



OUR SLOGAN--"OXFORD OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES."

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TAX PAYER SEES THINGS.

Suggests Ways and Means to Employ Good Man to Handle the Streets.

To THE PUBLIC LEDGER: I was out of town when you published the ticket mentioned by "Progress" last week. In talking with a friend I was told that the ticket run something like this--Messrs. A. H. Powell, Mayor, and W. Z. Mitchell, A. A. Chapman, W. H. Britt, M. P. Chambliss, Capt. Elmore, Will Fleming and W. A. Parham for Town Commissioners. "Progress" suggests the name of Mr. Hillman Cannady to take the place of one of the seven above mentioned, but I don't know which one he means, and as he seems to know what he was talking about I expect it is the right caper. Mr. Cannady is not what you would call a "rank progressive," but he is a sensible man and that's saying a whole lot in his favor if we compare him with some of "the-know-alls" who stand around and say "if I haven't got the money we'd better wait." I think the best plan is to invest the affairs of the town in the hands of six or eight Commissioners, it don't matter which. We have had seven men on the Board, with a self-constituted individual to advise them what to do, and as this number has proven to be inadequate to the needs of the town, I am opposed to letting the number remain at seven with a self-appointed advisor. Either make the number eight or cut it down to six, and I don't think it is right for one or two men to do all the talking and voting on the burning questions of the town. I like to see every man on the Board have his little say, and not sit there and congratulate themselves like Munden that "dead men tell no tales." Any man knows that the most vital thing concerning the town government is the expenditure of the small amount of money realized from all sources to run the town, and of this the streets and sidewalks are of the greatest importance. Has the little what we have had been expended wisely? I think not. There is no use having a town unless you have streets, and if you have no streets you need no commissioners. Now, if the streets are to be neglected what's the use to have a Board of Commissioners and the self-same advisor. Either the advisor or the Board would not have to work overtime to run a streetless town. Have the citizens of Oxford expected too much of the present Board, or have they fallen short? One thing is certain, the old Board is the most talked of Board that has been in power in a long time, and the most severe arraignment I have ever heard impudently to any Board was when a large tax payer said they have the citizens by the collar and are "leading them by the still waters of life." I rather object to this, and so long as I am a tax-payer I am opposed to being buried under a weeping willow tree down by the sleepy stream where it is impudently that we are being led. There must be some way open to the citizens of Oxford to provide better streets, but when anybody suggests a plan he is accused of working for the interest of some one, and not for the interests of the town; but nevertheless the time has come to speak up and shove the town ahead, even if there are obstacles in the way. The first step to take is to secure the services of a competent man and put him in charge of the street work. It is true that the services of a competent man cost more than the services of an inexperienced man, but the work itself over-balances the difference. Take a man like Sheriff Wheeler, for instance. He is the handiest man that ever worked for the town since the days of Chief of Police Renn. You can't heap too much on the shoulders of Sam Wheeler. He could very easily attend to the streets, collect the taxes, police the town and attend to many other duties and not half try. Besides being a terror to evil doers, he was never known to dump a load of loose stone in a mud-hole and leave it there to be yanked out by the wheels of the first vehicle that come along. Wheeler always works with system, and it would be a good thing to combine a lot of the offices and turn the affairs over to him, and then if the Board needed any prompting he could give them some practical knowledge. The condition of our streets has grown out of inexperience more than anything else. To be a good brick-mason you must know how to mix mortar; to be a good street man you must know how to handle stone to the best of advantage. You can't pick up just any Tom, Dick or Harry and expect for him to know how to repair the streets. Like every thing else it requires experience, and as we "have no money" we don't want to juggle and experiment with the little we have got. I don't want to hurt the feelings of any man connected with the town government, but I do believe in calling "a spade a spade," and right here I want to say that the more letters like the matter-of-fact one "Progress" wrote the better it is for the town. And like him I, too, believe in a clean sweep from top to bottom, and the infusion of new and younger blood into the affairs of the town. Have no fears of "13," and make the year 1913 the best year for Oxford. TAX PAYER

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to Our Readers.

