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Tires And Tools Taken From Garage

Mechanic, State And County Goods Taken by Thieves

Police Get SBI Aid in Search for Clues at Granville School Bus Garage, Entered During Week-end

Loot, with a total value of \$900 to \$1000, was hauled away by thieves who entered Granville County school bus garage during the week-end.

The break-in and larceny were discovered at 7 a. m. Monday when George Dement, foreman at the shop, appeared to open the building to begin the week's work.

Police Officer C. B. Woodlief initiated the investigation and called for fingerprint experts from the State Bureau of Investigation, who arrived yesterday morning and began the careful search for fingerprint evidence.

County Supt. D. N. Hix said entry to the building was gained by breaking a lock which held a smaller door in a big sliding door to the main shop.

The stolen property belonged to individual mechanics, to the county and to the state, Hicks explained. Linwood Curran and Olin Royster, mechanics, lost their chests of personal tools, which they are required to own for employment at the garage. Also stolen was a full box of tools acquired from Army surplus, valued at \$100 and three new tires, two 8-22-5, and one 9-22-5, all tubless, with a value of \$150. Other loot included a heavy duty jack, Army surplus, and miscellaneous large wrenches.



AWARDS NIGHT—Samuel E. Wheeler, second from left, is shown as he presented to Tommy Steagall the most valuable player trophy at the awards night dinner given Oxford gridmen Thursday by Royster Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Frank Bullock, Jr., received the WOXP sportsmanship trophy presented by Pat Flanagan. Shown 1. to r., are Flanagan, Wheeler, Steagall, VFW Commander Ed Fox and Bullock.

Big Crowd Greeted WOXP at Opening; Gov. Hodges Heard

New Remote Control Equipment Improves Quality of Broadcasts

An estimated 500 persons visited offices and studios of Oxford Broadcasting Corporation Sunday as WOXP opened formally the new broadcast studios and offices at 111 Littlejohn Street.

Governor Luther Hodges topped the list of dignitaries greeting the station and its listening public in an afternoon-long program which included Mayor Hugh Curran of Oxford, Mayor I. E. Harris of Creedmoor, Mayor Giles Crutcher of Stovall and Mayor Sidney Ingold of Stem and many others prominent in the civic and religious life of the community.

The invocation was by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks, who this week is leaving for new duties in Kingsport, Tenn. Recorded greetings were aired from staff members of WHTF and WHVH, Henderson; WPTF, Raleigh; WTVD - TV, Durham; WRXO, Roxboro; WDNC, Durham; WRAL, Raleigh, and WRAL-TV, Raleigh. A former staff member, George Corkum, and Mrs. Corkum, sent telegraphic greetings from Florida.

Flowers were received from Bridgers, The Flower Shop, Jimmie's, Bryan Florist, and Ashlin, Thomas and Knight, the firm's accountants, Durham.



GRANVILLE'S 1957 CHAMPS—Stovall High scored a 50-49 victory over Stem High here Saturday night to take the Granville County Championship. Shown, front 1. to r., are Horace Thomas Gill, Lee Roy Beam, Gerald Stovall and Ray Jones, co-captain, Roy Jones; second row, James Lumpkins, Donald O'Brien, Billy Pendley, Billy Newby and Coach T. G. Stovall; back, Taylor Boyd, Marvin Newby, Kay Starks and Wayne Newton, squad manager.

Achievements of Mt. Zion Baptists Dedicated Sunday

Rev. R. D. Hicks, in Final Service Challenges Congregation to Move Ahead

This is not the end, but the means to an end, the Rev. Ronald D. Hicks told the members of his Mt. Zion congregation in a leave-taking sermon Sunday morning in a challenge to move ahead.

"Your achievements are preparation for greater undertakings of the future. God's call to this church today is to move forward," Mr. Hicks said after congregational leaders had reviewed the eye-opening achievements of Baptists in Beera community during the seven and a half years Mr. Hicks has been the pastor.

The congregation that filled the pews and all chairs which could be moved in, with eyes moist and many faces tear-streaked, seemed reluctant to leave the handsome house of worship and many crowded around the pulpit to clasp the minister's hand and reassure him of their love and good-will.

Taking his text from Joshua 13:1, Mr. Hicks found parallels between the life of Joshua and the people whom he led and the experiences of the Mt. Zion congregation.

"As pastor of this church, I deserve no credit whatever for what has been accomplished," the minister said. "People of the church and community and God deserve the credit. God has been with us in the past and he will be with us in the challenges and the opportunities of the future."

The price to be paid by the congregation, in the forward move with God, the Rev. Mr. Hicks continued, is "unity—united action with the new pastor; spirit of sacrifice—with blood, sweat and tears, if people are willing; and prayer and dedication in doing the greatest job in the world" to which God has called his people.

