



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

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How Would We Look?

Without disparaging any particular spot in or around Oxford we would speculate on the old theory that there is a tide in the affairs of a town that causes it to expand westward sooner or later. We have only to look at the cities in our State to see the force of the assertion that the tendency is ever westward, and there is abundant reason leading to the belief that Oxford will not prove an exception to the general rule. Nature alone is responsible for the westward tendency, and it has left its indelible impress upon the destiny of Oxford to a remarkable degree. It is noticed that Oxford is built upon a ridge running north and south, on which is located many elegant homes that stand as a wall against the encroachment of business for all future generations. Some of the large and elegant estates may in after years contain two or more homes instead of the one of to-day, but nevertheless the ridge proper will be maintained and known as the old residential section. Nearly all the business of Oxford, too, is located in the geographical center of this ridge, and it is a question even at this early date in what direction the retail business will move as the town takes on new life and approaches a population enumerated by six figures. The present corporate limits of Oxford is large enough to contain a population of at least 12,000 people without crowding, and the present number of our business houses could be enlarged so as to supply the wants of this number of inhabitants, and it would be well for all concerned if there was a tendency to settle inside the corporate limits until we reach the low estimate of 12,000 people, which would guarantee a sufficient revenue from taxation to pave the sidewalks and streets from end to end, otherwise we can never hope to have these improvements. If the old residents of the town have failed to provide the necessary street improvements with the high rate of taxation which they are called upon to settle annually they should bear in mind that much depends upon numbers when it comes to putting on the finishing touches to a city. There are a number of elegant residences and lawns in Oxford spacious enough to satisfy the most fastidious millionaire—one the replica of old "Dunleath," a castle amid the bonny foot-hills of Scotland. These magnificent properties will always remain a blessing to Oxford, but new streets leading to a hundred beautiful knolls should be opened, and these adorned with homes before the western slopes of the town are converted into that little "Switzerland" that is vouchsafed to us when Oxford comes into her own. Those who have visited the crest of the hill that parallels Oxford on the west side are forcibly reminded when rounding the County Home and the Lassiter estate and the County Fair Grounds that this is an ideal plateau on which to locate the homes of the sturdy Swiss and French population that will ultimately settle here to engage in the manufacture of silk and to convert cotton into the finest of lace curtains. They receive handsome salaries, build neat cottages and live amid purple rhododendron flowers and small trellised vineyards. Oxford needs many things, but more than anything else she needs a system of small factories that will manufacture many needed articles and employ many men. This class of factories, along with the larger ones, will find locations in the "great divide" along the Southern Railway tracks, and the workmen who are imported to handle the output from the plants are apt to build their homes on the ridge west of the railroad, the nearest approach to the shops and factories that will occupy the valley, dividing the old town from the new town in such graceful curves as to make Oxford the prettiest and the best city in North Carolina. The "westward tendency" is the logical solution of a problem that will confront us sooner or later. The citizens of Oxford are by no means excitable, and should 1000 men arrive here tomorrow morning ready for work their advent would be hailed with pleasure, but there would be no land boom for the simple reason that there are very few properties listed for sale at any price. To be sure there are a number of elegant building sites in Ridley Park, and perhaps elsewhere in the corporate limits of Oxford that could be purchased at a reasonable figure, but this would not begin to accommodate one-tenth of the workmen that are required to operate one of the large plants that have consumed all the raw material in the frigid north and desire to find an ideal location in the mild and healthful atmosphere of the south where the raw material abounds. One would naturally inquire what would the eastern section of the old town be doing when Oxford comes into her own and the tendency to build westward sets in. In that event we would be able to settle up the idle property in the old town before the westward tide becomes irresistible. And with equal interest one would naturally wonder why some of the manufacturing plants would not locate down along the Seaboard track and check the westward trend, but the fact remains that Hunt's woods over on the east side of town is the logical place for a city park, and some day we may see street cars loaded with happy young people bent on pleasure move in that direction. Population alone will solve the "western trend" problem.

