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DR. FEREBEE SCORES AN IMPORTANT POINT.

Advocates Better Streets and Asks How is the Money to be Spent.

Editors Public Ledger:

In your last issue you seem to be very much in favor of expending a part at least of the money to be obtained from the proposed bond issue in the construction of sidewalks. As a general proposition I fully agree with you that such a course would be advisable, but how much of the money should be spent in that way is a very important matter. You must fully realize that the success of Oxford depends mainly on the business and money brought to it, and that business rides, not walks, so good streets are of more importance to a town than good sidewalks. If we want to keep healthy, we must first make ourselves strong with meat and bread to enable ourselves later to indulge in cakes and cream. It may happen, if we spend too much on sidewalks and neglect our streets that the day will come, when we will have little else to do than admire those same walks. You seem to favor having the work done by the Board of Town Commissioners. That I think would be a mistake, and for this reason. The members of the Board are men engaged in business, and consequently could not be expected to give the very close attention to the work which it should have. Possibly another reason may be, that having already been "cussed" and discussed until they were so sore that it was thought advisable to apply a "vindication salve," it would hardly be fair to put them in a position where another application of the same would be necessary.

As the matter stands at present, the people who will have to pay the bills, the tax-payers are absolutely in the dark regarding the way in which the money is to be expended and the work done. I do not understand that the bill does anything more than authorize the issuance of bonds for streets and sidewalks. It does not go into details. If it does, it should be published in full. If it does not, then it is the duty of the Board of Town Commissioners for their own protection and the information of the people to formulate and publish before the election is held a plan showing what it is proposed to do, that is, what streets are to have sidewalks, what streets are to be put in good condition, and who is to do it. It is but just that the voters should have more light before being called upon to vote away their money. If that is done, and the vote shall be in favor of the bonds, as I believe it would be, then we should work on a systematic plan, and one something like this seems to me feasible.

The Board of Commissioners having decided what work shall be done, let them select three capable men who will give their close attention to the work. These men should give their services free of charge, for surely there are three men in Oxford capable of taking charge of the work, who are public spirited enough to give their services free. These men should carry on the work as planned by the Board. Now it so happens that quite a number of our citizens have taken advantage of the town's offer, and have put down granolithic walk in front of their property. Of course their property was made more valuable, but in being willing to bear their share of the expense they showed themselves progressive and public spirited. This plan should be followed. The town to put down sidewalks where the owner of abutting lots will agree to pay his share; whatever that share may be the owner to pay one-half cash and the remainder in two annual installments without interest, the money to be paid by an extra tax on the property. Certain sidewalks, as for example those leading to the depots should be put down at joint expense whether the owner approves or not. No dog in the manger business being allowed. On streets where it would not be deemed necessary to put granolithic, a walk not unsightly, yet very comfortable for pedestrians even in wet weather can be made at little expense with small crushed stone with a binder. Such a walk has been recently made on Spring street near the Baptist church. As this would not cost much the owner should pay

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GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Tobacco that was watered and set out is growing off fine.

Believe in your town and make everybody else believe in it.

Among the first ladies of the land are the tomato club girls.

It's a wise moonshiner in the Hericane that knows when to keep still.

J. Robt. Wood has received a new hearse of a light type and is painted gray.

In publishing base schedule for July 29 it should have read Presbyterian vs Episcopal instead of E vs M.

Granville's careful and painstaking Commissioners met on Monday to look after the interest of the county.

A girl has more sense than a man. She has the plans completed for the honeymoon for months before he proposes.

The buds who are coming out of high schools and colleges will soon blossom into the flower of hope of the country.

As a bachelor has nobody to put the blame on he blames himself for not getting married when he had the chance.

Contractor Campbell is making good time in the building of the new home of Oscar Breedlove on Cherry Street.

The friends of Mrs. J. E. Rouark will be glad to learn that she is improving after undergoing an operation in a Richmond hospital.

Walk yourself out of my kitchen, Said the spider to the fly You may have been wading thro' Good heaven knows what sty!

While we keep right on boosting the opportunities of Oxford let us seize some of them by the nape of the neck. That would mean business.

A colored philosopher is reported to have said, "Life, my brethren, am mos'ly made up of prayin' for rain, and then wishin' it would clear off."

It is stated that North Carolina now has 7,000 automobile compared with a little over 4,000 a year ago with gasoline selling at 25 cents per gallon.

