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MR. AND MRS. WILLIS HERE

Two of the best loved people who ever lived in Oxford were Mr. and Mrs. Willis who came back for a short visit recently. During their stay in town, Mr. and Mrs. Willis made Dr. White's home their headquarters, but they lived chiefly "on the wing." Oxford is always glad to see these good people.

GUS LANDIS OUT-JEFFREYS BOB

Congressman R. M. Jeffreys, Jr., of Virginia, North Carolina, and other parallel points shed the sunshine of his presence in our midst recently. Mr. Jeffreys was, as usual, accompanied by his entire retinue which included a valet de necktie, a valet de pants, and a valet de shoes.

We understand that Gus Landis looked upon the glorious Bob with the eye of envy. At any rate, one afternoon about six, he 'phoned home to this effect: "Tell 'em to hitch up the pony and send half a dozen darkies down here. Say that Caesar Claudius Augustus is ready to be transported home."

WILL HICKS GETS EXCELLENT REPORT

It is encouraging to get a really good report from a former student. The reports for April have just come in and Will Hicks has one of the best among them. In two subjects, sacred studies and plane geometry, Will has attained the rather unusual mark of 100 plus. His general average for the month is 84. Not half bad, Will, old thing!

WILL HICKS WINS FIRST PLACE IN ATHLETIC CONTEST

In the annual field day events at Woodberry Forest last week Will Hicks, a former O. H. S. man, won first place for the juniors in the broad jump, the distance covered being 18 ft. 11 in. In the high jump Will won second place, making a total of six points won for his side. Hicks also won first place in the "bread and molasses" race. This event merits a full description: Long rolls of bread soaked in molasses were suspended from the cross bars of the football goals. Nice sweet, gooey, sticky molasses streamed from each roll. All contestants were required to strip to the waist and arrange themselves in a line twenty yards away. At a given signal, the men dashed to the rolls, ate one, ran to the judges stand, and whistled. Hands could not be used in maneuvering the rolls. Will says that steady practice in the matter of taking nourishment of a solid character was a great help to him in pulling off first prize, a handsome five pound cake.

MISS AGNES CANNADY GIVES RECITAL

Mr. Wade R. Brown
Dean of the School of Music
presents
Miss Agnes Lucile Cannady, pianist
in graduating recital
Saturday, May the thirteenth
North Carolina College for Women
Greensboro, N. C.
4 p. m.

ADVERTISEMENT

Will the individual who separated me from my fountain pen cap please come back and get the pen, too, as one is no good without the other?

JOE RENN

MISS DAISY COOPER GRADUATES IN EXPRESSION

Miss Daisy Cooper has just finished her work in expression at St. Mary's and has been awarded a certificate. Her program included the presentation of a one-act play. The Raleigh papers were very complimentary in their comments upon her work which is, of course, quite pleasing to her friends in Oxford.

AN INTERRUPTED DISSERTATION ON THE NOBLE COW

Oh noble cow!
Thou graceful, modest, blushing hunk of meat

I wonder how
Thy disposition came to be so sweet,
I gaze into those fair, contented,
dreamy orbs of thine—

O leave a kiss
Within the trough and I'll not ask for wine.

Dear creature, thou
Art fair as a noonday sky.
Without thee
Soda fountains would go dry.

A score of folk
Will tread thy tender skin;
Thy horns and hoofs
Will make glue, nice and thin.

Thou art a most
Obliging—help! oh my!
A tree! a tree!
I've worn my red necktie.

HERBERT ROUNTREE, JR.

OXFORD HIGH IS PROUD OF BILL

When a fellow finds himself in the minority and still has the spunk to stand up in meeting right by himself and speak the truth as he sees it, we say he has earned the right to be called a man.

A few weeks ago, the high schools of North Carolina sent boys to Durham and Chapel Hill to compete for distinction in athletics. Most of the schools abided by the rules of the game, but there were a few who through ignorance, or carelessness, or a desire to win at any cost, used fellows who had no business in an amateur contest, fellows whose proper rating was professional or semi-professional. A great many people knew or suspected this condition was true, but nobody seemed to care to be the man who should enter a protest. Well, Coach Livengood had the spunk to do just that thing and we're proud of him. It wasn't pleasant but he did it. His honesty and courage are going to do a great deal to raise the moral tone of athletics in North Carolina. After the publicity Livengood has forced upon the offenders this year, it isn't likely that there will be a next time. We repeat we are proud of Bill!

MRS. FRED BYNUM HONOR GUEST

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Fred Bynum of Rockingham, a sister of Mrs. Beverly Royster, Jr., whose charming house guest she was for several days last week, was the guest of honor at a very smart bridge with Miss Dorothy Royster as hostess. Receiving with Miss Royster were her mother, Mrs. B. S. Royster, Sr., and her sisters, Mesdames Jack Currin and Beverly Royster, Jr. Bowls of fragrant roses and baskets of sweet peas in rainbow effect made exceptionally pretty decorations. By an interesting coincidence, Mrs. Beverly, Jr., drew her guest as partner at head table and held her position

throughout the game. A dainty salad course followed by an ice and coffee was served.

