slaughter and did not see the accident which occurred near Berea on Dec. 26. Robert Slaughter stated that Bert Slaughter was hunting with a borrowed hammerless gun, which Bert said he was carrying under his right arm as he attempted to break a twig. As he did so, the gun slipped, and the barrel was about to plunge toward the ground. Slaughter reportedly kicked his right foot up to break the weapon's fall, and at the time the load was discharged. Bert Slaughter was taken to Veterans Hospital, Durham, immediately after the accident and has been a patient there since.

Police Arrests Total 1,100 For Year Just Ended

Oxford police made over 1,100 arrests during 1955, the annual report of Chief of Police Douglas E. White revealed yesterday, discloses. The fifteen men of the department traveled approximately 75,000 miles in their patrol of the streets and burned in excess of 5,000 gallons of gasoline in their travels. Records show a total of 1,108 arrests and the collection of \$24,828 in fines and forfeitures authorized in Mayor's Court. This sum was disbursed to the following funds: solicitor fees \$2,577.50; state costs \$2,062; Quad County Officers' Association \$1,931; city costs \$6,515.75; fine \$10,302.25; jail and turnkey fees (October and November only) \$437.50.

Health and Physical Education Workshops In County Scheduled

Teachers of the Granville unit will review their program of health and physical education instruction in two sessions scheduled to be held January 16 and 17. Miss Helen Stuart and Taylor Dodson of the State Department of Public Instruction, consultants in health and physical education, will lead the discussions with the local group. Principals, high school health and physical education teachers and coaches, and elementary teachers will meet at Oak Hill on Monday, Jan. 16, at 3 p. m. and at Creedmoor on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 3 p. m. The meetings are a part of the in-service program planned by the steering committee of Granville County teachers, according to Superintendent D. N. Hicks.

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms To Speak on Focus Week Plans of WMU

In preparation for Focus Week to be observed Jan. 15-20, Mrs. Lonnie Nelms will be speaker on the Flat River Association Baptist Hour over Station WOXP at 8:30 on Sunday morning. The Focus Week program is a Woman's Missionary Union project and it is to be carried out largely through participation of local churches, according to Rev. W. J. Edwards, promotion secretary of Flat River Baptist Association.

Applications For Allotments To New Leaf Growers Due

The final date for applying for new grower tobacco allotments for 1956 is January 31, according to Thomas G. Montague, office manager of the Granville County Stabilization and Conservation Service. The change in new grower provisions will tend to reduce the number of new grower allotments issue in this and all other counties, according to Montague. Montague also stated that the deadline for 1956 new grower cotton applications is Feb. 28.

Rev. Oren Bradley To Speak at Berea

"Home Life" will be the subject of an address which Rev. Oren Bradley of Stovall, will give at the January meeting of Berea Parent-Teacher Association on Tuesday night at 7:30. The meeting, according to Mrs. Norman Hicks, program chairman, is to be held in the school auditorium. Mrs. James Royster and infant son, Larry Gooch, returned to their home on Route 1, Oxford, Thursday from Granville Hospital.

GRANVILLE SHARES FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT

Use of Funds Derived from Second \$25,000,000 of Bond Revenue Yet to Be Determined by City and County School Administrators. Allocations from the second \$25,000,000 of State School Bond funds by the State Board of Education provide a total of \$234,390.60 for improvements in the city and county schools. Neither the Granville Board of Education nor the Oxford Board of Graded School Trustees has revealed how the funds will be spent. Both administrative bodies have lists of needs that far exceed the cost of the available funds. The breakdown shows \$142,944.79 allotted to Granville and \$92,145.81 set aside for the Oxford district, figures which total approximately \$2,000 more than the total allotment from the first \$25,000,000. The allocations were determined on an average of \$56.99 for the 8,267 average daily membership in schools of the city and county. The board's studies of ranking of the 100 counties in the percentage of the state's total economic ability put Mecklenburg and Forsyth counties in first and second places, respectively, and Granville County in 56th rank. In a study of the average amount of local funds raised annually per pupil for a five-year period ending last December, Granville ranks 53rd, with Mecklenburg in first place and Wake in second.

Buck James Hurt As Car Leaves Highway

Buck James of Robersonville, husband of the former Miss Patty Royster of this county, is improving at Mission Memorial Hospital, Asheville, where he was taken Dec. 26 for treatment of injuries sustained when his car went off a 200 foot fill near Asheville. James, a tobacco man, was en route to Knoxville, Tenn., when his car hit an icy pavement and went out of control. The 1955-model Buick was demolished. James sustained multiple injuries and his wife was at his bedside during the accident.