

THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE BAND



The Colored Oxford Orphanage band is one of the most popular groups of the institution. In addition to playing for the entertainment of the children at the home the band has been used to entertain visitors who go there from time to time and has appeared in various cities throughout the state.

FEMALE SEXTETTE

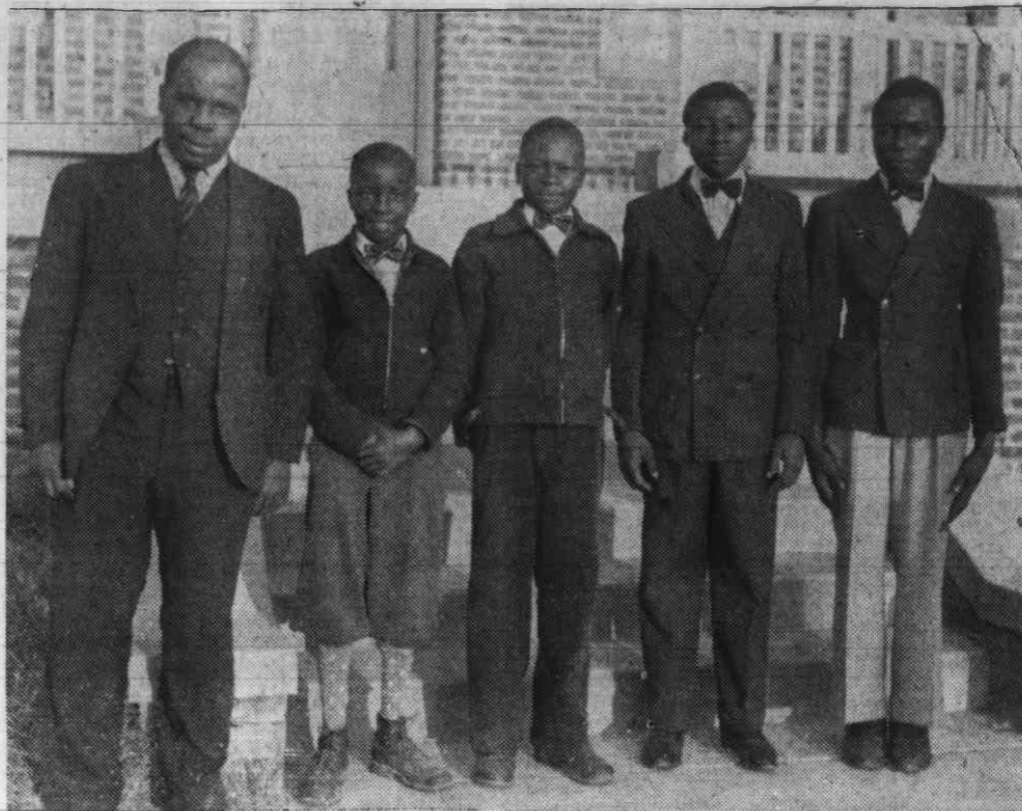


The above group is the girl's sextette and director. This group of singers is one of the most popular of the orphanage. It has been heard in concert in many cities of the state.



As near as it is possible the orphanage attempts to be self-sustaining. The above scene shows a few of the many hogs raised at the orphanage. The meat is killed and cured by the older boys and put away for use when it is needed. In addition there are cows that assure the children of a plentiful supply of fresh milk.

# OXFORD COLORED ORPHANAGE MAKES EXCELLENT PROGRESS



The above singers are well trained and add much to the entertainment of the children. They too, have appeared in many churches and schools. The quartette is well trained and is one of the means of discovering talent in the children.

## Oxford Colored Orphanage Doing Splendid Work

Located in the southern part of the hustling and bustling little city of Oxford, North Carolina is the Oxford Colored Orphanage, an institution whose record for a half century still remains one of honest service to all the citizenry of this state as well as its Negroes.

The History of the Oxford Colored Orphanage is one of hardships and struggles through many difficulties to maintain itself and at the same time render a much needed service in caring for Negro children who find themselves without homes on account of the loss of parents, as well as other reasons beyond their childish control. However this story of the institution is not written to give one an insight into its past record, but to acquaint our readers with what the Oxford Colored Orphanage is doing now to serve those for whom it was established.

Unlike many institutions of its kind the faces of its inmates show an unusual amount of happiness and contentment. There is no sign of undernourishment, but on

the contrary all of the nearly 200 boys and girls found there on my recent visit appeared to well-fed, well-clothed and above all neatly attired.

I arrived at the institution unexpectedly and unannounced. There was no opportunity, if the management had so desired, to make any special preparation for a visitor. I wanted to see the institution in the raw, and I purpose only gave no notice of my intentions of visiting it.

Although the orphanage recently suffered the loss of its superintendent, T. K. Borders there apparently has been no deterioration in its general morale or its management under the leadership of its assistant superintendent, Charles Alonza Alston. Instead every department seemed to be moving with full speed and up to standard.

