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## OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

### The Primary Grades Present "Red Riding Hood" to Delighted Audience.

With their faces turned lightly to the future, unconscious that rigors shall ever come to try their souls, and ambitious with the fullest expectancy, the boys and girls of the Oxford Graded School are disseminating their joyous spirits this week alike to parent and friends. The scene is a pretty one, pretty because of the fresh flow of life in youth, and pretty just because there is a crowd of boys and girls entering upon their vacation. There are flowers and blushes, white dresses and ribbons and music galore and a May moonlight to go home by. It is an ideal commencement scene, filled with the simple joys thereof.

The concert given by the Primary Grades in the auditorium of the school building Friday night was a success in the true sense of the word. Every available seat in the spacious hall was taken and the windows and doors were jammed with people anxious to see the story of "Red Riding Hood and Red Riding Hood's Reception" presented by the children.

The young people composing the cast showed careful drilling in dialogue, singing, marching and an aptness to carry long parts in their minds, and all this was accomplished in addition to keeping abreast with their school work. The play not only reflected the intelligence of the pupils, but it revealed the tact and ingenuity of the teachers.

It would not be fair to single out a few of the children who sustained their parts so well, but the play as a whole was a credit to each one. The costumes, those that were not grotesque, were beautiful. We wish we had the names of each one who took part in the play. There must have been fifty or sixty of them participating in the "Reception of Red Riding Hood," and only those who sustained the leading parts were on the program. The program follows:

Red Riding Hood, Daisy Cooper; Red Riding Hood's Mother, Sarah Covington; The Wolf, Charles Easton; Fairy Queen, Mary Powell; The Woodsman Charles Elmore; Chorus of Fairies, Elves and Woodcutters. Red Riding Hood's Reception: Red Riding Hood, Daisy Smith; Cherry Blossom, Annie May Watkins; Sergeant No. 92 X, John McSwain; Jack the Midshipman, Tom Pace; Blush Rose, Susan Webb; Little Whittington, Carolyn Booth; Dick Whittington, William Howell; Fandango, Helen Royster; Trotter, Billy Devin; Page, Bransford Ballou; Gussets, Julian Abbitt and Sam Hall; Chorus of Spanish Girls, Sailor Girls and Boys; Skipping Rope Drill.

The young people entered into the pleasure of the occasion and the humid atmosphere within the building did not phase their ardor.

The only disappointing feature of this popular annual event of the young people is that the stage on which they act is rather low. This should have the attention of the Trustees of the school, and if the stage was elevated three feet the children, many of them mere tots, could be seen from all parts of the auditorium.

### Mrs. Paul B. Means Hurt.

On Friday evening last about 5:20 o'clock Mrs. Paul B. Means drove to the station at Providence with the intention of catching the train. The horse took fright at something and in whirling around Mrs. Means was thrown from the buggy, sustaining a broken wrist bone and was otherwise bruised and shocked. She was conveyed to her home and medical aid was summoned, and from all accounts she is getting along as well as could be expected.

### Will Deliver Addresses.

Dr. Benj. K. Hays will deliver the address before the graduating class of the University College of Medicine in Richmond on May, 29th, and will address the graduating class of nurses of Rex Hospital in Raleigh on June 2nd. From Raleigh he will go to attend the meeting of the State Board of Medical Examiners at Morehead, and from there to Buffalo Lithia Springs for the summer.

DO YOU like barbecue? If so, go to the Elmwood Farm Sale. Yes, the ladies are especially invited.

## GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Most of the tobacco crop in Granville has been set out.

Some people imagine their peck of trouble measure more than eight quarts.

The hammer and saw are playing fine tunes in different sections of the town.

Get a move on yourself and help your carrier win one of the Public Ledger's prizes.

W. H. Walters has put a new roof on the front porch to his residence on Main street.

A whiskey straight makes many a man go crooked, while a mint julep will cool him off.

Hornor School commencement begins today and a large number of girls will be in their glory.

The Street force is now at work on College street, cleaning ditches, cutting down weeds and grass.

We wish Old Spiteful Grouch, who has so much to say in Oxford, would get so lame he could not kick.

What has become of the old-fashioned fiddler who used to play, "Sugar in the Gourd"? He's gotten to old to play.

The cheapest thing to ride is a hobby. It eats no oats, no baled hay, it uses no gasoline, and it calls for no tickets.

Henry Jenkins, one of our industrious colored citizens, has improved his home on Sycamore street by the addition of a room and porch.

No business can become large unless it is advertised. And no large business can hold its own unless the advertising feature of the business is kept up.

Go where you please, do as you please, go whenever and wherever you please and, like many other poor souls have done, you will fall short in pleasing.

Lookout ye afternoon shoppers! The dry goods and millinery stores now close at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, and after June 1st will close at 6 o'clock.