When a man has two or three drinks of blind tiger liquor under his shirt he is liable to think and act differently than if he had fooled himself with soda water.

Another real estate sale took place in Oxford Monday when Joe Meadows became the owner of the large Currin Tobacco Prize House. We learn the consideration was \$5,000.

On May 31st Mr. W. E. Morgan and Miss Amie Woody, of Dennison, Va., were happily at the home of W. A. Tuck, near Virgilina, Rev. T. W. Hart performing the ceremony.

How is your kitchen these summer days? Pretty warm, isn't it? You should let Harry Williams install you a gas range, which makes the kitchen cool in hot weather.

Durell Brummitt, of Dement section, was in town Saturday afternoon, and informed us that he had a nice crop of tobacco growing with some of it containing 7 and leaves.

We are glad to learn that Miss Elizabeth Hancock, who has been sick for a week, is improving. She is threatened with appendicitis and was to a hospital in Richmond yesterday for treatment.

Those who keep everlastingly at it are bound to get caught, if they are not doing what is right. If it's work they are doing they are bound to succeed. If it's advertising they are bound to increase their business.

Of all glad words of tongue or pen, the gladdest would be these: that our people have decided to lay aside abusing and criticising each other, and will unite all along the line for the upbuilding of Oxford, the prettiest town in the State.

When the foll is called up yonder, And we all gather there, They wouldn't let a mail man in If they knew he'd learned to swear If you want St. Peter to open gate When your rural carrier knocks, Buy stamps and don't be guilty Of putting pennies in the box.

See notice of summons on fourth page.

Well, you can begin to get ready for the celebration at the Orphan Asylum on the 24th.

We learn that our friend Cam Burnett, of Route 5, is improving his home and outbuilding.

If a cool May betokens a good wheat crop this part of the country ought to have more wheat than ever before.

Well, since the old Johnson place has changed hands we stand a chance to get rid of the old unsightly charred building.

A. J. Kittrell, who has been in a Richmond hospital for treatment, we are glad to learn is much improved and will return home this week.

Don't fail when you get to the house of many mansions to look down on the newspaper you abused, yet had a eulogy giving you credit for virtue you never possessed.

Little Soon to Kick.

Of course it gets warm now and then—sometimes real hot—but it is too soon to kick yet. If all records are not reversed it will be sizzling hot later in the summer and by filing objections now you are wasting your energies—energies you will need later on.

Death of an Infant.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Myers passed away Monday night after several days sickness, and much sympathy is expressed for the parents in the loss of their dear little babe. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

The June Bride.

A bride of any other month may be as sweet, may be as happy, but the old affection for June and its sunlit glory surely has a special significance. June is the crest of spring, as it were, and the next wave sweeps us into the fulness and ripeness of summer, the fulfillment of the promises of spring.

Lucky Young Lady.

Miss Lillian Spencer is quite happy over winning the first district prize in the Raleigh Times contest, a diamond ring and a sweet-toned piano. She is the bright and amiable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Spencer, and we congratulate her upon being the successful winner of the two valuable prizes.

Constantly Increasing.

The success of the National Bank of Granville under President E. T. White and Cashier W. T. Yancey's management is one of the best indications of its usefulness to our people. These gentlemen aim to make the service of constantly increasing value to numerous patrons. See change of advertisement on another page.

Denominational Base Ball.

The denominational base ball league which was launched in Oxford last week is meeting with success. They have already played two games and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested on each occasion. The game last Friday between the Methodists and Baptist nines showed thorough knowledge of the game even if the muscles of the players were a little stiff. As the games progress we anticipate some very good ball before the series is ended.

The umpires have been chosen as follows: S. K. Phillips, Presbyterian; Capt. Devin, Baptist; Grady Harris, Methodist; Bert Taylor, Episcopal.

Capt. Devin will be able to submit a copy of by-laws in a few days. Among other things, the by-laws will settle the question as to who is entitled to play in the denominational league, which no doubt will be interpreted to mean that the player must either be a member of the Church or Sunday school.

It is desired that a friendly rivalry will spring up between the clubs, but no insubordination will be tolerated. The ladies are cordially invited to witness the games.

