



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

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Looking Down on Granville.

If one should enter an aeroplane and ascend one fourth of a mile into the air above the town, the very first things to claim and hold his attention would be that all roads lead to Oxford. Should he glide out to Enon Church, four miles west of Oxford, he would be at the geographical center of Granville county, and if it was possible to make a picture of the whole county, with its varied colors, the woodlands, the streams and the numerous towns and villages while hanging in the air above Enon, what a picture we would possess! Towns, villages, winding streams, pretty homes and model farms would engage our attention, and if it was on either Wednesday or Saturday morning we would see Uncle Sam's rural carriers halt in every nook and corner of the county to hand out the Public Ledger. In many of the most prosperous sections scarcely a home would be missed. But there is another and a better angle from which to view the grandeur of old Granville--the era of small farms, and when that period arrives along with an intense system of farming our verdant hills and fertile valleys will blossom as the rose. Cast your mind's eye over the landscape and see how natural the sun kisses the hills around Virginia, Stovall, Bullock and Cornwall--Deer Pond Branch, Johnson Run, Beech Creek, Spewnarow Branch and Little Island Creek flows to the north and enter Roanoke River, mark how effectively the gentle breezes distribute the quintessence of ozone from the fresh lawns and sylvan blades in Oxford; how majestically Tar River sweeps across the county a little to the south of the center portion in a south-easterly direction carrying in its wake the waters from Bullen Run, Owen Creek, Cattaik Branch, Gibbs, Ford, Sand and Adcock Creeks, nature's most perfect drainage; notice the hills and valleys about Stem, the even-surface area around Creedmoor--Knop of Reed, Robertson, Ledge, Beeverdian, Smith and Newlight Creek sweeps to the southeast and finally empties into Neuse River. Surely nature was lavish in providing four rivers--Neuse, Tar, Dan and Roanoke--to water the fifty-two smaller streams of the county flow. Look where you may and you will not find a county on the United States map where nature has provided a more perfect watershed and adequate drainage to an inland county. Largely upon this theory rests the claim of the Government that Granville county ranks second in point of health to both man and beast.

In shape Granville county is almost a rectangle with a maximum length of 36 miles from north to south and a width of 16 miles. It comprises an area of 341,980 acres, or 522 square miles. Its surface features our county resembles Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, which, taken as a whole, is the prettiest county in our national domain. There is a reason for it. Back in the early days of Pennsylvania a large number of German people came over and settled as near the geographical center of the State as it was possible, so that they might found a colony after their own ideals, and they planned wisely. The county is square, and it contains 500 square miles, in the exact center of which they located the county seat and named it Lancaster--the name the county bears--and they at once proceeded to lay out farms, all of which were square and as near the same dimensions as was practical in the economy of things. The roads were arranged so as to encompass every farm in the county, and even at that early day many of them built stone-houses for themselves and their cattle. Everybody who planted fifty trees of a certain kind and dimension on the public highway was exempt from taxation for twelve months--save road duty. The county is somewhat older than Granville county, and has a population of something over one hundred and fifty thousand sturdy German people. One can scarcely purchase a farm in that county to-day at any price. And speaking of the high price of land it is well to relate an incident which occurred a little while ago. The commissioner of agriculture from a nearby State went over to Europe for the purpose of inducing a number of Scotch, English and German farmers of moderate means to come over to his State and purchase and operate small farms, and he was successful in locating quite a number on trucking lands that ranged anywhere from \$25 to \$70 per acre. On his return from his mission abroad the commissioner said that so many questions were put to him in club rooms and hotels about the price of lands in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and Granville County, North Carolina, two sections in which he was not interested, that he became embarrassed and told them that the gold leaf tobacco of the one section and the sheep-raising industry of the other section placed the land almost beyond the reach of mortal man.

Granville county possesses a great diversity of soils, and if farming was carried on under an intense system the product would easily support two hundred thousand people, and if all the land was cleared and the gullies filled we could do all this and more too without interfering with the large yield of tobacco.

WE HAVE them--lightest draft, highest speed, most durable mowers made, also steel rakes, at Long-Winston Co.

HEARD AROUND THE CORNER.

The noblest act is that of making others happy.

Childish laughter is the echo of sweet heavenly music.

This section was visited by refreshing showers Sunday night.

Read the administrator's notice of G. W. Rovster on the 4th page.

