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The Test Farm.

The called meeting to ascertain the consensus of opinion in selling the County Home property for a test farm was called to order in the Court House at noon on Monday last. The meeting was well attended by farmers and business men along with the members of the board of County Commissioners. On motion Mr. E. C. Harris was called to chair and Mr. J. T. Britt acted as secretary.

In discussing the proposition to sell Judge Graham estimated that the land would bring \$40 or \$50 per acre, and that it was generally understood that the county farm was too high priced land for county use, and laid stress upon importance of securing the Test Farm for Granville county; that its location here would prove a high school education to all who intend to follow farming. He said that he was in favor of selling 200 acres of the county tract instead of the whole, as that would place a higher price on the remaining two hundred acres. In the course of his remarks Judge Graham stated that Messrs. L. Thomas and J. F. Meadows had secured an option on the Norman Barwell place at \$12 per acre, the tract containing 500 acres and is owned by Dr. Salls.

At the conclusion of Judge Graham's remarks Chairman Harris threw the meeting open for discussion.

Mr. Crawford Knott said he was in favor of selling the county farm at the figures named; Mr. Hamlin Cheatham said that he was highly in favor of the test farm and that it would be very unwise not to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

Col. Ballou said it was not a question that needed discussion, but that the County Commissioners should be authorized to sell it.

Mr. Frank Gregory suggested that the question be left to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Titus Curran said that for several reasons he thought that it would be better to sell the land, and that the county needed a grain farm instead of a tobacco farm.

Mr. R. T. Blackwell thought that it was a proposition which should not be neglected; that the test farm is a great institution and it would be an educational boon to farmers along all lines.

Mr. Caldwell agreed with Judge Graham and the other speakers that it is a great opportunity, and he said that he could not see why the farmers of the county should oppose the sale of the land, as the experimental station would bring more benefits to the farmers as a business proposition than any thing else.

Dr. Salls said that it seemed to him that the county needed education as to the best means of farming, and experimental station would result in educating the young farmer as to best and improved methods.

Prof. Horner said it was a question of the greatest importance, one which would prove as valuable as any other enterprise.

Mr. V. Cheatham made a few remarks in which he favored the sale.

Mr. Herbert Faucette made the following motion, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"That this meeting recommend to the County Commissioners that they would use all honorable means to secure the location of the test farm in Granville county and they sell the farm, upon which is located the Home for the Aged and Infirm for the purpose of a test farm, upon such terms as they deem best, and purchase other lands suitably located for the purposes of the home."

The matter now rests with the Board of County Commissioners. The right to sell the county home and buy elsewhere is invested in them. With the light that surrounds them in their deliberations, taking into consideration the important fact that the buildings which house the county poor are untenable so far as ventilation and heat is concerned, it is believed they will be able to reach a wise conclusion.

Death of Good Citizen.

We are again called upon to chronicle the death of another one of Northern Granville's best men in the person of the most highly esteemed Mr. J. K. Clement, which occurred Saturday morning at his home near Grassy Creek Church. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and lived the life of a Christian gentleman and greatly beloved by his neighbors and friends as he was the soul of honor and truth.

He was devoted to his family and loved his home and passed beneath the shadows amid its surroundings and is now numbered with the blessed in the Upper and Better Kingdom.

Mr. Clement was about 65 years of age and leaves behind a devoted wife and seven children, so we learn, four sons and three daughters, one brother, Capt. Thos. D. Clement, and one sister and many other relatives to mourn his demise.

The funeral and burial took place Sunday afternoon at the home and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives, sympathizing neighbors and friends.

The Public Ledger extends warmest condolence to the family in the hour of deep grief.

FLUES.—We make and repair flues. OXFORD HARDWARE CO.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Remember the Primary comes off next Saturday.

The heated term is with us and electric fans are humming.

Hot-weather advice in a nutshell—by all means don't worry.

Of course you are going to the Primary Saturday afternoon

Read the administrator's notice of John A. Tunstall on the 4th page.

You will have to hustle boys as it is only three days to the primary.

Trying to be a christian on the installment plan is a waste of time.

There's nothing green about the grass widow who goes after a rich bachelor.

Mr. Cam Hunt, who has been numbered with the sick several days, is some better.

We are glad to see out again after two weeks sickness our good friend, Mr. James Meadows.

Some men have the courage of their convictions, while others are possessed of the devilry of their prejudice.

Hurrah for Wilson—more than ever. He is saying things that strongly vindicate his nomination at Baltimore.

