

A VERY PLEASANT DUTY.

It is the Province of the Public Ledger to Watch and Pray.

It is almost dangerous in any old town where fixed customs and policies have prevailed for a long time to advocate any change whatever, and when it is done a number of people fail to see in it anything but a "personal swing" at some of the oldest inhabitants. Having the interests of the town and community at heart we do not hesitate to speak plainly on matters calculated to impede the progress of the town, but in doing so we have the kindest feelings for every man connected with the town government. If in diagnosing the town's ailments it does appear that the town is not what it should be it becomes the province of the Public Ledger to say in public what the public whisper in private. If we see clearly the causes that makes for the retardation of progress in this community we feel compelled to speak of them in as mild a manner as possible. We realize that the greatest number of reforms are brought about by kindness; therefore we have not tried to hasten matters to a climax by the use of personal denunciation, dynamite or other summary proceedings. This is because we make the good of Oxford our special care; because we give it detached and unselfish thought, and because we are in a position to view it from all angles of vision.

We realize to the full that there is not to be found on the face of the earth a more sincere and devout people than is found in Oxford. We love them and we love our town, and we see in them the making of the most beautiful city in North Carolina once they realize the importance of bestirring themselves. We respect the feeling of any conservative-minded man when he feels deep down in the recesses of his heart that it is wrong to leave a heavy debt for his posterity to wrestle with, but really he who does not see the gradual decay and ruin about him is nevertheless to be pitied, and it is always the best policy to keep one's property in good repair, and this applies to the streets and sidewalks of a town with equal force, and when the day of settlement arrives posterity is in a position to meet the obligations of their fathers. We shall be excused for the enthusiasm and interest we take in the up-building of our community, but like the faithful watchman on the walls it is our duty to report what we see and to make deductions from what we see.

Sunday School Institute.

Beginning Thursday night, February 27th, and continuing through the following Sunday a Sunday School Institute will be conducted at the Baptist church under the able leadership of Mr. E. L. Middleton, of the State Sunday School Board. He will be assisted by Rev. High C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Dr. Charles E. Brewer, of Wake Forest College. This is a rare opportunity for the workers of Oxford and surrounding country, and is intended for the pastors, officers, teachers and pupils of Sunday Schools not of Oxford only, but of the whole Flat River Association. It is hoped that every Sunday School in the Association will send a representative to hear the lectures of these leaders. The local Philathea class will welcome and provide entertainment for all the Philatheas who will come, and the rest of the church will gladly give food and shelter to all who may come. These institutes mean a great deal personally to those who attend and always leave the Sunday School upon a better working basis. It is the desire of the Oxford church that the brethren and sisters of the other churches of the Association attend in large numbers. If you can come please notify Mr. W. F. Washington and he will provide for your entertainment.

The following are some of the subjects for discussion:
 Member-ship problems
 The Sunday School Graded
 The Superintendent and his co-workers
 Organized classes
 The superintendent's program
 The preparation of the lesson
 The presentation of the lesson
 The teacher's methods
 The boy problem
 Practical primary plans
 The pastor and the Sunday School
 Bible words for Bible teachers, (2)
 How to study the Bible, (2)
 Open conference for general discussion.

Resolution on Doctors Fees.

The Concord Farmers' Union at Lyon has adopted the resolutions that have been adopted by several other Unions in this section. The officers of Concord Union are: Thos. R. Fleming, President, and E. W. Parrott, Secretary and treasurer. The following is the resolution: We, the members of the Concord Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, adopt and endorse the Fellowship Local Union resolution in regard to the advance in the Doctors' fees.

CONCORD FARMERS UNION.

We have large stock Fertilizer Distributors, Corn and Fertilizer Planters. Best make. Time savers, at Long Winston Co.

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

The gas pipes are being put down on College street.

Tobacco continues to sell well on the Oxford market.

The best capital for a man to begin life on is a capital wife.

Thursday morning was very cold and our people stepped lively.

The poor ground hog grows greater as the weather grows colder.

The Free Delivery for Oxford is scheduled to go into operation on Monday next.

It has developed that even a lazy man can display remarkable energy in seeking an office.

Oxford has her faults and her virtues because "it takes all kinds of people to make a world."

Mr. Charley Bryan, who was sick the first of the week, is out again to the pleasure of his friends.

