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## OXFORD IS A BOWER OF BEAUTY

### Flowers Attain Perfection in Our Soil and Climate.

There is no more delightful pastime than the making of a yard garden, and with the coming of springtime numerous and beautiful are the flowers to be seen about the homes in Oxford.

We wish the sweet violets would never cease to bloom, but there is solace at this season of the year in the fragrance and beauty of the lily of the valley! Turn where we will in Oxford there is always a pretty flower to greet us, and the prettiest specimens we have seen in a long time are the golden glow, tulips, lily of the valley and compound flowers cultivated by Mrs. Robert Giliam Lassiter in her beautiful sunshine garden. Many florist of renown would profit by securing the secret Mrs. Lassiter employs in coaxing her flowers to attain so much loveliness.

Mrs. E. T. White excels in the cultivation of exquisite roses, cosmos, peonies, hyacinths, jonquills, gladiolas and dahlias. The little sun-exposed spot where she delights to spend much of her time in solitude for the season's best and prettiest flowers is a bower of beauty from early spring to the autumnal frosts.

The best outdoor roses in the world, it is said, grow in Oxford. This is due chiefly to the condition and quality of the soil. Roses thrive in a red, compact soil, and the clay which abounds hereabouts catches and holds the nutriment until it can be absorbed. Roses are among the hardiest as well as among the most luxurious of Oxford's outdoor flora. They bloom from early spring until frost. Owing to the fact that the mid-summer here are warm and dry the other flowers do not thrive with as little care as does the rose, and yet diligence and perseverance will be rewarded in the case of many other kinds. Diligence is half of the battle in flower growing, says the florist.

Soon we shall see Osca Wilde's choice flower "bending and bowing to the breezes," but the queenly chrysanthemums, over which so many rave, attain their loveliest proportions in late October.

Soil conditions here are regarded as on the whole quite favorable for growing flowers, much more so than some sections farther south where the land is sandy.

### The Public Ledger.

The Postoffice Department requires us to make statement of the ownership and management of the Public Ledger and Oxford Banner, published semi-weekly at Oxford, N. C., requested by act of August 24, 1912. Editors, J. T. Britt and D. A. Coble, Oxford, N. C.; owners, J. T. Britt and D. A. Coble; business manager, D. A. Coble.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1913.

J. G. SHOTWELL, C. S. C.,  
Granville County, N. C.

### JOKE ON HORNER BROS. CO.

Horner Bros. Co. had a shipment of 750 sacks of Ober's tobacco guano to reach Dickerson a short while before sundown Monday evening. Mr. Bryan went out on the eight o'clock train the next morning to try and get the customers to take one load of Ober's guano apiece and get the balance out the next shipment. By doing this each customer would have some to start planting with. But when Mr. Bryan reached Dickerson there was not a sack in the car, and no wagon in sight. He did not know what to make of it. He began investigating and found that the farmers had hauled Ober's guano the night before, and what they could not carry home they hid in the woods where they could get it next day. Horner Bros. Co. say they will have large shipments all next week, and will do all possible to fill orders for Ober's tobacco guano.

### PAIR OF HORSES FOR SALE.

I have a pair of big heavy horses for sale, weight 1,400 and 1,500 each; 8 and 9 years old. Wyatt Cannady, Oxford, N. C. 2t pd.

## GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

There was a skim of ice Monday morning.

The straw hats met with a cold reception Sunday.

If you have reason for an act you won't need an excuse.

The frost Sunday night nipped the snaps and potato vines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Devin had their home neatly repainted.

Read the change in the advertisement of Upchurch & Currier on another page.

You are asked to read the change in advertisement of Dr. S. Rapport in another column.

The road leading out of town towards Lewis' needs working as it has some bad holes in it.

We notice that nothing pleases some people, but they get a kind of satisfaction out of knocking.

The April Term of Granville Superior Court will convene next Monday with Judge Peebles presiding.

There's always some man around to second any kind of a motion—except a motion that looks like work.

If you do not like the new nickel, Pass it on; Other fancies it may tickle, Pass it on.

The new Fire Alarm system works fine and will be heard better when the round holes in the tower are made square.

Mr. Farmer don't forget to plan for an exhibit at the County Fair this fall as we want to make it the best yet held.

If you want to reach the farmers of this section plant an advertisement in the Public Ledger as it is widely read.

The way counties and townships in the State are voting bonds for good roads building is one of the best signs of the times.

Thornton Yancey, the popular Cashier of National Bank of Granville who has been numbered with the sick, is himself again.

Take an interest in your mail carrier who serves you year in and year out and help him win one of the Public Ledger prizes.

The housewife who wants to do spring cleaning is as badly disgusted as the housefly that is frozen out almost every attempt to get about.

