



Our Motto--Granville County, Her People, Their Progress and Development in Education, Happiness and Prosperity.

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Endorses the Appeal Sent Out.

The Granville Commercial Club desires, through its committee on health, sanitation and civic improvement, to offer its endorsement to the appeal recently sent out by the Woman's Civic Improvement Society.

Nature has provided Oxford with a topography peculiarly favorable to cleanliness and consequently to healthfulness, but this is only a helpful condition. Our town is remarkably free from the diseases which are almost a scourge in some other towns in the State. We have now a remarkably low rate of mortality—only about half the normal, but notwithstanding all this sanitary conditions here are far from ideal—far from the standard which our present knowledge would dictate, and which the united effort of our people could and should establish.

Could each individual be brought to a proper conception of his responsibility to himself, to his family and to his neighbor it would take but little time and little effort on the part of each individual to make Oxford the cleanest and safest place in North Carolina to live.

Public opinion would not tolerate a man who willfully failed to furnish food, shelter and raiment for those dependent upon him. Yet he who fails to furnish pure air for them to breathe is just as recalcitrant to his duty. A dog with rabies is relentlessly followed until he is destroyed, and one of a ferocity sufficient to be a menace to the community would not be permitted to run at large a single day, and yet the man who permits the existence of unsanitary conditions about his premises is just as culpable as he who maintains a more potent danger. Who is responsible for the typhoid you had in your family last year? The unparadoxical negligence of some one caused it. Upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of your baby's sickness and death last summer? Was the source of infection—the filth—which cost your neighbor the life of his child on your lot, or was your neighbor's unscrupulous privy the source from which flies brought typhoid fever to your family? It sure came from some one's neglect.

Did you ever think of it in this way? Perhaps not, though this is the only logical way to look at it.

The origin and mode of conveyance of these and other diseases is just as certain as anything else in science—as certain as their existence, and these facts are things of common knowledge, therefore there is no way for the individual to escape responsibility for their existence and their consequences so long as he fails in his efforts to destroy the condition which produce them.

Were you to leave poison where your child would get it and cause his death, your remorse would know no bounds, yet how much less are you responsible when you leave a more subtle poison in your back lot which causes his death, or that of some one else's child? Are you not more so because the inception of the latter is not voluntary but unavoidable?

Could these facts be brought to the careful consideration of every mother in Oxford—could every father see them just as they are—could every man realize the constant danger in which he and she constantly live, how long would such unsanitary conditions continue to exist in Oxford?

There is no exemption from the menace of filth such as is common here. You and yours are just as liable to suffer from its deadly consequences as any one else.

Why let such conditions exist? Let us clean up. It will cost but little in time, little in money or little in effort if each one of us will do his part. Let us make unsanitary conditions, unclean lots, unclean streets—filth anywhere, a social as well as a legal crime.

Did you ever imagine why more people have typhoid fever in warm weather than in cold, or why you approach with dread your baby's "second summer"? There is not more typhoid because there are more germs in warm weather; Summer complaint, which kills so many children, does not come mainly because of the hot weather, but in both instances the cause is to be found in the tireless work of the industrious fly in disseminating the germs which produce these diseases. Let us not only clean up the filth in which flies breed and which furnish them with their means of producing disease and death, but let us diligently screen them out of our kitchens and dining rooms—fortify our houses against a most subtle and dangerous enemy.

T. L. BOOTH, Chm'n Comm. on Health, Sanitation & Civic Impment.

FOR SHERIFF. I am solicitation of many friends I announce myself a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Granville county subject to the Democratic primary. If nominated I shall use my best efforts to make the people a good officer.  
W. C. CURRIN.

TAKE NOTICE. That all property upon which town taxes for 1911 have not been paid by April 1st, will be advertised and sold as required by law.  
R. B. HINES, Tax Collector.

OUR PLANT bed cloth is going out in a hurry, but we still have a great big supply. The price is low, and the quality good, at Long-Winston Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Pass around the turnip greens.

The base ball season is at hand and the boys are happy.

The hat creators are in town and you bet the girls will be around.

The sound of the rock crusher has not as yet vibrated on the morning air.

The groundhog has at last allowed the people to enjoy a few days of sunshine.

Work was again resumed on the large Chamblée building on Main street Wednesday.

