



**BOUNTFUL SUPPLY OF PURE WATER.**

**The Oxford Water Company to Be Congratulated on Its Splendid Service.**

As a general thing people do not realize what a blessing it is to have an abundance of pure sparkling water always on tap until an epidemic sets in. There are at least a dozen cities and towns throughout the country at the present time in the throes of an epidemic of typhoid fever, attributable to an impure water supply, and it is not infrequent in the long dry months that we read of a water famine in some of the cities, of the necessity of rushing tank cars to the creeks for water, how they boil it and deal it out in small quantities and the many little annoyances caused by an inadequate supply. With these thoughts fresh in our mind we dropped into the office of the Oxford Water Company and cast our eye at the water gauge and saw that the tank was full of the purest water, absolutely safe from contamination--safe because no impurities can reach it from the time it leaves the subterranean stream until it is drawn from the spigots in the homes of the town.

In "counting the many blessings" surely we should include the Water Company. While other towns suffer the inconveniences of an inadequate water supply it is a misdemeanor and punishable by fine in Oxford to run the tank over, but the injunction to keep it full is as strictly adhered to, and the pressure is always great and the quantity equal to any emergency.

The health of our town depends largely upon the quality and quantity of the water, and where will you find a more healthy town? We have it from Dr. Sam Booth, the County Health Officer, that not a single case of typhoid fever is attributable to our water supply since the mains of the company were laid.

We have the same feelings these hot days for the Oxford Water Company that the boy, who on quenching his thirst, doffed his cap to the old oaken bucket. Whole-some and pure--throw your chest out and drink as much as you can--the more the better--then jump into a bath--it is fit for a king. This life giving beverage is a fortune to the consumer, but the company that supplies it must be content to run it on narrow margins, and he who would register a kick against the Oxford Water Company must be ungrateful, or have an ulterior motive. It behooves the Town Commissioners and all good citizens to foster and encourage this most vital enterprise to the health and prosperity of the town.

**Snake Rag Shakes.**

To the Public Ledger: I have been seeing so much in the papers about the dances of the present generation, I am most ready to believe more than I am willing to acknowledge. I ask as to how the "bunny hug" will compare with the old square dance. What about the "turkey trot" and the "monkey jigger." When wimmin of to-day hook themselves up to men like animals it is about time for all decent people to put out the lights and close the blinds. They do say there be some class to it, but it won't compare with the staccato minuet and graceful waltz of my grand-dad days. The less we have of it the better it will be for us gals, and I beg all such not to disgrace dancing by making the brute creashun. If we are to have the above dances why not have the "hog grunt" dance. CINDY JINKINS.

**Mad Dog.**

The Town Commissioners at their last regular meeting debated the question of mad dogs being at large in the community and passed an ordinance to muzzle all dogs for a stipulated period, but on investigation they decided that there was not sufficient reasons to muzzle the dogs and the ordinance was rescinded. On Wednesday night last the dog of W. Z. Mitchell developed a genuine case of rabies and in his rounds he bit a dozen of other dogs. Mr. Mitchell took precaution to chain his dog to see whether or not it would develop a case of hydrophobia, and the other dogs which were bitten have been chained with a like view. A dog can be violently mad without developing a case of hydrophobia, but the two are so closely allied it is well enough to be on the safe side and hasten the dogs up and await results.

**GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY**

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

Plant flowers and harvest pleasant surroundings.

Our fine farmers are now very busy curing tobacco.

Often the soul kiss breeds the germs of matrimony.

Louis Thorp lost a horse Wednesday night from heat.

Mr. H. O. Furman has had modern improvements put in his home.

It is better to have boosted and busted than never to have boosted at all.

The addition to the rear of the Johnson warehouse is nearing completion.

Horne Bros. Company has had the roof of their storage house repainted.

Keep the Granville County Fair uppermost in your mind and get up a nice exhibit.

The friends of Mrs. W. H. Upchurch will regret to learn that she is numbered with the sick.

Rev. Richard Parker, a Cuban missionary, will preach at Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Don't make a high standard of action and intention for yourself and damn everybody else who fail to come up to it.

The next best thing to be pulled off in Oxford is the opening of the best and most reliable tobacco market in the State.

He asked that same old question "That makes you mad all through; But now he's gone old Satan asks: "Is it hot enough for you?"

Greeley Harris, the well-known restaurant keeper has returned from Asbury Park and is now looking after his business.

The past and the future are shadows. The present is ours for aye, To us it is given to build our heaven in the kingdom of today.

On account of the feeble health of Judge Foushee, Judge Geo. W. Connor, of Wilson, a newly appointed Judge, will preside over Granville Superior Court next week.