More rain and more mud, and worse streets and roads. A creased hat and a cigarette never made a real man. It is easy to run into debt, but hard work to walk out. A fool boy may get over it, but a fool man is hopeless. If you do not advertise, and your trade is not increasing, it is your own fault. The timbers and equipment for the new planing mills are being put on the grounds. The town that gets the business these days is the one that hustles for it. Is Oxford doing her part of hustling? Unless Policeman Williford puts a stop to the boys shooting the No. 22 rifles around town somebody is going to get hurt. The main reason why woman should be on school boards in North Carolina is that it would give the State better school boards. As soon as the roads dry out get out the split log drag, Mr. Road Overseer, and fill up the holes and put a surface on the roads. Fashion papers say skirts will be made tighter this spring. Add one more leg and call them breeches as the women play boss anyhow. "So nigh is grandeur to our dust, So near is God to man; When Duty whispers low, 'Thou must,' The Youth replies, 'I can.'" It would prove a great benefit to the State in many ways if the Legislature would tax dogs, but we think the solons are afraid to tackle Col. Dog. If there is anything picturesque in chewing the rag all you have to do is stand around on the streets and listen at Oxford's chief knocker. We had a beautiful Sunday morning and if he come forth from his winter sleep the ground hog saw his shadow as the sun shown bright and clear. The farmers of Granville county should attend the coming Institutes in Oxford February 13th and at Hester on the 14th. Don't forget the dates and be on hand. We heard it remarked Monday that an American citizen is yet to be born who at the age of 21 does not consider himself competent to run a farm, a hotel and a newspaper. The Turks seemed eager to treat for peace. And with Allies got down to work. But the Sultan balked when the Allies Talked of wanting a piece of Turk. No need condemning the courts for alleged injustices in dealing with criminals as long as public sympathy goes so far as to raise funds and sign petitions to get law-breakers out of trouble. Capt. W. A. Devin, Granville's able and popular Representative, was Speaker pro tem of the House last week during the absence of Speaker Connor and proved an excellent presiding officer. Mr. A. M. Overton, of Route 6, laid on our table Saturday a Rhode Island Red Hen's egg that weighed 4 1/2 ounces and measured 6 1/2 inches round and 8 1/2 inches in length. This is the largest hen egg we ever saw. Miss Edna White delightfully entertained the XX Club on Monday afternoon. After a very interesting game of 42 a choice salad course was served and the pleasant afternoon with Miss White as such a charming hostess came to a close. The sun is again shining brightly and the violets are in bloom. This has been the most remarkable winter in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants. There has been very little cold weather, exceptionally few snows and several days of rain, but we expect to have bad weather this month. The Hester Local Union, No. 937, will meet at Hester, Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p. m. All members are earnestly requested to be present to look after the fertilizer business, and those that are not members are requested to come out and join us in this great work. L. G. PERRY, Secretary. Though the trains may all be smashing Though the horses all go lame, The drummer--like the bed-bug-- Will get there all the same; And when the time is over Will come smiling from his trip, For, he always "makes connection," Does the "Drummer and his Grip." From the economic or money standpoint defective vision is a source of great loss. And because this is true we should learn how to take care of our eyes. Schools, factories, homes, shops and stores should be properly lighted, and above all there should be instruction in all schools as to the proper care and treatment of the eyes.

"A Mystic Tea" will be given by The Baptist Philathea Class at Miss Fannie Webb's Friday Feb. 7 from 4 P. M. to 10. P. M. Silver offering.

Rev. J.S. Kennison, the new pastor of the Stovall-Oak Hill-Geneva group, will preach at Stovall on next Sunday, at Geneva on the third Sunday, and at Oak Hill on the fourth Sunday.

Union Bank of Oxford.

When the new Union Bank of Oxford says it will be found taking an active interest in its customers and is willing to be of service to them in numberless ways it should attract the attention of the people and cause them to investigate and see that it is to their interest to become its customers. The most courteous treatment will be accorded the ladies and men by Messrs. J. S. Bradsher, the affable cashier, and Leak Peace, the painstaking bookkeeper, and a cordial invitation is extended to you to open an account with this new bank.