We call attention to the sale of land by T. Lanier, Commissioner, advertised in another column.

Read administration notice of Vassar Davis in another column as you might be interested.

The scrap days for tobacco are near at hand and will soon claim the attention of our warehousemen.

The cry of the tobacco auctioneer will soon cease to be heard in the land until the land produces more tobacco.

Mr. Leonard Mitchell has purchased and received a very attractive new automobile and will take a many joy ride this summer.

The Public Ledger continues to grow into the hearts of the people in Granville as 23 new subscribers have been booked the past week.

We learn that Judge Biggs will renovate and improve the basement under Long Co. corner store and it will again become a barber shop.

Hello George, old boy, the groundhog has come out of his hole and brought us his bright, beautiful sunshine, and his hogship is liable to catch the spring fever.

The burning out of a chimney Wednesday night at the home of Mr. R. Broughton, near town, attracted the attention of his neighbors. No damage was done.

The attention of the farmers are called to the Seed Corn advertisement of R. H. Whittfield, of Creedmoor, on the 4th page. Read what he says and try his seed corn this year.

From the looks of a nice looking couple we saw softly and sweetly communing with each other as they walked along the street, we should say that there is a prospect of two more hearts beating as one.

Your attention is directed to the advertisement of the sale of the stock of goods of A. L. Curl & Co. at Creedmoor, Monday, March 25th. Don't forget the sale, and read the advertisement on the fourth page.

The many friends of Miss Eva Minor, the highly accomplished pianist and vocalist, will be pleased to learn that she is meeting with fine success at the head of Musical Department of Chickasaw College at Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Mr. R. S. Usry says, "In order to keep from running up against a candidate you will have to keep in the middle of the road." It is true they are getting quite numerous, but let all who desire to serve the "dear people" seek the nomination.

We call attention to the most admiral statement of the Southern Life & Trust Company, of Greensboro, on the 4th page. This strong and reliable Company is represented in Creedmoor by the Farmers' Insurance & Trust Co. and seek your business.

We regret to learn that Mr. Nat Wheeler, who has made the town a most efficient policeman, has resigned in order to engage in other business. He is a most worthy young man, and we wish him much success in whatever line of business he decides to follow.

Me for meadows sweet and calm After all the cold, snowy, jam.

Me for gambling on the hill After all this wintry chill.

Me for fishing very soon Just to catch a string of tune

Fresh from water flowing by Underneath a soft blue sky.

Mr. F. G. Winstead, of Durham, now has charge of the Moving Picture Show at the Opera House, and is furnishing the people with entertaining service, and you are cordially invited to attend as good order will prevail. Mr. and Mrs. Winstead are artists in musical line and produce an entertaining program.

Don't keep your money around the house in trunks, drawers or boxes as you do not know at what time some one may break into your house during your absence and relieve you of your hard earned savings. We warn you not to run this risk, put your money in one of the banks in Oxford or in the county where it will draw 4 per cent interest on time deposits.

Mr. H. S. Gray, of Moriah, was on the tobacco breaks to-day, Friday.

The contractor will finish up in a few days the brick work on the Carolina Light and Power Company building on Hillsboro street.

Mr. J. B. Hobgood, of Berea, who has been in a hospital at Richmond for treatment has returned home, greatly improved in health.

Mr. Albert Faggart and Miss Edna Witherspoon, of Virginia, were happily married Thursday morning at the Exchange Hotel by Rev. J. B. Weather-spoon.

Rev. J. L. Martin, of Creedmoor, will preach at Beulah Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 17, at 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dear Bunnie, it is not funny to tell you that we have been floating around for six weeks on a wave of mud, but it did not disturb sly Cupid as we are to have a marriage in April.

The Town Commissioners met Wednesday afternoon in the Mayor's office and transacted routine business. Several important matters were discussed at some length but no definite action was taken.

The Manufacturers' Record says that D. A. Burwell contemplates the establishment of a plow foundry at Stovall. Arrangements for power to run the new plant have already been made and the machinery will be purchased right away.

Because it's trouble, what of that! Because it's worry—off with hat, Roll up your sleeves and plunge right in! To hesitate because the din Of warfare breaks the solemn rest Of that high peace within your breast Were idle as the idle dream Of purposelessness; war must be The roaring hell of musketry. The thunder of the drums of strife To stir us up—to act its life!

