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THE EXPECTED HAPPENED.

Mayor Brummitt Announces That the Present Board Seek Re-Election.

Last Friday morning, at the hour of going to press, Mayor Brummitt called at the office of the Public Ledger and handed the editors a communication, which we accepted with thanks, stating that we were sorry it was too late for that issue. Later in the day, when casting about for copy for the present issue we examined Mr. Brummitt's article and decided to give it space on our editorial page. The communication claims that the present town administration has been severely criticised by the Public Ledger and its correspondents and that members of the Board seek re-election as a result of said criticism. Mr. Brummitt intimates that our correspondents in suggesting that the Board should publish an exhibit, as is done by the County Commissioners at the end of the fiscal year, is a trick of the Public Ledger to capture an advertisement. He further states that neither one of the editors of the Public Ledger are qualified voters of Oxford, and asserts that the members of the Board are averse to seeking office. This is the burden of Mr. Brummitt's article reduced to a nut shell; but it is well enough to read it and see what a lot of bile the Mayor discharged from his system. As we see it, he has not been none too friendly with the Public Ledger since it changed hands; now that nature has a chance to assert itself we hope he will feel better in the future. We have nothing against Mr. Brummitt and rather enjoy his criticism and subterfuge. The idea that some members of the Board, and the Mayor in particular, are "averse to seeking office" is too funny for anything; and it is rather ridiculous to think of a fine-looking set of men, smarting and pouting under criticism, calling on any one to defend them. If Mr. Brummitt volunteers to stamp out free speech or mild criticism in this or any other community he will find it a very hard task; furthermore, neither Mr. Brummitt nor the Board or the Public Ledger are above criticism, and if the Mayor is sensitive to the free newspaper correspondents and writers he will find it a very rocky road climbing to fame. The fact is, we have never criticised the Board, nor have we permitted our correspondents to roll up their sleeves and wade into them. We have at all times recognized the integrity of the Board—they are among our most valued citizens—above reproach, but not infallible, remind you. We had an editorial in type, in praise of the Commissioners, when Mr. Brummitt handed in his article, and we still further commend them for what they have wrought under the most adverse circumstances. They have done well, and placing their work side by side with the Commercial Club and taking the two together the work accomplished during their administration stands out in bold relief against a clear sky. No, we have never criticised the Board further than to say that muddy streets and side-walks impede our commercial importance, and to further remind them in a mild way that there are other things that need their attention. One of our correspondents went so far as to suggest that the Board publish an exhibit of the town's finances, similar to the one the County Commissioners are enjoined by law to publish. The suggestion is a good one, and such a statement, as is usually made out would not exceed \$10 in cost, and it would be a convenient document. As to the charge that the editors of the Public Ledger are not qualified voters of Oxford is sustained. The senior editor lives out side of the corporate limits; the junior editor by virtue of a residence in Virginia has not as yet regained his citizenship in this State; however our interests are centered in Oxford; we pay a town tax exceeding \$100, as much as it is claimed that any member of the Board pays; yet it is intimated that we have no authority to speak of what shall and what shall not be done in Oxford.

We accepted Mr. Brummitt's article in the same spirit in which others were wanted to discuss town affairs. If it was his desire to censure us it is all right; if it was his scheme and desire to inform the voters that the Board court re-election that also meets with our hearty approval. With the accumulated wisdom of town affairs they are now in a better position to serve than ever before, and headed by Capt. Thad Sten this is the little need of looking further for a good Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

This is a frank open statement, but the attempt to throttle free speech is another proposition. Back in the ages there was one borned who was infallible and above criticism; yes, only One. We know at this moment something that requires the attention of the Mayor and Commissioners, but it is too sacred to mention in this article. We bear malice toward no one. The senior editor of the Public Ledger has been in Oxford for 37 years, and during his long journalistic career he has had the interests of the community at heart, striving for the purification and up-building of town and county, and we testify that the Board is composed of good men and no one has accused them of being "grafters"—nor do they wish to be handled like china vases.

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

All of us are all right, provided our own ox does not get gored.

Did you ever see a law that had a tendency to increase taxes that was popular?

If you should succeed in getting our "goat" all we ask of you is, to leave us the little tail so we can wag it.

It will be a good thing when the gas line is finished to Oxford as she has a hot air plant working overtime.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. N. B. Yancey and daughter, Miss Ione, who have been quite sick, are getting better.

Policeman Garner, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Monday and arrested a colored man named in his town for violating the law.

