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## BEAUTIFUL NUT-BEARING SHADE TREES.

### The Soil and Climate of Granville Produce a Superior Quality.

In passing out Raleigh Road our attention was arrested by the large and graceful nut-bearing trees on the old Taylor estate, the former home of Dr. C. D. Fort, a hundred yards or so south of the corporate limits. Some eighteen or twenty years ago Dr. Fort planted a number of English walnuts, Prussian walnuts, Japanese walnuts, pecans and possibly other nuts, and the sylvan foliage mellowing the atmosphere to a delightful temperature. The trees are loaded with precious nuts to day, which will ripen and fall at the approach of frost. A glimpse of this beautiful nut-bearing grove led us to make further inquiries as to the possibility of growing nuts for commercial purposes in Granville county.

Texas is the home of the pecan. The nuts bring \$3.00 per bushel in the orchard, each tree producing from ten to twelve bushels of nuts. Thus it will be seen that a man who owns a thousand pecan trees is fairly well to do. A critical examination of the soil survey map of the famous pecan district of Texas, as compared with the soil survey map of Granville county, leads one to believe that surely if there is a Garden of Eden in the kingdom of man, it lies on the sun-kissed hills of old Granville. One of the largest typical areas of soil capable of producing the largest and most delicious pecans extend along the Oxford-Creedmoor road from Foundry Branch to a point one mile south of Belltown; another typical occurrence is that lying a short distance north of Tar River, and extending from the Oxford-Stem road across the Oxford-Creedmoor road to Bollens Run. Tar River Academy is located upon a fairly typical body of this soil; another in the vicinity of Tally Ho church; another near Providence, one between Oxford and Lewis and still another in and around Stovall with numerous small areas scattered throughout the county.

There are a great many flourishing pecan trees in Granville, and those who have examined the large tree of W. E. Rogers, at the old Sarah Webb place in Oak Hill township, pronounce the nuts from it far superior to the Texas variety. Some years ago Gen. Julian S. Carr gave Judge Graham a half dozen pecan plants which he set out on his lawn, and the trees not only make a delightful shade, but are bearing abundant of the most delicious nuts.

It is not a question of soil or climate with us in the matter of growing nuts. "The glorious golden leaf is supreme," but if we care to side-step long enough to plant nut-bearing trees by the roadside, in the fence corners and everywhere the greater will be our interests. The main thing for the present, it would seem, is to encourage, in season and out of season, the planting of fruit-bearing trees, especially of the nut variety.

### The First Brick Laid.

Our good friend, Caleb Osborn, the painstaking newly appointed postmaster of Oxford, had the distinguished honor Monday morning at 9:40 o'clock of laying the first brick in the construction of the new Postoffice building, and we will be glad to see him have the honor of presiding over the beautiful structure when complete. When the brick was properly adjusted and Mr. Osborn stepped aside Foreman Johnston called the men to resume their work and we have it from him that the work will be pushed as much as possible.

### We Will Do It.

An old time subscriber in renewing his subscription says: "Enclosed you will find a dollar—keep in sending the Ledger as it gets better in its old age. You don't mind speaking out in meeting as to county matters which suits us farmers. Stick to the farmers and your principles and you'll come out all right."

### EVERY FIRST TUESDAY.

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham, will make his regular First Tuesday visit Tuesday August 5th at Dr. Henderson's Dental Office. Remember that you pay nothing for the examination of your eyes in buying glasses of me and I furnish you the best quality at a moderate price.

## GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Monday and Tuesday were July melters.

Oxford is still perfumed with escaping gas.

The crops of Granville appear to have gone Democratic too.

The "King Bee" is still buzzing as the current is always on.

Read change in the advertisement of the Oxford Ice Co. on another page.

The County Commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday.

Blessed be the man who is in a hurry; he never stops to tell his troubles.

Sorry to learn that Z. W. Lyon is numbered with the sick, and hope he will soon recover.

You are asked to read the change in the date of the advertisement of Dr. Rapport on another page.

A two story wooden building will soon be completed in the colored settlement on Hillsboro street.

Granville Superior Court will convene in Oxford on next Monday morning with Judge H. A. Foushee, Presiding.

When you have any one from a distance visiting you won't you be kind enough to inform the editors of the fact.

The oldest inmate of the Soldiers Home at Raleigh is Daniel Oliver, of Wilson county, who is 99 years and 7 months old.

It is claimed that the stamp on a love letter doesn't always stick to facts. In which respect it is like a great many editors and lawyers.

It is a pleasure to us to learn that Dr. Frank Hancock, who has been confined at home about 10 days on account of sickness, is convalescent.

We very much regret to learn of the serious illness of Will Dean, near Knott's Grove Church, and trust he will win the battle over the disease.

