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**NORTH CAROLINA DAY. SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS PREMIUM LIST READY. COMMISSIONERS MEET. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. VOLUME TWENTY-NINE.**

**RURAL LIFE AND KNAPP MEMORIAL DAY**

**Will Be Observed Throughout State on Friday, December 19.**

The last General Assembly passed an act providing for the celebration of North Carolina Day in the public schools, and Friday, December 19th, will be universally observed.

This is to be a new connecting link between the farm, home and school and every one should enter into the plans to make the day a glorious event. Detail information and program can be had by applying to Superintendent J. F. Webb or Dr. J. A. Morris, County Demonstrator.

The following is a list of the public school teachers in Granville county:

Fishing Creek—First district, Lucy Belle Day; second, Lela Rounton and Mary Taylor; third, Mary Renn; fourth, Lizzie Bumpass; fifth, Susie Critcher; sixth, Alma Clayton and Nannie Pearl Knott; seventh, Kate Ferguson and Hattie Harris.

Brassfield—First district, W. S. Howell and Sue Pittard; second, Louie Williams; third, Louie Mitchell; fourth, —; fifth, Ethel Holmes and Maggie Wheelous; sixth, Fedda Bragg and Sadie Bragg; seventh, Dora Jenkins and Pauline Howard; eighth, Lucie Jones.

Dutchville—First district, R. P. Crumpler, Susie Sossamon and Urmia Umstead; second, Maggie Veazey and Sirena Allen; third, R. A. Pope, Mrs. O. B. Allen, Letitia Midgette, Edith Fagan, and Helen Watson; fourth, Carrie Farthing and Sallie Brooks; fifth, Lucy Ragland; sixth, Zelma Clement; seventh, Ann Clement and Daisy Nance.

Tally Ho—First district, Ettie Washington and Ruth Webb; second, Mr. Clayton, Morada Farabow, and Janie Clayton; third, Reda Umstead; fourth, Annie Rhew and Asa Rhew; fifth, A. R. Latta and Ella Hall; sixth, Hallie Jones and Ida Duke; seventh, Ethel Moore and Cora Phipps; eighth, Grizzelle Smith and Marie Stark; ninth, Lena Jones.

Walnut Grove—First district, Allie Adcock; second, Hallie Moore; third, Hattie Waller; fourth, Alice Daniel; fifth, Mrs. A. B. Howard; sixth, Nannie Lee Adcock; seventh, Willie Lee Thomas and Ruth Thomasson.

Oak Hill—First district, Mary Hart; and Eloise Coulling; second, Annie Davis and Eunice Gordon; third, Allene Green and Virgie Green; fourth, Daisy Brooks; fifth, Novie Sue Pool; sixth, Agnes Wilson; seventh, Tazzie Dean; eighth, Maragret Burwell.

Sassafras Fork—First district, W. B. Pittard and Janie Shotwell; second, Fred Deese, Mrs. J. J. Davis and Allene Breedlove; third, Etta Eakes; fourth, Lelia Hite.

Salem—First district, Emma Powell and Besie Howard; second, Dixie Hester and Edra Crews; third, Mabel Hart; fourth, Annie Meeder.

Oxford—First district, Mrs. J. L. Hunt; second, Annie Burwell, third Lillian Hart.

**THE FARMER'S CREED.**

I believe in a permanent agriculture, a soil that shall grow richer rather than poorer from year to year.

I believe in hundred-bushel corn and fifty-bushel wheat, and I shall not be satisfied with anything less.

I believe that the only good weed is a dead weed, and that a clean farm is as important as a clean conscience.

I believe in the farm boy and in the farm girl, the farmer's best crops and the future's best hope.

I believe in the farm woman, and will do all in my power to make her life easier and happier.

I believe in the country school that prepares for country life, and a country church that teaches its people to love deeply and live honorably.

I believe in the community spirit,

**GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY**

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

You can kill your pigs now as a cold wave is on.

More sidewalks and better side walks is needed in Oxford.

Read change in advertisement of Oxford Ice Co. in another column.

The school pupils are counting the days until the holiday vacations begin.

Tea will be served in the Library room this Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Please note correction in the advertisement of Upchurch & Currin on another page.

Attendance at Sunday school is looking up, as usual at a certain period in the year.

