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MAIL CARRIER'S CONTEST.

For the Benefit of the Rural Mail Carriers of Granville County.

We decided on Monday last to put on a voting contest for the benefit of the Rural mail carriers of Granville county. The contest will go into effect on the receipt of this copy of the Public Ledger. Every mail carrier in the county is now in nomination and we have placed 100 points to the credit of each one. There are 27 mail carriers in the county and their names will be published in tabulated form in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

Every one living along the routes of the county remember the many little courtesies showered upon them by the faithful carriers of Uncle Sam's mail pouches. There is scarcely a day in the year, rain or shine, that these men are not called upon by their patrons to perform some little deed of kindness, and they never fail to respond. Now that every home served by these faithful carriers have an opportunity to show them that their services are appreciated, we would refer them to the rules governing this contest.

A WORD ABOUT THE PRIZES.

We have placed an order for the most recent design of Parcel Post Buggy, which is the capital prize, and this will be awarded to the carrier receiving the largest number of votes. The second prize is a high grade set of harness, and the fourth prize a high grade storm coat. The vehicle is constructed with a view to convenience and comfort. A look at these prizes is enough to inspire the hearty co-operation of every patron of the Rural Routes in capturing these prizes for their favorite carriers.

THE PUBLIC LEDGER TO THE RESCUE.

Realizing that a great deal of interest centers in this contest we will print a large number of extra copies of the Public Ledger from time to time during the contest, and these will be distributed freely in ever part of Granville county so that every one will have sample copies to canvass with, and in order to swell our subscription list, which now number 2,660, to 4,000 the price of the Public Ledger during the next sixty days will be only \$1 per year, and 75 cents for six months, the cash to accompany the subscription. In sending in subscriptions please don't fail to mention the number of your Route and the name of the carrier you desire to vote for.

WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR CARRIER?

Who is the most popular Rural Route carrier in Granville county? This is the question to be decided by the readers of the Public Ledger. The prizes in this contest are handsome and costly, but the Public Ledger is willing to pay royally to find out who are the most popular. Get busy and work to capture the grand prize for four faithful and obliging carrier.

RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST

In sending in subscriptions it is necessary to give the name of the carrier you wish to vote for, so that we can credit him with the number of votes your subscription entitles him to. The schedule of votes governing in this contest is graduated as follows:

New subscription, one year \$1, 300 votes.
Old subscription, one year \$1, 200 votes.
New subscriber, six months 75c. 100 votes

This is the opening day of the great contest. Subscriptions sent by mail will be marked up to the credit of the carrier at once. Watch the numbers grow from week to week.

All controversies which may arise will be settled by competent judges who will also contest the votes and award the prizes.

The only way to secure votes is to secure subscriptions. Votes will be issued on cash payments both on new and old subscriptions. During the life of the contest subscribers who are in arrears may pay up their subscriptions at the rate of \$1 a year and vote for any mail carrier he wishes to receive a prize. Every subscriber in arrears should take advantage of this offer and at the same time vote for his carrier.

For further particulars see Mail Carrier Contest adv. on the fourth page of this paper. The cut we use in the adv. is improvised. The buggy to be given away is being built especially for this mail service.

WE will have hot biscuits and hot coffee for you cooked on the great Majestic Range at the sale, and we will sell you a range that day for less than you will ever buy again, as well as cook stoves of the greatest variety; so ladies, persuade your husbands that this is the opportunity to save money and get the best. Davis, the hardware man, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Clarksville, Va.

REMEMBER the day and the date and don't miss it, for if you do, you will regret it when your neighbor buys it for less than you can get it after the sale is over, for the sale only comes once in twelve months and you have three days in which you can buy at your own price. DAVIS, the hardware man.

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

Don't forget to go to the polls and vote for the Graded school bonds Saturday.

Messrs. J. A. Taylor and Hubert M. Turner are new members of the automobile brigade.

It is claimed that a girl wears thin stockings all winter so they will be thin enough to wear in summer.

Mr. W. D. Bryan is making some improvements to the front porch of his residence on Raleigh street.

The cynical world would be far more likely to sit up and take notice if most of the reformers would begin on themselves.

It takes a clever man to sidetrack a widow who has made up her mind to annex him, and he must be very hard hearted, too.

