

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

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### Stem Stemings.

Mr. Sam Webb, of Oxford, was a visitor in Stem Wednesday.

Miss Annie Brown, of Oxford, is on a visit to Mr. C. L. Eastwood.

Mrs. W. R. Allen was the guest of her brother, W. H. Whittaker, Tuesday.

We are sorry to learn that the little son of the late Henry Waller is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Janie Clayton is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Tom Montague, near Shady Grove.

Mr. W. S. Gooch is erecting a new fertilizer house, which makes the third one built here this season.

Mr. Jon B. Mayes, Jr., has returned from Richmond, where he has been taking a business course.

Mr. L. M. Duncan and Miss Lottie Gooch, of Gorman, visited relatives in this section last week.

We are reminded of the approach of summer by the number of automobiles passing from Durham to Oxford.

Miss Addie Moore and Mr. Jarvis Garden, of Durham, have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore.

Miss Katie Lee Gooch, the efficient teacher of Stem High School, will continue her music class one month longer.

Miss Ona Hunt, of Tar River, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Betty, for several days returned home Tuesday.

"Uncle" Dick Bullock, a much respected colored man of this community, is critically ill and not expected to recover.

Mrs. Susan Hunt and Mrs. Lorena Beck, of Durham, visited Mr. A. S. Wilkins Monday and returned to Durham Monday.

Mr. Fred Daniel, of Tally Ho, purchased a fine rubber-tired buggy last week. Some of the girls in the neighborhood of Providence will take a ride ere long.

Mr. Robert Stem who lives near Hester was taken with appendicitis last Sunday and was taken at once to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, where he was operated upon on Monday. He is doing well.

Mr. M. Peed, of Durham, spent Easter in this section, and some of his friends in Stem had the pleasure of hearing him perform on the piano Monday night. He is with the Cable Piano Co., Durham.

Mr. Ed Wheeler and wife who have lived in Durham for several years spent Tuesday night with Mrs. J. T. Gooch. Mr. Wheeler went from here to Petersburg, Va., where he intends to make his home in the future.

Aubrey, the one-year-old son of Mr. S. H. Zezey, was badly burned last week, while his mother was absent from the room a moment. When she returned nearly all the clothes were burned off, and it was first thought that he was badly burned, but it is reported that he is out of danger.

Miss Hallie Moore the winner of the gold medal in the recent recitation contest held during Stem High School commencement, will be a competitor in the annual contest which will take place in Greensboro next Friday. Miss Moore is highly talented along this line and will doubtless acquit herself with honor on this occasion. Mr. Garland F. Mayes, the successful contestant in the contest held at the same time, Mr. Roy Giles, who is quite an expert in athletics will also be present and represent the school in the annual athletic contest.

WELLINGTON.

### Dr. Nick Cannady.

Another Oxford boy scores a victory, and this time it is Nick Cannady, who will graduate from the old Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, in June. He has accepted service in Vincent Hospital, Erie, Pa., and will take up the work there as soon as the class matriculates. That he was designated to serve as interne in one of the oldest and best hospitals in the country signifies that he stands at the head of the class, as it is the first choice of the student body.

WILL BE AT OXFORD TUESDAY, APRIL 23d.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, of Durham, will make his regular Fourth Tuesday call to Oxford next Tuesday, April 23d, stopping at the Exchange Hotel, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Dr. Rosenstein's splendid service in fitting glasses for the last 19 years, have given him a State reputation as an expert in the optical line, so if you are in need of glasses don't fail to see him about it. His charges are very moderate.

### Cap vs Bonnet.

"Papa" asks the little boy, "why do they say a woman is 'setting her cap' for a man when she wants to marry him?"

"Because my son" explains the father, softly, "if she sets her bonnet for him she knows blamed well the price of it will scare him to death."

## LOCAL NEWS



To mingle our sorrows is to sweeten them.

Conscience is often a polite synonym for cowardice.

I'd rather be a never-wuz than a never-will-be-agin.

Mr. W. G. Pace is all smiles now, as it is a bouncing baby boy.

Mrs. Caroline Osborn, who was quite sick several days ago, is much better.

As Monday was an ideal day for the farmers there were very few seen on our streets.

Roy Bowling, son of Mr. J. H. Bowling, of Tar River, has been operated upon for appendicitis.

Oxford should set apart a day to exterminate the wild onion crop that threatens the destruction of many beautiful lawns.

The Republican County Convention has been called to meet in Oxford on April 25th, and the Precinct Conventions will meet on the 20th.

Friends of Mr. Hunter Averett, will regret to learn that he is quite sick in Richmond with typhoid fever, and wish for him a speedy recovery.

