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Credle, O'Brien Advocate Merger Of School Units

Former Oxford Superintendent, School Board Member Address Rotary Club

The man who helped to plan a city school administrative unit for Oxford now is a strong advocate of merging the units of Oxford and Granville County.

Addressing members of the Rotary Club here Thursday night with reference to issues in the school merger proposal to be decided in the Sept. 26 special election, former Oxford Superintendent C. G. Credle said he strongly favors the merger from the standpoint of advantages to students, opportunity for improvement in administration procedures and economies in providing first rate public schools.

Appearing also on the program arranged by Dr. James F. Pruitt was Harold O'Brien, a member of the Granville Board of Education. He joined Mr. Credle in advocating approval of the merger plan, which was devised by a committee of 14 representing the two boards, the city and the county. In answering a question from the audience, Mr. O'Brien said he had encountered a strong sentiment through the county for the merger. He stated he had found, among large numbers of people with whom the issue had been discussed, only two who had expressed opposition.

Credle looked back upon the advancement of the public school from the era of the one-room, one teacher school to the present, and said progress had been made all along the line through the years.

By merging its Oxford and county administrative units, Credle said "Granville County will stand as a model school system" with equalization of opportunities for children from all areas of the county.

Louis Thompson, a newcomer to Oxford, was a leading opponent.

W. F. Currin, 55, Succumbs In Fla.

Rites to Be Held at 4 P. M. Tuesday at Hester Baptist Church

Wille F. Currin 55 native of Granville County died suddenly at 8:30 a.m. at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after a heart attack.

Formerly engaged in the automobile business in and around Washington, D. C., Mr. Currin had resided in Florida for the past three years. He was a son of the late Luctus Currin and Meta Hobgood Currin of Granville County.

The funeral was conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Hester Baptist Church by the Rev. George T. Tunstall of High Point, a former pastor, assisted by the Rev. Leslie Giles, pastor. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Currin was a member of the American Legion Post in Fort Lauderdale.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anne Howe Currin of Fort Lauderdale; three brothers, Paul of Terra Haute, Ind., Wilson of Alexandria, Va., and Ernest of Olivia.



THE FIRST PAYOFF — Miss Helen Kitzmiller accepts from Morris Goldberg, left, plant manager, the first payroll check issued by JFD Electronics-Southern, Inc., as Harvey Finkel, vice president of JFD Electronics Corp., Brooklyn, waits to offer his congratulations and good wishes.

First Employee Paid Off by JFD

Training of Production Line Employees Begin as Work on Building Progresses

The first trickle of money from a promised annual payroll of \$500,000 to be met by JFD Electronics-Southern, Inc., opening an antenna manufacturing plant here Nov. 1 went into the financial arteries of the community yesterday.

Miss Helen Kitzmiller, receptionist at work in the temporary office of the company, on Main Street, and the first local employee, received the payroll check from Morris Goldberg, plant manager.

Goldberg used the occasion to note that before many weeks have passed, the concern's payroll here should be in the thousands of dollars. Training classes, eight of them, for production line employees already are in progress.

The plant manager reiterated his earlier statement that he is "quite satisfied" with the quality and the quantity of labor he had found here. Preliminary training tests, he said, have disclosed that the potential employees are developing skills well, "particularly for people without prior assembly training."

Harvey Finkel, vice president of JFD Electronics Corp., Brooklyn, parent company, here conferring with Goldberg and helping to push along necessary preliminary planning and activities leading to opening of the plant, said he, too, is "happy with the community" and was delighted with "the fine spirit of cooperation" shown by Executive Director Melvin B. Coleman, Chairman J. P. Harris, Jr., of the Planning Commission, Louis Hutchinson of Granville Industrial Developers, Inc., merchants, bankers and others.

Finkel said employees have been signed for the production line jobs, but he added, "We still have job opportunities for a number of key personnel for JFD Electronics-Southern, Inc." He mentioned such places as section leaders, maintenance men, mechanical inspectors, quality control, tool makers, receiving and shipping clerks and stockroom clerks.

