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### CREEDMOOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

#### Carefully Trained Boys and Girls Make a Creditable Showing.

One of the most successful year's work in the history of Creedmoor High School has just ended with this the fifth annual commencement. On Friday night a "Mother Goose" festival was given by the children of the primary grades. These little folks made us feel as if we were actually in "Mother Goose's land."

The commencement proper began Sunday morning with a sermon by Rev. J. T. Riddick, pastor of the Second Baptist church, Durham. He chose for his subject on this occasion "Service," and he eloquently related to those young people just leaving school, and to the older ones now already out, the glories of living a life of service.

Monday afternoon four of the girls contended for a medal given by Mr. S. C. Lyon for the best essay. The following subjects were selected:

The "Little Things of Life"—Maye Moss.

"Influence of Environment"—Cameron Roger.

"The Life of Chas. B. Aycock"—Lois Rogers.

"Self Reliance"—Mable Vincent.

While each of the essays did honor to the writers, that on "Self Reliance" was finally decided upon as the one deserving the medal, which Dr. J. A. Morris, in a most eloquent manner, presented to Miss Vincent. Following the essay contest Dr. Morris made an address on better farming.

Monday evening a cantata, "From Aborigines to Now" was given by the school. It consisted of a quarrel between Uncle Sam and foreigners of every nation, which was finally settled by the Goddess of Liberty. This was considered as decidedly one of the most interesting features of the program.

Tuesday afternoon Dr. Sikes, Professor of Political Economy of Wake Forest College, delivered the literary address.

Tuesday evening the declamation contest was held. The subjects were:

The Vital Principle of Nations—Walter Clark.

The New South—Otho Emory.

The new Patriotism—Fenner Sanderford.

The Man of the Hour—Claud Allen.

Opportunity—Edward Floyd.

Progress the watchword of the Nation—Glandie Chappell.

The medal given by Mr. I. E. Harris was won by Glandie Chappell and was presented by Mr. John Hester, of Oxford.

Then Mr. Z. E. Lyon presented to Harold Green a medal which he gave for the best improvement in writing.

Music was furnished throughout commencement by Mrs. Cozart's music class.

Marshals—Monday evening—Ben Lawrence, Otho Emory, Claud Allen, Fenner Sanderford, Edward Floyd, Tuesday evening—Lois Rogers, chief; Kathleen Moss, Burma Hester, Maye Moss, Mabel Vincent.

#### Firemen Re-elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Edwards Hose and Ladder Company Thursday night the election of officers for the year took place and the following were chosen: Wade Britt, Foreman; John A. Williams, Assistant Foreman; Lee C. Taylor, Secretary; J. T. Sizemore Jr, Treasurer; and Dr. T. L. Booth, Surgeon. The following recommendations were made to the Town Commissioners that they re-elect S. W. Wheeler, Chief of Fire Department, and P. A. Wood, Driver, and Fire Department recommended to the Chief to appoint J. Robt. Wood, Assistant Chief.

#### Certificate of Dissolution.

To all to whom these Presents May Come—Greetings. Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Oxford Electric Co., a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Oxford, County of Granville, State of North Carolina, (W. H. Dalton, Sec., being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served, as has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revision of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, therefore, I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 25th day of April 1913, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 25th day of April, A. D. 1913.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,  
Secretary of State.

#### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Gardners fall in! Present spades! Aim and dig.

Dr. Hays has purchased a new driving horse.

Get your backs in good shape as tobacco plants are large enough to set out.

Nine-tenths of the secrets ought to have been choked to death when they were born.

The taxpayers can't dodge two things—death and taxes, and have to give them in.

Yon are asked to read the dissolution notice of the Oxford Electric Co. in another column.

If you want to be a true prophet predict that a number of June weddings will occur very soon.

The blind tigers in these parts are beginning to feel the effects of the search and seizure act.

The Corn Club boys are getting down to hard work and are raising good size corns in their hands.

The Rev. Kenison, of Stovall, will preach at Hebron Church the first Sunday in May at 11:30 o'clock.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth notes the birth of a negro child in Halifax county that weighed 17 1-2 pounds.

As a man with something to sell it is up to you to be polite to every possible buyer. The obligation rests with you.

Whether you are slim or pudgy, have enough breath to you not to have it in for some other fellow who doesn't think like you do.

