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### CONTEST TALK OF TOWN AND COUNTY.

#### Now Is the Time to Get Subscribers and Vote For Your Faithful Carrier.

The mail carriers are off in a bunch! The prizes are worthwhile and the patrons of the Rural Routes are working like beavers to capture the prizes for their faithful carrier.

From now on the contest will be on in dead earnest, and interest is increasing each day. This will be the only election held this year, or next, where you can stuff the ballot box and vote early and late. There will be lots of fun connected with the contest—good wholesome fun—and you do not want to miss it. No one can figure with any degree of accuracy at this time who will be the winner. The patrons have an equal chance and all are anxious that their carrier will capture the capital prize. Its subscriptions you will want to hustle for, as that is what gets the most votes. Start out by asking for long time subscriptions—two, three, four and five years but take short ones also. Don't let any get away from you. Don't expect something for nothing. We are going to give away every prize advertised, so get busy. If subscription is taken during the life of the contest the Public Ledger is only \$1 per year.

#### Graded School Honor Roll.

Eighth month honor roll for Oxford Graded School:

First Grade—Thomas Booth, May Lee Critcher, Thomas Cannady, Rux Currin, Jack Cannady, Cam Easton, Myrtle Fargis, Bettie Sue Green, Stuart Green, Alice Hall, Elizabeth Hobgood, Alma McFarland, Alfred McFarland, Edward Mitchell, Minnie Munich, Ben Medford, Myrtle Royster, Pauline Sechrist, Paul Thorp, Sidney Taylor, Parker Leigh Tigner, Madison Usry, John Williams, James Webb, Sam Wheeler.

Second Grade—Billy Abbott, Eugenia Currin, R. M. Currin, Margaret Davis, Carrie Duncan, Charles Elmore, Joe Floyd, Charlie Green, Pattie May Green, Elsie Huzeck, Martha Lumpkins, Inez Patterson, Joe Renn, Edwin Shaw, Elnora Taylor, Jannie Thomasson, Ruth Upchurch, Lillian Wilford, Bertha White.

Third Grade—Augusta Carroll, Billy Devin, Charles Easton, Hugh Easton, Effie Lee, Mabel Sizemore, Bernie Usry.

Fourth Grade—Lillian Cheatham, Moore Fagan, Roy Fuller, John Perry Hall, Ruth Howard, Elizabeth Hunt, Annie Landis, Idie Kerr Taylor, Rives Taylor, Olive Webb, James White.

Fifth Grade—Louise Currin, Sam C. Hall, Frank Murray, Zela Newton, Ruth Parham.

Sixth Grade—Julian Abbott, James Ballou, Treva Parham, George Hunt, Robert Garman, Marion Sneed, Joe Taylor.

Seventh Grade—Joseph Bryan Elizabeth Floyd, Edith Howell, John Hall, Henry Shaw, Joe Ragland, Irene Pierson, Bessie Pitchford.

Eighth Grade—Muzette Daniel, Alleine Hicks, Lorene Peed, Buxton Taylor.

Ninth Grade—Ruth Shaw, Hettie Hunt, Alva Lee Currin, Carrie Harris.

Tenth Grade—Basil Horsfield, Mary Shaw, Dorothy Hunt, Grace Critcher, Harry Renn.

#### A Card From Prof. Pitts.

For the good of our school and the students involved I am asking the mothers not to allow their daughters to engage in plays out in town until after our school closes. We believe they have all they can do in getting ready for examinations and commencement. I am frank to say that students who give us the least trouble and make the highest grades, never had time to do such work. They are too busy and too much concerned about their standing in school to even let such a thought enter their minds. It is a question with some mothers now as to whether they would rather that their daughters enjoy the social pleasures for a season at the risk of passing the final examinations or not. We teachers know what a demoralizing influence getting up plays at this season of the year has upon pupils and trust that none will engage.

J. A. PITTS.

DR. BENJ. K. HAYS

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

### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

And many a homely woman presides over a happy home.

A woman with electricity in her hair should turn the switch.

Mrs. Julia Minor has had a new roof put on her residence on College street.

Make the best of your life. You may never get another chance to be happy.

Don't let us overlook the difference between a progressive and a demagogue.

We are gratified to learn that Oxford's three buggy factories are busy filling orders.

Instead of working so hard to pull down why not change off and help build up?

The leaves are growing rapidly now and will doubtless be grown by the 10th of May.

Note the "Hot Point" advertisement of the Carolina Power & Light Company on the 4th page.

There is a sunken place on College street opposite the Johnson place that should be filled up.

You are asked to read the change in the advertisement of the National Bank of Granville on another page.

Tell me ye winged winds around my pathway roar, will the time ever come when knockers will knock no more.

The good old spring time has come at last as Mr. Sam Parker was riding around Wednesday in his shirt sleeves.

