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OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL COMES TO A CLOSE.

The People of Oxford Are Highly Pleased With the Material Progress.

Three is nothing that comes quite so near touching every home in Oxford as our Graded School, and there is nothing in which our citizens have more real joy and pride. The large crowds that flocked to the auditorium on commencement occasions and the cheers and smiles that greet the children test the popularity of the school. The Trustees of the school, the Superintendent and each teacher's heart must swell with pride at the material progress that has been accomplished during the session which came to a close Wednesday morning with graduating exercises. As previously stated, the commencement exercises proper began Friday night with an entertainment given by the Primary Grades, which was perhaps the most largely attended in the history of the school and one of the most artistic and thoroughly enjoyed.

Tuesday evening the auditorium was filled by those eager to hear the address of Mayor W. J. Brogden, of Durham. The "Sailor's Glee" was sung by a number of the most advanced pupils of the school, after which Capt. W. A. Devin gracefully introduced the speaker. Mayor Brogden spoke for 35 minutes, and his address, which displayed an intelligent, comprehensive grasp of the deeper relations and problems of life and Christianity, was one of the finest ever heard here.

The following is the order of the graduating exercises which took place Wednesday morning:

Chorus—Class Song, Our "Old High."

Invocation by Rev. S. K. Phillips. Salutatory—Dorothy Penn Hunt. Essay—Popular Education, by Elizabeth White.

Oration—Women of the Twentieth Century, by Paul Sweany Daniel.

Essay—Some American Women of Achievement, by Francis Bransford Abbott.

The Class exercises were as follows:

History—Mary Elizabeth White. Poem—Gladys Shepard Rawlins. Prophecy—Mary Shaw.

Will—Basil Fournier Horsfield. Valedictory—Harry Jackson Renn. Presentation of Diplomas—Mr. H. M. Shaw.

Presentation of Davis Scholarship Medal—Mr. J. S. Edwards.

Reading of Distinctions—Superintendent.

Piano Duet—Misses Louise Amis and Marie Meadows.

The following were the Graduating Essays:

Some American Women of Achievement—Francis Bransford Abbott. The Cross and the Crescent—Ellen Bryan Brown.

Henry Van Dyke—Myrtle Lee Crews.

The Personality of Oliver Goldsmith as Revealed in His Works—Grace Lee Critcher.

The War on the Great White Plague—Lucy Bell Day.

North Carolina Battles—Eva Clyde Hester.

The Influence of Country Life—Dorothy Penn Hunt.

Mark Twain—Hallie May Meadows.

Little Known Sisters of Well Known Men—Gladys Shepard Rawlins.

The Panama Canal, What it Means to the World—Mary Shaw.

Imaginary Trip To Niagara Falls—Lillian Winston Taylor.

Popular Education—Mary Elizabeth White.

Our State University—Marion Camilla Wyatt.

The essays were far above the average on such occasions, and expressed a concentration of mind on the part of the several individuals who made them that was surprising and unique.

The class history was read by Miss Mary Elizabeth White, who chose to regard the members as soldiers who have had various battles.

The class poem was recited by Miss Gladys Rawlins, who prepared the poem herself and who gave the local "hits" and ornamental touch that was particularly pleasing.

The class prophet, Miss Mary Shaw, partly in jest and partly in earnest, gave her subject much local coloring, which was happily received by the large audience.

Mr. Basil Horsfield announced

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GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

It is better to get up your spirits than to down your spirits.

What is the use of having laws if the officers will not enforce them?

Count that day whose low-descending sun finds you an idle, shiftless son-of-a-gun.

Owing to the dry weather the wheat and oat crop in the county will be cut short.

The possibilities of agriculture are only just beginning to be realized among our farmers.

Of course, the best ability is reliability. The world puts trust only in the trustworthy.

Well, there is no change in town officers and everything will wag along in the same old way.

The Easton residence is about finished with the exception of painting which is needed to set it off.

The world pays you all it owes, and in that way it treats many of us better than we treat the world.

The "walking delegate" will have an opportunity to be heard from on the sidewalk question on the 14th of June.

Let everybody in Oxford rise up and say: Prejudice and bitterness lay there while I help to make Oxford a larger and better town.

Sing to my sweetheart, Mocking bird, so sweet, Till Love can hear Her dear heart beat!

Well girls, the Horner commencement is over and you have bid your cadet "fond adieu," who you can bet will not "prove true to you."

Cheer up, ye disconsolate, though down and out, lets see you crack some grins. Old Growler may chase you to-day, but gosh, he isn't twins.

It is said the best bargains in men's shoes ever offered in Oxford is by R. S. Montague on Hillsboro street. Go and see them and be convinced.

