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THE TRUE FUNCTIONS OF THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

We Seek No Office and Prefer to Work for the Uplift of Town and County.

We have always believed that a newspaper which departs from the paths of righteousness is as easily spotted by the public as a preacher who goes astray. No profession touches the public so closely as that of newspaper men, and the first and greatest principle in publishing a newspaper is to be honorable and square with the public. A man who edits a newspaper with an eye single to capturing an office is not a newspaper man in the true sense of the word. The newspaper should be the attorney for its readers. Every subscriber pays the paper a retainer's fee to represent the people against those who would prey upon them. A paper cannot serve two masters. As for the Public Ledger, we seek no office, and constantly strive to keep our heads above the strife that a few petty politicians would engender. There was a time when these same politicians talked much about "strife in and around Creedmoor" but after due investigation we find that there is an entangling influence at work at the county-seat that will set at naught any little bickerings that can justly be brought against the people of the Creedmoor section. To "tell the truth and shame the devil" is a good policy for any newspaper to adopt, and not being office-seekers or pledged to any man or set of men or faction, and not having an axe to grind, we can well afford to tell the truth—to champion the cause of education and the interests of the farmer—not the interests of the obstructionists, knockers and kickers. It claims the right to champion the cause of all good people. It is not yet time to "fix up a slate," and when it is done, let it be done in the open. All who have been readers of the Public Ledger since it was established know that it has in season and out of season championed the cause of education, and was largely instrumental in the establishment of the splendid graded school in Oxford. As to the County Fair, we have and will continue to work for its success. We are quite content to work for the upbuilding of town and county, and having adopted the "fourth estate" for a living, and not for office, we shall strive to serve the good people of Granville county faithfully and well. When you muddy the stream for the other fellow,

It makes your own feet and legs so yellow!
When you climb to the top on another's trouble
Success is so likely to burst like a bubble,
When you try to get even, look down at your feet
And see if corrosion like, that is so sweet.

Citizen's Bank of Creedmoor.

"Confidence," says a writer, "is a plant of slow growth." Be this as it may, confidence is the very foundation of business dealings; and is, like character, an asset of almost incalculable value as between man and man, bank and patron, community and its public servants. Confidence, then, like integrity, is beyond price, and is born of mutual knowledge and esteem. It has its inception in acquaintanceship. The officers of the Citizens' Bank of Creedmoor aim to deserve your confidence and desire to make your better acquaintance to the end that they may establish a footing of friendly and confidential helpfulness. Read adv. on another page and call on I. E. Harris, the efficient cashier.

Attention, Veterans!

The special coach for the Granville county veterans will be at the Seaboard depot Sunday afternoon and any veteran can enter it after sunset and go to sleep. It will leave about 3 a. m. Monday morning and go through to Gettysburg without change. It will reach Baltimore at 12 o'clock and go out to Gettysburg in the afternoon. The fair is \$10.65 for the round trip. Every veteran is expected to bring his badge, soap and towels, every thing else free. Sons of veterans and others can go on same coach at same rate, but must provide for themselves after reaching Gettysburg. Each veteran will have to procure from the commander a certificate showing he was in the army, otherwise he will not be admitted to the camp at Gettysburg. W. H. WHITE, Adjutant. A. W. GRAHAM, Commander.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

This is fine julep weather.
Blackberries are plentiful and the pies are good.
Nobody complained on Thursday about the dust.

In some sections of the county too much rain has fallen.

A few shipped watermelons have appeared upon the market.

Booker Beasley, of Person county, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Work on the extension of Johnson warehouse is being pushed.

The cottage occupied by J. E. Adkinson on Clement street is being painted.

While you can compel a man to accept an education you can't make him learn to spell.

Not so many obstructions in the way of getting to Gettysburg as there were this time 50 years ago.

Mrs. J. H. Griffith returned a few days ago from a Richmond hospital greatly improved in health.

The Bullock and West Oxford base ball teams will play a game at Horner Park this Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Contractor has commenced to lay brick on the Princess Theater, which will be a modern play house when completed.

Good-bye old oak tree,
We bid you a last adieu;
You have caused much trouble
And glad to get rid of you.

We very much regret to learn that a hail storm did considerable damage to the fine crop of tobacco of George Parham near town.

Come down angel of peace
And heal town's fever of strife,
So the people can once more unite,
Proving love is still lord of life.

The attention of our readers is called to the change in the advertisement of the First National Bank of Granville on another page.

If you want to see how prosperous the National Bank of Granville and Oxford Savings Bank are read the statements on another page.

As 24th of June has passed let's call the "dogs of war off" in Oxford and hold a peace jubilee which would prove a benefit to the town.

