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LIONS LEADER—E. V. Strother, left, is the new president of Oxford Lions Club. Other club leaders shown, l.-r., are Grover Saunders, J. G. Wright, W. W. Mullen, M. S. Currin and Walter Hughes, Jr.

Plane Lands in Field, Takes Off On Prison Camp Road

A Florida man, headed south in a small two-place plane, made an emergency landing in a bean field on the C. B. Keller farm south of Kenton Fork early Thursday afternoon and was off again a short while later after his fuel tank had been filled. The pilot, Eugene Lindsey, accompanied by his wife told several spectators who gathered that he came down when his fuel supply became dangerously low. He taxied his plane to the edge of the field, adjacent to highway 98, and by telephone, obtained a delivery of necessary fuel from McCracken Oil company here. Assisted by the highway patrol, Lindsey taxied on to the highway and headed north to the Kenton Forks intersection, and thence onto the Frison Camp road for his uneventful take-off.

O. J. Pruitt, 83, Dies in Hospital

Funeral to Be Conducted at 3 P. M. Tuesday at Hester Baptist Church

O. J. Pruitt, 83, Granville county native and resident of Virginia for many years, died Monday morning at Johnston - Willis Hospital, Richmond, following a period of declining health. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hester Baptist Church by the Rev. Paul C. Mattox. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mr. Pruitt was a son of the late J. B. and Lucy Currin Pruitt and had resided most of his adult life in Virginia. His wife, Mrs. Addie Knott Pruitt, preceded him in death 17 years ago, and for the past two years he had made his home with a daughter, Mrs. Tom Moore, in Alberta, Va. Surviving in addition to Mrs. Moore are two sons, Braxton of Richmond, Va., and Wallace Pruitt of Wilson, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Roy Dean of Oxford, and two brothers, Charles C. Pruitt of Oxford, and Will C. Pruitt of Silver Spring, Md.; also seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

J. T. Wilson, 34, Facing DC Judge

Tally Ho Township Resident Charged with Possession and Transporting

Suspensions of officers about an automobile they met last Friday night in Tally Ho Township proved well founded. The driver, John Thomas Wilson, 34, Negro of Tally Ho Township, was charged with illegal possession, possession for sale and transporting after sheriff's men found 14 jars of whiskey in the 1952 model Buick Wilson was operating. Wilson posted bond of \$300 for appearance July 11 in Granville Recorder's Court. Deputies A. R. Currin, J. C. Cash, B. L. Newton and Taylor Jackson participated in the apprehension.

Civitan Official Is Club's Man on the Go

His duties as a district official of Civitan International are keeping Barney Bernard of the Oxford Club on the go. Thursday night he was at Wilton to install officers there and on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard were guests of the Butner Civitan Club for dinner and installation of Joe Eason as president; at Little Acorn in Durham, Tuesday evening, Bernard visited Bunker Hill Club at Fuquay Springs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gradine of 146 East Richmond Ave., St. Paul, Minn., a son, Gary James, weighing six pounds, five ounces, June 30. Mrs. Gradine is the former Miss Ann Finen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Finch of Route 3. The Gradines have two other sons, Bobby, 3, and Kevin, 16 months. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Keith, Jr., of Creedmoor, a son, Stanley Bryan, weighing six pounds, one ounce, June 26 at Granville Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Keith have another son, Thomas Ashley, 3. Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Farham Coghill, of Winston-Salem, a daughter, Martha Wells, June 24, at City Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem. Born to L. and Mrs. E. H. Harris, Jr., a son, Edwin Hawkins Harris, III, June 29, at Watts Hospital, Durham. Mrs. Harris is the former Miss Betty Watkins of Oxford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Watkins of Route 4.



ROTARY INSTALLS—J. B. Haney, center, accepts the gavel, symbol of his new office, from C. G. Credle as Oxford Rotarians installed offices Thursday night. Shown, l.-r., are R. T. Green, Haney, J. T. Oakes and T. B. Currin.



Mrs. M. D. Aiken

Flora Macdonald Graduate Joins Staff of Church

Miss Mary Anna Wells of Raleigh, yesterday entered upon her duties as church secretary and director of Christian Education at the Oxford Presbyterian Church. She is a 1961 graduate of Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, where her major was in Bible and Christian Education. Miss Wells is making her home in Oxford as the residence of Mrs. Sam W. Baird on Raleigh Street. At Flora Macdonald, Miss Wells was a member of Epsilon Chi Society, the French Club, Classical Club and secretary of that organization her freshman year, served on the staff of various college publications and as a Prayer Band Leader.

