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## HOSTS ARE COMING IN.

### THE ANNUAL SERMON THIS TUESDAY NIGHT

#### Something Doing Each Day and Night During the Week

The seventy-seventh session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference will be opened this Tuesday evening in the Methodist church by the annual sermon, which will be preached by Rev. J. D. Bundy.

Oxford has entertained the conference only once before, in 1849, when Bishop J. O. Andrew was the presiding officer. Conference then only numbered 21,258 members. Since that time it has grown to a membership of 82,213, which will no doubt be increased by several thousand at this session of the body. Rev. Andrew P. Tyler will be the host of the conference. Dr. Tyler is finishing out his second year's work at Oxford. The church last year reported a membership of 447. The church is valued at \$20,000 and has a modern Sunday school building which has recently been completed at a cost of \$5,000, this being the gift of Z. W. Lyon in honor of his daughter, Miss Hettie Lyon, who is prominent in Philanthropic work in the State.

Bishop James Henry McCoy, D. D., of Birmingham, Ala., will preside over this session of the conference and this will be the first time that the members will have the privilege of having him as their presiding officer, as he is one of last bishops that have been elected, having been elected to the episcopacy at the last session of the general conference at Asheville four years ago. He is a man of much eloquence and spiritual fervor. Bishop McCoy graduated from Southern University, at Greensboro, Ala., with the degree of master of arts, in 1899. In the fall of that year he joined the North Alabama conference. He has served as pastor for fifteen years, closing his work at Highlands church when he became president of Birmingham college. He was editor of the Alabama Advocate for 18 months. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Southern University.

A question that will come up for consideration at this conference is the vote on the change of name from Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The vote on this proposition is only a matter of form as it has already been overwhelmingly defeated by the conferences which have already met.

The next session of the General conference will be held at Oklahoma City, May 1914, and delegates to this conference will be elected at this session of the annual conference. The general conference is composed of the delegates from the 46 annual conferences in the bounds, one clerical and one lay delegate to each 48 members being elected.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a meeting of the Conference Historical Society. The Layman's meeting will be held on Friday afternoon. The night services and Sunday afternoon will be devoted to the anniversaries of the various departments of the work of the church; Wednesday night, the Sunday school board; Thursday night, the board of church extension; Friday night, the board of education; Saturday night, anniversary of the board of missions, and Sunday afternoon, the anniversary of the Epworth League. Bishop McCoy is an enthusiastic worker in this branch of the service and the members are looking for much inspiration from him. They are expecting to hold a banquet one afternoon during the week to which the league cabinet officers will attend.

The conference has a strong quartette in Rev. A. J. Parker; Prof. W. H. Overton, of the Durham Conservatory of Music; Rev. J. H. Frizelle and Rev. C. E. Vale. It is rumored that there will be more changes this year than there have been in a long time. Each member goes to the annual

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## SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

The new Veasey residence on Gilliam street is assuming shape.

As the automobile ordinances are not enforced they should be abolished.

Let Christmas spirit begin to have its turn while the lamp holds out to burn.

We are glad to see Major Wm Landis out even if he has to move about with the aid of a stick.

If you wish to buy some fine land read the advertisement of County Commissioners in another column.

In spite of the rain there was a good break of tobacco in Oxford on Monday and continues to sell high.

A large number of old roosters have crowed their last time, and have become object of toothpicks.

The many friends of W. T. Lyon in the county will regret to learn that he continues in feeble health.

Work on the Government building is now going forward and the walls are climbing higher brick by brick.

It is said that three-fourth of the tobacco in this section has been sold and Oxford has sold nearly seven million pounds.

When you get ready to do your Christmas shopping be sure and give our advertisers the first showing at your trade.

The Orpheum Theater continues to be a popular resort for our people as Harris & Crews have a fine moving picture service.

If our farmers want to pocket the highest averages on all grades of tobacco let them sell balance of their crop on the Oxford market.

"A sweeter music all the time, A tenderer laughter all the while; The soul is in Christmas rhyme, The heart is in Christmas smiles."

The hand of God is as really and as fully present in the ordinary course of nature as in the most amazing miracle.—S. R. Driver.

