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Board Opens Study Of Proposals For New High School

Single Story Building with Courts and Connecting Walks Considered

An architect at work on sketches for the projected new high school building to serve Oxford and Northern Granville County placed some of his ideas before members of the Oxford Board of Graded School Trustees and representatives of the Granville Board of Education at a meeting here Tuesday night.

Richard Rice of Haskins and Rice, Raleigh, outlined his ideas and explained the sketches which he brought showing suggested utilization of the site north of town recently acquired for school purposes.

Projected is a single story structure with courts and connecting walks, some of which will be covered. As presently projected, the initial project would include classrooms and library totaling 34,280 square feet; music, shop and cafeteria unit, 19,340 square feet; and administrative and commercial unit, 4,478 square feet, a total of 58,098 square feet.

Projected for later building units would be a gymnasium of 16,109 square feet; auditorium of 16,640 square feet and covered walks and unloading area.

In addition to members of the Oxford board, County School Supt. D. N. Hix and Board members Heskley Clark and H. L. O'Brien were present for Mr. Rice's presentation.

Franklin Baby Christened At Church in Stom

Mothers of Community Given Recognitions by Sons and Daughters Sunday

STEM, May 18. — Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Franklin and children of Greensboro, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Franklin, Sunday at the Methodist Church, Regina Gail Franklin, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Franklin, was christened by the Rev. T. E. Gensel. Taking part in the ritual in addition to her parents were her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes of Wilton, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Franklin, and an aunt, Miss Minnie Mae Franklin, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hedgepeth and family of South Boston, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gensel.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Durham, were Sunday guests of the Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Gensel.

Mrs. Margaret Ingold is spending the week in Cary with her sons, Frederick and Alpheus, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Ligon of Oxford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newton and family of Durham, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Umstead, Ed Jr., and Sarah Umstead, of Newport News, were weekend guests of Mrs. W. H. Hall, also Mr. See STEM Page 2



WAREHOUSE LEADERS — On hand for the Middle Belt Warehouse Association's annual meeting here Tuesday were some of the industry's leaders. Shown as they chatted on the grounds of Thorndale Golf Club are, l.-r. Fred Royster of Henderson, executive director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Chandler R. Watkins, Oxford, president of the association; Walter Stone, Durham, Middle Belt Association president; C. B. Turner, Henderson, secretary-treasurer, and M. L. Hight, Henderson, vice president of the Middle Belt Association.

Warehousemen Of Middle Belt Hold Meeting in Oxford

Walter Stone, President, and Other Officers Chosen at Annual Meeting

Middle Belt tobacco warehouse operators, holding their annual meeting here Tuesday, returned to office President Walter Stone of Durham and those who have served with him during the past year.

Included were M. L. Hight of Henderson, vice-president; and C. B. Turner of Henderson, secretary-treasurer. Directors named by the membership were D. T. Currin of Oxford, A. L. Carver of Durham, W. J. Alston, Jr., of Henderson, C. E. Thompson of Warrenton, Bill Tally of Piquay Springs, Cary Castleberry of Sanford and Arch Wilson of Louisburg.

The Board of Governors consists of C. R. Watkins of Oxford, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Arthur Tally of Piquay Springs, C. E. Ford of Louisburg, Stone, Castleberry and Turner.

The forenoon business meeting of the association was held at Thorndale Golf Club with President Stone presiding.

Members, coming from Fuquay, Louisburg, Warrenton, Henderson, Durham, Sanford and Carthage and Oxford, spent two hours discussing problems of warehouse operators and exchanging ideas on meeting those problems in a manner to better serve the producer of true-cured tobacco.

Executive Director Fred Royster of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association addressed the gathering before adjournment for a buffet luncheon at the Woman's Club.

Piano Recital To Be Given at Wilton High Friday Night

The piano students of Miss Daisy M. Breedlove will appear in recital in the Wilton School auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

There will also be singing by the elementary chorus and other special vocal numbers. Parents and interested friends are invited.

