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COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT OXFORD COLLEGE.

Two Dozen Young Women Graduate From the Famous Old School.

The commencement exercises at Oxford College comes to a close this Tuesday afternoon with the final concert. It has been one of the best years in the history of the college. Twenty-four young women graduates step out into a new world, admirably equipped to fight the battles of life and to adorn the most exalted stations in society.

The baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class was preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning by Dr. Mercer, of Rocky Mount. It would be hard to find a more profound speaker than is Dr. Mercer. "Character" was the Doctor's theme, and he proceeded to point out the pit-falls and snares that constantly tests one's stability of character. He said that reasoning, or even conscience, was not an infallible guide; yet character, said he, is really in our own hands and as we stand the world comes to us and we are left to make our selections, separating the good from the bad. The Bible, said Dr. Mercer, is the only infallible guide. Prove all things by it, "and to him who hath shall be added."

Dr. Young, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, Richmond, Va., delivered the annual sermon to the Young Women's Christian Association Sunday evening. Dr. Young is one of the most eminent divines in Richmond, and he fully sustained this exalted opinion of the large congregation that greeted him at the Baptist church on this occasion. "The joys of the Lord is your strength" read Dr. Young from Holy Writ, and surrounding his text with beautiful illustrations and passages of Scriptures he declared that there is nothing wrong with this old world of ours—the trouble is within us, and he invited careful examination of ourselves to ascertain if this is not true.

A number of young women from the college, under the guidance of Mrs. Woodall, teacher of voice and expression, with Miss Mary Webb presiding at the organ, composed the choir at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, and the anthems and the hymnal songs they sang was an inspiration and would shed lustre upon any college in this broad Southland.

The following is a list of the young women who graduated: Misses Breta Gay Noell, Geneva Powers, Eugenia Woody, Amanda Cobb, Decie Dark, Carrie Tom Farthing, Flora Horrell, Bessie Howard, Maggie Richardson, Margaret Justice, Rassie Jones, Essie Johnson, Fannie Scott Jeffers, Annie Long, Marie Medford, Florence Loonan, Bernice Oliver, Myrtle Pass, Lena Jones, Grace Short, Ruth Taylor, Mary Wood, Olice Wood.

Monday—class day—was full of interest. The salutatory, original papers, songs, oration and valedictory, were polished gems—every one of them—and the songs and music revealed careful, systematic training.

The art exhibit and final concert this Tuesday afternoon will mark the close of the school. We shall miss the bright faces and pleasant voices of these young women in this community, and to the graduating class the good people of Oxford extend much happiness, and to all those who are following in their steps we wish a pleasant vacation and a speedy return to the grand old school.

Will Take Care of Roads.

The County Commissioners at a meeting held last Saturday decided to repair the roads of the county. Two road forces will be employed in the work, and it was decided to begin the work at once, first working all the roads leading from Oxford and continuing work until it is felt in every part of the county. The new road from Stem on toward Culbreth will be pushed to completion, but the commissioners are reluctant to begin any new work for some time, at least not until all the roads in the county have been thoroughly worked.

We commend the Commissioners for this wise course, and if they are successful in putting all the roads of county in good condition before the bad weather sets in they will win the hearty applause of every citizen of the county.

TRY OUR pine slab stove wood. One dollar per cord cheaper than regular wood. C. D. RAY. 2t.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Tobacco watered and set out has commenced to grow.

The Horner boys are all gone and quite a number of our girls are all forlorn.

The Horner boys and Oxford College girls have bid Oxford a glad good-bye.

Wonder if Oxford will have any charming June brides and handsome grooms?

I. H. Hobgood, the industrious Street Man, has put Hays street in good condition.

The balls are over and the band has ceased to play and the dear girls will take a rest.

The admirable improvements being made at the Exchange Hotel are nearing completion.

Don't try to straddle the fence on questions of public interest. Be a man and take a stand.

The farther out you go to meet the farmers the more of their trade you will pull to Oxford.

We are glad to learn that Dr. N. M. Ferebee, who has been sick for several days, is improving.

The commencements are all over and teachers and scholars have commenced to enjoy the vacation.

When completed Dr. Cannady will have an admirably arranged office with modern conveniences.

