



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

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Our Streets Should be Improved

The first and most lasting impression created on the mind of a visitor to a town is the condition in which he finds the streets. If the streets are paved and clean the town gains a friend as soon as he arrives. When he departs he has something to say in favor of the spotless town, but let the streets be otherwise than clean, the first man he meets going in the direction of the muddy town will place his hands confidently on his shoulder and admonish him that it is undoubtedly the vilest and filthiest town in seven States. If he is a commercial traveler you can take his rating of the town with a grain of salt; he is simply undone, like the rest of those who are doomed for a period to tread through mud and mire and finally kiss a cloud of dust!

It is regrettable that the thoroughfares of Oxford are not in keeping with her handsome homes and broad lawns. In these latter days of thrift and expansion it has become a custom to first lay out the boulevard, pave it and set out trees at regular intervals before offering the building sites for sale. To insure a beautiful avenue the owners of the property restrict the sale of lots only to those who guarantee to erect handsome structures in perfect keeping and tone with the esthetic surroundings. But many handsome residences sprung up in Oxford long before the streets were well defined—that accounts for the numerous abrupt endings of many of our thoroughfares.

A well-known gentleman who visited Oxford on St. John's Day remarked while standing near the juncture of Hillsboro and College streets, gazing up the thoroughfare leading to the Orphanage, "I wonder," he says "just how much the property-holders along College street have been held back in dollars and cents by virtue of the rugged appearance of the dusty street."

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A married man doesn't mind being called down—to a good breakfast, as the women say the nearest way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Thursday was the glorious 4th and the banks and postoffice were closed, and the excellent Carriers throughout the county enjoyed the day at home.

The Methodist Sunday School picnic which was to take place Thursday was postponed on account of rain to the great disappointment of the dear children.

Don't feed the baby through that long rubber tube; you can't wash it on the inside, and dirt kills babies. Also dress the baby for comfort, not for show.

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Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

He who marries beauty marries trouble.

The county candidates are getting down to work.

And still it rains, but we truly hope it will not damage the crops.

Has a man ever lived long enough to reach the age of discretion?

It doesn't pay to be bitter and mad When the world is full of way to be glad.

A man is brave to begin married life and a woman is braver to go on with it.

A girl's waist has to be mighty slippery not to stick naturally to a man's arm.

Every woman in town sees the possibility of a garage in her hen house or buggy shed.

It is now often the case in politics an irresistible object meets an immovable force.

The man who is not helping anybody out of the ditch is helping somebody to fall into it.

Mills may start and mills may stop, but Gov. Kitchin's pardoning bill continues to grind.

Texas is not behind on water as we see she's beginning to harvest 175,000,000 watermelons.

A merchant advertises: "Outing skirts—soft as a government job—and not so hard to get."

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Mr. A. A. Hicks, Trustee, advertises some property for sale on the 4th page.

A young bouncing warehouseman has arrived at the home of Mr. Sam'l Watkins.

We call the attention of parents to the advertisement of the fine Warrenton High School on the 4th page.

Mr. P. Q. Bryan, who will locate in Oxford for the practice of law, will occupy the old Public Ledger business office.

Lady (to small boy who is fishing) "I wonder what your father would say if he caught you fishing on Sunday?" Boy—"I don't know. You'd better ask him. That's him a little farther up the stream."

Let the owners of automobile get together and put a detective on the trail of the low down, mean person who is distributing large tacks on Raleigh street and on the hill leading out of town, and if found out prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law.

There was an old woman, And what do you think? She grew fat and healthy On victuals and drink. But now her digestion Is all in a riot, Because she got cranky And tackled a diet.

Quite a number of the members of Edwards Hose & Ladder Co. will leave Monday for Atlantic City to enjoy their annual summer outing, and the Public Ledger joins the whole town in wishing the brave boys a most delightful stay in the city by the sea listening to what the "wild waves are saying."