In another part of this paper the Hamilton Drug Co. has something to say about toilet articles and we ask our many lady readers to read the advertisement.

We learn that the County Commissioners are making arrangements for the erection of the new buildings on the admirable place purchased for the County Home.

We regret to learn that Buck Currin, who came over from Virginia to visit his son, John Currin, near Woodlief's mill, was stricken with paralysis and is quite sick.

The Carriers' Contest landed 51 new subscribers this week, and the Public Ledger is rapidly increasing its territory, which will prove beneficial to the business interests of Oxford.

Lest some people may forget we repeat that the Public Ledger is a Democratic Journal devoted to the Material, Educational, Political and Agricultural interests of Granville county.

The 24th of June brought happiness to one young couple, Mr. M. C. Woodlief and Miss Lillie Tippet, who were married in Oxford by the excellent Squire J. N. Tilley, of the Knap of Reeds section.

We know something of the new political line up in Oxford, which will work in harmony with Fifth district office distributing bureau at Greensboro, and at the proper time will let the people know what's up.

While Master Jack Cannady was trying to get ahead of his sister, she in the buggy, he on his bicycle, on Raleigh street Thursday afternoon, was knocked down and run over by the buggy and badly bruised up.

Mrs. J. A. Snyder, of Rocky Mount, Miss Bessie Floyd, of Wilton, and Misses Hattie and Ollie Floyd, daughters of Dr. Floyd, of Louisville, are the pleasant guests of Mrs. James Floyd on College street.

Oxford Victorious.

The game of ball Tuesday afternoon at Horner Park between Oxford and Youngsville was a one-sided affair, as the score stood 4 to 0 in favor of Oxford. The game was largely attended, and the boys were highly pleased with gate receipts.

Miss Hancock at Home.

The many friends of Miss Elizabeth Hancock will be glad to learn that she has returned from St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, where she was treated. She is on the road to recovery, but it will be some days before she fully regains her strength and vigor.

Cannady's Mill Popular.

Cannady's Mill is a very popular place these hot days and from early morn to shady eve merry voices resound around the dear old place. Mr. Charley Easton went out with a crowd of young people this Friday morning, and with well-filled baskets they proceeded to make things merry.

Married in Oxford.

Mr. Wm. W. Brown, of Philadelphia, and Miss Nina E. Aiken, daughter of J. F. Aiken, of Northside, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Oxford Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. A. P. Tyer performing the ceremony. For the present the happy couple will make their home at Columbia, S. C.

Wish Them a Good Time.

We sincerely wish every veteran who attends the grand reunion at Gettysburg the coming week a glorious time. They will leave Oxford Monday morning at 3 o'clock in a Pullman car under the command of their beloved Commander, Judge A. W. Graham, who has never failed to look after the comfort and pleasure of the Granville veterans when on a trip.

A Case of Hydrophobia.

A fine cow of W. G. Pace was recently taken violently sick and upon examining the cow Capt. Will Flemming and Mr. Pace decided it was a case of hydrophobia. The cow was beheaded and the two men took it to the Pasteur's Institute at Richmond, where it was diagnosed and pronounced to be a violent case of hydrophobia. Messrs. Pace and Fleming, who had been exposed somewhat in working with the animal, are remaining at I institute a few days as a matter of precaution. Capt. Fleming had a sore on his hand and it is feared that he is in danger, but nothing has developed as yet.

Creedmoor Chronicles.

Mrs. C. B. Lawrence, of Wake county, was in Creedmoor Tuesday.

Mrs. R. C. Bullock and little son, of Hester, were in Creedmoor Tuesday.

J. H. Perry, a good farmer of the Fellowship section, was here Saturday.

Miss Thelma Daniel, of Lyon, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peed at Creedmoor.

Mrs. Cate Thomasson and Miss Manuel Beck, of Northside, were in Creedmoor last Friday.

A. E. Rogers and two bright little daughters, of Youngsville, were in Creedmoor visits last Tuesday.

George Milton and family who have been visiting relatives at Willow Springs returned home last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hedgepeth, of Lyon, were in town Tuesday. They were accompanied by Miss Hattie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holmes and three daughters, of Edenton; Misses Helen, Ruth, Ray and Elizabeth James are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris at Creedmoor.

Dr. G. T. Sikes and Mrs. Sikes and Mrs. D. L. Mangum and little daughter Mildred, who has been attending the medical convention at Morehead City, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Roger Critcher, of Williams-ton, who has been visiting friends and relatives in and around Creedmoor left for home last Friday. It has been 12 years since she was here. Mrs. Critcher said there had been a wonderful change in Creedmoor during that time, that it had grown to be quite a little town.

