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## Newsman's Notebook

RICHARD H. THORNTON Library will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to enable members of the staff to have a long weekend.

E. A. ... resident of Cherry Street, Monday was reported as slightly improved at Watts Hospital, where he has been a patient since Friday suffering with a hip fracture sustained in a fall at home.

FUNERAL SERVICES were conducted for Mrs. Lena Creech Deming, 68, at the Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. She was the mother of Mrs. Aubrey Harden, of Oxford. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, three sons, three sisters, a brother, and 14 grandchildren.

MRS. HENRY STANFIELD of Danville, Va., died June 22. She was the mother of Rassy Stanfield of H. A. Oxford. The funeral was held in Danville with burial in the cemetery there. Surviving are four daughters and three sons.

MRS. JUDY ELLIOTT has reported to Oxford Police Department the loss of a small purse at the Armory the last weekend in April. In it were a dinner ring valued at \$250 and a \$28 jeweled compact and lipstick case.

EMMA SHOTWELL DAY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Day, is attending the eighth annual St. Andrews Music Camp on the campus of St. Andrews College in Laurinburg. She will be at the camp until the final camp concert is given on July 8.

MIKE STOVALL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Stovall of H. A. Oxford, sustained a fracture in the right wrist Friday morning when he fell from a tree-house in which he was at play. The injured member was placed in a cast and he is getting along nicely, but his injury has sidelined him from the summer sports program, much to his regret.

GRANVILLE Council No. 117, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will meet at Providence Friday, July 4, at 7 p.m. for supper, with the business meeting to come at 8 p.m. L. White, secretary, said there would be an election of officers and election of delegates to the annual state meeting to be held Aug. 7-9 at Winston-Salem.

## H. E. Harris, 77, Retired, Succumbs

Funeral for Well-Known Granville Man Conducted Saturday Afternoon

H. E. Harris, 77, retired business man, died Friday at Granville Hospital after an extended illness. He had been a hospital patient for about 10 days.

The funeral was conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday at Perkins-Currin Funeral Chapel by the Rev. R. M. Cochran. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Born in the Tar River section of Granville County, Mr. Harris spent the greater part of his life in Oxford. He was for many years foreman of manufacturing for Oxford Body Company and after leaving that position, operated Oxford Livestock Market for several years. In more recent years, he had other business interests in the city.

He was a son of the late Isaac H. and Azelna Adcock Harris.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Nutt Harris; three daughters, Mrs. Byron T. Taylor and Mrs. Fred Hodurski, both of Pearl River, N. Y., and Mrs. Bud Ward of Kohna, Ind.; two brothers, I. E. Harris of Creedmoor, and J. P. Harris of Oxford; and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funerals named were A. B. Dean Jr., Woodie Vaughan, Elmo Ligon, J. B. Carroll, Earl Haskins and Nelson Carrington.

## Oxford Girl Awarded Church Scholarship

Dorothy B. Williford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williford, of Pine Cone Drive, has been awarded a scholarship by the Methodist Conference Board of Missions to represent the Durham district at the Youth and Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska on July 21-27. Miss Williford is a member of Oxford United Methodist Church.

## Oxford Civic Clubs Install Officers ...



ROTARY PRESIDENT Charles F. Jones Jr., Vice President J. I. Carey and Secretary-Treasurer T. B. Currin.



LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT Ed Beasley, Vice Presidents Bob Lawson and E. H. Stallings, and Secretary-Treasurer W. W. Hughes Jr.



JAYCEE PRESIDENT J. C. Blackley, President-Elect James R. Williams and Secretary-Treasurer Joseph F. Williams.

## Edward Beasley Takes Presidency of Oxford Lions

J. H. Waugh Becomes District Deputy Governor of Region Three

In an installation service here Thursday night, Edward Beasley, Oxford business man, became president of Oxford Lions Club, succeeding R. T. Williford. The installation was by F. C. Parker, a past president, who also installed those to serve with Jones for the 12 months ahead.

Deputy District Governor J. H. Waugh installed Beasley and those to serve with him. Included were L. C. Adcock, J. R. Lawson, and E. H. Stallings, vice president; Walter W. Hughes Jr., secretary-treasurer; Tom Carver, Lion tamer, and Fred Webb, tall twister.

New members of the club's board of directors are Melvin S. Currin, Mike Lester, Bill Minor and James Frazier. Retiring President Creech announced that Waugh, a former president of the Oxford Club, had been designated as deputy district governor of Region Three. In that capacity he will be responsible for 12 clubs in Granville, Vance, Warren and Franklin counties.

## Benefit Supper At Bullock on Friday

Brunswick stew and barbecue will be served family style at a benefit supper which the Bullock Volunteer Fire Department has planned for Friday, July 4, from 5 to 9 p.m. Service will be held in the Fellowship Building, just off the main thoroughfare of Bullock.

