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ACP Payments to Exceed \$100,000

Awakened Interest Shown in Granville

Requests by County Committee for Supplementary Allotment of \$20,000 Granted by State Office

Payments under the Agricultural Conservation Practices program in Granville for 1957 will exceed \$100,000, Garland Cattelle, office manager for the Granville ASC committee, indicated yesterday.

Cattelle said unprecedented interest had been shown this year by land owners in taking advantage of the program offered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The original allocation of funds by the state office to Granville for support of this program was \$81,000. When the demands continued to increase for participation in late summer and early fall, the Granville committee, headed by C. L. Jones applied for an additional allocation, Cattelle explained.

Two supplementary allotments of \$10,000 each have been granted to the Granville Committee to finance the construction of farm ponds, seeding of permanent pastures, the seeding of small grain and clover for use as green manure and other acceptable practices.

Cattelle said the cooperating of grain and fertilizer suppliers in Granville in advertising and laying the opportunities before land-owners had been "a big help" in putting more of this money into hands of Granville County farmers.

At the end of 1956, the county committee returned to the state office approximately \$90,000 in unused funds which had been set aside for support of a similar program.

Granville presently is leading the district in this phase of the farm program, with a record of 35 percent of 20 for other counties of the district. Cattelle said he believes the percentage will increase to 40—45 out of 100 farmers—by the end of the year.



VIEWING THE SITUATION—Benny Jones, Route 5, Oxford, right, moves in for a close look as William Jones, warehouse weighmaster, records the weight of the producer's tobacco. Tobacco is moving steadily through the auction market in Oxford in increased volume.

Student Hurt Fatally As Bus Leaves Road; 22 Others Are Unhurt

Autopsy Reveals Death Result Of Ruptured Liver

Highway Patrol Investigation Continues as Rites are Held for Fred Daniel Curran, Jr., Age 10

Two of 23 students aboard were injured, one fatally, when an Oxford school bus went off a rural road near town Tuesday afternoon, hitting a rock in the road ditch, ripping the rear axle from the frame. The 1948 model bus came to rest against an embankment on the right side of the road.

A fifth grade student at Credle School, Fred Daniel Curran, Jr., 10, died an hour later at Granville Hospital where he was taken in a semi-conscious state after he was catapulted from his seat by the impact.

Coroner Grover Saunders, who ordered an autopsy with parental consent, said yesterday Duke Hospital authorities had advised him that death resulted from a ruptured liver.

The other student, Paula Yancey, 12, taken to the hospital by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Yancey, returned home after examination disclosed her back injury was not serious.

Exhaustive Investigation
Highway Patrolman W. T. Felton, who began an exhaustive investigation of circumstances immediately before and after the accident, was joined by school officials and Coroner Saunders.

Felton identified Maurice Hester, 17, Oxford High senior, as driver of the bus. No. 29, which was traveling on a dead-end road which passes to the north of the office building at the Tobacco Station. Hester told the officer that the right rear wheel of his bus dropped into the road ditch as he met another bus proceeding in the opposite direction.

The right rear wheel of the bus struck a large rock in the ditch, bouncing the bus in the air. The vehicle, Felton said, came back on the road, traveled a short distance and went back to the right in the road ditch, coming to rest against the embankment in such position that the front door could not be opened.

Statements at Variance
Felton said statements given him by Hester and by James E. Jones, 27, war veteran attending Mary Potter School and driver of the second bus, No. 20, headed toward Oxford, were at variance.

Felton quoted Hester as saying the two vehicles met at the point where his bus hit the rock. Jones said Hester's bus was in the lead.

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New Community Building Aim Of Creedmoor Club

CREEDMOOR, Oct. 10 — A new community house for Creedmoor has become the top project of Creedmoor Lions Club for the current year, according to F. L. Wilson, president of the club.

Plans are to place the building on Park Avenue, opposite the Pitts Elementary School building, where an old mill now stands. Wilson said efforts are underway to have the old mill structure removed and that some members of the club have volunteered the job to be completed before the end of November.

Plans for the new building now are in the hands of contractors and bids are beginning to come in.

Assorted Matters Before City Board On Tuesday Night

One Application Granted, Another Denied For Retail Beer License

Oxford's Board of Commissioners meeting here Tuesday night, turned down one application for license to retail beer and approved issuance of another in what developed into one of the shortest regular meetings in months.

Application of William Henry Aiken, whose business is on Granville Street, was approved; that of Raymond Alfred Huff, whose enterprise is on Clement Avenue, was denied.

The board heard Hilborn Hicks complain that water stands in the recently paved street in front of his home following rains. He said he believed it was a result of faulty construction in engineering. The matter was referred to the board.

Inspector J. M. Blalock brought two matters to the attention of the board with a request for guidance. He said a number of home-owners had not complied with agreements to obtain sewer taps after he had issued building permits. The board advised that warrants be procured if such action is necessary for enforcement of the sanitary ordinance of the city.