The Violets Again.

The violets again--little wet violets, and there is the clean, sweet breath of spring. One would lift his head and drink deep--taste this newness, this grateful freshness that is about. There is a quicker leap of life, and nature seems to stir with a kind of tenderness. Girlhood comes to outward whiteness again--the cool, crisp sign of spring. And in all is the subtle charm of violets--little human, tremulous things, gentle as love's whispers, pure as purity. Restful, quaint little flower, too--simple, appealing. Such a dear, peaceful little flower, all alone in flower-land--emblems of the world's simplest and best, and waiting to mock a false face or adorn the beauty that comes from the soul.--I. E. Avery.

Granville Superior Court.

Monday proved a rainy dreary day and jurors and witnesses from the county had to pull through mud and rain to attend court, but in the face of this ordeal they found no Judge in Oxford to open court at the hour of 10 o'clock, but the ever faithful Solicitor Gattis was on hand, even if he was suffering with the grip, was ready to put the grip on the violators of the law. The well-known Judge Peebles has often been late in opening court under unavoidable circumstances, and did not reach Oxford until 3:20 in the afternoon and opened court at once and got right down to business. All of Granville's excellent court officers were present and the machinery of the court was quietly put in motion after the long wait. The names of the jurors were called by the clerk and the following grand jury was selected:

A. S. Hall, Foreman, J. H. Perry, Cannon Johnson, B. D. Eakes, W. G. Cottrell, H. W. Davis, J. D. Lawrence, J. W. Dean, Edward Oaks, W. M. Rogers, E. J. Lunsford, W. J. Curran, W. B. Curran, W. L. Rogers, Ellis Greenway, W. W. Hart, J. S. Curran, J. M. Curran, W. A. J. Yancy was sworn as officer for the grand jury. Judge Peebles' charge to the grand jury was brief on account of the lateness of the hour. After calling attention to the various crimes, he laid special stress on those who procure the sale of whiskey unlawfully. There had been a number of instances in his experience as Judge, he said, in which men had aided the sale of whiskey through ignorance. He made it plain that in the eyes of the law the go-betweens were agents of the seller and as such were guilty.

The following cases have been disposed of: State vs Alfred Mayo, c. w., guilty, \$20 and cost. John Verbal, c. w., guilty, \$20 and cost. Among the guests were Misses Olivia Norwood, Dai-y Norwood, Lillie Royster, Elizabeth Royster, Hattie Yancey, Lizzie Wilson, Maude Shanks, of Henderson. Messrs. Dave Chapman, Frank Ligon, Richard Gordon, Jr., Roy Hester, Quincy Norwood, Jim Walz, Charlie Yancey and Risco Chandler. A FRIEND

An Enjoyable Occasion.

One of the most brilliant social events of the year was given Saturday evening by Miss Etta B. Ferrell and Miss Kate Woody at the home of Mr. D. L. Woody. Miss Hettie Woody stood at the door to receive the guests. Miss Florence Woody welcomed the guests in the hall and ushered them into the parlor.

Personals.

Mr. Sam Usry, of Corinth, was on our streets Saturday. Mr. C. A. Hicks, of Dickerson, was in town Saturday. Mr. W. J. Brummitt, of Route 3, was in town Saturday. Dr. John Bullock, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Saturday. Mr. Norman Hobgood, of Route 4, was in town Saturday. Mr. Scott Hunt of Richmond, is visiting relatives in Oxford. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Route 6, were in Oxford Saturday. Mr. Hillman Cannady has returned from a successful business trip South. Mr. B. T. Hicks, the Buckhorn water man, of Bullock, was on our streets on Saturday. Mrs. W. M. Pugh, of Greenville, is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parham, on Williamsboro street. Messrs. G. B. Buchanan and J. E. Callahan, two of Northern Granville's clever farmers, were in Oxford Monday. LOST--Gold cuff button with initials T.B.C engraved on it. Finder will receive reward by leaving at Public Ledger office. OUR NEW Garden Seed and Onion Sets, English Peas, and Early Corn has arrived and are now ready for sale. HAMILTON DRUG CO.

