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Dr. Morris Writes Interestingly of Thing of Great Importance.

I am constrained to write you a few words by a most happy experience of Friday, March 28, at a public school entertainment, the closing exercises of the Browning Graded School.

The whole program is herewith given:

Chorus--Wake up time.  
Address, Prof. E. C. Brooks.  
Chorus--The Contented Bird.  
Essay--"Bees," Miss Maude Wrenn.

Scale song.  
Oration--"Corn," Ed Harris.  
Solo--Mrs. Ernest Parham.  
Essay--"Poultry," Miss Gracie Cheatham.

Chorus--Santa Lucia.  
Essay--"Birds," Vallie Belcher.  
Chorus--Norse Lullaby.  
Oration--"The Horse," Lloyd Dorsey.

Chorus--Wind Song.  
Flag song.  
Essay--"Forestry," Bettie May Cheatham.

Lover's Old Sweet Song.  
Oration--"Cows," Willie Wrenn.  
Essay on Boys.  
Motion Song.

I believe in conservatism, and yet when I witness real merit, especially in the young folks, there is a spontaneous desire to applaud a little. I am wholly within the limits of conservatism when I say that every part of the program was splendidly performed.

The striking feature of the whole program was its sweet and harmonious rural echo, "Corn," "Poultry," "Bees," "Birds," "Forestry," "Horses," "Cows."

If these subjects do not awaken in any mind and heart a genuine farm house enthusiasm it is because that heart and mind has never been happy with such surroundings. To such these subjects may sound commonplace. Alas, that so many interesting things in this world are commonplace! This sad fact is an index to our dimness of vision while we stand opened eyed before the ideally beautiful. We take, many of us, a trip to our capital to see an inaugurated president "in all his glory," and cease not for a time to tell of sights and wonders seen, but have not a word to say of the bird-bedecked forests, the flowers beloved of the bees, and the stirring life of the cornfield and the barnyard, where cackles the cock and hen, neighs and plays the mare and her colt, and where gambols the frisky calf around the mother cow.

It is the lot of some to live with these scenes around them, and yet be dead to them all. Not so with those two teachers, Misses Ferguson and Harris. They have had the thrill of interest in the shrill cock note in the trilling song bird, in the busy bee-hive's buzz, in the rollicking frolics of all domestic animals. I count those children happy indeed to be entrusted to such teachers. Misses Ferguson and Harris had on exhibition at the last county fair that gave one a premonition that they would develop something unusual. A collection of the different kinds of wood was made. The specimens were polished so as to bring out the species more distinctly. They have idealized country life in such a way as to make it more attractive, and I am writing this letter to ask you to do this very thing. All things have interest when many invest them with interest. Nothing seems interesting that goes unnoticed. The farm house has interest in the most idealistic and interesting beauty. The Great Teacher challenged all the glory and splendor that nations and cities could roll together when he said "Consider the lilies." These and so many other interests and beauties cluster about the well-kept farm house. But you may say, "There are so many farm houses not well kept." True, but is it not largely because the idealizing teachers are so late coming? It is easy to have confidence that the whole neighborhood has been elevated in ideals by the work of that school.

I hardly know what to write of the boys and girls. They sang so sweetly; they expressed in those essays and orations thoughts so mature and of such material interest that to write the whole truth it would read too much like laudation pure and simple. If they keep up the course of work set forth in that program, the Agricultural Association of this county can certainly

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

It is time everybody had planted their garden.

The Graham law building is nearing completion.

The refrigerator is ready to replace the coal bin.

The County Commissioners will meet next Monday.

Every day ought to be clean up day this time of the year.

It goes without saying that every woman is entitled to a voter.

Whatever may be said against it a folly is always better than a jar.

Get busy and capture one of the Public Ledger prizes for your Career.

Clothing may come down in price at times, but there are no bargains in law suits.

Some so-called friends are like burglar alarms--they go off when there is no trouble around.

