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THE "GET TOGETHER DO SOMETHING" MEETING.

The Public Ledger Will Issue Large Special Tobacco Edition in August.

Mr. Morris Green, who recently attended the Annual Meeting of the Merchants' Association at Wrightsville, brought back with him much valuable data and enthusiasm enkindled in the meeting looking to a closer and better community interest, and the more he discussed the proposition with the local business men to get together and do something the more apparent it became that he was on the right track, and on Friday afternoon last at the ringing of the bell a large number of the business men of Oxford assembled at the Court House, and despite the sweltering heat in the court room every one was eager to join in devising ways and means to advance our commercial interests.

General B. S. Royster was requested to take the chair. The spirit of the meeting brought to our mind an incident which occurred on August 2, 1776, when the engrossed copy of the Declaration was about to be signed. In dipping his quill pen into the ink well, John Hancock, president of Congress, said: "We must be unanimous; there must be no pulling separate—we must all hang together." "Yes," replied Benjamin Franklin, "we must all hang together or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Various schemes and plans were suggested as how best to get and hold trade, and the following steering committee was appointed to gather data and report: Granville Commercial Club, A. H. Powell; Merchants' Association, Morris E. Green; Tobacco Board of Trade, W. B. Ballou; Granville County Agricultural Association, E. G. Moss; Farmers Union, C. M. Knott. Col. Ballou referred to a special tobacco edition of the Public Ledger printed in 1895, and said that in his opinion he believed that that was one of the best things that ever happened for Oxford.

Our proposition at the meeting to print a special edition, similar to the one in 1895, gives general satisfaction. The real backbone of the community is our tobacco market, for which the Public Ledger has always labored to enlarge and strengthen, and our special tobacco edition which we proposed to issue about the middle of August will be of great value to the market. The special edition will contain eight pages and our write-up of the tobacco market will be compiled along interesting lines, in which we hope the warehousemen will give us all possible assistance. This special five thousand edition will be one of the best advertising mediums available. The special edition will be distributed free throughout Granville and adjoining counties. No extra charge will be made for advertising space, and we will thank our excellent Warehousemen and merchants to send in their copy as soon as possible and secure space so as to enable us to proceed with the work.

Appreciated Letter.

Mr. John T. Britt: In renewing my subscription to the Public Ledger for the twenty-third consecutive year I wish to state that I am highly pleased with the stand the paper has always taken in the farming interest of the county, for better schools and the public spirit manifested along all lines. With the exception of one copy of the Ledger I have a complete file for twenty-two years, and in looking over the paper I can see a gradual improvement from year to year. The paper has always been Democratic, and its advocacy of men and measures makes it a welcome visitor to my home.

J. T. H.

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I have for sale or to rent some valuable farm lands in Harnett county. It has been pronounced good tobacco land by soil expert of the United States Government. For particulars address,

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GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

The walls of the Princess Theater are going up.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who wore a fascinator?

Read the change in the Ice Company advertisement on another page.

It is whispered that a new ice plant will be established in Oxford.

Keep cool if you would be in a position to strike while the iron is hot.

The Town Commissioners will meet in regular session this Tuesday night.

A new druggist has arrived at the home of R. L. Hamilton on College street.

Miss Clyde Hart, of Route 7, is visiting her uncle, R. J. Hart, in Salem township.

Mrs. George S. Watkins now enjoys her afternoon rides in a handsome pony phaeton.

We all have our faults, but not so much as the talk of the opposition might indicate.

Senator Hicks returned Saturday from attending the meeting of the Bar Association at Asheville.

Policeman A. Williford, who was on the sick list the past week, we are glad to state is better.

We learn that Elvin Parham will be with the Imperial Tobacco Co. the coming tobacco season.

The Philathea Entertainment at Enon will take place Friday, July 11th, instead of former date.

The celebrated early bird should change its menu and get the pesky fly as he is a detriment to health.

Mrs. Susan Williams and fine family are now occupying their attractive new home on Front street.

Take in the clearance sale of the live firm of Landis & Easton and take advantage of the rare bargains being offered.

Dart, the pet dog of Mike Chamber who was bitten by a mad dog, has handed in his checks and chased his last automobile and bicycle.

Look for me till your eyes ran water I'll be home some day or other; It may be on a frosty morn. But I'll be home some day or other.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Perkinson have supplied themselves with nice pony ring and find riding out late in the afternoon a pleasant pastime.

Mrs. Frank Currin, of Route 6, while out hunting up eggs a few days ago she raised up a hen on a nest and found under her 3 eggs and 5 kittens.