A man in Iowa was soundly thrashed by his wife last week for not paying his newspaper subscription after she had given him the cash to do it. May her crown be trimmed to order and her harp have an extra string.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Civic Club, this Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the subject to be discussed will be Hygiene. It will meet in the Commercial Club rooms and a full attendance is desired.

Wednesday proved a great day for the colored people as several thousand participated in celebration at the Colored Orphan Asylum and the automobiles for hire enjoyed a field day. It is claimed that they took in about \$700.

Now really don't you think it is about time you stopped borrowing your neighbor's Public Ledger and subscribe yourself? Just think it over, bearing in mind that you can get the Twice-a-week Public Ledger for the low price of \$1 a year.

Fair and warmer--let it come, Thunder beating on its drum, Frogs and snakes so glad to hear Every echo rolling near, That they leap and croak and hiss, Such a lovely world is this With its youth-reviving spell When the good crop boys yell.

Thornton Yancey, the popular cashier of the National Bank of Granville, dropped one gold cuff-button on the street between the bank and Lyon's drug store, with an old English G engraved on it. Finder liberally rewarded by returning same.

**House Party.**

There is in progress a very delightful house party at the hospitable home of Mr. C. W. Bryan, in Oxford graced by the charming presence of the following young ladies and gentlemen: Miss Denmark, of Raleigh, Misses Mayo, of Tarboro; Miss Sherrod, of Enfield; Miss Yates, of Bisce; Messrs. Josey and Mayo, of Tarboro, Powell and Bryan, of Battleboro, and Sherrod of Enfield. The party had an enjoyable outing at Cannady's Mill Tuesday and at Buffalo Wednesday by automobile.

**Fire Alarm Tuesday.**

An alarm of fire was turned in Tuesday afternoon from the residence of Thos. C. Harris on Front street, on account of an electric wire coming in contact with wood causing a smoke. Fortunately the prompt service of the fire boys was not needed.

**Small Accident.**

Considering the large crowd in attendance upon the Colored Orphan Asylum celebration Wednesday it was fortunate no serious accident occurred. An automobile ran into a buggy smashing up two of the wheels. The automobile was also damaged to some extent.

**Continue the Work.**

One of our farmer friends in renewing his subscription for another year speaks thusly: "You are on the right track; keep on working for the welfare of the people and the education of our children, as you have always done." It will be a pleasure to us to continue in this grand and noble work.

**Will be Paradise.**

"The land of little children will be Paradise for me. When I have met the Pilot at the border of the sea. I want no other heaven than to be transported there. To rest my weary spirit from the sorrows and the care.

**A Violation of Law.**

It is evident that there are a good many people, who do not know that it is a violation of law to put any glass in a public road, and that such an offense is punishable with a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. Some persons violate this law with evil intent, and a prompt punishment of some of them would no doubt have a good effect.

**Fine Watermelons.**

Mr. P. L. Thomasson, of the "Water Line Farm", brought a load of watermelons to town Wednesday. They were very attractive to the eye--of the thin skin variety and it is doubtful if they would vary in size the eighth of a pound. When properly iced and the knife applied to the rind they would pop open and the juice would fairly sparkle. The melons speak well for the soil, the salubrious climate and the personal attention Mr. Thomasson gave them. He never does things by halves. He had one of the best displays at the County Fair last year and he says he is coming this year with a larger and better display.

**A Thirsty Individual.**

A commercial traveler who recently spent a night in Oxford cautiously approached an old colored man, who was seated on the bench in front of the Court House, and said to him:

"Say, uncle, if you will show me a place where I can get a drink I will give you a silver dollar." The old darkey looked him carefully over and extended his hand for the dollar, and said: "All right, boss, come along wid me."

He led the thirsty individual out College street, and on past the de Lacroix farm, and when they had reached a point about three miles from town the commercial man stopped short and drew his handkerchief across his face and said: "Old man, where in the world are we going after the drink?"

"Why, boss, we'r gwine over into Virginia, this State am dry as a bone."

**Colored Masonic Picnic.**

The Annual Colored Masonic picnic held at the Colored Orphan Asylum last Wednesday was largely attended by the colored race from this section of the state. The crowd was estimated to be not less than 5,000, and it was composed of the best element of the colored people. It was a good looking, well behaved crowd, entirely void of the loud and boisterous element.

Automobiles and other vehicles were busy all day conveying passengers between the orphanage and town.

There were impressive ceremonies in the grove at the orphanage in which Plummer Cheatham, the valued and capable superintendent of the orphanage, and other distinguished speakers of the colored race took part. That the colored people take an abiding interest in the orphanage is demonstrated by the large and enthusiastic crowds that gather to celebrate the annual event.

