

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

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A Smash Up.

An automobile containing four big black negroes came sailing into Oxford from the east Wednesday afternoon, each one wearing a boutonniere pinned to the lapel of his coat. They secured the automobile from Mr. S. C. Vann, of Franklinton, for the purpose of attending the commencement at Mary Potter school. On reaching Oxford they circled around about the town for all the world like blind buzzards seeking a place to roost, stopping long enough in transit about our streets to let two of the hilarious party get out, but Mitchell and Winston again took up the mad rush and sailed out Raleigh road, touching only the high places, but when they reached the colored Orphan Asylum it occurred to them that the Seaboard train from Henderson was due and they turned about and hastened to the station expecting to pick up two black pinks at that point and enter upon one long and glorious joy ride, but all things must have an ending, and this time it was necessary for the two black bucks to strike something good and solid to bring them to a just appreciation of the law, and now they must answer to his Honor Mayor Brummitt, for transgressing the speed limit, navigating without headlights, and for hindering the buggy of Mr. J. F. Meadows, which was standing at the Seaboard station when the black squadron halted. It is indeed fortunate that no one was hurt by the half-stuffed negroes in their mad rush through our street and at the railway station. The driver of Mr. Meadows' buggy was hurled fifteen feet across the track by the impact, but sustained no injury, and seeing the damage they had wrought the law-breakers speeded up the machine and disappeared into the darkness, and it was believed that they left the county by a circuitous route to the northwest, but there are men in Oxford who are familiar with the haunts of the Franklin county coons and by locating the moon and consulting their watches they knew exactly where they could be captured in the small hours, and guided by a superior knowledge these men went out into the darkness, determined to vindicate the law, and led them to a cage in the town building. His Honor Mayor Brummitt fixed an hour on Thursday morning for the hearing, and the two unfortunate colored men were liberated under a \$200 bond each to answer to the charges Monday next.

Only 12 Men Debarred.

Sheriff Sam Wheeler, who are glad to say, reports that not over 12 white men in Granville county will be deprived of their vote by failure to pay poll tax by the first day of May. He has made an excellent collection this year, the increase in the amount over last year by about \$14,000. The school alone will show an increase of \$5,000. A good portion of this amount comes from the increased valuation on railroad property. This is one among the good things that Judge Graham brought about while a member of the Legislature--making the railroads bear their part of the burden of taxation.

An Excellent School Officer.

Prof. J. F. Webb, superintendent of County Schools, has closed a very successful school year. There has been a substantial increase in attendance; and the teachers are capable and untiring in their work and the pupils have been greatly benefited by the enthusiasm manifested by the county superintendent of schools and all those who are interested in their welfare. The school board is composed of such good and capable men as Dr. J. A. Morris, Dr. E. B. Meadows and Mr. Titus Curran. Prof. Webb is a very capable, systematic worker, and by a close application to duty along well defined lines he is successful in bringing the public schools of Granville county up to a high standard of efficiency. He is not only a capable and efficient school officer but is a model citizen, ever progressive and at all times urging the best interests of the county and the town in which he resides.

The Court and Judge Carter.

Superior Court continued in session all the week without clearing up the civil calendar. Quite a number of cases have been tried or otherwise disposed of, some being settled without a jury trial and others consuming a great deal of time. Judge Carter has done all that he could to expedite business and has been making a strenuous effort to clear up the calendar. We learn that he has made a very favorable impression upon both bar and the general public. The lawyers say that he is eminently just and fair and has a wide knowledge of the law. This has been shown on a number of occasions where the point at issue between alert and learned counsel has been too complicated and fine for ordinary comprehension. Personally, the Judge is of a genial and pleasant nature and has made a large number of friends among our people here. We are gratified to learn that he will be re-nominated this year, this information having reached him while in Oxford, since there are no enemies against him in the Fifteenth district. We are sure that Granville will be glad to have Judge Carter back to hold its Court, will be in a few years.

LARGEST stock farmers implements in the county at Long-Winston Co.

HEARD AROUND THE CORNER.

Flour by any other name would cost as much.