"EAT Sweet Home Bread."

FOR SALE—Fresh Fancy Comb Honey in one pound pack; 25 s. Twenty cents per pound.

TAYLOR BROTHERS,
The Sanitary Grocers.

Lightning Damages Fine Tree

One of the fine elm trees on Col. Ballou's lawn was struck by lightning last Wednesday evening during the terrific thunderstorm. The bolt struck the trunk of the tree three feet above the ground and tore its way upwards, leaving a deep gash in its body and tearing the bark from some of the limbs. Of all the pretty trees on the lawn this one was perhaps the finest, and it is hoped that the damage done will not result in its death, but that it will survive the effects of the thunderbolt.

Woman's Civic Club Makes Statement.

There seems to be some wild rumors floating around in regard to the part the Woman's Civic Club took in the request to the Government to place the Public Building in the center of the square, instead of on the corner, thereby saving the large oak tree that stands in the center front of the lot. In justice to the ladies who were interested in the symmetrical beauty of Oxford's public building and the saving of the stately tree which alone make up the beauty and comfort of the town, the club desires to state to the citizens of the town, just exactly the position they took in the matter, and thus stop the unjust and unkind remarks that have reached the ears of the club. As it was understood at first that the building was to be placed in the middle of the lot owned by the Government, the first request made to the architect was to "spare the tree," if possible, but when it was found that the plans called for the building to be placed on the corner of the lot directly on the street instead of in the middle with a grass plot in front and on either side, as had been first understood, a second request was sent asking that the building be placed in the center of the lot, fifteen feet from the front walk, with equal distances on both sides, leaving place for grass plots, and if by so doing the tree could still remain where it is, the favor would be greatly appreciated; but the tree was only a secondary consideration, the placing of the building in the center of the square being the important matter, and if they could not do this the club would withdraw the request and ask that they kindly proceed with the original plans, as they would not for any reason, desire a change in the architecture or plans of the building. These and these only were the requests sent in to the Government and these request were not sent in by the Civic Club alone, but the matter was carefully discussed with a large committee of gentlemen, and the petition signed by the Mayor of Oxford, the President of Granville Commercial Club, and the Woman's Civic Club and several individual telegrams were sent by other prominent business men of Oxford, who agreed then that the building should by all means be placed in the middle of the square and the tree saved if possible. The Civic Club holds copies of all letters and telegrams sent and will be glad to show them to any one who so desires.

The Woman's Civic Club desires only to be useful and helpful in the civic beauty, health and uplift of Oxford, and it is deeply regretted that these false rumors have been afloat.

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB.

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

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	6,700
Carrier No. 2 Oxford	36,700
Carrier No. 3 Oxford	25,900
Carrier No. 4 Oxford	21,000
Carrier No. 5 Oxford	16,000
Carrier No. 7 Oxford	15,500
Carrier No. 2 Virgilina	11,500
Carrier No. 2 Northside	11,400
Carrier No. 1 Hester	30,700
Carrier No. 1 Stem	20,100
Carrier No. 2 Stem	13,000
Carrier No. 3 Stem	11,400
Carrier No. 1 Creedmoor	12,600
Carrier No. 2 Creedmoor	11,300
Carrier No. 1 Franklinton	11,900

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Mrs. John Gooch is visiting relatives in Clinton.

W. D. Kimball, of Providence, was in town Thursday.

Nat Cannady, of Cannady's Mill, was in town Thursday.

West Jones, of Wake County, is visiting friends near Oxford.

Eugene Moss, of Creedmoor section, was on our streets Thursday.

Miss Willie Lee Smith returned a few days ago from teaching school.

W. W. Knott, of Church Roads, Va., was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Misses Gregory and Davis, of Stovall, were on our streets Wednesday.

B. W. Butler and two daughters, of Stovall, were in town Wednesday morning.

John Betts, of Raleigh, a former resident of Oxford, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Bowling and sister, of Greenville, visited relatives in Oxford the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Knott and children, of Wendell, were on our streets Wednesday.

James Horner, of Horner Bros. Co., was in New York the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Skinner and children, of Greenville, are visiting Mrs. Julia Minor on College street.

President F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford College, is at the Great School meeting at Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Minor and child, and S. W. Minor, of Durham, were in Oxford Tuesday.

Mrs. Lee Davis and three children, of Raleigh, were the guests of Mrs. Frank Spencer first of the week.

Mrs. T. N. Burwell has returned from Raleigh where she went to execute some orders for painting.