Old Oak Hill Unit Plans for Barbecue

Members of the Old Oak Hill Community Development Association, meeting the past week, completed plans for the benefit barbecue supper to be served at the community building on July 15 in late afternoon and early evening. Plates are to be \$1 each and tickets are available from members of the association.

Wildlife Club To Meet Next on 18th

The July meeting of the Granville Wildlife Club, earlier scheduled for July 5 at Mountain Creek Community building, is to be held on July 18 at 7:30 p.m. Officials of the club learned that because of the July 4 holiday and participation by members in community revival meetings, anticipated attendance would be sharply reduced for a July 5 meeting. Important business is to be considered at the session on Tuesday, July 18, when the dinner is served by the Mountain Creek Development Association.

Mrs. M. D. Aiken Passes at Age 58

Funeral to Be Conducted at Fellowship Baptist Church at 2:30 Tuesday

A resident of Southern Granville, Mrs. Lizzie Keith Aiken, 58, died at 4 a.m. Sunday at her home on Route 1, Wake Forest, after an illness of several months. The funeral will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Fellowship Baptist Church by the Rev. R. R. Pulley, pastor, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Norris of Wake Forest. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Durham. The body will be removed from the home to the church 30 minutes prior to the service. Mrs. Aiken was a member of Fellowship Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Melvin D. Aiken, are four sons, Fenton; Worth and William Norris Aiken, all of Route 1, Wake Forest, and James Wallace Aiken of Durham; five daughters, Mrs. Willard Clark and Mrs. Edward Norwood, both of Route 1, Wake Forest, Mrs. Goldie Matherly of Durham, Mrs. Gordon Whitman of Green Castle, Ind., and Mrs. Winlow Neal of Okinawa; one sister, Mrs. E. J. Sandling, Sr., of Route 1, Wake Forest, and 16 grandchildren. Pallbearers named are E. J. Sandling, Jr., Clifton Keith, George Riggsbee, Roy Keith, Grover Keith and Billy Aiken.

Revival Underway at Enon This Week

Rev. Edward H. Daniel Doing Preaching for 8 o'clock Services

Revival services are in progress this week at Enon Baptist Church and will continue through Friday. The Rev. Edward H. Daniel is bringing the message each evening at 8 p.m. Daniel is a native of the community, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Daniel of Route 1, Oxford. "We wish to extend a cordial invitation to the public to come and worship with us," remarked the Rev. W. I. Johnson, pastor.

Creedmoor Officials At Institute School

Mayor W. A. Parrish and Commissioner Worth W. Emory of Creedmoor, attended the School for Mayors and Councilmen held at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill June 25-27. The School covered the full scope of duties of Mayors and Councilmen and was designed especially for Mayors and Councilmen just elected to office.

JFK MAY MAKE VISIT

A report that South America is slipping backward economically, amid rising discontent, may spur President Kennedy to make a trip to that area of the world. U. N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson gave the report to Kennedy Friday after a survey trip to 10 South American capitals. Stevenson said Kennedy would like to attend the Inter-American Economic and Social Council conference now scheduled to begin at Punta del Este in Uruguay on July 15.

J. B. Haney New Rotary President

Officers Installed at Dinner Meeting of Club on Thursday Evening

J. B. Haney, who has a 14-year record of perfect attendance, Thursday night became president of the Oxford Rotary Club, succeeding Dr. W. G. Woltz. Others installed by a former president, C. G. Credle, whose membership dates back 38 years, were J. T. Oakes, vice president and program chairman, T. B. Currin, secretary and treasurer, and R. T. Green, sergeant-at-arms. Oakes will pitch in for the Rev. J. D. Young, who is on leave from club membership. The club's new directors are George Worhuck, Frank Pruitte, S. H. Fox and C. W. Moore.

As he relinquished his duties, Dr. Woltz expressed appreciation for the fine support of members, committees and officers given him during the year and reviewed work of the club in promoting international relations, work with crippled children and other activities. J. W. Boring presented to Dr. Woltz a gold, diamond-centered past president's emblem as a token of appreciation and "in love and respect" for the diligent service and excellent leadership of the past year. Credle told the retiring leader "You have made us an excellent president." He recalled many of his Rotary experiences and the doors of friendship the organization had opened for him in Oxford and elsewhere in this state and nation. In presenting Mr. Haney as a Rotarian, Mason, Shrine and Deacon, Credle said he "has a desire to be a good president. We must follow his leadership" to continue the good works of Rotary.

