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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Will Be One of the Most Important Events Ever Held in Oxford.

It is now barely three months till the biennial municipal election, and a good many people are beginning to think about it and to discuss it. One hears rumors on the streets that this man and the other man will be a candidate for Mayor or Commissioner, but the citizens would like to know which of these rumors are true and which are not. The only public announcement for Mayor so far is Capt. Thad Stem, a fine man in every particular, and will make a good mayor. While Mr. Ham Powell is not a candidate a large number of people are discussing his qualifications for Mayor. It is positively known that Mr. Powell is a progressive citizen, that his public utterances and zeal for the up-building of Oxford is unparalleled and this has endeared him to the people. It is believed that nothing less than a thoroughly practical and progressive Board could induce Mr. Powell to accept the Mayoralty.

There is an apparent feeling, and there is plenty of ground for it, that the approaching municipal election will be one of the most important events ever held in Oxford. The town has grown considerably within the past two years, and is still growing. The new Mayor and Board of Commissioners will have the spending of a few thousand dollars more, if the bond issue carries, than the present Board had at their disposal, but the sum to be expended is hardly commensurate with the needs of the town, and every penny of that amount must be wisely and judiciously expended.

It is high time, as we see it, that the citizens of Oxford were getting out of the old rut and taking some sure enough decided interest in the management of our municipal affairs. Our system of town government, like that of other towns under a similar system, is crude at its best and is decidedly unbusiness-like. In our opinion there is one particular in which a decided reform is needed, and the people should see that they elect a Mayor and Board of Commissioners in May pledged to remedy, as far as they can, the deplorable condition of our streets and side-walks. At present a member of the Board is chosen Street Commissioner, and being a very busy man, he has, in all probability, discharged the duties of the office as well as any other man on the Board could or would have done under the circumstances, and being a business man, like the rest of the Commissioners are, he nor any member of the Board could afford to devote as much time to this important work as is needed. That the wise policy would be to employ a good street man at a fair salary, and place the entire street work in his hands, will be conceded, we believe, by a large majority of citizens. This man should be an engineer of no mean ability, one who has had experience in street construction, and he should be given the job with the distinct understanding that it is up to him to make good. A man from a distance, brought here for the sole purpose of taking this job, would, we believe, give the best service. He would have no entangling alliance, no friends to coddle nor enemies to get even with, and would be here for the sole purpose of making good and giving satisfaction. That is not criticism—it is business.

The Public Ledger has no axe to grind. We are interested solely in the welfare of the citizens and taxpayers. This is no personal matter. It does not make a particle of difference with us who is Mayor and who are Commissioners so long as they are men who will conserve the town's interests, save its money and carry on its departments in a business-like manner. We do not hesitate to state plainly that we prefer to see a Mayor and Board of Commissioners who are avowedly in favor of good streets and side-walks, and we will not lend our support to secure the election of anybody who does not stand solidly for reform, and after the election is over the Public Ledger intends to help the people see that the administration makes good its promises and to the mark with reference to better streets and side-walks.

A Delightful Occasion. On Thursday evening, January 30th, Miss Sudie Green delightfully entertained a number of friends at her home near Dexter. The guests were received at the door by the hostess and ushered into the parlor where some beautiful music was rendered by Misses Kate Woody and Sudie Green. The guests were shown into the dining room where many games were enjoyed. Those present were: Misses Alma Ragland, Mabel Hart, Gladys Ellis, Etta Ferrill, Rosa Patterson, Mattie Rice, Katy Woody, Jessie Satterwhite, Florence Woody, Messrs. Cooper Hart, Harry Woody, William Barber, Julius Ellis, Willie Woody, Arch Woody, Gilman Hicks, Bob Satterwhite, Coleman Satterwhite, Macon Barber, Eddie Cottrell, Don Patterson. ATTENDANT.

SIX ROOM Cottage for rent on Broad street. Apply to J. L. Fuller. FOR SALE—One Cyphers Incubator in good condition. WADE H. BRITT.

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

The June weddings are already budding. Oxford can boast of dry streets in dry weather. But you can't send a pint of booze by parcel post. Somebody calls thinking the taproot of good farming. The Long Co. is having the interior of their stores repainted. Many a man who thinks himself strong-minded is only bull headed.

Read the good statement made by the Bank of Stovall on another page. 'Woman is a delusion.' "Yes, and it comes natural to hug our delusions." Silence may be golden, but silver will shut a man's mouth just as affectively. Many individuals are willing to cooperate if they can get more out of it than others. Postmaster petitions are all the go, and even the ladies are being called upon for signatures.