Mr. J. R. Sneed, who has been sick for the past week with pneumonia, we are glad to learn is improving.

The repairs to the burnt part of the Oxford Buggy Co. building is being pushed rapidly to completion.

The State Convention of North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held in Greensboro April 22 to 24.

Remember everybody can get the Twice-a-week Public Ledger for \$1 per year during the mail carrier's contest.

Don't wait for the time to come when you need friends to make them. Make them now and let them use you first.

On Wednesday evening Miss Annie Taylor charmingly entertained in honor of Mrs. E. H. Sholor, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. T. C. Harris and family have moved into the new dwelling recently erected by Messrs. Williams & Sizemore on Front street.

What a good thing it would be if the holes in the public roads were filled up, as "spring time has come gentle Annie."

Horner and Warrenton ball teams will cross bats today, Saturday, at Horner Park. Lee Meadows will pitch and a good game is expected.

When Colonel W. B. Ballou fully completes his large Colonial home on Gilliam street he will have one of the most attractive places in Oxford.

The Edwards Hose and Ladder Co. held their monthly meeting on Thursday night and transacted important business connected with the Company.

Gives us Gen. Royster next time for Congress and you can bet your last dollar that he will not ignore the wishes of his party and will prove a working member.

Be sure and take in the Wake Forest Glee Club at the Opera House next Thursday night. Admission, 50c, reserved seats 75 cents which are on sale at Lyon Drug Store.

All the stockholders of the Granville Farmers Tobacco Company are earnestly requested to meet in the Court House Monday, April 7th, at 10 o'clock. T. G. Curran, President.

North Carolina has advanced from 15 to 50 per cent in value of agricultural products in the last three years. According to government experts crops are better today than ever before.

If any citizen of Granville knows in what Company and Regiment in the Confederate Army Paul D. Oakley served he will confer a favor by informing J. G. Shotwell, Clerk of Superior Court.

count on that community for real support.

Now, if I seem to have enthusiasm in the work of that school, kind teacher, I want to say that I shall have just as much in any school conducted that way. I shall plead for the country school. Bring out your ideals of beauty, and the beauty of things rural will respond to your ideals; and when you shall have reached this correspondence, there will be born out of it those visions necessary to lift the country child out of the commonplaceness of blindness to the beauty of environment.

JAS. A. MORRIS.

While cranking his automobile Thursday night in front of Mr. Wyatt Cannady's Dr. S. H. Cannady had the misfortune to sustain a fractured bone in his arm.

Don't fail to attend the town convention this Friday night in Court House. Turn out everybody and nominate the best men that will serve as commissioners, as every one is for Capt. Stem for mayor.

Invitations have been issued by the faculty of Oxford College to a reception this Friday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock, the guest list being limited to those who have called on the faculty during the session.

Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge No. 396, A. F. & A. M., will meet Monday night for work in the Third Degree. All members are hereby requested to attend, and visiting brethren cordially invited. T. S. Waller, Sec'y.

Young lady get a move on yourself if you wish to wear the handsome Gold Brooch offered to the young lady who secures the largest number of votes to any single Mail Carrier that serves patrons in the grand old county of Granville.

Our dear little friends Willie T. Hicks and Joe Floyd want to make some money and have decided to open a shoe-polishing parlor in the basement under the law office of Mr. A. A. Hicks, and we hope these bright boys will receive a liberal patronage.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the County Commissioners will see that the new roads already built are kept up and not allowed to wash away. We take it that it would require a regular repair force to keep them in good condition. Filling up the holes now would save a vast amount of work in the future.

Record Broken.

Horner Brothers. Company have ordered 1503 tons of Ober's Guano since January, more than was sold all last year. April is yet before them and that is the best delivery month. Quality is what the farmers demand and that is what they get in Ober's Guano. See adv of Horner Bros. Co. in this paper.