Friday's game in detail:

Baptist 11

Methodist 3

Summary—Two-base hits, Parham T, Mitchell L., Hit by pitched ball—Royster, Hancock, Parham T. Base on balls—Harris 8, Hancock 3, Parham 2. Struck out—Harris 4, Parham 3. Sacrifice hits—Parham H. Umpires—Phillips and Adams. Time 2.10.

At Salem Church.

Much interest was manifested in the Children's Day exercises at Salem church last Sunday. Quite a number of Oxford people were present and the whole countryside turned out to witness the exercises. The singing and speeches were very interesting. The congregation at Salem church is one of the largest and best in the county.

The Baptist Picnic.

The Oxford Baptist Sunday school will hold a picnic at Nathan Hobbard's farm next Thursday. They will leave Oxford in wagons and other conveyances at 8 a. m. and return in the shade of the evening. The place selected for holding the picnic is about seven miles from town, in a shady grove and plenty of cool water.

A Good Sign.

Interest in school matters is more evident than ever before in the county's history. It is a good sign to see the people of the rural communities vying with each other to see who shall have the best school. Good farms, good roads and good schools are some of the unmistakable signs of progress abroad in old Granville. Let us keep the ball rolling!

Patronize Home Industry.

Never send a dollar away from home when the article that the dollar will purchase can be obtained at home. Money is our financial blood. Its circulation keeps the business body live. Bleed that body by sending money away and business will soon put on a look of lethargy. Always trade at home. Watch the bargains offered by enterprising advertisers in this paper and you will learn the best places to spend those home dollars.

Col. Osborn in Oxford.

Col. W. H. Osborn, the new Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington City, was an Oxford visitor Friday and Saturday and was the guest of his good friend R. W. Lassiter at his pretty home near town. While here the Colonel received the warm congratulations of his old home friends upon his elevation to so important position under our great government, and will reflect honor upon the "Home of the long leaf pine; Where the summer sun doth shine; Where the weak grow strong And the strong grow great Down home in Old North State."

Guest of Woman's College.

Mrs. E. T. White, after spending the week guest of the Greensboro Woman's College, has returned home accompanied by her charming daughter, Miss Hixie, who spent the year studying at the college. Mrs. White thoroughly enjoyed commencement week and speaks in glowing terms of the splendid school and the Diamond Jubilee exercises which marked the seventy-fifth year of its usefulness. The festivities of the occasion were at their zenith at the jubilee banquet, which was given over to toasts and reminiscences. It was estimated that four hundred people were present from all parts of the State to witness and take part in this celebration, and the attendance of the alumnae was unprecedented.

Let the Commissioners Speak

As to whether the bond issue will be carried on Saturday, June 14th, is problematic. From all we can gather a large number of voters will not support the issue unless the Board of Commissioners come to the front with a statement as to what proportion of the funds will be spent on the sidewalks and what proportion on the streets, in view of the fact that they have the discretionary power to say how the money shall be spent. We are sure the statement would materially aid in favor of bonds. We but reflect the feelings of the majority when we state that our sympathies lay with the man who walks, and he is entitled to as much consideration as the man who rides, which has not been the case in the past.

WANTED—An experienced salesman in a dry goods store. Permanent position. Answering this advertisement give reference. Address communication to P. O. Box 186, Oxford, N. C.

Alas for the young man whose only claim to distinction is a little straw lid with a multi-colored band.

IF IN need of wagon or harness at low price call on Pete Bullock. 8t

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Miss Horsfield returned home Saturday.

B. T. Hicks, of Bullock, was in Oxford Monday.

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

Mrs. Crews, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

John Mayes, of Stem, was in town Saturday.

W. T. Roberts, of Stem, was in Oxford Monday.

R. T. Crews, of Tar River, was in town Monday.

Sam Mize, of Hester section, was in town Monday.

R. L. Brummitt, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Willie Burwell, of Route 4, was in town Saturday.

Thomas Hunt, of Route 2, was in Oxford Tuesday.

D. T. Winston, of Adoniram, was on our streets Monday.

Miss Allene Minor has returned home for the vacation.

D. G. Crews, of Route 2, was a town visitor Saturday.

Miss Elevelyn Howell has returned from teaching school.

E. M. Dean, of Richmond, was on our streets Saturday.

Ed Parrott, of Wilton section, was on our streets Monday.

D. Y. Hunt, of Route 3, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Wayne Gooch, of Clarksville, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

W. C. Daniel, of Mt. Energy section, was in town Monday.

Charles Lawrence, of Creedmoor section, was in town Monday.