HEARD AROUND THE CORNER

"Business is brief with little doing" just now in Oxford. Mr. Joe Moore had the misfortune to lose his big hog Monday. Did we understand you to say that it was "not enough for you?" Mr. A. Williford pulled two negroes a few days ago for selling liquor. Mrs. Hannah Pinnix is having her residence on College street repainted. Every farmer's wife has a half dozen odd jobs laid up for him when it rains. We call your attention to the card of Dr. L. V. Henderson, Dentist, on the 4th page. Oxford needs more paved streets; it also needs the money in face of a high tax-rate. Take a day off Saturday and attend the annual celebration at the Oxford Orphanage. Many a girl makes a mistake of marrying out of a happy home into a boarding house. Old Sol is giving the earth an abundance of heat these days and the crops are growing fast. The residence of Mr. Sam Hobgood, on College, is one of the neatest painted homes in town. Thus far only one man has come out as a candidate for the thankless office of County Commissioner. The candidates for the different offices are very busy just now mingling with the voters of the county. We are pleased to learn that Mrs. E. G. Couch continues to improve to the great joy of her family and friends. The family of Mr. Henry Robards now occupy the Royster residence on Front street recently vacated by Mrs. Carbutt. The wheat crop in Granville is said to be the poorest in a number of years, and a large number of farmers will be forced to buy flour this year. The truth makes glad, The right makes sweet; Before them both See wrong retreat! The many friends of Dr. Nat. Daniel will be gratified to learn that he has resumed the practice of medicine in Oxford as stated in other column. Now boys if you are a lover of beautiful White Rabbits our dear little friend Tom Booth has some he wishes to swap off for the coin of the realm. Mother may I go out to swim? Yes, my darling daughter, But put on a two-piece bathing suit Or you can't go in the water. Mr. Sam Holman has returned from a hospital in Richmond where he was operated upon the second time for appendicitis, and is gradually recovering his strength. The Methodist Philatheas will sell lunch and ice cream at Owen Warehouse on St. John's Day. These young ladies are worthy of your patronage, so go and see them Saturday. Now is the time to suit your diet to the season. From now on until the coming cold weather you will need less meats and rich gravies and can make larger use of fruits and vegetables. The County Commissioners on their tour of inspection of roads in Durham, Wake and Franklin counties last Friday were side-tracked at Raleigh on account of the heavy rain, and returned to Oxford by rail. There will be a joint meeting of the Baracas and Philatheas of the Methodist Church at the church this Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of both classes is desired as business of importance is to be discussed. Concord Times says: Mr. Fred Patterson has gone to Oxford where he will play ball this summer with the Oxford team. Patterson is a classy young ball player and he will be a valuable acquisition for any amateur team. In our issue of June 15th we said that Sigma Lambda Society, of Saint Mary's School, Raleigh, was winner in the Inter-Society debate which came off early in May. It should have been told that one of the successful contestants was Miss Lina Lockhart, of the town of Wadesboro. The Long Company comes to the front with an advertisement on fourth page and we ask you to read it carefully. They say every person who purchases their dry goods, millinery, clothes and shoes from them will get the best values for the least money. This popular firm invite you to make their store headquarters St. John's Day, Saturday June 22nd, and a cordial welcome awaits you.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. R. E. Booth, who has been quite sick at her home on Raleigh street, is improving.

The Littleton and Oxford baseball teams crossed bats Monday afternoon at Horner Park, which resulted in a score of 9 to 1 in favor of Oxford.

If you wish to sleep with comfort and ease buy one of the choice mattresses made by the Stovall Mattress Co. at Louisburg. Read advertisement on the 4th page.

Judge and Mrs. A. W. Graham have gone to Valla Crucis to see Miss Mary Horner who, we are sorry to learn, is quite sick. We wish this splendid lady a rapid restoration to health.

Mr. W. J. Currin, who lives on Route 4, was bitten on the hand Friday by a small mad dog, and he at once rode to the home of Mr. Ben Thorp who applied his mad stone to the wound, which adhered and remained a short while. We hope Mr. Currin will not suffer any inconvenience from the bite.

The Oxford friends of Mr. Henry G. Shirley will be much pleased to learn that he has been promoted from road civil engineer of Baltimore county, Md., to that of State Engineer of Roads. A well merited promotion and the Public Ledger extends warm congratulations to Major Shirley.

