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SEMI-WEEKLY.

OPEN YOUR EYES WIDE.

A Gas Company is Knocking At Our Door For Admittance.

Some months ago a Philadelphia Gas Company sent one of their agents to Oxford to look over the field and report the prospects of locating a gas plant here. The agent canvassed the plant here and reported that he found about four hundred homes in Oxford, and he advised the home office that inasmuch as they had a plant in Henderson, which could be operated in connection with one located in Oxford, he felt that the outlook was reassuring. The agent returned to Oxford last Tuesday night and laid the question before the Town Commissioners, stating through their attorney, Mr. B. K. Lassiter, that they did not intend to do business here; that their company would be responsible for all damage incurred by them, by tearing up the streets, laying pipes or otherwise. It is understood that they desire to pipe the gas into Oxford from their Henderson plant. Their proposition to do business here is confined solely to the simple request of being permitted to tear up the streets, which they obligate to replace, and to open an office and do business. Their proposition is pending, and it is understood that the Town Commissioners will act upon it this (Tuesday) evening.

If there is any valid reason why the Commissioners will not grant a franchise to an honorable and legitimate gas company to do business in the old town of Oxford we fail to see it. Viewed from an economic standpoint we see many things that recommend the enterprise, and the town will indeed be greatly benefitted in securing it. It is the cheapest and the best fuel obtainable. A lady can prepare a meal with it in a very few minutes without soiling her white gloves if she does not care to remove them. It solves the servant problem by removing the drudgery and making the women independent. The bankers, the merchants, the professional men, and people in every walk of life who reside in city flats, find it the handiest, the cleanest and the best heating and cooking fuel. It is always on tap, and all they have to do is to drop a quarter of a dollar in the slot, and there you are—strike a match, and the lady of the house is in a position to tell "Bridget" to visit the Fatherland. Here we have a chance to get something for nothing, but we are not sure but what some of our town commissioners may object. Gas is a money and labor saver. By all means let us have.

The Big Sale at Cohn & Son.

A walk through the large stores of Cohn & Sons during their overstock sale is a sight worth seeing. On every hand are great piles of the most dependable merchandise, and as it is being bought and carried to all parts of the county by happy customers, great cases of goods, fresh from the factories, are being rolled in, unpacked and placed upon the shelves. These goods, too, are included in the overstock sale, and will go at the same generous reduction, and while all this is taking place not the least bit of confusion is noticed; the clerks and everybody wear a smile of satisfaction, and thus the big sale will continue for a week or ten days longer. We call attention to their advertisement on the back page of this paper, but of course only a comparatively small number of bargains are quoted there, while the low prices touch every article in stock.

King's Daughters.

We are requested to announce that the first annual meeting of the Missionary Circle of the King's Daughters of Oxford will be held at the residence of Mrs. Charles G. Elliott at 11 o'clock this Wednesday morning. A report of the work done during the past year will be read, and officers for the ensuing year elected. A full attendance is expected.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

The Thanksgiving Turkey is on his last legs.

We all feel good over the triumphant landslide.

Teddy met with a crushing defeat at Bull Moose Run!

It is hard work for a lazy man to acquire sufficient rest.

Now for the Thanksgiving turkey and sweet old country ham.

How does the question of issuing bonds for street improvements strike you?

How many petitions for the post-mastership have you been asked to sign?

Miss Tyler, who was numbered with the sick the past week, is much improved.

Everybody wants lower prices for what they buy and higher prices for what they sell.

Mr. Ed Parrott, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Monday and dropped in on the Public Ledger.

The average man requires 8 hours' sleep every night. Most of us sleep too little and eat too much.

Don't permit your palate to get your stomach into trouble. Taking a pill does not solve the diet problem.

Spring street is in a high state of cultivation, while the hill leading to Parham's mill is in a rocky condition.

We regret to learn that young John Hunt continues quite sick, and trust he will soon be on the road to recovery.

Out of 22 Congressmen elected in Ohio only three are Republicans. How is that for a landslide in Taft's State?

The man that never did any party work will be about the first to want a soft job from the Wilson administration.

The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Upchurch will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering from her long illness.

It has been proven that leaving things to the plain common sense of the people is always the safest plan in the long run.

I sought the heart of Beauty, Below, around, above, And after all my searching Found it when I found Love.

Mr. Hershey returned to Oxford a few days ago and is quite busy preparing to turn the steam on the fine new plant of the Excelsior Seat Co.

The battle is not always won By those who triumph in the fray, The victories are the best that run To light the shadows with their ray.