Job Picture for Area Said Spotty

The job picture in Oxford-Henderson area remained spotty during June, according to W. Hall Brooks, manager of the Henderson office of the Employment Security Commission. The Henderson office serves Granville on an itinerant basis. The office had over 1,100 active applicants for work at the end of the month and reported only 88 job openings. Over 225 were referred to jobs during the month, up from 124 of the previous year. Thirty five placements were reported.

None for Granville

The State Highway Department Friday advertised the bids on 25 road projects in 21 counties across the state. Involved are more than 80 miles of road work. None of the work is in Granville County.

Midgett Goes To Chapel Hill; Iowan Coming to Circuit

One Change Made in Granville by North Carolina Methodist Conference

One new minister was assigned to Granville during the Methodist Conference in Durham. The Rev. R. L. Ossman came to Oxford Circuit, succeeding the Rev. P. D. Midgett, who goes to Aldersgate in Chapel Hill. A native Iowan, Mr. Ossman has for several years lived and worked in Phoenix, Ariz. He was admitted to the North Carolina Conference the past week and plans to move Friday with his wife and 30 months old son to the parsonage in Green Acres which the Midgetts are vacating. Mr. Midgett has completed five years as pastor of Salem, Herman, Stovall and Marrow's Chapel Churches. He came here at the time he began ministerial training at Duke where he earned his degree a year ago. He earlier had been associated with his father in the utility business at Enlehard. The Midgetts have three sons and a daughter. Aldersgate is on the Chapel Hill by-pass. It was organized about six years ago and Mr. Midgett is to be second pastor for the 225 members.

Corinth Firemen Make Two Battles

Parker Residence on the Eaton Farm at Peace's Chapel Destroyed Saturday

Services of the Corinth Community Fire Department have been in greater than usual demand for the past two weeks. Largest loss from fire in the community occurred Saturday when a six-room frame house a mile east of Peace's Chapel Church was destroyed. Corinth firemen rushed to the scene and exhausted their supply of water in an attempt to save the home. Firemen prevented loss of a smokehouse and other adjacent property. The house was owned by heirs of John Eaton and occupied by Levi and Annie Parker and their two foster children. Removed from the building were the deep freeze, refrigerator, stove, and a bedroom suit. Other contents of the home were destroyed. On June 23, Corinth firemen went to the home of Marie Eaton, where an electric stove was destroyed by a bolt of lightning which damaged electrical installations. The damage occurred about 11 a.m. The house, situated south of Lakeview Farm on highway 98, did not catch fire.

Funeral Conducted for Mrs. Ellington

Resident of Vance County and Mother of Oxford Residents Buried Monday

Mrs. Nannie Harris Ellington, 81, widow of W. G. Ellington and a resident of Route 3, Henderson, died at Granville Hospital at 1:15 p.m. Sunday after a long period of declining health. The funeral was conducted at 4 p.m. Monday at Harris Chapel Methodist Church, of which she was a life-long member. The Rev. Johnnie Lewis, assisted by the Rev. Paul Moss, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Van Dyke of Henderson and Mrs. D. S. Fuller, Jr., of Oxford; four sons, S. M. and Brooks Ellington of Durham, Herman S. Ellington of Durham and William Ellington of Oxford; three sisters, Mrs. Rufus Daniel of Henderson, Mrs. Mattie Sowell and Mrs. Lucille Harris, both of Raleigh; two brothers, Frank P. Harris of Greensboro and Thomas L. Harris of Winston-Salem; also nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Active pallbearers named were D. S. Fuller, III, Stanley M. Ellington, Jr., Billy O. Williams, Alvin H. Nuckles, Al Van Dyke and M. C. Boyd. MARYLIN HAS SURGERY Marilyn Monroe, one of the screen's most glamorous beauties, had her gall bladder removed Tuesday in a two hour and fifteen minute operation in a New York hospital. Recovery is reported as normal.



BEN J. NEAL

Ben Neal Takes New Duties; His Successor Chosen

Ag Teacher at Oak Hill Joins Personnel of Central Carolina Exchange

Ben J. Neal, a member of the faculty of Oak Hill High School for nine years and active in adult farmer programs, community development associations and other community building enterprises, has resigned his work at Oak Hill to accept a position with Central Carolina Farmers Exchange. In his new duties, Neal will work in poultry field service. County School Superintendent D. N. Hix yesterday disclosed Neal's resignation and at the same time announced that Jesse R. Butts of Route 1, Clayton, has been chosen for the vacancy. Butts, a native of Pitt County, entered upon his duties at Oak Hill yesterday. For the past four years he has been at Cleveland High School in Johnston County. Prior to that he was for seven years situated in Lenoir County. He plans to bring his wife and four sons to the county in late summer. In Many Affairs During his stay at Oak Hill, Neal was married to Ruth Norwood and they have two daughters, Lillian and Elizabeth. He has served as president of the Virginia Ruritan Club and is a director of the Capital Area Development Association. Neal was largely responsible for organization of three community development associations in his section of the county; Mountain Creek, Old Oak Hill and Amis Chapel, and the two former have been prize-winners in local and area competition. Neal is to be in Durham during this month for training in connection with his new duties to be performed in Granville and Person Counties.