S. M. Wheeler has been re-elected by Town Commissioners Chief of Fire Department, and Pete Wood was continued as the live wire driver of the Fire Wagon.

We still have emblazoned upon our waving banner: better schools, good roads, better farming, county fair, and everything that tends for the uplift of the people.

When you go to a fire be certain not to get in the way of the firemen who are fighting hard to save property as every minute counts. Don't forget this when you go to the next fire.

Mr. F. L. Currin and wife, of Route 6, requests us to return their heartfelt thanks to their neighbors and friends for their help and sympathy during the sickness and death of their mother.

Berea section is not only noted for its good citizens, production of chickens, eggs, hog and hominy, but for antiquated antiques in the Wortham place, one of the oldest in the State.

When a man has a woman for a competitor he has to quicken his wits. Just as a girl keep ahead of a boy in school, so a woman won't be found at the rear of a procession not if she knows herself.

Mayor W. J. Brogden, of Durham, will deliver the address at the Graded School commencement this Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock and you are cordially invited to attend and hear the address of the gifted speaker.

For every drop of sunshine  
There comes a drop of rain;  
For every bit of laughter  
A little touch of pain.  
For every sunny moment  
A cloud across the sky—  
But love is more than sorrow,  
And tears how soon they dry!

### A Lot in Warren Park

Warren Park, a beautiful suburb of Durham, is to be laid off in city lots and sold Monday, May 26, at 10:30 a. m. The Atlantic Coast Realty Company will handle the sale for the Warren Land Company of Durham. Now is the time to get residential property at a reasonable figure in Durham. See ad. on fourth page of this paper.

## New Painting Firm.

We learn that we have a new firm of paint spreaders in town, W. D. Bryan and John Mangum, two of the popular clerks at Horner Bro. Co. Contracts for work will be limited as only easy and shady jobs are desired.

## Horse Drops Dead.

While John Mangum was enjoying a ride behind his fine horse on Sunday afternoon the animal drop dead in the road near the old Jones place from heart disease. Mr. Mangum was very proud of his horse as he had cost him about \$400.

## Ample Facilities.

The resources of the old reliable National Bank of Granville are ample for a business of large magnitude and its facilities embrace every requirement of modern banking. Your checking account is solicited. See advertisement on another page.

## Woodhouse Burned.

A small blaze occurred Friday about 12:30 o'clock at the home of H. M. Shaw on Rectory St. The cook put some hot ashes in the small woodhouse which caught afire and was quickly put out by our up-to-the-minute firemen who as volunteers have no superiors.

## Baptists vs Presbyterians.

In the game of base ball Friday afternoon between the Presbyterians and Baptist the Baptist was in lead when the game was called on account of rain, which was regretted by the spectators as it was proving the most amusing game played in Oxford in a long time.

## Small Fire Sunday Night.

About 9 o'clock Sunday night the fire alarm rang out over the town causing a large number of people to leave church. The fire was at the home of Mrs. Thad Parham on Rectory street where the bath room had accidentally caught fire. The firemen responded promptly and put out the fire, with damage of about \$25.

## Let us Get Together.

Get rid of your grouch and stop "cussing and abusing the other fellow" and let us be brethren in one common cause—that of pushing Oxford forward. Remember the prosperity of a town does not depend so much upon the wealth of its citizens as the manner in which they pull together. Let's pull together for a few years and we can boast of one among the best towns in the State.

## The Hook and Line.

Some of our lovers of fishing no doubt exclaim: give us solitude where quiet reigns supreme upon some sluggish stream that's full of fish; 'Tis there we'd sit and fish and idly dream, forgetting all, indulging not a wish. We'd bait the hook or cast the luresome bob, and catch the gamy chub—but goodness sakes! Were we to get on such an easy job, We'd surely worry over seeing snakes!

## The Senator Congratulated.

Senator Simmons was warmly congratulated by his Democratic friends in the Senate for his successful fight in lining up those Senators who were undecided as to whether they should vote for the Underwood tariff bill in its present form. After ten days of careful coaching the senior Senator was able to garner every Senator except the two from Louisiana and no effort was made to convert them because of their known intention to vote against free sugar. President Wilson himself, it is said, told his friends that he was immensely pleased with the way in which Mr. Simmons handled the measure.

## Enforce the Law.

In his sermon Sunday night Dr. Weatherspoon, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, referred to the rumdrats that blind tigers and gambling places existed in this community. As an evidence of the law being violated he referred to the seventy or more gallons of whiskey which had been captured in Oxford within the last few days. He said he was thankful that Sheriff Hobgood and his assistants were diligent and hoped the search and seizure law would be vigorously enforced. He said that any one who withheld incriminating evidence against the violators of the law was not a desirable citizen. His remarks, uttered in the attitude of prayer, made a profound impression on the minds and hearts of the large congregation.

