

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

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### Light and Power.

Mr. J. B. Lloyd, of Raleigh, is busily engaged in fitting up and installing machinery in the utility building of the Carolina Power and Light Company. The building is a handsome pressed brick structure, located on Hillsboro street, and through the large plate glass front the machinery is visible, and when thoroughly adjusted there will be just enough whirr to momentarily arrest and hold one's attention in front of the big windows, and by night the building will be brilliantly lighted from a series of lights in the fresco above. There is a handsome apartment in the centre of the building containing a bath, which is for the exclusive use of the operator, and from where he can detect the slightest irregularities in the ponderous machinery in the large room in the rear and the manipulators in the front office. The building and machinery represents an outlay of not less than \$25,000, and the company took precaution to provide for an ever increasing demand of power. Out in South Oxford the company has a large transformer, from which the current passes into the utility office on Hillsboro street, where every atom of energy is registered by a machine so arranged so as to note the time of day and the significance of the variation either by incoming or outflowing current. Out beyond the limits of our town, in fact a hundred and more miles away, down at Buckhorn and Bluff Falls ponderous machinery develops a current sufficiently strong, it is said, to hurl a Pullman car clear across the State. So there need be no fear as to lack of power for manufacturing purposes in Oxford. We do find the great achievement of Colonel Charles E. Johnson with pleasure—it is indeed a pleasure to feel that we could journey to his home city—Raleigh—in a sleeping car speeded to the limits of the current, but we prefer to utilize the energy for the upbuilding of Oxford. We would like to get at least 1,000 men to locate here and distribute their weekly wages of \$15,000 in Oxford.

### Granville Superior Court.

The Criminal Docket was completed Friday morning and the civil docket was taken up.

The following is the Report of the Grand Jury:

To His Honor, Judge Frank Carter, Presiding at April Term of Granville Superior Court:

We the Grand Jury for the said term beg leave to submit the following report. We find all the offices in a splendid condition. We have visited the Home of the Aged and Infirm and find 24 inmates, 7 white and 17 colored, all well cared for; 1,000 pounds of bacon, 40 bushels wheat, 80 bushels of peas, 30 pounds lard, 20 barrels of corn, 2 work mules, 2 work horses and 3 colts; 3 milk cows, 3 calves, 12 large hogs and 17 pigs and 5,000 pounds of dry forage. We recommend that five of the tin roofs be painted.

We visited the Convict Camp and find the following: 36 convicts, 2 white and 32 colored, and all well fed and clothed. There are five sick, but say they are kindly treated and well attended to by the officers. The stock is all in good condition.

We have also visited the county Jail and find it clean and in good condition with the exception of a small hole in the wall which should be repaired at once. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PARHAM, Foreman.

The first case taken up on the civil docket was *Barnum Iron Works vs Granville County*. After hearing all the evidence, Judge Carter instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of *Barnum Iron Works*, represented by *Graham & Devin* and *Mr. A. A. Hicks*. General B. S. Royster, counsel for the County, gave notice of appeal to Supreme Court. This is known as the "Case Case," and has had two mistrials.

### A Neat Lady.

It is generally believed that men are not close observers of what the ladies wear so long as they are up-to-date, but an incident occurred here a day or two ago which goes to show that the ordinary man knows very little what he is talking about when it comes to the adornment of the gentle sex. A well-dressed lady passed along the street; she was as neat as a pin from tip to toe, but there was no useless bills or flounces about her—only neat, that was all, but some one remarked that why should she not be stylish when she buys everything in a city to the north of us. This assertion was met with a challenge, and the know-all one escorted to a millinery establishment and it was learned that the pretty lady who was wearing that trimmed by deft fingers in Oxford, and that she bought the materials here and makes her own dresses, yet she is very neat and altogether stylish.

### An Excellent Showing.

By reference to the report of the grand jury it will be seen that the affairs of the county are in splendid hands. Mr. W. S. Daniel, who is in charge of the County Home, and his good wife, are to be congratulated on the excellent showing they made. The stock is in good condition; the provisions plentiful, and the inmates are loud in their praise of the kind treatment they receive at the hands of Mr. Daniel and his excellent wife. Mr. S. D. Holman, superintendent of the convict camp also made an excellent showing.

## HEARD AROUND THE CORNER.

The "blind robbers" continues to fry away in Oxford.

