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Memorial Services.

Immediately after the distressing news of the death of Governor Aycock reached Oxford last Friday morning we noticed on our streets and in our business houses small groups of men with sad faces lamenting the sudden demise of the State's most beloved son. The clergymen, members of the bar, educators, merchants, and men in every walk of life felt that some public expression was necessary to dispell the gloom that overhung the community, and later in day word was sent broadcast that a memorial meeting would be held in the assembly hall of the Public School building, to which everybody was invited to attend. A large number of our representative citizens, including ladies and children, assembled at 8 o'clock. Mr. W. B. Ballou, chairman of the School Board, was master of ceremonies. A number of school children, guided by Mrs. John B. Booth, sang "Face to Face" very effectively, after Rev. S. K. Phillips led in prayer.

All the addresses were of necessity brief. Dr. Alexander P. Tyler spoke of the great responsibility that rested on the shoulders of Governor Aycock; his loyalty to the obligations he assumed; his abiding faith, and said that the great love the State bore for him was reflected from his character.

Mr. John Webb spoke of the student days of Governor Aycock at the University of North Carolina; that the faculty and student-body recognized in him a sublimity, and that he was glad to see the fulfillment of the prophecy made in the halls of learning and on the campus that Aycock would some day be Governor of North Carolina. In addressing his remarks to the children Mr. Webb reminded them of the fact that the beautiful structure in which we are now assembled was largely due to the undying efforts of North Carolina's educational governor.

General B. S. Royster said that he knew Governor Aycock before his great career began, while he was serving the State in a minor capacity; that he measured up to every trust imposed upon him; that he had in him the principle that impel men; a statesman of high rank, and that there was scarcely one within the borders of the State who did not deplore the tragic, yet noble death of the model citizen, the one bright star of the Commonwealth.

Mr. W. A. Devin spoke of the profound impression that Governor Aycock made upon the Supreme Court of the United States with his efficacious logic; of the reverence in which he was held by the legal fraternity; that few if any had accomplished as much as he in so short a time, and that it will be many a day before we will see the likes of him again.

Mayor D. G. Brummitt quoted Governor Aycock as saying: "You must treat the negro right when the days come when he cannot vote, for if you do not God will not be with us." This, the speaker said, was suggestive of the motives and aims of the lamented statesman all through life.

Dr. Hays in a few well chosen remarks said that Governor Aycock as a boy, and even older, saw visions; that he was abundantly able in bringing things to pass; that he was a great benefactor to the State and to mankind in general, and that his name will go down in history as the educational Governor.

Prof. J. E. Webb, superintendent of Granville County schools, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the departed statesman, after which the meeting came to a close with a song by the children.

The Funeral.

[Special to the Greensboro News.] For the profusion of flowers, the multitude in attendance and the sincerity of the tribute paid, the funeral services over the remains of former Governor Charles Brantley Aycock, which was held from the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, are unparalleled in the history of Raleigh. Never before have so many people gathered here from all sections of the State; never before have so many notable men and persons of every walk in life assembled in Raleigh in numbers as gathered here to-day for the funeral of the ex-governor.

Hours before the services the hotels and streets were thronged with North Carolinians, come to add their silent tribute to the dead; come to show their love for the State's educational governor, and to bow their heads to this friend of man. Practically the whole of the North Carolina Congressional delegation including Senators Simmons and Overman; the judiciary, lawyers, teachers, laborers—all were there. The floral designs were numerous and beautiful. These flowers were sent by public men, school children and institutions. The funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church. Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, pastor of the First Church; the Rev. P. D. Gold, of Wilson, and Bishop Kligo, of Durham, conducted the simple services.

Interment followed in Oakwood cemetery, Raleigh. PIGS FOR SALE: Duroc Jersey and Duroc and Berkshire cross. A nice lot. Apply to C. H. Cheatham, R. 3, Oxford, N. C. (apl.64c, pd)

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LOCAL NEWS



The man who loses his head can't get it back by advertising.

Mrs. Alice Callis, who has been sick for a week, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Russell Webb is having the old home on College street repainted.

Improve rather by other men's errors than find fault with them.

A large quantity of Guano is being hauled out of town by the farmers.

A mint julep now and then is relished by the best of men.

But the beauty that is only skin deep is better than the kind that rubs off.

The odor of "blind robins" (cut herrings) now permeate the atmosphere of Oxford.