The Carriers Contest will positively close Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Send in your subscription if you want to vote for either one of the carriers.

Mr. Charles Easton, who has been confined to his bed a couple of weeks, is able to take a ride and is fast gaining his old time vigor and cheerfulness.

One of the quickest constructed brick buildings that has been erected in a long time is the Export Tobacco Co's Prize House on the corner of Broad street and Penn Ave.

The Henderson Gas Co. is having the numerous gas leaks in Oxford stopped. Our natural flow of gas will not be interfered with as we need it to keep things on the move.

Rev. Fred N. Day conducted a revival meeting at Grassy Creek Baptist Church last week, which proved a soul winner, as 87 joined the church 60 of whom being baptised Sunday.

Ike Gregory, the well known well digger and Foreman of the Colored Fire Company, died Sunday morning after an illness of three weeks. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death.

It is a pleasure to us to learn that our highly esteemed young friend B. K. Lassiter is proving a successful farmer, as he has now growing the finest tobacco and corn crop ever produced on the Lassiter farm.

We call the special attention of our large number of readers to the message of H. P. Chamblee and H. F. Holeman on the 4th page. Read what they say as they are a "little bashful" rarely ever appearing in print.

If the middle aged man consumes 1,000 times his own weight, some of our friends in and around Oxford have eaten a mountain range of rations, judging from the vast amount of barbecue and brunswick stew some of them can hide.

Who's your friend when you are dead broke, financially? He generally makes himself scarce, doesn't he? Well, the best friend you can have at such times is a savings account at National Bank of Granville. See change of ad elsewhere.

### Comes to Stay With Us.

We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. Lakel, who has joined Mrs. Lakel and daughter who have been spending the summer in Oxford with Mrs. N. N. Cupp, and expects to make Oxford his home in the future, which we trust will prove both pleasant and profitable.

### Miss Bullock Entertained.

Miss Anna Neal Fulter delightfully entertained Tuesday evening of last week at the elegant home of her father in Lumberton, in honor of her guest, Miss Estell Bullock, of Oxford. After the guests had been served with punch there was a very interesting game of progressive hearts, in which Miss Estell won first prize.

### Looking Up Data.

Prof. Howell, of the Historical Society of the University of North Carolina, accompanied by R. D. W. Conner, of Raleigh, came over to Oxford in a touring car last Saturday and were joined here by Col. Ballou and John Webb who accompanied them to the old Lucy Thorp place in Oak Hill township, near Coshen, to look up historical data concerning the late General Pearson but failed in their mission.

### Our Athletes.

In the game at Winston-Salem last Friday Lee Meadows, who is the star pitcher on the Durham team, was fined \$25 for jawing at the umpire. Meadows was quite indignant and refused to leave the park and it was necessary for a policeman to escort him from the field. The trouble seems to have grown out of an unjust decision.

Herman Winston, who played on the Oxford team two years ago will be on the Chapel Hill team next season.

Lee Gooch, who spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Alice Gooch, will play foot-ball on the University team this fall. They will play Lehigh University and Richmond College this fall.

### Pictures of Oxford Merchants

The current number of the Merchants Journal, published at Lynchburg, in their write-up of the Convention of the North Carolina Merchant's Association recently held in Wrightsville, they reproduce a handsome photograph of the Association seated on the steps of the Seashore Hotel. In the centre of the group, and easily discernable for good looks from all the rest, is seated one of Oxford's leading merchants, Mr. Morris Green. Turning over a few pages of the Journal we come across two pages of individual photographs of prominent members of the North Carolina Merchants Association and conspicuous for distinguished bearing among the number is Mr. F. B. Blalock, of the Long Company.

### House Burned.

Shortly after 12 o'clock last Saturday night the fire bell announced a fire at the home of Charles Legon, opposite the Body Factory. The fire department responded, but as the house was out of the fire district and could not be reached with a hose it burned to the ground in short order. The house was the property of C. J. Turner and its destruction was complete; estimated loss about \$81,000. Mr. Legon's family had a narrow escape and all the household effects and a lot of their wearing apparel was consumed. The fire was so hot that it burned away the facing of the well and melted the chain used in drawing water. The origin of the fire is unknown but probably it was caused by the kitchen flue.

### Mr. Vernon Walters Dead.

Vernon Walters, brother of Deputy Sheriff Conrad Walters, of Oxford, and son of J. R. Walters, of Route 6, died at his home Monday morning from a severe attack of erysipelas in the face. Saturday two weeks ago he was a member of a party who went seining in Grassy Creek near Soudan, Va. As he had a little pimple on his upper lip at the time of going in the water it is thought that he in some way got poison in the sore, which developed into a case of erysipelas and caused his death.