Piano students performing are Gordon Bennett, Patricia Allen, Jean Evans, Carolyn Cash, Debbie Evans, Ray Gooch, Joel Thompson, Sheila Harris, Neva Ann Daniel, Betty Whitfield, Gail Strother, Margaret Thomason, Martha Currin, Susan Cudette, Marie Harris, Diane Currin, Joan Cash, Betty May, Linda May, Nora Bragg, Sally Bragg and Sandra Evans.

Mt. Carmel Church Slates Homecoming

Homecoming is planned Sunday, May 21, at Mount Carmel Church, Route 1, Franklinton. The Rev. E. H. Sessom, pastor, will preach at 11 a.m. Dinner is to be served picnic style at 12:45 p.m. The afternoon program will be devoted to singing. Members and former members are invited to bring picnic basket and participate in the day's fellowship.

Eight Teachers In City Schools Leave Jobs at Term's End

Three Vacancies Created by Resignation Already Filled, Duggins Says

Oxford's Board of Graded School Trustees meeting here Tuesday night, authorized acceptance of resignations from eight faculty members, effective at the end of the present term, and reviewed fiscal matters relating to school operations.

The board adopted a formal resolution approving in the term ahead payment of teacher salaries on the 24th of each calendar month, except for the final month of the school year when payment will be made on the final day of school.

Superintendent C. W. Duggins said three of the eight vacancies have been filled and that he contemplated no difficulty in finding replacements for the other departing teachers. Two of the vacancies are at Credle, four at Oxford High and two at Orange Street School. One replacement has been found for each of the schools.

Trustees also approved the school calendar for 1961-62, with teachers to report for duty Sept. 4 and teaching to begin Sept. 6.

Red Cross Project For Area Advances

Some Committee Posts Filled at Monday Night Meeting Here

A committee on nominations, headed by W. T. Yancey, was named at a meeting of directors of the Granville County Red Cross at the court house Monday night.

The meeting was in furtherance of a reorganization effort of the chapter.

Most of the evening was spent in exploring ideas of what the Red Cross can do for Granville County and how it can best perform those services. Mrs. Mary Katherine Gunnell of Raleigh, area field representative presented four principal fields of service for the local chapter and explained that others can be developed around those four.

The four are Home Service, of which Mrs. R. T. Greene is the chairman; Disaster, A. F. Cozart, chairman; Red Cross Education; and Fund Raising, to support the other activities.

Announcement was made that Mrs. Greene is getting contacts in several communities of the county to assist in Home Service. Two already designated are Mrs. Wilson Day of Salem and Mrs. Mack Averette of Dickerson.

Providence begins play in 3-county baseball league

Providence has taken a berth in the Tri-County summer baseball league and will engage Williamsboro at Providence Saturday afternoon.

Providence home games will be played on the Grissom store field. Macy Harris of Henderson is president of the league, which began play May 13. The season will run through Aug. 27.

Providence hopes to bolster its strength by enlisting the playing support of Vernon Strickland, now at State College. However, Strickland is considering a bid for diamond play during the summer in Canada.

On the roster of the Providence club at this time are Ben and Marion Grissom, L. W. Bullock, Jr., Bobby Bullock, Ed Mangum, O'Neal Suit, Kenneth Parham, R. L. Oakes, Hubert Jackson, Leo Jackson, McLendon Jackson and Van Wood.

The week-end schedule for the league Saturday, Williamsboro at Providence, Townsville at Cokesbury and Epsom at White Level; Sunday, return games of the Saturday contests.

Jeffrey Horsfield

Union Bank Puts Top Bid on Old Cooper Building

Bank officials yesterday had no comment other than to confirm the bank's offer of \$50,000 for the property, which joins the bank building on the northern end.

An offer of \$50,000 by Union National Bank topped the bidding at the trustees sale here Saturday of the Cooper Bank building.

The sale must be open for 10 days for possible increase in the offering before the sale may be confirmed by the Clerk of Superior Court.