Nobody loves a quitter, and a straddler is just about as contemptible.

Somebody insists the children need fewer precepts and more good example.

Miss Jessie Perkinson, who has been quite sick, we are glad to learn is much improved.

Mrs. L. F. Smith now has the pleasure of taking her afternoon rides in a nice new surrey.

We call attention to sale of land advertised in another column by A. A. Hicks, Trustee.

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Every town has its knockers, but knockers can not keep a real progressive town from going ahead.

Mr. W. B. Ballou is getting material together for the erection of his handsome home on Gilliam street.

Mr. Luther Roberts and his street force are busy macadamizing Goshen and Cherry streets in West Oxford.

You can begin to think about getting ready to attend the celebration of St. John's Day at the Oxford Orphanage.

We believe that the Democrats will pick out a winner and we are for any Democrat that can win against the Republicans.

Our tobacco men are now putting in some quiet restful hours while the farmers are hustling to make another crop of tobacco.

Mr. John Haskins is improving his residence on Hillsboro street occupied by Mrs. J. F. Currin by the addition of a new front porch.

Master Edward Coble is carrying around several bruises on his body on account of being thrown from his bicycle a few days ago.

The poultry business requires study and constant attention, the same as any other business. First efforts are rarely ever successful.

Mr. W. J. Long has purchased a nice Cadillac Automobile from Mr. E. H. Crenshaw and will have many joy rides with the automobile brigade.

The question now arises: Have you heard whether some of our people have "wheels enough in their heads" to put a wagon factory in rolling in Oxford?

Mr. Nat M. Cannady informs us that the pond and surrounding land is free to all for the purpose of fishing, hunting and for outings and picnics.

Don't forget the fact that you have a right to your own religious and political belief--and bear in mind the other fellow has just as much right to his.

The farmer who can tell just what it costs to produce and market a crop is not so very common but when you do find such a man you find one who is a success.

Standing water on the streets or in your back yard breeds mosquitoes. Mosquitoes breed disease. Prevent the standing water and you will help to prevent disease.

The Kitchen men are trying to persuade themselves that Judge Walter Clark will not carry a single county, but they will find that he will not be the hindmost man in the race.

Mr. E. G. Couch, the excellent and painstaking manager of the Carolina Power & Light Company, wears a bright smile on his face as a bouncing young electrician has arrived at his home.

Dr. Benj. K. Hays will go to Hendersonville to attend meeting of State Board of Medical Examiners on Friday, June 7th, and will go directly from there to Buffalo Lithia Springs for the summer.

One dragging of the roads at the proper period immediately after they begin to crumble, following a shower, will do more good than a dozen draggings after the dirt becomes hard and packed.

Sunday was "Children's Day" at the Shady Grove Methodist Church and was largely attended. The children acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, and the singing was fine and greatly enjoyed by the large congregation. Quite a number of people from Oxford attended the pleasant exercises.

Coming and Going.

Miss Josie Grimsley, quite attractive young lady of Greensboro, is visiting Mrs. T. L. Booth on College street.

Rev. Mr. Horsfield will hold services in St. Paul's church, Goshen, next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All are welcome.

Mr. John Cawthron, one of the good looking men of Wilton, was in Oxford Monday and dropped in on the staff of the Public Ledger.

Miss Lizzie Moore, of Durham, Miss Katie Lee Gooch, of Stem, and Mr. McBrayer, of Asheville, were the guests of Miss Hettie Lyon the first of the week.

Mr. C. E. Shumway, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Salls, at the Oaks, for several weeks returned to her home in Champlain, N. Y., on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Marsh Daniel, of Route 1, was in town Saturday and treated himself to a handsome new buggy and harness from Long-Winston Co. He is one of the county's nicest young men, and is on the carpet girls.

Mr. George Stroud, of Wilton section, an old veteran of 88 years of age, attended the meeting of veterans in Oxford Monday, and we had the pleasure of a visit from him. We take it that he is the oldest veteran in the county.

Mr. W. H. Daniel, of Creedmoor, and one of the grand old heroes of the civil war, was in Oxford Monday and called on the "old man" and it was a genuine pleasure to us to see him again. He has reached his 81st year in life's journey.

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Salls, of the Oaks, have their two daughters with them for the summer. Miss Grace J. Salls, having returned from Buena Vista, Va., where she has taught Expression and Dramatic Art at Southern Seminary, and Miss Helen H. Salls having completed her junior year at Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va.