Glaude Allen, of Creedmoor section, was in town a few hours Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Green and daughter, of Route 5, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Parham, and daughter, of Route 3, were in town Monday.

J. L. Woody and two sons, Tyree and Julian, of Route 5, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bragg and child, of Littleton, are visiting relatives in Oxford.

E. J. Jenkins and J. W. Whitfield, of Brassfield Township, were in town Monday.

Miss Mary Shotwell is attending Trinity College commencement at Durham this week.

Miss Irving Royster returned on Friday from attending Davidson College commencement.

I. E. Harris, of Creedmoor, cashier of the Citizens Bank, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mrs. Luther Stark and Miss Marie Stark returned Monday from a pleasant visit to Warrenton.

Mrs. J. F. Coleman and child, of Kentucky, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nat Daniel, on Route 4.

Eugene Currin, of Richmond, spent the week end in Oxford with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Currin.

Dr. Henderson returned Friday from attending the State Dental Association at Winston-Salem.

Dr. Jack Bullock has returned from the Medical College in Richmond and will enjoy his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell and three fine boys, of Raleigh, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mellichambe on College street.

Miss Lucie Patton, the pleasant little milliner at Long Company's, will return to her home in Morganton Friday for the summer.

Mrs. J. T. Morris, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Mason, on Asylum street, has gone to Willoughby Beach for the summer.

THOSE TALL GREEN CHIMNEYS CALLED TREES.

Tall Trees Carry off Hurtful Gases and Add to Health and Comfort.

The lone tree on the post office lot is still standing. It is a subject of much interest. A great many people claim that the tree should be removed but there are others who wax eloquent in behalf of the stately oak. The final decree has not reached here from Washington. We are in sympathy with the tree.

To insure a pure and fragrant atmosphere around his dwelling man must accept from nature those tall, green chimneys called trees. They imbibe and carry aloft into the air those hurtful gases which if admitted to the lungs and brain, might injure the former and hinder the delicate movements of the latter.

Our towns and cities would be much more healthful if trees were called in to aid in the work of scavengers. If people were thoroughly waked up to the importance of planting trees it would not be long till some of our country towns would become as inviting as they are now dreary and repellent. Instead of the dusty suburb, with the sun's rays in the heated towns eating down pitilessly upon its shadeless walk from the depot more pitilessly even than in the city, where the tall blocks generally assure at least one shaded sidewalk to every main thoroughfare, thickly planted trees would give a walk from the train that would be much enjoyed on a warm summer day.

Death of Mr. James Lassiter.

Mr. James S. Lassiter, the youngest brother of Mr. R. W. Lassiter, died in Holyoke, Mass., May 18th. When a young man Mr. Lassiter ran a drug store in Oxford, and many of our older citizens remember him well. He left Oxford about twenty five years ago. The following notice of Mr. Lassiter's death is taken from a Holyoke paper: The funeral of James S. Lassiter will be held in his home, 191 Beech street, tomorrow afternoon, followed by services in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Rev. Franklin F. Knight officiating. Burial will be in Forestdale cemetery.

Returned to Texas.

William Gibbs Hunt, who has been visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hunt, since February 13th, left with his wife and baby and his two brothers, Kilgo and Earl, last Tuesday morning for Waco, Texas. A telegram Friday stated they reached Waco Thursday night, making the entire trip of 1,800 miles in three days and two nights, going by Asheville and Memphis. During the seven years absent from home this young man has been successful from almost every standpoint. He owns a large farm in one mile of the town Grady, New Mexico. Mr. Hunt with his family and brothers will remain in Waco, for a few months and then they will settle on a farm in South Texas in which he has an interest.

Horner Military School.

The sixty third annual catalogue of the Horner Military School for 1913-14 has been received. The book contains one hundred pages, neatly printed and bound and contains much valuable information to parents who have sons to educate. It is finely illustrated and contains a good picture of the late Dr. Taylor sitting on the banks of the pond fishing.

Death of Mrs. W. C. Sheron.

On May 27th the gentle spirit of Mrs. W. C. Sheron took its flight. She lived near Tar River and the interment was at Mountain Creek Cemetery. Mrs. Sheron was about 23 years of age and leaves a husband and three small children. She had been a devout christian all her life and will be greatly missed. We extend condolence to the bereaved family.