

OUR SLOGAN-- OXFORD OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMES SCHOOLS HEALTH FACTORIES AND PROSPERITY.  
SEMI-WEEKLY. OXFORD, N. C., SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1913. VOLUME 26, NO. 63

## FARMERS' PICNIC AT FAIR GROUNDS.

### Business Houses of Oxford Join in Making It a Memorable Occasion.

The Farmer's Institute and Picnic held at the Fair Grounds Thursday surpassed expectations in number and enthusiasm and the interest manifested by both town and county in the success of the undertaking bespeaks an underlying union of hearts and hands that works wonders. The day was clear, but warm, and the good sturdy farmers and their families from many parts of county began to gather at Fair Grounds early in the morning and when the business houses of Oxford closed their doors and all the clerks adjourned to the Fair Grounds the crowd was estimated to be not less than 1500. Every body seemed to be lugging a great heavy basket, which was deposited with a committee and afterwards the contents spread upon the long table and everybody asked to come forward and enjoy themselves. The dinner was of great variety, dainty, substantial and bountiful.

Dr. G. T. Sikes, of Grissom, in assuming the chair made an interesting talk on the County Fair, which he said lays near the heart of every farmer in the county. Dr. Sikes proved to be an excellent presiding officer and introduced the speakers in a happy manner. The first speaker introduced was W. B. Shufford, of Hickory, who spoke on Farm Co-operation and enlightened his hearer on the creamery establishment in his town. He was followed by C. B. Williams in a short speech, throwing much light on experimental work. Dr. W. W. Garner spoke on tobacco wilt, and Dr. J. A. Morris talked demonstration work. All the speeches were gems of thought and made a deep and lasting impression.

In the afternoon the Fair Grounds and buildings were turned over to the ladies. Mrs. Chas. McKimmon, of Raleigh, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Capehart and her tomato club girls gave a practical demonstration of canning in tin. Mrs. McKimmons' bread doughs and demonstration of quick rolls was very much appreciated by the large number of ladies present.

After the dinner hour was over the men were invited to go over to the Test Farm and witness a practical demonstration of tile drainage by H. M. Lynde, United States Drainage Engineer. Much interest was manifested by everybody in looking over the fertilizer plat and different varieties of corn and tobacco.

The picnic was a grand success in every way and everybody voted that it must become an annual event. Eugene G. Moss, superintendent of the Experimental Station, is due much credit for the Institute and Picnic and it was he who is responsible in getting the business houses of Oxford to take a whole soul interest in the happy event and to all we extend congratulations.

## FINE TOBACCO FARM FOR SALE

Thursday, August 7th, 1913, on the premises we will sell to the highest bidder what is pronounced to be the best tobacco farm and most desirable home in Granville county, at Tally Ho, one mile from stem, known as the Dr Russell home place. Contains 116 acres, one half open, one half in woods heavily timbered. Soil adapted to fine tobacco, well drained, not subject to drowning out. 140,000 hills in present crop, 100,000, in one field free from stumps and rocks in high state of cultivation. Tally Ho is a village of more than a dozen homes, on the water divide of Tar and Neuse rivers. Good roads leading in five directions. Near the best schools and churches. Mail delivery from Raleigh train at eight a. m.; a splendid phone system, local and long distance. Eight room residence in good repair, beautifully located. Excellent water. "Every body fattens up who moves to Tally Ho" has been a saying for a long time. Time of sale about one o'clock.

Terms: \$500 down, one-half January 1st, 1914, balance January 1st, 1915. Much of this land is now paying \$25 to \$50 per acre rent. We shall be glad to show anyone over the property.

W. J. & H. P. WEBB, Stem, N. C.

## GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

J. T. Critcher, the liveryman, had a horse to die a few days ago.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Josiah Cannady continues very sick.

Blessed are the stay-at-homes, for they shall get the benefit of the heated term.

We are informed that the street leading to the Seaboard depot has not been completed.

Good progress is being made in the construction of all the new buildings now going up in Oxford.

Your attention is called to the sale of valuable land advertisement in another column by W. J. and Webb.

Glad to learn that Mrs. Shelby Green and Mrs. Willie Murry, who have been numbered with the sick, are better.

Everybody has a right to express their opinion as to the working of the streets whether commissioners or citizens.

The fight is on to the finish and nothing but justice at the hands of the railroads will satisfy the people of North Carolina.

We know of nothing that will do Oxford more good than good, smooth streets, and we hope to see every one of them remacadimized.

Mr. Lakel, of Pennsylvania, has joined his wife and daughter who are spending the summer with Mrs. N. N. Gupp, on College street.

The Carriers Contest is nearing its close and new subscribers continue to roll in as the people like the Twice-a-week Public Ledger.

The Board of County Commissioners had a consultation Wednesday with the architect in regard to the plans for the new County Home.

