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Siren Called Eerie But Educational

No Chicken Casualties Reported After Test of New Alarm Device

Up close, it was ear-splitting and eerie; outside of town, according to listeners, it was eerie. This was the 12 noon Wednesday testing of the new red painted civil defense siren mounted on a platform atop the Morgan-Crews building.

At 12 sharp, City Commissioner Ed Coble threw the switch that set off the mournful wailing.

According to one unnerved listener, "It was like the sirens in the movies of London during the blitz." Another, "Lord, what in the world is that fuss?"

"They're trying out a new horn, didn't you read it in the paper?" "No."

Loud and misbehaving prisoners in the county jail quieted down after the noise began.

But most people were aware of it, having read and heard the pre-test notice and announcement. Steps had been taken to guard against the panic-smothering of small, housed chickens.

Signals used in Wednesday's test, T. C. Jordan, Jr., Civil Defense director for Oxford and Granville County, pointed out, were educational—were the actual signals which would be used in case of real See SIREN, Page 5

Both Parents Held In Infant's Death

Arthur and Hattie Mae Hunt in Granville Jail in Default of Bonds

Two persons, the mother and the father of a seven-months old child who died last June 27 under mysterious circumstances, each accused the other of lethal blows during a continuation here Tuesday night of the coroner's inquest into the death of Nanette Hunt.

The six-member jury which earlier had the mother, Nanette Mae Hunt, held for murder in death of the infant, Tuesday night found probable cause against Arthur Hunt, her common-law husband, and ordered that he be held for the grand jury of Granville Superior Court.

Members of the jury earlier impelled by Coroner Grover Saunders were J. R. Adcock, Pat Campbell, Hillman Brummitt, L. L. Shoffner, Frank Speed and Tom Foe.

Hattie Mae, appearing as a witness against Hunt, told the jury, in response to a question by the coroner, that, in her opinion, the death of the baby was caused by mistreatment at the hands of Arthur Hunt on Monday night prior to the child's death while she was away from home.

Hunt, who asked that he might testify, said in his opinion, the baby died of a blow from a shoe in the hand of Hattie Mae.

After the young mother earlier had implicated Hunt after she was ordered held for murder, her bond was cut to \$500 and she was released. However, on information given by Hunt, she was again placed under arrest and now is in jail. Both are being held in default of \$5,000 bail, awaiting the November term of Granville Superior Court.

Roysters Move To College St. Home

Attorney and Mrs. Stephen Royster and family have moved into their home on College Street Extension, purchased from Lee Page Royster and which was formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thorpe.

Royster, who received his degree in law this past June at UNC, is associated with his father, Attorney B. S. Royster, Jr., and his uncle, Attorney T. S. Royster.

Mrs. Royster is the former Lucy Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brewer. They have three children, Kimball, age 4, Catherine, age 2, and Beverly, seven months old.

Five Men Called By Local Draft Board

Five men were sent up Tuesday by draft for military service by order of the Local Draft Board.

Ten others went along for a pre-induction physical examination.

Reporting for duty were James Thomas Pruitt, Hillsboro Street, Oxford; Bobby Jean Martin, Route 5, Oxford; Crady Lee Mangum, Route 1, Oxford; David Kenneth Clement, Route 5, Oxford, and Cornelius Edwards, Jr., Franklinton, Route 1.

County Schools Will Open on September 12

Board of Education Approves Delay of One Week to Facilitate Harvest of Crops—Term to Continue Until May 31, 1957

The Granville County Board of Education, meeting in special session here Tuesday morning, postponed the opening of all schools of the Granville unit until Wednesday, Sept. 12. Schools had been scheduled previously to open Sept. 5.

The decision was prompted by the lateness of the harvest in the county, where farm work generally is about two weeks behind schedule. Sup't D. N. Hix stated that many committeemen and patrons had expressed to board members the opinion that the county generally would profit from the delay, which will move the closing date of the term to May 31, 1957.

The preliminary faculty conferences have been re-scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11, when all teachers will assemble for the 1956-57 term.