BEN HONEY GETS JOB

Governor Sanford has picked Ben Honey, Rocky Mount oil dealer, to be secondary roads officer in the State Highway Department. The governor said he would recommend that the commission name Honey for the post. Honey has been on the job since February studying the relationship of the Highway Commission with local officials, concerned with secondary roads. Congress has passed President Kennedy's bill to boost Social Security benefits for 4,420,000 Americans and permit men to draw them sooner. Under the new act, which the President has signed, men, if they accept smaller benefits, may retire at 62 instead of waiting until age 65; minimum benefits, are increased from \$33 to \$40 a month; and requirements for entering the program are eased.

Farm Hand Murdered; Companion In Custody

Melvin Jones, 39, Charged with Shooting Bost Thompson, 50, While Latter Slept—Two Earlier Feted on Pigs Feet and Drank Whiskey Together

A 39-year-old Negro farm hand, Melvin Jones of near Creedmoor, was found dead Sunday morning in the room of the Granville Jail Monday on a charge of murder after admitting to Sheriff Roy D. Jones that he fired a rifle shot into the head of a sleeping friend with whom he earlier in the night had drunk whiskey and feasted on pickled pigs feet. Bost Thompson, 50, Negro, was found dead Sunday morning in the room he occupied in a tenant house two miles east of Creedmoor. William Walker notified the land-owner, Mr. Smith, on whose premises Thompson resided, after entering the room Sunday morning and finding the body. Smith notified Deputy Sheriff B. L. Newton, who in turn called Sheriff Jones. Sheriff Jones said his investigation developed the fact that Melvin Jones and Bost Thompson were together in the first half of Saturday night, and that they drank together from whiskey which Melvin Jones provided. When they returned to the Thompson residence around midnight, Jones told the sheriff, the two of them sat on the porch and feasted on pickled pigs feet, although the two had battled earlier in Creedmoor after Thompson is alleged to have "drunk up" the liquor which Jones provided. Melvin Jones, after the sheriff's investigation led to him, stated that he was about to leave the Thompson premises, Thompson remarked to him: "Go on home and go to bed. When you are sleep, I'm going to kill you." Jones began brooding over the threat, and remembering the trouble the two had experienced earlier in the night, Jones said he walked to his home, a mile away, secured his automatic rifle, walked back to the Thompson place and fired. Thompson was found lying on his stomach, a bullet wound in the back of his head. Sheriff Jones said he believed Melvin Jones shot Thompson at least twice. Two cartridge shells were found on the floor of the room, along with one dented cartridge which had not been fired. Melvin Jones contended, according to the sheriff, that he did not recollect shooting but once, but he did remember that the rifle jammed.

FFA Chapter Here Wins State Honors

Oxford and Wilton Chapter Members at Camp Tom Brown for Week

Oxford FFA Chapter placed seventh in the state level crops and livestock judging contest held Wednesday in Raleigh. The participants were Robert Whitley, Billy Pittard, Marsnal Floyd and E. B. Huff. Participants in the dairy judging event were Jesse Currin, Bobby Woodleaf, Danny Bowling and Durward Hester. The Oxford Chapter has won cash awards in the state crops contest for the past seven successive years. Richard Brooks, president of the chapter, and E. B. Huff were the official delegates. Several FFA members left yesterday for Tom Brown Camp, Asheville, to spend several days. Counselor Robert Hill is with the group. Wilton chapter representatives made the trip with the Oxford members, traveling on the local activities bus. RIDDLE NAMED JUDGE Harry Lee (Chic) Riddle, Jr., who in his student days came to Oxford a-courting, and was later married to the late "Baby Jane" Hunt, has been named a special superior court judge. Riddle was a top campaign assistant to Governor Sanford. The governor said he was happy to have "a man of Riddle's legal training and experience" for the post. Riddle will be 47 in September. He is the son of Mayor and Mrs. H. L. Riddle, Sr., of Morganton. He presently is county attorney and earlier had served as solicitor and judge of Burke County Recorder's Court.