**Two Chickens With One Head**

Mrs. Fannie B. Daniel, of Berea section, was the proud possessor of two chickens with a single head, or shall we say one chicken with four legs, four wings, etc. At any rate an old hen of Mrs. Daniel hatched such a chicken last week. The two-in-one chicken were perfectly formed, standing with their breast together and symmetrically welded at a point slightly below the throat, a single neck leading up to perfectly formed head. The chicken lived only a short while and Mrs. Daniel regrets that she did not have the photograph taken of it while it was alive and kicking.

**Tobacco as a Medicine.**

An old Granville county lady who has successfully raised a large number of children, and is widely known for her household remedies, says: "I have cured severe sprain simply by a poultice of tobacco leaves. As an external remedy for wounds and bruises and sprains a wet tobacco poultice can be used to good advantage.

"In sore throat, erysipelas, sciatica and swellings of various kinds, tobacco externally applied has a wonderfully good effect.

"It seems to increase the pain for a few minutes, but afterwards acts as a sedative and allays the suffering. It may take as much as two hours to produce the soothing effect, but the result is usually that the sufferer is enabled to sleep and inflammation entirely subsides. "Moist tobacco is one of the best cures imaginable for the bite of a poisonous insect. Ordinarily leaf tobacco well soaked and tied over the bitten spot takes the pain away rapidly, and brings down the inflammation.

"For ordinary cases of ophthalmia or sore eyes, it is also efficacious."

**Misses Crews Entertain.**

On Wednesday evening Misses Edna and Myrtle Crews gave a delightful informal party at their home near Oxford in honor of their guests Misses Melissa and Lenora Aiken, of Durham. Japanese lanterns hung on the porch and lawn which made a very pretty picture. As soon as the guest arrived, each gentleman was given a string to untangle, at the end of which was found the name of his partner. The "spider web" contest furnished much amusement as it led its victims' many a chase in and out the porch and under the trees. A musical romance was given also a number of contests. Vocal and instrumental music added much to the pleasure of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Melissa and Lenora Aiken, of Durham, Ruby Adcock, Eloise and Eugenia Crews, Sylvania and Rachel Parham, Alva Lee Currin, Grace Cheatham, Edith Parham, Ida May Floyd, Ethel Breedlove, Florance Hunt, Edna and Myrtle Crews; Messrs. Scott, of Danville, Leonard Cheatham, Hood Parham, Jim Floyd, Theodore Parham, Edward Crews, George Dorsey, Joseph Hunt, Willie Adcock, E. A. Hunt and Roy Crews.

**LIGHT HOUSE KEEPING ROOMS WANTED.**

Young couple without children desire 2 or 3 unfurnished rooms in good family for light housekeeping. Address "Rooms," P. O. box 151.

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

**WINNERS OF PRIZES In Public Ledger Contest.**

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we counted the votes for the four highest contestants in the Public Ledger Carrier's Contest and find that they received the following votes:

First Grand Prize, Buggy:	W. H. Moore, Carrier Route No. 2, Oxford...Votes 66,100
Second Prize, Set of Harness:	E. L. Crews, Carrier Route No. 1, Hester.....Votes 58,100
Third Prize, Set of Harness:	G. E. Cheatham, Carrier Route No. 3, Oxford...Votes 29,600
Fourth Prize, Storm Coat:	Alex Williams Carrier Route No. 4, Oxford...Votes 22,500

Signed, T. C. HARRIS,  
E. G. CREWS,  
of First National Bank, Oxford.

**SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.**

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

J. C. Pittard, of Hester, was in Oxford Thursday.

J. S. Currin, of Route 2, was in Oxford Thursday.

J. H. Tillotson, of Route 2, was in town Thursday.

Jas. B. Adcock, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Irvin Stark is visiting relatives in Warrenton.

Mrs. J. H. Meadows, of Wilton, was in town Friday.

C. L. Floyd, of Kittrell Route 2, was in town Thursday.

Miss Helen Paris is visiting her sister in Rocky Mount.

Durell Brummitt, of Route 3, was on our streets Thursday.

J. I. and Charley Gordon, of Route 2, were in Oxford Thursday.

Burns Sizemore and Thollie Parham are on a visit to Washington City.

A. Nevills and son, of Creedmoor section, were on our streets Wednesday.

Will Morton and Will Howard, of Route 4, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

W. W. Brummitt and Tilden Barnett, of Shady Grove, were in town Thursday.

R. T., D. G. Albert and J. W. Crews, of Route 2, were in Oxford Thursday.

John Brown returned from a pleasant stay at Virginia Beach Wednesday.

Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming and daughter, Miss Isabel, are at Buffalo Springs.

Mrs. Henry Critcher, who is in Richmond for treatment continues to improve.

Mrs. James Osborn, of South Carolina, is on a visit to her old home in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clement and Miss Ethel Clement, of Route 1, were in town Thursday.