The Legislature.

Representative Clark, of Pitt County, introduced in the House a drastic anti-cigarette bill as follows:

"Whereas, the public welfare demands that the health of its citizens be protected, and that the young men of our state be allowed to grow to a fully developed manhood; and whereas, the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes is admitted and recognized as very injurious to the human system, therefore the General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1--That it shall be a misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture or sell, offer to sell, or to bring into the State for the purpose of selling, giving away, or otherwise disposing of, any cigarettes, cigarette papers or substitute for the same; and a violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.

"Section 2--That this act shall take effect from and after the first day of January, 1914."

By a unanimous vote the senate committee on pensions granted the wishes of the Daughters of the Confederacy of the state, many of whom were present in the senate chamber, and determined to report favorably Senator Thorne's bill to establish a home for needy wives and widows of Confederate veterans providing for an appropriation of \$10,000 for its establishment and \$5,000 a year for maintenance.

Clark, the Suffragist from Pitt county, has introduced a bill in the House to let all women 21 or over qualify for and vote in town elections. That is taking too rank a hold for a starter and will be only calculated to arouse the scorn of the woman-hating Senate. To get women on the school boards would do well enough for an opening wedge.

The House has passed the Justice anti-trust bill, which applies the Federal anti-trust law to the State, enacts the provisions of the old Reid anti-bill of the 1907 session and provides machinery for the attorney general to enforce the law. The bill passed without discussion, but will not likely fare so well in the Senate.

On The State Line.

At the home of Miss Bessie Hester the newly organized club, known as the ladies Social Club, was very highly entertained Thursday evening, January 23rd, 1913. The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. W. H. Hester and were ushered into the front parlor which was beautifully decorated in yellow and green ribbon and potted plants where they were presented to the receiving line by the hostess and Miss Olivia Norwood.

After playing games of interest and piano selections rendered by Mr. Frank Ligon and Miss Maude Shanks, an interesting contest took place. First prize won by Mr. Ligon and Miss Shanks, after which Mr. W. H. Hester and Mrs. R. T. Gordon stood at the door and ushered the guests into the dining room, where a delicious supper was served. In the spacious reception hall Miss Hester and Mr. Ligon presided at the punch bowl, where elegant fruit punch was served.

Among the guests were Misses Olivia Norwood, Dai-y Norwood, Lillie Royster, Elizabeth Royster, Hattie Yancey, Lizzie Wilson, Maude Shanks, of Henderson. Messrs. Dave Chapman, Frank Ligon, Richard Gordon, Jr., Roy Hester, Quincy Norwood, Jim Walz, Charlie Yancey and Risco Chandler. A FRIEND

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A very novel and attractive feature of the reception was a contest, "The marriage of the flowers," Miss Pearl Hicks and Evans Stovall, receiving first prize; Miss Sarah Stovall and Earl Green the booby.

After the contest and several games of flinch, Miss Ferrell and Miss Woody directed the guests to the dining room where they were served with hot chocolate, cake and fruit. The color scheme was green and white, lighted with candles.

Some very charming music was rendered by Misses Hettie and Annie Woody and Messrs. Lex Stovall and Eugene Hicks. Those present were Misses Florence Woody, Hettie Woody, Kate Woody, Adnie Woody, Pearl Hicks, Emily Smith, Etta Ferrell, Messrs. H. S. Woody, Willie Woody, Baker Shotwell, Evans and Lex Stovall, D. L. Woody, Mack Woody, Archer Woody, Eugene Hicks, Clifton Gill, Earl Green, Johnnie Knott; Eugene Gill, Chaperones Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woody, and Mr. Jimmie Jones. At 10:30 the guest departed declaring the evening to be most pleasant of the season. A GUEST

REMEMBER FARMERS that Zell's Tobacco Guano is just as good as the best--we have it for plant beds, and also have plant bed cloth. Long-Winston Co.