The only reform that really reforms is at work all the time, and that is the growing demand for better men and better women.—Tilden.

Hurry up! Hurry up! and roll in the subscribers if you want to win one of the Public Ledger premiums as we are getting ready to close the contest.

Lookout folks, it is probable that we will close the Farmers Contest about the 15th or 18th and if you are interested it up to you to get busy at once.

Owing to the sickness of Mrs. Tyler the able Dr. Tyler did not occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church Sunday. We hope this good woman will soon recover.

We learn from our good friend J. N. Tilley that the progressive High School at Knap of Reeds had another box party on Thanksgiving night and the receipts were the handsome sum of \$90.

The Vital Statistic Law went into effect on November 15th, and there is still 4 weeks in this year in which the local registrars, doctors, nurses, undertakers and others may get accustomed to the new law.

A beauty doctor says if women really want to look prettier every day an unfailling recipe is to "stop nagging the old man and laugh out loud more." The old man should cut this out and keep it in a conspicuous place.

Mr. Moses Overton and Miss Nora Sadler, of the county, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon in the parlor of the Exchange Hotel, Rev. S. K. Phillips performing the ceremony. May they ever be happy in the wish of the Public Ledger.

NEW LOT of bicycles for Christmas presents have been received by R. W. Brown & Company. Call and see them.

## DR. LUMPKINS ACCEPTS

### COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

#### Will Enter Upon His Pastoral Duties Second Sunday in December

It has been definitely settled that Dr. Lumpkins, of Winston-Salem, will come to the pastorate of the Oxford Baptist church. He is now representing the Judson Memorial Fund, and as soon as a proper man is found to relieve him he will devote his entire time to the Oxford church. That may require a few months, but it is stipulated that he will reach Oxford and fill the pulpit on the second Sunday in December and as often thereafter as he can until he is duly relieved from his other duties.

Dr. Lumpkins was prepared for the ministry at Richmond College and the Louisville Seminary. His first pastorate was at Weldon, later at Scotland Neck and at Winston-Salem, and for the past six years he has been representing the Judson Memorial Fund.

Dr. Lumpkins is a man of pleasant address and comes to the Oxford church highly recommended as a preacher and pastor.

#### A Gentle Reminder

The people of this section will be pleased to know that the Long Company is getting ready to put on a special sale of the season's most wanted articles. The goods are arriving from the northern markets and are being unpacked for the occasion. This sale will be definitely announced in our next issue.

#### One of the Faithful Calls.

The Public Ledger was honored with a call this Tuesday morning from Rev. A. D. Betts, of Greensboro. The veteran minister says that the newspapers of the State speak to more people than do the preachers and that the editors should be objects of constant prayer. Mr. Betts is 81 years of age, hale and hearty.

#### Purchased Residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crews, of Tar River, having decided to make Oxford their home have purchased from James W. Horner the residence he now occupies on Gilliam street. We take it, it is the intention of Mr. Horner to erect a handsome residence on his lot on the corner of Gilliam and Spring streets.

#### It Points to General Royster

The Congressional question is growing in interest in the Fifth District, and when you meet a man from one of the other counties he invariably says that Gen. Royster looks good to him. In conversation with a Rockingham man he said that we cannot afford just now to elect a man for Congress who wants the district to go around him as a center, and suggested that we had better move the hands of the clock up about fifteen years in the Metropolitan District by electing General Royster.

#### Capt. Elmore Advanced

Capt. Charles Elmore, of the Transportation Department of the Seaboard Railroad, has been advanced from conductor of the Oxford-Henderson train to the main line and placed in charge of a new train known as the Richmond-Norlina local. This means that Oxford is to lose a splendid family in the near future. As Captain Elmore is popular with the railway officials and the traveling public his promotion was not unexpected. He enjoys the reputation of being one of the most obliging and polite conductors in the employ of the company, and while the people at this end of the line reluctantly give him up they rejoice in the deserved promotion and wish him and his family much happiness.

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## THE FARMERS UNION.