The firemen returned Thursday from Atlantic City and all report having a most enjoyable trip.

Floyd Clark and bright son, Graham, of Oak Hill township, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Dr. Nick Cannady, of the United States Soldiers Home service, is on a visit to his home in Oxford.

Miss Margaret Floyd, one of the attractive young ladies, of Kittrell Route 2, was on our streets Thursday.

Miss Willie E. Harris is spending some time with her grand parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. H. Harris, of Richmond.

Mrs. James Y. Paris has returned from Chapel Hill, where she attended the summer school at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Stamps Howard and children of Tarboro, are the guests of Dr. N. M. Ferebee on High street.

Miss V. O. Wimbish, who has been quite ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. James Paris, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Stallings and two little boys, of Enfield, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Booth, on Raleigh street.

Mrs. J. Y. Landis, of Henderson, and Mrs. Thos. Peck, of Warrenton, were the guests of Mrs. Walter Stark the past week.

Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Devin and Master Billie will return to-day from pleasant stays at Atlantic City and Virginia Beach.

Misses Virginia and Pencie Bynum, of Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, are visiting their brother, Leo Bynum.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harris have returned home after a pleasant visit to Richmond, Ocean View, Buckrope Beach and other places of interest.

Mrs. George W. Bragon and two sweet little girls, of Birmingham, are visiting her sister Mrs. John M. Sears, of Fishing Creek Township.

THAT PACK HOUSE, BARN OR STABLE ROOF. Cover with rubber roofing guaranteed 5, 10 and 15 years For Sale by C. D. Ray.

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

**YOUNG MAN, STAY AT HOME AND BE CONTENT.**

**There is Nothing Elsewhere That Will Compare With Granville County.**

There are so many people discontented with their surroundings we reproduce a few statistics to show that North Carolina will compare favorably with the best. A Granville county farm is one of the very best assets if we only knew it. In comparing North Carolina with a boasted State we find that Texas contains 265,780 square miles, is 750 miles wide and 620 long. This is against 52,250 square miles for North Carolina, whose length from coast to mountain line is 520 miles and whose distance "across the waist" is 200 miles. In other words, Texas is more than five times as big a State in area as North Carolina. This fact must be borne in mind when we talk of Texas' big crops. The production of cotton in Texas in 1911 was 44,297,248, valued at \$230,910,000. The production of cotton in North Carolina that same year was 1,156,407 and the crop was valued at \$58,810,000. So it appears that according to acreage, North Carolina produces more cotton than does Texas. But there is a better way of showing how much North Carolina beats Texas as a cotton growing State--the acreage. In 1911 it required 10,943,000 acres for the production of the Texas crop of 4,297,248 bales. North Carolina's 1,156,407 bales were produced on 1,624,000 acres. The Texas farmers will have to come to North Carolina to learn how to grow cotton. North Carolina has much the better farmers of the two States, and a Granville county tobacco farm produces more money to the acre than does cotton. Stay at home, young man and be content.

**The Contest Closes.**

The Mail Carrier's Contest which has kept us busy booking new subscribers and renewals for the past three months, came to a close at 6 o'clock sharp Thursday evening. The winners of the prizes are announced elsewhere in this paper. The contest at times was exciting, leaving the winners of the prizes little room to count the eggs before the chickens were hatched. The contest has been most pleasant, and absolutely void of misunderstanding and complications, enabling the Contest manager to render a just and accurate statement at all times. In many respects the contest surpassed our expectations. Over one thousand new subscribers, or to be exactly right, 1,063, added to our book during the life of the contest is something to feel proud of, and we take this means of thanking every one who took a part in making it the grand success it was. The prizes are the best money could buy, and we hope the faithful servants of Uncle Sam may enjoy to the full.

A great many subscribers were received on account of the reduction in price of subscription, who do not live on any route, and did not vote for any of the carriers.

**Heat Wave.**

The heat wave throughout the country for the past few days was the greatest ever known. The mercury has hovered around 95 for four days in Oxford, at one time reaching 100 in the shade. The highest temperature reported was 106 at Chicago; with five deaths; Baltimore 96, with two deaths; New York 95, with six deaths; Louisville 101, with no deaths; Philadelphia 90 with ten deaths; Cincinnati 101, with twenty-one prostrations; Richmond 94 with two deaths. The Weather Bureau holds out some hopes of relief by Sunday morning.

**The Tobacco Edition.**

We are getting facts and figures together for the tobacco edition of the Public Ledger which will be issued about August 15th. As this means so much to the commercial interests of Oxford we trust the business houses will be well represented in this edition, and those who propose to take space will please let us hear from them and furnish copy of same as early as possible.

MEDAL 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. aug2-4t