Mr. R. T. Crews, of Tar River, is an early bird on raising sweet potatoes as he sold some in town Saturday.

A progressive is a man who has just waked up and found out that new political ideas are old ones come to life.

We regret to learn that Miss Fable Debnam, one of the popular young ladies of the Central office, is quite sick.

The many friends of Mrs. Yancey will be pleased to learn that she continues to improve from her severe illness.

Reactionary—A "Democrat" who is too busy finding fault with Bryan to be happy over the nomination of Mr. Wilson.

The many friends of Mrs. James T. Cozart will deeply regret to learn that she is critically ill at her home near Cheatham's mill.

Your attention is called to the Executors notice of Messrs. J. H. Sherman, George T. Sherman and W. A. Sherman in another column.

We call the attention of our readers to the sale of land in the Wilton section advertised in another column by E. T. Husketh, agent and attorney.

Somebody's "old houn' dawg" has gone to the happy hunting ground. He was run over and killed by an automobile near the Baptist Church Monday morning.

Mr. George W. Royster, agent and attorney, advertises some land for sale on the 4th page. Read it if you wish to buy land in the Providence neighborhood.

Women's skirts, says a fashion note will be tighter this fall than they were this Spring and Summer. Why not knit these wonderful creations? says an exchange.

The following primary pollholders are appointed for two precincts: South Oxford, F. W. Hancock and James A. Osborn, and for Buchanan L. D. Royster and R. I. Mulchi.

Mr. Ernest E. Sizemore, one of our brave fire boys, accompanied many of the members to Atlantic City. In publishing the list of those who went we overlooked his name.

Good roads make rural life more agreeable, and make hauling more economical. Good roads are worth ten times their cost because nothing so surely promotes agriculture and increases land values.

"All men are born free and equal"—free of clothing and equal in helplessness. All men are independent until they get married. It is by their own free will and accord that they become subject to the powers that be.

We want to remind you again of the fact that we will appreciate your sending us any items you may be able to get hold of. This paper is a paper for the people, and your items will be as gladly received as those from anyone else.

Says the Charleston News & Courier: "There is a man in this town who has eaten waffles for breakfast every day for 38 years and when he started the doctors had given him up." No doubt he is now tough enough.

There will be no opposition to the renomination of Capt. W. A. Devin for the Legislature this time, the nominations having closed on the 12th without any candidate against him. He made us a faithful Representative in the last Legislature and reflected great credit upon the county. He well deserves a renomination, and the people will act wisely in sending him back.

Granville Superior Court will convene in Oxford on Monday, July 29th.

Quite a number of Oxford and county people are attending the Flat River Association now in session at Virginia.

Mr. Len Knott and two bright sons, of Enon, were in town Saturday and had the pleasure of riding home in a new surrey.

"The average man wants more time," says a lecturer on procrastination. He certainly does, when he tries to smoke a campaign cigar.

The average citizen needs to give more careful study to the question of first class streets for Oxford if he desire to see the town go forward.

Says the Greensboro Record: One of these days John Motley Morehead will arrive at the conclusion that he got into bad company when he left the Democratic party and joined hands with Marion Butler.

With Gov. Kitchin denying that the State Democratic platform means what it says, it is not surprising that his adherents should be unable to comprehend what is meant by "the Democratic ticket."—Webster's Weekly.

Two summer girls, recent arrivals at a seashore hotel, were talking on the veranda. "Said one: 'I hadn't been here two hours before I was engaged.'" "That's nothing," returned the other "I got engaged coming down on the train."

Sunday was Children's Day at Bulah church at Providence and was very largely attended, and proved very interesting not only to the children but to the grown people as well. The program was admirably carried out and the singing was good.

"See that measuring worm crawling up my skirt" cried Mrs. Smith. "That's a sign I'm going to have a new dress." "Well, let him make it for you," growled Mr. Smith. "And while he's about it have him send a hookworm to do you up the back. 'I'm tired of the job!'"

The side-walk on King street, at the juncture of Henderson street, has been straightened and much improved by the generosity of our public spirited citizen, Gen. B. S. Royster, who donated the land for that purpose. The public in general, and the residents of Ridley Park in particular, appreciate the improvement.

A Vast Improvement.

The streets of Oxford are greatly improved by the enforcement of the ordinance which prohibits the piling of merchandise, boxes, etc., on the sidewalks and streets. The ordinance for the first time went into effect at sundown on Saturday last, and the improvement was noticeable Sunday and the "city fathers" were the recipients of much praise.

