

ISSUED SEMI-WEEKLY.

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Stovall Short Stops.

We enjoyed a refreshing shower of rain Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mary and Sallie Younger spent several hours in Oxford shopping Monday.

Miss Hettie Frazier, of Oxford, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Miss Bessie Wood, of Durham, is spending this week with friends in Stovall.

Mrs. C. O. Eakes and children, of Durham, are visiting Mr. Ed Kinton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elam Currin, near Oxford, visited relatives here during the past week.

Miss Bettie Tunstal, of Henderson, is visiting her aunt, Miss Fannie Currin this week.

Miss Millie Adcock, of Durham, is visiting Miss Hellen and Nannie Frazier this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Perkinson have returned to Oxford, accompanied by Miss Ruth White.

Mr. J. P. Williams and son, of Virginia, Va., is on a visit to Mr. J. K. Wilkerson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heggie left Wednesday to spend some time at Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va.

Mrs. Tom Hester left Wednesday for Wendell where she will spend several days with her sister.

Miss Esther Royster, of Henderson, who has been visiting Mrs. H. S. Carrington, has returned home.

Mrs. Arther Twinsdale, of Townsville, has been visiting her uncle, Mr. Warren Dixon, the past week.

Mr. H. L. Miller, who has been sick for several months, died last Sunday, and was buried Monday at this place.

The rain Wednesday refreshed us, and we should learn never to despair under the most trying circumstances.

Mr. John Knott has bought a nice rubber tire buggy, so girls you had better look out, for he is thinking of making a call soon.

The protracted meeting has closed with five converts and several renewed their vows. We all enjoyed the fine sermons delivered by Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Warrenton.

Miss Annie B. Mason, of Chase City, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Heggie, is now spending a while with her sister, Mrs. Elam Currin, near Oxford.

Mr. W. N. Hick is quite happy as he has a little daughter to pet now. Also Mr. D. A. Burwell has increased the pleasant smile on his face as he can say daughter, too.

Those who attended the association at Rock Springs were: Messrs. Joe Stovall, L. C. Wilkerson, Johnnie Knott, J. P. Williams, Colie Gill and daughter, Miss Hettie. All report a big rain, a good time and a plenty of something good to eat.

The writer was at the association Tuesday and it was intensely hot, but had a good rain in and around Townsville; cotton crops are fine, tobacco and corn about on a average with Granville county.

A fishing party composed of Messrs. R. W. Wilkerson, Dave Gordon, N. L. Clement, Walter Walters Arch Walters all of Stem section tried their luck in Grassy Creek, and captured 400 pounds; caught six that weighed 96 pounds and the largest weighed 24 pounds, the next largest weighed 22½, and measured 38 inches in length, and 22 inches around, after it had been dressed. Eye witnesses were Mr. L. F. Perkinson and wife, of Oxford, Squire Sam Currin, Mrs. B. W. Butler, Mrs. T. E. Critcher, Willie Wolf, L. C. Wilkerson, Miss Bettie Tunstall, of Henderson.

BRODIE.

Mr. Joseph P. Breedlove and wife, of Trinity College, are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Breedlove, on Route 5.

Messrs. G. D. Gholson and Walter Crews will return today from a most delightful automobile trip up the valley of Virginia.

Messrs. Bert Taylor, Leonard Mitchell, Jack Bullock and Ernest Bragg left Wednesday for Morehead City to spend a few days.

LOCAL SHORTGRAFTS.



This is the great palm leaf season.

Dog days are with us as well as the heat.

Woman's mission, according to some men, is submission.

Watermelons have made their appearance in Oxford.

The Postal Savings Bank is one of the new things in Oxford.

At least of one thing all can shout, Our umbrella is not loaned out.

New steps have been put to the building occupied by the Water Co.

Mr. T. E. Hicks is having all the out-buildings at "Brantwood" repainted.

As the drought is over let every body talk Oxford and pull for Oxford.

The backbone of the drought was broken on the first full moon in July.

A better sounding whistle now calls the men at the Buggy Body Factory to work.

We are patiently waiting for the Overall Factory and long to hear your whistle blow.

Since the Sanitary law went into effect Col. Fly has made a set attack on the screens.

Let us eat the drumsticks-of-chickens of the land and we care not who blows the bugles.

Rev. Mr. Joyner will commence a protracted meeting at Salem church on the 4th Sunday.

If the great American Tobacco Trust has to dissolve why not have a Tobacco Factory in Oxford?

Mr. Ira Lyon is having a back porch put to dwelling occupied by Mr. J. J. Renn on College street.