We wish Mary would shed some more tears before she goes out for the benefit of our farmer friends.

We stand at the gates of returning June awaiting the coming of the "accomplished and attractive bride in all her loveliness."

Prof. J. C. Horner drew off his pond Monday and caught some fine perch and chumps which were much admired by our fishermen.

The summer time is the time of the year when there is sickness, much of which can be avoided if sanitary precautions are taken.

The important question now arises why don't you get busy and help your accommodating Carrier win one of the Public Ledger Prizes?

We had a fine rain Friday night. People are still hoping for what the old darkey prayed for, "a sizzly sozzly rain," that will wet the earth thoroughly.

Children's Day will be celebrated at Salem Methodist Church on the first Sunday afternoon in June at 3:30 o'clock. Public cordially invited to attend.

J. A. Taylor, one of Oxford's popular traveling men, has equipped himself with an automobile and has had the time of his life learning how to run it.

Gen. B. S. Royster will attend as one of the State Representatives National Camp of the Woodmen of the World to be held in Jacksonville, Fla., June 10th.

Many of the town voters want to know in case the small \$10,000 is carried on the 14th of June whether or not it will be expended on both sidewalks and streets?

Clean up, paint up, swat the flies! Thus the civic club cries—

Add to which—and we'll cheer With a whoop resounding clear— Keep on baking cherry pies!

We have a cool proposition for you to consider as the weather is getting warm, and ask you to read ice advertisement of a large number of the merchants of Oxford.

If you want good ice cream try the velvet kind sold by R. L. Hamilton. You will find out more about the choice velvet kind by reading the advertisement on the 4th page.

They will find it a mighty tough proposition to defeat the distinguished Senator Overman, one of the most popular men in the Senate, of whom North Carolina is very proud.

We can afford to hold in our horns now and then, but not when it comes to schools, health, good streets and roads. All four are necessary to the growth of our town and county.

Found on the street a bunch of keys, two flat and one small key, on clasp marked "Dixie Tailoring Co." and owner can get the same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement.

Little Irvin Mangnm, who has been sick, we are pleased to learn is improving.

Quite a number of our people attended the Wild West Show at Henderson yesterday.

Dr. Sam Booth will return to Richmond today for treatment for nervous indigestion, and trust he will soon regain his health.

Mr. Frank Fort and Miss Sallie Bullock went over to Henderson on Monday night and were quietly married. We extend congratulations.

The Woman's Civic Club will meet next Tuesday, June 3rd, at 5 o'clock in the Commercial Club Rooms. A full attendance is earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. G. Cooper returned a few days ago from a visit to her sister, Miss Mary Horner, who is one of the teachers in the large Valla Crucis school in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noell and children, of Roxboro, attended the commencement of Oxford College to witness the graduation of their pretty and attractive daughter, Miss Breta Gay.

Must Undergo Operation.

The friends of Mrs. M. P. Chamblee will regret to learn that she will have to undergo another operation. Mr. Chamblee accompanied her last week to St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, and after a careful examination Dr. McGuire advises an operation. Mr. Chamblee will return to Richmond at an early date.

A Word About the Contest.

There is no let up in the enthusiasm manifested in the Mail Carrier's Contest. Each day brings it one nearer the goal, but no one can figure with any degree of accuracy who will capture the capital or other prizes. At the very outset of the contest we stipulated that nothing could be gained by withholding votes merely to spring a surprise. Even if it be 75 cents, one dollar or ten dollars turn it in and let the votes tell the tale. And now that the Contest is nearing the "short rows" no one carrier will be allowed to withdraw from the contest and place his votes to some other carrier. His record must stand for itself. The Public Ledger has no choice as to the winner of prizes; therefore, duty compels us to register the votes as directed by subscribers, and our observation is that the patrons are sticking very close to their particular carrier and will not enter into a compact with any other carrier.

Dr. Morris is Correct.