Horner Brothers Co. wants you to call and see them St. John's Day, Saturday, and inspect their attractive line of buggies, surreys, wagons and harness as they are anxious to supply your needs in either one of these lines at bed rock prices. You cannot do better than to seize the opportunity to pick up bargains while they are going. Read their message to you on the 4th page.

Notice To Candidates.

The various candidates for nomination on the Democratic ticket in this county are requested to meet in my office next Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M. This meeting is for the purpose of naming the fees to be paid by candidates for the different offices and of arranging certain other details respecting the holding of the primaries and all the candidates are requested to meet me at the time and place named. D. G. BRUMMITT, Chairman.

Death of Mrs. Caroline Osborn.

Mrs. Caroline Osborn, the mother of Mr. C. D. Osborn, passed away last Monday night in the 87th year of her age. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and was greatly beloved throughout the entire community for a life spent in the service of the Lord. Oxford mourns the passing of this excellent lady who stood as an example for our citizens for upwards of a century. The funeral of this good woman will take place this Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. S. K. Phillips, and the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Visit the Stores Saturday.

Landis & Easton, the hustling Main street merchants, cordially invite all who attend the celebration in Oxford next Saturday to make their stores headquarters, as they are offering rare bargains in all lines of goods for summer wear. These stores are "Granville's County's Biggest, Busiest and Best Stores," and now is the time to supply your wants at reduced prices. Read what they have to say to you on the 4th page of this paper.

Northside Nuggets.

Mrs. Ropie Holloway spent Monday in Durham.

Miss Grace Fleming, of Lyon, is on a visit to Misses Bettie and Fannie Hall.

Mr. William Waller, of Chatham county is on a visit to relatives near here.

Mr. Aubery Clark, of Fuquay Springs, has returned home after visiting relatives here.

Miss Lola Walker, of Durham, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Wheeler.

Mrs. Mary Holloway and daughter, Miss Lily, of Durham, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. Angier Finger, accompanied by Mrs. John Roycroft, visited her daughter, Mrs. H. O. Coley, of Fuquay last week.

Mrs. David Daniel and children, of Raleigh, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Thomason, the past week.

Mr. Ed Aiken is suffering from an attack of black chills, it being a disease rarely heard of in this section of the county.

Mr. Robert Goss, of Lyon, and Miss Maggie Wheeler, of Route 2, were the guests of Mr. George Veazey Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Billie Tyer and Lee Gooch, of Oxford, Aiken Moore, of Raleigh, Hubert Sanderford and Baldy Hobgood, of Creedmoor, were visitors in our neighborhood Sunday.

State Normal.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year shows a steady growth in this institution devoted to the higher education of the women of North Carolina.

Including the Training School, the College last year had a total enrollment of 905 students. Ninety-one of the one hundred counties of the State had representatives in the student body. Two hundred appointments with free tuition, apportioned among the several counties according to school population, will be awarded to applicants about the middle of July. Students should make application as early as possible, as the capacity of the dormitories is limited.

An Unfair Game of Ball.

The Oxford base ball team went over to "the guano city" Saturday and crossed bats with the Henderson team. The game finally ended with Henderson decreasing 2 to 1 in their favor. The Oxford boys played a fine, honest game, but when the report was circulated to the effect that the umpire had money placed on the Henderson team it was enough to wilt the stoutest heart, but the home team maintained their dignity and played a fair game to the end, despite the "rough house" into which they found themselves. The sting of defeat, if such it could be called, does not in the least hamper the home team, other than that it nerves them to chastise the Henderson boys for their duplicity on Homer Athletic Field this (Tuesday) afternoon. Meadows for Oxford pitched a great game, striking out a dozen of men, and the other members of the team played in excellent form, and their loss is but a travesty.

Attempt to Rob Ticket Office.

