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## "HYGENE" THE KEY-NOTE.

### The Civic Club Discuss a Very Important Issue.

At the instigation of Mrs. A. H. Powell, chairman of the health department of the Oxford Civic Club, "Civic Day" was observed by the women of the club on Wednesday morning, March 12th, from 11.30 until 1 o'clock.

By special request the auditorium of the Graded School building was tendered by Superintendent Pitts for this occasion, and the students of the High School, with their respective teachers—many of whom are members of the Club, added inspiration and interest by their presence.

Mrs. Powell had arranged the program for this meeting, and the fact that there were present two of the town's highest officials, and two of her prominent professional men—all of whom spoke words of commendation and encouragement along their special lines—goes to prove that the Woman's Civic Club has come to be recognized as a factor of no mean importance in the town's assets.

"Hygiene," which word is the key-note of the health department, is one that was emphasized by each speaker on the program on this occasion, and the department felt that it had scored a great point in having its message recognized as an educational feature for the mind of the child student. It was also pleased at the hearty cooperation manifested by superintendent, teachers and students of the school. Mrs. John Booth, whose studio of music is located in the school building, and who also instructs the grades in sight-reading and chorus work had trained the school ensemble on four civic songs. These had place on the program, and were rendered with a lively spirit and understanding of the theme.

The following was the program as arranged by the chairman of the health department, which was rendered to the entertainment and instruction of all who were present:

PROGRAM.  
Prayer—Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon.  
Paper—Mrs. A. H. Powell, Chairman Health Department.  
Chorus—Civic Day Song—school.  
Address—Mayor D. G. Brummitt.  
Chorus—Civic Day Song—school.  
Address—Dr. S. D. Booth, County Superintendent of Health.  
Chorus—Civic Day Song—school.  
Address—Prof. J. A. Pitts Superintendent Oxford Schools.  
Brief Talk with Mrs. C. D. Ray.  
Announcements—President Civic Club.  
Chorus—Civic Day Song—school.  
REPORTER, for Civic Club.

### A Word to Boys.

The conviction of the three hazers at Hillsboro Saturday, members of a party responsible for the death of Billy Rand, a freshman at the University of North Carolina, is simple justice. Oldham, Hatch and Merriman, the three convicted boys, had no intent to murder when they aroused Rand from his bed and marched him to the athletic field to provide amusement for the students. Everybody remembers what happened. When a parent sends his child to college, the college boys must remember that that boy is just as much entitled to his rights as if he were in any other place. Merely being a freshman is no reason why a young man should be subjected to assaults, jeers and indignities. Four months in jail is the smallest part of the punishment which has been visited upon the boys convicted of the fatal case of hazing. As long as they live they will be talked of as the boys who were convicted of manslaughter. Their prison terms will be quickly served, as prison terms go, and will be forgotten, but the recorded verdict on the court house docket will live. The death of young Rand was tragic. It was deplorable, but in his death means that hazing in North Carolina is at an end.

### Second Fifth Sunday Meeting

On Saturday, March 29th and Sunday March 30th, a union meeting of the Flat River Association will be held at Sharon Church. All churches of the Second District are invited to be present. Saturday meeting will open at 10 a. m.—Devotional Exercises by Spencer Peed. At 10.30—Formation of Field, open discussion by J. C. Curran. At 11.30—Orpingtons by L. B. McFarland—report and address. Intermission from 12.30 to 1.30. At 1.30—Professional Evangelist—Open Discussion by B. F. Dean. From 2.30 to 4.00—Missions, by Hamilton Hester—report and address.

Sunday at 10.30 there will be Sunday School addresses by Messrs. P. Q. Bryan and J. C. Howard. B. F. DEAN.

### BARGAINS IN TABLE LAMPS.

P. H. Montgomery left his stock of table lamps with me to be closed out. The ones now on hand will be sold remarkably cheap. Call at the office of the Carolina Power & Light Co., and get a bargain while they last.

E. G. COUCH.

WHITE ORPINGTONS for Sale—Have several Rose Comb White Orpington Cockerels for sale. Apply to Mrs. J. T. Britt.

## SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

A third tobacco warehouse is to be built in Greensboro.

Even knocking is permissible when you knock the knockers.

The average man doubts those who do not take any stock in him.

If you wish to register for the school election call on Mayor Brummitt.

Messrs. Horner Bros. Co. had the misfortune to lose a good horse with pneumonia Friday.