Blalock said he had recently learned that some equipment in Hancock Health Center releases waste water into the city's sewer.

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Mrs. Bunn Morgan Succumbs at Home

Services to Be Conducted at 3:30 P. M. Saturday at G. T. Eakes Funeral Home

Mrs. Allie Adcock Morgan, 72, wife of J. Bunn Morgan, died at 5 a. m. Thursday at her home, 114 Rectory Street, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Pulley is a Sunday School teacher and deacon at the Knightdale Baptist Church, and is employed by the U. S. Post Office in Raleigh. He is now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

The morning service at Tabbs Creek will be at 11 a. m., and the evening service at Sharon will be at 7 p. m. The public is welcome.

PTA Launches Drive For Members in City

The annual membership drive of the Oxford Parent-Teacher Association was launched this week with the goal 100 percent representation, according to Mrs. Vernon W. Curran, chairman.

Mrs. Curran said every home with a child in school must be represented in the association's membership to attain the 100 percent goal.

The association is making an special effort to sign fathers in the drive, Mrs. Curran said. The membership is \$1.00 per person.

Layman's Service At Baptist Church

Layman's Day is to be observed Sunday at Oxford Baptist Church with T. S. Royster and Willis Hancock jointly conducting the 11 o'clock service.

Royster is retiring chairman of the Board of Deacons of the church and Hancock is incoming chairman of the board.

Flat River Ass'n Schedules Annual Meet Next Week

Opening Tuesday at Peace's Chapel and Closing Wednesday at Bullock Church

Flat River Baptist Association will hold its 154th annual session on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 15 and 16, the Tuesday session at Peace's Chapel Baptist Church and the Wednesday session at Bullock Baptist Church.

William A. Mitchell, Moderator, will preside.

Highlights of the two-day session will come on Wednesday afternoon when Dr. Roger Smith of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will speak.

Other speakers will include Dr. Herman Ihley, State Sunday School Secretary of North Carolina; Dr. Richard K. Young, representing North Carolina Baptist Hospital; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, speaking on Christian Literature; Rev. J. M. Hays, representing North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging; Clarence Greene, speaking on Civic Righteousness and Public Morals; and W. M. A. Huggins, representing State Missions.

Library Board To Have 10 Members

Four Additional Appointments Made at October Meeting of Board

A request by the Granville County Library Board that the membership be increased from six to 10 was approved at a meeting of the Board of Granville County Commissioners here on Monday.

The request was laid before the Granville Board by E. F. Taylor, chairman of the Library Board. The board also approved the appointment of Mrs. E. G. Peoples, Mrs. L. H. Spencer, C. S. Gracie and Tom Johnson were approved by the Granville Board of Commissioners for a term of six years.

Other members of the Library Board are Fred Webb, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. B. W. Parham, Mrs. R. M. Ray, W. T. Yancey and Dr. J. S. Bradsher.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Averette, Jr., of Fayetteville, a son, Robert Harold, Jr., Oct. 4, at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville. Mrs. Averette is the former Mildred Parrish of Stem.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Powers of South Hill, Va., a daughter, Oct. 5, Mrs. Powers is the former Miss Martha Lacy Landis of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll, Jr., of Mehane, announce the birth of a son, John Morris, Sept. 4, at the Mehane Clinic. Mrs. Carroll is the former Betty Margaret Morris of Wilton.

DRAFT BOARD OFFICE TO BE CLOSED OCT. 15

The Draft Board office here in the Hancock building will be closed all day next Tuesday, Oct. 15, to enable the personnel, Mrs. G. T. Eakes and Mrs. Samuel E. Wheeler, to attend an area meeting of selective service officials to be held that day in Henderson.

Voters to Determine Fate of Bond Program

Voting at Court House to Begin at 6 A. M. Saturday as Citizens Decide Whether City Undertakes Water and Sewer Improvements

Voters of Oxford will tomorrow determine the fate of a \$882,000 bond issue proposal in a referendum ballot.

Mayor Hugh Curran yesterday re-emphasized that the outlays requested for water system and sewer plant improvements are imperative to the safety and well-being of Oxford's present and future citizens.

"The city administration has sought to bring the facts to our citizens and property owners. We know it is a big undertaking, but we also know that the requested improvements are vital—almost mandatory—from the standpoint of the public health safety," Curran said.

The bond issue is the largest ever proposed for the City of Oxford. Of the total, \$419,000 is needed for water plant improvements, including additions to the filter system to increase the capacity and a new storage tank. The remaining \$463,000 would be used for sewer plant enlargement and refinements and for new outfall lines.

Curran said he and members of the Board of Commissioners of Oxford are encouraged by the fact that each of the city's civic clubs are on record as approving the proposal. "We believe the great majority of people going to the polls will favor the issue," Curran stated.