Wonder if the owners of automobiles will come together and organize an association for their own protection? Don't all speak at once gentlemen, but get busy.

Meredith Crews, one of progressive young farmers of Shady Grove section, was in town Saturday and rode home in a new Oxford buggy sold by Long-Winston Co.

The Edwards Hose and Ladder Co. has decided to again go to Atlantic City on their annual outing and will leave on the 21st followed by the best wishes of the people of Oxford.

Let the Dove of Peace spread its wings over the good town of Oxford and unite the different factions and pull together for the advancement of the interests of the town along all lines.

The splendid annual picnic held by the kind and hospitable people of the Tar River Academy section will be held on Saturday, July 19th, and all who attend will be sure to have a good time.

An explosion of some kind took place Monday morning in Oxford about 3 o'clock, which shook several houses awaking the occupants. Up to this time the noise has not been accounted for.

While the folks have been sweltering in the heat the past week tobacco and corn have been making fine headway, and sincerely hope it will continue until the farmers of the county gather a bumper crop.

While seining Friday with a party in Grassy Creek near Soudan, Sheriff Hobgood raised out of the net a 22 pound carp, and was quite happy over the event. Several were caught weighing about 12 pounds.

Guests of Miss Hixie White.

Misses Mary Ruth Angle, of Geensboro; Katherine Gulley, Goldsboro, and Londa Shamburger, of Hertford, are the guests of Miss Hixie White at her beautiful home on Main street.

Be on Hand.

Mr. Farmer don't forget to attend the Farmers Institute and Basket Picnic at Granville Test Farm near Oxford on July 24th and bring your family, as it is desired to make it one of the most pleasant and profitable occasions ever held in the county. Be sure and attend.

Let us Have Them.

We will warmly thank each one of the warehousemen, buyers and auctioneers for his photograph to be used in our 5,000 Illustrated Tobacco Edition, which will be issued about August 15th in the interest of the most Reliable Allround Tobacco Market in the State.

Pleasant Visitors.

Misses Ethel Hill, of Florence, S. C., and Hallie and Caroline Averett, of Lawrenceville, Va., who have been the pleasant guests of Miss Addie Bradsher on Route 6, passed through Oxford Monday morning on their return home, and was accompanied as far as Henderson by Miss Bradsher.

The Rebel Yell.

The Morning Star says that millions of people in the South have never heard the "rebel yell." If we don't do our duty by the old Johnnie Rebs, they ought to come at us with that yell and wake us up to our duty to the greatest soldiers that ever fell into line when the order was given to charge.

The Union Meetings.

The first of a series of union meetings to extend to the latter part of August was held Sunday evening last at the Presbyterian church, Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon occupying the pulpit. It was announced that the next meeting will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday evening by Rev. S. K. Phillips.

Two More Pic-nics, Farmers

There will be a Farmers Basket Picnic at Creedmoor on Thursday, the 17th, and at Stovall on Friday, the 18th. Interesting speeches will be made at both places by C. R. Hudson, State Agent of Farmers Co-operation Demonstration Work, and others. Let the farmers of these respective communities attend the picnics.

Postmaster Osborn.

C. D. Osborn has assumed charge of the Oxford post-office and things will move along without a perceptible jar. It is predicted that he will be one of the most accommodating, affable and best postmasters Oxford has ever had. It will be some days before he educates the boys to his way of thinking, but with all, he is a very gentle man, but nevertheless he has a way and a will of his own. Mr. Osborn goes into office as a simon-pure Democrat, and his appointment must not be viewed from any other angle. No faction has a right to claim or dispute about his appointment. Now that Mr. Osborn is postmaster let every one, even those of other political faith and the non-partizans, be broad-minded enough to pay homage to the efficient official. If Mr. Osborn remains in office twenty years pure Democracy will never suffer at his hands.

Titus Currin, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday afternoon.

NEW PATENT FLUE

I have on exhibition at Creedmoor a new patent flue for curing tobacco which will interest all tobacco raisers as it gives more sleep and takes less wood.

JOHN BULLOCK.

Great Money-Saving Event.

The cash clearance sale of Landis & Easton, which starts Saturday, July 12th and closes July 27th, is a great money-saving event. New, clean, seasonable merchandise at cost with Landis & Easton's guarantee behind them is all that any one could desire. The men's, women's and children's clothing shoes, hats and notions and other merchandise offered in this sale will be as good a year from now as they are to-day, but the firm must make room for their fall and winter goods, hence the great sacrifice. Read their full page advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Death of Estimable Lady.