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County Officials To Execute Bonds In New York Today

Board Chairman, Clerk and Attorney in Metropolis to Handle Chores

County officials will appear in New York today to execute bonds of Granville County in the total amount of \$1,250,000 for delivery to the purchaser, Equitable Securities Corporation, New York.

Chairman W. W. Yeargin of the Board of County Commissioners today will sign the 1,250 bonds, using a multiple signature device. Mrs. Flora O. Mann, Register of Deeds and Clerk to the Board, will apply "the great seal" of Granville County to the bonds.

Mr. Yeargin and Mr. and Mrs. Mann left Thursday by auto en route to New York and they were joined last night by County Attorney W. M. Hicks, who made the trip by air, leaving late in the day.

The bonds were offered by the North Carolina Local Government Commission, Raleigh, April 25, and went for an average rate of 9.43 per cent interest.

Proceeds of the sale will be used for construction of school facilities in the county and city.

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Raleigh, was designated as custodian of funds from the sale.

Local Measures Before Assembly

Map Law Exemption and Building Fund Reserve Bills Are in Process

Work has been commenced in the office of the North Carolina Attorney General in the preparation of a bill providing for a referendum on the question of merging Oxford and Granville County School units.

The measure is being drafted at the request of Senator Willis Hancock, who earlier was supplied with a basis for the bill by a publicly appointed study commission in Granville County and Oxford school units.

Other local bills are moving through the legislative mill in Raleigh.

James Daniel To Head June Dairy Month Activities

Dairy Princess to Be Chosen in Pageant at Armory Evening of June 10

James Daniel, Route 1, Oxford, has been designated as general chairman of the June Dairy Month observance for Granville County in cooperation with an industry-wide program across the nation.

The Granville participation will include a producers' banquet on June 10 at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory and at that time, a bevy of the county's loveliest lassies will compete for the title of Dairy Princess. The winner will in turn compete for the district honors. District winners will go to the state level contest.

Designated as county chairman of the princess contest was Miss Beatrice Clayton, who can be contacted at the Agricultural Agent's office by girls between 17 and 25 who would like to appear in the contest. Mrs. Dorothy Wilkinson is assisting in the enrollment effort.

Others named for responsibilities in connection with the Granville program at an organization meeting held this week were: finance, Douglas Curran, Bill Peed, Bill Clement, Bobby Greene, David Blackwell, Hoffman Suit, Raymond Adeock, John King Neims, Wilson Day and William Pittard; banquet, Mrs. Wilson Day; publicity, David Ashworth.

There will be cash awards for the girl chosen Dairy Princess and also for first and second runner up. Mike Hight is to emcee the presentation of the contestants.

Junior Chorus To Present Operetta

"Hold That Curtain" To Be Staged Wednesday, May 24, 7:45 P. M.

"Hold That Curtain," an operetta in three acts, will be presented by the Junior High Chorus of the Oxford High School on May 24 at 7:45 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The operetta will be under the direction of Mrs. Millard Bennett and assisting her will be Miss Annie Gray Burroughs, Peggy Woodfield, and Howard Leonard. The cast of characters will include the following chorus members:

Allie Ellington as Steve Lindsey; Douglas Thomas as Ellen Montgomery; Linda Parham as Gloria Leblanc; Gaynelle White as Miss Bishbee; Linda Cummins as Elizabeth Q. Greenree; Lilly Comer as Dorothy Johnson; Ben Barker as Douglas Hillman; and Howard Leonard as Theodore Brown.

Admission will be 25c for children and students, and 50c for adults.

ORI Cadets Perform In Mother's Day Fete

Three cadets from Oxford attending Oak Ridge Military Institute took part in the 26th annual Mother's Day program at the Institute last Sunday afternoon.

Butch Pace, Kelway Howard and Calvin Hester, students at the school, appeared in the formal parade. There was also a precision drill demonstration, a mock war and a reception. The Institute band also gave a concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullom Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Crudup Hogwood, Mr. and Mrs. Kelway Howard and Mrs. Ed Pace were among parents and friends present for the program.