### THE BULWARK OF OLD GRANVILLE

#### Met at the Court House Monday and Elected Officers

The Granville County Farmer's Union met in the Court House Monday and among the important items of business transacted was the election of officers. Even if there was no business transacted by this body of men when they meet, their friendly intercourse with one another would be an inspiration; but fortunately they are men who are abundantly able to discuss issues and plan wisely. There is always enthusiasm in the rank and file of the Farmer's Union and this was enlivened Monday by talks by Dr. J. A. Morris and T. B. Hill, urging and pushing the members, as it were, out into light of day.

Dr. J. A. Morris was elected President and County Lecturer; Crawford Knott, Vice-President; W. T. Currin, Conductor; B. F. Dean, Door-keeper; T. B. Hill, Chaplain.

The Public Ledger congratulates the Farmer's Union upon their thorough and practical organization. It is established upon a broad foundation and its principals are enduring as time.

#### Meeting of Fire Association.

The Granville County Fire association will meet in the Court House on Monday December 15th, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business as will come before the body. Supervisors are requested to be on hand. C. M. KNOTT, President.

#### In Honor of Mrs. Wm. Smith

Mrs. John R. Hall entertained Saturday evening in most pleasing manner, in honor of Mrs. William Smith, of Wilson, who was on a visit to Oxford. An interesting game of cards, in which a few invited guests participated, was enjoyed, after which refreshments of choice menu were served.

#### Death of Brother.

Dr. Frank Hancock received a telegram Monday morning announcing the death of his oldest brother, Colonel Robert Hancock, at his home in Newbern. He was an excellent man and good citizen, was the postmaster of his city for a number of years. We extend our condolence to Dr. Hancock and family of the deceased. The doctor could not attend the funeral owing to the illness of Mrs. Hancock.

#### Patriarchal Sermon

The congregation of the Baptist church last Sunday had the pleasure of hearing Rev. P. H. Fontaine deliver two strong sermons. He takes his text in the usual way and strictly adheres to it throughout the discourse, preaching "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified" with the vigor of the fathers. Though over seventy years of age we noticed that he frequently turned to passages of Scriptures and read them without the aid of eye-glasses.

#### Reception at Oxford College

The young ladies of Oxford College held their accustomed Thanksgiving reception in the parlors of the College, Friday evening. It was a delightful occasion and the young men who were so fortunate as to receive invitations, not only appreciated the favor of the invitations to the elegant occasion but enjoyed the entertainment with greatest pleasure. Elegant refreshments were served and all pronounced the reception most enjoyable in every detail.

The good housewives are the mainsprings of the genuine hospitality meted out to Oxford's visiting Methodist this week and are handsomely sustaining their reputation.

HOUSE FOR RENT or for sale—I will rent or sell my residence in South Oxford, with all modern improvements. Apply to Mrs. Alex Williams. 2t pd.

## MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

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

#### Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General!

M. A. Hart, of Route 7, was in town Monday.

W. H. Daniel, of Lyon, was in town Monday.

Ed. Pruitt, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

S. T. Coley, of Northside, was in Oxford Monday.

John Mayes, of Stem, was on our streets Monday.

M. Blalock, of Culbreth, was on our streets Monday.

Miss Martha Ferebee, is visiting relatives at Tarboro.

Will Currin, of Tar River, was a town visitor Monday.

Col. Henry Cooper is visiting relatives in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Alfred Frazier, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

"Kit" Hester, of Route 2, was a town visitor Monday.

T. B. Hill, of Virgilina, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

H. R. Daniel, of Route 3, was on tobacco breaks Monday.

J. F. Puckett, of Route 4, was on tobacco market Monday.

Cam Burnett and son, of Route 5, were in town Saturday.

E. C. Harris, of Route 6, was on tobacco market Monday.

James Elliott, of Oak Hill, was on tobacco market Monday.

John Paschall, of Creedmoor section, was in Oxford Monday.

Virginus Cheatham, of Watkins section, was in town Monday.

J. W. Currin, of Ontario, Va., was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

J. M. Phipps and Fred Phipps, of Route 1, were on tobacco breaks Monday.

Outlaw Hunt, of the University, spent the week-end at his home in Oxford.

Mr. W. A. Howell, of Fishing Creek township, was a town visitor Saturday.