In Favor of Senator Simmons. From all parts of the State come reports of the growing sentiment in favor of the return of Senator Simmons to the Senate at the expiration of his present term. By the time the primary comes along it will be a run-away race in favor of the Senator.

The old guard who redeemed the State from fusionism, are again in the battle line with their better general, and the country never saw older political fighters than they. The thrill of their presence is causing a revolution among the young men also, in favor of the chieftain of the War of White Supremacy.

Death of Mrs. Bumpass. After an illness of about one month with typhoid fever Mrs. F. O. Bumpass, of Oak Hill, passed away Thursday, and will be buried today, Friday, in the family graveyard, the funeral being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Alford. She was a most excellent christian woman, much beloved by her neighbors, and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. She leaves behind a devoted husband and 7 or 8 children to mourn her death, and may the good Lord comfort and sustain them in the trying hour.

Our Hopes Shattered. The groundhog allowed us to have two bright, sunny days, (Wednesday and Thursday) and the people enjoyed them very much. The Farmers were greatly encouraged to commence preparations for the spring plowing; the merchant's heart beat with joy at the prospects of an early spring trade; the Civic League got busy as the bee in our candidates hats for clean up day in Oxford; Street Commissioner Sam Parker even talk himself together and ventured to talk to Policeman A. Willford about working the streets, with not an encouraging smile from him; the ladies once more graced our streets in short-stepping skirts enjoying the glorious sunshine, but lo! and behold our hopes of spring were shattered Thursday night by a storm from the South swooping down upon us, and as we go to press to-day, Friday, is still deluging the earth with water.

Death of Miss Dora Freedman. The whole community is grieved to hear of the death of Miss Dora Freedman, in the 34th year of her age, which occurred at the home of her mother, on Route 1, a few days since. She was taken down with pneumonia and lingered for nine days, leaving a grief-stricken mother and five brothers and sisters to mourn her departure. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at her home and the interment was in the Freedman family plot near her home.

Death is sad at all times; it is particularly so when it comes to one who possessed such a beautiful character, with every hope of womanly success opening before her.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Martin in the presence of a number of sympathizing relative and friends, who assembled to pay the last tribute to her memory. None knew her but to love her, and none named her but to praise her. May God's richest blessing rest on the dear parents and sustain them in their sad hour.  
A FRINEND.

FOR prompt work, good service, right price remember Callis—anything for a buggy.

Meeting Board of Education.

The Board of Education will hold the regular spring quarterly meeting on the first Monday in April. All those who have business with the Board about any matter affecting the next term of school should present it at that time for there will be no other regular meeting until July. I mention this because there is an idea throughout the county among a large number of people that the Board of Education meets monthly and they often come at the wrong time or put off their business until too late.  
J. F. WEBB.

Unique Love Letter.

The following love letter was picked up on the streets a few days ago, and for the benefit of those affected with Cupid's darts we published same:

Oxford, N. C., Feb. 21st, 1912.  
My Dear Darling:—  
While sitting here thinking of you very hard I thought I would write you a few lines to let you here from me, I am well and truly hope you are the same honey, I received your letter and it was very sweet, I love you, yes I do, The tree may have the cherries, The field may have the wheat, The girls may choose the prettiest boys But give me  
If you love me as I love you there will be no time to tarry. You may give me silver, You may give me gold.  
But all I want is  
Now I will come to a close, bye, bye, from your loving friend,  
M.

An Awful Tragedy.

An awful tragedy in which the entire human fabric of a Virginia County Court was killed by a gang of outlaws was enacted at Hillsville, Carroll county, Virginia, on Thursday last. After the smoke had cleared from the Court room it was found that Presiding Judge Massie, Commonwealth Attorney Foster, Circuit Court Clerk Goad, Sheriff Webb and a jurymen were assassinated. The outlaws held the onlookers at bay and escaped to the mountains, and may have crossed the line into North Carolina. Governor Kitchin, in response to a telegram from Governor Mann, of Virginia, has sent official instructions to the sheriffs of Surry, Stokes and Alleghany counties to aid in capturing the murderers. The outlaws number perhaps seventy-five or one hundred men.

The tragedy grew out of the sentencing of Floyd Allen, of Carroll county, to the State prison for a number of years.

The Bank Statement Question.