Woman are limited in their sphere of usefulness. Do you know of one that could become a silent partner in any concern?

The Civic Club will meet in the rooms of the Commercial Club this Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and a full attendance of the members is desired.

Extensive preparations are being made to make the third annual Baraca-Philathea State Convention, which will be held in Charlotte, April 12-15, the best yet held.

Lenten Service in St. Stephen's church on Wednesday night at 7:45 o'clock. The preacher will be the Rev. Thomas L. Trott, of Durham, and all are welcome.

The family of the late A. W. Montague request us to thank their neighbors and friends for their kindness during the recent sickness and death of their beloved father.

The people from the country Saturday said the roads were in better condition than the streets of Oxford, but we are glad to say that the March winds are rapidly drying them out.

It is a source of pleasure to us to learn that the Orphan's Friend, which has been greatly improved, now has 10,000 subscribers, and ere the year comes to a close hope it will reach 15,000.

It is said there are 6,000,000 Democrats who send up the fervent plea: "Lord, we yearn for a mansion in the skies in the next world, but a post-office is good enough for us in this vale of tears!"

"When my wife and I were first married we used to call each other Birdie." "Do you still do it?" "No. I call her a parrot and a magpie, and she usually refers to me as a jay."

Taxation is an ever vital question, as with every new assessment taxes increase, and we fear will become a burden upon the people, but more the people demand the more taxes they will have to pay.

The bill to fix the salaries of the officers of Granville county has passed the Legislature. We have not as yet heard the amount each one will receive, but we hope it is commensurate with the duty and responsibility of each office, as the county has a good set of officers.

"Take off your hat this morning, man. And look what morn has brought—This sunlight with its silver span—Of sparkling magic wrought. Take off your selfish creed awhile And stand bare-souled, Oh clod, Before the glory of this smile That is the gift of God."

If the election had been held Saturday while the wave of mud rolled over our streets for bonds it no doubt would have been overwhelming carried, and the Town Commissioners furnished the money to put the sidewalks and streets in good condition, which cannot be done without money.

Fondly loves the dog his master, Knows no friend like him so dear; Listens for his coming footsteps, Loves his welcome voice to hear. Has he faults?—he never sees them; Is he poor?—it matters not; All he asks is to be near him— Humbly near, to share his lot.

Masters Granville, Garland and Fountain, the smart little sons of Mrs. Boss Ragland, of Route 1, were in Oxford Monday selling tobacco at the Banner warehouse, and were much pleased to receive a call from these bright boys, as all the little boys and girls have a warm place in our heart, and may God's richest blessings be upon them.

North Carolina with the promises of a 6-months' term of its public schools in effect will have opportunity to take a leap forward in progress and prosperity. The way has been found to remove the reproach upon this State for its position in the column of illiteracy. The six months' term of the public schools means greater things for this good State, says the News and Observer.

Read sale of land by A. W. Graham, Trustee, advertised in another column.

Mrs. Sidney Jones, who has been right sick, we are glad to learn is improving.

Messrs. Graham & Devin will have nice law offices when the new building is completed.

Glad to learn Mrs. Sam Parker and Mrs. John Davis, who have been sick, are convalescent.

Messrs. George Royster and C. H. Piper, of Route 6, were among the throng in town Monday.

The wide-awake Horner Bros. Co. continue to make improvements to the interior of their large store.

Seven more of our former friends become readers of the Twice-a-week Public Ledger Monday, for which we thank them.

The Union Bank of Oxford has added greatly to the looks of the front by putting up attractive shades to the windows.

Master Roy Fuller, who stuck a nail in his foot a few days ago from which he suffered much, we are pleased learn is better.

Our friend, Mr. Nat. Satterwhite, is now with the Perkinson-Green Company, where he will be glad to see his many friends.

The editors are sorry to learn that Mr. John Parham in coming down steps Saturday afternoon slipped and fell on his arm, breaking a bone in his wrist.

Something should be done to stop the boys shooting the small rifles as they put holes in windows, and one a few days ago shot his companion through the lip.

In time of trouble what is better than a bank account? A snug little account with the First National Bank would come in handy. Better start one at once, and be prepared for emergencies and sickness. Read change in advertisement on another page.

A number of citizens as they were plowing through the mud going to their homes Friday night from church were heard to make a vow that they would not vote for any man for commissioner who would not pledge himself to use all the proceeds of the proposed bond issue on the sidewalks of the town.