SHRINERS AT WILMINGTON FOR CEREMONIAL

Bids Total \$253,000 For New MP Building

Two New Families Are Making Home in City

Former residents of Lexington and of Greenville, S. C., now are making their home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Barnwell are residing on the old Durham road with their three children, Benjie 8, Julia 6 and Bill 3. Mr. Barnwell is with Pacific Mills in this city. The family, members of the Episcopal Church, formerly resided in Lexington.

Mrs. Hilda Sparks is residing at 218 Broad Street. With her are three children, Arthur Lee 11, Joe 5, and Dennis 2. Mr. Sparks is serving with the Air Force in Korea. The Sparks formerly resided at Greenville, S. C. They are members of the Baptist Church.

Physical Fitness Show Saturday At Boys Club in City

Bettie Wilson Named Queen of Weightlifting Contestants in Oxford

A score of boys from Oxford and Granville County will participate in various phases of the physical fitness contest to be held Saturday night in front of the Boys Club on McClanahan Street.

The club is sponsoring the contest, the second such exhibition in the city this year. The earlier one was state-wide in scope.

Club leaders yesterday announced that Miss Betty Wilson, an honor student at Oxford High, has been chosen queen of the show. She will present approximately 30 trophies to be awarded.

Show time is 8 p.m. Coach Joe Daniel said three power lifts would be used for a test of strength and participants in this event may lift over 300 pounds in a single try.

There is no admission charge and Daniel emphasized that the public is invited.

Plans for Country Club Progressing

Committees on Three Phases of Development to Report Soon to Stockholders

Committee members working on three separate projects for further development of Thorndale Country Club will have their reports ready for submission to stockholders for consideration within the next three to four weeks, Dr. James R. Tarry, president, said Thursday.

Dr. Tarry indicated that satisfactory progress is being made in working out problems and in developing plans for the pool, club house and golf course which will meet approval of members. The building committee is working in close cooperation with the architect.

"We feel certain that construction will begin during the summer on the pool," Dr. Tarry said yesterday.

He added that the club recently has added several golf-playing members. "Thorndale has more golfers now than it had before conversion of the club," he said.

Sale of stock in the new corporation still is suspended. When and whether additional sales are made is within the discretion of the board of directors.

Gas Prices Down

Gasoline prices in Oxford topped Wednesday as the so-called "gas war" spread from the Piedmont into the eastern section of North Carolina.

Price signs at independent stations yesterday read 25c for regular grades and prices at other retail outlets ranged from 27.9 to 29.9 for regular grades.

Comparable reductions in premium grades of motor fuel also were in effect.

Sun Oil Company, which has no outlet in this city, was the first to reduce prices in the Charlotte area and the reductions have swept out wave-like in the several days since the initial reductions.

In the past when such price reductions reached Oxford, they were short-lived.

Parking on Court St. Changed to Parallel

City forces began work Wednesday repaving and making corrections in parking and traffic lines around the city.

In compliance with a recent order of the Board of Commissioners, Court Street has been designated for parallel parking only on the south side of the street. Reservations are provided on the street for vehicles of county and state enforcement personnel.

Cross-walks and no parking areas also are being repainted.

Final Plans For Centennial Events

A number of patrons and interested spectators from Oxford and Granville County will attend and participate in various events of the Confederate Centennial Festival to be held in Raleigh today and tomorrow.

Supported by the Granville Grays Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Granville Centennial Committee headed by Mrs. Edith F. Cannady, Miss Lillian McFarland, Granville Grays' Confederate Belle, will ride in the parade Saturday morning on a convertible provided and driven by Wallace Clayton.

Also appearing in the parade will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker, Jr., and their son, Charles, wearing Confederate period clothing and portraying a plantation family. Mr. Barker will use his own horse and a buggy for the event is being loaned by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Adeock.

W. R. Hicks, Jr., will be Miss McFarland's escort for the Confederate Festival Ball Saturday night.