The Missouri woman who traded her husband for a mule no doubt has made a horrible mistake if her purpose is to have less kicking to put up with.

Mr. Joe Renn showed us Monday a curiosity in the egg line; it resembled a pipe with a stem to it, and nicely curved from the small end of the egg.

The success of a farmer depends as much upon the man as the farm; he should plan ahead so as to have work suitable for every day, whatever the weather might be.

Organizations which talk it over are all right in a kind of a way, but the best way to build a town is to finance some of the propositions that create all sorts of talks.

The search and seizure law is producing results all over the State, but the king of tigers has been routed out in Tarboro. He is a livery stable man and the raid on his premises yielded 1,953 quarts.

On Monday the contractor, Mr. J. C. Davis, commenced to pull down two of the buildings on the noted "fat meat row" preparatory to the erection of the Princess Theatre for Harris & Crews, which will be a beauty when completed.

Our good old friend W. J. Downey, of Route 7, was in town Monday, and we were very glad to grasp his warm hand, as he has been confined at home several weeks on account of sickness. May he continue to improve until he gets entirely well.

Meridith Crews was in town Monday and requested us to announce that there would be a meeting of the Providence Farmers Union next Saturday afternoon at Providence at 3 o'clock, and a full attendance is desired as Dr. Morris will be on hand and address the members.

Mr. Nat Wheeler has recovered from an attack of the measles.

The can season is about over and the goat has commenced to nibble grass.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw, who has been right sick, is better.

When live men get together they can make a live town. Dead ducks never hatch new proposition.

Since the search and seizure act became effective many a crooked man has had to straighten up.

The friends of Miss Fannie Gregory will be glad to know that she is convalescent from an attack of malaria.

Read sale of five acres of land near town by W. A. Devin, Commissioner, advertised in another column.

Yes, Cordelia, the Public Ledger is still growing in the hearts of the people as 21 new subscribers rolled in Monday.

Mrs. L. T. Hines entertained the XX Club last Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Elbert Crews. Dainty refreshments were served.

If you have a grudge against any body bury it and you will be that much to the good, as the spirit to get even cost time and money.

The accomplished Misses Burkheimer, of Charlotte, are again in Oxford getting up a play, which of course will be admirably produced.

We were pleased to see out on the streets Monday Mr. Long who has been confined to his room for several days on account of sickness.

The smaller children of Mr. and Mrs. James Powell are now having the time of their life as they are the happy possessors of a pony and cart.

Have you figured up your mud tax yet? From all other taxes you get some benefits. From the mud tax, only loss, trouble and vexation of spirit.

It is generally believed that a woman would not cheat a State out of poll tax, although she may think a poll tax should be \$1 for men and 98 cents for women.

We deeply regret to learn of the critical illness of Mrs. Horsfield and sincerely hope the attending physician will be able to overcome the disease and restore her to health.

Come off now and STOP borrowing your neighbors paper, and take it yourself and give your excellent carrier 300 votes. It will make you feel better to take your county paper.

Our much esteemed old friend, Milton Blalock, of Culbreth, was in town Saturday and we were sorry to see him suffering with a broken rib on account of getting too close to the hind legs of a mule.

The best way to keep the county roads in good condition is to drag them occasionally. Many of Granville county's roads would be in pretty good shape if this is done every now and then.

J. T. Critcher, the live Oxford liveryman, walked into Horner Bros Co. Saturday and had rolled out 4 new buggies and 4 new sets of harness. He is now ready for the summer riding campaign.

Some few people are so "bull-headed" that they don't think an automobile has any rights on the roads, but the last Legislature in a law putting a heavy privilege tax on automobiles expressly gives them the right to half of the road.

The hookworm is a little cuss and thrives where the barn yard lot takes the place of sewers. While people, especially white children, catch the hookworm by running around barefoot. The hookworm bores itself up through the soles of the feet, and then on into the intestines.

If at any time you have visitors from a distance let us know it as we would be glad to publish them, also to be informed when any member of family go away visiting. If you learn of any local news send it in and help us make the Public Ledger the best semi-weekly newspaper in the State.

It is a genuine pleasure to us to see the name of our popular and able Representative, Capt. William A. Devin, mentioned for Speaker of the House to succeed Mr. Geo. W. Connor appointed Judge. He possesses tact, ability and judgment to make a fine presiding officer and we would feel proud to see him elevated to this position of honor and trust.

## Interest in Revival.

Interest in the revival services at the Baptist Church is unabated and many have accepted Christ. Dr. Weatherspoon has preached every night for more than a week and his voice is still as clear as a bell. The congregational singing is a feature of the meeting. In all probability the meeting will come an end this Wednesday evening. We learn that more than 30 people have professed faith in Christ.