Mr. Goldberg plans to bring his family to Oxford "very shortly." His family consists of his wife and 16 year-old son, Louis, now residents of New York.

George W. Kane, Inc., contractor, is at work pouring a concrete floor in the factory building and making other installations and modifications to get the building in readiness for Nov. 1 occupancy.

Virginians Blast Trail of Crime In Stolen Vehicles

One Car Wrecked, Another Stolen in Berea Community Friday Night

Four Virginia lads who came into the state Friday in two stolen cars and picked up two or more during their swing through Warren, Vance and Granville, now are in the hands of the FBI agents who are checking out their criminal activities.

The beginning of the end for the four occurred at Berea after two of them fled from a filling station without paying for purchases and two others wrecked a stolen car and quickly picked up another to continue their flight.

Highway Patrolman J. H. Waugh assisted in the round up, but actual arrests occurred in Person or counties beyond and names of the youths were not available here.

Waugh said a 1960 model Chevrolet stolen from Martinsville, Va., was wrecked at Berea Friday night and the suspected occupants shortly thereafter drove away in another car stolen from Rebecca Mangum. It was later wrecked near Roxboro.

Two of the lads were apprehended in a 1956 model Oldsmobile, also stolen, on Highway 49 north of Roxboro. Also traced to the boys was theft of a 1957 model Ford taken from the parking area of Hotel Warrenton, in Warrenton, and bearing a Texas state license according to Waugh.

The beginning of the end for the youths occurred when they drove away from Dean and Parrott Station at Berea without paying for purchases.

According to Ptl. Waugh, the car stopped at the station and ordered merchandise, which was brought to the car. Another item was requested and while the clerk returned to the store for it, the car sped away.

Officers were notified and the chase began. Meanwhile, the two Virginians in the accompanying car wrecked their machine at Berea and quickly fled in the Mangum car, parked nearby. It was wrecked in Roxboro.

One of the boys had a large sum of money and the FBI is endeavoring to ascertain the origin of the cash.

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Boy of 10 Dies Of Pistol Shot Fired by Youth

A native of Granville County, Donald H. Dickerson, 10, son of Herman Dalton Dickerson and Cathrine Roberson Dickerson, was slain by a pistol in the hand of a playmate in Durham late Saturday.

The lad was pronounced dead upon arrival at Watts Hospital at 5:43 p.m. He resided with his parents at 2734 Wake Forest Road.

The bullet which killed the boy was fired from a .32 caliber automatic pistol in the hand of a playmate, Morton David Haswell. A steel-jacket slug struck the lad in the heart.

The two boys were playing at the Haswell boy's home and had obtained a pistol while left alone at the home. Investigating officers said the gun was fired accidentally as the boys passed it between one another for examination.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Betty Jean and Mary Jane Dickerson, both of the home and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberson of Oxford.

\$60,000 Project On Goshen Road

Listing of Project Not Included in Previous Report of Approved Jobs

A \$60,000 project was inadvertently omitted from the listing of priority projects included in the 1961-62 approved road program in Granville county in the list published in the previous issue.

The project approved by the Board of County Commissioners is fourth and fifth priority project and involves State roads 1821 and 1822, a distance of 2.4 miles and is Goshen road extending from NC 96 to State Road 1817, the Satterwhite road. It is to be graded, drained and surfaced at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

The mileage and the cost involved were included in the published summary, but not the project.

Under construction at the present time in the same area of the county, is 2.6 miles of the Satterwhite road from NC 96 to the Shepherd Royster road. The work is being done by State Highway forces. The project was budgeted for the 1960-61 program, but not completed before the end of the previous fiscal year according to Commissioner T. W. Carrington.



Rural Firemen Outfit An Additional Pumper

Granville Rural Fire Department has added a second water-carrying pump to its fleet of fire fighting equipment.

The organization of volunteers, with 15 members, in two years of operations has been responsible for saving thousands of dollars for property owners by cutting down or preventing fire losses.