SIDNEY CURRIN GREATLY IMPROVED

Sidney Currin, who was the victim of a nasty accident with a tractor last week, is much improved. It looked at first as if Sidney might lose his foot. There seem no grounds for apprehension on that score now, however. Currin is a mighty fine young fellow who has more friends than he knows what to do with. Everybody is rejoicing with him that his hard luck turned out to be no worse.

ARE YOU A TROUBLE HUNTER

Are you in trouble? Then listen! Nobody ever slipped on a banana peel unless he stepped on one. That's the secret of getting into trouble. Everyday you hear about somebody getting into trouble, and you wonder how it happened. It happened because he hung around where trouble was. In other words, he just hunted trouble. There are folks who can't see a banana peel without trying to see if they can step on it without falling. If you don't want to hit your head on the sidewalk and see stars give the banana peel a wide berth.

I've been watching a gray cat out on the porch. She's been having a peach of a time in the sunshine. Just rolling over and looking as happy as can be. Right in the middle of her back and tail all ready and anxious for a scrap. Another cat was passing on the porch. He was minding his own business and paying no attention to the gray cat. It was another case of hunting trouble.

Be careful; to be careful means to look ahead, to see what possible harm can come; to think, and to keep your eyes open. Most accidents happen because fellows take too many chances. (The cats are about to have a fight. Hope it's gonna be good. I do hope the old fussy gray cat gets his ear chewed. I'll watch and see.)

I think about the most pleasing thing a fellow can have is a good temper. Maybe that is because my own is a bit ragged at the edges. (There, downed it, the cook just came along and spoiled it. Oh Gosh! they were just gonna start something). Save your temper for times when it's needed, and don't waste it on trifles.

JACK BRINKLEY

OXFORD BEATS LOUISBURG

With a score of 9 to 3 our "Wildcat" nine, last Saturday triumphed over Louisburg highs at Louisburg, the game being the best that our "cats" have scratched out this season. Every man played a stellar game with Walters batting 1000 and Easton fielding an excellent game, yielding four hits to the Louisburg pitcher's seventeen.

Oxford drew blood in the first inning and hit consistently throughout the game, not scoring more than two runs in any one inning. Louisburg earned only one run, the other two coming in on errors. Cooper for Louisburg pitched a good game for an inning or two, but had tough going later.

	R. H. E.
Oxford	9 17 5
Louisburg	3 4 4

Batteries: Royster, Floyd; Cooper.

SHAKESPEARE CONTEST COMES NEXT WEEK

ANNUAL EVENT TO BE STAGED IN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The Shakespeare Contest which is scheduled for Friday evening, May 19, will be staged in the high school auditorium. Much interest has been manifested in the contest this year, more pupils registered for roles than could be trained by those in charge.

In case you would like to refresh your memory a little before Friday evening, here is the program:

1. *As You Like It*—Act III, Scene 2 and 4

Rosalind—Annie Lou Williams
Celia—Eugenia Currin
Orlando—Thomas Royster

2. *Julius Caesar*—Antony's funeral oration

Edward Horner or Nathan Wolf

3. *Taming of the Shrew*

Katharine—Annie Gray Burroughs
Petruchio—Herbert Rountree

4. *Macbeth*

Lady Macbeth—Beth Cannady
Macbeth—James Webb

5. *Romeo and Juliet*—Balcony scene

Juliet—Julia Brent Hicks
Romeo—Jack Brinkley

6. *Richard III*—Act I, Scene 2

Anne—Dora Wolf
Richard—Edwin Shaw

7. (a) *Merchant of Venice*—Casket scene

Portia—Lillian Walters
Nerissa—Elizabeth Bragg

(b) Tril scene

Portia—Elizabeth Hall

Nerissa—Elizabeth Bragg
Shylock—Ned Baker

Bassanio—James Webb
Antonio—Will Millis

Gratiano—Ben Medford
Salerio—Clarence Burch

Duke—Jack Usry

The friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to be present. No admission.

MCNEILL ELECTS OFFICERS

At its weekly meeting last Friday, the McNeill Literary Society elected the following officers:

President, Martha Cannady; Vice President, Tincey Mitchell; Secretary, Madison Usry; Treasurer, Will Mitchell; Censor, Frances Horner.

The committee was instructed to let the contract for the erection of a pair of handsome gate posts, at the entrance to the High School grounds. The gate posts will be of brick to match the school building and will be lighted with hundred watt bulbs. This is one thing that has been needed sorely and the McNeill's are to be congratulated for their excellent gift to O. H. S.

O. HENRY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the O. Henry Literary Society, the following officers for next year were elected:

Thomas Royster, President; Jack Usry, Vice-President; William Hunt, Treasurer; Bessie Dean, Secretary; Frank Smith, Censor.

The society song committee submitted a song composed by Mrs. H. O. Furman and it was unanimously accepted by the society.

Frances Jackson: "Sam, you don't know how bad I do want your curly hair."

Sam Carrington: "Sure you can have it and there's a bargain that goes with it."