Peanut politics has a hard road to hoe in this age of principle and progressiveness.

We ask you to read the change in the advertisement of Lyon Drug Store on another page.

Well, George, the Easter tide is with us and ask did you laugh your sides sore at Keith & Proctor's?

Mr. Lonnie Smith continues to make improvements to the interior of the popular Exchange Hotel.

When completed the new building of the Carolina Power & Light Co. will add much to looks of Hillsboro street.

Judge Carter, of Asheville, will preside over the Spring Term of Granville Superior Court, commencing April 29th.

You are asked especially to read the change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power & Light Co. on the last page.

Between 75 and 100 of our people took in the ball game in Raleigh Monday between Wake Forest and A. & M. Colleges.

On the eve of going to press we regret to learn of the death of Mr. W. V. T. Overton at his home in Fishing township Monday night, age 77.

Sheriff Wheeler and several friends went seining in Tar River some nights ago and the only compensation they received was a cold bath.

Keep me green with laughter yet,
Keep me young with songs to sing
That are sweet with violet
And ambrosial with the spring.

The nice Chamblee Building on Main street to be occupied by Mr. J. Robt. Wood, the large furniture dealer, will be completed by first of May.

Mr. R. L. Brown, who attended the Tri-State Superintendent of Orphanage Work Convention at Clinton, S. C., last week, had the honor of being elected President.

We were in error in stating that Mr. W. Z. Mitchell was having his cottage repainted on Broad street. We should have said Mr. John Brown was having it done as he is the owner of the cottage.

We should all keep in mind that it is strictly against the laws of our State for anyone to abuse dumb beasts. We know that it is as just a law as any on our statute books. It is one that is not looked after by our authorities as it should be.

The new Easter hats met with a damp reception Sunday, along with handsome new suits worn by young men. We hope next Sunday will be a beautiful spring day so that every body can enjoy arraying themselves in their new spring outfits.

The rock crusher has commenced to do business at the same old stand, and the deep holes on College and other streets are being filled up to the joy of those who ride. We take it the needs of those who walk will be left in the hands of our great benefactor, Old Sol.

"True love has morning in her heart,
And all its dew lies sweet
From all her hair of fine spun gold
Unto her lily feet.
It ripples on her tongue so clear
The dearest soul may know
That she hath come to lift and cheer
The world that needs her so."

The story is going the rounds of the press that a newspaper out in Oklahoma offered a prize for the best answer to the conundrum: "Why is a newspaper like a woman?" The prize was awarded to a lady in North Dakota who replied: "Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbor's."

The Granville Commercial Club has appointed Dr. E. T. White as a delegate to attend the Conference of representatives of Commercial Organizations to be held in Washington on April 22nd. This Conference is called by President Taft and is for the purpose of establishing a National Commercial Organization for the promotion and development of commerce and industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Knott, of Route 1, were in town Monday.

The editor is glad to learn that Mrs. Nannie Yancey, who has been right sick, is improving.

Gen. B. S. Royster, Judge Graham, Captains Elmore and Griffith, Postmaster J. W. Brown and Messrs. Frank Lyon and A. C. Mellochampe attended the funeral of the greatly beloved Chas. B. Aycock in Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

The manly Cadets of Horner Military School and their very bewitching girl friends tipped the light fantastic toe at the Barracks Monday night, and to the strains of inspiring music every thing was as merry as an "Easter Belle."

The Horner and Bingham base ball teams crossed bats twice Monday at Horner Park with large attendance. In the morning game the score was 5 to 1 in favor of Horner, and in the afternoon game the score stood 6 to 1 in favor of Horner.

Mrs. W. J. Hick, the wife the late Col. W. J. Hicks, superintendent of the Oxford Asylum, a long resident of our town, and loved by everyone, died in Raleigh Monday night. The interment will take place in Raleigh to-day. Superintendent and Mrs. Brown are among those from Oxford who will attend the funeral.

A Gay and Festive Time.

Many Easter bonnets, too timid to venture out Sunday appeared on our streets in all their glory Monday; swishing skirts, silk stockings, coat suits and handsome lingerie—everything new and beautiful—were worn by happy girls and matrons, were not frightened by the prospects before them. The young men and the "older boys" were on the scene with new hats and other late designs, vieing with the pretty young things who array themselves each Easter like the lily of the valley and the mountain daisy.

To Memory of Mrs. Hicks.