Mr. P. H. Montgomery has been acting clerk in the Water Co. office for several days, and makes a good one.

The ladies of the Methodist Church are having the walls of the auditorium tinted, and will be quite an improvement.

When you buy of your home merchants you are helping the town and thereby sharing in the profits of your own purchase.

The protracted meeting at Mt. Zion will commence on the 5th Sunday with Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon assisting Rev. W. M. Hudson.

Let nobody put any obstruction in the way of pulling all the trade possible to Oxford this fall. Let the campaign begin now!

We learn that a son of John Allen, colored, died near Berea Tuesday, with palsy. He was crippled and had never walked.

"I want to be lost in a field of snow Or far on an iceberg cast— At least that's my feeling about it As long as the hot waves last!"

On account of the work now in progress on the interior of the Methodist Church there will be neither Sunday School nor preaching in that church next Sunday.

Some of the "boys" said a few days ago with a shortage of water and the near-beer joints closed they were having a hard time keeping their "whistles wet".

A wonderful world in the sun or shine, And always beautiful, wet or dry; So why do we worry so much and whine Who are heirs of ages of sun and sky.

Let us be thankful for the nice rains that were poured down upon the dry earth Tuesday and Wednesday, dispelling the intense heat and reviving the growing crops.

The proposition to connect Greensboro, Roxboro, Oxford and Henderson by a new railroad that will run through a fine territory seems to be taking shape at the Greensboro end.

Mr. L. Hunter was in Henderson on Wednesday afternoon and informed us that lightning struck the steeple of the Presbyterian church and demolished it. Mr. Joe Nixon, who was close by, was shocked.

We have missed the boys this week and hope they missed the intense heat at Morehead City.

Gov. Kitchin has cut his political "eye teeth" and has an eye single to a seat in the United States Senate.

Your attention is directed to the dissolution notice of the Creedmoor Realty Company by J. Bryan Grimes in another column.

On Thursday and Friday Prof. J. F. Webb, County Superintendent of Public Schools, examined the teachers for the coming school year.

A little cool and a little sun, and thus a while the days will run; then warmer weather comes again with gathering clouds and showers of rain.

"The Fool Sanitary Law" don't seem to be taking much from the people who disobey it, but it is death on the flies and other disease spreaders.

The protracted dry weather was very favorable to the contractors and builders, and they made fine progress on the stores and residences being erected in Oxford.

In not appointing Judge Graham Corporation Commissioner Governor Kitchin certainly showed his like of appreciation for one of his strongest and truest supporters in the State.

There will be the ordination and installation of the newly elected Deacons at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. The Session of the church asks that each member strive to be present.

Beginning July 1st the salaries of Rural Mail Carriers on routes of standard length were increased from \$900 to \$1,000 per annum, and the Carriers on shorter routes receive an increase in proportion to the length of route.

According to our Stovall correspondent it will be seen that Oxford will have to take a back seat as fishermen, and Stem goes up head. They having caught 400 pounds in Grassy creek, and six carp that weighed 96 pounds.

The "old man" has a warm place in his heart for the friends who bring or send in items of news. It is his desire to give all the news all the time and those who lend us their assistance to that end have our unbounded gratitude.

Miss May Carbutt delightfully entertained a number of young people at a souvenir party Thursday evening in honor of Misses Annie Belle Thomas, of Richmond, and Elizabeth Peters, of Keysville, who are visiting Mrs. J. S. Rogers.

The Ware-Kramer Tobacco Co. wins its suit against the American Tobacco Company in Federal Court at Raleigh, in which it alleged its destruction was caused by violation of Sherman Anti-Trust Law, and was awarded a verdict for \$70,000.

Laymen's Movement.

Pleased to see from the report made to the Flad River Association that the Laymen's Movement in Granville proved a success. It has been ably conducted by Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Capt. W. A. Deavin and Mr. Rogers.

Twenty-five churches visited by them reported to the Association an increase in contributions over the year 1909, the year before the canvass began, of 90 per cent for state missions, 90 per cent home missions, and 97 per cent for foreign missions. This is a remarkable showing and demonstrates effectiveness of the Laymen's movement.

The Independent Man.

Here's to the Farmer, friend: Let the wealthy and great Roll in splendor and state; I envy them not, I declare it. I eat my own lamb, My chicken and ham; I shear my own fleece and I wear it, I have lawns; I have bowers; I have fruits; I have flowers; The lark is my morning alarmer; So my jolly good boys, now, Here's God Speed the plow. Long life and success to the farmer. Fix not your heart on earthly good or gain, Life means but pleasure or it means but pain; When time lets slip a little perfect hour Oh, take it for it will not come again.