The running rose bush on the front porch of Mr. and W. H. Britt on Asylum street has been in full bloom, and greatly admired.

The Gas Company has turned gas on in Oxford and our housekeepers will find it the cheapest fuel they can use for cooking purposes.

On this beautiful May morning Oxford is the most attractive town in the State with her magnificent shade trees, lovely homes and pretty lawns.

The disposition seems to be growing to get the other fellow to do it when a community has an enterprise to be set on foot. If there is anything in it the community should put their own shoulders to the wheel.

Alpheus Lewis, a well known colored man about town who has been afflicted all his life with epileptic fits, died almost suddenly Wednesday. He was over 50 years of age and had a mania for picking up pins on the streets.

Mrs. W. H. Upchurch has so far recovered from a serious operation in a Richmond hospital as to be able to return home a few days ago accompanied by Mr. Upchurch, and her neighbors and friends are glad to see her back.

Our good friend John M. Morris, of Wilton, and Miss Katie E. Gibbs were happily married at the home of the bride near Reidsville, Wednesday, and will be at home after the 10th. The Public Ledger joins his many friends in extending warm congratulations.

Our good old friend J. W. Adcock, of Oak Hill township, was in town Thursday and we were glad to see him. He informed us he had reached his 79th year, was hail and hearty, and plowed every day, and still cultivating the farm upon which he was born.

"Count me in with the builders, If only to stand apart Helping to build the temples Of dream in the human heart. Count me among the helpers. If only amid the whole I can carry the living spirit Of love to a single soul."

There ought to be a plit log drag along every two miles of road in the county. If the farmers knew how it would benefit even their worst roads they would get together and take turn about in the operation of a drag after every rain calculated to do damage to the roads.

At a regular Communication of Oxford Lodge, No. 396, A. F. & A. M., on Monday evening, May 5th, there will be work in the Master's Degree. All members of the lodge are requested to be present, and all visiting Masons cordially invited to attend. T. S. Waller, Sec'y.

### Caught Him In the Act.

A farmer carrying an express package from a Northern mail-order house was accosted by a local merchant. "Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and build up this locality." The farmer looked up at the merchant a moment and then said: "Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I had here."

### Death of Young Lady.

Miss Annie Bell Yancey, of Person county, died in Richmond April 18, 1913, where she had gone for an operation about two weeks before. She was the daughter of Oscar and Mary Yancey, of near Oxford, but her mother dying when she was only two years old, she went to live with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Yancey, of Person county. There she lived from childhood to young womanhood, and was truly the joy and sunshine of that home to the end of her life. Her devotion to her grandparents was beautiful. Her chief desire seemed to be to please them, and to make them bright and happy, and they lavished their love on her in return. That home will never be exactly what it was any more. She had been a consistent member of Webb's Chapel since she was a little girl. She loved her church and was always ready to do what she could for its advancement. Had she lived until the 10th of June she would have been twenty-three years old. May God deal tenderly with those she loved and bring them to a reunion in the beautiful home above.

B. C. ALLRED.

### Granville Superior Court.

On Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock the special venire of fifty men appeared in court and the trial of Dewitt Rogers, colored, for the shooting of Irvin Beck, white, in September last, which resulted in the death of Beck a few months later. Tom Hayes, at whose house the fight occurred was discharged. Solicitor Gattis, assisted by Graham & Devin appeared for the State, and Gen. B. S. Royster and T. Lanier for Rogers. The jurors were called and the following were selected and empaneled to try the case:

J. M. Ellington, J. F. Meadows, H. M. Bragg, R. S. Usry, C. M. Critcher, S. H. Hobgood, C. H. Breddlove, S. P. Adcock, W. D. Smith, B. E. Parham, J. M. Baird, J. J. Renn.

Tuesday afternoon and most of Wednesday was taken up in the examination of witnesses, and the case was contested on both sides. Later in the afternoon the arguments of the able counsel on both sides began and continued until sometime in the night, and most excellent speeches were made on both sides. After the Judge's charge the case was given to the jury and Thursday morning returned a verdict of murder in the second degree, and Rogers was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years, upon which the counsel appealed.