The deceased was a promising young farmer and a devout member of Tally Ho Baptist church and leaves a wife and four small children to mourn his death. The Public Ledger extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Funeral and burial will take place this Tuesday afternoon at the family burying ground, near Tally Ho.

### A Quiet Marriage.

William Whitt and Miss Salie Whitt, both of Roxboro, came over to Oxford Saturday and went to the home of Rev. L. H. Joyner, who united them in the holy bonds of wedlock and sent them on their way rejoicing.

### Enjoyable Occasion

On Friday afternoon last Mrs. W. L. Peace gave a euchre party complimentary to her guest, Mrs. Willis G. Peace, and also on Saturday morning entertained at bridge. A large number of ladies attended both entertainments where tempting refreshments were served.

### Pleasant Visitors.

Capt. and Mrs. Willis G. Peace, who have been on a visit to his brother, W. L. Peace and wife, on Rectory street, left Monday for Fort Caswell where he was ordered to report for duty August 1st. Capt. Peace for the past three years has been stationed as commandant at the A. & M. College, Raleigh.

### Granville Grays to Camp

Our fine military organization, the Granville Grays, are getting themselves in readiness to go to Camp Glenn. The soldier boys are in good trim and we are sure they will make a very creditable showing under the guidance of Capt. T. G. Stem. We wish them much pleasure in their camp down by the sea.

### Two Potent Factors.

Enumerating the agencies and influences that go into the making of good citizens and good communities, you will find that the two most potent are the savings account and the building and loan association. They both make a man independent and the owning of a home anchors a man to the soil and gives him a feeling of proprietorship in the community.

### Hints and Suggestions.

The columns of the Public Ledger are open to contributors who have something to say of a suggestive nature, and who are willing to make hints and suggestions looking to the better development of the good old county of Granville, and who can hold their suggestions down in any one issue to from 150 to 200 words. Such communications will be gladly received and given prompt attention.

### The Last Call For Votes.

The Mail Carriers Contest comes to a close at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening July 31. The tabulated statement of the standing of the carriers occurs for the last time in this issue of the Public Ledger. If there is any outstanding funds in the hands of anyone that should be handed in and votes placed to the credit of the carriers, or if there is any one who wishes to subscribe and place the votes to the credit for any particular carrier the time is short. This is the last call for votes. The next statement will be that of the result of the contest in Saturday's issue.

### Fine Tobacco Farm.

Mr. Joe Meadows, who has returned from his large tobacco farm near Blackstone, Va., speaks encouragingly of the bright type of tobacco being produced on his place this year. Mr. Meadows is one of the best tobaccoists in the State, thoroughly familiar with the weed in all its phases, and to be able to produce a "bright golden-hued leaf" with just enough red to make it beautiful, is enough to make the old Virginia farmer of the heavy dark-red variety set up and take notice. Though nearer Petersburg and other markets than Oxford, Mr. Meadows looks upon marketing his Virginia product in Oxford as a special blessing.

### Rural Carriers Contest.

The following is the standing of the contestants up to Tuesday at noon:

Carrier No. 1 Oxford	7,800
Carrier No. 2 Oxford	49,700
Carrier No. 3 Oxford	28,100
Carrier No. 4 Oxford	21,200
Carrier No. 5 Oxford	16,800
Carrier No. 7 Oxford	16,100
Carrier No. 2 Virginia	11,500
Carrier No. 2 Northside	11,400
Carrier No. 1 Hester	45,800
Carrier No. 1 Stem	21,000
Carrier No. 2 Stem	13,200
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.

John Hall is at Panacea Springs. J. H. Oaks, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

G. E. Dickerson, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

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

Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Tyler are at Buffalo Springs.

Macon Hobgood, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Col. Sidney Minor, of Durham, was in town Sunday.

Lucius Burnett, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

J. S. Satterwhite, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

J. W. Davis, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

H. A. McGhee, of Route 7, was a town visitor Saturday.

Buck Howell, of Kittrell Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. C. Breedlove, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

Virginius Cheatham, of Watkins section, was in town Saturday.

Ed Pruitt and Wesley Knott, of Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Miss Esther Mitchell is the guest of Miss Hal Morrison at Statesville.

John Haskins is visiting relatives this week in Apex and Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knott, of Route 5, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth, were on our streets Saturday.

W. R. Nelson, of Route 4, was among the Oxford visitors here Saturday.

Mrs. Ernest Critcher and children are visiting her sister Mrs. Lonnie Perkinson.

Mrs. Will Minor and child are visiting Mrs. Julia Minor on College street.

Mrs. John Mitchell, of Lillington, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Brown on High street.

Frank Blalock returned a few days ago from an extended stay at Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Howard, of Route 4, spent Sunday with relatives in Oxford.

