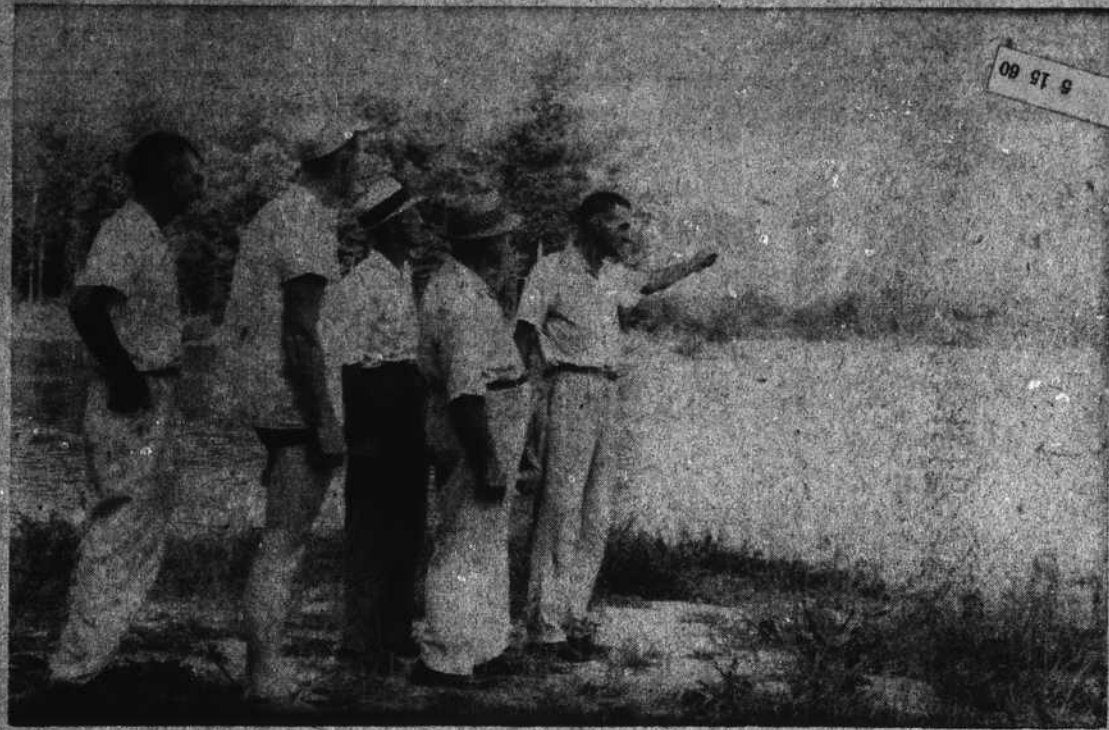


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AN IDEAL SPOT—Maurice Davis points out what he called an "ideal spot" opposite Granville Park on Kerr Reservoir for a public use area. In the group, l-r, are Claude Callahan, member of the Bullock Community Development Association, Donald Campbell, Oxford, F. L. Pittard of Sassafras Fork Township, W. T. Yancey, Oxford business leader who has manifested interest in helping to develop recreational facilities on a Granville County area of the lake, and Davis. On a bluff just beyond the group is the attractive site of a Durham man's cottage.

Mrs. J. C. Critcher, Publisher's Mother, Dies in Wilkes

Funeral to Be Conducted at Moravian Falls Baptist Church at 10:30 A.M.

Mrs. J. C. Critcher, mother of Publisher A. N. Critcher of the Oxford Public Ledger, passed unexpectedly at her home in Moravian Falls at 10 a. m. Wednesday. She was 81.

The funeral is to be conducted at Moravian Falls Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m. Friday with interment to follow in Moravian Falls Cemetery. The Rev. J. C. McQueen, Jr., and the Rev. C. J. Poole are to conduct the service.

Mrs. Critcher had been in feeble health for several weeks, but recently had shown improvement and had returned home from Wilkes Hospital at North Wilkesboro, where she was a patient for some time.

A native of Wilkes County, she was the former Rosa Crouch, and had resided most of her life in the village which became widely known for its publications and for the men trained there in the graphic trades industry.