Some men are self-made and some others are wife-made.

As we make our bed so must we be content even if it is full of bumps.

These days a woman's crowning glory is her hat along with a hobble skirt.

Some women are like salads. The impression they make depends entirely on the dressing.

Mrs. Harry G. Williams entertained Friday morning in honor of Mrs. W. W. Robards, of Raleigh.

A wag says if you want to experience an awful case of nightmare just eat an Oxford pork-chop for supper.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. W. B. Ballou Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

If the corn crop in North Carolina this year goes to the front it will be because of the Boy's Corn Clubs. Let there be more corn clubs.

They flung poor Jonah in the sea, The captain, who was cross, Said, "Tis a case, it seems to me, Of prophet and of loss."

Governor Kitchin is a game fighter, but this is the first time he has ever been up against what Al Fairbrother would call the "rale thing."

If you are a poor man and don't covet an automobile you are lucky. Gliding over a smooth road in an automobile is the next thing to flying.

Attention ye housekeepers! It will pay you to read the advertisement of Taylor Bros., Main street grocers, on the 4th page. They keep a choice line of groceries and seek your trade.

It all comes back in a flash of glory, The youth, fancy, the childhood glee With May with us by the promontory On a ship of roses from springtime's sea.

A news item is put in a newspaper so it can be read by its thousands of readers. For that same reason, the merchant makes his announcements and offers in the newspapers. An advertisement is displayed business news.

Webster's Weekly says: As pointed out by several of our contemporaries, Governor Kitchin is depending more on the record of some one else rather than his own. As a consequence he is losing out—the other man's record is too good when compared with his own.

The installation of Rev. S. K. Phillips will be solemnized in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning June 2d, which will be a very interesting occasion. Rev. Smith, of Goldsboro, one of the ablest ministers in the State, will be present, and Rev. McI. White, of Raleigh, will take part in the services.

The commencement exercises of the Mary Potter Memorial school is now in progress. Rev. J. B. Randall, D. D., president Lincoln University, preached to the graduating class last Sunday morning. The program is interesting and will continue up to Thursday, and the public is cordially invited.

The alumni address before the University College of Medicine of Richmond will be delivered this year by Dr. Benj. K. Hays, of Oxford, on May 21. The new college building will be dedicated at this time, and there will be a large gathering of the friends of the school from all parts of the South.

"The little angel women— Between us and our care, With loving hand so oft they stand To help us grin and bear. The worn, sweet, weary mothers, The young, sweet, happy wives— The women of the angel hearts That help us live our lives!"

Solicitor S. M. Gattis finished up the docket of Granville Superior court last Friday. The docket was rather large at this term, but the solicitor has a way of expediting things and is a terror to evil doers throughout his district. He is not only broad-minded, but broad-gauged, and serves the State well.

It is tax listing time for State and county and town taxes. The list takers began their work Wednesday morning, May 1st, and will be on the job until the first day of June. Mr. R. B. Hines is list taker for Oxford township and for the town of Oxford. He is patiently awaiting your coming in the corridor of the Court House.

Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, who was appointed by Governor Kitchin to represent this State at the Southern Sociological Congress, left Monday for Nashville, Tenn., where the meeting is in session this week. The purpose of the congress is to study and improve the social, civic and economical conditions in the South.

There will be preaching at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church on second Sunday by Rev. R. H. McClood.

A new awning has been put up over the entrance to the dry goods department of Horner Bros. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pruitt, of Route 7, are quite happy over the arrival of another little girl at their home.

Mrs. T. L. Booth has quite a curiosity in a blooming palm, which has attracted the attention of quite a number of people.

The task of changing the fronts and the lowering of the floors of Horner Bros. Co. stores under the supervision of Mr. C. W. Bryant, will soon be completed.

Mr. Jonah Veasey has purchased a 20-horse power gasoline Road Engine, which he will use in hauling lumber from his saw mill to the railroad. The engine arrived a few days ago and was taken out to the mill.

Mr. R. S. Usry has purchased from Mr. James B. Powell for Mrs. T. B. Pendleton a lot on Henderson street, the consideration being \$700. Mr. Usry will have erected on the lot a good two story dwelling containing 7-rooms for Mrs. Pendleton.