FOR SALE--One Cyphers Incubator in good condition. WADE H. BRITT.

THE EXPECTED HAPPENED.

The Sky Was Clear and the Road was Wide, But the Collision Occurred.

The Public Ledger has from time to time pointed out the laws governing the highways, but the expected had to happen. There are plenty of men who will pull to the right and give a pretty woman more than half of the road when they meet her driving along the public highway, but it is altogether different when the sterner of the stern sex meet. They begin to study the features of each other afar, and if there are no feminine charms present to soften the scene there may be a few unholly remarks when the two irresistible forces meet. And this is exactly what happened, one day last week on Oxford Rural Route 6, when a carrier of Uncle Sam's pouches met an automobile coming down the road. The custodian of the mail turned to the right, as the law directs, but it seems that he was rather stingy with his portion of the highway, and as a result, the automobile demolished one of the shafts of the buggy. The experiment of passing two trains on the same track has never been successful. It cannot be done, and why men driving along the highways in these days of enlightenment expect to pass each other on a narrow road without turning out, is a mystery. Trains running north and west, carrying the United States mail, are given preference over all other trains, but when it comes to the surface roads Uncle Sam does not discriminate, and like the rest of us rich and poor mortals the man with the mail pouches is urged to say "Gee, Dobbins," and give half of the road.

In the crash that came last week out on the sun-kissed hills of dear old Granville, there was neither fog or dust to obscure the vision of either party to the tragedy, and in order to enlighten the public, the mail carrier brought suit against the driver of the automobile for smashing a shaft. On investigation it was learned that the mail carrier refused to surrender half of the roadway to the automobile, and he was accordingly taxed for all costs of the hearing.

There is no use to get hot in the collar and buck against the laws of the highways. The automobiles are duly taxed and the law allows them half of the road-way. The trouble is not found in the law--its violation is a species of stubbornness; and now that the number of automobiles and other four-wheeled vehicles will be greatly augmented with the coming of spring, let all of us cultivate the spirit of brotherly love and give even more than half of the road.

Capt. Devin in the Legislature.

Representative W. A. Devin's bill for the better protection of persons on the highways of Granville county last week received a favorable report from the House Committee on propositions and grievances, Representative Ray chairman. The bill prohibits boisterous, profane and obscene language on the public roads of the county.

Mr. Kellum's bill to put the husband and wife on an equal footing in the matter of "Biblical grounds" for divorce came up. The bill precipitated the fight of the day. Mr. Devin argued in favor of the bill, saying that all States in the Union except North Carolina and two or three others had placed husband and wife on the same basis in this respect. He said under the present law the husband could cohabit with a different woman every day in the year and go scot free, so he did not habitually cohabit with the same woman. He pleaded for the bill on the grounds of moral right.

The question was called. Mr. Devin called for the ayes and noes on second reading and the vote was 86 for the bill and 20 against it.

Mr. Devin: For protection of certain churches in Granville county.

Mr. Devin: Relative to Oxford graded schools.

Mr. Devin: To authorize board of graded school trustees of Oxford to issue bonds.

Died From Effects of Burns.

The six year old daughter of Ida Dorsey, colored ran out of the room of her mother on Rectory street Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock screaming with her dress in flames. Messrs. Joe Turner and Roy Williford reached the girl about the same time and jerked the burning clothing from her body. She was badly burned about the limbs and breast. Dr. Hays was summoned and did what he could for the relief of the little sufferer, but proved of no avail as she died in a few hours. Mr. Turner had his hands badly burned in his efforts to save the life of the girl.

MUST BE STOPPED.

I positively prohibit any person hauling and depositing dead horses, mules or cows on my land, under penalty of the law. MRS. R. W. DAY.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We will have a car good horses and mules arrive Thursday, January 30th. LONG-WINSTON CO.