The sermon he delivered Sunday morning at Mt. Zion was his last in that church before leaving Thursday for Kingsport, Tenn., for a new field of work. Sunday night was his final service at Enon, the other church in his Flat River Association field.

Mr. Hicks recognized key leaders in church organizations which had served in the greatest period in the history of the church. The frame building has been brick-veneered, a brick Sunday school building added, the interior refinished and a new front steeple added.

Sidney Sherman of the building committee reported that the parsonage, completed the past year, represents an investment of \$20,680, with Mt. Zion and Enon each contributing \$10,340. Building committee members serving with Sherman were C. P. Critcher, Willard King, Harry Curran, Thomas Hobgood and Daniel Hunt.

William B. Jones, chairman, made the report for the committee on the Education Building in the absence of Roy D. Jones. Rev. Mr. Hicks made the report for the committee on remodeling the church auditorium.

Mr. Hicks read a service dedicating all achievements of the congregation and W. B. Jones gave the dedicatory prayer.

Miss Beatrice Clayton, in behalf of the W.M.U. of which she is president, presented the pastor with a handsome vase of flowers. J. S. Rudder in behalf of members of the congregation, presented two large packages containing gifts for the pastor and his family.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Risher, Jr., of Wilmington, Feb. 23, a son, Edward Armel Risher, III, weighing seven pounds one and a half ounces, at James Walker Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Risher is the former Miss Betty Baird of this city. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Baird, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hight, Jr., of Washington, D. C., a daughter, Feb. 17, in a Washington hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. (Jack) Niles, Jr., a son, Robert Puryear, at Eagle Rock, Calif., where they are residing, Friday, Feb. 22. Mrs. Niles is the former Miss Jeanette Williams of this city, whose mother, Mrs. John A. Williams is with her.

Tommy Steagall, Frank Bullock Award Winners

Neal Yeargin and Dan Averett Named Co-Captain of Oxford Schoolboy Team for This Year

Chosen by teammates at Oxford High, Tommy Steagall received at the annual banquet for members of the school's football squad the awarded annually by O. D. Moore "Most Valuable Player" trophy Farland of Durham and Samuel E. Wheeler of this city.

The award was presented Thursday evening when B. S. Royster III Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars entertained at the VFW club east of town. The presentation was by Wheeler.

Also presented at that time was the Sportsmanship Trophy, an award of Radio Station WOXP, and presented by Manager Pat Flanagan to Frank Bullock, Jr.

Announcement was made during the dinner by Coach Roy Smith. See WINNERS, Page 8

Heart Fund From Community \$600

Heart Sunday contributions to the American Heart fund collected here during the month swelled gifts to \$600, co-chairman Dick Harris, of the Granville Organization reported Monday.

"Citizens have been generally helpful to this cause, giving both their means and their time to this life-saving endeavor," Harris remarked yesterday. "Both myself and co-chairman Graham Wright are elated at the cooperation given in this undertaking."

Where families were absent Sunday, the Heart Fund workers left envelopes for use in mailing contributions to the fund.

Harris said he was especially grateful for the publicity given the Heart Fund program by WOXP and the Public Ledger.

Melon Production To Be Discussed Here on March 12

Jim Graham and State College Marketing Specialists to Participate in Planning

Production of a minimum of 500 acres of watermelons for organized marketing in the Capital Area is the goal for Granville County this year.

Farm Agent C. V. Morgan said yesterday that opportunities in watermelon production would be set out at a public meeting to be held in the Ag Building assembly room at 2:30 p. m. March 12.

Manager Jim Graham of Raleigh Farmer's Market and marketing and horticulture specialists from State College will be on hand to answer questions and to supply such information as they can to prospective producers.

The projected watermelon production program is a part of the overall program to offer to land owners and farm families opportunities for recouping income losses that may result from curtailed tobacco production.

Those getting into the program, Morgan, explained, will be asked to grow a sufficient acreage to produce melons enough to deliver a large truck load at one time.

Finer Carolina Program on Tap In City Tonight

Dr. Hal K. Pittard to Preside at Dinner Meeting at Woman's Club

Community leaders, at a dinner meeting to be held at the Woman's Club at 6:45 p. m. Tuesday, will determine whether they want to spark the Finer Carolina program here this year.

A number of changes have been made in the set-up, most important of which is the beginning and closing dates for the community improvement program for this year, according to Dr. Hal K. Pittard, who is to serve as emcee for the meeting.

With a number of major business and civic undertakings planned here for this year, the belief has been expressed that Oxford would be able to qualify for a major prize in the cash being distributed by Carolina Power and Light Company in support of the improvement program in its territory.

Stem, Stovall and Beera have set up their organizations for the current year.

Wilton Grange

A regular meeting of the Wilton Grange is to be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Grange building, according to Garland L. Catlette. John Cassidy has arranged an agricultural program for the session.