There is lots of fun ahead of democratic voters this year and the man who fails to pay his poll tax before May 1st, 1912, will regret it as long as he lives.

No one should fail to take a jaunt into the country at this time of the year and see the flowery woodlands. The dogwood trees were never more beautiful.

A spirit of discontent is the most grievous burden that anyone can carry. And yet it is chosen by many for, as you know, we may choose our burden in this life.

Now as the revival is on who was it that said: "I do not care for cut and dried sermons. When I hear a man preach I like to see him act as if he were fighting bumble bees?"

We call your especial attention to the advertisement of the Hamilton Drug Co., in which they urge you to wake up and get busy in the Automobile Contest, as it closes May 10th, at noon.

We learn that Mr. W. A. Parham, of Oxford, and Mr. B. E. Parham, who has been running a warehouse at Greenville, have rented the Farmers Warehouse of Mr. J. F. Meadows who in future will devote his time to buying tobacco.

The Public Ledger acknowledges the receipt of the new novel by Thomas Dixon entitled "The Sins of the Fathers," D. Appleton & Co., New York. The volume contains 462 pages, and it is an exciting story of the South dedicated to Randolph Shotwell.

The annual meeting of the Oxford Building & Loan Association held Friday night was very gratifying to the stockholders indeed. The first and second series show a total of 77 stockholders with 479 shares in force. Thirteen loans have been made aggregating \$9,980, thus showing the record of assisting in the building of one house per month for the first year. The third series, which was opened on the 6th, shows an increase in the amounts subscribed over either of the first two.

### Resolution of Respect.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto Himself our beloved brother J. M. Currin, who for so long labored faithfully in our church as deacon and in our community as Christian friend, we submit the following resolutions on behalf of the Oxford Baptist Church:

First, That in the death of our brother the church suffers a real loss, not only in a material way, but in that a life which always brought honor upon the church and increased the spiritual earnestness of our body has been taken from our midst.

Second, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends and unite our prayers in thier behalf, commending them to the care of Him who loved us and made a way for our salvation and comfort; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and to the "Oxford Public Ledger" and "Biblical Recorder" for publication.

S. W. PARKER,  
W. A. DEVIN,  
B. F. TAYLOR,  
Committee.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Road overseers are hereby notified that the time for paying the two dollars prescribed by law in lieu of four days' work has been extended to May 1st. All who are subject to road duty will please bear this in mind. After this date all who have not paid will be required to work the four days at such times and places as directed.

R. W. LASSITER, Chm'n Board Com.

### Bartlett's Sacred Cantata.

The following report was intended for last issue:

The glad and holy spirit of Easter-tide still prevailed the atmosphere and filled the hearts of the large audience that gathered in the auditorium of the Baptist church on last Tuesday evening, the occasion of which was to hear the rendition of Bartlett's sacred Cantata, "From Death to Life."

This spirit was evidenced by the quiet attention, and the sincerity of appreciation and sympathy manifested by the audience, from beginning to end in the beautiful and impressive theme of this sacred music.

The Chorus, which was made up of selected voices from the various church choirs of the town, was trained by Mrs. John Booth, Chairman of the Music Department of the Woman's Civic Club, and it is to her ability as a leader, her tireless energy, and her tactful management that is due, the success of the performance.

In this she was ably supported by the unselfish co-operation of the organist, Miss Mary Webb, who sustained the varied parts throughout the difficult accompaniment with perfect ease and skill.

The program was opened with the Grand March Processional, by Batiste, rendered by Miss Webb, and to the inspiring strains of this, the choir marched to position, out of the pastor's study to the choir loft. After which the Dogology was sung by the whole congregation, all standing. Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon, pastor of the church, and host to the Civic Club on this occasion addressed a few remarks by way of greeting. He commended the Club for its worthy ambition, and made a gracious plea on its behalf for a liberal offering from the congregation, which fund would be presented by the Music Department to the Charity Department of the Civic Club, this latter being the same organization as "The Ministering Circle" of King's Daughters.

After this introduction the music of the Cantata began. There were several very effective selections, rendered by the favorite soloists of the town, all of whom are near and dear to the hearts of an Oxford audience, and in addition to these, Miss Ormerod, voice teacher at the Oxford College, added greatly to the pleasure of everyone present by the beautiful quality of her voice. As her rich contralto tones breathed forth the solemn words of the tragedy of the Cross one could not fail to be impressed and uplifted by the spirit of the occasion.