The Greensboro News says: Gov. Kitchin has given notice to the public that he is going to improve his speeches by holding up his own record alongside of that of Senator Simmons. That sounds better. But mark this prediction—it will be his record of words and the comparison will stop before it gets to the achievement of substantial results.

Oxford and Henderson Teams.

The Oxford and Henderson base ball teams crossed bats at Henderson on Thursday, Henderson defeating the home team 1 to 0. It was a fast game, abounding in spectacular plays. Saracino, of the Henderson team, made a sensational catch in the left field by leaping the fence, recovering himself and catching the ball. Meadows, for Oxford, pitched great ball.

A Scene of Pleasure.

Mrs. Harry Williams most charmingly entertained a large number of her friends at her cosy and attractive home Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. Mrs. Williams was assisted in receiving her guests by Mesdames Edward and Josiah Cannady and presented with their score cards by Master John Cannady Williams. Punch was served in the hall by Mrs. Clifton Robards and Mrs. Luther Stark.

After partaking of this delicious beverage each guest found places at their respective tables and the spirited game of euchre was played for an hour; at the conclusion of the game ices and cake were served, which proved most refreshing.

Some of Our Troubles.

An exchange says: Most anyone can be an editor. All the editor has got to do is sit at a desk six days out of the week, four weeks out of the month, and twelve months out of the year, and "edit such stuff as this:" "Mrs. James of Cactus Creek let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry."

"A mischievous lad of Picketown threw a stone and struck Mr. Pike in the alley last Tuesday."

"John Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch."

"While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from the church social last Saturday night, a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green several times on the public square."

"Isaiah Trimmer of Running Creek was playing with a cat Friday when it scratched him on the veranda."

"Mr. Fong, while harnessing a broncho last Saturday was kicked just south of the corn crib."

AGAIN CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination to the office of Sheriff of Granville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and if nominated and re-elected I will continue to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I warmly thank the people for their support in the past and again earnestly ask their support in the primary on July 20th.

Yours to continue to serve, S. M. WHEELER.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the primaries. I am in the race to win and any support given me will be greatly appreciated. NAT M. CANNADY, [June 22-12] Brassfield Township.

When you need rubber tires, remember you can save money buying them from Callis.

The Democratic Platform.

The following is an epitome of the Democratic platform adopted at the National convention at Baltimore:

TARIFF REFORM. We declare it to be the fundamental principle of the Democratic party that the Federal government under the constitution has no right or power to impose or collect tariff duties, except for revenue only, and we demand that the collection of such taxes shall be limited to the necessities of government honestly and economically administered.

HIGH COST OF LIVING. The high cost of living is a serious problem in every American home. The Republican party, in its platform, attempts to escape from responsibility for present conditions by denying that they are due to protective tariff. We take issue with them and charge that excessive prices result in a large measure from the high tariff laws enacted by the Republican party, and we assert that no substantial relief can be secured until import duties on the necessities of life are reduced and these criminal conspiracies are broken up.

ANTI-TRUST LAW. A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable. We therefore favor the vigorous enforcement of the criminal as well as the civil law against trusts and trust officials and demand the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in United States. We favor such legislation as will restore the Sherman anti-trust law to its former strength.

RIGHTS OF STATES. We believe in the preservation and maintenance in their full strength and integrity of the three co-ordinate branches of the Federal government—the executive, legislative and the judicial—each keeping within its own bounds and not encroaching upon the just powers of either of the others.

INCOME TAX AND POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS. We congratulate the country upon the triumph of two important reforms demanded in the last National platform, namely of the amendment of the Federal constitution authorizing an income tax and the amendment providing for the popular election of Senators, and we call upon the people of all the States to rally to the support of the pending propositions and secure their ratification.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. The movement towards more popular government should be promoted through legislation in each State which will permit the expression of the preference of the electors for National candidates at presidential primaries.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law prohibiting any corporation from contributing to a campaign fund and any individual from contributing any amount above a reasonable maximum.

