

MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR

An Increase of Forty License Placed to the Credit of Leap Year.

Cupid, the match-maker, must be given credit for an increase in the number of marriages in Granville during this, leap year. It was predicted a year ago that when the calendar gave the ladies authority in the matter of proposing matrimony the number of marriages was sure to increase; and when Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, made out his marriage license report for the fiscal year ending November, no one was surprised to find that there had been an increase of 40 over the previous year.

A Pretty Picture.

We noticed a bevy of young ladies gathered about the plate-glass front of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company's building, examining with critical eye the series of art calendars that hang in the window. The series embrace a period surrounding the birth of the American flag, and after viewing them in mute admiration the young ladies moved off with the remark that they were "very pretty."

Somehow or other, art has always been associated with "mother, love and necessity." Likewise, everything that is beautiful in literature, whether it be a poem, a philosophy or a gem, it is the product work.

Stedman To Have Opposition.

Under Washington date of December 13th, Maj. Charles M. Stedman, Representative of the Fifth Congressional district, announces his candidacy for re-election. It would seem that the Major is determined to keep his iron in the fire all the time, but it has been generally understood as coming from the Major himself that he would be satisfied with two terms in Congress, and there was those among us who confidentially believed he would side-step at the expiration of his second term. As long as the Major has announced his candidacy, and precipitated a campaign so early after his election, it is well enough for the Public Ledger to now say what it intended to say a little later, to the effect that the many friends of Gen. B. S. Royster are urging him to run for Congress in 1914.

FOR SALE.

The remainder of the County Home tract. This property is in two lots (one contains 75 and other 67.8 acres. Will be glad to receive bids for this property, but reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Bids must be sealed, and to be opened first Monday in January, 1913.

The Board of Commissioners, J. B. POWELL, Clerk.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

You cannot prick a man's conscience if it is not big enough to make a hole in it.

The sound of the auctioneer's voice is again heard in the Banner warehouse.

If there were no women man would never get here, and wouldn't care to stay very long.

Mr. B. R. Hodinott, an excellent plumber of Charlottesville, Va., is now with Messrs. Osborn & Mason.

The King's Daughters will meet this Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. G. Elliott.

Mere man will be grateful if woman will tell him how she keeps the hobble skirt from bagging at the knees.

Mr. J. G. Hall has the funniest lot of toys and holiday goods on display that you have seen in several years.

We deeply regret to learn that Mrs. Matt Nelson is critically ill at her home on High street and hope will soon be better.

At this season of the year nearly everybody in the county knows what the Governor of South Carolina said to the Governor of North Carolina

The Pensions for the old Veterans of Granville county are in the hands of the Clerk of the Court and they are requested to call and get them.

Mr. F. L. Currin, of Route 6, killed a few days ago 2 pigs 12 months old that weighed 312 and 322, and several 9 months old that averaged 172 lbs.

The banks of Oxford will close on Christmas day, and those having business with these institutions will bear this in mind and attend to same beforehand.

The friends of Mrs. Andrew Willford will be glad to learn that she is now rapidly improving, and it is thought she will be able to return from the hospital this week.

Our streets are thronged daily now with shoppers from every direction for miles around. People know that they can find what they want in Oxford and at prices reasonable.

Stop thoughtless giving. It is a waste of money, and no one thanks you. Far better an appropriate trifle than a costly present for which the recipient has no use.

A whiskey house advertisement says every little taste has a tingle all its own. As a tongue tickler, palate pleaser, larvyn lubricator and stomach stimulator, it's all to the good.

The Bazaar held by the ladies of the Episcopal Church Thursday and Friday proved a success and we extend congratulations to the managers. The receipts amounted to about \$240.

This is the season when a last year's stove pipe hat, suitably decorated with ribbons and rosettes, can secure a new lease of life as a Christmas present for a literary friend in need of a waste basket.

We are requested by Mr. James B. Powell, painstaking Register of Deeds to say that in future he will not mail county orders, owing to the fact that they have to be approved by Mr. T. G. Stem, the new Deputy County Treasurer.

When you pass down the streets you are reminded that Christmas is near at hand. Our merchants, who advertise in the Public Ledger, have a beautiful line of Christmas goods, and it you are looking Old Santa Claus be sure to come to Oxford.