REMEMBER we carry a large stock of Hav. Grain and all kinds of Feed stuff at the lowest prices at the Long-Winston Co.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL

Large Number Witness Impressive Ceremonies at Lyon Memorial.

Sunday morning was bright and beautiful and at 11 o'clock at Methodist Church there was a glorious feast of love and hearts overflowing with human kindness and benevolence, as the auditorium was filled with a highly appreciative congregation to take part in the dedication and receiving of the Lyon Memorial Building and Sunday School Room. Indeed it was a scene of joy and gladness in grand and noble cause of humanity in the name of the Great Giver of all good things, and to receive a thank offering from an humble earthly giver, prompted solely by the desire to do something that would result in good to his fellow man.

The ceremonies in presenting the building to the Board of Trustees were very impressive and full of love for the Master. The Lyon Memorial stands to the west of the church and is a separate and distinct building but it is connected by a vestibule. It is a beautiful brick and stone structure admirably arranged for class-work, and contains a convenient kitchenette and toilet rooms. The building is the gift of Mr. Zack W. Lyon, who in the fullness of his heart recognized the need of encouraging the great work of the Philatheas and the Sunday School.

The church being more spacious than the Memorial building was the reason the dedicatory services were held in the church. The railing around the choir loft and the altar were festooned with the colors of the Baraca-Philathea Classes, and potted plants and ferns were placed about the pulpit.

Mrs. A. A. Hicks presided at the fine organ and the music, some of the class songs being used by the choir, was inspiring. The song rendered by Messrs. J. A. Pitts, Willie Fuller, H. M. Shaw and John Hanks, and the tenor solo by Mr. H. M. Shaw were exceedingly well rendered.

Following the invocation by Dr. A. P. Tye Mr. A. A. Hicks, Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, in a 10-minute talk reviewed the Sunday School work of Oxford for a period covering fifty or sixty years, and this in itself was very interesting, linking the past with the present.

Mr. J. D. Berry, of Raleigh, State President of the Baraca Association, was present and in a pleasant voice outlined the great work the Baraca-Philathea organizations are engaged in.

The following is the Toast to the Baraca and Philathea classes of the M. E. church, by Charlotte F. Carroll: "Tis a cup of sparkling water I'll drink to you to-day, May its depths of cooling sweetness Bring you joy and health always, Could your work be as pure and useful Through a thought or prayer of mine Then no drops of crystal water Would ever your work out shine. I would make it rich in harvest Of all that is good and true, And an ever flowing fountain Of peace I'd build for you. So here's to you--I drink it, This cup that brimeth o'er. With all life's deepest pleasure I crown you ever more.

Miss Henrietta Heron, who spoke here last June when the gift of the building was announced, sent a telegram which read as follows: Miss Hettie Lyon and

M. E. Philatheas, Oxford, N. C. "With you in thought this happy day. Praying God's richest blessings upon you all." HENRIETTA HERON, Elgin, Ill.

The following letter was received from Miss Flossie A. Byrd, General Secretary: Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 31, 1913. Miss Hettie Lyon, President, and

Philathea and Baraca Classes of Oxford M. E. Church. Dear Sister and Brother Workers: I am sending this short message to assure you that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this hour. You are certainly happy in the enjoyment of an occasion which you have eagerly anticipated for some time.

Knowing as I do your past history--the noble use you have made of many opportunities for your classes and for all for which they stand--let me join with your many friends in saying that the gift which is being formally received to day is most highly deserved, and this is but a repetition of what we have often thought and said before.

Let me assure you that my gratitude goes out with yours, to your generous and devoted benefactor and to God for the beautiful Lyon Memorial Building. May the richest blessings of Heaven abide with you and all Philathea and Baraca classes and friends who are your guests today. I know that you will use well the increased opportunities afforded the handsome gift. Faithfully yours, FLOSSIE A. BYRD, General Secretary.

Miss Lyon read the following: Dear Friends and Co-workers:-- A few years ago a prize was offered by a leading London paper for the most inspiring word in the English language, a word which holds men and women to their highest ideals inspired them to noblest living. Thousands of persons competed for the prize and

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