Stovall Boys, Wilton Girls Win

Championship Contests Played at Oxford Orphanage Recreation Center Saturday Night

Stovall High School boys squeaked through to a 50-49 victory and the 1957 county championship in basketball here Saturday night just after Wilton girls had blasted the hopes of Stovall girls in a 50-35 defeat.

It was the first county championship for a Northern Granville boys' team in several years.

Stovall will enter the District 3, Class A playoff which begins at Rocky Mount Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2 in the senior high school gymnasium. The tournament is to take place in the same place on March 6-9. Stovall is the only Granville team to enter the playoffs.

Stovall will engage Littleton at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, March 2, in the tournament preliminaries.

Wilton's smooth functioning girls' team had little difficulty with Stovall which had gone into the contest with a superior record and high hopes of victory.

Becky Horton with 21 took game honors with Crutchfield in close pursuit with 19. Mary Ann Tingen with 18 was best for Stovall.

Awards Presented By Tobacco Body

In behalf of Oxford Warehouse Association, John N. Watkins, Jr., market supervisor, Saturday night presented handsome trophies to county basketball champions for 1957.

Watkins and County Superintendent D. N. Hix congratulated the winners and expressed appreciation for the fine sportsmanship that was manifest throughout the tournament, which began Monday night of last week.

"We are happy to cooperate in making these awards possible," Watkins said as he presented the two-foot high trophies to co-captains of the championship teams. Each of the team members and also the runners-up team members received individual basketballs.

The entire series of games was played in the Oxford Orphanage Recreation Center and each of the contests drew a full house. This was the second year the Orphanage has made the facility available to Granville school boys and girls and because of the large, well-lighted gymnasium, more persons are able to attend the game than is possible in any other location.

WOXP with the sports staff, Pat Flanagan, Hart Curl and Bob Smith in charge, assisted by Al Goodwin doing the play by play and William Lytton doing the statistics.

Broom Sale And Ladies Night On Lions Calendar

A. T. Liles Presented as New Member of Club at Weekly Meeting

Oxford Lions, in meeting here on Thursday night, drafted preliminary plans for a "clean sweep" broom sale next month, accepted a new member and developed plans for participation in the state convention of Lions to be held in May in Asheville.

Dr. John Watson, a member of the club, spoke briefly about the blood bank being established at Granville Hospital. "Blood," he told his civic club brothers, "is one of the most important items in medicine."

His remarks were followed by a number of questions which he answered.

The new club member, A. T. Liles, assistant manager of Leggett's Department store, was presented his membership pin by James Catlette, who was commended by President Duggins for his good work in securing additional club members.

Preliminary plans for the club's annual ladies night were discussed during the meeting.

Oxford High Playing Garner High Tonight

Nearing the close of its season, Oxford High will play Garner here tonight. Boys and girls will be in action in the double header.

The area boys tournament is to be held at Southern High of Durham on March 6-9; the girls' tournament at Roxboro High on March 13-16.

Orphanage To Close Season This Week

Oxford Orphanage boys and girls conclude their basketball schedule with games tonight and Friday. Tonight's game is at Southern in Durham and the final game is with Cary there on Friday.

Negro Charged In Attack on Father

A 20-year-old Negro farm boy who conked his father over the head with a chunk of wood Sunday morning to halt a physical attack upon his mother was being held in Granville jail Monday without privilege of bond.

In jail is Junius Satterfield and in Duke Hospital, in critical condition, is the father, Lonnie Satterfield.

Sheriff's officers are continuing their investigation of the affair, which occurred on a farm northwest of Oxford Sunday morning. See ATTACK, Page 8

\$1 C. of C. Memberships For Women Harding Idea

G. T. Eakes Installed as President of Granville Organization for New Term at Annual Dinner

Business is good, although a little spotty in some areas, North Carolina's famed story teller, Edmund Harding of Washington, told a Chamber of Commerce audience here Friday night at the organization's annual dinner meeting attended by Granville's leaders in business and industry.

See CHAMBER, Page 6

Four-Room Home On Lanier St. Burned

A four-room frame home, owned and occupied by Emma Elliott, on Lanier Street opposite Mary Potter School, was virtually destroyed by fire Friday morning.

Mrs. Elliott discovered the fire as she was leaving her home on an errand. Flames quickly enveloped the entire structure and gutted it before brought under control by firemen.



AT CHAMBER DINNER—Seated at the head table of the annual dinner meeting of Granville Chamber of Commerce last Friday night were, 1. to r., Edmund Harding, Mrs. H. D. Hedrick, Mr. Hedrick, President G. T. Eakes, Mrs. Eakes, Clement Yancey and Mrs. Yancey. Judge and Mrs. John A. Myers were out of camera range.