S. T. Dickerson and Tommie De-ment, of Dickerson, were in town Monday.

J. C. Peace and Frank Blackley, of Wilton section, were in Oxford Monday.

Roy Royster, of A. & M. College, enjoyed Thanksgiving holiday with home folks.

Eugene Moss, of Creedmoor section, was among the many Oxford visitors Monday.

Graham and Wade Smith, Will Montague and L. Y. Gordon, were in town Monday.

Miss Lucy Ragland, one of the county's popular teachers, was on our streets Saturday.

Lee Harris, Dr. J. A. Morris and Almer Newton, of Wilton section, were in town Monday.

W. R. Nelson, Ben Dean and J. T. Morton, of Route 4, were on tobacco market Monday.

Miss Allene Hicks returned Sunday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Greensboro.

L. A. Mathews, who has been living in Virginia a number of years, has returned to Granville county.

J. W. Wrenn, of Route 3, was in town Monday and we were sorry to learn from him that his dear mother was quite sick.

B. S. Skinner, who has been buying tobacco on this market, left on Monday accompanied by his brother for Lexington, Ky.

Our young friend Walter Phipps, of Route 1, left yesterday for Caswell county, where he will claim one of her attractive daughters as his bride.

## SERVANTS OF THE LORD

### THEY ARE THRICE WELCOME TO OXFORD

#### Remember Their Lives Are Not Always Attended by Comforts

It would be useless to remind the ministers in attendance upon conference that they are thrice welcome to Oxford. Was a Methodist minister ever unwelcomed anywhere? It is a mighty band of soldiery gathered here today. No braver, no more earnest or faithful ever marshalled under any banner than this mighty host stepping to the sound of heavenly music, following the command of the Master to "Go Into All the World and Preach the Gospel."

The effectiveness of their labors in the past year and the years preceding is told eloquently in report submitted to the conference.

The meeting calls to the mind of those who have lived under the influence of many of these ministers the heroic struggles marking their service.

Here in Oxford with magnificent church edifices, beautiful music, and scenes of beauty, we too often forget the work and the ways of the country minister—the old time Circuit Rider—heaven bless his memory!

Here verily was a man who merited all the joys of that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" to which he constantly sought to carry many souls.

His life was not always attended by comforts. Long and wearisome rides over rough roads, in blighting winds, were part of his program, but the Circuit Rider never disappointed his flock. He found no task too difficult to undertake for his Master. The sick he visited; the hungry he fed, and the naked he clothed. It was a close personal contact with his parishioners that resulted in great and effective work. These men were poorly paid. Many of them are under paid today in this era of high living costs. Their lives are not altogether filled with sweet and pleasant things from a temporal standpoint, but their hearts throb in the service of Him and there is upon them the blessing of The Master!

Competitive Speaking

The first competitive declamatory contest of Horner School, during the present session, took place Friday evening. The faculty of Oxford College generously offered the chapel of the College for the entertainment. The pleasing environments added a charm to the occasion. Mrs. Twitty in queenly manner received the speakers and cadets, while young ladies of the College acted as ushers and invited them into the chapel beautifully lighted and most attractively adorned. The young ladies elegantly costumed in readiness for the reception and the cadets in their bran new uniforms made an admirable audience. The speakers were Elliott Cooper, who rendered Patrick Henry's "Give me Liberty or give me Death" in strikingly fine style; C. C. Holden, who spoke in polished manner "A tribute to Ireland; J. R. Lonnar, the "Prentiss's first plea;" J. C. Gamble, "Opportunities of the scholar." All spoke in most creditable manner. The favorable decision of the judges was given to J. R. Lonnar, of Co. A.

#### Figures Tell the Tale

The Hug hes-Smaw Furniture Co. enjoys a unique position in the confidence of the people of Granville county, in that they make prices which others have to meet. Their stock is always replete with the latest and the best designs and it is a pleasure to do business with this house. Their advertisement elsewhere in this paper throws light on some of the articles in stock, and the low range of prices must necessarily appeal to every housekeeper in this and adjoining counties.

The attractive Miss Lizzie Jones, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.