Thursday when all the stores and banks were closed during the hours of the Farmers picnic at the Fair ground it looked like Sunday in Oxford.

William Farabow sold his farm of 163 acres, near Hester, few days ago to James Haskins for the nice sum of \$7,500. It is a fine tobacco farm.

The strength of Oxford and the county's financial institutions are a feature of our business development and gives our people ample cause for feeling proud.

John Brummitt, of Fishing Creek township, and B. E. Gilliam, of Wilton section, were in town on Thursday with the first loads of home grown watermelons.

The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage will get something over thirty thousand dollars from the estate of Dr. S. W. Little, of Rockingham county, who died a few days ago.

The many friends of Miss Willie Lee Thomas and Mrs. L. F. Smith, who are in a Richmond hospital for treatment, will be pleased to learn that they are getting along nicely.

Master Will Hicks has been entertaining a number of his little boy and girl friends with moving pictures. He also takes them to ride on a tram road he has built across the yard.

If the \$10,000 worth of Sidewalk and Street Bonds have been placed would it not be a good idea to give out the contract for the improvement of the sidewalks during the fall months?

W. J. Webb, of Tally Ho, one of the best book-keepers that ever carried a book on a warehouse floor, will be with W. Z. Mitchell at the old reliable Banner Warehouse the coming season.

We remember when a ditch ran between the Dr. Young and R. J. Mitchell lot which took care of the surplus water. On the lowering of the grade of Spring street the water can be easily turned into this street.

Charles E. Morrill, Jr., of the Treasury Department, Washington, arrived in Oxford a few days ago, and is supervising the construction of the Government building, and he is certainly on the job.

Wake up to the fact that you can buy during the next 10 days porch rockers, 3-piece porch sets, reed baby carriages, porch shades and porch swings at 25 per cent reduction for cash at the Furniture store of Upchurch & Currin, College st.

## Contest Drawing to a Close.

Please do not forget that the Mail Carrier's Contest ends at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, July 31st. Those who subscribe after that hour, cannot be counted in the contest. The names of the winners in the contest will be announced in the Public Ledger on Friday morning, August 1st.

## Miss Brown to Teach School

Miss Annie Brown, the bright and attractive daughter of ex-Postmaster Brown, among a number of other young ladies, has successfully stood an examination and granted a permit to teach school. Miss Brown is a proficient operator at the Telephone Exchange, and hopes to take up teaching this fall.

## Bachelor on the Beach.

One of our good bachelors writes back from the beach saying; I like the town of Oxford, Its rough street and heat; But Ocean View called me so sweet I soon donned my bathing suit And loaf along the beach, Or sit me down with lighted cigar And flirt with some fair peach.

## Popular Drug Clerk.

The popular and efficient drug-gist Eugene Crews, well known all over Granville county as "Gene Crews," has accepted a position with the Hamilton Drug Company, the same to take effect about August 1st. Gene is very popular in Oxford and the county and we know his many friends will be glad to know that he has come back home to locate, and he will be equally as glad to have them call to see him and have him wait on them.

## Oxford Plumbing Company.

Messrs Waverly Harris and Earnest C. Hunt have opened up a plumbing establishment in the basement of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company. They are prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and electric wiring. They are prepared to handle both large and small jobs with dispatch. The young men composing the firm are well and favorably known to the people of Oxford. Read their adv. on the last page of this paper.

## Pastor Installed.

A beautiful and impressive service was held in the Presbyterian church at Stovall on last Sunday when Rev. J. S. Kinnison was installed as pastor. Rev. S. K. Phillips, of Oxford, preached a most excellent sermon and propounded the usual questions to the pastor which were answered earnestly and reverently, touching the hearts of all his people. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. White, of Henderson, and the charge to the members by Elder John Webb, of Oxford, all of which was fully enjoyed by the large congregation in attendance.

## Grady Wilbourn Dead.

Grady Wilbourn, a little boy nine years old, was burned to death at his home at Dabney, Wednesday as the result of an oil can exploding in his hands as he was making a fire in the kitchen stove. In her almost frantic efforts to save her son, Mrs. Robert Wilbourn was seriously burned. It is hoped however, that she will recover. Young Grady went into the kitchen to kindle the fire in the stove, and not knowing there was any fire in it, he took the kerosene can and poured some oil in. There was a quick explosion and the burning oil was thrown over the boy, he being covered with the blaze.

## Death of W. R. Mims.

Mr. W. R. Mims, who worked at the Orphan Asylum Planing Mills and was one of our good and kind citizens, died in Asheville Wednesday and his remains arrived in Oxford Thursday morning accompanied by Mrs. Mims and two bright sons, his father and one brother and Mr. McCall. The body was met at the Southern depot by Upchurch & Currin, undertakers, and conveyed to the Methodist church where they remained until 6 o'clock when the Oxford Odd Fellows took charge of the remains and in their beautiful and impressive way consigned them to the tomb to await the resurrection morn. The following were the pall bearers: W. A. McFarland, A. Williford, J. D. Brooks, Joe Hunt, Lonnie F. Smith and Eugene Crews.