Surviving are two sons, A. N., of Oxford, and Lawrence G. Critcher of Moravian Falls. Another son, J. C. Critcher, Jr., passed suddenly June 5 in Asheville at a time when his mother was critically sick. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Members of the Critcher family from this city are in Moravian Falls for the service.

Creedmoor Man Charged in Attempted Arson

Morris Nevils, 36, Under \$2,500 Bond

Creedmoor Firemen Answer Two Calls to Same Address Within an Hour to Find Red Fire and Clothing Burning in Bathtub

A Creedmoor white man, Morris Nevils, 36, has been charged with attempted arson as a result of two fires discovered within an hour in the frame home at Creedmoor occupied by Nevils.

The charge was preferred against Nevils on a warrant obtained Tuesday night by Police Chief Harold Fowler of Creedmoor, in consequence of an investigation which had been made by Fowler in conjunction with SBI Agent Lynn Williamson, arson expert, and Private Investigator Martin.

Nevils has denied any knowledge of the fire and told officers, according to Fowler, that he had no recollection of his whereabouts on the night that firemen were called twice to the residence.

The first call to the home, owned by Fire Chief B. O. Cross, was at 10:05 p. m. and firemen found a bed burning and the home unattended. An hour later, firemen got a second call to the same address and that time found wearing apparel, identified as belonging to Mrs. Nevils, burning in the bathtub of the home. Again, firemen found the house unattended.

Investigating officers reported detecting a strong odor of kerosene about the premises on both their visits. The interior of the home was reported considerably damaged by smoke, soot and water, although the fire did inflict damage to the dwelling.

During custody at the County Jail, Nevils told Sheriff D. Jones, "I just can't remember anything about the fires."

In that town, a charge of arson was preferred against Nevils Tuesday morning.

L. E. said he had a brother of the Aug. 25 team of Granville Recorder's Court.

Creedmoor authorities said that Nevils had been unemployed until recently and that he had been having domestic difficulties. He appeared to be in a highly nervous state at the time of his release here Wednesday shortly before noon.

Raleigh Workmen Hurt in Granville

Panel Truck Carrying 14 Persons Demolished on N. C. 50 Near Creedmoor

A crowded panel truck careened out of control and into a ditch south of Creedmoor on N. C. Highway 50 Wednesday morning, injuring 14 workmen, two seriously.

The truck driver, Charlie Dykes, 30, of Angier, said the accident was caused by a tire failure just as the truck was meeting a big oil tanker.

The truck was demolished. The party was en route to Butler where the men were engaged in construction work at State Hospital.

Dykes sustained face and scalp wounds and possibly a shoulder fracture and internal wounds.

A Raleigh Negro, Benny Jackson, 30, sustained a broken back which paralyzed him from the neck down. He was reported in critical condition at a Raleigh hospital.

The other 12 were hospitalized with less serious injuries.

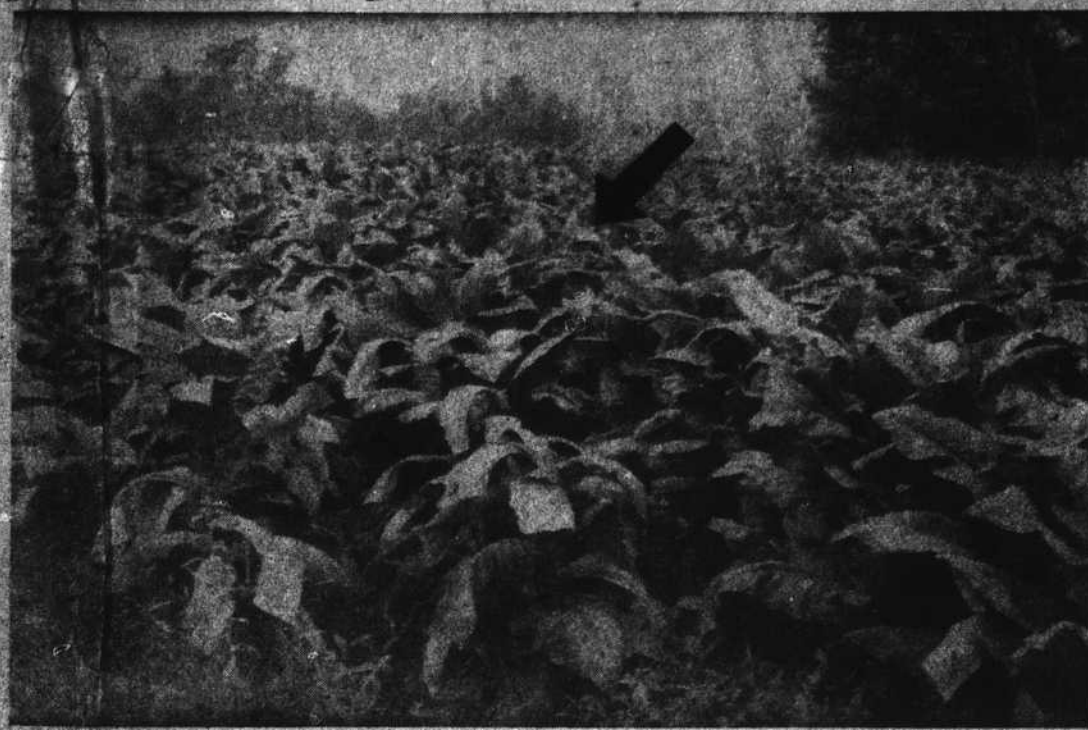
Highway Patrolman Bob East made the investigation.

