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READY TO LAY FOUNDATION OF POSTOFFICE.

Brick and Stone Masons Will Arrive Next Week.

If horses could talk no doubt they would express their gratitude that the days of pulling from the deep pits at the new postoffice is about over. The pits have been trimmed, leveled and made ready for the foundation, but the cars bearing the crushed stone got tangled up in a wreck down the Seaboard road a few days ago causing a slight delay. The stone is momentarily expected and as soon as it arrives the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Contractor Waters has been away for sometime looking up material for the building, but it is understood that he has everything in shape and will return to Oxford by the end of the present week ready to push the work. Foreman Johnston, who has charge of the work in the absence of the contractors, states that two or three brick-and-stone masons will arrive from the north in a few days and two from South Carolina have been engaged and will arrive Monday. The contractors hope to secure all other needed help in Oxford.

The contractors do not anticipate any further delay in the work and if necessary they will double the forces and have the building ready on contract time.

Contractor Waters, who has erected more than a dozen handsome buildings for the government, says that when the building is completed, the granolithic walks laid and the grounds beautified we will have a handsome spot in the old town, and that all the property in the neighborhood will have to be brightened up to compare with it.

Farmers' Picnic.

It has been arranged to have the Farmer's Institute and picnic at the County Fair Grounds on Thursday July 24. The speaking will be held in the morning; after dinner the men are invited to go to the Test Farm, which is not over a quarter of a mile, where a practical demonstration of tile draining will be given, and everybody can look over the fertilizer plats and the different varieties of corn and tobacco. All these plats will be marked so that any body will know the amount and kind of fertilizer applied on each plat. It is hoped that every farmer will make a special effort to visit this farm and look over the different plats, not with the expectation of seeing the highest tobacco in the county nor the best, but to see the results of comparisons between the different kinds of fertilizers, the different sources from which the ammonia is derived, etc. It will be interesting to know whether cotton seed meal is better than dried blood, or ammonia sulphate nitrate of soda or any of the other sources. We would also like to know if basic slag or bone meal can be used in the place of acid phosphate. Many of us have grown tobacco after cow-peas or crimson clover with poor results. Now and then some of us have had good results, this is one thing that is being tried out on the farm. The different local varieties of tobacco are being tested out to determine which is the better adapted to this locality.

It is hoped that at this picnic every body will have an opportunity to study these questions in the field and ask all the questions they like. The ladies have not been forgotten at this meeting. The Fair Ground will be turned over to them in the afternoon. Mrs. Chas. McKimmon, of Raleigh, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Capehart and her tomato club girls will entertain them, a practical demonstration of canning in tin will be given. We hope that every body will come out and enjoy themselves. Bring a basket with you. Plenty of pure ice water will be furnished on the ground, also lemons and sugar, but no red lemonade.

Hail and Rain Storm.

A hail and rain storm of considerable force passed over Oxford Tuesday afternoon, uprooting trees and leveling crops in its wake. The storm came from the northwest and hail is reported to have fallen copiously in many places between here and the Carolina-Virginia line. At the home of R. P. Taylor on Hillsboro street two large oak trees were uprooted, one tree falling across the smoke-house, demolishing that building and also crushing the garage, in which Mr. Taylor's fine car was standing at the time, and was damaged to the extent of \$200.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Health is wealth to any person. The street weeding machine is doing some good work.

These hot days the cool shades of Oxford are very inviting.

Wyatt Cannady, who was sick the past week, is much better.

The County Road Force has done some work on the Lewis road.

We hope the farmers are not letting the boys raise all the corn.

The Oscar Breedlove residence on Cherry street is nearing completion.

The Water Company is having the hydrants around town painted white.

Bert Taylor, Outlaw Hunt and James Taylor spent the week end at Ocean View.

Master Tommie Booth, who twisted his ankle a few days ago, has about recovered.

Leaking gas is smelt in different sections of the town, and we can vouch for one place.

Mrs. Annie Landis is having a new front porch built to her residence on College street.

The great Clearance Sale of Landis & Easton proved a successful bargain winner for the people.

Mrs. W. M. Gulick, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dorsey, near Oxford.

We learn from friend, Ed Bobbitt who was in town Thursday, that rain was needed in the Wilton section.

Work on the large Export Prize House on the corner of Broad street and Penn Avenue is going rapidly forward.

May we continue to have tobacco growing weather. Everybody will be properly thankful in the fall for these hot days.

Our fine young friend, Freddie Peed, is now with Taylor Bros. who are to be congratulated upon securing his services as he is popular and polite.

We learn from the ladies that many nice bargains are being picked up at the Clearance Sale of Landis & Easton.

The Postoffice is running along smoothly under the new management of our old friend Caleb Osborn, who now has everything in "apple pie" order.