There are approximately 2,000 registered voters in Oxford, 30 having been added during the registration period last month.

Mrs. T. G. Stem, Jr., registrar, noted that there is to be only one polling place, and that at the court house. Polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Assisting Mrs. Stem at the polls will be Mrs. C. R. Watkins, Jr., Mrs. John N. Watkins, Jr., Joe Badgett and C. G. Crede.

Gas Takes 4-Cent Drop

TVA hit the city like a storm Wednesday.

The result, a four cents per gallon reduction in the retail price of gasoline.

In the petroleum business, TVA's Temporary Voluntary Allowance. It is an undetermined "kick back" which jobbers or distributors may allow their retail outlets to assist them in meeting competition, according to R. T. Williford, vice president of McCracken Oil Company and manager of the Oxford plant.

Esco posted first reduction here Wednesday. When that happened, dealers across the way and around the corner got busy on the phone. They were told to meet competition and signs began appearing out front.

"Gas 29.9" most of them read. Retailers said there is a corresponding reduction in premium grades. Locally, the drop was four cents per gallon, still one cent higher than has been the going price at Creedmoor and vicinity for several days.

Fuel oils are not affected by the current price adjustment.

Roberson Death Probe Continues

County and State Officers Accumulate Large File in Six-Year-Old Murder

The unsolved murder of an aged Granville County man on a rainy August night in 1951 continues to challenge officers at the county and state levels, and although the home in which J. M. Roberson resided along a few miles north of Oxford no longer exists, the case is nearer solution than ever before.

That was the word yesterday from the Granville Sheriff's Department on the State Bureau of Investigation, who have worked for five years in a determined effort to link together the unknown and bring to light true facts in the case.

Shortly after Sheriff Roy D. Jones came into office, working with Deputy J. C. Cash and SBI Agent Bradshaw, the case was reopened and work has continued since that time with only periodic interruption.

"We have a file about that thick," Sheriff Jones said.

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HD Club Soliciting Ledger Subscriptions

The month of October has been designated as "Home Demonstration Club Month For Securing Subscriptions to Oxford Ledger." The club will receive a liberal commission on all subscriptions received by them through October. If you are not now taking the Ledger, or if you now present subscription expires not later than January 1, 1958, give your subscription to your favorite club and they will receive credit for same. Remember, January 1, 1958, is the deadline on renewals that will count.

Granville Board Acts On Assorted Problems

Presley Williams Given Prison Term

Convicted in Federal Court in Raleigh this week on charges of postal law violations, an Oxford Negro, Presley Williams, was given a prison term of 22 months, Assistant Chief N. E. White has been advised.

White was the officer who "broke" the case against Williams when a number of checks which he allegedly tendered in payment for orders placed by mail were returned.

After his transfer to Raleigh, Oxford police seized from Williams' premises a large quantity of radio and television equipment, including some property which he had accepted for repair.

'Flu' Slashes Attendance In Creedmoor High

Influenza, approaching epidemic stages, has slashed school attendance at Creedmoor this week, but the situation yesterday appeared to be improving.

That was the word from Superintendent D. N. Hix after conferring with J. L. McDonald, principal of Creedmoor High, and G. C. Hawley, principal of Hawley High.

McDonald said the situation yesterday appeared to be improving after poor attendance Wednesday, which he termed the "worst day." Approximately 100 students were not in attendance Wednesday. High school students, McDonald said, are not affected to any large extent.

Hawley also reported attendance was improving yesterday after a bad start Monday when 150 students were out of school. About 400 were absent yesterday, the principal stated.

Hawley schools have an enrollment of 1,250 and Creedmoor High, 750.

Hix said schools in Creedmoor were the only ones in the county system suffering from the influenza outbreak. Wilton School, he said, reported normal attendance.

Methodists Plan S. S. Institute

Visiting Faculty Members to Assist with Training Program Oct. 15

The Granville Sub-District of the Methodist Church will hold a Church School Educational Institute at Oxford Methodist Church on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p. m.

The purpose is to help Church School teachers and workers have a better understanding of the literature used in Methodist Church Schools, and to discover new methods of presenting lesson materials in the Church School, according to Mrs. Garland Averett, superintendent of the Sunday School.

The Institute is set up for five different areas of the Church School program, and those expected to attend include all workers with children, all workers with youth, the superintendent of the adult division, the director of family life, all general Church School officers, superintendent, superintendent for membership cultivation, chairman of Commission on Education and pastor.

Workers with children will be under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Johnson; Rev. C. D. Brown and Rev. E. M. Thompson will lead youth workers; Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, Jr., will work with the superintendents of the adult division; Rev. E. C. Shoaf will work with the directors of family life, and James Patrick will be the leader for general Church School officers.