The handsome new bronze railings for the stone steps to Episcopal church arrived on Friday and were at once put up and adds greatly to the looks of the beautiful edifice. They were erected by the Ladies Aid Society as a memorial to its first President, Mrs. Harriet Hicks, of sainted memory, and one of the purest, best, noblest women that ever adorned a home. The name of this devoted christian worker in the Master's Vineyard is engraved on one of the front post.

A Delightful Occasion.

Cynthia Dorsey gave her school-mates an egg hunt upon the grounds of Browning Graded school last Friday. From eleven to eleven-thirty there was an eager, excited group fitting here, there and everywhere, while shouts of glee announced each find.

When time was called it was found that Vallie Belcher had won the prize, a handsome box of candy, while there were four contestants for the "booby." Lots were cast, and the empty basket was presented to Gladys Brummitt, after which Cynthia served fruit, the school had dinner, and all went home for the Easter holiday.

Cynthia is a charming hostess, and we thank her for a pleasure we shall long remember. THE TEACHER.

Stovall Short Stops.

Mr. Will Thorp, of Route 4. was in Stovall Saturday.

The district deputy of M. W. A. addressed the camp here Friday.

There has been eleven car loads of guano sold at Stovall this year.

Mr. W. P. Slaughter, of Berea, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. K. Wilkerson.

Mr. C. H. Landis, of Oxford, was a pleasant visitor to our town Saturday.

We are very sorry to learn of the continued illness of Mr. W. H. Gregory.

Mr. Nat Hart and family, of Oxford, spent the week end with Mr. Sam Currier.

Mr. L. C. Wilkerson left Monday to attend the M. E. Conference at Louisville.

Mrs. J. Robt. Wood, of Oxford, was the pleasant guest of Miss Lillie Wilkerson Friday.

Mr. E. N. Dickerson has bored a well at his home and has a full supply of "cold white rock."

Miss Mary Fort, of Oxford, who has been assisting Miss Lillie Wilkerson in her store, has returned.

Miss Mimma Slaughter has returned home after an extended visit to Mrs. J. P. Williams, near Virgilina.

There was all-day services at the Baptist Church Saturday. Mr. W. A. Devin, of Oxford, made a splendid talk.

There were 950 pounds of herrings (blind robins) were sold in Stovall Saturday, and it was not a good day for fish either.

Mr. T. T. Cuts is confined to bed with rheumatism. Mr. Louis Wilson is improving. Jeff Spicer is improving. Mr. Ed Jackson, of Stem, has a case of rheumatism. PECK'S BAD BOY.

Abundant Light and Power.

Superintendent Couch, of the Carolina Light and Power Co., says that the current from Buckhorn reached Oxford Sunday and that the test made by him proved satisfactory in every particular. Mr. Couch stated that if everything moves along with precision he sees no reason why we will not have the current in a week or ten days. This will be hailed with pleasure by many, and we hope to see the little municipality expand with this great achievement, and that her manufacturing interests and population will multiply. Now that we have this energy brought to us in abundance let it be generally known that Oxford is now in a position to turn many thousand wheels and employ as many men when the proper signal is given. Oh, that we had a Duke or a Cone to wave a magic wand over dear old Oxford!

Easter Day in Oxford.

Though the sky was obscured by clouds all the churches in Oxford were well filled on Easter morning. It was a day of joy and gladness, for it brought the blessed assurance of a Risen Christ and the promise of everlasting life, the fulfillment in the blessed hereafter of broken hopes and desires and the reunion of sundered ties.

The services at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church were very impressive throughout. There floated over the chancel rail the sweetest strains of music, the glad Hosannahs, telling the crucifixion of our Lord, His death and burial and His resurrection on the third day. The flowers in all their beauty, placed here and there, were in keeping with the beautiful services. The musical program was under the direction of Mrs. John B. Booth, and Mrs. James C. Horner presided at the organ with her usual skill and grace.

Dr. A. P. Tyler, of the Methodist Church, preached a strong sermon at the morning hour from his pulpit. While there was no special program of music the choir always elicits much praise.

Rev. S. K. Phillips, of the Presbyterian Church, filled his pulpit at the morning hour, and preached to an appreciative congregation. Though Rev. Phillips has been a resident of Oxford for only one month he is much loved by his congregation.