Cooper-Evins.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry George Cooper requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary to

Mr. Thomas Moore Evins on the evening of Wednesday the sixteenth of April at eight o'clock at Saint Stephens Church Oxford North Carolina.

The bride to be is one of Oxford's most cultured young ladies, and is popular. Mr. Evins is a prosperous business man of Spartansburg, S. C.

Reception at Mrs. Gregory's.

A reception in honor of Miss Floyd Taylor, of Richmond, was given at the residence of Col. R. O. Gregory Thursday afternoon. The home was tastefully decorated, the color scheme being yellow and green. The entertainment was one of the most elaborate given in Oxford during the season.

At the door were Miss Annie Crews and Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw. Mrs. J. C. Robards escorted the guests to the punch bowl and Mrs. Josiah Cannady and Miss Martha Ferebee served punch. In the receiving line were Mrs. R. O. Gregory, Miss Fannie Gregory, Miss Floyd Taylor, of Richmond, Mrs. Bonitz, Miss Net Gregory, Miss Josephine Brown, Miss Jennette Gregory and Mrs. W. A. Devin, Mrs. M. C. Taylor.

At the entrance to the dining room where Miss Irvin Stark, Mrs. N. H. Cannady, Miss Annie Taylor, Mrs. Niles escorted them into the dining room where they were served by Mrs. Mrs. Lanier, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. R. L. Brown, Mrs. James Powell, and from the dining room were escorted by Mrs. Will Landis, Mrs. J. S. Rogers and Mrs. W. B. Ballou to the coffee where Mrs. William W. G. Pace and Miss Jennette Biggs presided, assisted by Mrs. B. S. Royster and Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell. Refreshments were elaborate and of a tempting character. Little Miss Charlotte Easton received the cards at the door.

JOHN POWELL, the young American pianist, pronounced by critics of Europe to be without a peer among contemporary pianist, will be at Oxford Graded School Auditorium Friday night, April 11th, at 8.30 p. m., under the auspices of the Woman's Literary Club, the Shakespeare Club, the Woman's Civic Club. Reserved seats \$1.00; general admission 75c.; schools 50c.

Stem Stemming.

L. W. Hall visited his parents last week.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Thomas Gooch.

C. R. Cash, of Richmond, spent Sunday with his parents.

W. H. Whitaker, of Danville, is on a visit to his father.

Irving Mangum, of Oxford, was on our street Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Gooch, who has been quite ill, is much improved.

W. C. O'Briant, of Route 6, was a Creedmoor visitor last week.

B. F. Farabow purchased a fine horse last week from L. Whitaker.

Mayor E. E. Bullock is having his residence painted a deep yellow.

Pros Suit, of Oxford, spent Sunday with relatives in this community.

H. N. Green and L. D. Farabow spent the week with friends in Durham.

G. W. Stem, of Route 3, has just completed a new room to his dwelling house.

Mrs. C. H. Washington, of Tally Ho, is on a visit to relatives in Louisburg.

Material is on the ground for the erection of a shop by J. E. Duncan and R. W. Farabow.

Eliza Haden, of Route 2, an old colored woman 69 years old, died last Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Bailey Daniel, of Northern Canville, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. J. Webb, of Tally Ho.

We regret to note the continued illness of J. M. Farabow, of Route 3, who improves very slowly.

W. C. O'Briant, of Oxford Route 6, and Vassar Roberts, of Route 1, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Lonnie Roberts, of Route 1, and Thomas Oakley, of Tally Ho, purchased new buggies last week.

H. R. Goss, of Wendell, who has been on a visit to relatives in this section, returned home Tuesday.

E. W. West, of Richmond, is having a siding put in from near Shoe Fly crossing to the Webb place.

Large crowds attended the union meeting at Camp Creek last Sunday. It reminded one of an Association.

Farmers are badly behind with their work in this community owing to the heavy rainfall of the past month.

G. F. Mayes returned home last week from the A. and M. College, where he attended school the past winter.

Large quantities of guano is being hauled from this place, which we presume indicates a large crop of tobacco.