Read sale of land advertised in another column by T. Lanier, Commissioner.

One swallow may not make a summer, but one grasshopper makes many springs.

His Woodland Majesty, King Mockingbird, is with us in all his warbling glory.

Mr. Zack Lyon has had the front porch of his residence on College street repainted.

Ah! if men but knew in what a small dwelling Joy can live, and how little it costs to furnish it.

The first whippoorwill of the season was heard a few days ago, which means that spring is here at last.

Hello George, we take it you have discarded the winter croak as glorious spring is with us once more.

Salt River will need a wise bosom to accommodate all the voyagers who are booked for June and November.

The leaves were grown by the 10th of May, and just now Oxford is one of the prettiest towns in the State.

Mr. Thomas Pruitt, who has been suffering several days with a carbuncle on his neck, is much improved.

Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield will hold service in St. Paul's Church, Goshen, Sunday next at 3:30 p. m. All are welcome.

"Loves makes the light that leads us on
Through all the hopes and dreams;
Love is the light at last that leads
Where life eternal gleams."

The Town Regulator has been very busy this week trying to straighten out a few kinks that do not suit his royal highness.

The town is sorely afflicted with some very bad mud holes, which should receive the prompt attention of Town Authorities.

Oh, I can bake you sweeter songs
That ere were sug of old!
I've got a soul all full ob lub
Add a head all full ob cold!

Mrs. Henry Critcher returned a few days ago from a Richmond hospital where she was operated on for appendicitis. We are pleased to learn that she continues to improve.

Let us encourage that spirit which is sweeping the land today, looking to the betterment of those who toil and struggle and earn their daily bread in the sweat of their honest faces.

Ladies don't forget that today, Saturday, is "Hotpoint Day" at the Oxford Ice Company and you are cordially invited to call and see the convenience of electric heating. See advertisement on 4th page.

Mr. J. R. Hall has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Oxford Furniture Company. The Company is fortunate in securing his services as he is a fine business man and excellent gentleman.

A Chicago woman wants a divorce because her husband called another lady "Morning Glory" and "Honey Bunch." The "Morning Glory" might have been overlooked, but "Honey Bunch" was a little strong.

An Apache proverb says there are four kinds of men: He who knows and knows he knows; he who knows and knows not he knows; he who knows not and knows not he knows not; and he who knows not and knows he knows not. Which kind are you?

Dr. Alexander P. Tyler has returned from Henderson where he conducted revival services for several nights. We learn that the series of sermons delivered by the Doctor were strong and convincing and that the meetings were largely attended and much good was accomplished.

Ethel, up in the morning,
Spirit of love and spring;
Ethel, lithe as the willow,
Voice like the birds that sing;
Ethel, pretty Ethel, full of sunshine,
Sparkling like drops of dew;
Ethel, Ethel, oh, petite Ethel!
This is a song for you.

Messrs. R. G. Pace and E. G. Moss have purchased from Mr. Filmore Adcock his home on Cherry Hill and his farm of 78 acres near town, the price paid was \$5,500 or about \$60 per acre. It is said to be very fine tobacco land. We learn that Mr. Adcock will return to his farm near Creedmoor.

We learn that the popular Mr. E. T. Crews, who has been connected with J. G. Hall's Drug Store for a number of years, has accepted a position with the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co., and will take the road in the interest of that Company. We join his many friends in wishing him great success in his new field of work.

Today, Tuesday, being Memorial day the banks are closed.

We learn that Mr. Elbert Crews has purchased from Mr. H. J. Council the vacant lot next to his residence on Gilliam street.

The Granville Grays Chapter Tuesday morning placed wreaths of flowers on Confederate Monument and decorated the soldiers graves in both cemeteries.

The Crosses of Honor which were to be presented to Old Veterans by the Daughters of the Confederacy on the 10th, will be presented on June 3rd, Jefferson Davis' birth day.

We feel sure Granville county will contribute its part towards the erection of the monument to the late beloved Charles B. Aycock, the Educational Governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Otto Daniel, Secretary of Farmers Union, reports that over 1,000 tons of fertilizers have already been distributed to members. Through cash payment a saving of \$3 a ton was the result.