The ground hogs time has expired and hope we will have some spring weather for Easter.

If we cannot live so as to be happy, let us at least live so as to deserve happiness.—Fichte.

There is continued talk about the Farmers Union building and running a warehouse in Oxford.

When we live for the same things for which Christ lived we are sharers of His largeness of life.

Users of Electricity are asked to read the important change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power & Light Co. on the third page.

Playing the fool is not likely to become a lost art and Jesse Holmes, the fool killer, could be kept busy.

The live merchants will be on the spring advertising job and let the people know what he has to sell.

After you have gotten your office do not be too hard on the other fellows who are trying to get one much smaller than yours.

The popular and pleasant Mr. Jas. W. Horner has joined the Automobile Brigade and is now riding in a new Maxwell car.

They who live as if life were a noble, conquering, joyous possession are a constant Easter message to an ever-widening circle.

While auto owners always say that they're double taxpayers, they're thankful they don't have to pay for air to fill the tires.

We are requested by Mr. H. P. Webb to announce that there will be a call meeting of the Stem Local Union on Saturday afternoon, March 22d.

We want to see the day come some time soon when Oxford will have sidewalks and streets and the county such roads that a few rains will not make almost impassable.

We are glad to see that Mr. Filmore Adcock, of Route 5, who has been going on crutches many months on account of a crushed foot, is at last able to walk with a stick.

The members of the Providence Local Farmers Union are earnestly requested to meet at 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 22. Business of importance to attend to.

Indeed we were sorry to learn from Mr. J. L. O'Brien, of Berea section, who was in town Monday, of the illness of our much esteemed old veteran friend Spencer O'Brien, and wish him a rapid recovery.

An automobile owner pays tax on his machine—a property tax—then he must pay for using it. A double tax on a business and pleasure vehicle is something new, which was done by the Legislature.

Of course we are all glad to see new dwelling houses erected and suburban properties improved. What would tickle us more would be to see more factories which would add much to the prosperity of Oxford.

Our idea of perfect happiness would be to live to see the day that a farmer can do what everybody else is doing—hold back what he has to sell till he can get his own price for everything he produces on the farm.

The annual Easter Basket Picnic and Brise ball game will be held at Kinton's Fork next Monday, and everybody is invited to attend and bring a well filled basket. We hope all who attend will have a fine time.

Ladies' dresses have been narrowing till it has made it necessary to introduce the "slashed skirt" so women may be able to move with comfort. The slash keeps a dress from being so tight as to incommode locomotion.

It is a pleasure to us learn from our good friend J. N. Tilley, who was in town Monday, that the Box Party at Knop of Reeds a few nights ago was a great success, and the nice sum of \$80 was realized for the purpose of buying a piano for the High School.

The fine sorrel stallion owned by Messrs. Walter Crews, John Booth and Benj. K. Lassiter, valued at \$1200, died Saturday morning with pneumonia after a hard fight with the disease. We sympathize with these gentlemen in their loss as they carried no insurance on the beautiful animal.

Mrs. R. T. Smith, we regret to learn, is quite sick at her home on Asylum street.

S. Nassef & Co., dry good merchants, has something to say to money savers in this paper.

The many friends of Mrs. R. T. Crews will regret to learn that she continues quite sick at the home of Mr. Luther Stark in Oxford.

On another page of this paper will be seen an interesting letter from G. Ober & Sons Company to Horner Bros. Co., which is important to you.

We are pleased to say that the Public Ledger's subscription list continues to grow as we added 12 new subscribers to our list the past week.

This life is one long round of fights. And many are our human woes. For when we stand up for our rights We tread on some poor fellow's toes.

The Corn Club enrollment in State contest for 1913 number 1697, and Granville county's representatives number 16 and we truly hope they will break the record.

We call attention to the advertisement of Long-Winston Company elsewhere in this paper, which is doubly interesting to truck growers and farmers at this season.

In passing along main street don't fail to notice the attractive windows of Cohn & Son; then step inside and behold the neat display. Better still, read their advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

The Edwards' Hose & Ladder Company responded to a call to-day (Tuesday) about noon from the residence of Mr. L. A. Royster, where some sawdust in the basement ignited. One of Mr. Royster's helpers was slightly burned, otherwise the damage was slight.

It is up to you, Mr. Good Citizen. Don't shirk and say that "they" won't let you have your way about it. Perhaps your way is not for the best. Don't get "huffy" about it, but stand shoulder to shoulder with your fellow citizens in an earnest effort to place town on the best possible basis.