## Woodmen of the World.

All members of White Oak Camp No. 17, Woodmen of the World, are requested to meet promptly within the Forest at 2.30 o'clock on next Sunday afternoon to participate in the exercises of unveiling the monuments erected to the memory of Sovereigns E. K. Howard and T. B. Pendleton. All Woodmen in good standing in the county or else where are cordially invited to join with us in these ceremonies.

By order of the Council Commander.  
J. J. MEDFORD, Clerk.

## A Swarm of Gnats.

Saturday and Sunday was marred in Oxford by a swarm of gnats, and many who passed through the great swarm came out literally covered by the insects. There were some who fought their way through them but others shut their eyes and declined to do battle. The explanation of their appearance at this season of the year is that the warm weather of the past week aroused them from the dead wood and rubbish where they slumbered during the winter.

## The State Commission.

The Commission which is to pass on the constitutional amendments met in Raleigh Monday for organization. The Commission will investigate the amendments proposed to the State Constitution by bills in the recent session of the Legislature and the Commission itself will draft such amendments as it may find proper, all to be submitted to the special session of the Legislature and afterward to be voted upon by the people. The readjustment of the State's system of taxation is the main object of the Commission and the Legislature, but there will be many subjects of minor importance to be handled. Governor Craig has given no intimation as to the probable date for the special session, but it may be the last month of the present year, or the first of the next.

Representative Devin is a member of the Commission.

## The Outlook Reassuring.

It was a bold step to take in issuing a semi-weekly newspaper in Oxford, but the project has surpassed our expectations both in advertising patronage and subscriptions. It demonstrates clearly that the people in the country demand at least a twice-a-week paper, and the advertisers knowing this are quick to avail themselves of the columns of the Public Ledger. Our subscription list is ever on the increase and we hope to place the Public Ledger in nearly every home in the county. It is gratifying to see so many availing themselves of the opportunity of getting the paper one year for \$1.00 during the life of the Mail Carrier's Contest. There can be no doubt of the fact that the Twice-a-week Public Ledger is a most valuable advertising medium, backed as it is by a large subscription list composed of all classes of people. An advertiser, as a rule, is a reliable business man, and it is the best policy to deal exclusively with them.

Every little adventure  
May fail and cost us dear;  
After the goldenest laughter  
Falleth the bitterest tear;  
But life is to keep on striving,  
Laughing the while we're here!

SOUTHERN GAS IMPROVEMENT Co. now ready to arrange for service without cost to you. For information apply to H. G. Williams.

## GUANO SHIPMENT.

Our Mr. J. W. Horner is in Baltimore this week. Wire from him today saying:  
"Horner Bros. Co., Oxford, N. C., Good shipments of Ober's Guano for Oxford and outside points go forward each day this week and next; assure customers can get delivery last of the week.—Jas. W. Horner."  
Can fill all orders for Ober's by first of the week.  
HORNER BROS. CO.

## SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

D. C. Frazer, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

C. G. Mangum, of Salem, was in town Saturday.

J. B. Owen, of Henderson, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Claud King, of Durham, was in Oxford Saturday.

J. E. Coley, of Northside, was in Oxford Saturday.

Zack Allen, of Providence, was on our streets Saturday.

Walter Hobgood, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

Dr. Ben. K. Hays returned from Washington City Monday.

Mr. Sam Clark has returned from a visit to relatives at Fuquay.

Mr. Beauregard Dickerson, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Willie Thorp, of Route 4, called on the Public Ledger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Parham, of Route 5, were in town Saturday.

Ben Lassiter returned Saturday from a visit to Washington City.

Messrs. J. I. and Charley Gordon, of Route 2, were in town Saturday.

Jasper and John Dean, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Brooks, of Woodale, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks.

Miss Beatrice Council, of Apex, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Council.

Messrs. Howard and George Dorsey, of Route 3, were in town Saturday.

County Treasurer Bobbitt, of Wilton, was in town Saturday on business.

Miss Sadie Green, a prepossessing young lady of Dexter, was on our streets Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Morris, the wide-awake county demonstrator, was in town Saturday morning.

Merrill Peace, of Henderson, spent the week end with his good mother in Oxford.

Marion Taylor was in Richmond Monday to receive his prize pony and cart from the Times-Dispatch.

C. D. Osborn left Monday to visit his two sons, Ed Osborn at Greenville and James Osborn at Goldsboro.

The pretty Mrs. Baylis Little, of Nahsville, Tenn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Woodall, at Oxford College.

A. M. Overton, J. W. Chisholm, W. W. Brummitt and Tilden Barnett, of Shady Grove, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ray and Mrs. Lewellyn and Marsh Ray spent the week end in Franklin county with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd, and Mr. Grady Harris, visited relatives near Wilton Monday.

Ed Lumford and son, of Knap of Reeds, were Oxford visitors Saturday, and rode home in a nice new buggy bought from Horner Bros. Co.