Mr. Rufus Blackley, of Wilton, was out in his aeroplane early Saturday morning and sailed over "hericane" and spied a new still on a branch ready for business. After circling around for a while swooped down on the still, and after emptying a few stands of beer brought the still to Oxford and turned it over to Sheriff Hobgood.

Said Nanny Goat to Billy Goat, As those two met one day, "I did not see you, sir, last night, At the party down your way." Said Billy Goat to Nanny Goat, When he had heaved a sigh, "I tho't 'twas but the twentieth, And so I passed it by. You see, last week, forgetful I Ate up my calendar; And so my dates got all mixed up— That's why I wasn't there."

Epidemic of Measles. We learn from our good friend, Mr. W. E. Stem, of Stem section, that seven of his children have been confined with the measles, but he and Mrs. Stem, by good nursing, have brought them safely through. This is only one instance of the many distressing cases in the Stem and other sections of the county. We extend our sympathy to the stricken families, and may the good mothers be nerved to pull their little ones through the dreadful epidemic.

Sunset Sittings. Farming is all the go in this section, new tobacco plants coming up, plowing going on, cutting and hauling wood and preparing for a big crop in general.

There was a very enjoyable entertainment Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brooks, there being singing by the Sunset Glee Club composed of Messrs. Elvin Dean, Alfred Dean, Bennie and Fred Curran, Sterling Pruitt, Jessie Brooks. Mr. P. G. Pruitt acting as clown and Messrs. Crawford Hobgood, the wild man, with Hunter Morris the bone man, this feature proving very enjoyable, after which refreshments were served.

I HAVE in my charge four shoats black and white spotted with white feet. Three of these weighing about 90 pounds and the other about 50 pounds. The owner can get them by applying to L. L. Alston at the T. E. Hicks place and paying for this advertisement. It pd

CAR LOAD OF HORSES. We will have a nice car of horses to arrive Thursday March 5th, 1913, from the Valley of Virginia. Remember these horses are bought from the farmers that raised them. They have never been in any sale stable, and are acclimated to our climate.

We guarantee every horse not to have any contagious cold, and ready to go to work the day you get them. Wait until you see us before you buy. We have the horses and the price. CREEDMOOR SUPPLY CO. C. E. Lyon, Manager.

Another Ticket.

In my opinion the following ticket for Mayor and Commissioners is the best that can be picked from the abundant of good material:

For Mayor—Capt T. G. Stem. For Commissioners—Messrs C. W. Bryan, W. T. Yancey, R. S. Ustry, W. Z. Mitchell, S. W. Parker, Z. W. Lyon, A. W. Graham.

Stick to these men and see Oxford grow and develop. Less not make an entire change of town fathers. Give them another chance. These are some of the best men we have and they will see that every citizen of town has a fair and impartial deal. W. W. D.

Clean Up Week.

At the request of the Woman's Civic Club of Oxford Mayor Brummitt has designated and set apart the week beginning Monday, March 10, as clean up week for Oxford. Every citizen of Oxford is urged to clean up his premises during that week. A thorough inspection of back lots and alleys and of the premises of the citizens generally will be made during the specified week, and all trash, leaves, sticks and refuse matter of every description must be collected and put at convenient places so that it may be found and taken away by the carts. These town carts will be engaged all the week and the ladies of the Civic Club have generously offered to supply other wagons for this purpose.

Civic Pride.

In our mention of the excellent program rendered by the Musical Department of the Woman's Civic Club, in the auditorium of the Graded school Wednesday afternoon last, we failed to speak of the excellent paper, "Vocal Music in America," by Mrs. John B. Booth. The Music Committee of the Woman's Civic Club, whose splendid efforts are so highly appreciated in Oxford, is composed of Miss Mary Webb, chairman; Messdames John B. Booth, B. K. Hays and H. M. Shaw. While this splendid organization of ladies do so much for the pleasure and enlightenment of Oxford there is but one regret, namely that we do not hear their sweet voices oftener.

Prohibition Laws.

The passage of the Webb liquor law over President Taft's veto last Friday was a great triumph for the friends of prohibition. This law prohibits the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory for illegal purposes. The search and seizure law, which was passed by the North Carolina Legislature, enables the officers of the law to search places where they suspect liquors are kept for sale, and it makes possession of more than three gallons prima facie evidence of sale. The two laws are powerful weapons in the hands of the officers to aid them in stamping out the whiskey traffic. The measure of success of these laws depends entirely upon the efforts of Federal and State officers to enforce them. Prohibition now has a chance. North Carolina has voted for prohibition and is entitled to have it; but to get the real article these laws must be backed up by a strong public sentiment.