"When you proposed to her did she say, 'This is so sudden?'" "No; she was honest and said, 'This suspense has been terrible.'"

Vote for the Graded School Bonds as you have one of the best equipped Graded School buildings in the State and the school is one of Oxford's greatest assets.

Mrs. Henpeck—Why, I only married you to spite Dick Jones. Mr. Henpeck—Glad to hear it. Heretofore I thought it was because you had a grudge against me.

Marching through all the ages still, Out of the valley and over the hill, Sure of the waking—on land and deep Of seed, and blossom, and Christ, from sleep!

It is a source of much pleasure to us to learn that Col. W. H. Osborn's nomination as Commissioner of Internal Revenue will not be sent in until Congress meets, but it is assured.

At the third annual Inter-Scholastic Declamatory Contest at Elon College on Friday our Graded School was ably represented by Master Thos. L. Pace, but the victor was E. S. Booth, of East Durham.

Be sure to go and see Cinderella well presented in the Chapel of Oxford College by the young ladies on the nights of March 28th and 29th, and you will be most pleasantly entertained. The price of admission is 35cts, schools 25 cents.

Because Christ lives we shall live. This is the joy of Easter, and this is why when Lent is over and winter is past and spring has returned, Christian life reaches its highest watermark on the shores of times is an exultant all-time that reverberates around the globe.

It stands to reason that a man who has had several years experience with municipal affairs would be well qualified to render valuable service to Oxford if the people will furnish him the money to do it with. Remember improvements cannot be made without money.

As there is no extra tax to be levied we hope not a single vote will be cast against the bonds, thus unanimously sustaining the able and practicable Board of Trustees in their great work of providing ample facilities for the education of the dear children of this community.

The Harry Lindley Co. opened a three night's engagement at the Opera House Monday night, and more than delighted the large audience. Miss Maie Lunley sang two numbers very sweetly. The company is a good one, and to-night (Tuesday) they will play "Divorce."

This is Easter week and Sunday was the Emancipation anniversary of the Christian world—the one day of all the year, next to the advent that is the most glorious and worthy of signal remembrance. It brings with it a new inspiration of faith in God and of perfect assurance in his love for the children of men.

The Oxford Orphanage was established in 1872 by Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina. During the 39 years of its existence it has conferred its benefits upon more than 2800 needy children. Glorious institution is this, and is in charge of a good, practical, christian gentleman, and is one of the most attractive places in the State.

"I wonder what the mockin' bird Was sayin' in the tree; But love has told the secret, And it's not a mystery. And it's not a mystery. It's so with all our gladness, That which ripples soft and clear Is because there's love to make it Like an angel hovering near."

If every subscriber would make it a rule to read the advertisements in the Public Ledger and then let the merchant know it by the way in which you make your purchases you would not only save a great deal of money by it but would assist us in carrying more and better advertisements. The Public Ledger now has more than 5,000 readers and hence is a valuable advertising medium.

The Horner team met defeat at Wake Forest Saturday.

We feel sure the good people of the county enjoyed their respective Easter pic-nics.

The Shaw School ball team badly defeated the Durham colored team in Oxford Monday.

Our young people had a joyous time "tripping the light fantastic toe" at the Armory Monday night.

The ladies are asked to remember the Silver Tea to be held this Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Quite a number of dear children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Monday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mr and Cam Easton on Front street.

The many friends of Mrs. Stubbs, nee Miss Louise Buchanan, deeply sympathize with her in the death of her devoted husband, which occurred a few days ago at his home in South Carolina, and may the Good Lord comfort and sustain her in trying hour.

The Legislature did a most worthy act when it increased the appropriation to \$10,000 a year for the benefit of the Colored Orphan Asylum, which is now admirably managed by Superintendent Cheatham and the Board of Directors. Electric lights have been recently put in, doing away with lamps.

On Saturday Gen. Royster sold as Commissioner the home place of the late Mrs. Rebecca Hobgood at Enon in front of the Court House in Oxford on Saturday. The sale attracted a large crowd of people, and the 138 acres was bid off by Mr. Wesley Knott for \$7,910. This proves that fine tobacco will sell high.

Gates of Easter.