The Beulah Philatheas want your attention. The plays "How a woman keeps a Secret," and "A Suffragette Town Meeting" will be given at Providence, Saturday, March 22, from 8 to 10 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. The proceeds will go to class treasurer for the purpose of building a class room.

We have at considerable expense put in a Typesetting machine and just as soon as we learn to operate it will improve the Public Ledger and make it one of the best and nearest printed twice-a-week papers in the State, and will continue to use our very best efforts for the upbuilding of Oxford, Creedmoor, Stem, Stovall and the great old county of Granville.

The individuals of this town have too much at stake for us to risk making any mistakes in the kind of men who are to serve them for two years. The business interests of Oxford and its future development are of such import that we can not afford to make a mistake, as we need men of business ability and good judgment.

We deeply regret to learn Mr. Otis Renn, the 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Renn, died at the home in Fishing Creek township, Monday morning at 4 o'clock, after a lingering illness. He was an excellent young man and highly esteemed by all who knew him. His remains will be buried at Gray Rock this Tuesday afternoon. We extend much sympathy to the bereaved family.

### Tobacco Prizes.

The capital prize of \$100, offered by Mr. W. Z. Mitchell for selling tobacco on floor of Banner Warehouse was No. 1446 and held by Taylor & Royster and one for \$50 was No. 2623 and held by S. R. Howard. The holders are requested to call and present tickets and get money.

The buggies offered by Mr. W. H. Fleming at the Owen Warehouse were won as follows: No. 192, held by Mr. D. W. Frazier won the buggy made by Oxford Buggy Co. No. 3878, held by Messrs. Puckett & Hester, won the buggy by the Taylor Cannady Buggy Co.

### Death of Mrs. Lee Gill.

Mrs. Kate Jeter Gill, the beloved wife of Mr. Lee Gill died in Oxford on Saturday after a long illness, which she bore with great fortitude. She was a splendid type of womanhood and a devoted christian and her gentle spirit is with the redeemed. The funeral services were conducted at the home on Raleigh street at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon in the presence of a large number of sorrowing neighbors and friends, after which the remains were taken over the Southern road to Chase City for interment.

She leaves a devoted husband one little son, fathers and several sisters to mourn her death.

The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. E. L. Raynor, L. O. Buchanan, Terry Callis, J. W. Willard, L. G. Mangum, John Jones and Oscar Murray.

ITS the 27th, 28th and 29th Farmers Days at Davis, at Clarksville, Va.

## The Town's Exhibit.

The Franklin Times of last week says: "The Mayor of Oxford a tempted to make an excuse for the Board of Town Commissioners not publishing their annual statement, which appears to us very weak. The law does not leave it to the Mayor or Board of Commissioners of any town to use their judgment in the matter, but says positively they shall do so or be liable to heavy fines. To our minds by his admission he has placed the matter where the grand jury will have to take hold."

### A Card From Dr. Sam Booth.

I shall be away from Oxford for several weeks attending post-graduate lectures on some special subjects. I have appointed Dr. W. N. Thomas, Deputy Quarantine Officer; Dr. G. S. Watkins will do the practice at the poor house and jail, and Dr. T. L. Booth will act as Superintendent of Health. All nuisances, etc., will be reported to Dr. T. L. Booth, and the people will report the presence of contagious diseases to Dr. Thomas, and will also notify them when their residences are ready for disinfection.

S. D. BOOTH,  
Supt. Health Granville Co.

### Appropriation Is \$20,000.

It is gratifying to know that the Legislature came to the rescue of the orphanage work of the State. The appropriation for the Oxford Asylum was doubled, and is now \$20,000. The increased appropriation enables the management to provide for an increased number of children and to make the necessary improvements. The people's money could not possibly be put to a better cause, and fortunately it is in the hands of those who know how to place it to the best advantage. The Board of Trustees of the Asylum, and Superintendent R. L. Brown are to be congratulated on the good work they have been able to accomplish with the smaller appropriation, and now that they have been made custodians of a larger amount of the funds of the institution can look forward to a correspondingly increase of usefulness.