Among the male voices who did fine solo work, special mention is due Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who rendered a difficult tenor solo. Although having recently become a resident of Oxford, Mr. Phillips has already endeared himself to the hearts of the people by that stonest of all ties—the love of music. He has a thorough understanding, and appreciation of music, and is an acquisition to any musical gathering.

The offering which was taken during the intermission between Part 1 and Part 2 amounted to thirty-two dollars and fifty cents. At the close of the Cantata, an invocate, in the form of a benediction was pronounced by the pastor of the church, which completed the program for this occasion.

REPORTER FOR CIVIC CLUB.

### New Telephone Directory.

Manager W. D. Rives, of the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company, has compiled an up-to-date directory for Oxford. The names are arranged alphabetically and it would seem that the subscribers would readily comply with the request of Manager Rives and always call by number instead of by name. If you think this is an idle request on the part of the company you would find out different if you was an operator for a few hours. Manager Rives is to be congratulated on his excellent work here, which accounts no doubt for his failure to find time to join the matrimonial club.

### Back to the Soil.

Oxford correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: The back-to-the-farm impulse has struck Oxford and a large number of those even who are so entangled with a profitable city business that they cannot go out and become regular farmers are moved to dabble a little in it on the sly. This contagion does not seem to be confined to any class and is no respecter of persons or professions. As an illustration of the wide field operation of this country-life germ, R. W. Lassiter, who owns a farm just outside the corporate limits of the town has rented land in varying amounts to the following business and professional men: Rev. Eugene Usry, pastor of the West Oxford Baptist church, D. T. L. Booth, one of the most successful physicians of the town, W. G. Pace, buyer for the American Tobacco Co., W. W. Devin and Sam Hubbard, of the office staff of the Imperial Tobacco Co., C. M. Critcher, retired capitalist, B. Robinson, merchant and large brick manufacturer, and J. Robt. Wood, a leading furniture and undertaker.

### BAY WINDOW ROOMS.

I have three large Bay-window rooms and one large room for rent. The large room is suitable for a lodge room, and the front rooms are elegantly adapted for offices.

J. T. BRITT.

### Delightful Entertainment.

The most interesting social news that has occupied the thoughts of the Oxford public for many moons is the recent announcement of the approaching marriage of two of her most popular young people—that of Miss Lily B. White to Mr. John A. Williams. After the long and gloomy Lenten period the festivities coming just at the glad Easter-tide, in connection with this happy event, are hailed with double pleasure.

On Thursday afternoon April 11th Mrs. J. S. Rodgers tendered a beautiful and elaborate entertainment to the bride-elect in the way of a miscellaneous shower.

The hostess had arranged for a receiving line, in which herself, assisted by Miss White and a number of their mutual friends, should meet formally all the guests of the occasion before the game should begin.

At the door of the reception hall to greet the arrivals were Mrs. Marion C. Taylor and Mrs. Candace Brown.

Passing on to the dining room the guests were first received by the cordial and popular hostess, after which they were presented to the fair young bride-elect, who was radiant in a gown of pale yellow satin, with crystal fringe. Next in line were Mrs. E. R. Mc Kethan, of Fayetteville, and Miss Janette Biggs, sister of the bride-elect.

Mrs. R. P. Taylor, Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw, Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago, and Miss Mary B. Williams, the last three sisters of the groom-elect, Miss Aline Cooper, of Fayetteville, Miss Annie Crews, Miss Josephine Brown and Mrs. E. W. Pace, of Wilson. At the end of the line stood Misses Helen White and Edna Tyer, who showed the guests the punch room. Here, at the beautifully appointed stand, decorated with Easter lilies, were two handsome cut-glass bowls filled with sparkling, fragrant punch. Serving this delicious beverage were Misses Myrtle Shamburger, of Hertford, and May White.

From the punch room the guests passed into the reception hall, where they received from Miss Frances Abbott a white heart-shaped booklet, very suggestive of a wedding with the words "ring," "heart" and "bell" daintily lettered in gold. This was found to contain the cue for a contest game. Fifteen minutes was allowed for the gathering of the wits to solve the wisdom hidden in the lines.

The contest proved most interesting and excited much mirth and laughter. It was so complicated however that the hostess could arrive at no decision as to who was eligible for the prize, and so the beautiful picture provided for that purpose was presented to the honor guest. Just at this time all eyes were turned upon a vision of loveliness in the form of two little girls, dressed as fairies, with wings and wearing white from head to toe, drawing a cart that was also covered in white, and which was filled to overflowing with gifts for the bride. The little fairy steeds, who were the little Misses Sue Bryan and Annie Lou Williams, found their way through the crowd to the "chair of state," which was also covered in white and on which sat the bride-elect in readiness to receive her gifts. A joyous hour was spent in the opening of these, all of which were beautiful, representing the love and thoughtfulness of her many friends.