Eye-witnesses to the tragic scene which followed the accident said it was "a pitiful sight with all those injured people spread all over the ground."

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ON OLD CAMP GROUND—This field of fine tobacco is on the farm of Arthur Parrish, near Stam, and is on land where trainees of World War II days fired their weapons. Mr. Parrish, almost hidden in the tall plants, is indicated by arrow. He expects a yield of better than 2,000 pounds per acre.

Bullock Community Is Moving Ahead

New Homes Constructed and Other Improvements Made During Year

BULLOCK, Aug. 13 — This community, largest unincorporated village in Granville County, is on the move, and the development of interest is being reflected in many programs and activities for community improvement that are now forging ahead.

This fact was set out in bold relief in reports made at the August meeting of the Community Improvement Club held at the Fellowship Building here Monday night with President Oliver Davis presiding.

Six significant facts were set out. They included:

1. Grading has been started on the cemetery project and improvements are to follow.

2. Eight new dwellings have been started.

3. Seven dwellings have been repaired and additions made to existing structures.

4. Seven homes and two business establishments have been repaired.

5. Two new roads have been graded and stabilized in the community.

6. There has been a normal population turn-over in the territory. Three families have moved away; five have moved in.

At the Monday night meeting, Bob Hyler projected slides of irrigation and tobacco harvesting in the community and also beautiful lake-side scenes in nearby Kerr Reservoir which had been made by Ulysses Puckett.

The Rev. Bob Shephard, pastor of Bullock Baptist Church, was welcomed as a new member of the club.

Rites for R. K. Fort To Be Held Saturday

Funeral rites will be conducted here at 11 a. m. Saturday for Robert Kennon Fort, 61, whose death occurred in Tucson, Ariz., August 7.

The service will be at Perkinson-Currin Chapel with the Rev. J. D. Young of the Methodist Church in charge. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Fort, a veteran of World War I, had resided in Tucson for about 18 months. His death occurred at Veterans Administration Hospital there, where he had been a patient for a short time.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mary Gwaltney, and a brother, C. D. H. Fort, both of Oxford, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Glenn Daniel Gets Eye Wound in Mishap

Glenn Daniel, well-known farmer and churchman of the Providence Community, sustained an eye injury Tuesday afternoon when he accidentally pierced his left pupil with a broken tobacco stick.

Daniel said he was in the act of picking up an armful of sticks when a broken one, the end of it sticking through the center of the back, caught him in the eye.

He was taken to a Durham specialist for treatment.

Adams Factory First To Begin Operations

The clarion call of a tobacco factory whistle rent the sun-kissed air here Thursday, alerting factory workers and the community generally that the time is near for the start of the tobacco machinery.

W. A. Adams Company put an initial force of about 50 factory hands to work yesterday and planned to open an additional department today in the block-long plant on Hillsboro Street.

Factory Manager T. G. Powell said the tempo of operations there would be stepped up as incoming shipments of tobacco justify until a few days after auction sales begin here on Aug. 27 or soon thereafter.