Finished Their Work.

As to the assessment of property we do not believe that any one can complain of discriminations on the parts of County Tax Assessor Hancock and his painstaking assistants. They have done their work conscientiously and fearlessly carried out the spirit of the law as best they could.

Savings Depository.

The Oxford Postoffice is now a United States Savings Depository, final arrangements for same having been made. Deposits of from \$1 to \$100 will be received and an interest of two per cent. per annum paid. No person can deposit more than \$100 in any one month nor have more than \$500 besides accumulated interest to their credit at any time. Deposits are secured by the government of the United States.

Lost His Lines.

Mr. Milton Blalock, of Culbreth, was in town to-day week and unhitched his horse and put him in a stall at the Owen Warehouse with the harness on. In the afternoon when he got ready to go home he found that his new pair of lines had been pulled by some one else. Some plan should be adopted by our town authorities to catch these lot thieves that have become a terror to our farmer friends.

In Honor of Her Guests.

Tuesday evening was the occasion of a remarkably pleasant entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan when Miss Annie Bryan entertained a large number of guests in honor of her visiting friends Miss Shero, of Enfield, Misses Mayo, of Tarboro, and Miss Fleming, of Tarboro.

Miss Annie Bryan and her attractive visiting guests made all feel at home by their cordiality, and the refreshments of choice variety were all that could be desired.

The Reserve Agent.

The First National Bank has been made a depository or reserve agent for the Postal Savings Bank established in connection with the Oxford Postoffice a few days ago. All funds above a certain reserve amount will be deposited with the First National Bank by the Postal Savings Bank. This token of confidence in the management of one of our Oxford banks is enough to make the stockholders and depositors who are interested in its prosperity to think still more favorably of this bank as a safe and sane business institution.

Union Services Enjoyed.

The Union Services held in the different churches Sunday evening prove very interesting and instructive to the congregations who gladly unite in the services. Last Sunday evening the Presbyterian Church was open to all denominations. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. George Thompson, assisted by the pastors of the Baptist and Methodist churches. The sermon by Rev. Mr. Weatherspoon of the Baptist church was full of interest and finely delivered.

Porch Party.

Mrs. James S. Rogers gave a very enjoyable porch party Tuesday evening in honor of her winsome nieces, Misses Annie Belle Thomas, of Richmond, Va., and Elizabeth Peters, of Keysville, Va. The lights of many lanterns intermingled with the attractive surroundings of the handsome home made a beautiful scene as the lads and lassies engaged in a game of Hearts in which the highest score was made by Master William Bryan, thus winning the Souvenir prize which he proudly presented to the guests of honor. Punch was served by Miss Bessie Howell, and elegant refreshments made a pleasing addition to the enjoyment of all.

E. L. Travis Commissioner.

Mr. E. L. Travis, a prominent citizen, of Halifax County, was appointed Corporation Commissioner Tuesday by Gov. Kitchin to succeed Mr. H. C. Brown. He took the oath of office and at once entered upon his duties. Mr. Travis is the brother of Mrs. Norman Burwell of Oxford and will make the State a capital officer. He is well known in the State, having served four terms as state senator, has been twelve years a member of the state democratic executive committee and chairman of the Halifax county democratic executive committee since the 1898 campaign. He was one while chairman of the board of directors of the state's prison.

THOSE WHO TRAVEL.



Mr. M. H. Bragg, of Stem, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. L. F. Currin, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. E. H. Pruitt, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. C. R. Gordon, of Route 2, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Marvin Moore, of Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. D. G. Crews, of Route 2, spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. E. P. Roberts, of Stem, spent Wednesday in town.

Miss Lillie Cozart, of Stem, spent Thursday in town.

Mrs. Will Fleming is on a visit to relatives at Norlina.

Mr. R. T. Crews, of Route 2, was on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Hallie Jones, of Stem, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. E. B. Parrott, of Creedmoor, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. R. M. Pittard, of North Granville, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. E. P. Mangum, of Stem, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Cheatham, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. R. Roycroft, of Northside, spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw returned Thursday from a trip to Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fleming, of Hester, were in town Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Winston went to Selma Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Parham, of Route 3, was in town shopping Wednesday.

Mr. W. B. Ballou returned Thursday from a business trip to Old Point, Va.

Misses Sarah and Isabel Parham, of Route 3, were in town shopping Thursday.

Mr. W. D. Stimson left Wednesday for his annual outing among the great lakes.

