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ONE OF THE BEST LODGE ROOMS IN THE STATE.

The Odd Fellows of Oxford Meet in a Veritable Little Palace.

If the ladies of Oxford were to peep into the lodge room of the Odd Fellows, in the brown castle at the head of Main street, they would with one accord pronounce it "Elegant." They would see the best furnished lodge room in the State, and only a few elsewhere excel it. Brains and skilled hands have converted it into a veritable palace, and the motto of the Odd Fellows—"Friendship, Love and Truth"—is visible at every turn in the ante-chamber and lodge room. The first thing to greet one's eye on entering the lodge is a large massive oak altar in the centre of the room, on which rests a magnificent volume of Holy Writ. The officers' chairs on platform, are hand-carved with towering backs; a running board, three feet wide, covered with asbestos and faced with brass, encircles the room, on which are more than one hundred heavy quartered-oak chairs for the members. The floor is covered with a magnificent Wilton carpet, and the color scheme of the room is absolutely perfect. The walls are lined with pictures. Over the Noble Grand's chair, done in oil, hangs a life size bust of our own Gen. B. S. Royster, Grand Representative, and the Past Grand's chair, at the other end of the room, is honored with a portrait of that prince of Odd Fellows, the lamented Chas. M. Busbee, Past Grand Sire. Where ever you look, you are greeted with a smile from those who have labored for the tenets of the order—Friendship, Love and Truth. We fancy we saw one slight error in the grouping of the pictures, if we mistake not. Namely, over on the east wall hangs a picture of that magnificent institution, the Orphan Home, at Goldsboro, and off yonder is the picture of the late Hon. A. H. A. Williams, founder of the Home. His motion at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1888 to establish the Home was passed, and the pictures should be placed in close proximity, for he and the great work were inseparable so long as he lived. The ventilation of the lodge room is perfect, and that, too, while conferring degrees. The lodge room is lighted from overhead, and this, too, plays a very important part in degree work. By manipulating the switch-board various degrees of light and color are obtained, but a glare is never permissible.

We are not advised as to whose scheme it was to beautify and adorn the lodge room, but the entire membership of ninety men is due much praise, and doubtless Gen. Royster, who is universally popular in fraternal circles throughout the United States, and who has visited many lodges in a representative capacity, imbibed all that is beautiful and useful in lodge room and brought them home. Other fraternal orders meet there, but the temple is the property of the Odd Fellows. The noble little band purchased the property several years ago. It was almost too much for them and they almost staggered under the load, but there were those among them who coupled Faith with Friendship, Love and Truth, and to-day it is the most desirable block of property in Oxford, and this represents only a small proportion of what they have contributed for the support of the widows and orphans.

Let the Commissioners Speak

Editors Public Ledger:
If the casual remarks one hears in regard to the coming Bond election can be considered as a reflection of the views of the voters it would appear that our people are not as much concerned as they should be about a matter which so deeply affects the future of Oxford. The views that are being expressed may be due to lack of information and it would seem that our Honorable Board of Commissioners could, by adopting the suggestions made in a recent issue of the Public Ledger by Dr. Ferebee, not only officially inform the voters as to how the money realized from sale of bonds will be expended, but at the same time, it occurs to me, relieve themselves of future criticism by thus making known their plans and placing the responsibility on the voters. Yours respectfully,
A. H. POWELL.

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

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

This is a month that is filled with June days.

Fishing is quite a diversion with some Oxonians.

Horner Bros. Co. had a mule to die Sunday night from eating too much clover.

Open season now for June brides, sweet girl graduates, moonlight picnics and bill collectors.

But the man who's busy on his job does not complain about the cold wave as much as the loafer.

It is said a jury is a body of men organized to find out which side has the smartest and shrewdest lawyer.

Yes, Cordelia, the days of special taxes are on, but depends upon who they effect whether they have them to pay or not.

Don't throw banana rinds on the sidewalks. Some good citizen or reckless groucher might slip and sustain bodily injury.

A boy corn grower who wins a prize gets paid because of his success. Success always gets something on his side, boys.

Pile on beauty, summer day;
Heap the rain and sunshine high;
June has bid Miss May good-by,
Loose my wings and let me fly.

We are glad to learn that W. T. Lee, one of the excellent clerks at Landis & Easton's who has been sick several days, is much better.

Walkin' off our fuss and fret
Where the blooms are bobbin' yet
With their laughter in the sun—
It's the way God wants it done!

When a woman no longer gets any pleasure from trying to remodel her husband it's a pretty sure sign, says a writer, she is getting tired of him.

This is fine growing weather and the crops are humping in the face of a cool rain. The town man's garden is also snaring in the general prosperity.