Mrs. Stubbs, of South Carolina, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther Buchanan, on Raleigh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Skinner and son, and Mrs. Cynthia Skinner, of Smithfield, are visiting relatives in Oxford.

Mrs. John Mayes, of Stem, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Stark, of Townsville, were the guest of Mrs. Walter Stark on Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Day and Mrs. B. K. Collins and little daughter, of Weldon are the pleasant guests of Mrs. Yancey on Penn Ave.

Mrs. J. H. Waller and children, of Weldon, have returned home from a visit to their aunt Mrs. Yancey on Penn Ave.

Miss Gladys Hill, of Baltimore, and Miss Louise Allen, of Warrenton, are the guests of Miss Irvin Stark, on College street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland and Miss Lou Kimball, a very fine pianist, of Norfolk, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Renn on College street.

Miss Carrie Fox, of Emporia, Va., and Clyde Cannady, of Rocky Mount, are visiting Miss Imogene Cannady on College street.

Miss Georgie Bumpass, who recently returned from a Richmond hospital is visiting her aunt Mrs. L. B. Turner on Penn Ave.

The many friends of Marshall Pinnix, of Lawrenceville, are glad to see him in Oxford after his long absence. Pleased to learn that he is doing well.

Judge Graham happened to be in Washington on legal business and heard President Wilson deliver his able currency speech in the House of Congress.

Miss Lillian Spencer attended the marriage of Miss Sallie Royster at Clarksville, Wednesday and so did Mr. Pittard, the excellent agent of the Southern Railway.

Chas. H. Morefield, of the Office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., who has been in Durham on official business, visited his sister, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, a few days ago.

Miss Annie J. Hamme and Miss Annie E. Wortham, of Virginia College, Roanoke, Va., are now at home after spending several weeks with relatives in Maryland and Washington City.

A NICE ORDERLY CROWD COMES AND GOES.

Only Two Intoxicated Men Seen Among the Ten Thousand Visitors.

It is estimated that ten thousand people visited Oxford on St. John's Day, and in the great throng only two men were seen under the influence of liquor, and they were not Granville county people. It was indeed a good-looking, orderly crowd and despite the warm weather every body was in the best of humor. As to whether the crowd was as large this year as on former occasions is a matter of conjecture, but it is certain that the refreshment stands did a larger business this year than ever before. One refreshment stand in the identical spot it was last year doubled its receipts this year. Only one incident occurred to mar the pleasure of the day, and that was considerably overdrawn. The news reaching here that a young man was accidentally killed on one of the highways leading to Oxford, but it was soon definitely known that a horse became frightened at an automobile near Oxford and instead of the young man being killed he sustained a broken arm. A drenching rain came up late in the afternoon, but there was abundant shelter for the great crowd and no one became drenched.

Good Thing for Farmers.

It is a pleasure to the Public Ledger to learn from Mr. Eugene Moss, Assistant Director of the Test Farm near Oxford, that it is proposed to have the latter part of July a Farmers Institute and Basket Picnic at the Test Farm for the direct benefit of the excellent tillers of the soil of Granville and adjoining counties. It is a good move and everybody should give it their hearty co-operation.

A program is now being prepared which will include specialties on the crops grown in this and adjoining counties, which means so much to the development of the great farming interests of this section of the State. In addition to this the great question of co-operation will be discussed by men who are specialists along this line.

Supt. Joyner Writes.

Members of the county boards of education throughout North Carolina are urged in a strong letter written by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner to observe in their selection of county superintendents only the best interests of the public and elect men best suited for the work regardless of politics or whether they come from the counties in which the offices are to be held.

For the first time in the history of the State women will serve as school committeemen, and Superintendent Joyner urges the selection of men and women of intelligence and good business qualifications, who are known to be in favor of public education, as required by law and will take an active interest in the schools and have the courage to discharge their duties, especially in electing teachers, without fear or favor. No politics should enter into the selection of the township committees. Dr. Joyner says: The law allowing women to serve on the committee goes into effect July 7.

The attention of the educational boards is also called to the fact that the compulsory attendance law is effective this year, and the boards are urged to elect attendance officers who are interested in education, who are in sympathy with the compulsory attendance law and who will be active and tactful in the enforcement of the measure. Attendance officers will be named for each township in a county.

The attendance officer will also be charged with taking an annual school census, and the State Superintendent requests that this be taken on or before September 1. The letter refers to the \$400,000 that the State will expend in addition to the regular appropriations to equalize the terms at six months duration. Dr. Joyner thinks that this sum will assure a minimum term of five months the first year, the counties, of course, being required to make up the balance.

"EAT Sweet Home Bread."

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.