A boy's idea of a merchant is that he is a man who is trying to do something to keep from work. Your attention is called to change in the advertisement of Union Bank of Oxford on another page. A man's idea of economy after marriage is that it is useless to spend any more money on candy and flowers.

The ground hog is proceeding on decorous lines, but it is said he is going to give us a little snow the last of the week. Dogs are all right in their place, but that place is where they can't kill sheep, break up partridge nests, suck eggs and bite people. The live Citizens Bank of Creedmoor comes to the front in another column with an excellent statement, and you are asked to read it.

We want to warn the people to be very cautious how they drive around town at night while the ditching is going on for the gas pipes. Give the State an equitable taxing system, good schools, good roads, the Torrens law for land registration, a State-wide primary, and good government. If every street and side walk in Oxford were paved and every road in the county were a good road you could not keep homeseekers out of Oxford and Granville.

The State should establish a highway commission and furnish engineering assistance and convict labor for building roads, and enterprising counties will do the rest. If this legislature fails to put every able-bodied convict to work on the public roads, or make them available for such work, in no unimportant respect it will have failed to take advantage of the opportunity open to it.

Mrs. Tignor and son, of Smithfield, Va., arrived in Oxford Saturday and will for a while make their home with Mrs. E. K. Howard on Broad street. She is the sister of Mrs. Morris Green, and extend this good lady and son a cordial welcome to Oxford. North Carolina has the largest hosiery manufacturing industry in the world. It is owned and operated by Gen. Julian S. Carr and sons, of Durham. They have a group of seven mills under their management and is one of the most flourishing in the south.

"Birds sing and are silent. Love sings all the while—Hear love and be happy. Light-hearted and smile. Seas sing and then slumber. Love sings all the years—Hear love and remember. Life smiles out of tears.

John W. Wortham, who for some time was confined in the Asylum at Raleigh, left there about one year ago, and his parents not hearing anything from him since that time, will thank any person for information that will lead to his whereabouts. Address J. D. Wortham, Route 1, Oxford, N. C.

"Be a good fellow to those at home As well as to those down street; Be a good fellow the first of all To those who are good and sweet. To those who are good and sweet to you And trust you, and are your own When all other good fellows are through And the memory of them flows."

A knocker who gets a better salary in his town than he can get in any other, is one of the dead units in a dead town is in its moribund condition because of its knockers who work overtime doing nothing so's you'll notice it. A man who is not a live number himself cuts a sorry figure when he takes it on himself to knock.

Be a Booster.

Boost Oxford; boost Creedmoor; boost Stem; boost Stovall; boost Granville county. Don't listen to the man that wants to knock your town or your neighboring town, or your county. United we stand—divided we fall. All together for a bigger Oxford, a bigger Creedmoor, a bigger Stem, a bigger Stovall, and a better Granville county.

Try it Yourself. If you do not think advertising pays just observe the difference between a business that does and one that does not. You will find the one that does will be busy, while the other is doing little. The Reidsville Review says: "We notice that one of the Greensboro banks appropriated \$1,200 for advertising last year. And the president says it actually paid. But you could not make some tightwads believe this?"

Drawing Trade. The wide-awake firm of Horner Bros Co. we are glad to learn is drawing trade from a distance. Mr. R. B. Taylor came over from Franklin county last week and purchased a nice pair of mules from them; Mr. O. A. Green, of Martin county, was in Oxford a few days ago and they sold him a good horse; the choice pair of mules the firm had for sale was purchased by Mr. W. A. Adams and sent to his farm in Virginia.

Best Life to Live. We are not so much of an advocate for what is commonly termed "back to the farm" as for staying on the farm. If those now young in life, and filled with a desire to get the most enjoyment out of their existence, could be led by some means to see and understand that farming holds out more inducements for real success, joy and final independence than can be realized in either a town or city there could be a revolution in agricultural matters brought about.

Our Boys and Girls. According to the last report of the Department of Education North Carolina stands near the bottom in public education. In the 48 states North Carolina stands 47th in average number of days the schools are kept open during the year, 44th in the number of days each child attends, 48th in the number of day those enrolled who attend, 46th in amount expended per capita of total population, 47th in amount expended for those in school, 48th in salaries paid teachers per year. We do not believe that progressive North Carolinians are going to allow such conditions to exist. The boys and girls of the Old North State are equal to those in any state and are entitled to an equal opportunity for training and development.