The good old summer time is with us again, and some people are afflicted with the "fever in the lurks, with two minds to loaf and one to work."

R. L. Burnett, of Route 6, was in town Saturday and purchased of Long-Winston Co. a pony buggy, and you bet his son was happy when it reached home.

There are lots of good people scattered about who are looking for a good town to locate in. Oxford would be the very place for most of them if they knew it.

The tobacco crop in Granville is all set out and is growing off nicely. The farmers are pulling for a good crop, but there is nothing more uncertain than tobacco.

When Adam slept, God from him took

A bone, and as an omen
He made it like a seraph look
And thus created woman.

We take it that Superintendent R. L. Brown and Farmer R. I. Daniel, of the Oxford Orphanage, can boast of the fine field of wheat in the county ripening for the harvest.

Before marriage he could hold her on his lap for four hours and never get tired. After he gets her he is exhausted if she asks him to hold the baby on his knee for a few minutes.

We know that filth breeds flies and that flies spread disease. So if we tolerate flies and filth in our community, we may expect to have a lot of sickness and many needless deaths.

A couple in Kansas courted for 43 years before getting married. Some Oxford couples wait a long time and there are a few around here that be trying to beat this Kansas record.

One advantage about these new silk slouch hats for men is that one can scratch his head without removing the hat. However, there is not as much cause for "scratching" as there used to be.

The old-fashioned man with his hair parted on the side will ere long disappear and in his stead will reign the pompadour and the dude who has his divided equally in the middle lest too much weight be put on one side.

Some repairs are being made to the windows in the Court Room.

J. G. Royster and Billy Williamson, of Bullock, were in Oxford Saturday.

B. M. Currin, of Route 4, lost a horse Sunday from eating clover, we are sorry to learn.

The many friends of J. D. Brinkley, of Petersburg, were glad to see him in Oxford Saturday.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Currin, of Route 4, who has been quite sick, is a some better.

The venerable J. A. Watkins, who has reached his 82nd year, continues quite feeble at his home near Cornwell.

The nomination of Caleb Osborn for Postmaster of Oxford will be sent to the Senate this week, along with a number of others from this district.

Dr. T. L. Booth returned Saturday night from a professional visit to Richmond and reported that the colony of Oxonians in the hospitals were doing well.

Dr. N. M. Ferebee is now the owner of a beautiful new model 6 cylinder Oakland automobile, and will take many pleasant rides this summer over the slopes of old Granville.

R. T. Crews, one of the successful farmers of TarRiver section, was in town Saturday and are under obligation to him for a mess of the finest onions we have seen this season.

Mrs. James Paris left Tuesday for the University where for six weeks she will pursue a course of professional study. Miss Helen Paris accompanied her mother to Chapel Hill and will continue her studies in art.

Indeed, we regret to learn that the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brooks, of Route 4, passed away on Saturday after several days illness, and we join their neighbors and friends in extending condolence to the bereaved family.

No, Taxpayer, because one line of special county tax was abolished in order to benefit one man, does not indicate that the other lines are tax free, but they ought to be, for what is 'saucy for the gander ought be saucy for the goose."

Dr. Weathersoon out of Town

Dr. J. B. Weathersoon, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, is holding revival services in Laurinburg this week. It is not announced as yet whether the pulpit at the Baptist church will be filled next Sunday.

Rev. Louis Taylor.

Rev. Louis Taylor arrived at his old home a few days ago from New York City, and on Sunday morning gave the congregation of the Episcopal Church the benefit of an able sermon. During the year, we are glad to learn, he will confine his work to this diocese.

Revival at Methodist Church.

There is much interest in the revival services now in progress at the Methodist church. Rev. North, of Raleigh, is assisting Dr. Tyler with the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting, which begins at eight o'clock every evening throughout the week.

The Banner Warehouse.

Sam Wheeler has the contract for the enlargement of the Banner Warehouse, which will be extended about seventy-five feet in the rear, and will have it ready in time for the new crop of tobacco. This means greater facilities for the handling of the ever expanding Oxford tobacco market.

Just Freight Association.

At a call issued by the Commercial Club, Merchants' Association and Farmers Union a meeting was held in the Court House Monday and a Just Freight Rate Association was organized with the following officers: James W. Horner, of the popular firm of Horner Bros. Co., President, C. A. Adams, secretary. The Executive Committee will be appointed later. An article covering the discrimination against Oxford will appear in our next issue.

NOTICE—On June 28, 3 o'clock, the committee will meet at the Corinth school house for the purpose of employing a teacher. Please send in applications before then or meet the committee on that day.

B. R. PITTS, Oxford, Route 2.
"EAT Sweet Home Bread."

A Good Neighbor.