You are asked to read the statement of the Oxford Building and Loan Association in another column.

Court is over and the frightened blind tigers can resume the pipe line between Clarksville and Oxford.

The bill to allow the Graded School Trustees of Oxford to issue bonds to pay for building has passed the Legislature.

Your attention is called to the statements of the National Bank of Granville and Oxford Savings Bank on another page.

If the farmers of this section have not gotten a good start with the new year's work it has certainly been no fault of the weather man.

The "live at home" policy should prevail with us and until it does we will never reach that state of prosperity which is justly ours if we so will it.

Will the wireless telephones, in accents whizzy, Tell us in soft, girlish tones, "The air is busy?"

Mr. C. L. Floyd, of Route 3, laid on our table Wednesday a well preserved watermelon which was pulled from the vine in August and placed in the potato house.

Every dollars worth of good advertising that you do adds to the value and to the standing of your business, to say nothing of the actual goods it sells at the time.

Most of the grand truths of God have to be learned by trouble; they must be burned into use by the hot iron of affliction, otherwise we shall not truly receive them.—Spurgeon.

The Senate killed the House bill to put husband and wife on same footing in divorce actions for Biblical grounds, and the Stewart bill allowing divorce after five years separation.

The fee system seems to be doomed in State, County and municipal administrations. It is curious how long it has remained in this age of economy in the conduct of public affairs.

Wonder if the Seaboard Railroad can be induced to build Oxford a depot as they enjoy a good passenger traffic from this point. The town deserves it and should have it.

Paint will make a piece of property look like it is worth something. It helps to make the town look prosperous. Neglected property in a town makes it look like a last year's bird nest.

Mr. E. R. Breedlove, of Route 4, who had the misfortune a few days ago to cut his right foot with an axe, was in town Wednesday on crutches. We hope he will soon be able to throw them aside.

A bill adopted by the Legislature of Washington State provides that all proposed measures must be submitted to every voter in the State by publication. The printing and advertising of one measure will cost \$15,000.

"No stone for me to hurl with hate When my heart may bear such weight Of error to its own account— No, rather let help them mount The roses for men's wreaths than fling A single stone or spear to sting The lives that like my own may bear Some little good amid their care."

The town should be run within its income and enough money should be provided to properly run it, and the people of the town should be just as careful in selecting commissioners to look after the town's business as they would in selecting managers for their own individual business.

"Watch your steps," says a writer. If they are steps in the right direction they don't need any watching. If they are steps in the wrong direction they will bear watching. If you are taking steps that you are sure are good for you and for the benefit of Oxford, go right ahead. Step lively!

The Bank of Stem comes to the front in this issue with an excellent statement, which shows it is forging ahead.

Sorry to learn that Mr. T. S. Waller, of the postoffice force, was numbered among the sick the first of the week.

The "old man" is very glad to know that many of his dear little friends have recovered from the measles, and are again in school.

The beautiful snow has come and covered the earth with its white mantle, which will result in good to the wheat and oat crops.

We call the attention of farmers to the important fact that the old reliable Oxford Tobacco Market will close for season on Friday, March 14th, with a fine record for high averages.

The Public Ledger booked 9 more subscribers during the past week, and we must say with all our heart that it is a blessing to live among so good a people and advocate their interest.

Oxford sold during the month of January 801,038 pounds of tobacco and Creedmoor 159,402 pounds. For this month the sales will be small as the market will close on the 14th of March.

Dr. Wiley Ferebee, wife and son, of Seattle, Washington, were in Oxford for a short while Thursday to the great pleasure of their relatives, Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, Mrs. Ella Peace, Mr. and Mrs. James Horner and Dr. N. M. Ferebee. Dr. Wiley Ferebee's father attended school in Oxford before civil war.

The Methodist Philatheas will have the Trinity College Glee Club give a concert in the Lyon Memorial Building Monday night, February 17th, for the benefit of the Philathea fund. You are invited to come out and help these girls in their efforts and hear the splendid Glee Club Adults 50 cents, and children 25cts.

The Exchange Hotel was the scene of another marriage Wednesday noon and Mr. Lonnie Smith was in his glory. Rev. S. K. Phillips sent on their way rejoicing Miss Sallie Ferrell and Mr. Richard Thorp, both of Charlotte county, Va. They were accompanied by Miss Lena Thorp and Messrs. H. W. Daniel and Sonk Thorp.