Sunday proved a beautiful day and the gates of Easter opened wide to admit us to the garden of the year, and entering with childlike faith we find ourselves "at the fountain head of life." Here, as a poet has written, "Nature and Nature's God are engaged in the mystery of creation—the mound is the burning bush—the growing bush is the burning bush out of which God's voice comes to bid us take heart and be of good courage."

Raises Home Supplies.

The "old man" was glad to meet in town Saturday his old friend Tom Bobbitt, of Fishing Creek township. In discussing farming he said we would have a happy and prosperous county if our farmers would make it a point to raise all their home supplies. He said, "I have been married 44 years and during that time have not bought a single pound of meat or lard." This is a good record, and proves that he "lives at home and boards at same place."

Always Glad to Meet Them.

It was a source of pleasure to us to meet in Oxford Saturday a large number of our former friends from different sections of the county and found them cheerful, and warm in their greetings. We have always greatly appreciated their patronage and esteem, and it has always been a pleasure to us to do what we could to advance the interest of the backbone of this country. We thank the nine who become subscribers Saturday and will give our patrons the best Twice-a-week paper we can get out.

Stood the Test.

Our clever and efficient post-office clerk, Mr. Thomas S. Waller, is always able to stand the test. Some days ago Mr. T. P. Elam, chief clerk of R. M. S. was here and examined Mr. Waller on the post-offices in the eastern section of North Carolina and he made the creditable grade of 98.33 per cent out of a possible 100. Mr. Waller is a good clerk and is always glad to accommodate his patrons.

Same Old Horse.

On Saturday evening last the horse driven by Mr. Nat Wheeler took fright at the corner of Spring and Gilliam streets and dashed across the sidewalk, demolishing the fence of Mrs. J. G. Hunt. Mr. Wheeler kept his seat in the buggy and with steady nerve finally subdued the horse. Fortunately no one was hurt. This is the same horse that ran away some time ago and broke Mr. John R. Hall's leg.

To Build New Church.

There is a decided movement on foot in Creedmoor to erect a modern church edifice for the Methodist denomination. There are quite a number of Methodists in Creedmoor and they are greatly interested. At the present time there is only one in the good little town, that being the Baptist church. There is nothing that helps the growth of a city or town more than churches and there is no one in Creedmoor who is not in favor of having another church. A site for the church has been selected in the eastern portion of the town and work will soon begin on the building.

SEED SWEET POTATOES.

We have 100 bushels of Jewel Yams and Early Red Sweet Potatoe Seed for sale. Will open them on the 29th. PITTS BROTHERS, Route 2, Oxford, N. C.

Greedmoor Postoffice.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Saturday, April 26, 1913, an examination will be held at Oxford as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Creedmoor. All necessary information can be secured from the postmaster at Creedmoor and the local secretary at Oxford, or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Stockholders Meeting.

The directors of the Granville Farmers Tobacco Company, request a meeting of the stockholders Monday, March 31st at 10 o'clock in the court house. Every stockholder is urged to be present as matters of importance is to be considered at this meeting.

Yours very truly,
T. G. CURRIN, President.
Granville Farmers Tobacco Co.
W. E. MASSENBURG, Secretary.

Mortuary Report.

May 1, 1912, I reported the births for March and April, 1912. I do not recall the number, but for the entire fiscal year from March 1, 1912, to March 1, 1913, there were:

White males, 202; white females 130; stillborn white babies, 7; colored males, 144; colored females, 163; stillborn colored babies, 16

Of the above there were 6 pairs of white twins, and 10 pairs of colored twins. The stillborn babies are not included in the list of births.

For the entire fiscal year there were deaths, 34 white males; 25 white females, 25 colored males, and 30 colored females. There were more deaths in February, 1913, than in any other two or three months of the fiscal year. The stillborn births are not included in the lists of deaths.

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

John Powell Coming.

Oxford people will soon have an opportunity to hear a celebrated composer and musician, John Powell, of Richmond, Va., who has won high praise and honors in European cities. Mr. Powell's visit to Oxford is influenced by personal friendship and Oxford should appreciate its good fortune in having an opportunity to hear so renowned an artist.

It will be remembered by many that Mr. Powell visited the United States last spring, and was the star performer in the May Festival in Richmond, and those who were so fortunate as to hear him will attest to the wonderful gift of the young genius.