I AM offering my entire stock of millinery at cost for next 15 days. Ladies, don't fail to take advantage of this opportunity. Miss Lillie Wilkerson, Stovall, N. C.

The attention of our many readers is called to the sale of valuable property advertised in another part of this paper by W. A. Devin and A. A. Hicks, Commissioners.

It is said that the farm at the Oxford Orphanage has the best crop ever seen grow at that institution. 556 bushels of wheat has just been threshed out making about twenty to one bushels sown.

Rev. Mr. Horsfield was unavoidably prevented from filling his engagement with St. Paul's Church at Goshen last Sunday. He expects to hold service there next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. All are welcome.

Reports from the South Carolina tobacco markets that have opened are that any offering of character was eagerly sought at good prices. Indications are now that good tobacco will sell well this season.

We very much regret to learn that the last hail storm badly damaged the tobacco crops of J. M. Phipps, Walter Hobgood and J. P. Mize on Route 1. Part of the Test Farm tobacco was also damaged to some extent.

Herbert Breedlove and bright son Eutis, of Route 7, were in town Thursday, and informed us that he sowed eight bushels of wheat and threshed eighty-eight bushels. Also had a good tobacco and corn crop on the hill.

The soul is full of turmoil when the heart is full of spite, And all the day is bitter as you toil towards the night:

You're wading in the mire every step you take t'ward strife, The world is full of bitter when there's hatred in your life.

Attacked With Appendicitis.

The many friends of the pleasant Miss Willie Lee Thomas will deeply regret to learn that she was attacked with appendicitis Sunday and will be taken this Friday morning to Richmond by Dr. T. L. Booth for an operation, which we hope will be successful in every way.

Farmers Institute.

Director T. B. Parker, of the State Department of Agriculture, is arranging for about 150 Farmer's and Women's Institute this summer, in forty-nine counties in North Carolina. These Institutes are well planned, very practical, largely attended, and certainly worth while. They are accomplishing much toward the uplift and advancement of our rural communities.

The Mail Carriers Contest.

Those who are interested in the Mail Carriers Contest will please remember that the contest closes at six o'clock, Thursday evening, July 31. No one can figure with any degree of accuracy at this stage of the contest who will capture the capital prize. Hand the subscription money in and let the paper start to the subscriber at once and not hold it until the last minute to spring a surprise as nothing can be gained by so doing.

Presbyterian Notes.

The pastor, Rev. S. K. Phillips, desires to announce that there will be no service at his church on Sunday morning. He will accompany Rev. R. A. White, of Henderson, and Mr. John Webb, of Oxford, on a commission to install Rev. J. S. Kennison as pastor at Geneva and Stovall. The commission will preside at Geneva at eleven o'clock and at Stovall at eight o'clock. Rev. Dr. Horsfield will preach at the Baptist church on Sunday evening at the union service.

Firemen Leave Monday.

The Edwards Hose and Ladder Company will leave Monday for a ten days stay at Atlantic City. There will be about ten men in the party, and after consultation they decided to go via the Seaboard to Norfolk and the Bay Line to Baltimore. Taking a retrospective view of what the firemen have done during the past year and the constant danger that threatens their lives we can but wish them joy, and much of it. Here is hoping that they may ride on the billows of the ocean and forge the sound of the fire bell and the clatter of the horses feet

Flat River Association.

Large crowds attended the Flat River Association which met at Poplar Creek church on Tuesday and Wednesday. Every church in the Association was represented. Capt. W. A. Devin was elected moderator and the session was most harmonious and the business transacted with singular dispatch.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. E. G. Usry and elicited such praise.

It is gratifying to note that all the reports showed a substantial gain in both home and foreign missions.

Mr. J. C. Howard was re-elected secretary of the Association, and Mr. Clark was made treasurer. The Association meets at Enon church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1914.

Virginia Couple Marry.

The Wheeler hotel on Hillsboro street continues to grow in popularity, not only among our country folks and the traveling public, but it has become quite a resort for those from the State of Virginia and elsewhere who desire to change their condition of single blessedness to one of supreme happiness. Our friend Sam Wheeler is always ready to serve his guest whether with good beds, good meals or accommodating ministers. Among others Edward R. Sizemore and Miss Ella Wilson, both of Mecklenburg county Va., came in on Southern train at eleven fifteen Wednesday and sought his services. In a very few moments the license was secured and the minister, Rev. A. P. Tyler, was on hand and there was left but one name. After partaking of a bounteous dinner he sent them home rejoicing on the afternoon train, fully realizing how easy it is to get married in Oxford when Sam Wheeler is at the helm.

WANTED to trade a good horse for a small young mule thoroughly broke, gentle and not afraid of automobiles. TAYLOR BROS.