State vs. Nathan and Lex Adcock for fighting, where no damage was done, the Judge fined one \$50 and half cost, and the other \$100 and half cost, the fight costing the boys \$226.44. Rather a high-priced fight, boys.

State vs. Turner Branch, gambling; guilty, \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Claud Oakes, larceny, guilty; judgement pending during good behavior.

State vs. Dora Walker, trespass; guilty, judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Will Cooper, disturbing the peace; guilty, judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Will Weaver and Henrietta Mangum, fornication and adultery; guilty, Weaver 12 months on road; judgement suspended as to the woman upon payment of all cost.

State vs. Denby Lawrence, carrying concealed weapon; guilty, 25 and cost.

State vs. Willie Reavis, breaking into house, guilty; on account of his feeble condition, judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. James Puryear, larceny guilty; judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Lee Bass, assault with deadly weapon, guilty; judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Joe Watkins, retailing; guilty, \$100 fine and cost.

This completed the State docket and the civil calendar was taken up.

### The Boy Scouts.

At the track meet in Greensboro last week the Boy Scouts of Stovall were the recipients of a great deal of attention. In the 12-pound shotput, B. Hicks threw the shot 35 feet 9 1-2 inches. In the baseball throw for boys under 15 years Earl Spicer threw the ball a distance of 281 feet four inches. Eight of the winning boys of the track meet were given a banquet at the Country Club, the two Granville boys above named being present. This speaks well for the Scout Master L. C. Wilkerson, of Stovall, who takes a great deal of pride in his team.

### 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	3,400
Carrier No. 2 Oxford	7,700
Carrier No. 3 Oxford	3,100
Carrier No. 4 Oxford	3,500
Carrier No. 5 Oxford	2,400
Carrier No. 7 Oxford	2,800
Carrier No. 2 Virgilina	300
Carrier No. 2 Northside	400
Carrier No. 1 Hester	5,200
Carrier No. 1 Stem	5,000
Carrier No. 2 Stem	1,300
Carrier No. 3 Stem	100
Carrier No. 1 Creedmoor	1,600
Carrier No. 2 Creedmoor	300
Carrier No. 1 Franklinton	500

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

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

J. T. Fuller, of Route 2, was in town Thursday.

S. M. Cash, of Berea, was in town Thursday.

R. A. Averett, of Hester, was in Oxford Thursday.

J. T. Morton, of Route 4, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mrs. D. A. Coble is on a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Milton Bragg, of Tally Ho, was in Oxford Thursday.

Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was a town visitor Thursday.

Dr. Bullock, of Hester, was on our streets Wednesday.

W. A. Sherman, of Berea section, was in town Wednesday.

E. A. Tunstall, of Route 2, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Street, of Roxboro, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

J. C. Peace, of Wilton section, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Herndon Moore, of Route 2, was on our streets Thursday.

Lee Veasey, of Knap of Reeds section, was in town Thursday.

J. S. Watkins and J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Rogers, of Wilton section, were in Oxford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stem, of Tally Ho, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

S. H. Frazier and W. D. Brooks, of Sunset, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Crews, of Salem section, were in town Friday shopping.

Eugene Moss and J. W. Whitfield, of Wilton section, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Roberts, of Knap of Reeds, were among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Joe Peace Jenkins and W. H. M. Jenkins, of Brassfield township, were in Oxford Thursday.

Rev. J. B. Floyd, of Person county, is on a visit to his sons, J. P. and J. W. Floyd, in Oxford.

Dr. Sam Booth returned home a few days ago in a feeble condition as he gains his strength slowly.

Miss Myrtle Renn, one of the excellent faculty of the Creedmoor High School, is at home for the summer to the pleasure of her many friends.

It was a pleasure to us to receive a call Thursday morning from Mr. Ashcraft the gifted editor of the Monroe Enquirer, who was in Oxford on business.

### Question of High Tax Rate.

It behooves every man, rich or poor, to emphasize the advantages of his town, but he ought not to be handicapped in his spiel by having to explain away a high tax rate. Those interesting in promoting the development of a town surely are up against it when they are forced to make the argument that their town's advantages make the mere matter of taxes look like 30 cents. It is a handicap in the argument and it is hard to get around.

People resident in a town don't mind pretty stiff taxes when they get their money's worth in public improvements that increase property valuations and make a town attractive to newcomers, but high taxes are not calculated to cause a rush of home-seekers.