Miss Lizzie Taylor, of Townsville, spent Wednesday with Mrs. James B. Powell.

Colonel and Mrs. F. P. Hobgood, of Greensboro, are visiting at the Oxford College.

Mr. A. S. Carrington, Jr., of Durham county, was among the visitors here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pruitt, of Route 1, was among the visitors in town Wednesday.

Messrs. J. T. and S. V. Morton, of Route 4, were among the visitors in town Thursday.

Miss Nette and Fannie Gregory have gone to Winston-Salem on a visit their friend, Mrs. Gilmer.

Miss Yates after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Hargrave has returned to her home in Greensboro.

Miss Louise Reed, of Macon, Ga., is visiting her cousin, Miss Evelyn Howell, on Raleigh street.

Mr. Outlaw Hunt and sister, Miss Janie, and Miss Catherine Lassiter are at Morehead City.

Mrs. C. J. Brown and her daughter, Miss Edna, of Marion, Va., are visiting Mrs. Geo. B. Thompson.

Mr. Oscar Murray, of the Public Ledger force, has returned from a pleasant 10 days vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ballou and family and Master Edward Hicks went out to "Woodlawn" Thursday where they will spend the summer with Mrs. Martha Chewning.

Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw and Miss Mary B. Williams, after a month's visit in Chicago with Mrs. Bonitz, are now spending a few days in Washington, D. C., visiting their cousin, Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. J. Y. Paris and Miss Helen Paris after spending a month at Chapel Hill attending the Summer School, are at home, having returned Thursday.

Good Music.

Be sure and attend the concert at the Opera House this Friday night for the benefit of the organ fund of the Methodist Church by Miss Eva Minor and Mr. Herbert Potet, of Wake Forest. Beautiful concert numbers and voice and violin solos are on the program. Tickets on sale at Lyon's Drug Store. Admission for adults 25cts and for children 20cts. Reserve seats 35 cts.

Health Officers Report.

The most excellent Health Officers of the town and county make the following reports, which should be read by the people: Dr. S. D. Booth, superintendent of health for the county, reports that conditions are very satisfactory throughout Granville. All work required under the new regulation law has been completed at Stovall, and at Stem the work is about done there. Things are being put in shape at Creedmoor and before very long conditions there will be in proper order. Dr. Booth has made a lecture on matters pertaining to public health that has been of great benefit and it has been suggested that he give others where the sanitary laws are being put in force. The doctor says that he will be glad to help in any way possible, so those who want to have him give a lecture can secure a date by communicating with him.

Six cases of smallpox are reported to date in the county, although there has been no spread of the disease within the past week. He was asked if the withdrawal of the smallpox quarantine regulation with no provision for compulsory vaccination would jeopardize the chances of keeping the disease from becoming epidemic this fall. Dr. Booth says that he anticipates no difficulty in keeping it down as the disposition to be vaccinated is growing very fast. One hundred have been vaccinated in the Lyon neighborhood and since the county has begun to furnish the virus, vaccination is becoming very popular.

Dr. T. L. Booth, Health officer of Oxford, in speaking for the town says: "Conditions relative to recent sanitary laws of Oxford are improving. Most people are making an honest effort to comply with the regulations, though there are still a few who will have to feel the necessity of so doing through other than moral means before they realize the fact that the law will be enforced. There is no disposition on the part of the health officer to do anything unreasonable in the matter, but he is in earnest and will leave no possible means untried to make every man, without regard to any position comply honestly with the law.

This applies to those within half a mile of the corporate limits as well as to the town proper. It has been necessary to make some few prosecutions and wherever it shall become necessary that means will be used without any consideration whatever for the individual. In short, the law will be conscientiously enforced."

Watkins Whistles.

Mr. Walter Crews after a 10 days visit to the old home returned to his home in Goldsboro Monday.

Mrs. James Parham presented him with a ten pound girl last Friday and mother and child are doing well.

Speaking of the drought my wife says it always rains during the Rehoboth meeting and it is coming down.

Last Friday about a dozen of our neighbors went seining in Tar River and caught about half a bushel of fish, and all enjoyed a good old fish fry.

Misses Marie Meadows and Susie Webb, two sweet lassies of Oxford, are spending the week with Naomi and Ruth Crews and attending the protracted meeting at Rehoboth.

Death has again entered our community and took for its own Mary Ratcliff. She was a good woman, a loving mother, kind neighbor and devout christian. She leaves one daughter and one son, Mrs. T. L. Fuller and Robt. Radcliff, of Durham, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn her death. She was 89 years old, and had led an active life, and was truly a mother in Israel. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

REPORTER.

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