The old veterans who were injured in a wreck the other day while enroute to the reunion at Macon are getting along nicely. Accidents and calamities of this nature occur almost every year. It does look as if fate might save these old fellows who went through fire and brimstone for four years.

Who has seen God? No one. Moses saw something that he thought was God. He saw a manifestation of God's presence. If God is a spirit, as he must be, he cannot be seen. Some people think they can see God in nature, in the trees, the plants and vines, in the sunshine, in the starlight, in the storm, in the hurricane.

In the old days the town used to keep a man who went all over town and lighted the oil lamps, making another journey in early morning to put them out, but electricity has done away with this need. However, he might get a job going around town filling up bad smelling mud holes and keep the drains unstopped.

An Alabama editor who has no occasion to visit in Tennessee, anyhow, prints the following: "A woman in a Tennessee town recently gave a 'white elephant party,' to which each of her eighteen guests was required to bring something for which she had no use, but couldn't well dispense with. Eleven of the eighteen brought their husbands."

Dr. John B. Winn, pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist Church, Danville, Va., will preach to the children of the Oxford Graded School in the Methodist Church on Sunday. Dr. Winn is one of the foremost preachers of Virginia, having served as pastor many of the leading churches of that State. He is a brilliant speaker and those who are to hear him in Oxford have an intellectual treat in store.

"A little bit more of waiting,
A little bit more strife;
A little bit more of trusting,
A little bit more of life;
A little bit more of shadow,
A little bit more of song;
A little bit more of worry,
Of trying to still keep strong,
A little bit more of failure,
A little bit more of gain;
And what do we care, my masters,
So love's at the end of the lane!"

The following members of the Granville Grays left Wednesday for Raleigh to take part in the Third Regiment Competitive Rifle Match, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and hope they will win prize: Lieut. E. E. Fuller, Sergeant Leo Bynum, Sergeant M. C. Parham, Corporal Roy V. Averett, Corporal G. C. Nicholson, Musician, W. E. Chappell, Cook, John W. Mangum, Privates J. M. Burwell, D. L. Kearney and Claud Wheeler.

Presbyterians and Methodists.

There will be no 11 o'clock service at the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, and no 8 o'clock service at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Both Sunday Schools will meet as usual. Dr. Winn, of Danville, will preach to the school children at the Methodist church in the morning, and will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit at the evening service.

Honor to Granville Boy.

At a meeting of the Governing Board of the Trinity Chronicle held last Saturday night, Mr. A. T. Knott, of Oxford, was elected Business Manager for next year.

The Chronicle is easily among the best college weeklies published in the South and it is no small honor to have the direction of its financial responsibility. Mr. Knott is a Granville boy who will take an A. B. degree at Trinity next year and is among the most popular men in college. Of him the Durham Sun says: "Mr. Knott is well known in college as a man of good business and executive ability. He has been assistant business manager of the Chronicle for the last four months and is familiar with all the details of its affairs."

We feel sure that he will make one of the most capable managers that has ever had charge of the paper, and congratulate him on the honor bestowed upon him in being elected to this position.

Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club met with Mrs. J. G. Hall Tuesday afternoon. The papers were "Eugene Field--Journalist and Poet," by Mrs. E. T. White, and "Rudyard Kipling--Thoughts on the Influence of Heredity and Environment," by Mrs. B. K. Hays. A delightful variation of the usual program was a vocal solo by Miss Edna White, "Little Boy Blue," (Field) with Miss Mary Webb at the piano. Refreshments were served.

Corporation Commissioner.

The candidacy of ex-Judge George P. Pell, of Winston-Salem, for State Corporation Commissioner is meeting with a hearty response all over the State. He is able and fearless, and would fill the place with credit to the Commonwealth. Friends all over the State are urging Judge Pell for the office vacated by Hon. S. L. Rodgers, and after a careful examination of his spotless record, and knowing his qualities as we do the Public Ledger takes pleasure in endorsing him as being eminently worthy to fill the office. We point with pride to his judicial career; he is an authority on law, and the people of Granville county will make no mistake in supporting him.

