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OXFORD ODD FELLOWS' RECEPTION.

Their Wives, Daughters and Sweethearts Visit Elegant Lodge Room.

The Odd Fellows of Oxford handsomely entertained their wives, daughters and sweethearts Tuesday evening, the occasion being the complete renovation and furnishing of one of the neatest lodge rooms in the State. The ninety Odd Fellows and the invited guests numbered more than two hundred, and the middle link of the three-link mystic chain, typifying "love," was paramount on this occasion. A bevy of pretty girls, the daughters of Odd Fellows, served first a superb fruit beverage, and second, those elegant blocks of ice cream—"the velvet kind" that makes Hamilton's Drug Store famous these hot days.

General B. S. Royster, who was master of ceremonies, marched in with the officers of the lodge and took the noble grand's chair. With a sharp blow of the gavel he called the lodge to order and requested the secretary to ascertain if all present were qualified to remain, and the secretary vouching for the guests the lodge proceeded under the head of "Good of the Order" from 9.30 to 11.30, and there was not a dull moment during the whole time.

Past Grand Master H. M. Shaw was the first speaker, and in welcoming the guests said that he had visited nearly every lodge in the State in an official capacity and that he had yet to find a lodge that surpassed the Oxford lodge for beauty and comfort.

Col. H. G. Cooper, a charter member of the lodge, in a reminiscence mood, told of the early struggles of the lodge, and reviewed its history from the time it met where now stands the Baptist church on up through the intervening years to its present elegant site at the head of Main street, which the Odd Fellows own in fee-simple.

Mayor T. G. Stem outlined the aims and objects of Odd Fellowship in a neat speech of five minutes, and was followed by D. G. Brummitt in a graceful speech in which he urged the wives to let their husbands attend the meetings of the lodge, assuring them of its pure and noble mission.

Dr. E. T. White spoke very feelingly of the good qualities of those who have gone to their reward, and of Past Grand Master Bobbitt, who resides in Eastern North Carolina.

Senator A. A. Hicks made a capital talk along interesting lines, and was followed by John W. Hester in happy style.

In bringing the meeting to a close General Royster referred to the brilliant editorial work of the late Capt. William Biggs, whose portrait adorns the lodge room, and who successfully edited the Tarboro Southern and Oxford Freeland. General Royster paid a glowing tribute to the life-work of Capt. Baldy Williams, the founder and for a long time director of the magnificent Odd Fellows' Orphan Home at Goldsboro. General Royster was present at the Grand Lodge which convened in Fayetteville in 1889, and while others were talking in a remote way about establishing an orphan home, he saw Capt. Williams run his hand into his pocket and pay over \$100, which started the ball rolling and culminated in the \$100,000 property the Odd Fellows hold at Goldsboro.

The talks and reviews at the meeting brought out much interesting history of a local and State-wide nature. Oxford Lodge has furnished three Grand Masters to the State—Royster, Bobbitt and Shaw—who also represented the lodges of the State in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the committee work and brilliant speeches of General Royster in the Sovereign Lodge was of such a high order that he was frequently mentioned in connection with the highest office in the order, that of Grand Sire.

As we listened to the beautiful flow of language as it came from the lips of General Royster, perfectly oblivious of his own good works, we wondered if he knows how dear he is to the orphan children of the State. His noble deeds can never be counted, but we saw him slip a bank note in the hands of the Superior tendent of the Odd Fellows Home and request him to place a Bible in the auditorium, and he was the very first subscriber to the Odd Fellows' paper. Yes, General Royster is very dear to the orphan children of North Carolina.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Glad to learn that the Methodist Philatheas Tag Day receipts amounted to \$180.

The roof of the cottage occupied by R. H. Lewis has been recovered with tin shingles.

The State papers continue to print instances of the vilest discrimination in freight rates.

The improvements to the Johnson place continues to go forward and the house is being repainted white.