Last Friday morning when Mr. Broadus Callis, ticket agent at the Southern Railway station, left the office to give his attention to a matter on the yard he was surprised to find on his return to the office that some one had broken the lock with a hammer. Mr. Callis made a hasty examination and found the contents of the office intact. Mr. Callis was recently advanced to the very responsible position of ticket agent, and the company had gone to the expense of putting a new lock on the office door. A couple of railway detectives of the Richmond division of the Southern Railway, in the guise of tramps, were here Saturday looking for a clue, and as a general thing it is only a matter of short duration before they land the guilty party. One of the detective is a white man and the other one is colored, and they cover the case in all its phases before giving it up.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, our Great Father has willed to remove from our midst our comrade and brother, J. O. Faucette; And whereas, it is desired by the members of this Council to give expression to the deep feeling felt by his brotherhood for deceased comrade. Therefore, be it resolved; 1st. That in the death of Brother Faucette this society has lost one of its most lovable members. True at all times to the principles he professed when he joined this organization, he brought into this hall a love for the tenets of this society second to that of no man who has come into our midst. Fresh-hearted and with clean, white soul he cheered us in our work, helped his struggling brother on the way upward and ever strove to be faithful to the best ideals of his youth. As one of the responsible officers of this society he carried into his work that painstaking care and attention to details so necessary in the position he held. 2nd. That not only has this society lost a valued member but this community has suffered in death of Bro. Faucette who lived a clean straight life, of which this society and his family and friends may be proud. The young life of Oxford is poorer by much in his death. Resolved, Third: That to his relatives we extend the sympathy and condolence of this Council, assuring that we, too, feel the sorrow of his leaving. Resolved, Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the father of the deceased Brother; that a page of our records be dedicated to his memory upon which these resolutions shall be inscribed; and that a copy be sent to the Public Ledger with request to publish.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of Granville County subject to the wishes of the people to be expressed in the approaching Democratic primaries. If nominated and elected I will exert myself to the utmost to give the County a capable and efficient administration of the Sheriff's office. Any support given me will be greatly appreciated and gratefully remembered. S. C. HOBGOOD.



Mrs. Annie Landis returned to Oxford Saturday.

Mr. C. L. Floyd, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. J. Allgood, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Sam Usry, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Willie Thorp, of Goshen, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. G. Stem, of Hester, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. S. R. Howard, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. H. Gooch, of Stem, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. W. J. O'Brien, of Route 5, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. R. H. Hart, of Route 5, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. R. M. Pittard, of Bullock, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. Ben Currin, of Route 1, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Oscar Yancey, of Route 1, was on our street Saturday.

Mrs. T. L. Daniel, of Berea, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. R. J. Jeffreys, of Creedmoor, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Luther Crews, of Route 7, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. H. M. Stovall, of Louisburg, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. J. T. Bobbitt, of Dickerson section, was in town Saturday.

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

General Royster returned home Friday from a business trip.

Mr. G. A. Land, of Hester section, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, were Oxford visitor Monday.

Messrs. Richard and Len Gooch, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

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

Mrs. W. H. White has returned from a visit to relatives in Fayetteville.

Mr. Thomas Fleming, of Lyon, was among the Oxford visitor Saturday.

The pretty Miss Lucile O'Brien, of Culbreth, graced our streets Friday.

Mr. Sidney Minor, of Durham, spent Sunday with his homefolks in Oxford.

Mrs. Thos. W. Winston has returned from an enjoyable visit to Washington City.

Mr. B. F. Dean, of Sunset, was in Oxford Monday and dropped in on the Public Ledger.

Mr. Will Crews, of Tar River, was in town Saturday and treated himself to a new buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryan and children are visiting relatives near Battleboro this week.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood left yesterday for eastern Carolina in the interest of the Oxford College.

Mrs. G. A. Coggeshall attended the convention of King's Daughters in Concord the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Salls and accomplished daughters, of Route 4, were on our streets Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Elmore and two attractive children are at home from a sad mission to Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cannady, of Dothan, Ala., are visiting Mrs. M. C. Cannady on College.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Newton and children, of Wilton section, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Miss Eva Minor has returned home from Mississippi where she had charge of the music and vocal department of a female college.

Dr. Sam Booth is attending the Medical Convention in Hendersonville this week and is no doubt enjoying his visit to this fine mountain resort.

Miss Julia Minor, who has been teaching in Abington, Va., returned to her home Friday evening accompanied by her friend Miss Blake, of Nashville, Tenn.

