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A GREAT DAY FULL OF PLEASURE.

Several Thousand People Throng Our Streets and Visit at Orphanage.

The annual celebration of St. John's Day at the Oxford Orphan Asylum is an event of much interest in this section of the State. Early this Tuesday morning, even before the sun made its appearance, people from surrounding country began to arrive, later followed by excursion trains the crowd began to grow and by ten o'clock the streets presented an animated appearance. It is estimated that not less than ten thousand visitors are here, and it is seldom that one sees a better looking or better behaved crowd. Granville county is well represented, and they come in their best equipments and dressed in their Sunday clothes. Whenever you see fine horses, you see pretty girls—it is so in the blue grass region of Kentucky and it is so in Granville county—they are pleasant to look at—those large sleek horses and rosy checked maidens that lends a charm to this glad day. The spacious grove at the Asylum is a choice place to hitch their horses and spread their well-filled baskets, but the crowd is so great that the hitching lots and shady places about town are full of vehicles. The 360 orphan children at the Asylum, dressed in pure white garments, is an inspiring scene, and their merry voices and rosy cheeks tells the tale of that devotion born of God.

At the appointed hour John W. Hester, the talented young lawyer and orator, delivered the address of welcome in splendid style, which was followed by the annual address, delivered by Prof. C. S. Noble, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina. Prof. Noble is one of the most polished speakers in the State and the great multitude that gathered about the speaker's stand were thoroughly impressed. All the ceremonies at the Orphanage were very interesting and St. John's Day this year goes down in history as an event of much interest.

The admirable arrangements for the entertainment of the great throng at the Orphanage speaks well for the executive ability of Superintendent Brown. The children are exceedingly neat and so well behaved that they cause much favorable comment. The barbecue dinner, which is always a feature of the celebration, is prepared with great care. The fire pits were lighted early Monday night and as soon as the hickory logs became a bed of coals more than twenty fine dressed shoats were laid on the grid-irons and the process of barbecuing was kept up all night. J. Robt. Wood is chairman of the Committee on Barbecue this year. Every thing is in readiness for the great event at the hour the Public Ledger goes to press this Tuesday morning.

Oxford vs. Chase City.

A select nine from Oxford went over to Chase City Saturday and defeated the ball team at that place. Those composing the Oxford team were: Lee Gooch, Will Mitchell, Beverley Royster, Frank Hancock, Ernest Howard, Herman Lardis, Taylor Marrow, Carl Wortham and Shepard Booth. The score stood 9 to 7 in favor of Oxford. Lee Gooch, who is attending the summer school at the State University, came over and helped the boys out and the victory is not a surprise.

A Pleasant Old Home.

The pleasant old home of Mr. Charley Easton which was pushed over to Littlejohn street to make room for the new post-office is as spick and span inside as any castle in the land, and Mr. Easton proposes to devote the same painstaking care to the exterior in the near future, and when the building receives its finishing touch of paint and the granolithic walks have been laid and the grounds adorned with greensward and shade Mr. Easton will have one of the handsomest properties in Oxford. Mrs. Alice Gooch, who formerly ran the house, has again leased the property and is conducting it as a first-class boarding house, and with its pleasant surroundings it is indeed a pleasant old home.

"EAT Sweet Home Bread."

FOR SALE—Fresh Fancy Comb Honey in one pound packages. Twenty cents per pound. TAYLOR BROTHERS, The Sanitary Grocers.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Of course the weather is really hot enough for you.

And the Lord isn't alone in His love for a cheerful giver.

The Public Ledger is now read by more than ten thousand people each week.

J. Robt. Wood has been appointed Assistant Chief of Fire Department by Chief Wheeler.

No, Cordelia, two cannot live as cheaply as one. But after you are married you have to.

The reduced summer shoe sale at R. S. Montague's will soon close so go and get a comfortable pair.

Dr. E. T. White's nice home on Main street is more attractive than ever in its new coat of pearl gray paint.

Seventy-seven new doctors and forty-five new dentists have recently been licensed to practice in North Carolina.

Many nice compliments are being paid the attractive improvements just completed at the Exchange hotel.

We have found out years ago there is never any shortage in the crop of Ingratitude. And you will get your share.

Remember if you need any job printing of any kind send it in to this office and it will be nicely done at lowest prices.

There were quite a number of farmers in town Saturday and reported the wheat crop good and had fine weather for saving it.

A Mr. Lamb is said to be slated for Ambassador to Mexico. Owing to the need of a courageous ambassador in Mexico, how would a North Carolina Lyon do for the job?—Morning Star.

