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THE DEAD HOURS OF NIGHT

The Mulligan Guards Patrol the Street of Oxford With Fixed Bayonets.

Nearly every night for the past month burglars have either entered the stores or invaded the home of some one, or left indelible marks whereby we may know that they are operating in this community.

In the true spirit of the times, Rev. S. K. Phillips and Messrs. Pardo and Hillman Cannady planned to capture a burglar last Friday night.

Deserved Promotion.

On graduating with honors at the old Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia last spring our young townsman, Dr. Nick Cannady, took up preliminary work for greater things at a large hospital at Erie, Pa.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bank of Stem,

at Stem, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 20th, 1912.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various assets and liabilities with their respective values.

W. R. MANGUM, Cashier of Stem, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Feels like hog-killing weather of the right kind. A cent for every seal and a seal for every cent. Many a man goes broke trying to break the record.

Christmas edgnog is lost unless we conceive some plan for making hens lay more eggs. No package is too big to carry the Christmas seal, and none too small to be without one.

Chairman J. P. Stedman went Monday to Grassy Creek and inspected the Wilkinson Memorial Bridge. More trouble. Town and county taxes are due and the best thing to do is to pay early and avoid the rush.

The reason a woman won't let her husband have his own way is because she considers herself the committee on ways and means. Don't go away from home for your Christmas toys. Throw away the catalogue and trade with the home merchants.

You don't get pneumonia in the open air. It gets you in the closed room. Fresh air and good ventilation are the best means of warding off pneumonia.

Our four warehouses had another big break Monday and consequently there were a large number of farmers in Oxford. Prices remain steady and sellers are well pleased with averages.

We call attention to the good statement made by the Bank of Stem in another column, which shows that it continues to grow in that community under the direction of Cashier W. R. Mangum.

The National Bank of Creedmoor, may well point with pride to its fine financial statement in this issue of the Public Ledger. It shows strength in every item. Attention is invited to the strength of this bank.

"Dot, the Minor's Daughter, or one Glass of Wine," a drama in four acts, by Lizzie May Elwyn, will be given at Penny Hill School House Saturday night, Dec. 14th. Admission, adults 15c, children 10c. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Roy B. Dean and Miss Hattie Lee Pruitt, two popular young people of Sunset section, were happily married Sunday morning at Hester's Church by Rev. R. H. Marsh. The Public Ledger joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Mister 'possum, he been waitin' for me all de summer long, En w'en he hears me comin', well he knows mah song-- He gits back in de hollow tree, and 'mence ter howd an' grin, An' good as sez: 'lowdy do, an' 'mister, whar you been?'

An exchange says that one trouble with this world is that there are too many people who will not cast their bread upon the waters unless they are assured that it will come back to them in a few days a full-grown sandwich all trimmed with ham, butter and mustard.

Our tobacco market is a very live factor in the town's business interest, as every day brings good breaks with a large number of farmers in town. The cold wave of Tuesday morning found the town full of tobacco and the farmers gathered around the stoves. Although a very large quantity of the weed has been sold in Oxford prices remain strong and the demand heavy. Come here with your next load.

Wonder if Town authorities cannot have the dirty alleys and back lots cleaned up?

Read the change in the National Bank of Granville advertisement in another column.

Miss Minnie Kimball, of Providence section, who has been quite sick some time, is convalescent.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," with the only exception that a Granville girl does not like to be called "a thing."

The boys continue their bad behavior at the Opera House at night, and the patrons continue to complain about it.

Mr. J. B. Powell is off on a hunting trip and Mr. Ethan Allen is looking after the Register of Deeds office for a few days.

The Exchange Hotel cannot now be missed at night by the traveling public as a brilliant electric sign swings across the street in front of it.

There will be an entertainment at Knott's school house on the night of the 20th, and you are cordially invited to attend. Admission 15 cents.

Mr. Norman Hobgood, of Route 4, is much pleased over the completion of his new home and is very well satisfied with building for the present.

Get the children ready and let them attend the Bazaar at the Armory on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock, and let them enjoy drawing prize boxes at 5 cents a draw.