TERM OF PRESIDENT. We favor a single presidential term, and to that end urge the adoption of an amendment to the constitution making the President of the United States ineligible for re-election and we pledge the candidate of this convention to this principle.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS. At this time when the Republican party after a generation of unlimited power in its control of the Federal government, is rent into factions, it is opportune to point to the record of accomplishment of the Democratic House of Representatives in the Sixty-second Congress. We endorse its action and we challenge comparison of its record with that of any Congress which has been controlled by our opponents.

REPUBLICAN EXTRAVAGANCE. We denounce the profligate waste of money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation through the lavish appropriations of the recent Republican Congresses, which have kept taxes high, and reduced the purchasing power of the people's toil. We demand a return to that simplicity and economy which befits a Democratic government and a reduction in the number of useless offices.

POST ROADS. We favor National aid to State and local authorities in the construction and maintenance of post roads.

AGRICULTURE. We believe in encouraging the development of a modern system of agriculture and a systematic effort to improve the conditions of trade in farm products so as to benefit both the consumer and the producer. And we favor an enactment by Congress that will suppress the pernicious practice of gambling in agricultural products by organized exchanges or others.

PARCEL POST. We favor the establishment of a parcel post or postal express, and also the extension of the rural delivery system as rapidly as practical.

CONCLUSION. The platform touches on railroads, express companies, telegraph and telephone lines, rural credits, waterways, rights of labor, law reform, merchant marine, the civil service law, pure food and public health, and pensions.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Miss Gertrude Landis was in Henderson Friday.

Mr. Matt Currin, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

Mr. S. V. Morton, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Sam Jones, of Culbreth, was in town Thursday.

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

Mr. Crawford Knott, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

Mr. John Burnett, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Fuller, of Lenoir, is the guest of Miss Hettie Lyon.

Miss Nat Gregory is at home from a visit to friends in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elliott, of Route 1, were in town Wednesday.

Messrs. Ed. Dalby and J. E. Hester, of Hester, were in town Friday.

Mr. A. P. Overton, of Cannady's mill section, was on our streets Thursday.

Colonel Sidney Minor, of Durham, spent the 4th with home folks in Oxford.

Dr. I. H. Davis attended the State Dental Association in Raleigh this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Salls and intellectual daughters, of "The Oaks," were in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Landis were in Henderson Thursday.

Mrs. Bagby, of Danville, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Brown, at the Oxford Orphanage.

Miss Jennie Francis, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Landis, on Raleigh street.

Mrs. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Chamberlain, on High street.

Misses Alva Lee and Lulie Currin are on a visit to their uncle, Mr. Ralph Currin at Northside.

Mr. F. Meadows, of Stem section, was an Oxford visitor Thursday and called on the Public Ledger.

General B. S. Royster attended the meeting of the State Bar Association at Morehead City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith and four children, of Wilson, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith on Asylum street.

Mrs. Elam Currin, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday accompanied by her sister, Miss Mason, of Chase City.

Miss Florence Brem and Master Edward Hicks, of New York, are at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hicks.

Mrs. W. A. Devin and son Billie have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Greensboro to the pleasure of their Oxford friends.

Mrs. George W. Hobbs after spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Britt, left for home in Rutherford, N. J., yesterday.

Judge A. W. Graham has returned from the great Democratic Convention at Baltimore, and was numbered with the strong supporters of Wilson for President.

Mrs. Wm. Landis Entertains.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. William Landis was the scene of a pretty and most enjoyable occasion on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Landis gave a complimentary party to the members of the Recreation Club.

At 5 o'clock the regular members of the club, together with a number of outside guests, gathered and were received at the door by the cordial hostess and her sister, Miss Francis, of Baltimore. Little Misses Amie Landis and Idie Kerr Taylor were in waiting with silver trays, from which they presented guests with corsage bouquets of nostrutiums, and to these were attached the score cards of the game.