For fear you may forget it the taxisters are still sitting at the Court House waiting for you to drop in, but the last day of this month closes the work.

Sometimes a busy housewife gets so tired of being pestered by agents she wishes somebody would invent a front door that flies open and hits folks in the face.

L. Hunter has sold his brick store on Hillsboro street now occupied by G. C. Daniel to Isaac Wolf. He is building a galvanized iron store on the old blacksmith shop sight for Sam Munich.

The Masonic and Eastern Star home being erected at Greensboro will be completed within 60 days if the expectations of the executive committee in charge of the work are fulfilled.

We thank Dr. Charles E. Critcher, of Oxford, a graduate of Medical College of Virginia for a handsome program of the exercises, and we congratulate the doctor upon his completion of his course in medicine.

Good old summer time is with us and is the time to be comfortable and enjoy nice furniture and easy chairs, and Hughes-Smaw Co. on Hillsboro street is the place to buy them. Read change advertisement on another page.

"Old man Misery, loafin' 'round, Jes' encumberin' the ground; When the sky is lookin' blue Comes to spend a day with you; Takes his off—comes to stay—Jes' can't whistle him away!"

Oxford is one town where everybody does as they please, but should stand up and be counted for your town. Don't leave it to some other fellow to perform a duty that is as much yours as it is his.

Of course you know there is going to be a Chrysanthemum Show in Oxford in November. Have you ordered your plants? For the best interest of the Show we suggest that competent judges from out of town be selected in the future.

Talking about watching various and sundry baliwicks grow, we have been doing our part of the watching. If you've done any watching you must have learned by now that manufacture is the chief element in the growth of most towns.

Bear in mind the best way to avoid accidents is to "keep to the right."

The friends of Mrs. Wm. Stimson will be glad to learn that she is some better.

Marion Taylor rode down town Thursday afternoon in his pony outfit and it's a real beauty.

We are glad to learn that our good friend James Stark, of Vance county who has been quite sick, is getting better.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of State University, will deliver the main address at the celebration of Saint John's Day on June 24th.

Morris Green, Frank Spencer, R. S. Usry, Frank Blalock, M. Blalock and L. B. Turner enjoyed several days fishing at Soudan, Va., this week.

The wave of subscribers continue to roll in as 49 has been added this week, so get busy and help your carrier win one of the Public Ledger prizes.

There will be a lawn party this Saturday afternoon from 5 to 9 for the benefit of Methodist Philathea Class on the Church lawn. Public invited.

There will be a game of base ball this Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Horner Park between the Episcopalian and Baptist. Of course you are going to witness the game.

Horner Bros. Co. have recently become very wire-ry and can supply you with all kinds of stock and poultry wire fencing of the best makes. Read advertisement on last page.

We hope Mr. Waters, who is superintending the erection of the Government building, possesses a kindly nature, as no doubt a number of people will volunteer to boss the job and tell him how the building should be put up.

Regret to Loose Them.

We are sorry to learn from Mr. Waters, who has charge of the construction of the Government building, that nearly every tree on the site will have to come down. We hope Mr. Waters will have little trouble with the erection of building and his year's stay among us will prove pleasant, agreeable and profitable.

Odd Fellows Meet.

At the interesting meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in the City of Greensboro this week Labor Commissioner M. L. Shipman was elected Grand Master. Over 400 delegates were in attendance, among them was ex-Senator A. A. Hicks, who represented the Oxford Lodge. It is gratifying to know that this great benevolent order continues to grow in numbers and usefulness in our good old State.

Railroad Accident.

The freight train from Keyville over the Southern had two cars to jump the track near Lewis station about noon Wednesday, tearing up cross-ties for some distance. One of the cars that ran off was a tank car containing 20,000 gallons of oil and the other one was loaded with loose wheat which was scattered over the ground as the car was badly broken up. A hole was knocked in the tank car and the oil flowed freely over the ground. A number of people close to the wreck saved as much as 100 gallons of oil. It took a number of hour to clear and rebuild the track.

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	6,800
Carrier No. 2 Oxford	18,400
Carrier No. 3 Oxford	7,000
Carrier No. 4 Oxford	10,500
Carrier No. 5 Oxford	4,000
Carrier No. 7 Oxford	4,800
Carrier No. 2 Virgilina	1,300
Carrier No. 2 Northside	1,400
Carrier No. 1 Hester	11,300
Carrier No. 1 Stem	8,600
Carrier No. 2 Stem	2,700
Carrier No. 3 Stem	1,400
Carrier No. 1 Creedmoor	2,600
Carrier No. 2 Creedmoor	1,300
Carrier No. 1 Franklinton	1,900

The News and Observer.