Cigarette Bill Killed.

The committee on the cigarette bill, introduced by Representative Clark, of Pitt county, was killed by the committee. Every member of the committee voted against this bill, the vote being unanimous against it. This is just the action that had been predicted by those who have been interested in the bill, which has caused more comment than the importance merited since it never did have a chance of passage. Mr. Clark made a short speech in favor of his bill, speaking of the harmful nature of the cigarette.

Citizens' Bank of Creedmoor

The Citizens Bank of the bustling town of Creedmoor is doing much towards the up-building of that entire community, and it is no uncommon thing to hear the remark that it is a pleasure to do business with this safe and sound bank. Attention is directed to the splendid showing of the Citizens' Bank of Creedmoor, and those who are at all conversant with the affairs of this bank will see that it has had a substantial and steady growth from the day of its birth and that it is now a mighty power for good. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

Northside Notes.

Mr. Measles is spending sometime in this neighborhood.

Messrs. H. G. Aiken and Will Lyon were in Oxford last Tuesday.

Mr. M. D. Hicks, of Durham, was the guest of Mr. Hugh Fleming on Sunday night.

Mrs. Adeline Cash, of Green's, spent last week in this section with relatives.

Mrs. Emma Cozart, of Oxford, was a visitor in this section last Sunday.

Miss Lucile Aiken spent last Sunday with her parents in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Veazey spent last Sunday with relatives near Knap of Reeds.

Miss Octavia Waller was numbered among the sick last week.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We will have arrive Thursday morning, Feb. 13, car load horses and mules. Come early and select your choice. Prices right. Cash or credit, at Long-Winston Co.

CABBAGE PLANTS. For sale, fine early Jersey, Wakefield and Charleston Cabbage Plants, \$1.50 for 1000 f. o. b. Creedmoor, or 20 cents per hundred by parcel post.

EVERGREEN FARM, Creedmoor, N. C.

WARNING NOT TO HARBOR

I hereby forbid any person to hire, or harbor my daughter, Mattie Brown. Will prosecute any one for so doing. [Feb. 15-4t.-d] THOS. BROWN.

THAT PACK HOUSE, BARN OR STABLE ROOF cover with rubber roofing guaranteed 5, 10 and 15 years. For Sale by C. D. Ray.

Stem Stemmings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker visited friends in Raleigh Sunday.

There are two cases of measles in the family of Mr. E. D. Hunt.

Mr. W. H. Whitaker has purchased a new five passenger Ford automobile.

Mr. B. D. Johnson, of Route 2, is on a visit to Morehead City and Virginia Beach.

There are two cases of scarlet fever in the home of Mr. Allen Jones near Robert Chapel.

Miss Flora Hobgood, of Enon section, is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roberts, of Route 1.

Miss Allie Montague, of Hester section, is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bullock, of Knap of Reeds.

Mr. Blair, the road contractor, reports that his work is handicapped because of the scarcity of labor.

Mr. Robert Smith, of Fuquay Springs, was the guest of his brother, Mr. T. J. Smith, of Oxford Route 6, Thursday.

Messrs. J. E. Duncan, J. B. Vernon and E. E. Bullock enjoyed a pleasant outing on Bowlin's Mountain Sunday.

This is the first year that automobiles have passed through Stem during the months of January and February.

All members of Stem Local Union are requested to be present at the regular meeting Saturday night February 15th.

Eight candidates are in the race for postmastership at this place in the event President Taft's recent order is rescinded.

The members of Beulah church decided in conference Saturday to add another room to the church on account of the Baraca-Philathea classes.

Mr. L. B. McFarland, president of the Calhoun Literary Society, has been appointed manager of the Webster Literary Society of Stem High School.

The members of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, eight miles south of Creedmoor, are building a nice commodious new church building which will soon be completed.

On Friday night, February 21, a public debate will be held in Stem High School building between Creedmoor and Stem. The query is, "Resolved that North Carolina should extend to women the right to vote."

Helen, the little 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Haskins, of Route 3, was taken very ill with appendicitis last Friday and was taken to a hospital in Durham Saturday, where an operation was performed, and she is getting along nicely.