A fine boy was born unto Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones Wednesday night and the mother and son are doing well.

The ring of the trowel and the noise of the hammer and the saw and the builders is the order of the day in Oxford.

Don't forget the Farmers Institute and Basket Pic-nic at Granville Test Farm, near Oxford, on the 24th, and be sure and attend as it will do you good.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday and if you want to be relieved of special county taxes send in your application.

One thousand Confederate veterans from North Carolina attended the Gettysburg reunion, and the gray and the blue linked arms together in brotherly love.

Society Item—Among those who have arrived to spend the Summer are Mrs. Microbe Fly and Mrs. Bill Mosquito, in whose honor screened receptions are held daily.

A knocker who can't change a condition ought to kick himself for lacking initiative, the same as old Towser when he barks at the moon just to hear himself bark.

A thirst parlor in Oxford would be an innovation with good cool here on tap. "Walk into my parlor said the spider to the fly can supply you with beer but not old rye."

Our excellent Board of Education will hold an important meeting on next Monday and in the interest of the public we hope to be allowed the privilege of publishing the proceedings.

We are glad to see in Oxford our young friend Wilbur Smith, of Lynchburg, Va., mingling with his old associates. He is visiting his good uncle, Dr. Ed. T. White, on Main street.

Let every farmer make arrangements to attend the Farmers Institute gotten up by Mr. Eugene Moss for his benefit on July 24th, which he held at the Test Farm near will the Fair Grounds.

Quite a number of our young people went to the Capehart country home, near Fairport, Tuesday night and participated in a delightful dance, after which choice refreshments were served.

We regret to learn that eight of the North Carolina veterans were overcome with heat at Gettysburg Thursday, among them was Col. W. A. Guthrie. No name from Granville was mentioned.

The general opinion is the next worst road leading out of Oxford is the Stovall road, and after the Salem road is finished by the road force, it is hoped that the Stovall road will be the next one worked.

Col. Roger Gregory, one of our good and mostly highly esteemed citizens who has reached ripe old age 80 years, has divided his 2213 acres tract of land situated between Gela and Stovall among his 7 children.

Rev. R. A. McFarland, brother of our popular townsman, W. A. McFarland, who is now pastor of Suffolk Baptist Church, has again been called by the congregation of the Baptist Church at Scotland Neck who he formerly ably served.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Graham Roberts' residence on Broad street was the scene of an elegant reception in honor of her relative Mrs. Garland Atwater, who has just become a bride. Choice and tempting refreshments were served.

Walk yourself out of my kitchen, Said the spider to the fly, You may have just waded through Good heaven knows what sty!

Teu million vile bacilli May be clinging to your feet, And I am careful nowadays Regarding what I eat.

Oh, well, this is growing weather as our good farmers say.

Read notice of Summons on another page as you might be interested.

Joe Hobgood and Lucius Currin, of Route 1, were town visitors on Thursday.

It makes one feel bad to see a new-made idol fall far short in the temple of fame.

All the world loves a lover of good things if he will send some of them to his neighbors.

Sympathy is gladly extended to a man who doesn't need any money these dull days.

R. W. Boyd, mail carrier Route 6, is enjoying his 15 days leave of absence with pay.

A bright boy is wanted at this office to deliver Public Ledger to Oxford subscribers.

The Export Tobacco Company is building a prize house on the corner of Broad street and Penn Avenue.

Today, Friday, is a hot Fourth of July and is a National Holiday, and the Postoffice and banks are closed.

We ask you to read the sale of valuable land advertised in another column by B. S. Royster, Commissioner.

Lloyd Worraell, of South Africa, will be at the Granville Test Farm, near town, for two months studying the tobacco situation.

The Carriers Contest.

We will again announce the votes in Carriers Contest next Friday as new subscribers are coming in daily with many good wishes for continued success of the Public Ledger, "the fearless champion of the rights of the people," says one. Get busy and get votes for your carrier.