LOST—A small enameled class pin engraved as follows: "C. D. '05," and on back of K. or K. M. Sikes. I lost pin either in street in front of Landis & Easton's or within store. Finder will please hand same to Mr. Breedlove, with Landis & Easton and receive reward.  
MRS. D. L. MANGUM.

MISSES ROPERTSON and Powell, vocalist of New York City, will give a recital at Oxford College on April 29th at 8:30 p. m. Admission 35cts; school 25cts. 3t

LOST—Cameo scarf pin set in gold rope frame. Reward if returned to Taylor Marrow.

ONE HORSE WAGON for sale; new wheels—in splendid condition. Will sell for \$15. Apply to Southern Wheel Company. 2t. n-pd.

DR. BENJ. K. HAYS  
May be found in his office from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. daily except Sundays.

WANTED—To do nursing in private families. Address Mrs. Kate Glenn, Raleigh street. 1t. pd.

## ENTHUSIASTIC EXERCISES AT KNAP OF REEDS.

### Gen. Royster, Dr. Morris and other Men of Note Take a Hand.

The eleventh annual commencement of Knap of Reeds High School came off on Thursday and Friday of last week. This was the first school in Granville county to vote themselves a local tax for a long term school.

On Thursday night the small children gave their exercises, which were greatly enjoyed by the vast crowd. On Friday morning at 11 o'clock the Granville Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. were in control, who presented a Bible and flag to the school. Speech making was the order of the day. Mr. T. S. Waller, in a few words, told of the object and work of the Junior Order, who then presented Mr. John Hester, who in an appropriate speech presented the American Flag Prof. J. F. Webb accepted the flag on behalf of the school. Dr. J. A. Morris was then presented and in a helpful speech presented the Bible.

Prof. R. P. Crumpler in a hearty talk accepted the Bible for the school. After a song, "Carolina," by the children an adjournment was taken for dinner, and all did eat and were satisfied.

At 2 p. m. the auditorium was filled and in a pleasing manner Gen. B. S. Royster was presented to the audience, who delivered the literary address. Gen. Royster's theme was "To-day," and it is useless to say that he handled his subject well. He spoke of its opportunities and its possibilities and presented the subject with such force and earnestness as to hold the undivided attention of the great throng. His speech was the crowning event of the day.

ATTENDANT.

## Heart in the Work.

As we have always done all we could to advance the educational interest of our beloved old county we continue to show our faith by our works by giving up editorial space to Dr. Morris' timely letter to the teachers of the county. This most excellent gentleman is engaged in a grand and noble work and will receive the hearty co-operation of the Public Ledger.

## Two Fires.

A small blaze was discovered on Sunday about 1 o'clock on the roof of a house on Hillsboro street occupied by colored people, which was quickly put out by the firemen with slight damage. On Monday afternoon another small blaze was discovered on roof of an outhouse on the lot of Dr. Hays. The fire was about out when the rapidly moving firemen reached the home.

## Baraca-Philatheas to Meet.

There will be a Baraca-Philatheas rally at the Oxford Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, April 27th. The general public is invited, especially the Baracas and Philatheas of the various classes of Granville county. A special program will be arranged and reports from the delegates to the Charlotte Baraca-Philatheas convention will be heard. This is an important meeting and all Baracas and Philatheas should be present. 2t.

I HAVE for rent a new pasture for cattle. Apply to G. C. Daniel for further information. 3t

LOST—A black watch Fob with gold ring and cross with old english w engraved on cross. Liberal reward if returned to Jas. White.

LOST—Left my house on the 13th, one colored boy named Addison Wilkerson; very black, two large teeth in front, walks knock-kneed. 14 years old; overall pants, heavy light colored coat and brown cap. Any one knowing the whereabouts of this boy please inform Stephen Wilkerson, Oxford Route 4, or phone to W. H. Howard, and receive reward.

## Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of re-sale made by the clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County in the special proceeding entitled C. H. Taylor, administrator vs. Tawell Taylor and others, I shall on

MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 1913,  
sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Oxford the following described lands: Two parcels of land situated in Salem township, described in deed from J. C. Horner and others, executor of Mrs. Sophronia Horner, dated November 13th, 1911, adjoining lands of D. T. Cheatham, Oxford and Henderson Railroad and new road leading out to Burnetts from Oxford, one and three quarter acres of this being on the east side of the r-r road; the other tract is situated on the west side of new road adjoining Horner estate and south of the Oxford and Henderson Railroad on north, and the said new road on east. This includes the home place where Smith Taylor lived and died, and also the two tringles of land above described, the whole containing about five acres. Time of sale about the hour of noon. Terms cash.  
(April 16th, 1913) W. A. DEVIN, Commissioner.