A debate in which the citizens of Stem participated, was held by the members of the Calhoun Literary Society Thursday night on the query, "Resolved that the North has produced greater men than the South." Decided 2 to 1 in favor of the negative.

Mr. Z. H. Clayton, of Moriah, had the misfortune to have his residence, kitchen and smoke house burned Sunday about 1 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Neighbors responded and succeeded in saving the greater part of the furniture, meat and provisions.

The angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones near Robert's Chapel last Wednesday night at 12 o'clock and claimed as his own, Hubert, the six year old son who has been afflicted for some time. The funeral service were held in Robert's Church Friday evening at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. M. D. Hix, after which the remains were laid to rest in the burial ground at the same place. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Friday night last death entered the home of Mrs. Susan Hunt, of Durham, and claimed the spirit of Creola, her little 9-year-old daughter. About ten days ago she was taken with measles and contracted cold which developed into pneumonia. All that loving hands could do was of no avail. On Sunday the remains were taken to the First Baptist church where her funeral was preached, after which they were brought to Stem on the afternoon train and carried to the Calvin Stem burying ground where they were deposited in their last resting place. The funeral services were conducted by Mr. W. S. Gnoch, of Stem, in a very solemn and impressive manner in the midst of a large crowd of relatives and friends. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. A sad touching incident is connected with her burial. She had just won a gold medal for regular attendance at Sunday School (not having been absent a Sunday last year), which was buried with her. She leaves behind a mother and one sister of her immediate family and numerous other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

SIX ROOM Room Cottage for rent on Broad street. Apply to J. L. Fuller.

FOR SALE:—Home raised horse 7 years old, young, sound well broken, will sell for \$175. Apply to H. E. Crews, Henderson, N. C., R. 5. 2t. pd

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends, In General.

Mr. R. S. Howard, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

Mr. L. Y. Gordon, of Tar River, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Will Dixon, of Wilton, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Albert Crews, of Tar River, was in town Thursday.

Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, was on our streets Thursday.

Col. Wille Osborn, of Greensboro, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Penny, of Creedmoor section, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. M. P. Chamblee has returned from a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. Josh King leaves to-day for the northern markets to purchase goods.

Mr. Abner Overton, of Cannady Mill section, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. V. O. Sharp, the excellent tombstone man of Durham, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holeman, of Sandford, visited relatives in town and county the first of the week.

Mrs. George Tillery, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, on Raleigh street.

Miss Lizzie Gooch will leave for New York to-day to make a study of millinery, and will be away for some months.

Capt. and Mrs. Outlaw, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Worthington, of Wilson, who has been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt, returned to their homes yesterday.

Culbreth Cullings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Daniel were in Oxford Tuesday.

Miss Royster is visiting her aunt at Knap of Reeds this week.

Farmers in this section have about finished burning plant land.

Miss Mide Bradsher is on extended visit to relatives in Wake county.

We are glad to see Mr. Lee Clement is able to be out again after his illness.

Miss Pauline Howard, of Oxford, visited relatives in this section last week.

The Providence school has closed on account of measles, mumps and the whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Bostic, of Providence, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine son at their home.

Mr. C. B. Howard left Wednesday for Fuquay Springs where he will make his home in the future.

Mrs. M. L. Oakley, who has been in Raleigh for treatment, seems much improved in health, on her return to her home.

The Culbreth friends of Mr. Jule Gooch will be sorry to hear that he had the misfortune to lose his household goods by fire a short time ago.

INQUIRER.

A Hustling Firm.

Hornor Bros. Co. announce that they are handling the celebrated Ober's tobacco guano, and refer all those who intend to buy guano to consult those who have used Ober's—best by test. A little higher in price than some of the other guano, perhaps, but it pays better in the long run. Not only guano, but everything the reliable firm of Hornor Bros. Co. handle is of best quality, dependable and reliable. See their adv. elsewhere in this paper.

A Happy Meeting.

Mr. G. W. Hunt, with his wife and little son, left Waco, Texas, last Sunday night, Feb. 9th, over the Cotton Belt and Southern via Memphis, Chattanooga, Asheville and Greensboro arriving in Oxford Thursday 13th at 7 a. m., a distance of about 1800 miles. There was great rejoicing when they reached home. None of the family had ever seen the daughter-in-law, and neither had they seen William Walls, the bright little grand son of 16 months. Mr. Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hunt, of Oxford, and has been from home four years.