Graded School Honor Roll.

First Grade:—Cam Easton, Alice Hall, Edward Mitchell, Alma McFarland, Alfred McFarland, Thomas Royster, Sidney Taylor.

Second Grade:—Mary Belle Boyd, Margaret Davis, Elsie Hluzek, Dorothy Mason, Inez Patterson, Mary Powell, Ruth Upchurch, Elizabeth Bragg, Edwin Shaw, Wadsworth Spencer.

Third Grade:—Augusta Carroll, Charles Easton, Hugh Easton, Effie Lee, Mable Sizemore, Moses Wolf, Sarah Wolf.

Fourth Grade:—Lillian Cheatham, Roy Fuller, Fritz Hall, Ruth Howard, Maurice Parham, Idie Kerr Taylor, Lorene Turner.

Fifth Grade:—Martha Cupp, Sam Hall, Frank Murray, Zela Newton, Ruth Parham.

Sixth Grade:—Mary Brown, James Ballou, Robert Parham.

Seventh Grade:—Joseph Bryant, Elizabeth Floyd, Edith Howell, Eleanor Mallonee, Bessie Pitchford, Irene Pierson, Henry Shaw.

Eighth Grade:—Buxton Taylor.

Ninth Grade:—Hettie Hunt, Carrie Harris, Ruth Shaw.

Tenth Grade:—Basil Horsfield, Harry Renn.

The honor roll is short this time, especially in the lower grade owing to the epidemic of measles which kept out so many students for this month.

THE COW DOCTOR.

Oxford, N. C., Feb 27th, 1913. This is to certify that Frank Plummer is an excellent cow doctor. He has cured cows for Milton Hobgood, A. M. Averett, Mr. Poythress, Wash Curran, Rufus Moss and David McGee. He has been attending sick cows for more than forty years with great success.

ALEX PEACE. I think Frank Plummer is a very fine cow doctor. I had a very sick cow and he doctored her and she came around all right. W. A. PARHAM.

\$2.50 Fountain Pen for \$1. Guaranteed at Hall's Drug Store. m 5.o.a.w. \$1.00 will buy a Fountain Pen guaranteed as good as any \$2.50 fountain pen, at J. G. Hall's. m 5.o.a.w. 4t.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Mr. Will Daniel, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. W. J. Curran, of Route 5, was in town Monday.

Mr. S. T. Hunt, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. George Sherman, of Berea, was in town Monday.

Mr. Sim Meadows, of Creedmoor, was in town Monday.

Mr. Robert Bullock, of Hester, was in town Monday.

Mr. John Dorsey, of the road, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Satterwhite, of Route 6, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. K. C. Adcock, of Tar River, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. E. T. Pettard, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. H. N. Thorp, of Berea, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. B. T. Johnson, of Hampton, was in town Monday.

Mr. Charley Floyd, of Wilton, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Sam Moss, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Monday.

Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. J. K. Daniel, of Berea section, was in town Monday.

Mr. Ernest Allen, of the road, spent the week end at home.

Mr. Graves Day, of Berea section, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. J. H. Perry, of Creedmoor section, was in town Monday.

Dr. J. F. Sanderford, of Creedmoor, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. J. M. Haskins, of Stem section, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Lockwood accompanied his sister to her home in Boston Saturday.

Mr. George Whitfield of Brassfield township, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Grady Harris is attending the inauguration of President Wilson.

Mrs. Howard Dorsey is taking in the inauguration of President Wilson.

Mr. C. G. Royster, the live merchant of Bullock, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Stephen Daniel, Tar River, was among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Messrs. J. M. Phipps and B. F. Hester, of Route 1, were town visitors Monday.

Messrs. Leroy Crews and J. H. Bowling, of Tar River, were town visitors Monday.

Dr. Bullock, Mr. J. W. Hester and S. A. Fleming, of Hester, were in town Monday.

Miss Laura Joyner, who is teaching school at Princeton, spent the week-end at home.

Our old friend, Ernest Crews, of Hester, was among the large crowd in town Monday.

Messrs. Dave Eakes, J. I. Gordon and Charley Gordon, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Messrs. John Dean, T. E. and J. T. Bobbitt, of Fishing Creek township, were among the crowd in town Monday.

Mr. Walter D. Hamilton, of Bluefield, West Virginia, was in town Saturday and Sunday visiting his brother, John R. Hamilton.

Capt. W. A. Devin joined a number of the members of the Legislature in attending the inauguration of President Wilson.