The Ball Game at Henderson.

Those who witnessed the base ball game at Henderson Saturday afternoon between the Oxford and Henderson teams declare that the Henderson team is not the equal of the Oxford team, the score standing 10 to 5 in favor of the home team. The Oxford boys assumed their respective positions with a smile on their faces, indicating that they regarded the outcome with little concern, and that they out-generated the Henderson team at every turn and scampered away with two to one in their favor is entirely in keeping with our expectation.

Marriage at Exchange Hotel.

On Sunday last about 12:30 o'clock the parlors of the Exchange Hotel was the scene of a happy marriage, the contracting parties being Mr. George Collins and Miss Jennie M. Spain, both of Mecklenburg county, Virginia. They were accompanied to Oxford by a number of friends. Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon made them one in a short but impressive ceremony in the presence of quite a number of ladies and gentlemen of Oxford. Miss Mary Webb gracefully played the wedding march. Of course Mr. L. F. Smith was in his glory and delights to see others made happy and accordingly secured the services of the handsome young minister.

Government Building.

Mr. G. D. Ellworth, of the Architect Department of the United States Treasury, was in Oxford Monday afternoon shaking hands with old friends. He had with him a profile of the new Government building for Oxford, which is of the colonial type and will have large granite columns in front. The building will present quite a handsome appearance, and will be constructed of granite and buff brick. Mr. Ellworth informed us that it was the intention of the Department to commence work on the building by August 1. This is good news for our people and will be received with pleasure.

Died Suddenly in Richmond.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. W. E. Morgan, who died last Saturday in a Richmond hospital of heart disease. She had been operated upon three weeks ago, and was fast recovering when suddenly summoned to enter the portals of the New Jerusalem, as she was a true Christian and served her Master faithfully to the end of life's journey. Her remains reached Henderson Sunday and were met there by Messrs. Upchurch & Currin, undertakers, and brought to Oxford and removed to the home of her brother, Mr. W. A. McFarland, on Asylum street, until Monday when they were conveyed to her old home near Berea and consigned to the tomb amid the tears of loved ones and neighbors to await the resurrection morn. She leaves behind a devoted husband and six brothers to mourn her death--W. A. McFarland, of Oxford; Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Suffolk, Va.; O. D. McFarland, of Meridian, Fla.; H. G. McFarland, Luther and Lester McFarland, of Berea.

400 Barrels Flour, car load Red Dog Ship Stuff the best grade; car load Bran and regular Ship Stuff, car corn and oats, four cars best hay. Full line heavy groceries, at Long-Winston Co.

Rev. W. H. Puckett Dead.

Rev. W. H. Puckett, a retired member of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, died in Smithfield on Saturday last. His last pastorate was at Sanford. He held a number of charges in the Eastern conference and was a faithful, consecrated minister. The deceased was for a number of years attached to the Oxford circuit and resided in Oxford, occupying a house on High street. Mrs. Puckett is a sister of Judge Pell, of Winston-Salem, and is prominently connected in the State.

Three Stingy Men.

It is said that three of the stingiest men in the state were in town some days ago. One of them will not drink as much water as he wants unless it be from another man's well. The second forbids any of his family from writing anything but a "small hand" as it is a waste of ink to make large letters. The third stops the clock at night in order to save wear and tear on the machinery. All of them decline to take their county paper on the ground that it is a terrible strain on their spectacles to read newspapers, even in the day time.

Meeting of Democratic Executive Committee.

The Democratic Executive Committee of the County is hereby called to meet in the Commissioners' room in the Court House, Monday, June 10th, at 12 o'clock m. The purpose of this meeting is to fix the time for holding the County Primaries and Convention to nominate candidates for the legislature and the County offices. Every member of the Committee is earnestly urged to be present and all candidates for these offices are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

D. G. BRUMMITT, Chairman.

The Difference.

Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel, only different. When a man goes into a hotel and finds something on the table which does not suit him he does not raise his hand with the landlord and tell him to stop his old hotel. Well, hardly. He sets that aside and wades into the dishes to suit him. It is different with some newspaper readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly, and without stopping to think it pleases hundreds of other readers, make a grandstand play and tell the editor how a paper should be run and what should be put into it, but such people are becoming fewer every year.

The Oxford Base Ball Club.