Linger up your ancient heart, Rub your muscles for a start; Wind your soul up good and tight, Here they come to light the light Of the jolly Christmas season When we neither rule nor reason.

Mr. John Brown took Messrs. D. A. Moore and A. Williford out to Kittle's Cross Roads section where they took off of a branch a 100 gallon still minus the cap. Nobody was at the still and only about 20 bushels of meal were captured.

The State Farmers Union meets in Raleigh to-day and will be composed of representative farmers of the State. This great organization continues to grow and is helping to build up the farming interest of North Carolina. We feel sure Granville County Union will be ably represented in that body.

The good people throughout the Oxford Circuit learn with pleasure that Rev. L. A. Joyner, the good and faithful servant of the Lord, was not sent to another appointment by the Conference, and that he will be with us another year and longer is permissible.

The New Post Office.

Within the next couple of days four holes will be sunk in the new post office site to the depth of eight feet, and a sample of the strata sent to Washington. This is a hurry order and doubtless means that work on the new building will begin in the early spring.

Cottrell-Frazier.

Mr. Roy Frazier and Miss Kate Cottrell, both of North Granville, drove to Oxford and were married at the Exchange Hotel Sunday afternoon by Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Presbyterian church. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to the home of the groom's parents in North Granville.

Two Fine Deers Killed.

A number of hunters from Newark, New Jersey, who have been hunting in Culbreth section for a week or more, killed two fine deer last Saturday in the vicinity of Bowlings mountain. The deer were making for the mountain when they were felled by the hunters' bullets. The hunters were so elated over their luck that they wrapped the deer neatly in canvass cloth and shipped them to Newark, New Jersey. The bagging had the following words neatly marked on it: "Trophies from good old Granville County, North Carolina." The jolly hunters returned north with their game Sunday.

Shamberger-Taylor.

The following invitations have been issued: Reverend and Mrs. Frank Mebane Shamberger invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Myrtle Norman to

Mr. David Kerr Taylor on the evening of Tuesday December the thirty-first at half-past 8 o'clock Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Hertford, North Carolina. At home after January fourteenth, Oxford, North Carolina.

The bride-elect is an attractive young lady, possessing many rare charms of mind and graceful character. She grew to young womanhood in Oxford while her father was pastor here, and won high graduating honors at Oxford College.

Boys' Corn Club.

The round up of the corn contest of the county will be held at the Court House Saturday, December 14th. All boys in this contest who have not already sent in their reports should do so before that time. J. F. WEBB.

Prominent Hotel Men Dead.

Mr. James P. Massenburg, for a quarter of a century the proprietor of the Massenburg hotel in Henderson died at his home in Henderson last Friday night, in the 65th year of his age. He leaves his widow and three children, Mrs. C. G. Moore, of Littleton, Mrs. J. H. Bridgers, of Henderson, and Mr. W. E. Massenburg, of Oxford. The deceased was born in Southampton county, Virginia, and served in the Fifth Virginia Troop in the civil war.

Dr. Spillman Coming.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, Field Secretary of Baptist Sunday Work in North Carolina, will be the guest of Oxford College next Saturday and Sunday. He is one of the best pulpits orators in the State, and is always intensely interesting. He will speak to the student body at Oxford College Saturday evening and the congregation and public in general will have an opportunity to hear the distinguished divine at the Baptist church, both morning and evening next, Sunday.

Granville Soil Survey.

The Department of Agriculture has issued a report on the soil survey of Granville county. This work was done by the United States geological experts in conjunction with the State. The area covered in Granville is 334,080 acres. An interesting description is given of the type of soils, the agricultural conditions and prospects and what crops may be grown to the best advantage. The Congressman of this district will have reports ready for distribution to the farmers at an early date.

Death of Mrs. John Parham.

After an illness of more than 2-years Mrs. John Parham is "beyond the smiling and the weeping" as she gently passed away Monday night at 7 o'clock at her home on Broad street. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist church and lived the life of a Christian, and bore her affliction with great fortitude. She was devoted to her family and leaves a husband and 9 children, six boys and three girls to mourn her demise, along with three sisters, Mrs. J. R. Daniel, of Berea; Mrs. Geo. Critcher, of Statesville, and Mrs. Thos. Bowden, Charlotte.