### Farm Demonstrator.

The step taken by the business men of the county, looking toward public development, has just been arranged for in the form of agricultural farm expert. In addition to the regular farm demonstration work this man will devote his whole time to the agricultural development of the county. The citizens of the county have raised by private subscription one thousand dollars and made application for an equal amount offered by the Crop Improvement Company of Chicago. Appropriations have also been made by the county commissioners and the Knapp demonstration fund managed by Mr. C. R. Hudson, of the State. A two year contract has been made with Dr. J. A. Morris at a salary of \$1,800 a year. Dr. Morris is a man exceptionally equipped for this work. He has been a member of the County Board of Education for eight years which makes him especially interested in the educational side of the work. He is preparing to press the subject of agricultural education in the public schools and give his personal supervision to it during the school term. Big developments are confidently expected from his efforts by those who know his energy and his enterprise.

The last Legislature wisely re-elected Dr. Morris as a member of the Board of Education of the County.

### It Is Your Business.

"Some people pay very close attention to their own private business," remarks the New Bern Sun, "and if they would pay some attention to city affairs, in which every one should be interested, it would be a good thing."

A point well taken; a truth well expressed. It is also timely and should put people to thinking, and if they will but think they are bound to get out of the state of lethargy and be moved to action. What is needed in many cities is more interest in and more activity on behalf of city affairs by all the people. The man who becomes so engrossed with his private business as not to heed public affairs is looking through the affairs darkly. What good does it do to build up a business if it is going to be torn down by some evil legislation, or if accident is going to happen to it through some looseness in municipal government? Why also shut your eyes to public affairs and thus provide a handicap for the very private business you are striving to build-up? Municipal government is not only part of your business, as a person, but it relates to your dry-goods, your grocery, your office and professional business. It makes the condition under which such have to exist and that is decidedly important. It also makes the expenditures, for which your business or the proceeds coming into your pocket from your business have to stand. So isn't it worth while, isn't it important that you wake-up?

DON'T fail to go, for this is going to be a day in which you can buy a buggy at your own price, as well as everything else in Hardware and Agricultural Implements. Where? At Davis' sale, March 27th to 29th. Everybody is going.

GIVE us your order for Easter Ice Cream a little ahead.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. Len Knott, of Enon, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Currin, of Enon, was in town Monday.

Mr. B. T. Hicks, of Bullock, was in town Monday.

Mr. T. Alston, of Warrenton, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. J. T. Ellis, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Mr. A. D. Pitts, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, was in town Monday.

Mr. Geo. Royster, of Providence, was in town Monday.

Mr. T. W. Burch, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. T. Milton, of Stem section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Ed Montague, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. E. G. Moss, of Wilton section, was in town Monday.

Mr. G. W. Hendrick, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Mr. M. L. Oakley, of Providence, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. J. R. Daniel, of Berea, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Will Haskins, of Stem section, was in town Monday.

Mr. R. H. Royster, of Norfolk, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Frazier, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. B. L. Freeman, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday.

The Misses Phipps, of Route 1, were on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Thad Stem and the young captain, of Stem, were in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Lilly, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guests of Mrs. W. G. Pace on Front street.

Messrs. Eugene Bullock and Eugene Mangum, of Stem, were in town Saturday.

Mr. Ben Dean, one of the good men of Sunset, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Rom Jenkins and nice looking son, of Wilton section, were in town Monday.

Mrs. James Horner returned Saturday from a visit to her uncle, Rev. J. N. Cole, in Raleigh.

Dr. Henderson, of Boykins, Va., visited his brother, Dr. L. V. Henderson, in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. E. M. Dean, of Richmond, was on our streets Saturday shaking hands with his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brummitt, of the Fairport section, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Messrs. Norman and Macon Hobgood, two popular young farmers of Route 4, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Miss Louise Currin, of Richmond, will arrive Thursday to spend Easter with Mrs. J. M. Currin on High street.

Mrs. W. M. Gulick, of New York City, is on a visit to her old home near Oxford and her old friends are glad to see her.

Messrs. Walter and Fred Phipps and Marsh Daniel, three fine looking young men of Route 1, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. T. C. Rogers, of Wilton section, was in town Monday, we were sorry to see him suffering from a lick in one of his eyes.

Mrs. T. K. Daniel and two daughters, Mrs. Buck Overton and Miss Ellie, of Providence section, were among the shoppers in Oxford Monday.

Ex-Judge A. W. Graham returned Tuesday morning from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Henry Shirley, at Town, Md., and Washington City. While in that city he called on Hon. Josephus Daniel and Senators Simmons and Overman.