The hostess, assisted by Mesdames John Davis, W. D. Bryant and Abbott, now served delicious ice cream with cake, mints and salted almonds, all of these being incased in delicate cups, representing lilies.

In the refreshments, as in all the elaborate decoration of this attractive home, the color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in every appointment, to the minutest detail. Easter lilies predominated every where. Over all the soft lights of numerous candles shed a becoming glow, enhancing the loveliness of the fair young girls and handsome dames making a scene of beauty, long to be remembered.

### A Steady Glow.

Manager E. G. Couch, of the Carolina Power and Light Company, switched on the current from Buckhorn Sunday evening last. It required only a few minutes to go from the old to the new system, and the reason that the town was temporarily in darkness was from the fact that the new current was so much stronger than the old one it was necessary to begin with a low voltage and properly adjust it to the present consumption. As soon as properly adjusted there was a steady glow, but Manager Couch states that while it is comparatively easy to regulate the power in the business centre of the town it would necessarily require a little time in which to note and correct defects, if any, in the lights farther removed. The old plant is now standing idle but it is a custom with the company to keep their old plants intact for some weeks. Asked as to what disposition was made of old employees when an old plant was put of commission Manager Couch said that naturally they could not retain their services longer, but that some of them found employment with the company wherever it was practicable.

PIANO FOR SALE—I have a brand new piano never been used that I will sell at a sacrifice. Reason for selling, cannot carry it where I am living.

(pd) MRS. NELL ROYSTER, Bullock, N.C.

## PURELY PERSONAL

Mr. M. L. Oakley, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. T. Smith, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Tillotson, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Bowling, of Tar River, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, was in Oxford Friday.

Mr. R. A. Adcock, of Cornwall, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Elijah Currin, of Route 2, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Charles Piper, of Route 6, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. T. B. Shackelford, of Lynchburg, Va., was in Oxford Friday.

Mr. W. P. Wilkinson, of Oak Hill Township, was in Oxford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hayes, of Mt. Energy, were in Oxford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Cash, of Route 6, were Oxford shoppers Saturday.

Mr. A. P. Overton, of Fishing Creek Township, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Daniel, of Route 1, was in town Monday and called on the editor.

Mrs. L. F. Smith returned Friday from a visit to her daughter at Greenville.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Halifax county, Va.

Mr. J. B. Owen, of Henderson, came over Saturday to spend Sunday with his dear little daughter.

### Revival Services.

The revival services began in the Methodist Church Sunday night, at which time Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon filled the pulpit. The church was filled to the door, and steps were at once taken to procure larger quarters where all can be seated. Arrangements were finally made to occupy the Johnson Warehouse, near the intersection of College and Hillsboro streets, during the progress of the meeting, and a large number of chairs were secured.

Dr. Wilson, of Newport News, Va., reached Oxford and preached for the first time here Monday night. The church was filled at an early hour, and Dr. Wilson was listened to with rapt attention throughout his discourse. A feature of the revival services is the singing led by Rev. S. K. Phillips, conducted along lines employed in the great Chapman-Alexander meetings which swept the American cities and Continental Europe three years ago.

There will be revival services in the Methodist Church this (Tuesday) evening at 4 o'clock, but the night services will be held in the Johnson Warehouse at 8 o'clock.

The ladies have been requested from the pulpit to leave their hats at home and Dr. Tyer jokingly remarked that none would be excused of the infraction unless they are as bald on their pates as is "Brother McFarland."

### Death of Mrs. Routon.

Mrs. Mariah Louise Routon, one of Oxford's oldest and highly esteemed ladies fell upon sleep at her home last Friday night. The deceased was about 75 years of age, and had been sick for a long time, and the end was not unexpected. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Lela Routon, and one brother, Mr. David Parks, of Hillsboro, who were at the bedside when her soul passed to its reward.

Arrangements were made for the funeral to take place Saturday afternoon, but on account of a drenching rain it was postponed until 10 o'clock Sunday morning, at which time Dr. Alexander P. Tyer, of the Methodist Church, conducted the ceremonies, and the body was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery, beneath a bower of flowers, placed by gentle and loving hands.

The active pall-bearers were Messrs. J. G. Hall, John Webb, E. T. White, Jim Powell, R. L. Brown, R. P. Taylor, W. J. Long and W. H. Cannady.

The honorary pall-bearers were: Dr. S. H. Cannady, Messrs. A. A. Hicks, W. A. McFarland, M. P. Chamblee, Will Landis, J. C. Haskins, J. S. King, W. B. Ballou and T. Lanier.