Those of us who are interested in the great national game of base ball are to be congratulated on the fine team Oxford has. It is composed entirely of local and college stars, and is a strong aggregation. On first base is "Jimmy" Leake, whose home is in Wadesboro, and who played first-base for the University of North Carolina this year; on second base Parker, of Raleigh, who played this position for Wake Forest College; at short stop is Claude West, an old Trinity College player. These with Waverley Harris on third made an infield the equal of any college team in the country. Herman Winston, who is leading the hitting, and Robinson, who hit so hard in Saturday's game, and Lee Gooch, Billy Mitchell, Bert Taylor, Charles Powell and Parham are too well known to the base ball public to need further mention.

Democracy Assailed.

The Public Ledger being a Democratic newspaper it is nothing more than right that we should speak up when the party is assailed. The perpetual bickering and the assault made on Senator Simmons' record is entirely out of place, uncalled for and unjust. The assertion that this paper receives money from Senator Simmons to urge his re-election to the United Senate is without foundation.

No one in the party, however great or small, should not go so far as to engage in invidious and assailable record of any man who has done as much for the Democratic party as has Senator Simmons. We heartily believe that many Democrats fail to let their minds go back to the days when the Democratic party in North Carolina was tottering and Senator Simmons came forth and placed his shoulder and his entire fortune against the trembling structure and saved it from utter ruin. That Senator Simmons' faithful service as chairman of the State Democratic Committee by virtue of his fidelity to party should be enough to close the carping mouth of those who claim to be ultra-Democratic in principle. Let there be less paying to the grandstand and more true Democracy infused into the Senatorial race. That Senator Simmons is the nominal head of the Democratic party both at Washington and of his State is sufficient to call forth praise, especially when it is known that he has been loyal to every trust imposed in him.

FOR RENT--Fine large pasture, can accommodate 25 head of cattle. Registered Jersey bull within. Terms reasonable. C. H. CHEATHAM, Route No. 3. [may 22.5t.]



Mrs. Titus Currin, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

Miss Ruth Mitchell is at home from school.

Miss Fannie Hays is at home from school.

Mr. John Hopkins, of Stem, was in town Saturday.

Mr. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

Mr. Sam Currin, of Stovall, was in Oxford Tuesday.

Mr. C. G. Mangum, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

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Mr. Herbert Faucett, of Bullock, was in town Monday.

Dr. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Nat Faucett, of Wilton, was a town visitor Monday.

Miss Murray left Tuesday for a visit to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. H. H. Latta, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Frazier, of Route 2 were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reves have returned from their bridal tour.

Mr. B. M. Caldwell, of Carolina Lodge, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Bradsher, of Shady Grove, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parham, of Providence, were in town Saturday.

Mr. Carl Adams spent several days the past week in Richmond.

Mr. B. F. Kronheimer, of Durham, was an Oxford visitor Friday.

Mr. B. F. Dean and family, of Route 4, were on our streets Monday.

Mr. T. J. Smith, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Miss Kate Hays has returned to her home in Oxford from teaching school.

Mr. John Webb and son have returned from a two weeks' stay in Richmond.

Messrs. Albert Crews and Robt. T. Crews, of Tar River, were in Oxford on Monday.

Rev. A. P. Tyer and Dr. E. T. White are attending Trinity College commencement.

Mr. J. D. Kinton, of Route 4, was in Oxford Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Daniel, of Tar River section, were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. Zack McGhee, of Lyon, was an Oxford visitor Monday and called on the Public Ledger.

The editors were pleased to receive a visit Monday from Mr. T. H. Speed and son Frank, of Wilton.

Mr. James Gooch, of Wilton, was among the town visitors Saturday and rolled home in a new buggy.

Mrs. W. P. Mercer, of Wilson, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. H. Fort on Raleigh street last week.

Mrs. W. E. Mulchi, and three children, of Norlina, were in Oxford Saturday and called on the editors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Skinner, of Smithfield, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Cannady on Main street.

Miss Gertrude Landis accompanied by Miss Gibson, of Philadelphia arrived in Oxford Saturday from New York.

Mr. J. W. Daniel, of Route 7, was an Oxford visitor Saturday and the "old man" had the pleasure of meeting him.

Mrs. B. T. Hicks and little granddaughter, Fannie Campbell, of Bullock, visited relatives in Oxford a few days ago.

Mr. Monroe Thomason, of Skipwith, Va., attended the meeting of the old veterans in Oxford Monday to the joy of his old comrades.