That is an interesting statement of Dr. Morris, County Demonstrator, about keeping boys on the farm. The necessity and the desirability is generally admitted; and as Dr. Morris clearly shows, the only way to keep the great majority of farm reared boys on the farm is to show them it is the best place for them; to educate them to its advantages. It is the natural disposition of the great majority of boys to change location when they start out in life. The boy of the village and the country town drifts to the larger towns and the cities; the boy on the farm drifts first to the village and the towns or to the West. A system of education and rural improvement that will show him that the farm offers better opportunities is necessary. The farm boy, like other boys, naturally want what he thinks is the best opportunity. If his environment and education are such that he grows up with the idea that the best opportunities are in the towns and cities or in some other part of the country, he will go away.

Needs Your Help.

Wake right up and get busy and see that the carrier on your route in the next 30 days rolls out of Oxford with one of the Public Ledger prizes. Your carrier has stood by you in all kinds of weather and now is your time to show your appreciation of his faithful service year in and year out. Go to work for him today.

Passed Away.

Joe Hart, one of the quiet good citizens of the Mt Creek section, died Friday after a lingering illness. He was 50 years old and leaves a devoted wife and 4 children to mourn his taking away. The burial took place Saturday afternoon at Mountain Creek Church in charge of Upchurch & Currin and attended by a large number of sympathizing neighbors and friends.

Long Co's. Reduction Sale.

The Long Company announces a substantial reduction on their splendid stock of millinery. The stock is complete in every particular and now is the time to get the latest styles and shapes at one-half price. Large reductions throughout the entire establishment is noted. Whether you stay at home this summer or go away it is everybody's duty to make a good appearance, whether man, woman, or child and if it cannot be had at Long Company's stores it can not be found elsewhere. See the large ad. on last page of this paper.

Mr. D. H. Norwood Stricken.

On Friday last about noon, Mr. D. H. Norwood, of Bullock, called at the store of Long-Winston Company on business, and while talking to Mr. Lenie Smith he suddenly felt a tremor pass through him and staggered and fell into the arms of Mr. Smith. Dr. B. K. Hays was summoned and at once pronounced it paralysis. The stricken man was placed on a cot and sent to the Wheeler boarding house, where he died a few hours later. The remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of J. Robt. Wood and prepared for burial. The remains, accompanied by relatives, were conveyed to Bullock on the 7 o'clock train Saturday morning and the interment was at Bullock church Saturday afternoon, Dr. R. H. Mash conducting the last sad rites.

THREE CARS pine and tin shingles just received. C. D. RAY. 2t.

TOOLS FOR SALE.

I have set of blacksmith and wood-working tools for sale along with a cold-tire shrinker. R. S. MONTAGUE. 5t.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Dr. B. K. Hays will leave today for Richmond.

Sam Jones, of Culbreth, was in town Monday.

J. T. Cozart, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

T. C. Rogers, of Wilton, was in town Saturday.

Dr. Hardee, of Stem, was on our streets Monday.

Crawford Knott, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

W. P. Hobgood, of Route 4, was in town Saturday.

J. T. Averett, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

C. G. Mangum, of Route 5, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. H. Washington, of Stem, was in Oxford Monday.

J. T. Bobbitt, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Frank Howell, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

L. Breedlove, of Route 5, was a town visitor Saturday.

Lucius O'Brien, of Route 1, was in town Tuesday morning.

J. T. Terry, of Providence section, was in town Monday.

J. H. Perry, of Creedmoor section, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mr. Charles Knott, of Route 1, were town visitors Monday.

N. G. Crews, of Dabney, was among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brummitt, of Shady Grove, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Barnett, of Route 2, were Oxford shoppers Saturday.

Henry Roycroft and W. H. Daniel, of Lyon section, were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Davis, of Stovall, is the guest of Mrs. I. H. Davis on College street.

Miss Kate Horner has returned home from an extended visit to relatives in Texas.

Otho Daniel, one of the splendid young bachelor farmers of Route 1, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williamson and children of Bullock section, were on our streets Monday.

Mrs. VanDeventer, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Irvin Mangum, on College street.

Miss Gray, a former teacher of the Graded school, is visiting Mrs. T. L. Booth on College street.

Mrs. Lawrence and son, of New York, have joined Mrs. T. E. Hicks at her Summer home near town.

Mrs. Charles Baltimore Calvert, of Washington, is visiting her son, R. C. M. Calvert, on High street.