The time will soon be here for those who have comfortable homes to leave them and go to some watering place and suffer.

Your special attention is called to the change in the furniture advertisement of Hughes-Smaw Furniture Co. on another page.

Our bright and dainty dears In tighter dresses are viewed, But ere the Summer girl appears, Comes the Spring lass-itude.

We learn that Mr. Jonah Veasey is going to make some decided improvements in his residence on Gilliam street and when completed will occupy it.

The weather is beginning to get warm and you will have to keep cool, so read the cooling advertisement of the Oxford Ice Company in another part of this paper.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. W. H. Upchurch continues to improve at a hospital in Richmond and it is thought she will be able to return to her home in Oxford in two weeks.

Hurrah for Vance county! It has voted the sum of \$200,000 for good roads. We congratulate the people of the county upon their wise step as good roads are a blessing to the people.

The Gas Company will have their office in the Hunt building, next to the law offices of Hicks & Stem, and is having it fixed up and Mr. Harry Williams will soon be ready for business.

It is said the best home is that in which a husband shares with his wife the responsibility of making the home what it ought to be. A house with two heads is better than one with one head.

The many friends of Mr. J. R. Hall will be glad to learn that he is able to get about the hospital on crutches and will soon be able to come home to the joy of his sweet wife and daughter and the delight of his associates.

Billy Sunday, the baseball evangelist, gives us a new version of David's feat in slaying Goliath with a stone picked from a brook and hurled from his sling. Said Billy in one of his sermons: "David hit the geezer on the cocoa right between the two lamps and made him take the count."

Upchurch & Currin, the painstaking undertakers and embalmers, have added another fine hearse to their excellent equipment for the burial of the dead, and their services can be secured at any hour, day or night. Have also just received a nice line of new furniture, baby carriages, refrigerators, chairs, etc. Go and see these pleasant gentlemen.

After fortune has smiled on a man he can afford to laugh and grow fat.

One way to help things along in Oxford is to quit cussin' the other fellow.

John Brown now has the pleasure of riding around in a handsome new automobile.

Court commences Monday and our able legal lights are ready for the trial of case.

A noise like filling up the holes and ruts in streets ought to be heard in these parts soon.

Enforcing the prohibition law is like mending a leak in a dam—as fast as one is stopped, another breaks out.

Indeed, it is a pleasure to us to say that we are not trying pull down, but to build up and do all the good we can.

Has any body heard whether we are to vote on the \$5,000 worth of Street Bond at the coming municipal election or not?

I. E. Doggett has a 5-lb game hen that produced a dozen eggs that weighed 2-pounds. On one of the eggs was a distinct spider with legs extending from the body.

Three cheers for Lee Meadows! He won the first game against three pitchers in Raleigh Thursday at the opening game between Durham and Raleigh, witnessed by 4,000 people.

Remember that under the law an automobile has the right to half of the road or street, and it is to be hoped that in future all travellers will recognize the rights of each other.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. Wm. Stimson, one Oxford's fine ladies, suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday night, but today, Friday, is slowly improving, and trust she will soon entirely recover.

We see that in the organization of Constitutional Commission our townman, Capt. W. A. Devin, was honored with the chairmanship of the most important committee—that of on Article 2, Legislative Department.

Yes, Cordelia, you'll have to step around lively if you want to wear gold brooch set with pearls offered as a prize to the lady that secures the largest number of votes for any single Carrier in the county in the Public Ledger contest.

What this county needs is more good roads like the one leading out of Oxford and on by Knott's Grove Church. There is no finer investment for any people anywhere than a road that will carry a load any day in the year, no matter what the weather is.

Owing to a change in the law governing listing of taxes, all property must be in as first of May instead of first of June as heretofore. Tax listers will soon make their announcements, and all liable to tax are requested to list property and give in their polls.

We heard a man say the other that he was afraid Oxford would soon become a town of knockers if it kept up the present licks. We hope not, and trust we all will resolve to stop knocking and unite in helping to push the good old town forward. Remember in unity there is strength.

The Philathea class of the Methodist Church will have a Lantern Social in the Lyon Memorial building this Friday afternoon and night, April 25th, from 4 to 10 o'clock. Attend and get sandwiches, tea and coffee for your supper along with ice cream and cake. This Class will appreciate your patronage.

Mrs. Bettie O'Brien, who died in a hospital in Durham Monday was brought to Stovall Tuesday for interment. The funeral was conducted by Rev. George Tunstall in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relative and friends. She was about 60 years of age and truly a faithful soldier of the cross and has fallen "Asleep in Jesus."

SWEET POTATO Slips now ready for sale at 20 cents per hundred by J. C. Horner.