Rev. J. B. Weather'spoon, of the Baptist Church, preached an able sermon at the morning hour, exhorting his congregation to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom in the approaching revival services to be held in Oxford. The choir under the direction of Miss Mary Webb, the accomplished organist, was somewhat augmented and rendered the service anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," in splendid form. Miss Ormerod, of Oxford College, sang in her rich contralto voice "Easter Dawn."

A union service was held in the Baptist Church at the evening hour, at which Dr. Alexander P. Tyler preached on the opportunities and duty of serving God. The preacher was listened to with rapt attention. Rev. S. K. Phillips, of the Presbyterian Church, conducted the congregational singing.

Oxford as a Market.

We have looked carefully over the various lines of merchandise handled by the merchants of Oxford and we are constrained to say that the goods handled by them are of the best quality of material and workmanship, and that the merchants are not only to be congratulated on the excellent lines they carry, but that they do draw and successfully hold customers within a radius of many miles is also due to their credit, and it is a remarkable fact that only a few, a very few, of the most fastidious of this section deem it necessary to place orders with large department stores abroad for articles which can be purchased in Oxford at the price quoted in the large cities. We are sure that even the very small percentage of those who are accustomed to making purchases elsewhere would be minimized if our merchants had the elegant plate-glass windows and broad floors upon which to display their goods, a feature of the city which has not as yet extended to Oxford, and upon which the city merchants depend largely for the sale of his wares. With the completion of the Chamblee building on Main street, with its large glass front, spacious floors and broad galleries Oxford will take on new life in the matter of window dressing, and it is said that there are numerous merchants in Oxford who would avail themselves of the facilities of displaying their goods to the best advantage.

The Public Ledger would prefer that every prospective purchaser within a radius of many miles will be satisfied with a close inspection of the various lines of goods on exhibition in Oxford and not be lured to other marts of trade by the arc lights of the department stores abroad. The merchants appreciate the stand we have taken in declining to insert in the Public Ledger advertisements from abroad at double the home rate when we see that it would be detrimental to them and to the whole community by so doing. The laws of trade demand a hearty cooperation from every one, and with it Oxford will take on new life.

ON ACCOUNT of strike coal has recently doubled in price at the mines. For present stock my prices are the same as heretofore. C. D. RAY.



Mr. J. I. Gordon, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. Roy Wright, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Ben Currin, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. Will Morton, of Route 4, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. J. K. Daniel, of Berea, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Elvis Mangum, of Tar River, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Louis Jones, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. S. Burwell, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. R. Gordon, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. H. H. Hicks, of Dickerson, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Britt were in Raleigh Monday.

Mr. J. F. Puckett, of Route 1, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Ben. Butler, of Stovall, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. J. H. Renn, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Will Daniel, of Route 4, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Trim Averett, of Route 5, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Louis Thorpe, of Berea, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Knott, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Alfred Frazier, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. W. J. Royster, of Providence, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Ed Cawthorn, of Watkins, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Shamburger, of Hertford, is visiting friends in Oxford.

Mr. E. T. Ball and son, of Fairport, were town visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett, of Route 5, were on our streets Monday.

Mr. Littlejohn Taylor spent the Easter tide with loved ones at home.

Mr. Lee Taylor returned Saturday from a business trip to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crews, of Route 7, were in Oxford shopping Monday.

Messrs. Cam Burnette and A. M. Cash, of Route 5, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Charlie Currin, of Route 6, spent the Easter holidays with her sister, Mrs. Callis.

Mr. R. L. Eakes, of Route 7, was in town Monday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mr. Durell Brummitt and two bright sons, of Dement, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. W. H. H. Cheatham, of Route 3, was in Oxford Saturday and called on the editors.

Mr. T. L. Cannady and daughter, visited relatives in Franklinton Sunday and Monday.

Mr. S. W. Waller, of Knap of Reeds, was in town Monday visiting his son, Mr. Thos. Waller.

Mr. J. D. Brinkley, near Richmond, was in Oxford Saturday shaking hands with his old friends.

Miss Allene Cooper and Mr. Crawford Cooper, of Fayetteville, are visiting relatives in Oxford.

Master Travis Chamblee accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watkins on a visit to Clarksville, Va.

Miss Myrtle Renn, of Creedmoor High School, enjoyed the Easter tide at her home in Oxford.

Messrs. W. W. Grissom, W. C. Breedlove and E. C. Harris, of Route 3, were in town Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward MacKethan and two sons, of Fayetteville, are visiting Mrs. W. H. White on Hillsboro street.