We have seen cows, horses, sheep, and some other domestic animals tied out to graze, but not until a few days ago have we heard of chickens being thus fed. One of our townsmen decided upon this plan rather than let his chickens run at large and destroy his neighbor's garden.

Still Captured in Hurricane.

Sheriff Hobgood, accompanied by J. H. Hobgood, Conrad Walters and R. F. Murray rode out into the Hurricane, near the Wake county line, Monday night and captured a 40-gallon still along with 150 gallons of beer. There was nobody at the still. After a 46 mile ride the Sheriff and party reached Oxford early Tuesday morning with the still and worm.

Demonstration Work.

It is interesting to note that our correspondents in various parts of the county are speaking of the great work being accomplished by Dr. J. A. Morris, County Demonstrator. He is putting in some grand picks these days, and wherever he is found you will hear him talking about education, better farming and kindred subjects. A larger and a better County Fair is a subject that lays very close to the heart of Dr. Morris, and his wisdom and influence will be felt in that direction this fall. Dr. Morris has not only proven himself to be a good County Demonstrator, but he is a splendid physician, a good school man and a splendid farmer. The finest field of wheat to be seen anywhere is on his farm near Wilton.

Sudden Death of Young Man

The people of Oxford were greatly shocked Sunday morning to learn that Willie Lassiter, the third son of Mr. Robert W. Lassiter, had died suddenly in the early morning hours at the old home near town, as his lifeless body was discovered by a member of the family who happened to go up to his room. It was indeed an awful shock to the devoted father, brothers and sister and the deepest sympathies of the whole community went out to them in the tenderest manner in their sudden bereavement.

Willie Lassiter was assisting his brother, R. G. Lassiter, in his street work in Henderson, and they both arrived in Oxford on the 7.20 Seaboard train Saturday night to spend Sunday at home. Being quite popular with many of the young men Willie went around to Lyon's drug store and had a companionable talk with some of his friends and seemed in the best of spirit. About 9.30 o'clock he drank a lemonade and then a glass of ice water, and bade them good-night and left for home. On arriving home he remarked to his father that he felt tired out and kissing him good night went up stairs to bed, and was not seen in life again.

His life was cut down in the very bloom of young manhood. He was an affectionate son and brother, and a companionable friend, as he possessed a bright mind and genial disposition, and made friends wherever he went.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home near town by Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield, which was largely attended by sympathetic friends of the family, after which all that was mortal of this devoted son was conveyed to the family plot in Elmwood Cemetery and amid tears of devoted loved ones was consigned to the windowless house of the dead to await the resurrection morn.

May the Great Giver of all things be with and sustain the grief stricken father, sister and brothers in the hour of deepest gloom.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, and more than covered the sacred mound. The following were the honorary pallbearers: T. W. Winston, W. H. Hunt, H. G. Cooper, A. W. Graham, J. C. Horner, J. G. Hall, W. S. Daniel, B. S. Royster, J. C. Roberts, C. S. Easton, W. Z. Mitchell, C. W. Lyon, J. A. Taylor, W. A. Devin, R. H. Lewis, Chas. Gregory, T. L. Booth, A. H. Powell, D. H. Currin, G. A. Coggeshall. Active pall bearers: John Williams, R. M. Osborn, Pete Wood, A. H. A. Williams, J. B. Powell, H. G. Williams, E. G. Crews and J. P. Harris.

Those attending the funeral from out of town were: Brent Drane, Charlotte; Bennett Perry, C. C. Fulton, B. V. Hedrick, Al Hedrick, Josiah Wilkins, Albert Jones, Rand Overby, Morris O'Neal and Redding Perry, of Henderson.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Will Daniel, Route 2, was in Oxford Monday.

J. T. Daniel, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

B. F. Hester, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

C. A. Hicks, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

W. K. Long, of Route 5, was in Oxford Saturday.

P. C. Blackley, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

G. W. Land, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. C. Breedlove, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

J. K. Daniel, of Berea section, was in town Monday.

Sam Watkins was in Virgilina Monday on business.

Mrs. J. C. Robards is spending the week in Asheville.

John Paris is on a visit to relatives at Rocky Mount.

Taylor Hobgood, of Route 1, was in Oxford Saturday.

E. A. Bobbitt, of Wilton, was on our streets Saturday.

Fred Currin, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mrs. P. C. Parham, of Route 3, was in Oxford Saturday.

Richard Harris, of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday.

Macon Hobgood, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

R. L. Brummitt, of Route 2, was on our streets Saturday.

Graham Daniel, of Providence section, was in Oxford Saturday.

L. A. Mathews, of Warfield, Va., was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

J. I. and Charley Gordon, of Route 2, were in town Saturday.

Titus Currin and D. Currin, of Route 6, were in town Saturday.