THAT DWELLING ROOF—Tin shingles are the best covering I have them. The price is right. C. D. Ray

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

WE DO electrical work and carry a full line of supplies. Mason Plumbing Company. pd.

ALL WORK promptly attended to by expert mechanics. Mason Plumbing Company. pd.

#### A. F. and A. M. to Meet.

There will be a special communication of Oxford Lodge No. 396, A. F. and A. M. on Monday night, April 28th, at 8 o'clock, for work in the Master's degree. All members requested to attend, and brethren from out of town lodges cordially invited to be present.

T. S. WALLER, Secretary.

#### Cohn & Son sale Ten Days Longer.

This live bargain firm says hundreds have already taken advantage of the bargains offered at their sale, but the coming week they propose to eclipse all past selling records by giving bargains in values that must be of real interest to all women who desire to economize in the purchase of their personal wants. Now is the time to buy your summer goods at Cohn & Son.

#### To the Fire Boys.

When the fire bell is ringing and your house is burning down, And you look in your pajamas like a dancing circus clown; Oh then comes Captain Wadie with his boys so brave and true, And their faces, though not pretty, look like angels sent to you:

So here's to you Captain Wadie With your voice down in your boots

As you holloa-out your orders, And the boys they up and scoots; You're something of a singing man,

For chickens you've a craze, But send me Captain Wadie when my house is in a blaze.

When you wake up in the night time and your house is full of smoke, And you try to call up "central" all the time about to choke, When you know that Pete Wood's coming

With his dashing, dauntless steeds, And the boys spring on the wagon as it passes at full speed,

You are glad that Johnie Williams has forgot he is a dad, And Lawyer Stem, the Captain, Why he's just our own dear Thad,

You are glad that there are Taylors

Who have then all else forgot, And though you have not "antied" yet they open up the pot.

When you're far off in the country and the wind is blowing high, And the resin from heart shingles tells you they are fat and dry, You are thankful for insurance and for neighbors quick and kind, But Sam Wheeler and the boys are the things that ease your mind.

So here's to you Sizemore, Mitchell, Marrow, Williams, Jones and King,

For we know just what will happen

When the bell begins to ring.

When we have little ups and downs

We wish you were in hell,

But we're grateful that you answer at the first stroke of the bell. H.

#### Rare Musical Treat.

Misses Laura Robertson, of New York, and Miss Rosa Powell, of Wake Forest, will give a recital on Tuesday evening, April 29th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Chapel of Oxford College. These young ladies have studied for years with such eminent teachers as Sanger, Klibaniski and Frank Croxton. Miss Powell has been heard in Oxford with great pleasure. In hearing these artists, both in solos and duets, the music loving public will have a rare treat.

#### Rural Carriers Contest.

Turn in every available vote for your Carrier now as the number of votes for each subscriber positively will not be increased during the life of this contest.

The following is the standing of the contestants up to Friday at noon:

Carrier No. 1 Oxford	2,400
Carrier No. 2 Oxford	5,200
Carrier No. 3 Oxford	2,700
Carrier No. 4 Oxford	2,700
Carrier No. 5 Oxford	1,800
Carrier No. 7 Oxford	2,300
Carrier No. 2 Virgilina	300
Carrier No. 2 Northside	400
Carrier No. 1 Hester	4,800
Carrier No. 1 Stem	3,200
Carrier No. 2 Stem	1,300
Carrier No. 3 Stem	100
Carrier No. 1 Creedmoor	1,200
Carrier No. 2 Creedmoor	300
Carrier No. 1 Franklinton	300

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

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

Ed Pruitt, of Route 4, was in Oxford Thursday.

Wesley Knott, of Enon, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, was in town Saturday.

S. R. Puckett, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

John Morton, of Bullock, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Nat Jones, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

W. W. Adcock, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

Judge Graham was in Washington City Thursday.

Mrs. D. Currin, of Route 6, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Taylor is on a visit to relatives in Charlotte.

Hill Linthicum, of Durham, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Will Daniel, of Route 4 was a town visitor Thursday.

Norman F. Hobgood, of Route 4, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Pace is on a visit to her daughter in Baltimore.

Philo White, Jr., of Wilton, was on our streets Wednesday.

Fred Currin, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Lynch is visiting Mrs. W. B. Bullock at Hester.

J. G. Royster and son, of Bullock, were in Oxford Thursday.

Robert Burnett, of Enon section, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Johnson, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

Mrs. Willie Lee Currin, of Route 1, was on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Lakel and sweet little niece, were Henderson visitors Wednesday.

Mr. M. H. Parish, of Cannady's Mill section, was in town Thursday.

J. W. Morton and daughter, of Route 4, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mrs. James Horner returned a few days ago from a visit to Richmond.

Winfield Taylor, of Sanford, enjoyed the week-end at his home in Oxford.