The News and Observer is now issued from its own plant, and has much of its former splendid appearance. But much more will be added to its excellent equipment when it gets into its new building which is now in course of erection. We cannot get along very well in this section of the State without the "Old Reliable."

Former Oxonian.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Morris, of Franklin county, after a pleasant visit to their son, Allie Morris and wife, returned home Friday morning. Mr. Morris lived in Oxford 62 years ago, and the only two men here now that he knew then are Rev. R. I. Devin and Ike Stegall. Mr. Morris carries his age well and looks like a man of 60.

A Fine Old Veteran.

Mr. A. B. Anderson, of Houston, Va., is the pleasant guest of Col. Ballou's family. Mr. Anderson is a veteran of the Civil War, a pleasant talker and tells a good story. He followed General Lee throughout the war, and must need fight all the battle over again with the Ballou boys before returning home. Mr. Anderson is 75 years young and will attend the Gettysburg reunion.

Took Friends by Surprise.

Mr. Lucius Dickerson and Miss Julia Usry, a talented pianist, and youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Usry, took an automobile ride Wednesday night and continued it to Henderson where they sought a minister and their two hearts were soon made to beat as one. We are informed the happy couple continued their journey to Rocky Mount where the groom is employed. May they ever be happy.

The Barbecue Dinner.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Company will have a grand auction sale of land at the old "W. O. Gregory homestead" 7 miles north of Oxford and three miles of Stovall, on Tuesday, May 27th, at 10:30 a. m. At this sale you will be able to purchase any amount of land you want from 20 acres up. Remember that you make the price—the terms will be easy. The sale will be featured with a brass band and a barbecue. For further information see page advertisement in this paper.

Accord Each Their Rights.

We are sorry to learn that people complain of each other showing a disposition not to give half of the road, which under the law they are entitled too, and yet a man would think it a terrible thing for a man to issue a warrant against him for violation of the law, or worse still run against his wheels and break his vehicle. Now, let every one be considerate and accord each other their rights, or more if necessary, whether you are driving buggy, automobile, wagon or cart, and avoid accidents and ill feeling.

Town Commissioners Meet.

At a call meeting held May 20th, 1913, to elect the officers and such other business as might come before the Board, the following officers were elected:

Clerk—R. B. Hines. Treasurer—John R. Hall. Policemen—A. Williford, I. H. Hobgood.

The Mayor announced following committees:

Finance—Graham, Yancey and Harris.

Streets—Parker, Usry and Graham.

Town Property—Bryan, Graham and Yancey.

Cemetery—Usry, Harris and Bryan.

Lights—Taylor, Graham and Parker.

Water—Yancey, Usry and Taylor.

Sewers—Harris, Bryan and Usry.

Sanitation—Taylor, Yancey and Harris.

Fire Department—Bryan, Taylor and Yancey.

GOOD STOCK FARM FOR SALE.

I wish to sell a good grain and grass farm containing 490 acres, with two fairly improved settlements on the place. It is conveniently located within two and one half miles of Oxford. Apply to W. S. Daniel at County Home.

May 24-o-a-w 4t.

IN OUR notice last week of the forty thousand miles record of the Taylor-Cannady buggy used by Mr. Cheatham, one of our popular rural letter carriers, we said, "he has used only one set of wheels." Our copy read only one extra set of wheels and that is what we intend to say. HORNER BROS. CO.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

R. G. Stem, of Hester, was in Oxford Thursday.

J. J. Allgood, of Route 7, was in town Thursday.

F. S. Currin, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

W. J. Currin, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

W. R. Nelson, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

J. W. Morton, of Route 4, was in town Thursday.

T. A. Royster, of Bullock, was in Oxford Thursday.

S. T. Hunt, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Irvin Stark is visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Filmore Adcock, of Salem, was in town Thursday.

John Burnett, of Route 5, was on our streets Thursday.

Beverly Eakes, of Providence, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Lynch is visiting relatives in Franklinton.

J. D. Kinton, of Route 4, was in town Friday morning.

Walter Averett, of Providence, was in town Thursday.

J. P. Hargrove, of Fairport, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Lee Harris, of Wilton, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Currin, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

O. C. Jones, of Goldsboro, is on a visit to relatives in Oxford.

Miss Sallie Webb has returned from Peace Institute, Raleigh.

T. J. Smith, of Providence section, was in town Wednesday.

We are sorry to say Mrs. W. C. Sharon, of Tar River, keeps very ill.