The following letter from Mr. W. H. Hunt, Cashier of The First National Bank of Oxford, explains itself:

Oxford, N. C., March, 12th, 1912, OXFORD PUBLIC LEDGER.  
Gentlemen:—The objection made to you by certain banks to the publication of the Comparative Statement published by this bank has been brought to our attention. We wish to state that we placed the statement in your paper as regular paid for advertising matter. We compiled the statement from the published and signed statements made by the several banks, and the figures are their own.

We cannot understand why objections are made to you for publishing a Comparative Statement. We used the same figures as published in your paper by the banks, and took them from your paper as published for them.

A Comparative Statement of anything has always been looked upon as a basis of measurement. We used it simply as advertising matter, showing the prosperity of all the banks in Granville county.

Yours truly, W. H. HUNT, Cashier.

It Belongs to the People.

The senatorship belongs to the people, and Mr. Kitchin seems to forget this fact. It is unnecessary for him to assail the political integrity of Mr. Simmons, the incumbent, if his own record is such as to commend itself to the people as a reason for giving him the office. Mr. Simmons' term will expire March 4, 1913, and his case is with the voters. Could Mr. Kitchin establish from the records that Mr. Simmons has been unfaithful, it would not prove that Mr. Kitchin possesses the necessary qualifications. In a competitive examination all the candidates must go through the test. Mr. Kitchin asked for and was given the governorship that he might do things to the trusts.

How stands the record with him? If he has fallen down with a little power? What would he do with greater power? And if the people should deem a change desirable, what qualifications does he possess superior to those of former Governor Aycock or Chief Justice Clark? What constructive legislation does he propose? What constructive legislation did he propose during the twelve years he was a Representative in Congress? These are practical questions the voters will take their time to deliberate upon before making up their verdict.—Webster's Weekly.

BOYS, if you want to win favor with the girls talk sweet, look sweet, be sweet, and have your buggy repainted at Callis' Carriage Shop.

Subscribe to the Public Ledger and get your county news.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mr. J. W. King, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Milton Bragg, of Stems, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Ben Pitts, of Route 2, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Currin, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Lucius Currin, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Will Daniel, of Route 4, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Forest Hamme, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Marsh Currin, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Herbert Gregory, of Stovall, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Will O'Brien, of Route 5, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Norman Hobgood, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

Mr. H. A. McGhee, of Route 7, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. C. Breedlove, of Route 3, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Wright, of Cornwall, was on our streets Thursday.

Rev. B. C. Alred, of Mt. Tirzah, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Lee Minor and son, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

Mr. W. W. Grissom, of Route 3, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Titus Currin, of Route 6, was in town Thursday morning.

Mr. Graves Day, of Tally Ho Township, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Harry Morris, of Stems section, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Elliott, of Route 3, were in Oxford Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Rapport, of Durham, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Clifton Cheatham, of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Bobbitt, of Fishing Creek township, was in town Thursday.

Mr. S. V. Morton, of Route 4, was on our streets a few hours Wednesday.

Messrs. R. T. A. A., and Will Crews, of Tar River, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Smith, of Tar River, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, was an Oxford visitor a short while Thursday.

Messrs. Otho and Marsh Daniel, of Route 1, were on our streets Thursday.

Messrs. J. E. Moss and Robt. Newton, of Tar River, were in town Thursday.

Mr. A. O. Mangum, of Brassfield Township, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

We were glad to receive a visit Thursday from Mr. J. W. Currin and son, of Route 7.

Mr. James Osborn was in New York this week in the interest of Osborn & Mason.

Mrs. Paul Means and Miss Kimball, of Providence, were on our streets Thursday.

Messrs. W. W. Brummitt and Tilden Barnett, of Shady Grove, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Parham, of Route 5, were Oxford visitors Wednesday morning.

Messrs. E. C. Harris and W. J. Brummitt, of Route 3, were on our streets Wednesday.

Gen. B. S. Royster attended the funeral and burial of Mr. Jack Currin in Henderson Thursday.

The pleasant Miss Ethel Clement, of Route 1, will be with Messrs. Landis & Easton this season.

Mrs. S. H. Brown is on a visit to her son, Mr. Morehead Emmitt, who is quite sick in Richmond.