Farmers' Institutes.

Farmers' Institutes will be held at Stovall July 25, and at Creedmoor July 26. There will be a morning and an afternoon session, at 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. The discussions will embrace soil improvement, crops, live stock, marketing, etc. The Woman's Institutes held at the same time and place pertain to household economics, home conveniences, cookery, health in the home, the education of children and other topics of interest to homemakers. Interesting programs have been prepared for these meetings.

About Oxford.

Correspondent of Louisville Times says: Some time ago we were for first time in Oxford, a thriving town of about four thousand people, nice streets, handsome churches and modern dwellings, and one of the finest homes for the bright and unfortunate boys and girls in all the State. No wonder its virtues and sweet influences are being manifested when you know the talented Miss Herring and the stately and experienced Miss Alma Lane, are in its faculty. This institution is an ornament to the Masonic fraternity, a credit to Oxford and the State, and a high honor to its most efficient corps of teachers and managers.

Drowned in Cheatham Pond.

Frank Thorpe, George Slaughter and others, all colored, were boat riding on Cheatham pond Sunday, and when in mid-stream the boat capsized, and Frank Thorpe, who was a very heavy man, sank out of sight and when he arose to the surface he was unconscious. The other members of the party rushed to the assistance of the drowned man, but when they succeeded in getting him to the bank life was extinct. The remains were brought to Oxford and turned over to an undertaker.

It is stated that this is the first drowning in Cheatham pond in fifty years. This should be a warning to everybody, especially to parents. The water is very tempting to boys, and it is said that one of the boats on this pond, in which boys are wont to ride, is not seaworthy.

FOR TREASURER.

I earnestly solicit your support of my candidacy for the office of County Treasurer in the primary Saturday, July 20th, and assure you that it will be highly appreciated. E. C. HARRIS.

Injured by Runaway Horse.

The horse of Mr. G. C. Daniel, which was hitched to a buggy, became frightened on Hillsboro street last Saturday evening and in rounding the corner at the Carolina Power and Light Co. office the vehicle collided with a telegraph pole on Wall street. Two colored boys were in the buggy at the time, one of the boys sustaining a fractured skull, the other boy being slightly bruised.

Laundry Building.

Mr. W. A. Parham states that the materials for the Oxford Laundry building has arrived and that the construction work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The building will be 25x50 feet, of corrugated iron, having the appearance of stone, and will be erected along side the Parham mill on Hillsboro street. The laundry machinery is here and Mr. Eakes, proprietor of the new enterprise, hopes to be able to turn out work by the middle of August.

Soldiers Return Home.

Capt. T. G. Stem and Lieutenants E. E. Fuller and Leo Byrum and the boys of the Granville Grays returned from the national encampment at Anniston, Ala., Monday night. They brought with them tinted faces from a burning summer sun, and they talk interestingly of camp life, the battles, escapades, marches and war-like scenes which has engaged their attention for ten days. Smoked and begrimed the sturdy fellows look as if they really had a taste of the "medicine" that "tries men's souls."

Swimming Pool.

The thermometer for the past few days has hovered around the 90s, and large fat men, of the dimensions of the two handsome candidates for sheriff, found it rather an up-hill business to perform their usual duties, and talcum tints was in demand at popular prices. It has been suggested by a sweltering humanity that some enterprising fellow could turn a pretty penny by establishing a large plunge bath near the centre of the town. The rays of the sun would produce the correct temperature in short order. A bath house for ladies and one for men, with a large pool in front, and the spring-boards and the bath-suits of variegated colors and dimensions would afford genuine amusement and pleasure.

Second Fire.

Fate seems to have doomed the Peace store out on Raleigh road. At the bewitching hour of mid-night on Monday night last the fire alarm broke the stillness of a sultry night. The Edwards Hook and Ladder Company and the Colored Firemen responded with promptness, but the fire was so far beyond the hydrants of the town they could not reach it with the hose. The building and the contents all went up in smoke. One week previous, to the hour and the minute, the same store was partly destroyed by fire, but on that occasion a bucket brigade did good work, and in the last instance the buckets in the neighborhood were not so plentiful. About twenty feet from the scene of the fire stands the home of Ed Ridley, colored, a butcher. At one time it looked as if the home of the colored man was also doomed, and the large number of white people who had gathered rushed in and carried to safety the last vestige of the colored man's household effects.