And what's more, Chief Henry Currin and other volunteers from the department used their spare time, largely at night, and built the body on the dual-wheeled Chevrolet chassis which formerly belonged to N. C. State College.

"It is light and fast enough to reach a fire rapidly—and getting there promptly is the battle half won in fighting fire," Currin remarked as he admired his handwork. The unit's first truck, a much larger heavier and less mobile unit, was Army surplus, obtained through Civilian defense.

"The larger unit still is in use. The way we are set up, the smaller truck will get to the site first and likely by the time its supply of water is used, the second truck will roll up," Currin explained.

Currin, a mechanic and metal craftsman, was assisted in building the 500 gallon tank on the smaller truck by "Bo" Strickland and AMES Morgan. The tank is square of heavy-weight steel, and has an 18-inch cast walk along each side and a 20 step-platform at the back.

The truck is equipped with aluminum ladders, 200 feet of one and a half inch hose and 15 feet of two and a half inch hard rubber suction hose. The front mounted pump can be used for taking water from ponds, wells hydrants or fire sources and throwing it on fire targets at the rate of 100 gallons per minute.

Granville Rural Fire Department has a cement block building, 20x30 feet, which provides indoor storage for both trucks.

"The truck represents the work of all our members," Currin said. "Every man in the department did all he could to help get it built, equipped and ready for operations."

With nothing included for labor, the new truck represents a cash outlay of \$1,250. It is equipped with four new tires and dual wheels make it operable in places where equipment cannot move, Currin explained.

Federal Grant Of \$368,000 OKed For Local Hospital

Boswood Says Approval of \$175,000 Bond Issue by Voters Now Required

The North Carolina Medical Care Commission has approved a grant of \$368,000 in federal funds to apply on the cost of a \$670,000 addition to Granville Hospital.

The action came at a meeting of the Commission in Raleigh last Friday and leaves only one hurdle to be completed before the addition of 16 beds and service facilities can be undertaken, according to Ralph Boswood, business manager of the hospital.

Granville voters are being asked by the Hospital Board of Trustees to approve in a special election to be held Sept. 26 authorization for a bond issue of \$175,000. If this authorization is given, the Board of County Commissioners will provide the funds needed to supplement the \$368,000 of federal funds and the \$126,500 of hospital funds to meet the expense of the requested addition, Boswood explained.

Boswood further explained that the proposal is to add three story additions to north and east wings of the existing building and renovate the building to provide additional areas for enlargement of facilities required for efficient management.

Extensive remodeling of the existing building would be required, according to Boswood.

Good Eggs To Be Tapped on Friday

Promotion of Fast Growing Granville County Enterprise to Be Launched

Around 100 persons coming from all sections of the county will participate in a "good eggs" breakfast here Friday morning to initiate a program to acquaint the public with one of the fastest growing farm enterprises in Granville.

At the same time a number of Granville County citizens who are among those invited are to be tapped as "Good Eggs" in recognition of significant services rendered the public. A top-drawer secret committee is at work on selection of the good eggs and suitably inscribed certificates are to be presented at the breakfast.

Farmers Exchange is to be host for the breakfast, at which new egg menus will be presented. Following the breakfast, there is to be an organized tour of three egg producing enterprises and also an egg market in the community.

The breakfast is to be served at 7 a.m., promptly, at the Credle School Cafeteria. Hank Wilkerson, executive director of the North Carolina Egg Marketing Association, is to make a short talk during the breakfast.

Merger Proposal Explained to PTA

First Fall Meeting of Oxford Organization Held Thursday Night

Legislation which opened the door to consolidation, an explanation of the legislative act and the case for consolidation of the administrative units of Oxford and Granville County Schools were detailed before members of the Oxford Parent-Teacher Association at the organization's first fall meeting held Thursday night.