Club life may spoil a few women, but it broadens and helps women generally. The Civic Clubs are proving a benefit to North Carolina towns, as they have brought about many reforms.

The Routon dwelling has been moved to the corner of the lot by Ex-Sheriff Wheeler, owing to the fact that Hillman Cannady has purchased 21 feet of the lot on the side which joins his lot.

Superintendent R. L. Brown, who has an eye single to the interest of the children, informs us that an old fashion cooking school will be established at the Orphanage in order to the girls plain cooking.

The officeseeker that misses an appointment can well say:

I had a friend

On me he'd dote,

He shook me when

He got my vote.

Equal rights for all and special privileges for none. Discrimination always would cause a row. Discrimination in favor of one set of men gives them the advantage over another set of men, and hence the dissatisfaction.

We desire to call attention to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year shows a steady growth in this institution devoted to the higher education of the women of the State.

Graham, a smaller town than Oxford, has just voted a \$50,000 bond issue for improved sidewalks and streets while Oxford voted for the small amount of \$10,000, and don't know whether they can be placed or not as the bond market is glutted.

Brimmingly beautiful in her world. Of the calm, sweet lanes of dawn, Summer comes by in her fruited vine And her harvest of glory on.

Maiden still in her lithe, free swing, The dance of her twinkling feet, For brimmingly beautiful summer Forever and ever sweet.

J. W. Adcock, of Route 4, was in town Saturday and informed us that his daughter, Miss Annie, set a turkey hen on 20 eggs and hatched out every egg, along with eight young rats, making 28 in one nest. Well, the old turkey hen was hatching some.

Great Value.

Even the pines in North Carolina have a manifold value. They provide turpentine, rosin, tar, pitch, medicides, lumber and happy homes. The Land of the Long Leaf Pine has more kinds of a versatile country than any land on the top side of the globe, says the Star.

Will Study in New York.

Miss Loraine Joyner left for New York City last week to take a special course in music. It was the intention of her sister, Miss Burdette, to accompany her for the purpose of studying art, but a slight illness prevented and she will join her sister later.

Good Times in Granville.

The Granville county farmers are as busy as a one-eyed boy at three ring circus these days, and indeed they have a right to smile and be happy, for seldom have we known prospects to be so bright for good crops. True, there are many "ifs" to a tobacco crop and something might happen to it before it reaches maturity, but let us not cross the bridge before we get to it. Here's to the success of our farmer friends, who are nexcelled for thrift and industry in the State.

The Exchange Hotel.

Workmen have been busily engaged for some time in remodeling the interior of the Exchange Hotel, and they have succeeded in converting the dining room into one of the very nicest rooms of its kind to be found anywhere. The ladies reception room and hallway leading to the dining room have been beautified and a wide balustrade at the entrance of the dining room, adorned with potted plants and ferns, with seats provided for an orchestra, gives the place a fairyland appearance. The large sample room of the hotel has been used as a dining room while the workmen were busily engaged on the other parts of the hotel, which included a large kitchen, butlers pantry and a nice marble fountain for ice water. The new dining room was thrown open to the guests on Monday last and the only disappointing feature was the non-appearance of the string band which Manager Smith engaged for the occasion.

The hotel as it stands to-day will compare favorably with the hotel to be found in town much larger than Oxford, and with its jovial owner, the fat and handsome Lonnie Smith, the hotel is an ideal place for the commercial traveler to feed and repose.

Splendid Man Passes Away.

On last Thursday night at eleven o'clock, Mr. S. R. O'Briant, one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Granville county, departed this life at his home near Culbreth in the 80th year of his age. He had been in failing health for several years, and was taken with his last illness at Mt. Zion church on the first Sunday in June and carried home, which he was never able to leave again. Mr. O'Briant was an old Confederate veteran having enlisted in the Southern cause at the beginning, and rendering honorable services until within four months of the close of the struggle, he was so severely wounded in the left leg that amputation was necessary, previous to that time having received wounds in each of the other limbs of his body. He was truly a patriotic citizen and took a delight in relating his war experiences, which were many and varied. After the war he settled on the farm, and with the disadvantage of one leg he began anew the battle of life, and by strong resolution and great perseverance he made a splendid success. Mr. O'Briant was a sincere christian having made a profession of religion early in life, uniting with the Baptist church, having been for the greater portion of his life one of the foremost workers of Mt. Zion church, where he held his membership at the time of his death. When quite a young man he was united in marriage to Miss Francis Currin, of this county who preceded him to the Great Beyond several months ago. Three sons and four daughters survive him: W. C. O'Briant, of Route 6; R. H. O'Briant, of Route 2; J. M. O'Briant, of Durham. His daughters are: Mrs. Cornelia Crutcher, of Route 2; Mrs. Julia Parrott, of Lyon; Mrs. Mary Ragan, of Durham; and Mrs. M. R. Stem, of Culbreth. The funeral was preached at his home Friday afternoon by Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, who was his pastor for many years, after which the remains were carried to the old family burying ground where an address of great lengthness was delivered by his life long friend, Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, the body then being consigned to the tomb. The esteem in which he was held was attested by the large number of relatives and friends who gathered from different parts of the county.