A man with a fishing pole sat on the bank of Tar River, near Providence bridge. "How many fish have you caught?" he was asked. "When I get another I will have one," he replied.

## Popular Town Axims.

We have noticed with some concern the machinery employed to successfully operate the various cities and towns which are now run by a general manager. In every instance the mayor acts in conjunction with the general manager, and the Commissioners acts as a safety valve for them. In every instance that we have noticed the scheme has worked beautifully. Here are a few of the axims which are giving entire satisfaction where they are being tried:

"Town business should be transacted with the same financial insight as that required in the conduct of a private corporation.

"Contracts for supplies should be awarded on the lowest bids for the best material without favor or recognition of political 'pull'.

"Merit must rule in the appointment of chiefs of departments—the best men for the job to get the place. "Petty animosities are to be discouraged and complete harmony demanded between departments.

"Reports of finances and recommendations should be submitted to an auditing committee every month.

"Better salaries should be paid town employees, there should be more public improvement and greater school facilities.

"Economy must rule in everything so that the tax rate may be lowered and the property values increased by reason of municipal development."

## Creedmoor Chronicles.

A good many of our farmers are curing tobacco this week.

There are protracted meetings this week at Bullock, Brassfield and Fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brogden, of Wake county, were in Creedmoor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Chappell have gone to Middlesex to visit friends and relatives.

The new postoffice building will be completed next week and will be ready for occupancy.

Mayor J. L. Peed and Miss Vida Peed, have gone to Nashville, to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Estelle Debnam, of Eagle Rock, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Wagstaff.

Wyatt Walters, a prominent farmer of the Brassfield section, was on our streets Saturday morning.

Misses Margaret and Mattie Woodard, of Raleigh, who are visiting friends at Wilkins, were in Creedmoor Thursday.

Miss Ruth Harris, of Wake Forest, who spent last week with Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rogers, returned home Sunday.

After spending several day visiting her daughters, Mrs. Cage Cozart and Mrs. Joe Moss at Creedmoor, Mrs. E. L. Fleming, of Asbury, returned home Monday.

The men who will buy tobacco on the floors of the warehouses in Creedmoor this season will be: Sim Meadows for the Liggett and Myers Company; J. B. Meadows for the American Tobacco Company; A. E. Holgood for the British American Company; R. C. Bobbitt, for the Imperial and T. P. Curl, for the Venable Tobacco Company

Misses Burma Sanderford, Carrie Tom Farthing and Goldie Farthing and Messrs. A. E. Holgood and H. G. Sanderford, spent Sunday at Buffalo Springs. Another automobile party composed of Messrs. W. B. Lashley, J. E. Lashley, Mesdmes W. W. Lashley and W. B. Lashley and Miss Lola Lashley, accompanied them.

TUESDAY, JULY 29th, AT Creedmoor. Don't fail to see Dr. N. Rosenstein, the eye specialist of Durham, about your eyes and glasses. At Creedmoor, Tuesday, July 29th. He will stop at the Central hotel. Please be on time if you wish to see the Doctor, as he will leave on the mail train. 1t.

FREE BARBECUE—Royal good time guaranteed to all. Have employed an expert barbecuer from South Carolina to cook the pigs. If you are a patron or a close friend of old W. H. Moore meet him in Oxford July 31st and join the happy band. Time for dinner 2 o'clock

FOR RENT—The home place of the late Capt. A. S. Peace on Raleigh street, Oxford, N. C., with or without the land, twenty acres or more. House ten rooms, all necessary out buildings in good repair, poultry yards, electric lights. Apply to W. L. PEACE.

## SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

### Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

D. S. Howard, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

David Crews, of Route 2, was in town Wednesday.

W. D. Stimson was in Durham Wednesday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. Salls, of Route 4, were in town Wednesday.

Walter Averett, of Providence, was in town Wednesday.

Albert Crews, of Tar River, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Beverly and Roy Royster are on a visit to friends at Shelby.

W. J. Webb, of Tally Ho, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

General B. S. Royster spent the last of the week at Camp Glenn.

Rufus Stroud, of Tar River section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, were in town Tuesday.

Louis Daniel, a fine farmer of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Col. John Cunningham, of Durham, was on our streets Thursday.

Miss Ruth Lanier, of Washington City, is visiting relatives in Oxford.

Miss Laura Stedman has returned from a visit to relatives in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morton, of Bullock, were on our streets Wednesday.

L. F. Smith is at home from a visit to the watering places near Norfolk.

Mrs. E. T. White and daughter, Miss Helen, are in the "Land of the Sky."