E. C. Harris and two daughters, Misses Hettie and Lucy, of Route 3, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Miss Katherine Lassiter, one of Oxford's attractive young ladies, has returned from St. Marys school.

Mr. S. V. T. Chamblee, of Union Springs, Ala., spent the week end with his brother, Mr. M. P. Chamblee.

Mrs. T. M. Evins, of Spartanburg, S. C., is on a visit to her parents, Colonel and Mrs. H. G. Cooper.

Mr. A. B. Anderson, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, has returned to his home in Houston, Va.

Mr and Mrs. George Grimsley, of Greensboro, were pleasant weekend visitors to Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Booth on College street.

Mrs. Wm. S. Brown and sweet little daughter, Frances, of Ashland, Va., are visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. R. L. Brown.

Prof. J. A. Pitts, the popular Superintendent of the Graded School, returned Monday evening from a delightful visit to Creedmoor section.

Miss Norris Alexander, one of Fayetteville's attractive young ladies, was the guest of Mrs. W. H. White last week and took in the Horner school commencement.

YOUNG MAN HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Gives Out Worthless Checks, Leaves Town and Returns.

A young man arrived in Oxford early last week and engaged lodging at a local boarding house under the name of J. A. Bennett, of Columbia, S. C. He explained that he had come to Oxford for the purpose of establishing an electrical business, and he proceeded to look over and carefully examine all the available places for a shop and store room. He called on Mr. Calvet and made him an offer for the electrical supplies stored in his building and proposed to rent the room over the Water Company's office and use it for a sleeping room. He appeared to be a man of some means, and as our business men believed him to be somebody from somewhere they freely gave him an audience.

To Nassef & Co. he gave a worthless check on the First National Bank of Oxford for a \$15.00 suit of clothes. He tried the same scheme on other merchants with less success. In one of the hardware establishments he introduced himself as the man who had come to engage in the electrical business, and after examining the revolvers carefully he selected the finest one and explained to the merchant that as soon as he got his money matters straight he would call in and settle for the shooting iron. This was not satisfactory to the hardware man and he proposed that the stranger give the name of some reliable man in Oxford for a reference. That, he said, was an easy matter, and asked how would the Carolina Power and Light Company do. The transaction being a little unusual the hardware man was on his guard and he advised the stranger to get a letter or an endorsement from the Carolina Power and Light Company. This he promised to do and departed from the store, not to return. Among his other exploits he placed an order for a neat job of printing, but his unsound methods of doing business leaked out and the job was not printed.

Later in the week Bennett disappeared from Oxford. In due process Nassef & Co. learned that Bennett was unknown at the First National Bank and that the check tendered for the suit of clothes was worthless. The long distance telephone was connected up with the police departments in the nearby towns and cities in a vain effort to locate Bennett. However, Bennett returned to Oxford without solicitation on the 8.30 train Friday evening from Chase City, and instead of going to the hotel or boarding house he went to Critcher's livery stable and climbed into the hay loft. He was discovered there during the night and the police were notified of the stranger's whereabouts. An arrest was made and Bennett was arranged before his Honor Mayor Stem Saturday morning where he pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining goods under false pretense, and in default of \$50 bond he was placed in the county jail.

In an interview with a number of people who talked with Bennett previous to his Chase City trip all expressed the belief that he is of sound mind, but the fact that he returned to Oxford and secreted himself in a hay loft, some are disposed to believe he is demented, more or less. He claims that he has some well-to-do relatives in South Carolina, and if this be so something may turn up in favor of the unfortunate man.

In Honor of Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt and Edward Outlaw Hunt will give a cotillion this Tuesday night at Armory Hall, followed by an elaborate luncheon at their attractive colonial home. The dance is given in honor of four St. Mary girls, Misses Evelyn Maxwell, Caroline A. Lockhart, Fannie Cooper and Mary Butler, who accompanied the winsome Miss Janie Hunt home from school.

Preached at M. E. Church.

Dr. W. J. Young, the popular pastor of Centenary Church, Richmond, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church Sunday morning and gave that fine congregation the benefit of an eloquent and able sermon. While in Oxford the gifted doctor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown at Oxford Orphanage.