## Getting a Strong Hold.

There is one thing that is getting a strong hold on some of the pretty lawns and yards in Oxford not calculated to help the town any, wild onions. They spread very rapidly and are hard to eradicate after the roots have gotten a strong hold. They draw the strength from the soil and choke off other vegetation. We saw a field of them the other day as tall as bearded wheat. About the only thing wild onions are good for is to keep people from drinking too much milk sometimes.

## Assert Your Pride.

Oxford is the prettiest town in the State of its size, and now we want all classes of our people to assert their pride and proclaim: we will make it the cleanest and most inviting town in our grand old Commonwealth. Catch the fever of Civic Pride and see that every back lot is not only cleaned up but holes filled up that accumulate filth and stagnant water, clean up your lots and all places under your control. Our town government will co-operate in this work, so we urge every body to get busy as it means health and wealth to us all.

## "Two Dead Soldiers."

Late Saturday night two "old soldiers" lay dead upon the bench beneath the shade tree in front of the court house. There was no evidence as to who murdered them. Detectives made diligent search but could find nothing of an incriminating nature beyond the fumes of Clarksville liquor which issued from the mouths of the "dead soldiers". Their spirits had departed to realms unknown, and mute evidence confirmed the belief that the corpse had been subjected to the "search and seizure" process. They were the typical speak-easy bottles.

## Mrs. Chas. M. Stedman Dead.

Following a gradually weakening illness of months, Mrs. Stedman, wife of Congressman Charles Manly Stedman of the Fifth District, was gently claimed in death at her home in Greensboro Saturday morning. She died at 10:15 o'clock at the family residence, 316 South Spring street, with the family gathered at the bedside. Major Stedman was at home, anticipating the inevitable end of the period of sickness, and Mrs. Katherine Palmer, the only surviving child of their union, was also in the home.

The sweet, gentle character of Mrs. Stedman was shown in the patience exhibited during her illness. For several months, her family and friends were much concerned about her condition and everything possible was done to assist nature in the recuperation of her health. Because of her illness Major Stedman has been unable to attend the special session of Congress, but has kept himself in Greensboro practically the whole time.

Mrs. Stedman was a daughter of the late Joshua G. Wright, of Wilmington. She was married to Major Stedman early after the close of the war between the States. The interment was in Wilmington Monday.

## New County Home Site.

The Board of County Commissioners met in Oxford Saturday for the purpose of deciding upon a site for a County Home. After due consideration they drove out to the Wilder place, about two and one-half miles east of town, and after a thorough investigation they decided to purchase the place and establish the County Home there. The tract of 135 acres of good land is conveniently located along side of the public road. An analytic inspection shows that there is an abundance of pure sparkling water on the place, and the old oak grove which crowns the gently sloping hill makes it an ideal place for the county's poor and infirm to pass a quiet hour of their cheerless lives.

The deal was closed for consideration of \$4,500, and in this the Commissioners showed rare judgment. When the work is fully completed it will be one of the prettiest spots in Granville County. It is proposed to erect one commodious building all under one cover, but a large court will separate the blacks from the whites. Everything will be built with a view to convenience and comfort. The county is to be congratulated in securing such a valuable property at the hands of Commissioners, and that at such a reasonable figure.

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

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

Ivy Day, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

C. D. Osborn was in Greensboro Saturday.

J. W. Wrenn, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Dr Taylor, of Stovall, was in Oxford Saturday.

Nat Hobgood, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

N. G. Crews, of Dabney, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. T. Yancey, was in Durham Saturday on business.

Zack Perry, of Tar River, was on our streets Saturday.

Willie Thorpe, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

E. A. Tunstall, of Route 2, was a town visitor Monday.

A. A. Hicks was in Greensboro Tuesday on legal business.

George Wright, of Vance county, was in Oxford Saturday.

Goodman Critcher, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Daniel, of Providence, was on our streets Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Salls, of Route 4, were on our streets Saturday.

Leon Marrow, of Bullock section, was in Oxford Monday.

Sam Holeman, of Sandford, spent the week end with relatives in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryan spent the past week with relatives at Battersboro.

Miss Sallie and Master Joseph Hammie, of Route 3, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther White and children have returned home from Wilmington.

E. T. Rawlins, of the road, is spending the week at home to the pleasure of his family.

Mrs. Blake, of Norfolk, Va., is the pleasant guest of Mrs. Wm. Landis on Raleigh Street.

Mrs. J. T. Cole, of Route 4, is spending a few days with Mrs. J. M. Baird on Raleigh Street.

Master Jack Brinkley, of Petersburg, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Leon Hines, on Raleigh Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sherman and three of their children, of Berea section, were in Oxford Monday.