Mr. Hickey, of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Richmond, Va., was on the Oxford Tobacco Market Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith, of Tar River, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shake Smith on Cherry Hill Thursday.

Our good bachelor friend, Ajax Walters, of Berea, was, among the Oxford visitors Thursday and called to see us.

Mr. W. A. Sherman and son Herman, of Berea, were on the tobacco market Thursday and the "old boys" enjoyed a visit from them.

Mr. W. J. Downey, of Route 7, was in Oxford Thursday visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. A. McFarland, and called on the Public Ledger.

The Need of Good Streets.

We take the following from the Raleigh Time, which is applicable to the condition of the streets in Oxford: "There is mud everywhere and in some places the streets are said to be almost impassable. There is a remedy of course, but it costs money and lots of it. The remedy is to build good streets, with good substantial surface. The way to get such street improvement as is needed is to put up the money and build them. The town cannot build them now because it hasn't the money and has no way of paying for the work. The town government is simply helpless in the matter and if there is any disposition on the part of any one to blame the officials for the present conditions it is a mistaken disposition. We feel sure they would like to be building good, permanent streets all the time, but they can't do it unless the people furnish them money to do the building with. A beginning has been made here, and only a beginning. The work ought to be kept up and the permanent good streets added to every year. It can't all be done at once, but a part of it ought to be under construction all the time. Some plan ought to be evolved that would add to our good streets every year and the work of building ought to be going on all the time. It costs money, it is true, lots of it, but we believe it would be worth the price to everybody in the town, first in convenience and value to those who use the streets, then in the enhancement of property value generally, and in advertising value to Oxford as a town of progress and achievement."

The same remedy also applies to the county roads.

North Granville Nubbins.

We regret to say that Mr. L. S. Elliott is not much better.

Mr. W. M. Woods, of Cornwall, has been right sick for sometime.

Mr. J. W. Wright has sold out his business to Mr. George Hart.

Cornwall High School will close Friday, after five successful months.

Robt. A. Adcock and J. S. Watkins, of Cornwall, were in Oxford Monday with tobacco.

Mr. J. M. Hobgood, of Oxford, is at his brother's, Mr. G. C. Hobgood, near Cornwall, for the summer season.

Some of the farmers around here haven't burn any plant land yet. Very few of them are through.

Mr. J. B. Elliott, of Oxford Route 4, visited his father, who has been sick for some time, returning home Monday.

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

BLACK MINORCA eggs for sale, \$1 per 15. Route No. 3, Box 3, Stems, N. C. (mch.13.1f.)

Currin & Satterwhite, the new grocery firm of Oxford, is having a spring wagon made at Callis' Carriage Shop.

DO YOU need a good buggy? See Callis before buying.

IT WILL BE to your interest to see us on Guano propositions. LONG-WINSTON CO.

FOR SALE.—S. C. White Leghorn Cockerels, frosted combs, 75c, pullets from \$1 up. Wade H. Britt.

We are filling our show room with the latest up to date style runabouts, and top buggies. Just the kind that will suit you. Harness to match at Long-Winston Co.

75 ONE and two horse wagons, popular sizes, and the good kind at Long-Winston Co.

BUY your garden seed at Lyon's Drug Store.

We have the best Guano distributors. Also Corn and Fertilizer Drills Time Savers. See them at Long-Winston Co.

FOR RENT.—3 rooms over the office of OXFORD ICE Co.

DR. BENJ. K. HAYS may be found in his office from 10 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock M.

THE Lyon Drug Store is the place to buy your garden seed.

EGGS FOR SALE.—Silver laced Wyandotte Eggs for sale, \$1 for setting of 15. R. BROUGHTON [m-6-8t.]

WE KNOW you hate to give up your buggy long enough to have it repainted but you will be sorry when you see the other fellows' looking like new, and yours all out and out. We are painting a lot of buggies this month and you had better let us have yours.

CALLIS' CARRIAGE SHOP.

PLANT BED CLOTH. We have forty three thousand yards of good plant bed cloth. Four grades. Enough to cover a plant bed a yard wide twenty five miles long. See us. Horner Bros. Co.

WANTED.—Position by experienced stenographer. Can furnish best references. Address "Energy," Box 128, Oxford, N. C. (mch.13.2t.pd.)

FOR saddles and harness see Pete Bullock. (mch.9.2t)