Wm. Jones, of Brassfield township, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Parham, of Providence were in town Saturday.

Albert and J. W. Crews, of Tar River, were town visitors Saturday.

W. J. Royster and family, of Providence, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adcock and son, of Route 6, were in town Saturday.

D. R. Knott, of Knightdale, was in Granville this week visiting relatives.

Ben Pitts and sister, Miss Mary, of Route 2, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Roy Royster returned several days ago from school and will enjoy his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stark are spending the week at "Wood lawn" near Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Husketh, of Wilton section, were in town Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Brooks and daughter, of Route 1, were in Oxford Saturday.

J. F. Hobgood and two sons, of Providence, were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. D. Currin, of Route 6, was an Oxford shopper Saturday and rode home in a nice new buggy.

Otho and Marsh Daniel, two of the fine young bachelors of Route 1, were on our cold streets Monday.

Miss Annie Furman, one of the excellent teachers of Salisbury Graded school, is at home for the summer.

Mrs. Sallie Knott, of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Saturday and bought a nice new rubber tire buggy from Long-Winston Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hershey and three children, of Columbus, Ohio, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey on College street.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Newton, of Blackwell's bridge section, were in town Saturday and had the pleasure of riding home in a new carriage.

Beasley Taylor and James White, two of Oxford's fine young men, are attending a house party at the pleasant home of Mrs. Murray at Manchester, Ohio.

CALLED MEETING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

A Discrimination as to the Special County Taxes.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Saturday at the call of Chairman Stedman with all the members present to consider the Meadows road and attend to other business if necessary.

On motion it was ordered that the order of May 24th, 1913, pertaining to the Frank Meadows road be rescinded, and that the road known as the Stem Shoo Fly Road run west of the house according to the second survey and that a jury of three disinterested freeholders be summoned by the sheriff to view the premises and ascertain what damages are due said Meadows caused by said road crossing his land.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Shortly after the adjournment Sheriff Hobgood approached Mr. Henry Floyd and asked him for his State and county special taxes fixed by the Legislature on stallions and Jacks; and as Mr. Floyd had two stallions \$40 tax was a regular stunner to his pocket book and he put the sheriff off and at once got busy. He soon had the Board of Commissioners again in session and made the motion that stallions and Jacks be relieved of the county part of the special tax, which was done by the following vote: Floyd, Stedman and Tilley voting for it, and B. I. Breedlove and Z. W. Allen against it.

We suggest at the next regular monthly meeting when the tax levy is made that the Board in justice to all parties who are subject to taxes under schedule B. to instruct the sheriff to collect no county tax under said schedule owing to the fact that the Board has relieved one of their members of this tax. It is estimated that there are about 15 stallions and Jacks in the county, whose owners keep them for same purpose that Mr. Floyd does—for making money and the county tax on them would amount to \$150.

The Board is composed of excellent gentlemen, and if they desired to relieve a brother member of the special tax, who is able to pay it, it would have been better for them to have chipped in and paid it for him than to have shown such partiality by taking all the county tax off of stallions and Jacks, and then make others pay the special tax.

As to the Public Ledger, which has already paid a privilege tax of \$10 to the county, we shall at the next meeting of the Board ask that same be refunded to us, as we have as much right to be exempted from said tax as a member of the Board.

We take it that Mr. A. A. Hicks, the able county attorney, will readily see the great injustice done those having paid the special county tax and will advise the refunding of the same, unless all who have to pay special tax under this schedule are fed out of the same spoon.

Let justice be done though the heavens fall.

Important Point.

It is a general idea of some farmers that the cultivation of a crop consists of killing the grass and weeds in the crop. This is, of course, a very important part of making a crop, but it is a secondary object in cultivation. Cultivation in one sense of the word has the effect of manure and irrigation. Cultivation does not add one pound of food or moisture to the soil, but it makes what is there of use to the growing plant. All the plant food in the soil and what is put into the soil is useless without moisture. By frequent and shallow cultivation the moisture is retained in the soil and kept near the surface.

Prison Reform.

Prison reform is spreading over the country, because the family always suffers much with the prisoner. "In Kentucky," it is said, "the prisoner is paid full wages for his enforced labor. Twenty-five per cent reverts to the State, which compensates it for his period of incarceration. The remaining 75 per cent is turned over to the family of the convict, or paid to him, if unencumbered, upon his release."

TAG DAY—Look out for tag day, June 24th. The Senior Philatheas of the Methodist church will tag every person seen "at large", June 24th and demand in return some contribution for its class funds. Large and small offerings equally acceptable; tags pretty souvenirs. Let no one miss the opportunity to help such a good cause.