### A Morning Party.

A morning party in honor of Miss Mary Cooper and Mrs. John A. Williams, and the attractive home of Mrs. H. G. Cooper was the pleasant scene Friday morning of an entertainment in honor of her daughter, Miss Mary, and Mrs. John A. Williams. An enjoyable game afforded entertainment for an hour, after which a luncheon in several courses concluded the happy occasion. Miss Mary Cooper has just completed a course in Art in New York and is receiving a warm welcome from friends at home.

### Big Day at Stovall.

Large numbers gathered at Stovall on Saturday last and enjoyed to the full the excellent program. In the afternoon Governor Kitchin delivered an address on education. His speech was one of the best in the history of the State, strong, eloquent and forceful, and his hearers were practically spell-bound as the Governor scored point after point on the theme of education, a topic so close the hearts of the people.

Mr. J. T. Poythress, of Oxford, won the first prize offered by "Ye Old Time" Fiddlers, the sound of his bow carrying one back to the long ago.

### An Enjoyable Entertainment.

The hospitable home of Mrs. Ashton Chapman was a scene of brilliant entertainment Friday afternoon when more than fifty members of Oxford's social society responded to invitations to take part in the entertainment at dominoes. The hall and parlors were as beautiful as taste and adornment could make them in attractive color schemes made perfect in charming arrangement of lovely flowers. The game was full of pleasure and interest, after which refreshments in several courses completed the very charming occasion made pleasant by the cordiality of the accomplished hostess.

### A Runaway.

An unusual incident occurred on our streets last Friday evening which came near being fatal. Two horses attached to a light vehicle became frightened and dashed down Main street and turned east on Front street, gaining speed at every bound, and finally landed against the railings in front of General Royster's residence. Two men accompanied the horses part of the way, one escaping over the wheel, but Mr. Andrew Kittrell accompanied the turnout all the way, and seeing the abutment ahead of him he braced himself the best he could and awaited the crash, which came, and he crawled from beneath the debris unscathed. So far as Mr. Kittrell is concerned it is a good thing that all the streets in Oxford have abrupt endings, else he would have gone either to Wake or Vance county.

### Hurt Playing Ball.

In a game of baseball between the Warrenton High School and Horner team, played at Horner Park Saturday afternoon a pitched ball, in the early stages of the game, struck Lee Gooch, the idol of Oxford's athletic world, in the temple and felled him to his knees, but with a heroic effort he regained his feet and resumed the play, but only to go down and out. Two hundred or more witnessed the disqualification of the athlete; he was removed to seclusion and Dr. S. H. Cannady was summoned, and after a careful examination he pronounced that the blow was serious but not necessarily fatal, and later in the evening he was removed to his home on Main street, where a number of his friends called on Sunday to inquire and sympathize. Dr. Cannady assures us that his patient is getting along alright and that with careful nursing, of which his sister, Miss Lizzie, is an adept, and the wonderful physique and recuperative powers of the athlete a complete recovery is a matter of only a few days.

The hall game, barring the accident of Mr. Gooch, was a very tame affair, the score being 11 to 1 in favor of the Horner team.

### Orphan Who Has Made Good.

Many of our readers have read of George Marcellus Bailey, the famous editor of the Houston Post, one of the greatest papers of Texas. It will surprise most of them to know that this great Texas editor was an Oxford Orphan Asylum boy and belonged to the singing class that used to travel over North Carolina with Mr. John H. Mills. He is a native of Iredell county.—Charity and Children.

### Musical Entertainment.

The younger pupils of Mrs. John Booth's music class gave an entertainment Friday evening in the auditorium of the Graded school, and on Monday evening the older pupils entertained. Both recitals were finely rendered and each scholar reflected much credit upon the thorough training under their very able teacher. In their beautiful white costumes the doll drill was rendered very attractively and gave much pleasure to all.

### Back Lots.

The Charlotte Observer notes that in the Queen City violets have taken the place of "filth, and garbage and trash" in many back yards. What a change is this and how agreeable it would be if it were to become the practice in Oxford! The trouble with us lies not so much in unkept back yards of dwelling lots as in unkept back lots of business houses. These unkept lots are not only unsanitary and unsightly, but they frequently constitute a perfect fire-trap.