Effect of Storm.

We learn that William and Graham and Hobgood, Will McGhee and Will Harris, of Route 4, had their crops damaged by the wind and hail storm Saturday afternoon, and S. T. Loyd had top of his house blown off, and large number of trees were blown down.

Benefit of Philatheas.

The "Deestrick Skule", a humorous play taking you back to school days of 50 years ago, will be given by the Enon Baracas and Philatheas at Enon school building on Friday night, July 13th, at eight o'clock. Admission 15 cents. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Five Thin Ones Meet.

Five members of the Thin Club met Wednesday afternoon in front of Perkinson-Green Co., and consoled themselves upon the fact that they were getting thinner every day. They were Crawford and Len Knott, of Route 1, J. L. Woody, of Route 5, John Webb and the "old man."

Fine Training School.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of parents and guardians to the advertisement of Blackstone College for Girls, the leading training school for girls in Virginia. \$150 pays all expenses for a session, and you are asked to carefully read what the principal of this excellent school says.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to take this means of thanking our many neighbors and friends for their extreme kindness and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our beloved father, John A. Watkins, and assure them that we will ever hold them in grateful remembrance.

THE FAMILY.

Fire Insurance Rates.

The State Journal is waging a winning fight against excessive fire insurance rates in North Carolina. It says that if the railroads are to be forced to come to an equitable understanding, then the fire insurance companies should not be allowed to further practice their discrimination.

Farmers' Institute.

We learn from the News & Observer that T. B. Parker, director of County Farmers Institutes, says that a special institute will be conducted at Creedmoor, July 23. This section of the State, world-renowned for its production of fine tobacco, has of late years been the victim of the tobacco wilt, and both State and National Governments are centering their attacks on the destructive soil germ.

Visiting at Fuquay.

Dr. Meadows passed through Oxford Friday morning about 6 o'clock in his automobile accompanied by E. N. Clement, E. A. Howard and Arch Blalock, who arrived from Atlanta, a few days ago, bound for Fuquay Springs to spend the week end with relatives.

Building Material and Fuel.

In this issue of the Public Ledger C. D. Ray calls attention to the fine line of building material and fuel coal that he has on hand. This is a home industry in which we all take pride, and there is no use going elsewhere for things that can be found at hand. He is prepared to execute work quickly—can dress your lumber while you wait. He also has waste wood for sale.

Kill the Mad Dogs.

There are a number of mad dogs at large in and around Oxford, and the number is increasing. Everybody should turn out and exterminate them. Human life is too precious to be snapped out by a mad dog. Do not wait for a policeman to come and kill the dog. Do like G. E. Cheatham did the other day when a mad dog bit his dog—killed them both and thereby stopped the spread of hydrophobia so far as those two dogs were concerned.

Reece on Watts' Appointment.

Col. Joe Reece in Greensboro Record: "The blow has fallen—the blow that killed father and almost put the old woman and children out of business. Watts has been appointed collector of this district and the brethren who were fighting him and declaring he would never land are well nigh dead this hot day. Talk about defeating Watts with Simmons behind him. As well talk about stopping a cyclone. When Simmons tells the President to do things, he moves. Some one says Secretary of the Navy Daniels was agin' Watts. If he was he cut a mighty sorry figure, but we have an idea that the Hon. Josephus has been, is now and forever will be for Josephus first, last and all the time. But, dearly beloved, what did you expect the President to do? Here was a candidate endorsed by every Congressman from North Carolina, save one, and by both Senators as well as by an overwhelming majority of the people of the district. So far as we recall only one charge was made against Watts—that he was not loyal to Wilson for the nomination, and they could not even prove this."

Dance at Stovall.