By next week, Adams expects to have one full shift of about 150 workers on the job, Powell said. This will be stepped up until the peak of 350 to 400 men and women are on the job in the plant.

Imperial Tobacco Company and Expert Leaf Tobacco Company also have factories here and prizing operations are conducted by Liggett-Myers, American and Reynolds.

Around Enon-Hester Snakes Indoors Again

Snakes are again in the news in the Enon and Hester communities. Snake story No. 1 from the community involved an experience recounted by Mrs. Thurl Hockaday.

Snake story No. 2 originated at Enon Baptist Church.

Snake story No. 3 comes from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Daniel.

No. 2, as recounted by Mrs. T. N. Hughes, goes something like this:

Four Feet Long
A four-foot long black snake, first observed lying along the top of a door facing the class room of young people at Enon Church was destroyed by James Daniel before any harm had resulted.

Some members of the class were in tears before the slithering creature had been dispatched by a well-aimed blow. Although non-poisonous, none of the students displayed any admiration for the snake.

Barnhardt Bows Out of Campaign

Lieutenant Governor Discloses that He Will Not Campaign for Governor

Lt. Governor Luther Barnhardt says he has decided not to be a candidate for governor in the 1960 primary.

In a statement issued in his home of Concord, the state official said "Since I feel it inadvisable now to jeopardize a law practice which has taken me over 30 years to establish, out of fairness to my family and myself, I have decided not to be a candidate for governor."

The lieutenant governor had been frequently mentioned in speculation as a possible candidate, along with Terry Sanford of Fayetteville, John D. Larkins of Trenton, Edwin Gill of Raleigh, and Addison Hewlett of Wilmington.

Barnhardt said he "purposely waited until after adjournment of the 1959 session of the general assembly in making a decision to avoid mixing personal ambition with legislative responsibility."

Rev. L. R. Jordan Will Preach at Brassfield

The Rev. L. R. Jordan of Richmond, Va., a former pastor, will supply the pulpit at Brassfield Baptist Church at 11 a. m. Sunday. Mr. Jordan has advised church leaders that he is looking forward to seeing many of his former friends.

After 40 Years, Twins Puzzle An Old WWI Soldier

Marsh and Spurgeon Puckett Entertaining Clarence Mann of Melrose, Fla.

An old soldier of World War I days is still puzzling the same difficulty he met 40 years ago when he met the Puckett twins, Marsh and Spurgeon.

Clarence Mann of Melrose, Fla., here this week with his wife for a visit with his old war buddies, says he couldn't tell the twins apart then, and he isn't sure that he can today.

The Pucketts and Mr. Mann drew the same military company and went to France together. Their first reunion in 40 years occurred at the Puckett home near here earlier this week.

Mann said when he marched with the brothers, he couldn't tell them apart. The twins marched together, and much of the time close to Mr. Mann.

And then it happened; one of the brothers got a tooth knocked out accidentally. Mr. Mann said he thought he had his problem licked—until a couple of days later the other brother came up with an identical tooth missing.

He went through the rest of the war wondering which twin was who. In their visits this week, the three have been reviewing their experiences of 1917-18 and the waters that have gone over the dams in the post-war years.

Rev. W. B. McSwain To Preach Here Sun.

The Rev. W. B. McSwain, pastor of Clanton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, will supply at the 11 o'clock service Sunday at Oxford Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Mr. McSwain is an alumnus of Oxford Orphanage, Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, where he earned his B.D. and Th.M. degrees.

He is a brother of E. G. McSwain of this city and is to be a weekend guest in the McSwain home.

Tobacco Field Clean On Claude Allen Farm

Primers cleaned up one of Claude Allen's tobacco fields Monday and they are near the top in others.

Sandy-land tobacco in the southern portion of the county matured faster and earlier than that growing in some of the heavier land of the county this year.

Firemen Home From State Meeting in Durham

Fire Chief A. F. Cozart and Fireman S. E. Wheeler have returned from Durham where they attended the annual convention of North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Grass Clippings Choking Oxford's Storm Sewer Lines

Many Oxford residents, knowingly or unknowingly, but in either case in violation of existing city ordinance, are playing havoc with the storm sewer lines. Commissioners were told at their August meeting here Tuesday night.

The board was told that dumping grass clippings and other refuse in the street gutters is causing much of this material to be washed into the storm sewer lines before it can be removed by the street department.