Messrs. Mott and Marshall Pinnix, of Richmond, are enjoying the Easter Holidays with their mother in Oxford.

Mr. Edward Stark left Monday for Asbury Park, N. J., where he will spend the summer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Miss Helen H. Salls has returned to Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Va., after having spent Easter vacation with her parents near Oxford.

Misses Hettie Lyon and Willie Lee Thomas spent the Easter holidays in Greensboro and will go from there to the Philaetha Convention at Salisbury.

The Merchant of Venice.

The Senior Class of Oxford College will present "The Merchant of Venice" at the Opera House Friday evening, April 12, at 8.30 o'clock. Admission 50 cents; children 25 cents. A matinee will be given at 3.30 p. m. for children only. Admission 25 cents.

Spring Exhibit of Clothing.

Those who love to dress well and enjoy nice fitting clothes should read the Spring Exhibit of the correct new styles of men's and boys' ready-to-wear-clothes and gents furnishings as announced by the Long Company on the 4th page. You are most cordially invited to visit this emporium of beautiful and classy spring goods and buy your spring outfits at very reasonable prices.

Broke His Arm.

Our young friend Roy Williford went out to Providence to the Easter picnic and had a very enjoyable time. After dinner was over and several of his boy friends climbed up and took seats in a wagon, and were having quite a jolly time when the passenger train blew and all the boys jumped out of the wagon to go to the train. Roy in jumping out hung one foot in some way throwing him to the ground on his left arm, breaking it between the elbow and wrist. Finding that his arm was broken he at once got on the train and came to Oxford and found his father, Mr. Andrew Williford, went to Dr. Cannady's office, where his arm was set. Roy proved to be a brave boy and he stood the ordeal like a man.

Marriage Announcement.

The following announcement will be read with interest throughout the State: "Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming announces the engagement of her daughter, Katharine Hays, to Mr. D. G. Brummitt."

The marriage will take place on June 25th. The forthcoming event will be one of the biggest social functions of the year. The bride-elect, who is a young lady of singular charm and personality, is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hays, whose memory the Oxford people cherish with so much veneration and esteem. She comes from a line noted for its gifts of mind and versatility and has inherited these in a very high degree.

Mr. Brummitt, who came to Oxford to begin the practice of law about four years ago, has risen very rapidly in his profession and has repeatedly demonstrated that he is a man of ability and will go far in it. He is serving his second term as mayor of Oxford and occupies a number of important positions of public interest.

Delightful Birthday Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cam H. Easton Monday presented a joyous scene with 60 sweet and captivating little girl and boys flitting over the lawn hunting Easter eggs, while on the afternoon air floated their musical voices. It was in celebration of little Charlotte Easton's fifth birthday, one of Oxford's lovable little girls with curly head, dimpled hands, trusting eyes and gentle ways. Mrs. Easton along with tender buds were in the zenith of their glory, while Charlotte was the orb around which the galaxy of happy children clustered in celebration of her joyous birthday. The happy event must have caused Mrs. Easton to say: "Something sings that is not me, Something shouts that's my tongue, Something feels that must be glee, Come back on the wings of youth. Something bubbles all inside, Something ripples around, Like a glad wave far and wide Or a spring bloom on the ground. Something titters, laughs and smiles Something keeps me fairly wild— And the world seems miles and miles, Just chuck full of sweet little child."

Mrs. J. D. Brooks and children are spending a few days with Mrs. Brooks' parents in Halifax county, Va.

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

WANTED—Furniture to repair and refinish, antique especially. Call on or write to J. E. ADKINSON, [m.27.5t-pd] Phone 120A Oxford, N. C.

NEW JEWELRY:—A new line of bar, belt, beauty and hat pins from 25 cents up. OXFORD JEWELRY CO.

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

CUT GLASS and Silverware. A new line of patterns in both cut glass and silver. OXFORD JEWELRY CO.

AM prepared to furnish customers with dry pine wood cut to length. C. D. RAY.

EGGS FOR SALE—I have pure White Leghorn and White Plymouth Rock Eggs for sale at \$1 setting of 15. J. V. BOSTIC, [m.30-4t] Route 6, Kimball Farm.

LOST—Between the post-office and J. J. Medford's or the Seminary a special delivery sheet nearly full of names—the last number is 15. RICHARD BROWN, Oxford, N. C.