A most delightful dance was given by the young men of Stovall on Friday evening at the Dickerson Hall complimentary to the young ladies and their visitors. The dance was led by H. T. Jackson with Miss Lizzie Jones. Those dancing were, Sam Palmer with Miss Kate Williams, of Warrenton; William Day with Miss Sallie Palmer, of Warrenton; John Neal with Miss Mary Harris, of Warrenton; William Gregory with Miss Jennie Jackson, of Warrenton; William Burroughs with Miss Liv Taylor, of Townsville; Thos. Royster with Miss Sallie Royster, of Townsville; Austin Boyd with Miss Evelene Royster, of Townsville; Jas. Royster with Miss Willie Boyd, of Townsville; Henry Taylor with Miss Lucy Alston, of Townsville; W. B. Tarry with Miss Susie Alston, of Townsville; Charlie Taylor with Miss Lena Taylor, of Townsville; Victor Graham with Miss Lizzie Tarry, of Va.; Robert Taylor with Miss Georgia Burwell, of Va.; Walter Tucker with Miss Fannie Burwell, of Va.; B. Royster with Miss Judith Graham, of Va.; Dr. Fitzgerald with Miss Lucy Peoples, of Va.; Frank Morton with Miss Agnes Wilson, of Stovall; Goodridge Wilson with Miss Annie Morton, of Stovall; Presley Davis with Miss Linville Younger, of Stovall; Julian Wilson with Miss Sallie Younger, of Stovall; A. R. Turner with Miss Annie Gregory of Stovall; R. T. Gregory with Miss Annie Davis, of Stovall; J. B. Bullock with Miss Sallie Davis, of Stovall; W. C. Daniel with Miss Belle Thorp, of Stovall; R. Wilson with Miss Bessie H. Roberts, of Oxford; Frank Hancock with Miss Lucy Landis, of Oxford; Marsh Ray with Miss Eshter Mitchell, of Oxford; Mark Landis with Miss Hancock, of Oxford; Stags, Gibson Howell, Mott Pinnix, R. Smith, Marshall Pinnix.

Chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gregory.

WE HAVE peas, soja beans and millet seed at Long Winston Co.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Cary Parham, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

J. F. Hester, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Ragland, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday.

J. T. Morton, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Elijah Currin, of Tar River, was in town Thursday.

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

Miss Mary Allen, of Providence, was in town Wednesday.

Major Will Landis, was in Raleigh Wednesday on business.

Mrs. J. B. Elliott, of Route 1, was on our streets Thursday.

Miss Eugenia Cannady, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday.

J. A. Catlett, of Brassfield township, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Lucius Burnett and daughter, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

B. F. Hester and daughter, of Route 1, were in town Wednesday.

County Treasurer, A. E. Bobbitt, of Wilton, was on our streets Thursday.

J. T. Averett, of Route 6, came into town Thursday on the hot wave.

R. R. Strother and son, of Wilton section, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Frazier, of Route 2, were town visitors Wednesday.

C. G. Royster and three children, of Bullock, were on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Mary Fort is at Ocean View listening to what the "wild waves are saying."

Will Montague, of Hester section, was among the visitors in Oxford Thursday.

Ruben Hart and two of his nice sons, of Route 7, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Howard, of Pomona, are visiting relatives in Oxford and the county.

Miss Carrie Fuller left Thursday for Chapel Hill to attend the summer school at that place.

The attractive Misses Moore, of Chase City, are visiting Miss Sula Broughton, on Raleigh street.

Capt. W. A. Devin is at home from attending the Constitutional Commission at Morehead City.

Mrs. D. Currin and attractive niece, Miss Corina Cannady, of Route 6, were in town this Friday morning.

Mrs. Peters and Miss Mary Williams, of Norfolk, are the guests of Mrs. Harry Williams on Asylum street.

Col. H. G. Cooper is spending the week-end at Ocean View listening to what the sea gulls are saying as he rides the waves.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherspoon, of Durham, are visiting their son Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon on Hillsboro street.

Miss Laura Jane Wilson, of Albany, N. Y., was the guest of Miss Carrie Fuller on Rectory street several days last week.