### Live Progressive Oxford.

A representative of the Durham Sun spent last week in Oxford. He was impressed with the live progressive spirit seen on every hand, in fact the little city is taking on new life and enjoying great industrial activity. Their Commercial Club has been doing some excellent work, and has increased its membership 100 per cent. since the first of this year, and have secured several new enterprises, and this organization is mainly responsible for the new business life that is making the city hustle.

### A Number are Immersed.

Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon, pastor of the Baptist Church, is preaching to large congregations at every service, and often people are unable to gain admittance, although a thousand can be comfortably seated in the Church. The Church authorities realize that more room is needed under the very able ministry of their pastor, and are devising ways to meet the ever increasing demand. They recently built a handsome baptistry to the left of the pulpit, in full view of congregation, and on Sunday night last there were thirty-five immersions.

### Graded School Program.

May 10, concert by Primary and Intermediate Grades at 8.15 p. m.  
May 12, sermon by Dr. John B. Winn, of Danville, Va., at 11 A. M.  
May 16, presentation of diplomas and class day exercises at 8.15 P. M.  
May 17, annual address, Judge R. W. Winston, of Raleigh.  
The sermon will be preached in the Methodist church. All other exercises will be held in the school auditorium. The public is invited to all these exercises.

### At the Opera House.

The program to be presented at the opera house Thursday evening at 8.15 promises to be attractive one to music lovers. Misses Webb, Whittaker, White, Ormerod and Rev. S. K. Phillips will be the soloists for the evening, and nine of Oxford's best talent will present selections from the cantata "Esther." The cantata is beautiful and inspiring. It is a story of Esther pleading for her people, the Jews. The score presents fine opportunities for solo, duet, quartette and chorus work. Every lover of music should patronize this concert.

### A Wrong Interpretation.

A citizen who appreciates a good joke told a Weekly reporter a good one the other day. He said a country man and a town man were in front of the post office rubbering at one of the Carnival signs on the telephone post near Dr. McGehee's office. The sign read: "Carnival all next week," but the country man, whose eyes are rather weak, read it: "Granville all next week," and asked the town man what it meant. "I don't know," replied the town brother, "unless it means Kitchin will speak in Granville all next week."—Reidsville Weekly.

### Grand Lodge Meets.

Reports to the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, which met in Raleigh yesterday, shows that 266 subordinate lodges, with 16,042 members have total lodge assets of \$321,211, a gain of \$25,915 for the year; that the lodges have paid out for relief work \$27,680; that the total receipts of the subordinate lodges for the year were \$136,134, and total disbursements \$127,261. Among those present from Oxford are: Gen. Royster and Mr. H. M. Shaw, past grand masters; Messrs. Frank Blalock, representative, and L. B. Turner, alternate, of the Oxford Lodge. Governor Kitchin welcomed the order to the capital city in his usual happy style.



### The Gossip Says.

Mr. Nat Faucett, was in town Monday.

Mr. Long, of Roxboro, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. W. R. Harris spent Sunday in Henderson.

Mr. B. T. Harris, of Hester, was in town Monday.

Mr. Lewis Jones, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. Cary Parham, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. S. Green, of Stem, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Roy Crews, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. J. Brummitt, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Renn, of Route 6, was on our streets Monday.

Mrs. Salls, of Route 4, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Chisholm, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, was on our streets Monday.

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

Mr. Geo. Royster, of Providence, was in town Monday.

Mr. W. L. Umstead, of Knap of Reeds, was in town Monday.

Mr. John Bullock, of Bullock, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Fuller, of Wilton section, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. W. Conway, of Franklinton, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. J. T. Morton, of Route 4, was a town visitor Saturday.

Dr. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Charley Wheeler, of Providence, was in town Saturday.

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

Mr. Roy Badgett, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. S. T. Parrott, of Hester, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. E. N. Clement, of Route 1, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. C. J. Roberts, of Knap of Reeds, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Lester Montague and daughter, are on a visit to Norfolk.

Mr. Graham Smith, of Tar River, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Henry Dixon, of Knap of Reeds, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Hugh Fleming, of Northside, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. L. W. Parham, of Oak Hill township, was in town Monday.

Mr. S. H. Allen, of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Dorsey Mangum, of Creedmoor section, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parham, of Route 5, were in town Saturday.

Mr. J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Abner Newton and son, of Wilton, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. D. Y. Cooper, Jr., of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. James Elliott, of Oak Hill section, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Currin, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Miss Hattie Harris, of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Wilton, were Oxford visitors the past week.