Pitts-York Nuptials.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of E. T. York, Creedmoor section, on Tuesday evening last when his daughter, Miss Iola Dale, became the bride of Prof. J. A. Pitts, of Oxford.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. W. Martin, of the Youngville Methodist church. Preceding the ceremony the guest listened to Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" and "Constancy," which were beautifully rendered by Mrs. L. V. Grissom, of Durham, the accompaniment being played by Miss Ethel Holmes.

Just at 2 o'clock, Miss Holmes started the Mendelssohn's wedding march, and the bridal party entered the parlor in the following order: The groom with his best man, Paul J. Kiker, of Wadesboro; next being the maid of honor, Miss Ethel York, sister of the bride; following her came the ring bearer, little Miss Evelyn York. The bride entered on the arm of her sister, Mrs. O. R. Allen, and joined the groom before the altar of ferns and cut flowers.

During the beautiful ring ceremony the "Melody of Love" was softly rendered. The charming bride, attired in chiffon over messaline carrying a beautiful bouquet of bride's roses, was a vision of loveliness.

Immediately after the ceremony they drove to Creedmoor and took the train to Asheville, where they will spend a few days. From there they will visit the groom's relatives in Tennessee.

The bride is one of Granville county's most popular young ladies, as was evidenced by a large array of handsome wedding presents.

The groom, a native of Tennessee, graduated at Trinity College in 1906 and since has been one of North Carolina's most popular teachers. He is now the splendid superintendent of the Oxford Graded School.

They will be home to their friends in Oxford after August 15th.

The Public Ledger extends to the happy couple congratulations and wish for them a long and happy life.

Concerning Public Schools.

All who expect to teach in the public schools of this county must attend the County Institute under the following law: "All public school teachers of the State and all high grade and graded school teachers are hereby required to attend biennially some county teacher's institute or accredited summer school continuously for a term of not less than two weeks, unless provisionally hindered; and failure so to attend such institute or summer school shall be cause for debarring any teacher, so failing, from teaching in any of the public schools, high schools, or graded schools of the State until such teacher shall have attended as required by law, some county institute or accredited school. The law as amended by the recent Legislature is as follows: "The county board of education of each county shall, on the first Monday in July, 1913, appoint in each of the district of the county three intelligent men of good business qualifications who are known to be in favor of public education, who shall serve as follows: One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year from date of their appointment as school committeemen in their respective districts until their successors are elected and qualified. On the first Monday in July of each succeeding year, the board of education shall appoint one member of the school committee in place of the member whose term of office has just expired, and who shall continue in office for a period of three years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified." It is hoped that the county board of education of each county shall fix annually a day and place in each township for the meeting of the district committeemen of said township, who shall in conference with the county superintendent, with whom application must have previously been filed by all respective schools, except for rural public high schools.

The Legislature has provided now that the county board of education must arrange for the teachers to receive payment at the end of the month, which is a good thing.

Must Get Together.

With so many factions trying to run things it will prove a good thing for the town if they would unite all along the line, get right in the procession and help make Oxford get a hump on herself. The only town that gets a hump on it is the one whose people unite and have a hump on them.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Carl Piper, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

J. B. Elliott, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Bob Pitts, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

D. Currin, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. J. Royster, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

S. R. Howard, of Route 4, was in town Saturday.

Frank Currin, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday.

J. F. Puckett, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

George Royster, of Providence, was in town Saturday.

J. W. Wrenn, of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday.

Mrs. J. S. Bradsher, of Roxboro visited Oxford Saturday.

Miss Bell Thorp, of Oak Hill, is visiting Mrs. C. H. Landis.

J. T. and Otho Daniel, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

J. G. Shotwell spent Saturday at his old home near Berae.

J. D. Cox and Townes Newton, of Bullock, were in town Saturday.

Sam Currin, of Henderson, visited his home in Oxford Saturday.

John Paris returned Saturday from a pleasant visit to relatives at Rocky Mount.

D. G. Crews, A. A. Crews and J. Y. Crews, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Alice Collier, of South Boston, Va., is visiting Mrs. H. M. Turner, on Broad street.

Mrs. J. H. Waller and daughter, of Weldon, are the guests of Miss Emma Meadows on Penn Avenue.