The city has an ordinance prohibiting the practice. Manager Fred C. Farham told the Commissioners. The situation has been aggravated by heavy growth of lawn grasses resulting from the July-August rains and the practice of some people to catch the trimmings or to rake them and pile them in the gutter.

City officials said such materials should be placed in garbage cans if it is necessary to remove it from one's premises.

Stan Fox Granted Top Jaycee Award

A young business leader from Oxford, Stan Fox, was given a state-wide honor at a meeting of the State Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce held the past week-end in Wilmington.

Fox was 1958 chairman of the state-wide Outstanding Young Farmer selection and directed the campaign which was climaxed with a banquet here in February and the announcement of the state winner and runners-up.

In recognition of the stand-out work he did in that project, the State Jaycee Board awarded him a plaque as the "outstanding project chairman" for the year.

New Home Soon To Be Occupied; Swag Made By Williams, Sherman

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sherman on the south side of Roxboro Road near the Allen Baker service station is nearing completion.

The seven room, single story dwelling has a solid concrete floor which is being covered with tile. The largest room, 40x13, has been designed for use as a kitchen, dining room and den.

Swap Completed
The seven-room home at 422 Hancock Street which is to be vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Sherman has been traded to A. H. A. Williams for a home on College Street extension which Mr. and Mrs. Williams now are occupying.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are to move to Hancock Street address when that residence has been vacated by the Shermans. The College Street property is being placed on the market.

Building Plans Before Commissioners' Board

Sewer Lift Pump May Be Solution Green Acres Area

Additional Storm Sewer Pipe To Be Installed on Linden Avenue—Traffic Signal Debated

With a bare quorum in attendance, the Board of Commissioners of Oxford, meeting Tuesday night, heard progress reports on improvements to the old Morgan-Crews building, took preliminary steps toward initiating a remodeling program for City Hall and considered several other matters before the board.

Commissioners L. R. Hutchinson, George E. Daniel, T. G. Powell and L. E. Breedlove answered roll call. The two tobacco men members,

George P. Tarry and S. B. Knott, are out of town on tobacco markets and Commissioner J. W. Boring is on a vacation trip. Mayor Hugh M. Curran presided over the session.

Parham to Investigate
Wills Hancock, representing Hancock Realty Corporation, appeared before the board with reference to a sewer petition for installation of a sewer line on Forest Road. City Engineer W. F. Freeman Company had told the Board of Commissioners that installation of an adequate facility for the proposed area would necessitate a lift pump and that the installation would approximate \$23,000 in cost. Hancock told the board that an installation adequate to meet the immediate need, on the basis of information he had obtained, would cost approximately \$9,500.

Commissioners heard the two reports and in substance thereof, requested City Manager Fred Parham to make a further study of the situation and bring in a recommendation.

The board also was told that steady progress is being achieved in preparing the former Morgan-Crews building for fire department occupancy. The property committee, of which L. E. Breedlove is chairman, was requested to prepare recommendations or proposals for consideration by the Board of Commissioners relating to the remodeling of City Hall building. The over-all plan is to convert the area now being used by the fire department, expanding the executive offices, the mayor's court room and possibly police headquarters.

The board proposes to employ engineers to convert the proposals into specifications and on the basis of specifications, call for bids on the desired work. The city budget for the current year has \$15,000 earmarked for improvement. See BOARD, Page 6

Improving Quality Noted in Tobacco

Unharvested Leaf Taking on Graininess, Says Adams

Improving quality in the maturing tobacco in this area of the state was noted yesterday by the factory manager of the W. A. Adams Company.

T. G. Powell said he had made a swing through the county and it was his observation that the "graininess" of cigarette type tobacco grown in this area is increasing.

Powell said he believes the improvement of quality of the field crop will be reflected through the curing and marketing processes.

Wildmans Expect To Get Port Call Soon

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wildman and son, Stewart, expected to leave by the first of the week, en route to New York where they are to sail on an Army transport for Bremerhaven, Germany.

The Wildmans yesterday had been advised that Mr. Wildman's address would be Karls Ruhe American High School, APO 164, New York, N. Y.

Other details, including the city of residence, were expected momentarily. Mr. Wildman is to be engaged in teaching in an American school for military dependents in Germany.

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