Memory of Little Francis Dean

Just as the sun was sinking into the golden west on Friday, July 5th, the sweet little spirit of Francis Dean took its flight to realms above. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. and Flora Dean, and was born October 14th, 1910, and while her stay here on earth was short, yet she had won the affection of all who knew her. She was sick only two weeks with that dreaded disease dysentery. The burial service was conducted from the home on Saturday, July 6, 1912, by Rev. Mr. Joyner, and she was quietly laid to rest in the Averett cemetery, near Providence.

Oh, dear parents, in this your sadness, God only can comfort you. But this dear little babe was one of God's precious jewels which He has been lending you for these twenty months, and now he has called for its return; and while you are bowed in grief may you remember that God can care for her far better than you.

We often wonder why one so pure and sweet should be taken from us; but when God plucks a flower he chooses the sweetest and the purest in all the garden, and thus he has claimed your darling. And now, dear little Francis is safe in the arms of Jesus, a bright and shining star, to guide you to Heaven. R. L. D.

TO THE VOTERS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

I believe Samuel M. Wheeler ought to be re-nominated for Sheriff. He has made the best Sheriff Granville county has had since the war, and has been faithful to every trust imposed upon him. He has been fearless in the discharge of his duty, and has collected the taxes closer than ever before. His heart is as big as his body and a kinder hearted man never lived. But his sworn duty has ever been first in his mind. Why should we make a change? Let well enough alone, and let Sam Wheeler continue to serve us as Sheriff. L. HUNTER.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

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

Mr. Rufus Stroud, of Hester, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. D. Vaughan, of Lyon, was in town Monday.

Mr. Albert Crews, of Tar River, was in town Saturday.

Mr. L. Hunter is visiting relatives in Brassfield township.

Mr. Willie Alston returned from Atlantic City Sunday.

Mr. G. W. Hendrick, of Route 3, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Chas. Hester, of Route 2, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Farabow, of Stem, was on our streets Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming is on a visit to Norfolk and the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Knott, of Enon, were on our streets Saturday.

Miss Floyd Taylor, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Josephine Brown.

Mr. Oscar Patterson, of Salem Township, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard, of Route 1, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. John Eakes and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Route 7, were in Oxford Monday.

Miss Augustus Landis, of Durham, spent Sunday with her mother in Oxford.

Mrs. Sallie Crews left Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Hicks, of Stovall.

Mr. R. L. Hamilton returned to-day from Buffalo Springs much improved in health.

Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh, was the guest at the home of Mr. R. L. Brown this week.

Miss Carrie H. Fuller returned Monday from Durham after a pleasant visit to Miss Lucile Aiken.

Miss Laura Stedman returned home a few days ago from a delightful visit to relatives in Fayetteville.

Mr. Chandler, of Buffalo Junction, visited his daughter, Mrs. Sam Watkins, the first of the week.

Mr. E. T. Rawlins, of the road, come in from the South a few days ago to spend a short while at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peace and J. M. Peace, of Henderson, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ella Peace.

Dr. Hall Canter, of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., has been visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. R. L. Brown.

Misses Burdette and Lourane Joyner returned Monday from an extended visit to friends in Jonesboro and Durham.

Mr. Walter Crews is off on his summer outing and he is listening to what "some sweet summer girl is saying."

Master Frank Furman is on a visit to his uncle, Mr. F. B. Hays, in New York City, and is no doubt having a royal good time.

Mrs. J. L. Bagby, children and maid, of Danville, Va., who have been visiting Mrs. R. L. Brown, are now with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Ballou.

Miss Camilla Lyon after a pleasant visit to the Misses Burwell and her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Britt, returned to her home in Washington City Saturday.

Mr. Joe Hunt, the joyous and accommodating carrier on Route 7, is now enjoying his 15 days leave of absence, and is attending the Association at Virginia this week.

Mr. P. Q. Bryan has arrived from his home at Scotland Neck and we extend him a cordial welcome again to Oxford. He has opened his law office up stairs in the Britt building adjoining the Public Ledger office.

Mr. David Vaughan, of Louisburg, was an Oxford visitor Monday for the first time in 20 years. He found that many changes had taken place in the old town since he served on the police force of Oxford. His old friends extended him a warm welcome.

Clarion Notes of a Song Bird.