Jerome Eakes, who has been in Richmond for several months has returned home and will engage in farming this year.

N. M. Clement, of Route 8, and Gibbons Renn, of Providence, each had telephone installed in their residence the past week.

There are four cases of measles in the family of T. W. Bullock and one at C. L. Eastwood's. It seems that the disease is making a clean sweep.

E. A. Latta returned Saturday to Buie's Creek High school after spending several days with parents near Culbreth. He will finish at this school this session and take a law course later on.

The members of Stem Church held a laymen's meeting last Sunday with two services. Henry Unstead, of Bahama, Obie Winston, of Creedmoor, S. A. Fleming, of Hester, J. B. Mayes, W. S. Gooch and J. E. Duncan delivered speeches. A goodly number were present.

On Monday next the closing exercises of Stem High School will begin with a public debate at 3.30 p. m. On Tuesday at 2 o'clock Dr. Morris, the county demonstrator, will deliver an address on agriculture. He is a good speaker and is making a special study along this line of thought. On Tuesday night at 8 o'clock the graduating exercises will be held in the auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A union meeting was held with Mary's Chapel church in Creedmoor section last Saturday and Sunday, two services on Saturday with addresses on that day by Prof. J. B. Vernon, W. S. Gooch, Dr. Sykes and Mr. Rogers, from Pleasant Grove church. There was one service on Sunday, which service consisted of a sermon by the pastor and an address by Claud Allen and Mr. O'Neil.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter was in Durham Thursday.

Mr. Walter Crews was in Richmond Wednesday.

Dr. Cannady returned from a trip to Richmond Thursday.

Mrs. James Horner was a Richmond visitor this week.

Mr. John Bullock, of Bullock, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Lucius Burnett and son, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

Mrs. Will Jones, Raleigh, visited Mrs. Sam Booth the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of Wilson, were Oxford visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baird and children are visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mr. Nat Jones and daughter, Miss Bedie, of Route 1, were in Oxford Friday.

Mrs. Bettie Gregory, of Stovall, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Powell, on Henderson street.

Mr. Ed Duncan, of Stem, passed through Oxford Thursday returning from a visit to relatives at Skipwith, Va.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, President of Carolina College at Maxton, spent last Sunday with Rev. L. H. Joyner on High street.

Mrs. Willis Boddie and Miss Sallie Taylor, of Louisburg, were the guests of Mrs. C. D. Fort on Raleigh street Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Josephine Brown returned Wednesday from a visit to Richmond accompanied by Miss Floyd Taylor, one of Richmond's pretty young ladies.

Mrs. W. H. Upchurch, who has not been well for several months, has gone to a Richmond hospital for treatment, and hope will soon be restored to health.

Your Chance, Young Lady.

Something nice for the Ladies! We are offering an Extra Prize a Handsome Gold Brooch with Pearl Setting to the lady who secures the Largest Number of votes for any one Carrier in the county. So get busy young lady today among your friends and win this handsome gift.

There Will Be No Service.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon will leave to-day for Chattanooga, Tennessee, to be absent until Wednesday next. An effort was made to secure Rev. C. A. Jenkins, a former pastor and resident of Oxford, to preach, but he could not come; therefore there will be no preaching at the Baptist Church next Sunday.

No Killing Frost.

Frost of the killing kind comes sometimes in April, but not often. It has not been known to come as late as April 15, but such instances are very rare. The reason the fruit is sometimes killed in this month is that when it first blooms there is wax or glue like covering that protects the bloom, but in April it is far enough advanced to dispense with this protection and even a slight freeze sometimes puts it out of business.

Appointments Soon.

Major Stedman, member of Congress from the Fifth district, announces that he will send in a batch of names next week with his recommendations to appointments to post offices in this district. The first recommendation will be for the postoffice at Winston, Mt. Airy, Elkin, Roxboro, Chapel Hill, Burlington, Oxford, Elon College, East Durham, Reidsville, Madison, Spray and Leaksville.