Otho Daniel, a promising young bachelor of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. H. G. Cooper and son Williams are on a visit to Miss Mollie Horner at Valla Crucis.

Mrs. Wm. Horner, of Henderson, is visiting her son, Mr. James W. Horner, on Gilliam street.

Dr. J. F. Sanderford and Postmaster Ferguson, of Creedmoor, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed. White has returned from a visit to her daughter, Miss Hixie, at Greensboro. She also visited friends in Winston-Salem.

W. E. Massenburg, J. T. Sizemore, Jr., Waverly Harris, W. H. Fleming, George Dorsey and Carl Wortham witnessed the game of base ball in Raleigh Thursday and also saw the destruction of News & Observer's great plant.

#### News and Observer Burned.

The News and Observer's handsome building and plant was completely destroyed by fire Thursday evening last. The mailing list and many of the valuable records were also lost. The fire started in the basement and leaped up through elevator shaft. Temporary arrangements have been made for its publication until a new plant can be installed. The people not only of the State but of the whole nation deeply sympathize with Hon. Joe Daniels in the great loss.

#### Capt. Devin a Busy Man.

Capt. W. A. Devin, who is now on the Governor's staff, was called to Raleigh Monday to sit on a court martial. He returned home Tuesday and as soon as he became settled down to business the Governor summoned him to Raleigh on important business. In the near future Capt. Devin, as chairman, will sit with the Legislative branch of the State Commission at Greensboro and later with the Commission in Raleigh, which will be followed this fall or winter by the extra session of the Legislature.

### WHEN THE AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SOUNDS.

#### If Seated in the Opera House Do Not Get Excited.

The automatic fire alarm which has been installed in the tower of the Oprea House, was recently heard during the trial tests five miles from town. It is dissimilar in tone to any other bell in this part of the State, and many people who heard it for the first time were curious to know what it was. The bell has a soft mellow tone at distance of several hundred yards, but the suddenness and nearness of the clattering sound is calculated to make one jump. It hangs in the tower of the Oprea House and in case of fire the ponderous hammer is sure to fall on the bell. If you are in the Opera House when the alarm is sounded do not get excited. Even if the building is on fire it is the best policy to keep your wits about you.

One night not long ago when the Opera House was crowded the old bell, which was indeed mild compared to the present automatic alarm, sounded and the people became terror-stricken and jumped over seats and rushed to the doors and windows, and one poor fellow was ready to leap to the pavement when he was pulled back and told that the fire was in another part of the town. In case of fire keep your wits about you.

#### Joyous Outing.

The bright and dear children of Mrs. A. Z. Hicks' school is enjoying an outing to-day, Tuesday, and will have the time of their lives. As the little ones are being taught the history of the county Mrs. Hicks could not have pick out a more perfect day to explain to them the unfolding of the beauties of nature. They will visit Stem and Duncan Springs and view the rugged banks of Ledge of Rock Creek on their way home.

#### Baraca-Philathea Program.

The following program will be rendered at the Oxford Baptist Church, Sunday 27th, at 3:30 P. M. Public invited:

Song Service.  
Prayer—Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon.  
How to keep me and use me—Mrs. L. T. Pitchford.

The Pastor and Class—Rev. S. K. Philips.

Report from Convention—Miss Nuvelle O' Brian.

Helpful hints from Charlotte—Miss Pauline Howard.

Things to do—Mr. D. A. Neese.

How Juniors may succeed—Miss Lillian Spencer.

Song.

How to make the class attractive—Miss Gertrude Powell.

Why I am a Philathea—Miss Myrtle Fagan.

My idea of a Class.—Mr. C. A. Hurst.

An Ideal President—Miss Ione Yancey.

Report from Convention—Miss Bessie Howell.

Remarks at Random—Hon. W. A. Devin.

Song.

Benediction.

#### Miss Margarita Scott Dead.

Miss Margarita Scott died at her home in Oxford Tuesday evening, after an illness of about a year. The deceased was a most estimable lady and has devoted her life to the cause of mission duties in foreign countries during thirty-three years, having entered the missionary service of the Episcopal church and spent many years in Africa. Returning to her native country, she spent four years in Florida then came to Oxford and spent the last four years of her life here, where she manifested at all times, great interest in the Episcopal church work.

While in Africa she took charge of a helpless negro child, who has remained with her until her death as a faithful servant and humble personage in her home. This servant, Dorothy, will now go, as Miss Scott directed, to the learning of the work of a trained nurse at St. Augustine school in Raleigh. Dr. Hunter arrived Wednesday morning to accompany the remains to Raleigh for burial there. The funeral service was held at the home attended by the Auxiliary of which she was a member.

TWO FRESH COWS FOR SALE. Apply to the De Lacroix plantation. 2t pd.

PAIR OF home raised young mules for sale at the de Lacroix Farm 1p