We learn that the popular Mrs. A. H. Powell was awarded the \$10 prize for the best collection of Chrysanthemum at the Chrysanthemum Show.

A voter a few days ago walked up to one of the candidates and asked him how he felt. He replied: "My friend, I have just felt and have not got a cent."

Little pounds of sugar, Mixed with grains of sand Make the grocer's bankroll Gradually expand.

The people of Oxford may "stand pat" on some questions, but to stand still on the street question means that you will greatly retard the progress of the town.

After March 4th the government of this great country will be in hands of the Democrats, and we believe it will be run in the interest of the masses of the people.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Lennie Smith, one of the popular salesmen of the Long-Winston Co. who has been right sick the past week, is convalescent.

The many friends of Mrs. Mike R. Chamblee will be very glad to learn that she will recover from a serious operation at Rex Hospital at Raleigh some days ago.

Mr. Cortez Wright returned to Oxford a few days ago and has been trying to be as lenient as possible with those who will have to furnish him with his winter outfits.

It strikes us from the number of depredation being committed in town it would be in order for the Commissioners to put on a regular night policeman if they can keep one on.

We regret to lose you, but if you owe the Public Ledger for more than one year your name will soon be taken off. Look at your label and see if you are one of them and roll in the silver wheel.

Messrs. F. W. Hancock, John Paris and Caleb Osborn are in the field for the Postmastership of Oxford under the coming Democratic administration and are busy getting the endorsements of their friends.

Henry Peace, a prosperous colored farmer of Oak Hill township, bought on Monday the excellent farm of Mr. Charley Critcher, a few miles North of Oxford, for the sum of \$11,000, a fraction over \$21 per acre.

The Public Ledger happened to be treated to half-dozen "wrong numbers" Monday, which was a good beginning for the week. If people would be more careful in giving numbers it would save a great deal of trouble.

The Roxboro Courier of last week says: Gen. B. S. Royster made one of the best speeches at Allensville that has been made in that section in many years, and the returns from that precinct shows that it was not in vain.

Monday morning Mr. Luther Roberts found himself with one horse less in his livery stable, as he hired one Sunday to a colored man who evidently must have driven the animal to hard that night just as the horse reached the top of the hill near Belle street he dropped dead, and became a subject for the bone yard.

It's all over now, boys, so for a season we will get back to work and let politics rest for the next two years at least. For awhile we will be lonesome in that we will have no more political speeches, but there has been enough said to last till next time so the rest will be a pleasant one even if the pie hunters are abroad in the land.

Mr. J. T. Critcher, the liveryman on Hillsboro street, is now quite busy doctoring one of his horses which was almost driven to death on Sunday by a negro man who is now in the hands of the law. Mr. Critcher has been in business 10 years and if this horse dies it will make 10 he has lost during that time.

She Can Find Him in Oxford.

Says a contemporary: "Here is an opportunity for the right man: A very beautiful foreign princess worth more than \$1,000,000 is coming to America to get her a husband." Well, if she will come to Oxford she can pick out a real nice loving, doting husband from the large membership of the old Bachelors' Club. If she should prefer a bald-headed hubby why she can get him, or if she should want a lazy easy-going fellow she can get him.

Make Your Home a Dream.

Mr. Robert Wood, the furniture dealer, has something to say in this paper concerning the luxury of a home. He announces that he will give a nice white enameled dresser to any girl in Granville county under 18 years of age who will read the advertisement to largest number of people and send their signatures and address to him. This is an opportunity for some one to get a nice dresser without much effort.

The Carteret Society.

The Carteret Literary Society met in the auditorium of the Oxford Graded School Friday evening. The query for discussion was: "Resolved, That the Federal Government should own and control all the railroads." Affirmative: Lindsey Taylor, Harry Renn, Rowland Gooch, Erving Smith; negative: William Malone, Paul Daniel, Blount Bryan, William Pace. The judges decided in favor of the negative. The society was honored with the presence of one teacher and a number of high school girls. Wm. Pace, Soc. Rep.

Royally Entertains Buyers.

Mr. Sam Watkins went hunting Saturday and bagged 38 birds, one wild turkey and 2 rabbits and turned them over to Greeley Harris, the fine cook, to prepare a royal supper for Monday night. The liberal tobacco buyers and warehousemen were his delighted guests and the feast was fit for ye gods. It proved the most enjoyable occasion of the season and the lovers of good things were in their glory. We have not as yet heard who was the champion eater, but take it that all around the sumptuous board were champions at such a feast for the inner man.

Your Opportunity.