Governor Kitchin has issued his proclamation for the Presidential electors for North Carolina to meet in Raleigh January 13 for the formality of casting the vote of the State for Woodrow Wilson and naming a delegate to convey the vote of the State to the national college.

Father's Christmas--mostly just Standing by to see the rest Bubble with the gladness borne By life's goodness in their breast Come, now, change things all around, Let's make father feel this year That it's his turn to be filled With the best of Christmas cheer!

Mr. Rastus--I've muzzled de dog An' now I've waitin'. Mr. Acker--For what? Mr. Rastus--To see if dey's wintur go de res' o' de way an' see to de puhtuction of us human bein's. Ef dey'll fix up some way o' muzzlin' er hin' feet o' er mule, I'll sho'ly stop er heap o' damage.

The State Board of Agriculture has just gone on record as favoring the use of all able bodied convicts in the building of good roads in the State that the people may have quick and easy methods of transportation and social intercourse. This seems to be one of the reforms that is universally demanded--or almost so--in the State. The Legislature must give it to us.

Christmas presents always look so much neater when they bear the Red Cross Seal. And every seal used represents and aids a most worthy cause.

Capt. J. H. Daniel, of Poyvidence, claims the championship on big pigs so far, as he killed one Monday weighing 519 pounds, another 419. Brother Currin will have to try again.

Mr. J. A. Poytress, manager of the Opera House, secured a good company for his play house this week, and there is fun in plenty there every night this week. Now, in the days of hog and hominy, is the time to see the comedians, laugh and grow fat.

At Stoval, December 24th, 1912, oysters and other refreshments will be sold for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at Dickerson Hall. Door open from 1 to 10 o'clock. Voting contest at night. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The Banner Warehouse, which was consumed by fire a month ago, has been rebuilt and the first sale under the new roof took place Monday, and Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, the proprietor, was glad to see so many of his friends at the old familiar and popular warehouse.

The Express Company is doing a rushing business just now in the jug and bottle trade, and it will continue through the holidays. Prohibition it seems does not prohibit as the people continue to get all the whiskey they want to drink while the town and the county loses the revenue.

Don't use your tongue to let it give rein to all you think of somebody else. Bite your tongue when it is disposed to make you chatter in response to idle and useless thoughts. Think over what you want to say before you use your tongue. Don't be the guy or the guyette who put the wag in a wagging tongue.

We are very glad to say that it will be no longer necessary for our people to go to Richmond and other points to find out what is the matter with them as Dr. Benj. K. Hays has just equipped himself for that purpose under one of the most eminent specialists in New York, and has added a laboratory to his office.

A Fine Chance.

Do you wish a free trip to Washington City on the occasion of Wilson's Inauguration? If you do, write at once for particulars. Address Inauguration Department, News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C. If you have a friend who would also like to take this trip and have a free ticket, send in his or her name right away.

Miss Wolf Marries Mr. Fox.

The following Associated Press dispatch, of importance to Granville county people, was dated New York, December 11:

"Miss Birdie Wolf was married to Mr. Robert R. Fox, of Brooklyn, in the presence of eighteen Foxes and thirty-one Wolfs. Among the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Bull, William Duck, Dr. Joseph Sauer, and his finance, Miss Loretta Sweet. The couple will live in Lynt, N. C."

Campaign Debt Settled.

Some of the friends of the Public Ledger accused us during the recent campaign of being subsidized. Now that the old campaign debts are being adjusted, we acknowledge the following note along with a small box of large, ripe, luscious persimmons, selected with great care by the deft fingers of Mrs. T. D. Clement, who resides on Route 1. We are glad to say that the campaign, like the persimmons, left no bitterness in our mouth, and both were relished. The note reads as follows: "Mr. J. T. Britt, you worked for Simmons, you voted for Simmons, now eat 'simmons."

Fine Deer in Granville.

From time to time fine deer are seen in Granville county in large numbers, and hunters are capturing some fine specimen these days. The two which were killed at the foot of Bowlings mountain and shipped north a couple of weeks ago were pronounced by the northern hunters exceptionally fine specimens. Mr. J. D. Greenway, of Oak Hill township, called on the Public Ledger Monday and told of an exciting hunt he and a party of his friends had last week out in his section of the county, killing a 200-pound buck, 150 pound buck and 140 pound doe each. Those who frequent the highways of the county say that the frequently see deer browsing on the hill-sides in early hours of the morning.