J. R. Hobgood and his two bright and industrious sons, Roy and Ray, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, of Baltimore, and Miss Louise Currin, of Richmond, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.

Our old veteran friend, John Currin, of Stovall, was in town Monday and informed us that he has been married 49 years.

## An Enjoyable Event.

An enjoyable event in commencement season at Oxford College was the graduating piano recital of Miss Marie Medford Monday evening. Miss Medford demonstrated to an audience that filled the chapel the fact that she possesses exceptional talent which has been guided carefully and effectively by her gifted teacher, Miss Janie Lacy. The program was a long one, embracing compositions from the old masters, which enabled Miss Medford to display her skill at pianforte, and with graceful poise she succeeded well in producing the superior tones, sweetness and variety of which the piano is susceptible.

Miss Medford was assisted by Miss Elizabeth Hancock, who sang a number of selections—each one of them pretty—with brightness of manner and fine enunciation. In the absence of Miss Janie Lacy, director of piano music, Mrs. Woodall, teacher of voice and expression, responded and accompanied Miss Hancock.

The numbers were enthusiastically applauded and Miss Medford received quantities of beautiful flowers.

NANCY HALL—best of all sweet potatoes—plants now ready. W. I. Howell. 4tpd

A JERSEY COW giving milk for sale by I. H. Baker, Route 1, Oxford, N. C. 2tpd

## THE GREAT TIDAL-WAVE OF EDUCATION.

### What the County Demonstrator and Experimental Station Means to Us.

The old theory that the "farmer has no enemies and but few true friends" is somewhat dissipated in these latter days of intense farming. In the not long ago if he raised too little he was accused of being lazy; if he raised a bumper crop and the prices of his product declined he was accused of being unwise. For years and years he went on doing the same old wrong things in the same old wrong way. While he slept time went on and many of the old methods were discarded, as much so as the stage-coach or the ox-cart, and to day he is confronted with new conditions and a new civilization, and if he now produces too little he is accused of being ignorant.

The fact that two thousand dollars was recently subscribed to further the farming interest of Granville county dispels the old theory that the farmer has no true friends. In years gone, various schemes were employed by politicians to entrap the farmer, but the advent of a few men of superior knowledge to produce two plants where one formerly grew precludes the idea that county demonstrators and experimental stations are encom passed by selfish motives. When a great State and Nation purchases in our midst a tract of land for experimental purposes, and a few generous men at home and abroad come forward with sufficient funds to employ a county demonstrator, it is indeed time that the farmers wake up and take notice; and now, when Dr. Morris, the County Demonstrator, or Mr. Eugene Moss, superintendent of the Experimental Station, talks they are eager to catch every word that falls from their lips. Mr. Moss' mission is to produce two superior plants where one inferior plant formerly grew, but Dr. Morris' mission is even broader than that. He must need see every man in the county individually, collectively or otherwise, and inculcate into him certain fundamental principles of farm life and the most advanced methods of intense farming. Dr. Morris is qualified by an intuitive mind to produce results. He is a close student of physiology; is familiar with the most advanced methods of the foremost men of the time; a practical talker with personal magnetism, with a deep insight into human nature and environment, his good fellowship and zeal for the great work is cause for congratulation. In addition to being County Demonstrator Dr. Morris is a member of the County School Board and he is also doing a great work along educational lines in connection with his demonstration work.

The Public Ledger fully endorses the broad and comprehensive educational campaign waged by Dr. Morris for the enlightenment and advancement of the farming interests of Granville county, and it is our most earnest desire to aid him in placing the farming element on a higher plane of human endeavor. The land, the people and the climate are here, and with a hearty co-operation with the County Demonstrator the prosperity of town and county will advance very rapidly.

## GOOD RECORD.

About five years ago, or to be exact, on June 5, 1908, Mr. Ernest Cheatham, one of our popular rural letter carriers, bought a Taylor-Cannady Buggy from Horner Bros. Co. Mr. Cheatham has had this buggy in constant use making about twenty-seven miles a day, Sunday excepted, and has not used but one set of wheels. This buggy has been run over forty thousand miles, and its lasting qualities speaks well for the Taylor-Cannady buggy. Taylor-Cannady buggies are deservedly popular with our rural carriers. Mr. Cheatham has just placed his order for another one. Mr. Logan Hall, the well known rural carrier from Stem, also bought another Taylor-Cannady buggy from us last week. These buggies are stylish, easy riding and durable. If you need a new buggy see us. HORNER BROS. CO.

WATCH FOR the big ad. of Atlantic Coast Realty Co. Go see Elmwood. Yes, that barbecue dinner is free, at W. O. Gregory's home stead, May 27.

A FRESH COW for sale by W. R. Walters, Hester, N. C. 2t