Commencement Exercises.

Invitations have been issued by the faculty and graduating class of Oxford College to the sixty-second annual commencement, May 19-21. The program follows:

Sunday morning, May 19--Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro.
Sunday evening, May 19--Sermon before Y. M. C. A., Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, synodical evangelist of the Southern Presbyterian Church.
Monday, May 20--Class day.
Tuesday, May 21--Commencement day. 11:00 a. m., graduating exercises. Address, Prof. E. W. Sikes, Ph. D. 1:30 p. m., art reception. 5 p. m., annual concert.

Commissioners Meet.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday with Chairman Lassiter, B. I. Breedlove, H. C. Floyd and W. P. Wilkerson present.

J. B. Powell, the efficient clerk, read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved.

W. S. Dickerson was permanently exempted from road duty on account of physical disability.

Mrs. Francis Ball was granted permission to enter the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

Humphrey Lockard was ordered put on the outside pauper list at \$1.00 per month.

H. D. Mangum was allowed \$5 damages caused by road in Brassfield township.

The annual appropriation of \$50 was made to the Edwards Hose and Ladder Company of Oxford.

Francis Hockaday was ordered put on the outside pauper list at \$1.00 per month.

It was ordered that Mr. T. Lanier be given the rent of office now occupied by him for a period of two years from April 1, 1912, the consideration being the repairing of said office costing Mr. Lanier \$158.56.

Good Thing for Oxford.

A little over a year ago some of Oxford's most progressive citizens conceived the idea that Oxford needed a B & L Association, and rightly so; and they began to discuss the idea, which grew in importance with the discussion until the Commercial Club took the matter up, and the result was the organizing of the Oxford Building & Loan Association, which association is now in operation in Oxford on the most approved plan, the plan that has been thoughtfully and ingeniously worked out, tested and pronounced by authorities to be safe, sound and ideal in its purpose.

Unlike most organizations, it offers its services and advantages to all the people of Oxford alike, irrespective of sex, color, creed or nationality. It is purely mutual in its nature, and essentially benevolent. It offers advantages no where else to be had, of which the people of Oxford should unreservedly avail themselves, thereby benefiting themselves and aiding in the promotion of an enterprise that may not be improperly called a public benefaction. The work of the association is mostly done by the stockholders without charge, the association providing no high salaried office; so every stockholder, when an opportunity presents itself, should not fail to speak a good word to his friends, thereby carrying out the idea of its mutuality, being pecuniarily to your interest to do so. The Oxford Building and Loan Association merits your patronage and encouragement and invites your acquaintance. Call at the office and get a little folder, setting forth in detail the plan of its working and acquaint yourself therewith, as it is one of those things that improves on acquaintance. The more intimate the knowledge of its advantages the better appreciated. It is not operated for the benefit or profit of any one man, or set of men, but for all alike.

PATAPSCO and ZELL'S guano for corn and tobacco. Acid Phosphate, Kaint, Nitrate Soda, at Long-Winston Company.

The Gossip Says--

Mrs. Alice Callis is on a visit to her son in Richmond.

Mr. Thomas Hunt, of Tar River, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Louis Daniel, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Norfleet Crews, of Dabnev, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. D. J. Breedlove, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Evans, of Route 4, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Coley Gill, of Stovall, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. B. T. Hicks, of Bullock, was on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Mildred Wheeler, of Providence, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Thomasson, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. M. Farabow, of Stem, was in town Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Richard Gooch, of Route 1, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. C. D. Morris, of Wilton, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Rom Jenkins, of Brassfield township, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. T. A. Royster, of Bullock, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. M. L. Oakley, of Providence, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Floyd, of Route 3, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, was on our streets Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bullock, of Stem, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Moses King and child are visiting relatives in Washington, N. C.

Mr. W. J. Downey, of Route 7, was among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Miss Ellen Usry and Mr. Suit, of Wilton, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Messrs. S. V. and Will Morton, of Route 4, were on our streets Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washington, of Tally Ho, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. G. Lassiter have returned from a visit to Hendersonville.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin, a member of the Louisville bar, attended our court this week.