Messrs. J. Robt. Wood and Frank Fort are attending the meeting of the State Enbalmer's Association at Elizabeth City this week.

Confederate Veterans Honored.

Last Monday, Jefferson Davis' birthday, was observed in Oxford by the United Daughters of the Confederacy by bestowing crosses of honor upon a number of veterans of the Civil War. At the sound of the Court House bell, at 11, a.m. some fifty or more survivors of the war found their way to the court room and quietly took their seats, those receiving the bronze passing to the jury box. The gathering did not represent more than one-third of the veterans of Granville county, the remainder being detained at home on account physical ailments and other causes. The youngest veteran in the assembly was perhaps not much under seventy years old, while the oldest was hovering around eighty-eight, which vividly reminds us that the old veterans are gradually but surely passing on to their reward.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D. G. Brummitt, Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield invoking the divine blessing. Mr. James P. Taylor, youngest son of Mr. R. P. Taylor, of Oxford, was introduced. Mr. Taylor, though in his teens, drew a vivid picture of the hardship and sufferings encountered by the soldiers on the battle field. He delivered the soliloquy of the late John W. Daniel in such a manner as win much applause. Mr. Taylor is one of our coming young men and we wish him much success.

Mr. W. A. Devin, the orator of the day, delivered an address seldom surpassed in pathos, pleasing incident and historical data of "such days that speech men's souls. It was just such a triad as appeals to the senses of veterans--accurate, full of deep thought and human interest, touching Chocomauga, with a brief review of the life and works of the President of the Confederacy and the unjust punishment meted out to him, etc.

Those receiving crosses of honor were: J. J. Algood, J. R. Buchanan, James E. Currin, I. P. Currin, William Hart, Joshua Overton, W. B. Royster, W. L. Roberts, Joseph Norwood, G. B. Stroud, C. F. Currin, E. R. Thomason, W. F. Woody, A. D. Williams, D. G. Crews, W. H. White, T. H. Speed. Those who were not present at the time their names were called can get their medals by applying to Mrs. W. H. White, president Daughter of Confederacy. After the ceremonies the Daughters invited all veterans to partake of a sumptuous dinner which they had prepared and was greatly enjoyed by the old heroes.

Boiler Explosion--Three Killed

On Saturday morning last just before six o'clock seven miles southeast of Creedmoor, Mr. D. O. Pomeroy, of Graham, and two colored men employed at his saw mill were instantly killed by a boiler explosion. A third colored man was terribly mangled and has since died.

Mr. Pomeroy was operating a saw mill at the place where the accident occurred and he and the hands were preparing to start for the day when the explosion occurred. The accident was caused by turning water into the hot boiler. The boiler was fired up and had 200 pounds of steam on when the water was turned in. A terrible explosion followed, which was heard at Creedmoor, seven miles distant. The boiler was torn all to pieces, the entire plant wrecked and everybody within a distance of a hundred yards was killed. Fortunately other hands who were at work at the mill were at breakfast when the accident took place.

Mr. Pomeroy was killed instantly, being badly mangled. One of the colored men was blown almost to pieces, both legs being blown off and both arms badly mangled. The other colored man, who was sitting on the boiler at the time of the explosion was blown several hundred yard, and instantly killed.

The explosion was so severe that a great hole was torn in the ground where the boiler stood, and there was nothing left of the boiler except scrap iron. A big crowd from Creedmoor went to the scene of the accident. Mr. J. V. Pomeroy, of Graham, reached the scene of the accident and conveyed the remains of his brother to Graham, his old home, for burial.

Mr. J. V. Pomeroy, who was at one time manager and stockholder of the Oxford Electric and Water Works Co., is a brother of the deceased.

TAX NOTICE.

The books for Oxford Township and town of Oxford will be kept open at the Court House until June 15th. All who have not listed their taxes must do so by that time or they will be charged double tax. R. B. HINES, List Taker. June 1, 1912.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER.

At the solicitation of a large number of my Democratic friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Granville county, subject to the action of Democratic primary. [may 25 4t. pd] E. C. ALLEN.

CALL at Callis Carriage Shop next time in town and get his prices on painting and repairing your buggy.

WE HAVE THEM--Latest styles, top and open, runabout, steel and rubber tire buggies--harness to match--also surries and harness, at Long-Winston Co.

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