The Carolina Power & Light Company announce elsewhere in this paper a flat rate on Mazda lamps and special prices on wiring. Under their new rate they are prepared to enter into contract for any number of lamps to be used any number of hours and guarantee your bill not to be over a stipulated amount, thereby affording you the privilege of using electric light which in the past has been looked upon as a luxury. It is well to read their advertisement and become familiar with their prices and the many usages of electricity. Better still, call at their office and talk the matter over.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of the Oxford Graded School for the month of October:

First Grade—Thomas Booth, Erdo Buchanan, Thomas Cannady, Jack Cannady, Cam Easton, Myrtle Fargis, Thelma Garrett, Stuart Green, Bettie Green, Alice Hall, Geneva Hughes, Elizabeth Hobgood, Sallie Hinkle, Annie Long, Alma McFarland, Alfred McFarland, Ben Medford, Edward Mitchell, Mabel Pitchford, Thomas Royster, Annie Williams.

Second Grade—Willie Lee Booth, Mary Boyd, Eugene Currin, Margaret Davis, Carrie Duncan, Lillian Fuller, Pattie Green, Elsie Hluzcek, Martha Lumpkins, Dorothy Mason, Inez Patterson, Elma Pendergraph, Mary Powell, Elnora Taylor, Janie Thomasson, Ruth Upchurch, Cillian Willford, Bertha White, Jefferson Brooks; R. M. Currin, Charles Elmore, Joe Floyd, Charlie Green, Russell Parham, Joe Renn, Edwin Shaw, Billy Abbott, Frank Turner.

Third Grade—Augusta Carroll, Sarah Carrington, Hugh Easton, Charles Easton, Lillian Hughes, Effie Lee, Bernice Usry.

Fourth Grade—Bransford Ballou, Lillian Cheatham, Ruth Howard, Elizabeth Hunt, Annie Landis, Lettie Pitchford, Idie Kerr Taylor, Annie May Watkins, Olive Webb, Hattie Wheeler.

Fifth Grade—David Adcock, Louise Currin, Sam Hall, Zela Newton, Ruth Parham.

Sixth Grade—James Ballou, Junius Cooper, Lula Hunt, Silius Millis, Robert Parham, Joe Taylor.

Seventh Grade—Elizabeth Floyd, John Hall, William Pace, Beatrice Parham, Henry Shaw, Georgia Winston.

Eighth Grade—Myrtle Daniel, Burton Tayloe.

Ninth Grade—Carrie Harris, Ruby Adcock, Alva Currin, Ruth Shaw, Hettie Hunt.

Tenth Grade—Mary Shaw, Frances Abbott, Dorothy Hunt, Paul Daniel, Harry Renn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rollins, of Durham, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Stead Sunday.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mr. Lee Harris, of Wilton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. B. T. Hicks, of Bullock, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Ferebow, of Tally Ho, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. F. Hester, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Rev. W. S. Hester, of Route 5, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. W. Dean, of Route 2, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. R. T. Cretcher, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. K. Daniel, of Berea section, was in town Monday.

Mr. S. H. Mize, of Hester Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. Sam Dickerson, of Dickerson, was in town Monday.

Mr. D. S. Gooch, of Norlina, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. George Walters, of Tally Ho, was a town visitor Monday.

Miss Renn, of Providence, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Graves Day, of Stem section, was on our streets Monday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Chapman are visiting friends in Raleigh.

Mr. John Dorsey, of the road, is visiting relatives near Oxford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Cheatham, of Route 3, were in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr. E. J. Jenkins and son, Mr. W. H. Jenkins, of Wilton, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Currin, of Route 7, was in town Monday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Burnett and daughters, of Route 6, were in town Saturday.

Misses Net and Janet Gregory and Josephine Brown are on a visit to New York City.

Mr. William Williamson, of Buffalo Junction, Va., was in Oxford yesterday selling tobacco.

Misses Phipps and Hester, accompanied by Mr. Fred Phipps, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Overton and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Robeson, of Mt. Energy section, were among the Oxford shoppers Saturday.

Official Statement.

Owing to the fact that all the pollholders of the county acted promptly we are enabled to print in this issue the official vote of Granville county. Much praise is due Chairman D. G. Brummitt for the fair and impartial manner in which the primaries and the election were carried on. If there is a single kick registered against the Democratic organization in Granville county we have failed to hear it.

The Big Four.