General Cleaning Up. With a view of having the equipment present an appearance creditable to the postal service, Postmaster General Hitchcock has ordered a general inspection of the conveyances used in the delivery and collection of mail to be made immediately at all post-offices. Vehicles found at all dilapidated or unsightly are to be suitably repaired or replaced. This applies to horse-drawn vehicles and automobiles furnished by carriers and contractors. It will be the duty of the postmasters to see that the horses are prompt in action, creditable in appearance, in first-class condition, and suitable for the work required of them. The harness, whips, and other small necessities must be kept in good condition. Wagons and automobiles shall be kept in neat repair, painted and varnished in a thorough manner, clean and in good condition, and neatly lettered on each side, "U. S. Mail." When painting is necessary, vermilion red will be used, with appropriate trimmings.

Whitaker-Daniel. The following invitation has been received: Mr. and Mrs. William Baker Daniel request the pleasure of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Ada Meadows to Mr. Luther Lane Whitaker Wednesday afternoon, February the nineteenth at half after two o'clock New Bethel Baptist Church Vance County, North Carolina. The bride-to-be is a niece of Mr. J. F. Meadows, of Oxford.

The Legislature. A committee has been appointed on the question of holding a Constitutional Convention, the committee to report at the adjourned session. Both Houses stand agreed on fixing number of Superior Court Judges at 20; creating twenty Judicial district, and to divide the State into two circuits; also placing Solicitors on a salary basis. The following bills were introduced by Capt. Devin: To provide for working the roads of Granville county. Mr. Devin: To fix salaries of officers of Granville county. Mr. Devin: To authorize commissioners of Granville county to call an election on road bond issue.

The first attack on the North Carolina prohibition law in the present general assembly, was made Monday by Representative Woodus Kellum, of New Hanover. His bill introduced in the house authorizes the sale of beer in the corporate limits of the city of Wilmington, conditioned upon the people of that city voting in favor of it. The bill provides that the license tax on all dealers be \$2,000 per annum. Numbers of the members of the assembly are declaring that they will join Mr. Kellum in his fight for the bill and will have their counties included. The measure will doubtless be bitterly opposed and a lively fight is in sight.

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"EVERYBODY'S Talking It." Talking what—the "Velvet Ice Cream" for sale at Hamilton Drug Co.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends, In General. Mr. Sam Jones, of Culbreth, was in town Monday. Mrs. Thad Stem, of Stem, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. Cam Burnett, of Route 5, was in town Monday. Mr. H. H. Latta, of Culbreth, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. J. S. Currin, of Route 2, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. Filmore Adcock, of Salem, was in town Monday. Mr. E. W. Parrott, of Lyon, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. J. H. Daniel, of Tally Ho, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. "Rat" Cannady, of Route 1, was in town Monday. Mr. B. P. Thorp, of Route 6, was on our streets Monday. Mr. B. F. Dean, of Route 4, was on our streets Monday. Mr. Willie Howell, of the road, spent the week at home. Mr. Will Stegall, of Kentucky, was on our streets Saturday. Mr. Elijah Currin, of Tar River, was a town visitor Monday. Mr. W. T. Blackwell, of Route 3, was on our streets Monday. Mr. C. J. Roberts, of Knap of Reeds, was on our streets Monday. Mr. Wm. Horner, of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Saturday. Mr. W. C. Daniel, of Tar River section, was in town Monday. Mr. J. C. Peace, of Wilton section was a town visitor Monday. Mr. Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was an Oxford visitor Monday. Mrs. Leon Hines has returned from a visit to several points in Virginia. Mrs. W. D. Smith returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Franklinton. Mr. Frank Spencer returned Sunday from a visit to his brother in South Carolina. Mrs. Lamb, of Elizabeth City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Hunt, on Main street. Mr. O. J. Pruitt, of Knightsdale, was in Granville the first of the week visiting relatives. Messrs. J. C. Currin and Titus Currin, of Route 6, were among the Oxford visitors Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis returned from their delightful trip to New Orleans Saturday. Miss Virginia Pendleton, of Scotland Neck, is visiting Mrs. Pendleton on Henderson street. Mrs. Amos Dean and T. G. Dean, of Wendell, visited relatives in Granville the first of the week. Mr. Roy Wright joined his wife and son Saturday, who are on a visit to relatives in Elizabeth City. Mr. Harry Williams returned Monday from Norfolk where he attended the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Peters. Miss Lillian Minor and little Miss Elizabeth Hicks returned Monday from a visit to Mrs. Skinner at Greenville. Mr. R. H. Lewis, manager of the cotton mill, has returned from Western North Carolina much improved in health. Mrs. W. C. Tyree after a pleasant visit to her mother, Mrs. J. M. Currin, on High street, returned to her home in High Point Saturday.