Faculty Meetings For Oxford To Be Held on Tuesday

Short-Day Schedule to Be in Effect for First Six Days of Term

A further concession was announced yesterday by Sup't C. W. Duggins of the Oxford schools, along with a statement that the 1956-57 session will open next Wednesday as scheduled.

The concession is that classes will be closed at noon through the first six days of the term to release student labor for harvest chores. Earlier, the noon closing had been planned for the first three days.

School cafeterias will not open. Duggins explained, until Thursday, Sept. 13.

The school day is to begin at 8:30 a. m.

Bus drivers for Oxford schools are to meet at the court house here at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Faculty members from Crede, Nichols and Oxford High Schools will meet in the Crede School library at 10 a. m. Sept. 4. Faculty members from Orange Street, Angler, B. Duke and Mary Potter Schools will meet at Orange Street School cafeteria at 2 p. m. Sept. 4.

J. A. Watkins Heard By Kiwanians Tuesday

Kiwanians, in their last meeting of the month Tuesday night at Oxford Motor Inn, heard Joe A. Watkins speak on the Pearsall Plan and the approaching September 8 referendum. Watkins explained the workings of the plan and how it may be applied to different situations.

Frank Bullock, vice president, presided in the absence of John A. Myers, president. Ed Taylor was in charge of the program. Tom Speed attended the meeting as guest of Dermont Hedrick.

Beginning with next Tuesday, the club will meet at its regular place, the Woman's Club. During the month of August, all meetings have been held at the Oxford Motor Inn.

BANKS TO BE CLOSED

Oxford banks will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. After the closing at 12 noon Saturday, banking will be resumed Tuesday morning, Sept. 4.

MARKET TO OPEN SEPT. 10

New Warehouse and Additional Buying Company to Strengthen Leaf Sales in Oxford

Monday, Sept. 10, is opening day for tobacco sales in Oxford.

Fred Royster, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, has confirmed the date in a letter to Sales Supervisor John N. Watkins, Jr. Earlier, the association had set Sept. 4 as tentative opening date.

Watkins said the planting season, delayed in early spring by excessive rain and later by lack of moisture, had delayed maturity of the crop in many sections of the county.

Postal Receipts Up Twenty-One Per Cent For July and August

Local postal receipts for two 28-day accounting periods, July 1 through Aug. 24, show a 21% increase over this corresponding period last year. Postmaster John D. Mackie disclosed yesterday.

For the 1955 period, receipts were \$7,122, while for the same period this year they were \$8,631—a \$1,509 gain. Mackie attributed the rise to an increased use of parcel post and of advertising in general.

He also felt postal receipts to be a fairly accurate gauge of business conditions in general.

Although the post office has been operating since July 1 under the department's new 13-month year, divided into four periods of 13 weeks, for simplified accounting purposes, comparisons of periods from last year and this year were made for an equal number of days, Mackie said.

Curb and Gutter Are Being Poured

Progress Reported as State Continues Work on Widening Hillsboro St.

Highway forces yesterday began pouring the curb and gutter for widening of Hillsboro Street between Lewis and the Southern Railway.

The project has been underway for some time while utilities, including power and telephone poles and water meters and lines were cleared.

Extensive work has been found necessary on a culvert beneath the street and highway forces have sought to make these repairs while on the job.

Stores to Be Open In Oxford Monday

Monday, Labor Day, will be a quasi-holiday in the city as all retail stores and establishments will be open for business, according to George Currin, chairman of the Merchants Committee.

Currin said that the approach of the fall season and the desire of many parents to get clothing and other supplies for children entering school prompted the decision to keep stores open Monday.

Postal and other U. S. government workers, together with employees of the state, will be off duty Monday as a holiday.

Mrs. Ernest Crews Passes At Age 81

Funeral Conducted Wednesday for Wife of Retired Mail Carrier

Mrs. Ernest L. Crews, 81, died at 7:15 p. m. Monday at her home at Hester Station, Route 2, Creedmoor. Death followed an illness of several months.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday at Bullock's Methodist Church, of which she was a member. Rev. W. E. Knight, pastor, officiated, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Vernon Tyson of Goldston. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Crews was the former Sallie Bullock, a daughter of the late Benjamin W. and Liza Parrott Bullock. She had resided all her life in this county and most of her years in the community where she resided at the time of her death.