LOST OR STOLEN--Gold watch with A. R. M. on crestcase. Long gold chain attached. Liberal reward to any one returning them to Mrs. A. L. Capehart, Oxford, N. C.

THE WAKE FOREST COLLEGE Glee Club will be in Oxford at the Opera House on the night of April 10th. Reserved seats 75c., general admission 50c. Tickets on sale at Lyon's Drug Store.

WANTED--Orders for doing embroidery and hemstitching. Address "B," Oxford, N. C. pd-lt.

NOTICE--The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oxford Building and Loan Association will be held next Monday, night, the 8th, in the court house at 8.30.

THE TOWN CONVENTION.

This Friday Evening in the Court House a Full Ticket Will Be Named.

A primary convention of the Democratic voters of Oxford will be held in the court house this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to nominate a candidate for Mayor and seven Commissioners. The right of any citizen to run for Commissioner is undisputed. We understand that the gentlemen who compose the present Board are candidates to succeed themselves. We also understand that some of them have opposition, with possibly others to enter. It is not our purpose in this present discussion to take sides so far as the personality of the candidates are concerned, or draw distinctions between them as to their ability and qualifications for the position they seek. Such course might not be considered entirely proper. It is proper, however, to consider the phases of the situation that are most certain to redound to the town's welfare. It will not be denied that inefficient or unfaithful men could spoil a good system and bring it into disrepute. The first thing, then, for the citizens to ask themselves is whether their servants have been faithful. Have they been successful? If they have not, wherein have they failed? They have had to blaze new paths. They have had to formulate details of procedure.

With the accumulated knowledge of town affairs it is very doubtful that a superior Board than the present one could be found at this time to handle the affairs of the town. The real issue is the town's welfare and not the welfare or the personal ambition of any man who holds office or wants to hold an office. We trust this idea will not be lost sight of and that no personal preference will intervene to obscure the main point--the town's welfare.

And remember that none of the town offices pay much. The Mayor gets more than the rest, but he is by no means over-paid. The Commissioners get very little in money. They get a good deal of "cussin'" and some praise now and then. Let no one disdain the office of "town father," for it is an ancient and honorable one.

To Play Good Ball.

The indications are that the citizens of Oxford will be favored with good ball this summer. Capt. W. A. Devin and Mr. W. H. Fleming, backed by a number of public spirited citizens, are behind a project to link up Oxford, Henderson, Louisburg and Weldon, which will constitute a circuit. The details have not been fully worked out, but of the \$400 needed as a guarantee to insure that the game will continue to the end of the season, two hundred dollars have been pledged. The project so far meets with the hearty approval of the public spirited citizens of Oxford, and doubtless the funds will be raised. The four towns of the league will make a very interesting little circuit. The best men obtainable will be engaged for the entire season and we may confidentially expect to see some good ball this season.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LAND to be sold at public auction at the court house door at Oxford, Saturday, April 12, 1913, in tracts as follows:

First tract, the Wilder home, lying on the left hand side of Raleigh Road, 150 to 160 acres.

Second tract, same side of road, containing 120 acres.

Third tract, lying between the Kittrell and Raleigh Road containing 65 acres.

Fourth tract, lying between the Raleigh and Kittrell roads between the creek and 65 acre tract, containing 184 acres.

Fifth tract, lying on the south side of creek, containing 40 acres.

Every tract has settlement on it except the 40 acre tract on south side of creek. This land lays only two miles from Oxford on the best road in the county. This is very fine tobacco land and plenty of wood on each. Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance in one, two and three years. For further information see the undersigned.

W. H. FLEMING,  
A. A. CHAPMAN.

SEED Sweet Potatoes. \$1.00 per bushel. J. C. HORNER.

DR. C. D. H. FORT, DENTIST, can be found at his office every morning and evening from 8 p. m. to 6 p. m.