An Enjoyable Affair. One of the most enjoyable social parties of this season was given Saturday evening February 1, 1913, by Miss Mabel Hart in honor of Mr. Joseph Hunt and Miss Lillian Hart. The guests were received at the door by the hostess, Miss Mabel Hart, who welcomed the guests in the hall and ushered them in the parlor where many enjoyable games were played. Some very charming and beautiful music was rendered by Misses Alma Ragland, Mabel Hart and Messrs. Bob Hart and Joseph Hunt. Those present were Misses Mattie Rice, Gladys Ellis, Alma Ragland, Daly Williams, Jessie Satterwhite and Lillian Hart. Messrs. Sam Patterson, Bill Barker, Macon Barber, Julius Ellis, Polk Williams, Cooper Hart, Joseph Hunt, Leon O'Brien, Morton Burwell, Eddie Cottrell and Carl O'Brien. Chaparones Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Patterson and Mr. B. I. Breedlove. At 10:30 the guests departed, declaring the evening to be the most pleasant and enjoyable affair of the year. BROWN EYES

CORN FODDER. Cut up and for sale by Louis de La-croix.

OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

The World Gazes With Admiration on Granville's Golden Crumbs.

One can scarcely realize the possibilities of Granville county. Look at it! Its fertile hills and valleys grow the most fragrant and succulent tobacco in the world, and it can produce fruits and nuts that would bring in millions. We are indeed rich but the world does not know it. The county has an area of 334,080 acres, or 522 square miles, which produces annually from eight to ten million pounds of tobacco, worth more than two million dollars. Under an intense system of farming it is not unreasonable to estimate that sixteen million of pounds, worth four million dollars, could be produced in the same spots where we now produce only half that amount. If carried to its last analysis, what could be produced if all the idle land was thoroughly cultivated? It is somewhat surprising, if not startling, to study the possibilities that lay at our door. It was our pleasure just a little while ago to hear a half dozen or more of our best informed and wealthiest men discuss in an informal way the possibilities of the soil of Granville county in the hands of a competent, energetic man. It was related at this gathering that a man came to this county some years ago in search of a farm, and the only one for sale at that time was worth \$8,000. We did not learn in what part of the county this farm was situated, but from the drift of the conversation we learned that the purchaser had only a few hundred dollars at his disposal, and with that amount he arranged to take over the farm. All we know is that the farmer had some knowledge of raising tobacco, and that a bank had a great deal of faith in the farmer, and he set about to raise a crop. It was admitted that the season was a good one, and when the farmer had gathered and sold his crop of tobacco raised on this \$8,000 farm, he paid a \$7,500 note and had \$400 in cash and a clear title to the farm. This is only one instance of a hundred that proves the fertility of old Granville soil. An Eldorado! We are rich but know it not, and the whole world in gazing with admiration upon Granville's Golden Crumbs, do not realize our vast resources—nor do we.

Too Many Dogs. Thousands and thousands of men who are really not able to keep a dog, have perhaps a half a dozen and it is these that prowl around over the country and do the devilment. It is a ground hog case with them. Being half fed nor fed at all at home they must hustle for something to eat. The justice of a tax is seen when every owner of a bird or fox dog favors it. These men take good care of their dogs. They feed them well and keep them at home. It is the man who depends on the public to feed his curs who is opposed to a tax on them. Moore county last year collected \$1,800 from the dog tax, the money going to the school fund. We do not know what the rate per head is in Moore county but it is probably one dollar. Granville should have a law of this kind and a dollar a head we feel sure at least \$2,500 could be raised each year for the county school fund. Besides this we would get rid of a lot of worthless curs, and no body would object to paying a dollar tax on a good dog provided the money was to go into school fund. Why not follow the example of Moore county in this respect?

Health of the County. Dr. Sam Booth, County Physician, after careful investigation finds that only 80 deaths occurred in Granville county from the first day of March, 1912, to the first day of February, 1913, which is less than 4 to the thousand per annum. The eight or ten still born babies are not included in this report. Dr. Booth makes his report after consulting every physician in the county, and the rate is so low. Dr. Booth took extra precaution to verify the statement before making his report to the State Board of Health. Fifteen deaths to the 1,000 per annum is the legitimate average death rate in the registration deaths of the United States. The following is an extract from a letter written by Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secretary of State Board of Health, received by Dr. Booth on February 7th: "Until I can personally investigate the completeness of the registration, this we will be able to do if our vital statistics law passes, and if it is found that you have the lowest death rate in the United States, which I think is an unquestionable fact if you should find only a death rate of four. Granville will have the very best data for advertising itself as the greatest health resort, not only in the United States, but in Western Hemisphere.

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