Mrs. Louis de Lacroix attended the Episcopal Convention at Durham this week.

Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield attended the Episcopal Convention in Durham this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bullock, of Stem, were among the Oxford shoppers Wednesday.

Mr. Will Humphries, of Berea, was in Oxford Thursday and called on the editors.

A Granville Boy.

Capt. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., who so ably and acceptably served as Senator from Guilford county last session, will be returned to the Legislature. From present indications it would seem that he will have the field all to himself. He is making friends all over the State and ere long we will find the Granville boy even in higher places.

New Superintendent Elected.

Prof. J. A. Pitts has been elected superintendent of the Oxford graded school. Mr. Pitts has for the past four years been principal of the Creedmoor high school and has demonstrated his ability as a school superintendent. The new superintendent is not only an instructor of rare ability, but he is typical of the old masters with new and enlarged ideas brought down to date. The present superintendent, Mr. J. R. Conley, has served acceptably for four years, and had the love and confidence of the children. The Public Ledger wishes him well in his new field of labor, and we extend to Prof. Pitts a cordial welcome to our town.

Horner Team Leads.

In a game full of snap and ginger, and featured by brilliant team work, Horner defeated Trinity Park School by the score of 3 to 2 in Durham on Wednesday last. This game, it was understood, would decide the preparatory championship of North Carolina, and the Horner team, backed by the superior knowledge and skill of Lee Meadows, who never loses his head in a contest, journeyed to Durham determined to tare the old bull's picture from the wall. They found the Methodist boys determined and ready for the battle, but they were lacking in headwork, despite which they made a good showing, but the brawny arms of Lee Meadows was too much for the Methodists. Fitzgerald kept hits well scattered except for one inning and the catching of Lowe was good.

Too Many of a Kind.

There would be at least a dozen swell weddings in Oxford this fall if the old bachelors would stand aside long enough for some of the younger men to muster up courage enough to argue the point with those for whom their hearts yearn. Seeing a young man standing in the shadow of a large oak tree in front of an elegant mansion last night we inquired if there was any trouble in the air "No, not now," he said, "but that big old bachelor you see talking to my girl on the porch had better let her alone or there will be something doing in the old town; there are about a dozen of them in Oxford, and when they get a girl in a corner there is no earthly chance for a young fellow. I think that every bachelor should be compelled to wear a big red button in the lapel of his coat, or some other punishment meted out to him."

The Musical Entertainment.

The Presbyterians gave a concert in the opera house Thursday night, which was pronounced by the very large and appreciative audience to be one of the best entertainment of fine music ever given here. The rendition of piano solos by Miss Mary Webb and Miss Whitaker, of the faculty of Oxford College, were splendidly rendered; the fine contralto voice and beautiful songs by Miss Ormerod, of the faculty of the Oxford College, was a leading feature of the program. The classical music of the entire evening was rendered in accomplished style. Mrs. S. K. Phillips and Miss Carrie Hobgood were perfect in rendition of accompaniments; Misses Daniels, Parham, Edna White, Evelyn Howell and Hattie Webb added to the success of the choruses. Rev. S. K. Phillips sang with perfect success a beautiful solo and in response to prolonged applause sang a "Lullaby." Messrs. Couch, Tommie Howell and Gibson Howell added much to the success of the concert. The entertainment scored a success financially.

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WE HAVE a few real bargains to offer in second hand buggies to quick buyers. Long-Winston Co.

Mr. T. T. Hicks, of the Henderson bar, is attending Granville Superior Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Overton, of Hester section, were in Oxford shopping Tuesday.

Mr. E. P. Buford, of Lawrenceville, and Mr. Palmer, of Emporia, Va., were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Messrs. J. C. Peace and Chas. Speed, of Brassfield township, were numbered among the Oxford visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Averett and two daughters, Carrie and Rowan, near Creedmoor were on our streets Thursday.

Miss Mamie Royster, who has been teaching in the Graded School at Shelby will return home today to the pleasure of her many friends.