The funeral will be conducted this Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. at the home conducted by Rev. J. B. Weatherston and the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery. May the Great Redeemer comfort and sustain the family in the hour of bereavement.

Grissom-Collins.

A pretty marriage was solemnized at Corinth Baptist church, Franklin county, on November 26th, when Miss Ruby Luola Collins became the bride of Mr. Charles Clyde Grissom.

The church was beautifully decorated in green, white and yellow, and made a lovely scene in the soft glow of electric lights.

Just before the ceremony, Miss Ada Daniel, of Epsom, sweetly sang "Because." Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Daniel, the bridal party entered. The ushers Messrs. Claud Collins and Tolly Weldon, John Y. Beasley and Perry Wilson, came up the side aisle and stood in front of the altar.

Then came Miss Lilly Grissom with Mr. John Wilson, Miss Rilla Fuller with Mr. Dot Purnell, Miss Burla Shearin with Mr. Blair Tucker, of Louisburg, and Miss Annie Garner, of Creedmoor, with Mr. Norman Purnell.

The bride prettily gowned in white messaline and lace, carrying a lovely bouquet of white chrysanthemums entered with her maid of honor and sister, Miss Ethel Collins, and met the groom at the altar, who entered from the side door with his brother, Mr. Lee Grissom.

The bridesmaids were attired in white silk and lace with black picture hats.

Rev. W. L. Griggs, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, after which the party left the church to the strains of Longhry's wedding march and repaired to the home of the bride, later going to Henderson in an automobile, where they took a train for a bridal trip to points north.

Miss Collins is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Collins, and is a pretty and accomplished young lady.

Mr. Grissom is highly esteemed by his many friends for integrity and industry.

NUTS, English Walnuts, Nigger Toes, Almonds and Pecans. We have a big lot of nuts, candies and fruits. We can supply your Christmas wants.

J. G. HALL. FOR SALE--Blue Ribbon Buff Plymouth Rocks, Brown Leghorns. Mrs. W. H. GREGORY, Stovall, N. C.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mrs. S. K. Phillips is visiting parents in Richmond.

Mrs. W. E. Dorsey, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Miss Ollie Lyon, of Lyon, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Charley Gordon, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. A. J. Dickerson, of Dickerson, was in town Monday.

Mr. Abner Newton, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. T. Blackwell, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. Y. Crews, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. T. W. Burch, of Route 1, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Wade Jenkins, of Wilton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. G. T. Mitchell, of Stem section, was in town Monday.

Mr. Macon Hobgood, of Route 1, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. W. E. Morgan, of Stem section, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. R. A. Averett, of Hester section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. J. Royster, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. R. T. Gregory, of Stovall, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. W. O. Cheatham, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

Miss Grizzel Smith, of Tar River, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Sam Usry, of Route 2, was in town Monday morning.

Dr. John Bullock, of Creedmoor, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Renn, of Route 6, was on the tobacco sales Monday.

Mr. M. H. Washington, of Stem, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. R. P. Coble, of Sandford, was in Oxford Sunday and Monday.

Mr. John Burnett, of Route 5, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Blackley, of Wilton, were in Oxford Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Haitcock, of Hester section, was on the tobacco breaks Monday.

Misses Alma and Janie Gooch, of Stem, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Abner Overton, of Cannady's Mill section, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Bradsher and her mother, Mrs. Dean, of Route 6, were in town shopping Saturday.

Misses Mary and Lillian Hart, of Route 4, were among town shoppers Saturday.

Misses Irma and Reda Umstead, of Knap of Reeds section, were in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Sula Broughton has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives at Victoria, Va.

Misses Alma Clayton and Ella Hall, of Stem, were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Mr. C. H. Piper, of Route 6, was among the farmers in town Monday selling tobacco.

"Dr." Ferebee, one of the popular clerks in the post office, enjoyed Sunday in Richmond.

Miss Etta Washington, one of Tally Ho's fine looking ladies, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Bradsher, of Roxboro, is in Oxford making arrangements about the new State bank.