Mr. Powell comes to Oxford under the auspices of the three women's clubs—the Woman's Literary Club, the Shakespeare Club and the Woman's Civic Club, and the proceeds from the entertainment will go toward the Cemetery Arch Fund.

The Public Ledger takes pleasure in endorsing Mr. Powell as one of the leading artists of the day; he has repeatedly appeared before the most enlightened audiences of the world, and it is only by the most direct appeal that induces this celebrated and handsome genius to come to Oxford.

Personal Mentions.

Mr. W. H. Dean, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Charley Knott, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. James Thomasson, of Skipwith, Va., was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harris, of Wilton, were town visitors Saturday.

Misses May and Texana Gooch, of Stem, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Woodson Cash and little son, of Tally Ho, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hobgood, of Route 1, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Goss, of Stem section, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

A large crowd of Oxford people took in the base ball game at Raleigh on Monday.

Messrs. Graham Daniel, Chas. Piper and T. J. Smith, Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Messrs. Elam Currin, M. Blalock and B. F. Hester, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Mr. A. T. Knott, of Trinity College, spent the joyous season at his home near Oxford.

Messrs. Elijah and Will Currin and Graham Smith, of Tar River, were in town Saturday.

Messrs. Lee Clement, Dick and Len Gooch, of Route 1, helped to make up the crowd in town Monday.

Miss Louie Mitchell, one of the popular teachers of Hillsboro, enjoyed Easter at her home in Oxford.

Dr. J. A. Morris, the wide-awake Farm Demonstrator, was among the large crowd in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones, Route 1, were among the shoppers in Oxford Saturday.

THE WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB will be in Oxford, at the Opera House, on the night of April 10th. General admission 50 cents.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Mr. John Hester spent Easter at his home in Hester.

Mr. D. Currin, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Doc Frazier, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Belcher, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Dick Crews, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Mr. S. T. Hunt, of Route 1, was on our street Saturday.

Mr. E. T. Husketh, of Wilton, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Abner Newton, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mayor Bullock, of Stem, was in Oxford Tuesday morning.

Mr. Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Luther Daniel and son, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Dickerson, of Route 3, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Gibson Howell returned Saturday from a visit to Wilson.

Col. W. B. Ballou returned home Saturday from a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gooch, of Norlina, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stroud, of Wilton, were in town Saturday.

Mr. P. L. Thomasson, of Tally Ho, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. Hewett Hicks, of Vance county, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. Elam Coley and mother, of Lyon, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Overton, of Hester section, were in town Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Clark, of Durham, is on a visit to his old home near Berea.

Misses Maggie and Hallie Hester, of Hester, were in Oxford Saturday.

Messrs. Algion and "Rat" Cannady, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Mr. S. R. Puckett and two sons, of Route 4, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. E. G. Currin, of Richmond, was in Oxford Easter visiting homefolks.

Mrs. Kerr Taylor has returned from a visit to her old home at Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershey went to Columbus, Ohio, to enjoy the glad season.

Mrs. Lakel, of Pennsylvania, is visiting Mrs. N. N. Cupp on College street.

Mr. Robt. Hackney come over from Durham and spent Sunday with his family.

Messrs. Ben Currin, Peter Pruitt and J. T. Pruitt, of Route 4, were in town Monday.

Mr. Wyatt Bradford, of Henderson, was on our streets Monday shaking hands with his old friends.

Mrs. W. T. Crews and W. T. Jr., of Tar River, were the guests of Mrs. Louis de Lacroix Easter.

Miss Helen Salls, who is attending Randolph-Macon College, spent Easter at her home near Oxford.

Mr. Winfield Taylor rolled in Saturday from Sanford and spent Easter with the "old folks at home."

Miss Carrie Draper, of Henderson, is the pleasant guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hunt on Raleigh street.

Mr. John W. Hays, of Petersburg, Va., spent Easter with his brother, Dr. Ben Hays, at the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tippitt and daughter, of Tar River, were among the many shoppers in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Annie Furman, one of the able faculty of the Salisbury Graded School, spent the Easter holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry, of Creedmoor section, were among the happy throng of shoppers in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Rosa Short, one of Winston's winsome young ladies, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mellicampe, on College st.

Col. Sidney Minor and accomplished sister, Miss Eva, of Durham, spent the joyous Easter under the parental roof.