The vote in the big four counties of the Fifth District is as follows: Granville 1701 votes, 531 against Kitchin, which lacks 107 of a majority. Guilford 3825 votes, 52.6 against Kitchin, which lacks 103 of a majority. Forsyth 2943 vote, 50.3 against Kitchin, which lacks 21 votes of majority. Thus it will be seen that Granville hit Kitchin the hardest with the exception of Surry, which gave Simmons a plurality of 110 votes.

NINE HAVE COME AND GONE

More Houses Needed Here. People are Frequently Turned Away.

Those who have kept a close tab on those who come to Oxford with a view of locating among us say that nine business men have been turned away within the past six months on account of not being able to find houses in which to do business or dwellings for their families. Two out of the nine desired to carry a line that is not represented here; another desired to engage in the manufacture of fibre brushes. The other six were also men of means, and their home among us would contribute to the upbuilding of Oxford. They could neither find houses in which to live nor desirable lots close in on which to build.

From the facts above stated it does appear that we are "bottled up," but let us hope that the business men and property owners will see to it that the bottle is not "corked" and our doomed sealed. If one will take a drive about Oxford he will see that our corporate limits are sufficiently large to accommodate a population of 12,000 without undue crowding. We should neither enlarge our corporate limits nor turn any one away until this is done. We should proceed on the principle that "every little added to what little we have makes just a little more." The small manufacturer who desires to locate here should be shown every consideration, and in due season the larger ones will come. Oxford is too nice a town to languish, and it is beyond reason to think that the people of Oxford will further stand in their light after they have been fully advised as to the true condition of things. Things are quite ripe for a good substantial growth and we should place ourselves in an attitude to secure all that is due us. It is now in order not only to issue bonds and improve our streets, but we should open up new street and remove every bar that is likely to impede our growth. Nature itself has entered into the prerequisites of our growth and strangers come knocking at our door while we are asleep. There is no telling as to what length our growth would go if the good people of Oxford would wake up and place their best foot forward. The idea that we are too close to other towns to grow is all "bosh." Our opportunities to spread is entirely vested within ourselves, and we should be enthusiastic on the point that "Oxford Offers Opportunities" and grasp every thing that stands for the upbuilding of our town.

Sunday Services.

Sunday was a typical day, with just a tinge of frost in the morning air and the church bells never sounded clearer and sweeter. Our streets in the vicinity of the public square presented an animated scene as the chiming bells announced the sacred hour, and confirmed the good opinion that "Oxford is a church going town."

Every pew at the Baptist Church was filled and chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate the great throng, and we are not sure that some were turned away. Dr. J. B. Weather- spoon, the pastor, is a fine speaker and no doubt the sanctuary will have to be enlarged at no distant day to accommodate all who desire to hear him.

The Methodist Church, Dr. A. P. Tyler, pastor, was well filled both morning and evening, and the services were most impressive and beneficial.

The services at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor, was largely attended both morning and evening, and the sermons and the music were inspiring.

There was no service at St. Stephens' Episcopal Church at the morning hour, Dr. Horsfield, rector, accompanied by Bishop Cheshire, held services at Goshen and returned to Oxford during the afternoon. At the evening service Bishop Cheshire confirmed a class of ten. The Bishop outlined a plan to raise \$50,000 to complete and \$100,000 to endow St. Mary's School. He spoke of the good work that the Church is carrying forward in the Diocese. The music at this church always awakens and inspires the soul.

Will Deliver Address.

Dr. Haskins H. Heart, of New York, and President of the Russell Sage Fund, will be a visitor to Superintendent R. L. Brown on Thursday. He will make an address in the Chapel of Oxford Orphanage that night at 7:30 o'clock to which the general public is cordially invited. Dr. Heart is one of the most prominent leaders in philanthropic work in the United States, and being at the head of one of the strongest organizations in the world, having for its object the uplift of needy and fallen humanity along all lines, he is able to speak upon this subject with a broader vision than most men in this field of usefulness.

Durham Sun Changes Hands.

Mr. O. F. Crowson has sold his stock in the Durham Sun to Messrs S. J. Flickinger and W. W. Weaver. Mr. Crowson will return to Burlington and engage in business, and while we will miss him we wish him success in what ever business he may engage. We wish the new management the success that is due the Sun.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Table with 35 columns representing various offices and positions (e.g., President, Senator, Representative, Sheriff, Treasurer) and 20 rows representing different precincts (e.g., Belmont, Bell Town, Wilton, Groom, Creedmoor, Wilkins, Stem, Geneva, Howard, Berea, Oak Hill, Buchanan, Bullock, Stravall, Sylem, North Oxford, South Oxford). The table shows the number of votes for each candidate in each precinct, with a total row at the bottom.