Eight tables had been arranged, and around them about three dozen guests participated in the interesting game of "42" throughout the afternoon. At the conclusion of the game Mrs. Landis served a most tempting and palatable salad course, which was all the more enjoyable because of the artistic arrangements of a profusion of na-turtiums on the service.

A unique feature of this party was the announcement by the hostess of the news from Baltimore of the nomination of Woodrow Wilson, which had come to Mrs. Landis hot from the wire, and was enthusiastically received by the ladies, showing that women feel keen interest in politics, even though they may not wish to take active part.

The news served as a fitting embellishment, adding pleasant impressions to that which had already been made by the popular hostess in tendering this pretty compliment to her friends of the Recreation Club. F.

Gov. Kitchin to Speak Here.

Final arrangements have been made for Governor Kitchin to speak in Oxford during court week, Tuesday, July 30. It is understood that the Governor will throw his weight against Senator Simmons' record in United States Senate and praise his own career as a member of Congress. The Governor is unquestionably the ablest speaker to grace the State since the passing of the lamented Aycock. What ever the theme, politics or otherwise, he is abundantly able to make the most of it, and those who are fortunate enough to hear him at the Court House on the 30th instant can but be charmed with his flights of oratory. It will be interesting to hear him explain where in the Senator's record is at variance with the Democratic Convention which endorsed his Senatorial record.

Senator Simmons' bold stand on the tariff, the income tax; the election of United Senators by the people; publication of campaign contributions; national aid for the improvement and maintenance of post roads; encouragement of agriculture; to stop gambling in farm products; a parcel post; the extension of the rural free delivery system; the improvement of our national waterways and the preservation and utilization of our natural resources of water-power constitutes Senator Simmons' record, and it was known of all men at the time the Democratic Convention endorsed it, yet it will be interesting to pay heed to the Governor's logic when he smashes the Senator's enviable record and turns it to his own account.

Joseph Ellington Murdered.

The settlement around Dabney, a small little place seven miles east of Oxford, just over the Vance county line, was the scene of a foul murder early Wednesday morning. Joseph Ellington an industrious farmer, chided Frank Singleton, a helper, for being late. The criticism infuriated Singleton to such a degree that he went to his room, sequestered a pistol and without further provocation he returned and shot Mr. Ellington, his employer, who expired almost instantly, the fiend, with pistol in hand, standing astride the prostrate man when he breathed his last. The murderer momentarily stood gloating over his heinous act, and broke for seclusion, but he was subsequently captured and lodged in Vance county jail to answer for the life of his benefactor. One would naturally think that a crime, so hideous in its nature, was the work of an insane man. Not so, there is evidence to the effect that it was a cold-blooded, premeditated murder in which it is asserted that Singleton announced in the presence of a party that he would kill his employer sooner or later. Both parties of the tragedy are white men.

Engagement Announced.

Miss Martha Ferebee, a most pleasing hostess, entertained her friends at her hospitable home on Friday morning last. Eight tables were arranged for the game of "42," which was greatly enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served in two courses, at which each guest was presented a souvenir ring to which was attached cupid's certificate announcing the engagement of Miss Sophie Taylor, of Oxford, to Mr. George Lynch Tillery, of Wilmington—the wedding to take place in October, 1912.

The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, and possesses many charms of beauty and accomplishments which make her a social favorite. The groom-to-be is deservedly popular and fills a responsible position with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company in Wilmington.

FOR good work—have your buggy tires shrunk at Callis' Carriage Shop.

WILL BE HERE WEDNESDAY. Dr. S. Rapport will be at Dr. Henderson's dental office on Wednesday, July 10th. If your eyesight is defective have it rectified with suitable glasses as your health and comfort demand it. Consultation free. 2t

ONLY one Refrigerator left. Come and get it almost at your own price. It's a good one. Upchurch & Currin.

HAMMOCKS at your own price, in fact all summer goods must go soon to make room for our fall stock, so don't miss your chance. Upchurch & Currin.

WE have two dozen Porch Rockers going very cheap. Upchurch & Currin.