Mrs. Nelson Thomas, Jr., president, presided. Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., in the opening devotionals emphasized the importance of strengthening home ties. Graham Wright, chairman of the finance committee, presented the budget, which was approved, and Mrs. Marion Clement announced the PTA would sponsor a Brunswick stew supper at the Credle School luncheon room Sept. 29 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at \$1 per patron.

Spl. J. E. Rawls stressed the role of the parent in emphasizing safety practices on the part of their children in travel to and from school and in boarding and leaving buses. Mrs. Carl Lawrence, membership chairman, said 570

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Arthur E. Fogleman

Arthur E. Fogleman, 75, retired groceryman, died suddenly Sunday at his home on Route 1, Rousemont. He was formerly employed by Save-A-Penny Grocery in this city.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Romty Baptist Church by the Rev. Richard Coleman. Burial will be in Roxboro Memorial Park.

Surviving are a son, Chester A. Fogleman of Rousemont; a daughter, Mrs. Clyde King of the home; three brothers, H. C. and J. A. Fogleman of Durham; a sister, Mrs. P. M. Cash of Rousemont; also seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Duties at the school level.

Stew Supper to Be Served at Stovall On Friday Evening

The Stovall Parent-Teacher Association will serve a Brunswick stew supper at the school lunch room on September 22, beginning at 5 p.m.

Mrs. Jimmy Wilson, who is in charge, announced adult plates will cost \$1 and children's plates 50 cents. It may be purchased by the quart for \$1.25. Herbert Tilley of Billcock will cook the stew with help and contributions from Stovall parents.

Mrs. Kathryn Royster heads the donation committee and Mrs. T. T. Curtis is in charge of the preparation of materials. Any parents who

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Gunshells Explode In House Fire at Berea

Berea Firemen Check Flames at Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hicks — Two Barns Destroyed

A curing barn was lost. Berea fire fighters were joined by Virginia Volunteers in combating that fire and were able to prevent spread of flames to other nearby property.

Blasts of shells in the Hicks home caught the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, who had gone to the nearby home of Mr. Hicks' mother for supper.



R. R. HERRING

Robert R. Herring, Prominent Citizen, Buried Here Monday

Leader in Church, Fraternal and Business Affairs Here for Years

Robert Roscoe Herring, 77, native of Sampson County who spent most of his life in Oxford where he served his church, city and community in many outstanding ways, died Sunday at 8:15 p.m. at Granville Hospital. Mr. Herring had been in declining health for several months, but until recently had attended to his affairs.

The funeral was conducted at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Oxford Baptist Church by the Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., pastor. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

A son of Dallas Herring and Mollie Vann Herring of Sampson County, Robert R. Herring settled in Oxford in 1910 as a pharmacist with J. G. Hall, Druggist. He earlier had attended Bules Creek Academy and University of North Carolina where he was awarded his pharmacy degree in 1908. He was thereafter employed for two years in Wilmington as a druggist.

After 15 years with Hall's, MR. See HERRING Page 6

Thirty-Eight Are Arrested by Police

Oxford police experienced the busiest week end in months. The plotter of activity, at the end of the 3-day period Monday morning, disclosed a total of 38 arrests.

Among the listed offenses were public drunkenness, assault, immoral conduct and driving drunk. Jailor Joe Pruitt had as many as 30 persons in the county lock-up at one time.

By Monday morning, most of the arrested persons had been released on bond.

Roy Jones Walker

Surviving are five sons, Marvin and Benton of Route 3, Oxford; Carlyle of Newport News, Va.; Larry of Hampton, Va.; and Gilbert Davis of Miami, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Herman J. Paynter of Ashland, Va., and Mrs. Kenneth Hill of Steubenville, Va.; two brothers, Clifton H. and Graham H. Bradford, Route 3, Oxford; also 13 grandchildren.

Oak Hill Host Today To 60 FHA Leaders

Some 60 state, FHA officers from chapters in high schools of Oxford and Granville County and also to Person County, will convene today, Tuesday at Oak Hill High School from 9 to 5 p.m.

The meeting is to be in the form of a workshop to train FHA chapter officers in discharge of their