### Stovall High School.

The closing exercises of the Stovall High School took place Thursday afternoon and was largely attended. The pupils acquitted themselves in a handsome manner to the joy of their parents. Our popular young lawyer, Mr. John Hester, delivered the address, which was full of good things for parents and children, and enthusiastically received. Doctor J. A. Morris was on hand and made a very thoughtful and practical speech along farming and educational lines, demonstrating to the people their great advantage both to the community and the State at large. The game of ball between the Oxford and Stovall boys proved very interesting and entertaining to the large crowd. The score was 15 to 22 in favor of Oxford.

### MULE AND WAGON LOAD OF LIQUOR CAPTURED.

Chief Williford Now Has Two Barrels of Whiskey Under Lock and Key.

About 9 o'clock last Tuesday evening while Chief Williford was making his rounds he noticed a wagon, drawn by a mule and driven by a colored man, turn into a hitching lot. Seeing the outlines of two barrels in the wagon the Chief hastened to follow the wagon into the lot. The colored driver, who happened to be one Joe Watkins, saw the Chief approaching he broke and ran away, leaving the mule and wagon to take care of themselves. The Chief drew the head from one of the barrels and sampled the contents and pronounced it 90 per cent pure whisky. He drove the wagon to police headquarters and placed the whiskey under lock and key. It is there yet and no owner has or is likely to call for it. The mule was taken to a livery stable, and during the night the animal was taken from the stall, his whereabouts being unknown at the present time.

The colored driver, Joe Watkins, was arrested Wednesday, and on Thursday His Honor Judge Peebles, who is presiding at the present term of Granville Court, hauled Watkins up, and with sufficient evidence in hand showed him in unmistakable terms what it means to trifle with the Search and Seizure law, giving Watkins six months on the public roads, which was later changed to \$100 and costs.

There is evidence to the effect that the whiskey was shipped from Richmond to Soudan, Va., but the consignee is unknown. It is believed that the wagon arrived in Oxford a little earlier than it had been expected, otherwise the whiskey would have reached its destination. As it is, Chief Williford made a good job out of it, but if he had kept in the dark a little longer he would have learned for a certainty the names of violators. Without sufficient evidence to convict speculation is rife as to the real owner of the contraband whiskey.

### Woman's Literary Society.

Mrs. H. M. Shaw was hostess to the Womens Literary Club, Tuesday afternoon, April 15.

Mrs. Taylor of Richmond, and Miss Taylor of Oxford College, were the guests of the club.

Roll call was responded to with names of Southern Prima Donnas.

Mrs. J. C. Horner's subject was: Southern Composers, past and present, with music selected from Gottschalk past, and Powell, present.

In her absence the President called on Mrs. Lassiter to read a selection from "The South the Building of the Nation" on Southern Composers. Mrs. Hays read of the Opera in New Orleans and Choral Societies of the South.

The last subject was a sketch—Recent Progress in Music—Institutional Work by Mrs. Hicks.

The hostess then served a salad course after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Couch, April 29th.

The Womens Literary Club met with Mrs. Couch, Tuesday afternoon April 29. Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Woodall, Miss Lacy and Miss Taylor were guests of the club. Roll call was responded to with names of Famous Statuary by Southern Sculptors and Where Placed.

The program was carried out as follows:

Paper—Art in the South, portraiture, sculpture, pottery, weaving and architecture.

Mrs. Webb, What Southern Scientists have done for the World. Mrs. White, Discussion—The Reign of the Plush Roker and the Revival of Household Art, led by Mrs. Ballou. Mrs. Burwell's sketch, The South in American Drama was omitted as also Mrs. Capehart's Reading—Bird Poems.

By the request of Mrs. Lassiter also was assigned a musical number, Mrs. Woodall with Miss Lacy accompanying her song sang a selection from Clough Leighter.

By special request of the club Mrs. Woodall also gave a reading in which she admirably impersonated a bird.

After enjoying refreshments, which the hostess served, the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. S. H. Cannady, May 13th. M. C. L., Rept.

A suffragette maxim—you can't hike in a hobble.

### FRESH COW FOR SALE BY

J. W. Adcock's, Oxford Route 4, box 34. 2t-pd.