## Chas. Jones Jr. Takes Presidency of Rotary Club

Installation Conducted at Thorndale Thursday by F. C. Parker

Charles F. Jones Jr. was installed Thursday night as the new president of Oxford Rotary Club, succeeding R. T. Williford. The installation was by F. C. Parker, a past president, who also installed those to serve with Jones for the 12 months ahead.

Other officers are James I. Carey, vice-president; Thomas B. Currin, secretary-treasurer; and Reuben Green, sergeant-at-arms.

Parker presented the past president's pin to Robert Williford, the outgoing president. Charles Jones presented Williford with a plaque and gavel from the club.

New directors are L. F. Cotten, Aubrey Gentry, Donald Sizemore and Clement Yancey.

Bob Hancey of Burlington Mills was a guest for the meeting.

Jones was born in Oxford in 1926, graduated from Oxford High School and received a B.S. in Pharmacy at UNC in 1950. He opened Jones Drug Store in June, 1955.

## ADOPTION ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Lam of 303 Pine Tree Road announce the adoption of a daughter, Marsha Dawn, born Feb. 4, 1969. Mr. and Mrs. Lam have a two-year-old daughter, Carolyn.

## County Board is To Meet on Thursday

Granville County Commissioners will have their July meeting on Thursday, July 3, instead of on Monday, July 7, which is the first Monday in the month.

The change of date was approved in a resolution adopted at a budget meeting of the board on June 12 and announced Friday. By advancing date of the meeting for July 3, members of the board will be able to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Asheville in the week ahead.

## Ledger Balks Movement of Ga. Rattler

A copy of Oxford Public Ledger stopped and held at bay a large rattler as it was about to strike at a couple of Tar Heels in Georgia the past week.

The incident occurred near Brunswick, Ga., where J. M. Pruitt of Oxford and Dr. J. Dan Royster of Benson had gone with Nelson Pruitt of Millwood, Ga., for fishing.

As the party was en route home from Brunswick, the snake was spotted in the road. Nelson Pruitt nor Dan Royster had nothing available with which to attack the snake and as they approached, it coiled into striking position. Pruitt found a copy of the Ledger in his car. He spread it into the path of the snake and the reptile froze on the spot.

Pruitt and Dr. Royster retraced their route for two miles to find a Georgia snake-catcher. He accompanied them to the spot and using a forked stick, added the snake and its eight rattlers to his collection.

Pruitt said he never intended to let his Ledger subscription expire after that experience.

## Barry Vaughan Wins FFA Award

Student from Webb High Takes Electrification Award During State Conference

Barry Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Vaughan of Nelson, Va., won the federation electrification prize at the state Future Farmers of America convention in Raleigh the past week. The prize, sponsored by Carolina Power and Light, Duke Power Co., and Virginia Electric Co., was \$30.

Other representatives at the FFA Convention were David Weary, and Frank Smith. They were accompanied by Robert Hill and Jesse Butts to N. C. State University each day for the convention sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Butts' son, Johnny, a student at Webb High School, is the past president of the FFA and presided over the convention.

Miss Wanda Dickerson, also a student at Webb, and the new president of the state Future Homemakers of America, went to the convention Thursday to give a speech to the FFA members, according to Mr. Hill.

## Georgia Company Acquires 2-Acre Warehouse Site

A Georgia-based concern, S. & S., has exercised an option on a two-acre tract on Commerce Drive, which parallels the Bandag plant on Industry Drive, according to Jim Evans of Evans Realty Company.

S. & S. has headquarters in Macon, Ga., and is the owner of State Wholesale Food, Inc., a corporation serving institutional food needs and also packing foods for vending machines.

Evans said he had been advised that State Wholesale is perfecting design for a 10,000 square foot building which will warehouse both fresh and frozen foods, including meats and other food lines.

## Butner Residents Apprehended With Stolen State Truck

Two Butner residents, one of them a soldier wanted by military authorities, were apprehended here early Monday as they were joyriding on a stolen tractor.

Dean Carter, 22, white, alias James McFarland, resident of Piedmont Village, and James Stanley Perry, 17, resident of 19th Street, Butner, were apprehended by Police Lt. O. L. Harrison and Patrolman Taylor Wilson as they headed south on U. S. 15 near the city limits.

The tractor was a Dodge owned by the State and assigned to use at the packing plant at Butner. Military authorities were en route here Monday to take Carter into custody.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Hammett Hight, of Kingsbury St., announces the birth of a son, Hammett Allen, on June 19. Mrs. Hight is the former Miss Dianne Hobgood.

## Changing Daily Problems Demand For City Manager

Problems related to the growth of a small city may be created by overnight-actions or considerations, but a majority of them are developed by the consistency of change in patterns of growth which bring new and bigger demands for municipal services in all categories.

That is the view of City Manager Tom Ragland, for it is through his office that the problems are first noted, reviewed, studied and discussed with department heads, committeemen of the board of commissioners of Oxford and ultimately brought to the mayor and board for policy development.

Even as the Oxford administration wrestles with a maze of problems arising from expansion of water and disposal facilities, with development of new traffic arteries, plans for improved mechanical traffic control devices, parking and the normal flow of work related to maintenance of utilities, sanitary services and police protection, the rising sun of each day appears to bring new and unheard of problems.