Send Them In.

We wish to do everything we can this season to pull every pound of tobacco possible to Oxford and ask every tobacco man in town to at once send us in their photograph so we can place it in our tobacco art gallery. Don't be bashful gentlemen, send them in.

Returns to Old Home.

We were glad to shake the warm hand of our old friend J. D. Brinkley Thursday morning, who gave the pleasing news that he had again become the owner of Washington Studio and would make Oxford his home in the future. He lived among us for 25 years and acquired the reputation of being one of the best artist in the State.

Secretary of Local Unions.

If the Secretary of any Local Farmer's Union in the county knows of any member of his union who is not able to take the Public Ledger, or of any widow who is not also able to take the paper, we ask him to kindly send us their names, and we will send them the Public Ledger one year free of charge. Will thank the Secretaries to send in the names of all such at once, so that they may get the paper.

Better Passenger Stations.

As a result of the preliminary meeting held sometime ago, with Gen. B. S. Royster, chairman, looking to better passenger stations in Oxford is reassuring. The committee consisting of prominent men in the industrial life of Oxford have taken the matter up with the proper officials of both roads entering here and they are very well satisfied and encouraged with the results so far. It is understood that the railroad officials recognize the needs of better passenger facilities and will exert themselves accordingly, but nothing definite can be learned at this time.

The Masonic Fraternity.

A regular communication of Oxford Lodge No. 396 A. F. & A. M., will be held in their Hall on Monday night, July 22. The Fellow Crafts Degree will be conferred by Grand Lecturer, R. F. Edwards. Mr. Edwards will be at the service of our Lodge for ten days and nights, and will be found in the Hall during the day and at Dr. L. V. Henderson's office at night unless other wise notified. We are hoping that all our members will take advantage of his lectures while here. All visiting brethren cordially invited.

T. S. WALLER, Secretary.

Team Runaway.

About twelve o'clock Thursday the wagon of R. T. Crews, of Tar River, was standing near the store of Long-Winston Co. loaded with a set of flues and brick with a mule and horse hitched to it. In some way they became frightened and run away and in swinging around the corner of the Episcopal church the body, flues and brick were piled up in the street. The mule with the front part of the wagon hitched to him after he had stopped, quietly walked over on the church lawn and commenced to eat grass. The wagon was not badly damaged, and was gotten together and reloaded, and put out for home.

Miss Harris Entertains.

Hillcrest, the delightful home of Miss Hattie Harris, was the scene of an enjoyable occasion last Saturday evening when Miss Harris was at home to her friends from eight to eleven in honor of her guest, Miss Pearl Fishel, of Vaughan. Several contests were engaged in during the evening. The first prize was won by Miss Edna Crews and gracefully presented to the guest of honor. Instrumental and vocal music by Misses Harris and Fishel and Mr. Scott, of Danville, were kept up through the evening and helped to add pleasure to the occasion. Delicious refreshments were served after which Miss Fishel entertained the crowd by reciting a negro dialect selection. At eleven o'clock the guests bade their charming hostess goodbye and reluctantly took their departure. This social event is not one to be forgotten, but shall ever be a happy memory to all who were present. It is hoped that Miss Fishel will visit in our community often, for she is a young lady with many accomplishments, having graduated at Western Maryland College in music, elocution and the literary course. Miss Fishel received many calls from the young people and tennis was engaged in each afternoon.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

M. Blalock, of Culbreth, was in town Thursday.

Will Thorp, of Route 1, was in Oxford Thursday.

J. R. Perkerson, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

Charles Knott, of Route 5, was in town Thursday.

Frank Lyon is spending the week at Buffalo Springs.

Oscar Yancey, of Route 1, was a town visitor Thursday.

M. L. Oakley, of Providence, was on our streets Thursday.

J. P. Harris is at home from a delightful visit to Asheville.

J. R. Daniel, of Berea section, was on our streets Thursday.

John Williams returned Wednesday from a visit to Tarboro.

Miss Elvin White, of Hertford, is visiting Mrs. D. K. Taylor.

J. W. Brown and son Richard, are visiting relatives at Four Oaks.

Miss Viola Latta, of Kittrell Route 2, was in Oxford Thursday.

J. T. Bobbitt and John Dean, of Route 2, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mrs. Everette Clinard, of Virginia, is visiting Mrs. R. W. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currin, of Route 7, were town visitors Thursday.

Miss Norma Fullerton, of Bullock, spent Thursday with her brother in Oxford.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Cannady will return from Atlantic City on next Tuesday.

R. I. Newton and K. C. Adcock, of Tar River section, were in town Thursday.

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

E. W. Harper, of South Port, spent a few days in Oxford the first of the week.

Professor J. C. Horner and family are spending the week end at Panacea Springs.