William Farabow, James and "D" Haskins, of Hester, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mrs. I. H. Davis and "Sweet Margaret" are spending a while at Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Daniel, of Berea section, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Mangum and son, Will, returned today from a visit to Richmond.

Charley Knight and daughter, of Fishing Creek Township, were in town Thursday.

Walter Farabow, of Hester, passed through Oxford Wednesday on his way to Greenville

Chas. Pearson, of New York, was in Oxford this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Leon Hines.

Miss Sallie Burwell has returned from a visit to Weldon, accompanied by Miss Katherine Ward.

Col. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper and children spent the past week with Mrs. Capenart near Fairport.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles Elmore and sweet children have returned from the mountains of Tennessee.

It was a genuine pleasure to us to receive a visit Wednesday afternoon from our good friend, Prof. Early Whitaker, of Oak Ridge Institute. Teaching school agrees with him as he does not grow old.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF OXFORD.

A special photographer is in your city, taking local pictures such as children, buildings and prominent places anyone he comes in contact with. If he calls on you let him have your picture taken as there is no charges; all the above pictures will be shown at the Opera House. Watch for the date. 1t pd.

LOST—strayed but not stolen. One Gordon Setter dog, black and yellow tipped. Return or notify R. BROUGHTON and get reward.

LOST—Between Oxford and Providence cover to automobile top. J. W. Horner at HORNER BROS CO.

WANTED—Man with horse and buggy to work Granville County; good proposition to right man. Address P. O. Box 230, Durham. 3tp.

PURE BRED O. I. C. Pigs for sale eight weeks old at \$5 each. R. BROUGHTON, Oxford, N. C.

CREEDMOOR, TUESDAY, JULY 29, Dr. N. Rosenstein, of Durham, will be at Creedmoor Tuesday, July 29th, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. If your eyes need working on don't fail to see him at the Central hotel. 1t.

## CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO LARGE CROP.

### Better Facilities and Improved Conditions of Our Tobacco Market.

The proprietors and employees of the tobacco warehouses are having their enforced holiday, but they are enlarging their floor space and are keeping their eye on business all the same. They are mingling with the tobacco growers and getting points for the big business they expect to do in the selling of the weed when the crop of the present year has been cured and will be ready for the market. From all the data they have thus far picked up concerning the year's crop all of our warehousemen are of the opinion that they are going to have more of the leaf to sell this fall and winter than they have had for any season within the past five years. Their opinion is, of course, based on the present condition of the crop and the information from all sections is to the effect that there never was a finer prospect for a heavier crop of the weed than this year. In the first place the high prices for all grades of tobacco sold last fall and winter on the Oxford market have induced the farmers throughout the bright belt to plant larger crops, and the seasons having been unusually favorable, the outlook for a bumper crop is fine.

As to the Oxford market our warehousemen have made extraordinary efforts to handle an increased output, and well informed men of our market predict that at least 10,000,000 pounds will be handled here this tobacco year, and they say the demand is so great and present stocks so far below the demand they expect no falling off in prices and other markets of the bright belt is equally optimistic. The possibilities are that the Oxford market will open the first week in September. We have always looked upon our tobacco market as the corner-stone of Oxford's prosperity, and the Public Ledger in years past has been an ardent supporter and has given thousands of dollars worth of free advertising to advance the material interest of town and county.

## The Street Question.

To the Public Ledger: The Spring street situation seems to be the topic of conversation among all classes and ages just at this time and disapproval, disgust and almost condemnation of the action of some of the commissioners is heard from many of the tax payers of the town. Abuse never does any good and it is not the object of this communication, but gentlemen, turn on the light and give the voters who supported the present Board the key to what seems to us a mystery. But a short time ago the town treasury, we were told, was almost entirely depleted and no funds to pay necessary expenses, and yet almost as suddenly as the forked lightning from the blue heavens above a wave of prosperity floats over our bankrupt town and the street force undertakes work that will not cost less than two thousand dollars when completed.

Can it be possible that our sidewalks are going to be neglected and the Bond issue gobbled up in this way. Oh no we can't think that of our friends, but gentlemen we want to know, and will you not turn on the light? Not only as to the financial mystery, but why not work where it is needed, needed so badly instead of ploughing up two of the best streets in town that are in fine condition and that cost not less than a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars to put them in their present condition. Now if there is a private bank that has without our knowledge donated to the town enough money to grade the streets and put stone over our entire town, then commence at the Confederate Monument and go east, north, south and west if you like, but if the tax-payers are expected to pay for this useless and unnecessary work we do most humbly enter our protest. We are certain that if ninety per cent of the voters of this town could be heard and any attention given their protest that the petition of the "Big Four" to do this work would not have received any consideration. If we must take this kind of medicine for the next two years, may the good Lord help us to bear it and send us safe deliverance at the next election. C. H. PARHAM

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