I visited rooms of both the boys and girls and other places at the orphanage. I talked with many of the children, as well as members of the faculty and in no instance did I find any sign of disintegration. It was an inspiration as well as a revelation. Here was a man who as an assistant was equal to the task of filling the shoes of his chief when the latter had fallen in the line of duty. Here was a man who because of his modesty insisted that I give him

no praise for whatever good I found at the orphanage, but who really felt that he was merely keeping in process of operation the program of his fallen leader, until another could be selected to take his place.

When I told Mr. Alston that I intended publishing a story about the fine work he was doing in directing the destiny of the orphanage, he insisted I not do so for fear it might be misunderstood as an ambitious desire on his part. Only when I told him that I thought such a story might help in the drive now under way to secure funds for the institution did he warm up to the idea at all. He spoke with hopeful anticipation of the recent election of Dean John L. Tilley as head of the orphanage and he felt that the election of such an outstanding personality would mean more to it than anything I could say about himself.

Both Dean Tilley and Mr. Alston are well qualified to guide the destiny of the orphanage. Dean Tilley is a graduate of N. C. College, Shaw University and Chicago University. As acting dean of Shaw he has made an enviable record and is well known in theological and educational circles in this state and others.

Mr. Alston who is practically a young man was born and reared

## Interest At Shaw Turns From The Grid To Hardwoods

Raleigh, — With the reign of King Football scarcely over interest at Shaw University has returned to basketball where already coaches have issued calls for candidates for the 1940-41 Shaw University Men's and Women's basketball teams.

Such new comers as George Brown of New York City, John Vinegard, Cincinnati, Austin Davis of Orange, New Jersey and "Big Bill" Haynes of Wilmington have given notice that they will be strong contenders on a team which has lost all but two of last year's regulars. Shaw coaches must find replacements for "Moon" Garner, "Wobbly Legs" Sloan, and "Gentleman" Smith as well as capable substitutes for all positions.

The burden of this year's basketball play of the Bears is expected to rest on the shoulders of "Joe" Springs, sterling forward from last year's team and Fred Wilkin in Pittsboro, North Carolina where he attended public schools. He is a graduate of N. C. College, with the degree of B. S., and has done further study at Columbia University and N. C. College. He has had approximately 10 years experience as a teacher.

## Assistant Superintendent



Chas. A. Alston, assistant superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, who has had the responsibility of guiding the destiny of the Oxford Colored Orphanage since the death of Superintendent J. K. Borders.

The man who never loafa is not always the man who does the most work.

Nobody knows what the next twelve months hold in store for the people of the United States, but it is safe to assume that there is sacrifice for every loyal American.

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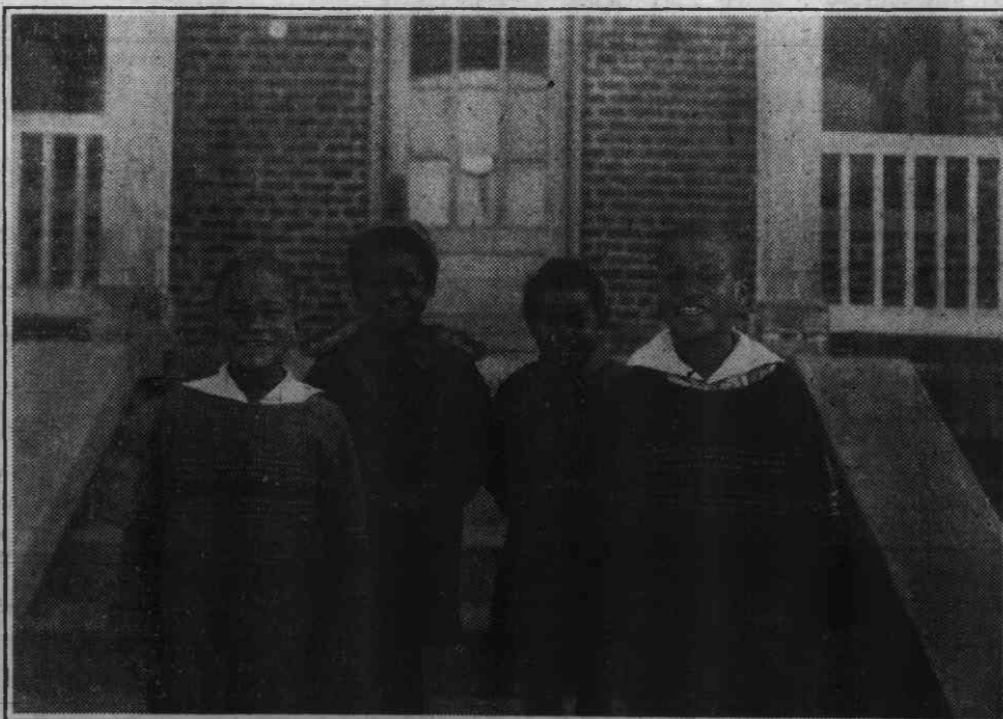
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## FUTURE CITIZENS



Above is a group of small boys and girls of the institution. Hundreds of little folk like these are cared for and given a chance to become useful men and women.