She had been active in church and community affairs so long as her health permitted.

Surviving in addition to her husband, a retired mail carrier, are several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were Dr. Hal K. Pittard, Clifton A. Pittard, Reid Crews, Charlie Tunstall, William Green, Leonard Clay, Hazel Wheeler and John Gooch.

Tolone Elliott Clan To Gather on Sunday

Friends and relatives of the late Telone U. and Rosa Franklin Elliott are invited to join a family reunion to be held Sunday, Sept. 2, at the home of Edd Elliott, The Edd Elliotts reside near Moriah in Person County. Participants are reminded to bring a picnic lunch.



OFF FOR THE CIRCUS—The student body of the Oxford Orphanage were guests Wednesday afternoon of the Henderson Shrine Club for Christiani Bros. Circus in Henderson. The "Red Devil" bus loads nearly 50 students as Assistant Sup't E. T. Regah, in doorway, and Miss Lillie Parrish, on ground, check the load. Other student, at right, await their turn for transportation in automobiles.

Mrs. W. H. Walters Dies in Hospital

Funeral Conducted Wednesday Afternoon at Oxford Methodist Church

Mrs. W. H. Walters died at 11 p. m. Monday at Granville Hospital in her 80th year. She was one of East Carolina's best known boarding house-dining room operators, having operated her establishment, the Walters House, here for 47 years.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Oxford Methodist Church by the Rev. Russell Harrison, pastor, followed by burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Walters, the former Viola Jones, was one of 12 children born to her late parents, Edna Molze and Thomas Hill Jones. Soon after her marriage, with her late husband, she established a boarding house opposite the post office. Her enterprise became widely known and generously patronized by persons from far and wide who learned of her family style dining room.

Mrs. Walters, a woman of great energy, remained active until a few weeks ago. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Eastern Star and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by three sons, Sidney J. Walters of Winston-Salem, Dr. William H. Walters of Dade City, Fla., and John D. Walters of the home; two sisters, Mrs. E. V. Hoffer and Mrs. D. T. Lunsford, both of Durham, and a brother, E. T. Jones, Route 3, Oxford.

T-Shirt League In Row; Final Game Last Night

Cards and Phillies, Each With Victory, in Third Game at Park Thursday

Official T-Shirt League playoffs were halted Friday, Aug. 24, over a protest by the Yankees to the alleged ineptness of a Philly pitcher, and the agreement was reached to count none of the playoff games, but to revert to the standings held prior to playoffs. League Commissioner W. T. Watkins, said yesterday.

Team standings before the playoffs began were Cardinals, Yankees, Phillies, Pirates, Indians and Braves. "No trophy or anything like that was awarded," Watkins explained. "We ran out of money."

In the semi-finals, the Cardinals bested the Pirates two out of two p. m. saved, and the Phillies lost to the Yanks, 10-3, their second game being the protested one.

However, the two Orphanage teams on Monday evening at the park, began their own private finals. The score was in favor of the Phils. On Wednesday, Aug. 29, the Cards triumphed 10-6, but according to Bob Reece and James Smith, no spectators showed up. League officials were not present, according to Reece and Smith, and park lights switch had to be forced open to get light for the game.

Watkins said it had been his understanding that this inter-school team rivalry would be played at the Orphanage field.

Smith and Reece expressed shame that little league fans, players and officials had let the teams down, and said they plan to stage a picnic or wailer roast for the Orphanage boys, doing it alone if they cannot get help around town.

A final game was set for last night at the Oxford park

Safety Feature Is Offered in Ledger

A comic strip with a safety theme will appear in the Public Ledger for the next few issues through cooperation of the safety committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The strip has special appeal for the boys and girls who are this year beginning school for the first time, according to Nelson Daniel, chairman of the safety committee of the Jaycee organization. Other committee members are Buster Wilford, E. S. Powell, Brent Currin, and Dick Paynter.