Misses Annie and Margaret Burwell, of Route 4, are spending the week with their aunt Mrs. L. Thomas on Asylum street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ray and son, Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Mitchell will leave today to spend a week at Panacea Springs.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Booth and bright Master Tom will return today from a visit to Morehead City and relatives at Snow Hill.

Miss Lillian Holt left for Fredricksburg, Va., last Tuesday after a pleasant visit to her cousin, Miss Gertrude Powell, on College street.

Miss Maude Henders returned to her home near Henderson last Sunday after a pleasant visit to her cousin Miss Jessie Perkinson on Rectory street.

Col. W. H. Osborn, Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington City, spent Thursday night in Oxford with his cousin, Caleb D. Osborn, Oxford's newly appointed Postmaster.

AMERICAN EAGLE KILLED IN GRANVILLE.

Supposed to Have Been Driven in By the Heavy Storm Last Week.

On Tuesday morning last . . . Watson, who lives at Sunset, seven miles west of Oxford, killed an American eagle that measured seven feet from tip to tip. The high bird was brought to Oxford Tuesday evening by Mail Carrier Williams and it created a great deal of curiosity. The eagle will be stuffed and placed on exhibition in the State Museum and its capture will be credited to the marksmanship of Mr. Watson as a trophy from Granville county. It has been a long time since an eagle was captured in this county, but in the long ago they were numerous as far east as Halifax county. The nearest hatching grounds of the eagle known at the present day is Pilot Mountain in Surry county, this State. It is thought that the heavy storm a few days ago drove the eagle to Granville, and as there are several lambs in the Sunset section it is supposed that the eagle was hanging around to capture one of them before returning to his haunts. From the shape of his beak and the bald spot on the crown of his head it is estimated that the eagle was nearly fifteen years old. He was sufficiently large to carry off a fifty pound child—their choice food when an opportunity presents itself.

The first impression is that the eagle was very far from his lair when captured in Granville, but when we take into account that they can fly across the continent in one day we are ready to admit that he was only a few minutes from home, even if he lived around the summit of Grandfather's Mountain, where they are very numerous and safe from molestation.

The Farmers Picnic.

Progress is being made for the big Farmers Institute and Basket Picnic which will be held at Granville County Test Farm July 24th. Some of the speakers have been heard from stating that they expect to attend.

It is hoped that this year's meeting will be so pleasant and profitable to all who may attend, that it will become an annual occasion, one in which every farmer, merchant and business man in the county will feel a special interest and from year to year as more work is done on the farm that every man may find something peculiarly adapted to his particular case, some experiment that he is especially interested in.

The speeches of the parties who have consented to come will not be long enough to become tiresome as there is going to be a demonstration of Tile Drainage conducted on the farm in the afternoon. This will be done by an expert and as every farmer in the county no doubt has some of his best land growing briars and weeds because it is not properly drained, this should be a very interesting subject. The cost of the tiling, the methods of laying and the difficulties will be discussed.

We hope that every Farmers Union in the county will come in a body, if not send one or two representatives to study the fertilizer question.

Worthy of Emulation.

J. A. Niles, who owns a farm near Fairport, conceived the idea of working the road from Dement cross roads to his home, a distance of four miles. The road at times was in such a bad condition and consumed so much valuable time and hardship for both man and beast Mr. Niles purchased a road machine and worked the road at his own expense. After much labor the road is now in splendid condition and Mr. Niles finds that if roads worked every sixty days or gone over immediately after a rain it will keep the worst kind of roads in good condition. The information is valuable to the public and Mr. Niles is worthy of a vote of thanks. It demonstrates what energy and determination will do. Mr. Niles adopted the practical idea, and not the theoretical idea which is so often discussed, and the result is that Mr. Niles can now go from his home in Oxford to his country home, a distance of nine miles in less than twenty-five minutes, when it used to consume fifty minutes of valuable time.

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