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CAPTAIN WINSTON TAYLOR HAS HIS SAY

Speaking for Coach Livingood's "Wildcats," I want to say that the team was greatly disappointed when news came that Chapel Hill had canceled Saturday's game. We were "rearing" for one more chance to show the citizens of Oxford how much we appreciate the generous and faithful support they have given us financially and morally. No team ever had a finer school nor a finer town to fight for. That's the truth. Next year we hope to bring home "the bacon" in the shape of the state championship. We know that we can count on you to back us up.

Despite the fact that hard luck camped on our trail this season, this has been the best football year in the history of the school. We have scored a total of 65 points. Of the 48 points scored against us during the season, 31 were made in the first game before we had been whipped into shape. That promises fairly well for future success, doesn't it? Of course we are going to have to count on losing three of our best men, Ernest Mitchell, Ivy Allen, and Sidney Taylor, but we are training some more fellows to take their places. All in all, our prospects look pretty good for next year.

Now a word about the physical director who has taught us to "bite 'em hard" but always to play fair. The school board calls him "Mr. Livingood." We call him "Bill," and we always add "He's the stuff." Bill is just one of the boys when he comes out on the field to play. He puts "punch" and "pep" into his game and he inspires us to do the same. All of us want to make good for old O. H. S. and "Bill" leads the gang.

Respectfully submitted,
WINSTON TAYLOR

A VISIT FROM ALASKA

Did you know that cabbages weigh thirty pounds in Alaska? And that the biggest baseball game of the Alaskan season begins at midnight and sometimes lasts until three in the morning? Honest now, did you?

Well, neither did we until we heard that remarkable man and preacher, Archbishop Fred Drane, who, in an all too brief visit to our school told us about the fascinating "land of the mid-night sun" where he has lived for the past seven years. With all due respect to our text books, we learned more about the arctic country from Archbishop Drane in twenty minutes than we have gleaned from our geography books in several weeks of more or less patient digging.

No wonder they want to keep Archbishop Drane in Alaska. Why, he is a regular fellow. He has the friendliest grin in the world and the trick of making folks like him the first shot out of the box. Young looking, too, although he admits to being a classmate of our eminently dignified and highly respected fellow townsman, Mr. Gus Graham.

HONORING MRS. GLASGOW

Mrs. R. M. Kay was hostess to a very smart party Tuesday afternoon honoring Mrs. A. L. Glasgow. Mrs. Glasgow compliments Oxford by choosing it for her home during the fall months. Her many friends are always sorry to lose her when she accompanies her husband to Kentucky for the late winter and early spring.

DR. HAYS LEADS THE WAY

DISTINGUISHED FORMER CITIZEN SHOWS FINE SPIRIT

When a man like Dr. Hays says he is proud of us, we are almost proud of ourselves. Fellow students and citizens of Oxford, we invite you to read the following letter. It speaks for itself and for its generous author in far more telling language than we can command. All together, fellows, make it a big one—nine rahs for Dr. Hays! We'll say he knows what good citizenship means!

THE EDITORS

Oteen, N. C., Nov. 19, 1921

Mr. Edwin Shaw,
Editor-in-Chief *The Tattler*,
Oxford, N. C.

My Dear Edwin:

Congratulations. Your paper—"The Tattler,"—is not only a credit to you, and to your entire staff, but to the school and to the town. I will go further; it is a credit to the State.

It was very kind in you to send me a copy, and I have asked Mrs. Delacroix to pay you fifty cents for my subscription. But I want to do more than this to show my appreciation of such a good thing.

I especially like the signed articles written by the students. It occurs to me that ten dollars offered in prizes for such articles might help the cause; say five dollars for the best article, three for the second best and one dollar each for the third and fourth best.

You would have to appoint a committee to pass upon such articles.

This, however, is just a suggestion. The point is that I want to contribute ten dollars to the success of the paper, and if there is any other way in which it can be used to better advantage, it will be satisfactory to me to have you do so.

I will be glad to send you short articles from time to time.

Wishing "The Tattler," with its Addison, Swift and Steele, a long and successful career, I am,

Sincerely yours,
BENJ. K. HAYS

CANDIDA GIVEN BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE

Candida, generally accepted as one of George Bernard Shaw's best productions, was presented by the Shakespeare Playhouse, of New York, to a large and appreciative audience last Wednesday evening. This play, given at the new High School auditorium, was a little late in starting because the electrical fixtures had to be arranged. The play was fully appreciated by all lovers of fine drama. Out of the two hundred dollars door receipts the Athletic Association received about fifty-one dollars toward the much-needed warm showers.

The Shakespeare Playhouse was so well pleased with the results of Candida, that they decided to stay over another day and present Ibsen's, A Doll's House. Although the town as a whole did not turn out to see this play it was an excellent performance.

The Shakespeare Playhouse is thinking of returning to Oxford next spring. Let's all do our best to get them back.