### Diet of Tough Problems

But Ragland, a part of the administration of Oxford for 12½ years, appears to thrive on the diet of seemingly-indigestible problems funneled to his desk by the continuing growth of Oxford. He acknowledged that the diet can be a



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source of ulcers, but as he has worked with the City, Ragland has spent much time and given great effort to keeping ahead by participating in training programs and studies offered by the North Caro-



SELECTED BY CIVITAN—City Manager Tom Ragland was named Friday night by Oxford Civitans as winner of the Outstanding Citizen Award for 1968 and Joe White, right, was named Civitan of the Year. Each received a plaque.—Ledger staff photo.

## Civitans Name City Manager for Honor

Tom Ragland Honored by Selection of Year—Joe White Named Civitan of Year by Club—T. G. Stem Speaks

Oxford Civitans, in marking their 11th anniversary, Friday night named City Manager Tom Ragland as their pick as Outstanding Citizen, tapped Southern Railway Agent Joe White as Civitan of the year and installed J. C. Blackley as president after hearing T. G. Stem Jr. draw interesting parallels of 1969 and 1968. Sandwiched with those features was the appearance of Larry Dean, young pianist and accordionist, who rendered several selections.

The gathering was at Thorndale Country Club where Gary Angle, who had served the club for a year, presided and expressed his appreciation to the club and its ladies for support of his leadership during the past year. Civinettes and representatives of other civic bodies in the community were guests. Here to do honors was Robert W. Osbeck, Lt. Governor of Zone 3, who installed Blackley and those to serve with him, James R. Williams, president-elect, and Joseph F. Williams, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Osbeck also presented a plaque to Mr. White as Civitan of the year, terming him "a dedicated

man who had rendered outstanding service to the club and the community." White, overwhelmed at the honor, said he accepted in deep humility.

W. R. Frazier Jr. presented the Citizen of the Year Award, recounting that Mr. Ragland had graduated from high school here in 1950, had attained the rank of Captain in the National Guard during a 21-year period of service before resignation and had served the city since 1956, when he commenced as assistant tax collector, advancing to his present position. He became City Clerk in 1961 and City Manager in 1964. Frazier also said Ragland is a member of the Rotary Club and serves as superintendent of Enon Baptist Church Sunday School.

Governor Osbeck also presented an award to the Oxford Club for its achievement in building membership during the past year. Jim Carlisle was installed as a new member of the club. Blackley presented to the retiring president a plaque and a past president's button "for a job well done."

Mr. Stem, presented by Charles Hancock as a man who "does as much and more for veterans, widows and their families as any man I know," said many of the problems that troubled America in 1968 are

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250 Parking Meters The City of Oxford has approximately 250 parking meters, all of them requiring a five-cent-per-hour fee with the exception of four located in front of each of downtown banks and those immediately in front of the post office, areas of a potentially high parking turnover. In these areas, the charge for 12 minutes is one-cent. The one-cent meters have a different type of head and are easily distinguishable.

In addition, the municipality leases from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church a facility on the east side of College Street and is presently considering establishment of a new parking facility on the former Sea-board property along Gilliam and Littlejohn Streets.

The Oxford administration has for many years extended parking consideration to the tobacco sales industry, permitting the Oxford Warehouse Association to pay five cents for each overtime parking ticket delivered through a warehouse operator by way of the market's sales supervisor. Ragland says the plan amounts to a grant in that the five cent fee will not meet the expense of the police patrol of meters and the cost of processing the charge.

Those who get overtime tickets from the meter patrol may petition the bill within a 24-hour period at 50 cents. The charge jumps to \$1 if excessive time is taken and may grow to about \$20 if the Police Department takes the matter into court, an action seldom taken.

Parking Meter Income \$13,000 Parking meters return about \$13,000 annually to the city and the money is used for traffic control, some of it in the budget of the Police Department.

In any event, Ragland says parking charges do not return a profit to a municipality. The City is paying \$900 annual rental on the church property on College Street and is getting about \$1,000 in revenue. Lights, power for the gate operation and maintenance are added expenses. Because it was undertaken on a trial basis, and on a short-time (three years) lease, the College Street site has never been fully developed and graded into an attractive area. Spaces are undesignated and the area is covered with a white silt-like sand not readily acceptable to ladies with lightweight or sandal-like shoes.

Before the City of Oxford at the present time is a proposal to create a modern, well-designed, surfaced off-street parking lot on the former railroad property. Engineers who have designed the proposed facility have come up with a cost estimate of \$30,000. The site is within a two-block range of almost all of the city's business area. It would accommodate 55 vehicles. The Merchants Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce has strongly endorsed utilization of the property for parking, contending that the municipality must take the initiative in preserving the mid-town shopping district by providing essential parking areas.

Some parking relief will be available when Planning National Bank's new office is opened within the next few weeks. The bank is reserving parking facilities for personal and customers, but is making others available to the public on a monthly rental basis.

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