B. F. Hester and daughter, of Route 1, were in Oxford Wednesday.

W. T. Puckett, of Walnut Grove township, was on our streets Thursday.

Ed Duncan, one of the clever citizens of Stem, was an Oxford visitor Friday.

Ethan Allen and daughter, of Providence, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mize and child, of Route 2, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hogood and son, of Route 6, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Joe Watson and Henry Williford, of Culbreth section, were in Oxford Thursday.

Miss Maggie Currin, of Northside, is visiting Mrs. Roy Currin on Goshen street.

Will Stegall, of Smithfield, is an Oxford visitor and his old friends are glad to see him.

Early Moss, Wordie Moss and Albert Crews, of Tar River, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Spratley and daughter, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. I. H. Davis on College street.

Miss Mary Shotwell has returned to Oxford from Greensville, having completed her school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell have returned from a visit to Washington City, and Vineland in this State.

Miss Burma Sanderford, an attractive young lady of Creedmoor, is visiting Miss Myrtle Renn on College street.

W. R. Mangum, cashier of the Bank of Stem and quite a bright young man, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Thad Smith, of Route 6, who is recovering from a severe attack of appendicitis, was able to visit Oxford Wednesday.

H. A. Stem and bright grandson, Master Earl Crymes, of Stem, were in Oxford Wednesday and we had the pleasure of meeting them.

LOST—Bracelet on Sunday, May 11th, in cemetery; on one side it has a small dent. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to this office. 1t pd.

HORNER MILITARY SCHOOL CLOSES WITH DANCE.

Oxford College Commencement of Much Interest Next Week.

The Sixty Second Annual Commencement of Horner Military School comes to a close this Friday night with a dance at the Barracks.

The Field and Track Athletics between companies was witnessed by a large crowd on Horner Park Wednesday afternoon.

The closing exercises of the Franklin and the Washington Literary Societies this year was an event of much interest. The essays, debates, orations and declamations were of high order, exhibiting careful training, research and earnest work on the part of instructor and student.

The military drill between companies, and the manual of arms drill is always a pleasing feature at this year's work on the parade grounds will go down in history as being one of the best. The two companies are made up of fine young men from all over the State and elsewhere, and we wish them a pleasant vacation and a speedy return.

Although the class exercises do not begin at the Oxford College until Monday next a goodly number of visitors are already here and each day will add to the throng.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class will be preached by Dr. Mercer, of Rocky Mount, in the Baptist church, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Dr. Young, of Richmond, will deliver a sermon before the Young Women's Christian Association at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Lawrence.

The people of Oxford will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, a former resident which occurred Monday. The following is from the Charlotte Observer:

"Mrs. Sarah Skinner Lawrence, who had been in declining health for more than a year, died Monday at noon at her home in Dilworth, following a relapse which occurred Sunday and from which she failed to rally. It was realized that her condition was critical, but her death was nevertheless a shock to her relatives and friends, and many were saddened by the news of her translation to the other shore.

"Mrs. Lawrence was the wife of Capt. N. M. Lawrence and was 70 years of age. She was born in Edenton February 5, 1843, being a daughter of the late Thomas Skinner and Harriette Wilson Hoskins. She was married on August 1, 1865, to Captain Lawrence, who survives her. He was at that time a resident of Tarboro. Captain and Mrs. Lawrence and their children moved here 13 years ago and have resided here since that time.

"Mrs. Lawrence is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. R. Potts, of Savannah, who has been with her mother for some months; Mrs. H. L. Skinner, of Smithfield; Mrs. N. H. Cannady, of Oxford and Miss Lizzie Lawrence; Messrs. T. W. Lawrence, of California, Frank Lawrence, of New York and N. M. Lawrence, Jr., of Smithfield. She is also survived by a niece, Miss Linda Hoskins, who made her home with her.

"Mrs. Lawrence was a woman of many splendid qualities of character and was greatly beloved. She was a member of Tryon Street Methodist Church and was a consistent Christian, devoted to her Church and to her home and delighted to do good. She thought last of herself always and found her chief pleasure in being of assistance to others. Especially in her home life was her contribution to the pleasure of those about her most notable and there she will be most missed. She was a woman of charming personality and attractive manners, as well as of golden worth."

DON'T CARRY TWO PAIR OF GLASSES.

They are a lot of bother and unnecessary. If you need both near and far glasses use bifocals but get the right kind. My bifocals give you clear vision through both far and near lenses, and yet show no lines where the two are joined. Come in and try on a pair when I am in Oxford next Tuesday May 27th, stopping at the Exchange Hotel. Don't forget the day when Dr. N. Rosenstein, of Durham will be at Oxford Tuesday May 27th.