PTA Supper

Preparation has been made for a record attendance at the annual PTA-sponsored barbecue supper tonight, Friday, at Berea High School.

Serving is to begin at 5 and continue until 8. The menu will include pork barbecue or barbeque chicken served with chicken salad and other accessories, together with drink and pie for dessert.

A large number of tickets have been sold in advance and arrangements have been made to take care of other patrons at the door.

Lengthy Session Held at Court House Monday; School Inspector's Salary Hiked to \$125 Month

Road petitions, school finances, tax collections, social security, school inspections, paint jobs, lighting and library appointments were among the wide variety of matters handled at the October meeting of the Board of Commissioners here Monday.

And at the end of the lengthy session, there remained for disposal several requests which had been brought again to the board for action. Among these was the request of Rev. H. W. Baucum, Jr., in behalf of Granville Recreation Commission, for use of the present American Legion quarters in the Ag building for a county-wide recreational activity. The request was first presented eight months ago and had been renewed in the interim. Chairman George D. Morton promised the minister that a committee consisting of himself, W. W. Yeargin and H. L. Cox would in the early future take some action.

Tax Book Shift
County Auditor I. W. Bullock told the board that his department had handled more than \$200,000 paid on 1957 tax levies. Bullock was directed to deliver to Sheriff Roy D. Jones the 1957 records in order that the sheriff's department might continue the collections. Provision was made for the necessary audits. The auditor was also directed to settle with Sheriff Jones' collections on the 1956 levies and to continue efforts to collect unpaid accounts.

Electrical Inspector J. M. Blalock told the board that he had not disburse duties recently assigned him in monthly payment of school properties at the 1956 monthly salary scale agreed upon by the board and the county. He had first refused to inspect the schools. He had been ordered to inspect the schools. He had a list of 37 schools. He had a list of 37 schools. He had a list of 37 schools.

Blalock queried the board on what members "thought" of paying social security tax on his earnings from 1951. The matter was to open when Chairman George D. Morton cited to Mr. Blalock a ruling by the Director of Internal Revenue that the inspector is not an employee of the county. The Board's attorney, T. G. Stem, noted that there is some disagreement on the issue and asked for time to search out the facts before action was taken by the board.

Lights and Painting Asked
Placed before the board were requests for interior painting and installation of more adequate lighting in two departments in the Ag building. Garland L. Cattlete asked for interior painting and lighting in the ASC offices and Mrs. Edith Cannady asked for installation of more adequate lighting in the library portion of the building.

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Dexter Baptists Slate Homecoming

Rev. E. T. Vinson and Rev. E. G. Ury to Be Speakers for Sunday Service

A homecoming service has been scheduled for Sunday at Dexter Baptist Church. Speakers will be the pastor, Rev. E. T. Vinson, and a former pastor, the Rev. E. G. Ury, of this city.

Mrs. Vinson will speak at 11 o'clock and Mr. Ury in the afternoon.

An offering is to be taken at the service for the church building fund.

The pastor stated that dinner is to be served picnic style. He asked that members and friends and former members come, bring a basket of food and participate in the day's fellowship.

Special music also has been planned for the service.

Thumb Amputated

Ed Parham, Oxford man, is nursing a thumb injury which he sustained while at work in a lead industry earlier this week. A portion of his left thumb was crushed so severely that amputation was necessary.

John W. Hester Passes in Clinic

Funeral Conducted at Pittsboro on Wednesday with Burial in Durham

John William Hester, 73, native of Granville County and an attorney here for a number of years, died at Matheson Clinic in Pittsboro about noon Monday. He had been a patient at the clinic for four weeks.

The funeral was conducted at the home in Pittsboro, at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday by the Rev. J. C. P. Brown. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery, Durham.

Mr. Hester was a graduate of Oak Ridge Military Institute, where he fought for several years, and later received the A. B. and LL. B. degrees at the University of North Carolina.

Although the law was Mr. Hester's vocation, his avocation was writing. For a period during the second World War he did editorial writing for a Pennsylvania newspaper and over a long period, from his home in Oxford and later in Pittsboro, where he had resided in recent years, he had wrote many public forum letters for North Carolina newspapers on controversial issues.

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Truck and Auto Collide on 96

Tommy Rice, 32, Charged as Result of Accident on Road Near Joe Toler School

Multiple charges were preferred against a Granville County man yesterday morning after the vehicle he was operating was involved in a collision with a state-owned car.

Highway Patrolman V. A. Griffin said an automobile operated by Robert Truck, 25, white, of the statistical division of the State Highway Department, and a truck operated by Tommy Rice, 32, Negro, collided on Route 96 a quarter mile north of Toler School.

Damage to the auto was estimated at \$150 and to the truck at \$25. Griffin said the truck was owned by W. L. Gregory.

Rice was charged with failing to grant right-of-way, driving without an operator's license and operating a motor vehicle without registration plates.