HAD YOU EVER THOUGHT IT?

A box of Martha Washington candy for that Christmas present. We can supply your wants. Taylor Brothers, the Sanitary Grocers.

ANNOUNCEMENT--I wish to announce that I have returned to Oxford again to engage in the meat business and will furnish the citizens good wholesome meat at all times. I will carry all kinds of fresh and cured meats fresh fish and oysters in season. Will be glad to have your patronage. Quick delivery guaranteed. Phone 130-b. DICK TURNER. The old reliable meat man. Market in front of Banner Warehouse.

Boys' Corn Club.

Member of the Boys' Corn Club met in the office of Superintendent J. F. Webb Saturday and received the following prizes:

First Prize--A \$65 buggy, offered by the Oxford Buggy Company, was won by Hicks Overton.

Second Prize--Trip to National Corn Show to be held at Columbia, S. C., was won by Hugh Whitfield.

Third Prize--Same as second prize, won by Ewing Smith.

Fourth Prize--Garland Daniel, cash \$5.00.

Fifth Prize--Frank Currin, cash \$4. The highest yield was 48 bushels and 3 pecks. The average of the boys in the contest was 42 bushels.

It must be remembered that the long drought of the past summer curtailed the corn crop at least one-half; otherwise the boys would have stood well to the front among the Corn Clubs of the State.

Dr. B. W. Spillman.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, secretary of Baptist Sunday School Work in North Carolina, who was the guest of Oxford College Saturday and Sunday, made many friends while in Oxford. The Doctor is one of those good jovial men, being as broad as he is long, and few can illustrate and press a point with as great force as can he. He is closely identified with the International Sunday Lesson, as writer, and his sketch of the life and works of the Apostle John, as delivered at the Baptist church last Sunday morning, revealed a rare knowledge of Holy writ. The Doctor's lecture at the evening hour, entitled "Imagination," as applied to the Sunday School lesson, was very impressive. The Doctor's descriptive power, the easy flow of language and fund of information, as found in the Word of God, establishes him in the hearts of his hearers. The church was crowded at both services.

Osborn-Royster Marriage.

At the meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon club, in Raleigh, on Saturday afternoon last, at the home of Mrs. J. S. Wynne the engagement of one of its members, Miss Mabel Royster to Mr. James Osborn, of Oxford, was announced.

The announcement came near the close of the meeting and followed the club program. When the guests had been seated for refreshments the hostess, Mrs. Wynne, read the following telegram.

"Mrs. J. S. Wynne: Have just succeeded in making a match between Miss Mabel Royster and Mr. James Osborn. They will join hearts and hands after Christmas. Signed, Dan Cupid."

After the announcement Miss Daisy Denson gave a very beautiful toast to the bride-elect, expressing the hearty good wishes of the club members from whose midst Miss Royster will be no doubt greatly missed.

Miss Royster has been a member of the faculty of Peace Institute for several years and has made many friends in the city since making her home here. Mr. Osborn is a prominent citizen of Oxford and is well known all over Granville county.

A Christmas Sale.

The Christmas sale put on at Cohn & Son is of the greatest importance to every one. This sale will last eight days only. Their stock is very heavy, and this means that shoppers have an excellent opportunity from which to select. This is not a remnant sale by any means, as there are no broken lots in stock, and every article is reduced. This enterprising firm will clear out their up-to-date winter stock in the next few days, and the bargains that await you are numerous. It would seem that they have cast their profits to the wind and shut their eyes to their costs and made prices that they compel quick action. Read the advertisement of this popular mercantile establishment on the fourth page of this paper.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

In the village of Rock Branch, Harnet county, one thousand acres of fine tobacco land, some of which is now in high state of cultivation, with several good buildings. Will sell on terms or rent, or cut farms up to suit large or small farmers. Good school, good water and healthy surroundings. Address, Sanford-Rock Branch Development Co., W. J. Olive, Mgr., Sanford, or Rock Branch, N. C.