Sam Hobgood came over Saturday from South Boston and spent the week end with his family in Oxford.

The popular Lee Taylor come in from Wilson and spent the week-end at home to the pleasure of his many friends.

Beasley Taylor and James White arrived home Monday morning from attending a house party at the pleasant home of Mrs. Murray in Manchester, Ohio.

Gen. B. S. Royster returned home Sunday from attending the National Camp of the Woodman of the World at Jacksonville, Florida, and reports a royal good time.

Our old friend James Meadows, who has so faithfully served the American Tob. Co. for many years, has been promoted to a buyer's place and will leave in a few days for Mayville, S. C., to buy tobacco.

The Mail Carriers' Buggy.

The fine nice buggy which the Public Ledger will award to the most popular rural mail carrier in Granville county at an early date is now on display at Long-Winston Company. Just inside the large plate-glass window, with a play card on it, it attracted the attention of the great throng this morning as they passed along College street to the Orphanage.

Democratic Religion.

The Greensboro Record, a strong supporter of the able ex-Governor Kitchin, says: "Say what you please Senator Simmons surely has Democratic religion. He has been baptised in the faith and is standing squarely with the President on all measures advocated. He said he would do this and is keeping his word."

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.

WHEN THE Farmers or their wives are in town trading they can be supplied with a nice dinner and place to rest for the small sum of 25 cents at the Wheeler Hotel. 2t

SEVEN ROOM Cottage for rent with modern improvements; good garden, poultry yard and stables. Apply to S. M. Wheeler. 2t

THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS HOLD SPECIAL SESSION.

Committee Appointed to Negotiate Sale of Bonds.

The Town Commissioners met Friday evening with the following members present: T. G. Stem, Mayor, presiding; S. W. Parker, R. S. Usry, A. W. Graham and C. W. Bryan.

A number of bills were ordered paid, and the question of operating the rock-crusher by electricity was referred to a committee with a request to report its findings.

On motion Mayor Stem was requested to prepare a bond as provided for in the election, and that the Mayor and Finance Committee report the best offer for the bonds.

On motion C. W. Bryan was elected to serve as Mayor pro tem during the present administration.

On motion the Clerk and Chief of Police were requested to look up all parties and concerns subject to special taxes.

T. Lanier, attorney for the National Banks, appeared before the Commissioners and argued that the banks are not subject to the special tax under the law. There were a number of other concerns urging a reduction of the special tax, which was referred to a committee.

Commissioners Bryan and Usry advocated the consolidation of the office of tax collector and treasurer, making the salary of the combined office of tax collector and treasurer \$933 per year, said officer to keep an intelligent set of books. The motion was opposed by Judge Graham and it failed to carry.

J. A. Poytress, lessee of the Opera House appeared before the Board, and in discussing the question of removing the scenery from the Opera House, which he claims belongs to him, in which some hot shot were fired between Commissioner Judge Graham and Poytress. Here is where the even, smooth temper of Mayor Stem severed him well, and he proved to the satisfaction of every one in this emergency that he is Mayor and will be Mayor throughout his administration and will not stand for foolishness, and with promptness and decision he called the belligerents down.

The defeat of Commissioners Bryan and Usry's motion to consolidate the offices of tax collector and treasurer is unfortunate. The motion was made not with a view of costing the town any more, but it contained a "rider", which, if passed, would guarantee a safe and sound method of bookkeeping, easily of access and intelligent at all times, and by this is meant that any item of expense could be found instantly, which would be a great convenience to everyone having business with the town government, and under it the Mayor would sign all vouchers issued by book-keeper. It was indeed unfortunate that the motion failed to carry, and we hope it will be reconsidered later.

The Mechanical College.

The advertisement of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh appears in another column. This College is fulfilling its mission as a place for first class technical training. Turn where you will and its graduates are making their mark on the industrial life of the State.

Face Burned.

Friday night while W. E. Carden, the reliable automobile repairer, was adjusting something about the new machine of J. F. White he White struck a match 3 or 4 feet away igniting some gasoline burning Mr. Carden's face right badly. It was indeed a narrow escape for Carden and should be a warning against striking a match around an automobile.

Base Ball Game Friday.

Last Friday the Baptist defeated the Methodist in an exciting game of base ball 6 to 5. The game was the best of the season and was marked by the sensational playing of both teams. The Methodist out played the Baptist and should have won easily but luck was against them. The features of the game were the pitching of Harris W., for the Methodist, and for the Baptist the pitching of Royster at short and the pitching of Farham H., who in the sixth with two men on bases struck out three men.

"EAT Sweet Home Bread."