Per Capita Income Up

North Carolina's per capita income in 1955 increased \$63 or five per cent over that of 1954, the State Department of Conservation and Development was notified this week. However, the state continues to rank 44th among the states in per capita income under revised estimates made by the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C. North Carolina's per capita income gain last year was the same per cent as the national average. In 1955, per capita income in this state was \$1,238 compared with \$1,173 in 1954.

Granville Towns Get \$33,545.79 From Powell Bill

Oxford's Share, \$26,386.92 of State Allocation for City Street Improvements

Four Granville towns, Oxford, Creedmoor, Stovall and Stem, will share \$33,545.79 of the \$6,219,336.82 which will be disbursed in mid-September to 400 incorporated, active, eligible and qualified municipalities for improvements on non-highway system streets.

Of the amount coming to Granville under the provisions of the Powell Act, passed in 1951 Oxford will receive \$26,386.92; Creedmoor, \$3,949.75; Stovall, \$1,904.96; and Stem, \$1,322.16.

Half of the total allocation for the state, or \$3,109,688.01 will be divided among all qualified municipalities on the basis of population. The per capita rate is \$2.04 this year. Last year it was \$1.88.

The other half of the total allocation is divided among all the qualified municipalities on the basis of relative mileage of non-state road system or local streets which comply with the Powell Act. According to the reporting of the N. C. State Highway and Public Works Commission's figures Oxford's non-state mileage is 25.61; Creedmoor's 4.45; Stovall's, 2.15; and Stem's, 1.77.

Since the enactment of the Powell Act to legislation in 1951, the number of eligible municipalities and the total amount of money allocated has steadily increased. In 1951, 386 towns shared in \$4,543,096.20.

The increasing annual total disbursements are due to the ever-growing volumes of gasoline being used in motor vehicles, and the fund comes from a one-half cent per gallon of a total or gross of six cents per gallon on gasoline.

As of July 1, 1956, the 400 participating towns had 6,261.17 miles of non-state roadway. Allocations may be made only to legally incorporated cities and towns which are active and eligible, and whose officials have qualified it by submitting certified statements and maps prior to the limiting date.

Many legally incorporated towns are inactive and do not perform those function necessary to qualify under the law. The many populous communities in the state which have never chosen to incorporate and function as municipalities are not eligible, the allocation report pointed out.

Payments will range this year from low of \$380.10 to Falkland in Pitt County to the high of \$453,091.21 for Charlotte.

Coca-Cola Sales Produce Results

Jaycees Sell 400 Cases of King-Size Drinks During Effort Tuesday Night

Jaycees, ringing doorbells across and around the town, Tuesday night succeeded in selling coupons for 400 crates of king-size Coca-Cola in their campaign to obtain a score board for the Oxford High football field.

Project Chairman R. Kennon Taylor, Jr., said yesterday that many additional crates had been sold by Jaycees in their work about the city during the day Wednesday and Thursday.

"It looks now as if we have about 400 more cases to go to bring us to our goal of 900," Taylor said.

Coupons, redeemable at local Coca-Cola dealers until Dec. 31, are also stubbed to permit purchasers to participate in the distribution of a high-priced electric clock and also about 75 serving trays.

"We are highly pleased with the acceptance the public has given our project here," Taylor said reminding that each purchase also gets a ticket valued at \$1 for the opening high school football game Sept. 7.

Scout Workers Meet To Plan Fund Drive

Boy Scout workers of the county will meet tonight, Friday, at 8 in the Baraca class room of the Oxford Baptist Church for the purpose of planning the annual Scout financial drive.

G. T. Eakes, fund drive chairman for Granville County Scouts, said this meeting had originally been planned for a week ago, but was postponed until Aug. 31. Eakes urged every person working with the Boy Scouts of the county to attend the meeting.



BRINGER OF GIFTS—A Fort Bragg business man, R. G. Creech, president of Creech Cleaners, Inc., visited Oxford Orphanage at noon Wednesday, bringing a truck load of clothing, suckers and cup cakes for the children. Baby Cottage children were first in line when Creech opened his candy package. Creech said customers and friends donated the used clothing, which he repaired and cleaned for the Orphanage.