Mrs. Routon was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. It is impossible to compass in a few words the splendid character of the deceased. Hers was a very practical religion, every belief lived out—a religion of sentiment woven into deeds. As far as human limitations permitted, hers was "a life which translated truth into conduct." In grace, in beauty, in service she grew from day to day more like that Perfect Life, now given her to see face to face.

SHUT out the flies by the use of screen doors and windows furnished by C. D. RAY.

Mr. GEO PRUITT rolled out a nice looking buggy from Callis' Carriage Shop, which he had re-painted.

### Williams-White.

One of the prettiest church marriages ever solemnized in the town of Oxford occurred on Tuesday morning, April 16th, at the Presbyterian church, when Miss Lily B. White and Mr. John Williams were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Never had the fair young bride appeared more beautiful than on this, her wedding morn, when she plighted her troth, surrounded by a happy-hearted throng of loving friends, who had known her from her youth up. Miss White, who is a universal favorite of the town possessed of a charming personality, with many rare qualities of mind and heart, is the grand-daughter of the late Crawford J. Cooper, that grand old patriarch whose life was so closely identified for a half century or more, in the history of Oxford, in all that stood for progress, both in a commercial and social way.

Mr. Williams is also deservedly popular, he is a rising young business man of the firm of Perkinson-Green Co. He is the youngest son of the late Hon. A. H. A. Williams who represented the State in the House of Congress in 1891-1893. Having lived in Oxford all his life he numbers his friends by the score.

The church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of cut flowers—the lily—whose name the bride bears predominating everywhere. The altar and aisles were covered in white, and the soft light from numerous glowing tapers in the darkened church added beauty to the scene.

Before the ceremony, Miss Maude Parham very sweetly sang "Bide Me To Love," by Barnard, the accompaniment being played by Miss Lucy Webb. Several instrumental selections were also rendered by Miss Webb before the entrance of the bridal party. At the appointed hour to the inspiring strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the ushers, who were Messrs. Ben Lassiter, Roy Osborn, Elbert Crews and Leon Hines entered first taking their places around the altar, next in order were the two little flower girls, little Misses Daisy Cooper and Annie Lou Williams.

These were dressed in white and carried baskets of white sweet peas. Following them came Miss Jeanette Elliott Biggs, sister of the bride, and her only attendant, wearing a gown of champagne crepe de chine, with elaborate trimmings of lace and black velvet with touches of old rose, and wearing a picture hat. She carried an armful of America beauty roses. Next in order came the little ring bearer, Master Edward McKethan, of Fayetteville, who is a nephew of the bride, carrying the ring in the heart of a lily. Lastly entered the bride with her father, Capt. W. H. White. She wore a dark blue coat suit, and carried a heavy shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, tied with long streamers of white maline. She was met at the altar by the groom, who was attended by his brother and best man, Mr. A. H. Williams. Rev. S. K. Phillips pronounced the vows which made them man and wife.

The happy couple left at 11:55 via S. A. L. for a tour of northern cities, after which they will be at home in Oxford.

### BUSINESS BUILDERS.

Mr. WOODSON EAKES was seen in Oxford bright and early Easter morning carrying out a buggy which Callis re-painted for him.

FOR SALE—1 runabout rubber tire buggy and harness, both in excellent condition, used very little. A bargain for some one.

M. C. TAYLOR.

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

OXFORD JEWELRY CO.

Mr. THEODORE PARHAM is now sporting a nice rubber-tire buggy which he bought from Callis.

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

OXFORD JEWELRY CO.

Mr. C. G. WRENN was in Oxford Tuesday and placed his buggy in Callis' Carriage Shop to be re-painted, and for new set of rubber tires.

Mr. STANLEY CUREN rolled out a nice looking buggy from Callis' Carriage Shop last week.

ROOFS PAINTED—The summer is coming on, so let me paint your roof for you. Call on me for estimate.

apl.17.4t. W. O. CHAPPEL.

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

SEED CORN.—Good prolific Corn, doubles the yield on good farm land. It will make around 20 barrels to the acre on clover land and much better on improved land. Price: 1 gal. 60c; 1 pk. \$1; ½ bu. \$2.10. \$3.50. If you desire some of this corn send cashier's check and amount and it will be sent at once.

R. H. WHITEFIELD,  
Creedmoor, N. C.

LOST—On last Sunday night one black mare, with a little scar on forehead, and a sore on shoulder. Any information of her whereabouts will be liberally rewarded by Andrew Peace, Oxford, N. C., Route 4. It.pd.

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.