Political Comments.

The Democracy is master of the situation.

The Democratic convention will open with prayer, but the Lord knows what it will close with.

Vance and Ransom differed on some points quite as much as Simmons and Overman, but the party endorsed both of them, and the State recognized them as broad-gauged patriots and statesmen.

Governor Kitchen has norated it around that he is coming up here to skin us, but if he doesn't hurt us any worse than the skinning he gave the American Tobacco Company, we will continue to get out a paper once a week just as usual.—Madison Herald.

The thing to do is to send Judge Clark to the Senate to represent our grand old State. He will have more influence than both the other two candidates combined and nobody doubts in the least but that he will use it in the right direction. Think this over, Mr. Voter.—Exchange.

The Democratic State convention placed its seal of approval on the record and course of Senator Simmons. It placed this real approval in the platform. Governor Kitchen says Senator Simmons has not been true to the Democratic platform. The Democratic party in convention assembled commends his course. If Governor Kitchen persists in his course of attack on the Senator he will place himself in the very hole he has dugged for Simmons.—Concord Times.

We submit that Governor Kitchen with his splendid ability as a speaker and his personal magnetism, ought to be able to conduct his campaign without attacking the record of a fellow-Democrat, and we commend to his study the great undelivered speech of the lamented Aycock. The party has not attempted to speak as between candidates, but it has settled the issue of regularity. If Mrs. Simmons wants to attack Mr. Kitchen he must get off the platform to do it, and if Mr. Kitchen persists in his attack on Mr. Simmons' record he must do it in defiance of the State platform and in the face of the majority's generous endorsement of his own administration. Let us have peace.—Websters Weekly.

In his speech at Durham Monday night, the first he has made since the State Convention, Governor Kitchen assailed the act of the State Democratic Convention. He states that this is to be the burden of his cry from now on to the day of the election. To say the least the Governor will strut up and down the State on the widest and thinnest platform known to North Carolina politicians. There is a science of the study of man as much so as there is a study of astronomy or any other science, and if one will hault long enough to analyze the acts and utterances of Governor Kitchen in his mad flight over the State in belittling the State Democratic Convention, incidentally to attack the political record of Senator Simmons, is to attack the fundamentals of Democracy, which he chooses to do rather than to go down in defeat. It is indeed strange that one possessing the intellect that nature has bestowed on Governor Kitchen that he does not feel deep down in his heart that Senator Simmons is the logical candidate of the Democratic party, and the State Convention reiterated this party principle when it endorsed the record of our Democratic servants of the State and in Congress.

ATTENTION HOUSEKEEPERS.

We wish to inform the public that our mill is in first-class fix, and we are now turning out a wholesome grade of flour and meal, which is conducive to good health. Come and see us. STARK BROS.

NEW crop Turnip Seeds, at J. G. Hall's drug store. (June 12. 1.m.o.)

FOR RENT—A pleasant cottage in good location. Apply to E. G. Crews, at National Bank, Oxford, N. C.

HAVING spent some time in post graduate work in the hospitals in New York, I have resumed the practice of medicine in Oxford. Office and residence, Old Bank Building Phone 170. (June 19.1f.) N. C. DANIEL, M. D.

LOST—Between Landis & Easton and Blackwell's store last Thursday afternoon, June 6th, a nice black umbrella with black smooth handle, a spray of flowers on either side. Finder will please leave at Public Ledger.

MEETING OF FARMER'S UNION.

There will be a meeting of the County Union in Oxford July 1st at the Court House at 10 o'clock a. m. All locals are requested to send delegates, and every member is invited to attend also, as it is a very important meeting. B. F. DEAN, Pres. [5-19-4t]

STILL IN THE RACE.

I wish to announce to the good people of Granville county that I am still in the race for the nomination for Sheriff, and will greatly appreciate the support of my countymen at the coming primary. If nominated I will do my best to make a faithful and efficient officer. Yours to serve, W. C. CURRIN.

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UMBRELLA LOST—A silver handle with initials "F. P. H." on handle. Finder will be rewarded by returning the same to F. P. HOBGOOD.