Chas. Hester, one of the fine tobacco growers of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

E. M. Caldwell and son Halstead, of Carolina Lodge, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Chapman will return Saturday from a pleasant stay at Buffalo Springs.

C. U. Thomas and Mr. Greenway, of Oak Hill township, were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Miss Leah Perry, of Henderson, spent the first part of the week with the Misses Gregory on College st.

Mrs. Walter Stark returned a few days ago from visiting the family of James Stark in Vance county.

Miss Nellie Van Deventer and Mrs. H. M. Boyken, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. I. W. Mangum.

Dr. I. H. Davis returned Saturday from Ocean View. Mrs. Davis and pretty little Miss Margaret will return tomorrow.

Russell Webb and Claude Allen returned Sunday from an extended trip to Washington City, New York City, Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada, and report a fine time.

Mr. Taylor Marrow, book-keeper for J. G. Hall, has accepted a similar position with the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company and will leave for Durham to enter upon his duties Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago, and Mr. Walter Bonitz, of Pittsburg, are in Oxford in attendance upon the bedside of their sick sister, Mrs. Josiah Cannady, who is some better.

Messrs. Latham and Scott, members of the Board of Agriculture, accompanied by Mr. Eugene Moss, visited the Test Farm near town Tuesday and were much pleased with what they saw.

HAVE A NICE lot of Pigs and Shoats for sale at the de Lacroix Farm. 1t

## GOOD PLACE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

### The County Fair Enables all Our People to Get Together in Pleasant Intercourse.

We have been having County Fairs for the past three years and now we cannot do without them. It offers too good an opportunity for all our people in town and county to get together in pleasant contact, to shake hands, exchange gossip and have a royal good time generally. It helps us all to get better acquainted and closer together, encouraging a mutual feeling of fellowship and good will. It helps and broadens us to know what our neighbor is doing, his aspirations, ideals and views of matters and things in general.

All this aside from any resulting trade benefits, which are mutually desirable and important, and the encouragement and stimulating of farming interests. It is nothing less, then, than our duty as well as our self-interest, to give the Fair Association every possible encouragement in the effort to pull off this year the biggest and best fair we have ever had.

### A Romance.

An incident occurred in Oxford last Saturday that brings to mind a romance in Louisville some years ago, when a poor girl married a millionaire—only it is different. The Louisville lady meeting a gentleman in a muddy street, and noticing that his boots were neatly polished she stepped into the mud to let him pass. This led to a courtship and final marriage.

Different with the Oxford young lady. She met a gentleman in a muddy street where only one at a time could pass dry-shod and she gave the man a nudge and sent him out into the mud-puddle, and to make matters worse, she stood there and laughed at his predicament.

### Dog Commits Suicide.

A party touring North Granville last week relates an incident which occurred on one of the smooth roads of that section. They were coming down the pike in a touring car at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. In rounding a curve they observed a little cabin up a gentle incline some seventy-five yards from the railroad, in front of which sat an old colored woman with the proverbial yellow dog at her side. The canine spied the car and dashed to the road—a thing he had done a thousand times before, the old woman never dreaming of the inevitable fate that awaits all dogs that habitually chase cars. As the little dog ran down the path and leaped to the middle of the road, evidently with suicidal intent, his life was snapped out in the twinkling of an eye. Nothing could appease the old woman and the party left her lamenting the death of the dog and the dogs inability to block the highway.

### Order of the Eastern Star.

Grand Lecturer R. F. Edwards, of the Masonic fraternity, after a brief stay in Oxford successfully organized a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and installed the officers last Saturday. Mr. Edwards besides holding the office of Grand Lecturer is also District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, a degree conferred upon the wives and daughters of Masons. The Order of the Eastern Star is founded upon Scriptures and its teaching are both beautiful and noble. The chapter installed here will hold its meetings in the hall jointly used by the Masons and the Odd Fellows, and starts out under the most favorable conditions. The following is a list of officers selected from the charter members:

Mrs. Emma Turner, Worthy Matron; R. L. Brown, W. P.; Mrs. Marian B. Brown, A. M.; Mrs. Eugenia Couch, Secretary; Frank W. Lyon, Treasurer; Miss Mamie Royner, Conductor; Miss Josephine Brown, Assistant Conductor; Mrs. Selvia McFarland, Chaplain; J. Robt. Wood, Marshall; Miss Lizzie Gooch, Adah; Miss Bennette Gregory, Ruth; Mrs. Josie Gooch, Esther; Mrs. Hettie Minor Hicks, Martha; Mrs. Nannie Waller, Electre; Mrs. Kate Brummitt, Warden; Roy Osborn, Sentinel.

Other charter members are: Mrs. Nannie Ballou; Mrs. W. T. Lee. Mrs. Fannie Griffith, J. H. Griffith. W. D. Reves and Mrs. Mabel Henderson.