Miss Ragland, of Route 4, and her guest, Miss Mulchi, of Warren county were among the happy throng in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Renn, one of the fine teachers of Creedmoor High School, spent the Eastertide in Oxford with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Renn.

Messrs. Herbert Crews, of Route 3; Luther Crews, of Route 5, and Albert Crews, of Route 2, were Oxford visitors Monday and had a good social chat together.

A GLAD DAY OF REJOICING.

Angelic Voices and All Nature Sound the Praises of the Risen Lord.

Easter Sunday, accompanied by the pealing of church chimes and joyous anthems, was a day of gladness in Oxford. Earliest in a half century past, earliest in the century which stretches to the fore, never was its coming more warmly welcome. In all the churches special music was rendered, and the Easter flowers, too, imparted a message of divine love. And Oxford is richly blessed with flowers. There has never been a day during the winter past when they were not blooming on the broad lawns in Oxford—a circumstance which dwellers in more northern climes could credit with difficulty. Inspired music, born of the sanctity of the day, poured forth from the churches and at St. Stephens' Episcopal church the holy communion was celebrated.

At the eleven o'clock service Dr. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephens', conducted magnificent resurrection services of the Saviour's ascension. The offerings for Parish House was very liberal. The musical program, under the leadership of Mrs. John Booth, was elaborate. Mrs. Capehart presided at the organ. Mrs. John Booth, Mrs. Woodall and Mrs. J. C. Horner sang solos to the glory of the risen Lord.

The morning service at the Methodist church was very impressive. Dr. Parker, of the Chair of Biblical Literature of Trinity College, told the sacred story of the risen Lord in a most impressive manner. The musical program under the direction of Mrs. A. A. Hicks, was arranged with great care. Miss Minor lisped the praise of the Lord with her rare voice.

The Baptist Church was comfortably filled. Dr. Weatherspoon brought a message of love to the heart of every one. The musical program, arranged by Miss Mary Webb, was very impressive, and the anthem, "This is the Day," awakened the soul to a deeper conception of life.

Exciting Runaway.

Monday at noon Mr. Kerr Taylor drove a horse belonging to Horner Bros. Co. home, and fastening the reins to a hitching post he went into the house. The horse slipped his bridle and ran up Gilliam street, swerving through the Lanier property and back to Gilliam street, running into the buggy driven by Jefferson Brooks, the 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks. Jefferson held his own, and watched the frightened horse divest himself of harness and buggy.

Sends Greetings.

Washington, D. C. March 17, 1913.

Mr. D. N. Hunt, Oxford,
My Dear Sir: I have your letter of March 12th and assure you that I am grateful to you and to the Rural Letter Carriers Association of North Carolina for your very generous expression of good will and support. It shall be my earnest endeavor to give the country an honest and efficient administration of this department and it is, of course, gratifying to know that in this effort I shall have the co-operation of yourself and your association. With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,
A. S. BURLISON,
Postmaster General.

Pleasant Occasion.

The Sunset Glee Quartet met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Currin recently. Those present were Misses Kate West, Zura M. Kinton, Jennie Mulchi, Oma Mulchi and Lillian Ragland. The quartette composed of Messrs. Alfred and Elvin Dean, Bennie, Fred and Ernest Currin. Sterling Watson and Joe Brooks. Others present were Messrs. Fred, Ernest and Hunter Morris, Bivian Currin, Ethel Daniel, Riley Phillips, Steven West, Ben Currin, Wash Mulchi, Walter Hughes, Fulton Hughes, Len Owen, Emmitt and Charlie Adcock, Beasley and Ern st Pruitt and Jesse Williams. Music by Messrs. Joe Brooks and Sterling Watson.

Mr. FARMER, you know that Davis has been instrumental in helping you buy your hardware and implements, buggies and wagons at much less profit than you formerly paid, and to him you owe a part of your patronage. Don't think so? Davis pays the freight. Think it over and come next Thursday, for you will get what you want and as much as you want for near wholesale price as possible.

IT'S time to paint, and Davis will sell you this week paint at prices that will be lower than you will ever again buy, so don't fail to take advantage to go to the sale from the 27th to 29th inclusive. Samuel Davis, the man who has saved you money.

FOR SALE—My brown mare, 10 years old; weight 1,200