General B. S. Royster and Mr. F. W. Hancock returned Saturday from attending the State Camp Woodmen of the World at Asheville along with Mr. Charley Floyd, of Wilton. The Camp did itself proud in electing Gen. Royster Grand Representative to the Sovereign Camp which meets in Jacksonville, Fla.

WATCH next week's announcement about Farmer's Day at Davis, for it is near at hand.

WATCH, look and listen, for its the 27th, 28th and 29th at Davis.

FRESH COW for sale—Apply to Louis de Lacroix. 3tpd

## TNE OXFORD CHURCHES.

### A Touch of Spring Weather Induces Large Numbers to Attend Worship.

The clear crisp air last Sunday morning coaxed nearly everybody in Oxford out-doors, and all the churches were well filled.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon filled his pulpit at the Baptist church both morning and evening. The theme for the morning hour, "Wayside Opportunities," elicited the closest attention from the large congregation. It was pointed out that a kindly word, a gentle smile, a helping hand, less criticism, more faith and earnest prayer is a valuable asset to any community. The injunction comes from the very highest authority and it should pervade our home, our commercial life and all our plans.

Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached to a well-filled house at both services. The music at the Presbyterian church is an interesting feature, and this was especially so last Sunday, Mr. Pardo, being a guest of the pastor, favored the congregation with a solo.

Dr. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephen's church, conducted the usual impressive services. At the evening hour Mrs. Woodall sang very effectively the sacred gem, "Palmis."

Dr. and Mrs. Tyer being out of town, at the bedside of an aged relative, there was no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday.

Next Sunday being Easter, all the church choirs of Oxford will render appropriate music, excepting at the Presbyterian church, which will be closed—the pastor, Rev. S. K. Phillips, having an engagement at Berryville, Va., on that day.

### Oxford Buggy Co. Burned.

The fine plant of the Oxford Buggy Co. was partly destroyed by fire between 2 and 3 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning. The estimated loss is about \$25,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The fire was discovered by Messrs. Rowland Gooch and Earnest Howard, who were returning from a trip to the country, and upon sounding the alarm the firemen hastened to the scene of the conflagration and found the building filled with sheets of flame and smoke. So great was the heat from the highly seasoned timbers and inflammable materials the firemen were compelled to proceed with caution, which they did by smashing the window panes and playing great streams of water through these small openings on the ground floor, and inch by inch fighting their way into the building, and on up to the top floor where the flames, heat and smoke was almost unendurable. It was a stubborn fire, and called for skill, daring and determination which tested the wisdom and endurance of the firemen.

After the flames had been subdued one could see great rows of partly finished buggies and large stacks of material in total ruin, and many of the handsome new buggies were twisted and charred beyond recognition. The firemen succeeded in saving the building, the damage being confined largely to the finished work and materials.

The fire temporarily throws some thirty or forty workmen out of employment, but the large-hearted and sympathetic superintendent, Mr. B. F. Taylor, talks encouragingly of an early resumption of business.

The firemen wish to thank all the good citizens who aided them in any way at this fire, and they are complimentary of the water pressure which was very good on this occasion.

### SALE OF SIX HUNDRED ACRES OF VALUABLE TOBACCO LAND APRIL 12TH

We are now cutting up the Wilder farm, located two miles from Oxford on the Raleigh road. We are cutting it into tracts containing from 50 to 150 acres and will sell them at auction at the Court House in Oxford April 12th. Terms 1/3 cash; balance in 1, 2 and 3 years. For further information see the undersigned.

W. H. FLEMING,  
Feb. 18-19 A. A. CHAPMAN.

### DAVIS pays the freight.

FOR TOBACCO flue, tinning and general repair work be sure and call on Longmire & Dickerson in old Reavis building, next to the Court House. Satisfaction guaranteed, so give us a trial. [Feb 15-19]

DON'T buy that corn planter or that harrow or that drag or that mowing machine till Farmer's Day at Samuel Davis, Clarksville, Va., March 27th to 29th.

DON'T forget that Long Winston Co. sells Fertilizers that grows the highest class tobacco; also special corn fertilizer at Long-Winston Co.

### MILLINERY OPENING.

I wish to announce to the ladies of the town and county that my spring millinery opening will be next Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22. I want everybody to come and inspect my stock of new and up to date patterns. I have the largest stock I've ever had before. Ladies, don't fail to see my stock.

LILLIE WILKERSON, Stovall.