There is a mockingbird on the lovely downs of Mr. Henry Hunt which thrills the neighborhood with its melodious songs. At a point in his sermon at the Baptist Church last Sunday morning Dr. Weatherspoon incidentally remarked that "all nature rejoices," and while his hand was uplifted to give emphasis to the thought, the mockingbird broke the silence and flooded the church with its richest warblings. A smile of satisfaction passed over the pleasant features of the minister as he momentarily stood in silent contemplation.

The Tie That Binds.

Should one journey over the State, stopping long enough in each city and town to become thoroughly familiar with their institutions and the men at the helm, the names of certain men in certain places would stand out in bold relief above all other men; and of this number he could, in a way, pick the most reliable man in the State—one in whom honor and virtue is safe. Honor is the crucial test, and where ever it is found you will find it fortified with an abiding faith, out of which proceeds a love that binds men and impell them to lofty ideals. Every locality has a number of good, devout men. In the not long ago Chief Justice Dillard, Judge Gilmer, Judge Dick, Judge Burwell and other great and learned jurists of the State, taught Sunday School classes, and wherever you would find these great men you would always find an admiring crowd of young men gathered about them, drinking down every word that fell from their lips. Their influence for good was very great. The character of these men shown through the Bible stories which they imparted to the young men, and a profound love was kindled between teacher and scholar which will endure to the end of time. Considered from this stand point it is readily seen that men do actually love one another, even as Damon and Pythian loved. This great love, or honor if you prefer to call it, is manifest in the Baraca classes of Oxford to a degree that is most pleasing.

Let General B. S. Royster or Capt. W. A. Devin be absent from their class on Sabbath morning, and note the genuine regrets depicted on the faces of the entire class. It is said of these two gentlemen that however large and intricate their law briefs may be they never fail to come thoroughly prepared, and the influence they exert upon the minds of the young men of the class is telling upon the entire community. Oxford is justly proud to find two other members of the legal fraternity actively engaged in Sunday School work. Hon. A. A. Hicks is superintendent of a Sunday School, and Mayor D. G. Brummitt teaches a class. We shall be excused for expressing the pride that we feel in the number of our lawyers, who adjourn to the Sunday School room as regular as clock-work on Sabbath morning, when it is understood that there are two cities in the State with a population of 12,000 in which the voice of a lawyer is seldom heard in a Sunday School room.

We have other members of the legal fraternity in Oxford who may or may not be identified with Sunday School work, but we are sure they would not make the fatal mistake a celebrated lawyer in Raleigh recently made when called upon one Sunday morning to teach a Sunday School class. He was invested with a copy of the Senior Quarterly, which he looked over carefully, noting with his pencil certain exceptions, just as the learned advocate handles a brief, after which he removed his glasses and addressed the class as "Gentlemen of the jury." After due apologies, and when the lesson was well under way, the very learned counsel forgot himself so far as to say: "I assert in the presence of the court and the jury, that as sure as I am standing on this court-house floor, the facts are self-evident."

We point with pride to a number of other men in Oxford of large affairs who are actively engaged in Sunday School work. Col. W. B. Ballou is assistant superintendent of a Sunday School and teaches a class of young men; Messrs. John Webb and C. D. Ray are Sunday School superintendents, and they, too, rejoice when the Sabbath morn dawns bright and clear.

As a general thing the men of Oxford were never inclined to shift the responsibility of the Sunday School to the shoulders of the women, as is often the case. We have the women teachers, too—they are every where, God bless them—but it is those broad-shouldered sons of God, whose conduct proceeds from good-will, that counts for so much in the lives of the young men of Oxford and the moral sentiment of the community.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

This is to notify the public that the firm of Daniel & Turner is this day dissolved by mutual consent. G. C. Daniel, of the old firm, will continue to do business at the stand, and respectfully solicits the patronage of his old friends and the public in general. The best of fresh meats, reasonable prices and prompt service will prevail. This 11th day July, 1912. G. C. DANIEL.

FLUES.—When we bought the Tin Shop formerly owned by the late J. F. Edwards we moved it to our new hardware store on Hillsboro Street and are now prepared to make and repair flues. OXFORD HARDWARE COMPANY, CHAMBLEE & HOLEMAN.

IF IT IS quality you want try Shepard Ice Cream at Lyon Drug Store.

Several nice Porch Swings, the good kind, at a low price, call quick. Upchurch & Curran.

FLUES.—Give the Oxford Hardware Co. your order and avoid the rush.

FLUES.—Flues and repair work our specialty. Oxford Hardware Co.

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