Mrs. R. T. Crews, an estimable lady of Tar River section, died Monday night of heart-failure. She had been a sufferer for some time. Mrs. Crews was a member of Shady Grove church. She was a sister of Walter, Luther and J. T. Stark. Besides a devoted husband she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lee Brown, Mrs. — Bryant, Mrs. Graham Smith, Walter, Albert, Clarence, Robert and Madeline Crews.

The interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery at 5 o'clock this Tuesday afternoon.

Owing to the hour of going to press a more extended notice of the death of this excellent lady will occur later.

Road Bond Election.

To the Public Ledger:

Your letter of enquiry concerning petitions asking the Commissioners to order a road bond election in Tally Ho Township has been handed me, and in reply will say that the citizens in this section have not signed the petition. The petitions have not been circulated, nor do we understand the plan on foot. Should Tally Ho township vote a ten, twenty or forty thousand dollar road bond issue, then would we be entitled to our proportional part of the road tax that we already pay? It seems that it would be wise to call a meeting of the voters of Tally Ho township to meet at some public place in the township and discuss the matter, that we may understand more fully the plan as worked out by those advocating the matter. I think our people are deeply interested in the road question, but we need more light on the subject, as to the amount of bond proposed, how the money shall be expended, the disposition of the present road tax, etc. We would be pleased to hear from the leaders of the movement.

Yours for good roads,

J. E. DUNCAN,

Stem, N. C., July 5th.

Personal Mention.

J. M. Phipps, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday.

R. J. Hart, George Parham and E. A. Hunt, of Route 5, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Breedlove and children, of Route 3, were on our streets Saturday.

Ben Smith, of Wilson, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, on Asylum street.

Miss Katherine Hilliard, of Omaha, is on a visit to Oxford to the pleasure of her old friends.

Misses Gertha and Myrtle Trogden, of High Point, are the guests of Mrs. Trogden on Broad street.

Mrs. F. M. Shamburger and Miss Londa, of Hertford, are visiting Mrs. Kerr Taylor on Front street.

J. B. Meadows left Tuesday for Maysville, S. C., to buy tobacco followed by the best wishes of his many friends.

Vasser Critcher, the affable clerk at the Long Co., has returned from spending a few days with friends in the country.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Walter Hobgood and son, were in town Monday.

W. R. Farabow, of Stem, was in town Monday.

Matt Currin, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

H. H. Hicks, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

N. G. Crews, of Dabney, was in town Saturday.

Lucius Currin, of Wiltgn, was in Oxford Saturday.

J. P. Bradsher, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

Thomas Bobbitt, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

H. A. McGee, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

E. M. Hart, of Route 4, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. L. Clark, of Adoniram, was in Oxford Monday.

Chas Knott, of Route 5, was on our streets Saturday.

W. J. Currin, of Route 7, was a town visitor Saturday.

George Royster, of Providence, was in town Saturday.

W. M. Farabow, of Hester, was a town visitor Saturday.

J. B. Thomasson, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Hebert Gregory, of Stovall, was on our streets Saturday.

Master Easton Parham is visiting relatives in Greenville.

H. G. Hendricks, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elmore and children are at Unaka Springs, Tenn.

West Jones, the merchant near Grissom, was on our streets Monday.

Miss Eva Minor is at Columbia University, N. Y., taking a special course.

B. D. Johnson and William Nutt, of Stem, Route 2, were in town Monday.

L. F. Perkinson and family are attending the protracted meeting at Stovall.

Miss Mollie Hart, of Route 5, is attending the training school at Greenville.

Mrs. George Carr, of Durham, is visiting her uncle, S. W. Parker, on Front street.

B. F. Hester, General Hester and Hamilton Hester, of Route 1, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Averett and grandchild, of Route 2, were on our streets Saturday.

B. M. Caldwell and son Halstead, of Carolina Lodge, have returned from a trip to Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Husketh, of Wiltgn section, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brummitt enjoyed the week end with relatives in Fishing Creek Township.

Our old bachelor friend, Vassar Peace, of Creedmoor, was among the Oxford visitors Monday.

William Smith and family, of Wilson, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith on Asylum street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baird and children returned Saturday from a pleasant sojourn at Ocean View.

J. P. Breedlove, of Durham, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, L. G. Breedlove, on Route 5.

J. C. Pittard, the clever and obliging agent of the Seaboard Railroad at Hester, was in Oxford Monday.

George Sherman, Graham McFarland, and Adolph Oakley, of Berea section, were on our streets Saturday.