Dr. E. T. White, Messrs. Ham Powell and B. K. Lassiter and Mayor Brummitt and Capt Devin attended Democratic banquet in Raleigh Friday night.

Mrs. Bailey and daughter, Miss May, of Chicago, who have spent several months at the home of Dr. T. L. Booth on College street, left a few days ago for New York.

Messrs. J. H. Daniel, J. B. Mayes, Ed Duncan, W. R. Gooch, Milton Bragg, Mac Bragg, H. A. Stem, Dr. Hardee, all of Stem, helped to make up the large crowd in town Monday.

NICE PICTURE OF CHURCH.

A Sunday School Publication Says "We Do Things" in Oxford.

The current number of the "Adult Bible Class," published at Elgin, Ill., contains a handsome picture of the Baptist Baraca class on the front cover, large enough to distinguish each member. The publication also contains a picture of the handsome Baptist church and the following neat write up:

The Old North State is famous for the excellency of its organized Bible class work. The "We do things" spirit of the Baraca-Philathea movement has taken possession of these classes of Tar Heelers with the result that they have to their credit enviable records of achievement along the various lines of Bible Class activity.

Oxford, a picturesque town of about four thousand inhabitants, boasts a Baraca and Philathea class in each Protestant church as well as Junior organizations of the same names. The most thriving of the Senior classes is the Baraca class connected with the Baptist Sunday School. This class maintains a membership of about fifty, including many prominent business and professional men of the community. The class is democratic in the best sense of the word. All meet as brothers and the spirit of fellowship and fraternity proves the spirit of fellowship and proves the tie that binds.

This class has to its credit the organization of a Junior Baraca class in the same school, and upon the request of the teenage boys generously surrendered their popular teacher, Hon. W. A. Devin, to the leadership of the Juniors.

The officers are: President, J. F. Meadows; vice-president, W. J. Lowry; secretary and treasurer, V. W. Critcher. The present teacher is General B. S. Royster, under whose efficient leadership, with the hearty co-operation of other officers, the class is broadening its scope of work and entering into ever-widening fields of Christian usefulness.

The Sunday School Institute.

The three-day's session of the Sunday School Institute held in the Baptist church came to a close Sunday with an address by Rev. E. L. Middleton, the leader of the meeting. On account of the inclement weather the Institute was not largely attended by out of town people. All of the addresses were inspiring, and the address delivered by Mr. Middleton Sunday morning was the most comprehensive, practical talk on how to present the Sunday School lesson it has been our pleasure to hear. One of the hardest things in teaching a class of young people is to get and hold their attention, yet Mr. Middleton brought to bear many Biblical injunctions and personal experiences showing how easily this can be accomplished.

Two Granville Boys.

The formal announcement of the Ridgeway Publishing Company, of New York city, that the Law Department of the University of North Carolina was a successful contestant for first State prize in the nation-wide mock trial contest in "The Case of Jennie Brice" as instituted by Everybody's Magazine last December. So keen was the rivalry for the prize offered in the contest that in some places members of the Supreme court presided. Much interest is manifested here on account of Mr. J. W. Hester, of Hester, being one of the successful contestants and that Mr. S. R. Winters, of Stem, was court reporter. These two bright young men share the \$100 prize with a select class of nine. Mr. Hester was granted license by the Supreme court in February to practice law, but it is not definitely known at the present time where he will "swing his shingle."

To Our Farmer Friends.

As the planting season draws near a friendly and timely word to our farmer friends may not be out of place. We have shared and enjoyed the prosperity of the farmer, and in order that this prosperity may be continued we would warn our farmers against over-production of tobacco. A glutted market, as everybody knows, reacts upon the farmer, but the needs of good food products is a certainty. The farmer who rests all his hopes upon a tobacco crop is building upon treacherous sands; only he who makes ample provisions for corn and other such necessities chooses the solid rock.

North Carolina has been spending millions of dollars in distant sections for many years for corn, hay and live stock and kindred supplies which can be produced at home. The profit of our money crop has been diverted to purchase food necessities. Such a policy is shortsighted and extravagant. Be wise and do not overstep reasonable bounds when you plan for your tobacco crop in the year 1913.

It is also important to plant diversified crops with a view of winning one or more prizes at the County Fair next fall, which, it is hoped, will surpass all former years. It is rather easy to talk about the Fair, but it is nevertheless one of our cherished institutions and should always be in the minds of every farmer.

Mr. T. J. Brummitt, of Fairport was among the Oxford visitors Monday.