STRAY DOG--A stray dog took up with our pack on Nov. 27th. Write or call on King & Oakley, Cedar Grove, N. C.

TO THE LADIES OF OXFORD.

Please call on Misses Roberts, 19 Front street, for dainty handmade articles suitable for Xmas presents.

AT CREEDMOOR DECEMBER 20th.

Dr. N. Rosenstein, the eye specialist of Durham, will be in Creedmoor, stopping at the Central Hotel, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. If you are in need of any work for your eyes don't fail to see Dr. Rosenstein Friday, Dec. 20th.

LAND POSTED.

I hereby warn all persons not to hunt with dogs or gun or otherwise trespass upon my land, under the penalty of the law. D. T. CHEATHAM.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mr. I. T. Allgood, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

Mr. Matt Currin, of Henderson, was in Oxford Sunday.

Mr. Sim Green, of Stem section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Grissom, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. F. Usry, of Clay section, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Sidney Minor, of Durham, was a home visitor Sunday.

Mr. Henry Dixon, of Knap of Reeds, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Hart, of Route 4, were in town Saturday.

Mr. J. N. Tilley, of Knap of Reeds, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. J. D. Kinton and son, of Route 4, were town visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Royster, of Bullock, were our streets Monday.

Mr. Crawford Cooper, of the road, spent the week end in Oxford.

Mrs. Hight and two daughter, of Route 2, were in town Saturday.

Mr. Sam Howard, of Grassy Creek section, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Frank Pinnix has returned from a business trip to Eastern Carolina.

Mrs. Geo. Carr, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. Sam Parker on Front street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor, of Stovall, were on our streets Monday afternoon.

Messrs. E. J. Jenkins and Wade H. Jenkins, of Wilton, were in town Monday.

The pleasant Miss Allene Cooper, of Fayetteville, is visiting relatives in Oxford.

Messrs. B. I. Breedlove and E. A. Hunt, of Salem section, were in town Saturday.

Messrs. E. C. Parrott and E. R. Boyd, of Dabney section, were Oxford visitors Monday.

The pleasant Dr. Rosenstein, Durham's excellent optician, was in Oxford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cheatham, of Route 3, were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Miss Williams and Mrs. Anna Royster, of Oak Hill, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery bade their Oxford friends good bye Saturday and left for Arizona to spend the winter.

Mr. T. T. Hicks and family, of Henderson, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hicks on College street Sunday afternoon.

Mr. "Gus" Rawlins, of the Railway Mail Service, spent several days the past week with his mother in Oxford.

Mr. C. G. Mangum and family, of Route 6, have finished moving to the Aiken place near Salem church, recently purchased by Mr. Mangum.

We were greatly pleased to receive a call Monday afternoon from two of our old veteran friends, W. H. Daniel, of Creedmoor, and W. L. Robards, of Greens.

Mr. R. S. Usry returned a few days ago from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Gordon, near Jacksonville, Fla. He enjoyed his visit very much, and was much pleased with Florida.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, in the Providence of Almighty God, our brother and co-laborer, John Wesley Hunt, has been removed from the duties of earth to the fruition of heaven.

Resolved, 1. That we as individuals and as a class most earnestly deplore the early and unexpected death of one just entering upon the career of a useful life, and so full of promise to the Church and the world, yet we bow in humble submission to His will who doth all things well, knowing that our loss is his eternal gain.

2. That while this dispensation of Providence is inscrutable to us, yet we acknowledge His infinite wisdom and love, and believe that this dark mystery will find a revelation and this difficult problem and easy solution in the celestial light of the great hereafter.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, with the expression of our sincere sympathy and condolence, and that they be recorded in the minutes of our Baraca Class.

D. A. NEESE, F. F. LYON, MARVIN MINOR, Committee.

DR. N. ROSENSTEIN, of Durham, will be in Creedmoor Friday, December 20th, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses.

FIVE MORE SHOPPING DAYS

The Stores Are Pretty and the Merchants Are Very Busy.

Only five more shopping days until Christmas. The signs of the approaching holiday season can be seen on every hand and the Christmas feeling is in the air. Holiday goods are on display in the stores, show windows are attractively dressed with suggestions of the Christmas season and buyers of Christmas goods are thronging the marts of trade. There are many attractive displays and large and varied stocks to select from. A glance at the advertisements in the Public Ledger is sufficient proof of the display of the most dependable goods at prices within the reach of all.