Handsomest line of Buggies, Surries and Carriages and Harness to match. See them at Long Winston Co.

WOOD FOR SALE—500 cords dry pine and oak wood. Price \$2.75 in car load lots. C. D. Ray.

We sell Spach, White Hickory and Hickory Wagons, also Wagon Harness, Plow Harness, etc. Long Winston Co.

Don't forget to figure with us on your Fertilizer this season. Zells and Patsco Guano made as good last season as any Guano sold. Long Winston Co., Agents.

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM.

The Town Commissioners Hold Enthusiastic Session.

The Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session Tuesday night and transacted much important business. The question of opening a street through the Hundley property was taken up, discussed and laid upon the table. Among the many important rulings of the Board was the ordering of disinfectant for the town's use, the installation of the Gamewell Automatic Fire Alarm Bell Ringer, and passing upon accounts.

The Commissioners are to be congratulated upon their decision to purchase and install an automatic fire alarm system. The needs of an alarm system has been felt for a long time, and now that the Board of Commissioners have come to the rescue the citizens of Oxford sleep with a greater sense of security. The firemen are especially elated over the action of the Board and are thankful that with the installation of the automatic alarm they will be better qualified to cope with the flames. It is absolutely necessary for a fireman to hear an alarm when it is turned in, and the system that the Board passed upon, and which will soon be installed here, is for that identical purpose, and when an alarm has been turned in they will not only hear it, but they can instantly locate the fire as the ponderous hammer falls upon the bell, counting out the fire ward with rhythmic precision. The new system will not only aid the firemen, but it will also enable every one, whether in church or at home, to instantly locate the ward in which the fire is located. The town is to be laid off in five fire wards, and one tap between a succession of rapid taps signifies Ward 1, etc.

Demonstrated Lecture.

The members of the Woman's Civic Club enjoyed a rare treat on Wednesday, January 29th. Miss Parrish, the accomplished young and attractive teacher of Domestic Science in Oxford College, gave a most profitable and enjoyable Lecture to the members of the Civic Club. Promptly at 3:30 o'clock the members of the Club and a few invited guests assembled in the spacious auditorium of Oxford Graded School to find the stage converted for the afternoon into an up-to-date furnished kitchen presided over by Miss Parrish, assisted by Mesdames Ballou, Elliott and Cooper.

The Carolina Power and Light Co. had kindly loaned for the occasion all electric cooking convenience necessary. Miss Parrish gave a few graceful introductory remarks and then proceeded to make before our very eyes the most delicious puff, paste and creamed chicken, explaining and instructing as she worked. The department then served to all present creamed chicken in puffs, together with rolls and hot coffee. We all understand thoroughly now how to make creamed dishes and puff paste that melts in the mouth.

We wish to thank Miss Parrish heartily for her help to us. Women cannot learn too much about good, wholesome cooking.

The Civic Club is moving along the right lines when it tries to improve the health of Oxford by good food, well cooked. What will not that Civic Club undertake for the good of our grand old town? REPORTER.

The Tomato Club.

The remarkable success of the Tomato Club last season gives much encouragement to all who are interested in the work.

A number of our Granville girls were well repaid for their efforts, realizing \$50 or more from the cultivation of one-tenth of an acre, while the girl who won first premium at the County Fair had the nice little sum of \$84.20 to her credit. This included her premium as well as the amount received from the sale of her canned goods. Can many farmers of Granville county boast of such results from any little plot of land in 1912. Our girls should feel stirred to great enthusiasm by such a beginning and might as well go into work this season with greater confidence in its success.

Mrs. A. L. Capehart, Oxford, would be glad to hear from any girls who wish to enroll.

The object of the club is not to roll up a large number of girls, but rather only those who go in with a determination to get the most possible from their little plot of land.

MARGARET CAPEHART.

Stands Behind the Farmers.

Face the future squarely—ask yourself what is in store for a man who spends all he makes. The answer is, low wages, long working hours and ill health. The one road to prosperity is through saving—get the habit—begin now to feather your future nest—to rise above the drudge level and be a man among men. A few dollars saved every pay day and deposited with the National Bank of Granville soon count up and enables you to command esteem and respect from all men. Your pass book is ready—call and get it. See adv. of the National Bank of Granville on last page of this paper—there is a message to the wise.