Miss Julia Minor left a few days ago for Berlin, Germany, where she will more thoroughly equip herself for teaching.

Ex-Sheriff Fleming, R. G. Stem, B. T. Harris, S. T. Parrott, and Tom Bullock, of Hester, were town visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mason and children bade their Oxford friends farewell Saturday and left for Roanoke, Va., where they will make their future home.

SOUND OF THE HAMMER IS HEARD ON ALL SIDES.

An Era of Prosperity Is at Hand—Something Doing In the Old Town.

With an era of prosperity at hand all any one has to do to dispell the belief that Oxford is at a stand still is to drive about the streets with his eye and ears open. There are at present more than a dozen, both large and small residences, nearing completion within the corporate limits and others are contemplated at an early date.

The large and elegant home of Col. Ballou, with its hardwood floors, white enameled baseboards, mahogany doors is one of the really pretty homes of the State, and it will be a paradise for the Methodist hosts that gather in Oxford next fall at the solicitation of Col. Ballou at the Methodist Conference in Fayetteville last fall.

The elegant homes of Messrs. Long and Crews on Gilliam street are nearing completion, and there are two or three good cottages on Hillsboro street nearing completion and out by the Cotton Factory two or three new cottages will soon be ready for occupancy. There are other small dwellings in various parts of the town receiving their finishing touches.

The Princess Theatre on Hillsboro street is being rushed to completion and ere long we will have a neat little theatre in which we will not feel ashamed to be seen.

The sixty feet addition which is being made to the Banner warehouse and the seventy feet being added to the Johnson warehouse speaks well for the business interests of the town, and the old Johnson home which has been an eye-sore for some time is, being converted into a very neat building. The hammer is heard on every side and with the bond issue to stimulate things it is easy to see that Oxford has shed its lethargy and is getting ready to expand in every direction.

Visits Baptist Orphanage.

President Hobgood, of the Oxford College, has returned after an absence of two weeks to Western North Carolina. He stopped off at Thomasville on his way up to attend the directors meeting of the Baptist Orphanage, over which body he presided as president. The Trustees found the orphanage in a very flourishing condition. The current fund for the year was larger than ever. The enrollment for the year was 417; the average attendance was 397.

It was decided to open the Kennedy House at Kinston on January 1st, 1914. Two dormitories are now nearing completion. Mr. Hartwell Scarbrough was elected sub-manager.

Dr. James Edward Hobgood was elected physician of the Thomasville Orphanage to succeed Dr. Julian, who resigned.

President Hobgood attended the great Missionary Conference at Blue Ridge, near Black Mountain, which property cost \$150,000 and is now held for the use of the Conference of the Woman's Christian Association and for the Annual Missionary Conference.

President Hobgood attended on July Fourth the summer school at the State University, where all the colleges paraded in their respective uniforms and banners, these according to the age of college, which gave some characteristic exhibiting on the lawn. There were about thirty of the students of old Oxford College present, more than twenty being in the procession, only two of the colleges of the State having a larger number in line. The "stunt" of Oxford College girls was in the hands of Mrs. J. A. Beam, who was a student here in 1883. By the way, she won the first prize offered every year for the poem on the summer school.

R. J. Jeffreys and Pender Cozart, of Creedmoor, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

J. H. Evans and daughter, of Route 4, were in town Monday.

FARM FOR RENT

I wish to rent for the coming year a good farm of 151 acres in Fishing Creek Township, adapted to fine tobacco and corn.

W. H. Hunt, Route 2, Oxford. 2t-p

FOR SALE—272 acres of land, one mile from railroad in Harnett Co., 20 acres cleared; a number one place for a hustler. Apply to B. L. Langdon, Coats N. C. j28-6t. p

"HOW FREIGHT RATES HURTS THE FARMER."

Shipments of Fertilizers to Granville County Cost the Farmers \$5,000 a Year More Than Should be The Case If Freight Rates Were Just.

The freight rate on guano from Baltimore to Oxford is \$5.65 per ton. The freight rate from Baltimore to Soudan, Va., is only \$2.65 per ton. Soudan is only 16 miles north of Oxford, and is the nearest Virginia station. The distance from Baltimore to Oxford is 290 miles, and from Baltimore to Soudan 274 miles. On a mileage basis the difference for this additional distance of 16 miles from Soudan to Oxford should only be 15c per ton, while it is \$1 per ton. Over five thousand tons of guano is shipped into Granville County from Baltimore each year, and this unjust freight rate discrimination cost our Granville County Farmers About Five Thousand Dollars Each Year.