Capt. Thad Stem and F. M. Blalock are enjoying the surf at Ocean View this week.

Henry Green and handsome sister, Miss Ida, of Stem, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Creedmoor Chronicles.

Joe Peed and Ed. Cottrell are curing tobacco this week.

E. M. Perry, of North Side, was in town last Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Currin, of North Side, were in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pitts returned from their wedding tour last Thursday.

Sim Meadows left Tuesday morning for Florence, S. C., where he will buy tobacco.

David Vaughan, of Bilbo, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Peed at Creedmoor.

Mrs. Sion Rogers' friends will be glad to know that she has returned from the hospital and is getting on nicely.

Miss Vida Peed, of Norfolk, is on an extended visit to relatives and friends in and around Creedmoor. Miss Peed has many friends here who are always delighted to see her.

Obe Winston, manager of the Granville hotel, has on exhibit at his office a five hundred pound chunk of a hickory tree, that was found petrified on the farm of Col. Benahan Cameron, north of Creedmoor. The tree was an old one and had been standing on the farm as long as the older residents of Creedmoor can remember. Just what caused it to become petrified is not known.

The series of meetings held last week at the Creedmoor Baptist church closed last Sunday night. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Fred N. Day, of Winston, a splendid Christian gentleman. There were fourteen additions to the church, eight by baptism and six by restoration and letter. Rev. G. P. Harrill, the pastor, seems to be the right man in the right place. He is a good shepherd and his flock is willing to follow him.

GREATEST SCIENCE KNOWN TO THE WORLD.

To Make Two Larger and Better Plants Grow Where One Formerly Grew.

Perhaps the greatest science known to the world at the present day is the method of making two plants grow where one formerly grew. The remarkable value of the method is indicated by the statement that it has made twenty grains of wheat produce 700,000 in one year. This was recently done in Minnesota and the same great ratio in other grains can be produced in Granville county if our farmers cared to adopt the careful and laborious method. In one test case the increase of corn has been three times above that grown in similar soil in the same neighborhood.

From what we can gather the method consists in preparing seed beds in widely spaced lines on very mellow land and replanting each of these rooted shoots and finally in hoeing and earthing up these new plants many times in such manner as to provoke at all the points brought into intimate relation with the earth the growth of numerous adventitious shoots, each of which bears fruit. The system is not really new, but a very ancient one, and to it is due the enormous yield of the field, which have been treated like gardens.

While our farmers throw broadcast handfuls of grain on the harrowed earth, offering rich pasturage to pillaging birds and rodents the intense farmer is content to reduce the earth to a powder with his hands and cover the seed sufficiently deep to protect it. One farmer, Bourdial Lambert, has been planting wheat and oats in the same field for five years, without the application of manure. He makes his furrows thirty-six inches apart and plants the seed therein at a distance of twenty inches from each other. Then he harrows the earth constantly, stirring the soil, destroying its parasites and keeping it pulverized. For five years, without fertilizing, without distribution of crops, and without rotation, he has harvested an average yield of 1,800 pounds of oats per acre and 1,600 of wheat, while his neighbor's yield was a scant 830 pounds of oats and 500 of wheat.

It is yet to be seen to what a great yield the land can be made to produce under the intense system, and when the era dawns in full the fertile hills and valleys of Granville will bear its quota of fruits and nuts, and the golden plant will be supreme the world over.

Farmers Well Contented.

The farmers in this section have reason to be in very good heart. Their tobacco crop is fine, and the conditions will have to change very much to change the probability of a very much larger crop than that of last year.

According to official reports the acreage in tobacco this year in North Carolina is 210,000 as compared with 213,000 last year but the present indications are that the production will be greatly in excess of last year. The conditions in other States do not indicate an acreage crop, not even in excess of the total product of last year. The ground was in better condition this year for transplanting than ever before, but the drought following quickly hurt the crops to a certain extent. Nevertheless, it promises as well as last year, and should prove one of the best crops ever grown in the State. The tobacco in the field looks well, and with favorable weather throughout the growing season a heavy yield is likely.

Brassfield District School.

In the report of the proceedings of the Board of Education in regard to the Brassfield district, there seems to be doubt as to the meaning of one sentence. Messrs. J. W. Whitfield and C. M. Lawrence asked that the patrons and voters be allowed to elect the school committee, not that they themselves be given the right to elect. That was what was intended in the report but the connection gave rise to some ambiguity in the statement.

LOST—On July 9th at picnic at Providence or between Providence and Oxford, a Davis Scholarship Medal of Oxford High school with name, Harry J. Renn engraved on it. Finder will please return to J. J. Renn and receive reward.