Mr. M. P. Chamblee spent the week end in Raleigh, with Mrs. Chamblee, who is recovering from an operation.

Misses Dora Jenkins and Ivey Lane, of Wilton section, were among the attractive shoppers in Oxford Saturday.

A Startling Offer.

Cohn & Son announce the gift of a beautiful doll on Wednesday and Thursday of this week to every one who spends three dollars at their store on those days. A picture of the doll is seen in their ad. on the fourth page of this paper. They make this remarkable offer because they believe in sharing their profits with the people who patronize them. That is their way of doing business. They sell for cash only--if they sold on credit they could not be so liberal, and their cash prices are much lower than stores that extend credit. A comparison of prices and an inspection of their goods will reveal a few facts worth while in these days of money saving and the high cost of living.

THE NEW BOUNDARY LINE.

Bill to Extend Our Corporate Limits Will Be Introduced in the General Assembly.

A bill to enlarge the corporate limits of Oxford will be introduced at the next session of the General Assembly. The question of extending the limits will be left to the voters of the present corporate limits and those of a radius of 500 yards affected by the bill.

The Public Ledger had hoped to see Oxford built up and the streets beautified before the corporate limits were extended. There is not sufficient revenue accruing from taxes to mend and maintain our streets, and an extension of the boundary line would have a decided tendency to defeat the best interests of the town. The extension of one-third of a mile would add a thousand or more population and double our present area by more than one-half, and when we think of extending streets, water-mains, sewerage and lights one-third of a mile in every direction we begin to see the magnitude of the proposition. Even if the new territory was thickly populated and the revenue arising from it was in proportion to the present limits of Oxford we fail to see wherein we could hope to improve our streets within the next decade. But the new territory is sparsely settled and only a limited amount of revenue would arise from it; at best, not more than enough to pay the hire of a first-class policeman, and keep the ditches and drains open. The property owners of the new territory would be entitled to fire-protection, sewerage, lights, etc., and in our inability to furnish them bickerings and unpleasantness would arise. If the revenue accruing in the outlying territory was sufficient to guarantee the opening up and maintaining new streets and the extension of water-mains, or if the town was financially able to fix and maintain our present thoroughfares, the proposition to enlarge our domain would not be so appalling. The proper thing to do is to macadam one good solid spot in the business center of the town and add to it in every direction until the corporate limits are reached before we acquire new territory. "The City Beautiful" is preferable to "Mudville."

The Public Ledger has from time to time advocated a bond issue for street improvement, and we believe that to be the correct solution, and if a good round sum for street purposes was placed in the hands of a capable business man, removed from cumbersome committee red tape, the results would be surprising. We admit that a large number of citizens favor an extension of the corporate limits, and in presenting the bill to the General Assembly the Town Commissioners do so as the servants of the people. The people we know, are some time hard to please, but a commissioner that tries to please the people is the one that is really doing his duty.

NOTICE TO HOUSEKEEPERS OF OXFORD AND GRANVILLE CO.

Having just received a Modern Slicing Machine we are now prepared to slice Bacon, Boiled Hams, Dried smoked Beef, Spiced Beef and German Sausages in those nice thin wafer slices that everyone likes so well. It looks better, cooks better, tastes better and besides you get more. Give us a sample order and be convinced.

TAYLOR BROS., The Sanitary Grocers. Phone 115

LOST Saturday, November 30th, between Breedlove & McFarland store and Oxford College, a black ribbed phi with gold college society emblem Phi Beta-Kappa, marked Mary Parnly Kause, Smith, 1912. Finder will receive liberal reward by returning same to this office, or to Mary Parnly Kause, teacher of English, Oxford College.

ROOMS FOR RENT--Mrs Geo Patterson, near Furniture factory, has 3 rooms for rent. 2tpd

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Creedmoor in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Nov. 20th, 1912.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various assets and liabilities with their respective values.

W. B. Lasley, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. LASLEY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Dec. 1912. J. R. SINGLETON, Notary Public. Correct Attest: W. P. COZART, J. E. PURGASON, J. F. SANDERFORD, Directors.