J. W.

Miss Ida Jackson, of Stovall, spent the week-end with Miss Mary Landis.

AIR OR STILLNESS

WHICH DID GRAY MEAN TO BE THE SUBJECT OF HIS FAMOUS SENTENCE?

The following article has been submitted by one of our most thoughtful and learned readers. It brings up an interesting point in English grammar; one upon which authorities differ. Study it carefully, pull down your grammars, and look it up. After you have formed an opinion, pass it on to us. We will be pleased to publish it.

Some years ago the following grammatical "Mary Ann" was proposed, not as a bore, but as a real study in English, involving as it does, sound detective work in the grammar.

In Gray's *Elegy in a Country Graveyard* is the famous line: "And all the air a solemn stillness holds." Point out the subject of this sentence. Is it "Air" or "Stillness?" One hundred prominent persons: authors, scholars, and literati, were asked by letter to give their opinion. Thirty-nine declared in favour of one of the words, and twenty-nine in favour of the other word. Twelve could not decide. Gray would know, if alive, but his address is doubtful. Examine the sentence carefully, recall what you have forgotten, the world is free, and grammars are a plenty. If there is sufficient interest, a few replies from the puzzled great ones will be published in due time.

CLERICUS

METHODIST LADIES TO HAVE BAZAAR

Tuesday, December 6, has been set as the date for the bazaar to be held by the ladies of the Methodist Church in the Lyon Memorial Building. Fancy work of all kinds, delectable candies, and dolls of every price and description will be offered for sale. Don't miss this chance to get lovely Christmas things at a moderate price.

PARTY FOR MISS FLORA

Miss Virginia Flora, the charming house guest of Mrs. W. H. Hunt, was the honoree at a bridge party given by Mrs. J. C. Dairson Monday afternoon. Quite a number of parties have been planned in Miss Flora's honor.

WELL, ARE WE?

Folks, are we appreciative?

"For what?" you ask.

Answer: Our great advantages.

Your parents and mine probably got their elementary schooling in a one-room, one-teacher country school. You and I are getting ours in an up-to-the-minute building at the hands of efficient teachers as the state affords. Your father and mine trudged over several miles of rough road in good weather and bad. You and I travel over a few blocks of well-paved street or make the journey to school in a comfortable, weather-tight truck. Your parents and mine very likely spent the long hours of the school day on back-breaking benches. You and I have scientifically constructed desks.

Folks, are we appreciative?

MADISON USRY

Mrs. C. W. Bryan, Mrs. R. R. Herring, Linwood Bryan, and Miss Bernice Usry motored to Lynchburg to spend Thanksgiving with Miss Ruth Bryan who is a student at Randolph-Macon.

WORLD HOPES FOR PEACE

The hopes of the entire world are centered on the Disarmament Conference. Everyday the hopefulness of those who long for a lasting, world-wide peace increases. President Harding warned the American people not to expect impossibilities from this conference, but believing that we are entitled to expect some substantial benefits from this conference, our hopes still center on it.

The reaction from the World War has been a bitter disappointment thus far. The people of the United States, or at least the majority of them, were only reconciled to engage in the World War, in the hope and belief that it would end war. Possibly there was not much reason for that belief, but it had a tremendous effect just the same.

The second hope and belief that animates the majority of the people, was that immediately following the world war, there would be a return of world-wide prosperity. It was argued, with some plausibility, that the war having caused great waste, there would naturally be a tremendous demand to replace these wasted articles, and the United States having the greatest resources from which to supply these demands, would profit more than any other nation.

American people have been disappointed in both of these hopes. The Paris peace conference was dominated by the same selfish old world materialism that has ruled peace conferences in the past. Instead of preventing war, it seems to have brought up many things, which will cause bloodshed unless the situation quickly changes. Instead of disarming, the nations have gone on preparing greater armaments than ever before and scientists have devised new and more horrible methods of slaughter.

With these discouraging reports of past failure in view, is it not natural that we should expect some benefit and new ideas from the Disarmament Conference, now in session at Washington, D. C.?

BESSIE FAULKNER

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Our best type of citizenship is found in the individual who has a reverence for his home town and always boosts it, who has a proper regard for his state and its institutions; who has the highest regard for principle, who merits the respect of law-loving and law-abiding people; who loves his country's flag, and over and above all recognizes the God of nations, and believes in the doctrine that, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

BESSIE FAULKNER

IVEY ALLEN ENTERTAINS FOOTBALL TEAM

Coach Livingood and the Varsity football team announce that Ivey Allen is "the stuff." It seems that Ivey, assisted by his mother and sister, gave one of the jolliest parties of the season when he entertained the famous "Wildcats" Saturday night. Each member of the team was accompanied by his best girl, of course. At the close of two hours of fun, delicious "eats" were served.

Mrs. B. L. Reynolds, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. C. A. Upchurch.

Mrs. George Catlett, of Raleigh, is the guest of Miss Frances Mitchell.