The Public Ledger has not urged its readers to buy early and avoid the rush, but the advice is timely. It is better for the buyer and the seller. Therefore, those who haven't made Xmas purchases should do so at once rather than wait until the last moment. If it is put off until a day or two before Christmas it is more difficult to get waited on and harder to make selections than when the rush is not so great.

But whatever you do about buying early or late, the Public Ledger is here to urge that you buy at home. The home merchants are entitled to your trade. Nine times out of ten--yes, 99 times out of a hundred--you can get as good goods for as little money, or for less, in Oxford. The merchants are here and the goods are here. If you don't patronize them, don't ask them to faternise you.

Real Estate Transfers.

Messrs. B. E. Parham and W. A. Parham, who have been running the Farmers Warehouse this season under the firm name of Parham & Parham, have purchased the controlling interest in this fine piece of property, and we are glad to say that these gentlemen will continue to operate the warehouse. The building was constructed way back in the days of the Farmers Alliance, and is one of the finest properties in town. The proprietors contemplate slight improvements during the coming summer. The price of the property is not made public.

WANTED--To purchase a track of land suitable for a Home for the Aged and Infirm, not over four miles from Oxford, N. C. Must have sufficient wood to run the place. All communications to be addressed to J. P. Stedman, Chairman Board County Commissioners. Reserve the right to reject any and all lands offered. All bids sealed. To be opened first Monday in January.

The Board of Commissioners, D14-tf) By J. B. POWELL, Clerk.

NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

L. C. Wilkerson, the Jeweler at Stovall, has an exceptionally fine stock of jewelry on hand--watches, clocks, fountain pens, rings, fobs, chains, belt pins, lockets, pendants, cuff links, mesh bags, hat pins, bracelets, silver-ware, flash lights, toilet articles, in fact everything in a first-class jewelry store. Diamond rings from 1-16 to 1 karat. Call early and see the fine selection before the stock is picked over. L. C. WILKERSON, Stovall, N. C.

BE SURE AND CALL 138 B. H. M. Turner's up-to-date market, when in need of high grade beef, pork, sausage, etc., as all orders will be promptly filled. Remember, and don't forget H. M. Turner when in need of any kind of fresh meat. 2t.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Granville County, In Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Myrtle Allen Baillet et al. vs. Lelia Allen Ray and others. That a special proceeding entitled as above has been instituted in the superior court of Granville county for the purpose of having sold for partition certain lands in which you have an interest; and the said Defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of Granville county on the 10th day of January 1913, and answer or demur to the petition in said cause or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition. This 13th day of December 1912. J. G. SHOTWELL, C. S. C. Dec. 13-14.

Administrators Notice.

The undersigned, having been duly appointed by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville county Administrators with the will annexed of Rebecca S. Montague, deceased, late of the said county of Granville, hereby notify all persons holding claims against the estate of said deceased to present the same to me for payment, on or before the 16th day of Dec. 1913, for this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement. This Dec. 13th, 1912. R. T. PITTARD, J. C. PITTARD, Admrs. C. T. A. of Rebecca S. Montague, Dec. 13-14.

TRUSTEES SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a certain Deed in Trust executed to me by James F. Aiken and A. B. Aiken his wife on the 27th day of Sept. 1899, which will be returned duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville County, in Book 46 at page 463, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured thereby, at the request of the owner of the said land, I will sell for cash by Public auction at the court-house door in Oxford on TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1913, at 12M, the valuable tract of land in two divisions described and conveyed in said Deed-in-Trust, to wit: The first tract adjoins George W. Coley, Jr., & is situated on Munn's road and contains 62.3-4 acres more or less. The second tract adjoins the lands formerly owned by W. W. Cozart, other lands of J. F. Aiken, Mr. Beck and others and is also situate on Munn's road and contains 88 acres 2 rods and 17 perch's. These are valuable lands. Reference is hereby made to said Deed-in-Trust for further description. This, the 13th day of December, 1912. A. A. HICKS, Trustee.