Mr. Thos. Husketh, of Wilton, was among the crowd in town Saturday.

Mr. John Daniel and son, of Route 3 Stem, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Miss Kate Lee Gooch, of Stem, was the guest of Miss Hettie Lyon Saturday.

Mr. Ernest Yancey, of Oak Hill township, was among the town visitors Monday.

Mr. R. G. Stem, of Hester, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, was in town a few hours Monday.

Mrs. Dudley Bonitz left Monday morning for her home in Chicago. She will be met by Mr. Bonitz at Lynchburg, Va.

### The City on a Hill.

It is one of the strange things of this life that Oxford is not the largest city in North Carolina to-day. For years and years our little town has stood second in point of health in the United States. This is one of the most valuable assets, and we are found wanting in the ancient adage that "God helps those who help themselves." There was a time in the long ago when one of the large institutions of the State was looking for a healthy location, and there was no one here who would herald to the world our nationwide reputation of being the second healthiest section in this broad land; there was in the long ago those who tried to divert the natural course of a trunk line through Oxford for fear their slumbers would be disturbed, and there was a time when the hearts of timid men trembled at the thought of bringing to this community a lot of orphan children, believing it a scheme to make "little Athens" the dumping ground of North Carolina. The only thing that was needed at that particular period in the history of the dear old town was a few first class funerals. Things have luckily changed for the better, and now we have a live commercial organization domiciled on College street ready to refute any false assertions or tendencies. The choking off of false impressions means much towards our future development, but the live and energetic fibre in our Commercial organization stands as a pillow of light on a hill. They have day dreams and visions by night, backed by a knowledge that Oxford is the most healthful point save one in the whole domain, and in their visions they can see broad avenues lined with villas, the hills and the valleys dotted with manufacturing plants, and above the din and roar of the city is reflected the myriads of lights which is seen in every direction for miles and miles, denoting that there is something within our borders that is worth while. The commercial organization knows that our magnitude depends upon the live wires—the constructive men—to keep at work and not slacken in their enterprise; they know that Oxford is bound to grow if our men make the most of the advantages and possibilities which each and every community possesses in different particulars. There was a time in the history of Greensboro when her citizens were thoroughly aroused because they did not have the banking facilities to land and hold a large corporation seeking a location. There was only \$50,000 in the old Wilson & Shober bank and about \$40,000 in the other defunct bank, which constituted the bulk of Guilford's available wealth. Our hearts swell with pride when we look at our banks and our bondholders and know that they can count out here in Oxford and Granville county \$2,000,000. A town is what its people make it; its reputation is the reputation of its business men, and when a town enjoys the reputation of being a wide-awake and progressive place it simply is another way of saying that its citizens are enterprising and progressive. Oxford gets its reputation from what her citizens have done for it and will continue to do. A thousand or more men at a salary of from \$2 to \$5 a day would make things move along at a rapid rate.

### CLOSING OF AUTOMOBILE CONTEST.

at Hamilton's Drug Store at 12 o'clock noon, May 10. Remember we are also giving fifteen China Sets for the next highest number registered to the winner of the Automobile. All votes must be cast at the Drug Store by noon on 10th. Please send in your votes counted and sealed in package with your name and number on outside and a slip inside showing exact amount of votes and also containing your name and number. This will aid us in a quick and accurate count. HAMILTON DRUG CO.

PISTOL LOST—A hamerless Smith & Weston pistol on College street. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at Public Ledger office.

Mr. E. B. Cozart, of Tally Ho township, was among the farmers in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bradsher, of Shady Grove, were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. Sam Lyon, one of the leading citizens of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Charlie Brown, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Mr. L. Hunter and daughter have returned from a visit to relatives in South Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. W. T. Blackwell and two fine looking daughters, of Route 1, were on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Mr. R. H. Rogers, one of the wide-awake business men of Creedmoor, was on our streets a short time Monday.

Our good old friend, Mr. J. N. Tilley, of Knap of Reeds, was in Oxford Saturday and we enjoyed a visit from him.

Capt. W. H. White left Sunday morning to attend the veterans reunion in Macon, Ga. He will spend a few days in Augusta, Ga., with relatives and will also spend a few days in Fayetteville with Maj. E. R. MacKethan. He was accompanied by Mr. Newman Fuller,