Christmas will soon be here and after that the New Year and turning over a new leaf.

W. Z. Mitchell is now the owner of a handsome new five passenger Cadillac Automobile.

We are sorry to learn that John Gooch continues quite sick with some throat trouble.

From the way some people run you would think the speed limit in Oxford had been abolished.

Your attention is called to sale of house and lot advertised in another column by Hicks & Stem.

Regular hog-killin' weather. If one's fortunate enough to have a hog it's fine to enjoy spare ribs and backbone.

The groom is such an insignificant animal at a wedding nowadays that it is a wonder they don't make him wear a bridal veil.

If you wish to enter the mercantile business at one of the best places in the county read Huff & Sherman's advertisement in another part of this paper.

Cord wood has advanced from \$3 to \$3.50 per cord on the local market, and hard to get at that. It is a wonder to us more people do not haul wood to town.

Special attention of our many readers is called to the Christmas advertisement of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. on another page as it is worth reading.

An examination for Clerk-Carrier will be held at the Oxford postoffice on January 10, 1914. For further information see Nelson Ferebee, examiner, at the Oxford Postoffice.

During the month of November Oxford sold 1,121,363 pounds of leaf tobacco, and Creedmoor 380,402. The total amount marketed in the State was 27,451,689 pounds.

Oxford's merchants are getting busy. Shoppers are profiting by past experience and are getting an early start for their Santa Claus supplies.

It is all very well to exhort people saying, "Do your Christmas shopping early," but people are simply not going to do their buying until they get the Christmas spirit in their bones.

Thousands of people read the advertisements in the Public Ledger twice-a-week, and that is why they are so profitable. It matters little what is advertised so long as it is something the people want.

Dr. S. H. Cannady, who has been attending special lectures at the New York Post-graduate school of Medicine and Surgery for the past month, will return this Saturday and resume his practice to the pleasure of his patrons.

A pride in home and neighbors, and I will do my part to my own community the best in the State.

I believe in the farmer, I believe in farm life, believe in the inspiration of the open country.

I am proud to be a farmer, and I will try earnestly to be worthy of the name.

**GRANVILLE COUNTY POULTRY SHOW**

**Many Inquiries Coming In and Everything Points to Success**

The premium list of the Granville County Poultry Show, to be held in Oxford Wednesday and Thursday, January 14 and 15, is now being distributed broad cast.

In distributing the pamphlet to the public Mr. Stegall, the manager, says that if there is anything not thoroughly understood the Executive Committee will be glad to take the matter up with all who desire enlightenment on any point. The Executive Committee is composed of W. G. Pace, President of the Granville County Poultry Association; R. Bowden, H. A. McGee, D. G. Brummitt, W. H. Britt and Jim Stegall.

One of the drawing cards of the Show is that competition is open to all the world.

Season tickets will be issued free of charge to all whose entry fees amount to \$3.00; single admission tickets 25 cents; children under fifteen years of age ten cents.

Inquires are coming in rapidly and the indications are that the show will be a success in every particular.

**Useless Presents**

Did you ever stop to think how much useless giving is done every Christmas in this broad land of ours? It is safe to say that nine out of every ten gifts given at each Christmas do the recipients no good in the world and are not appreciated in the least.

**Needs Aid**

The King's Daughters have many calls for immediate help. Any one has garments suitable for adults or children, or who desire to give cash contributions can send the same to the Leader, Mrs. C. G. Elliott, on or before December 20th, and they will be gratefully appreciated.

**Parcel Post Delivery**

The postoffice people are urging that Christmas packages be mailed early to guarantee safe delivery and avoid congestion in the parcel post system during the holidays. The government has provided a delivery wagon for Oxford for the delivery of parcel post packages during the Christmas rush.

**Mr. Gattis Ill**

Mr. Samuel Gattis, father of the solicitor, is critically ill at his home near Chapel Hill. Mr. Gattis is 92 years of age and this advanced age is attributed as the cause of his present illness. Mr. Gattis has been in failing health for the past two years and his condition at present is considered serious—Durham Herald.

**Fine Turnips**

Mr. Jeff Averett, of Route 1, brought to the Public Ledger office two of the finest turnips of the season, one weighing 5 x and the other seven pounds. Mr. Averett was awarded first premium on turnips at the County Fair, and he also captured the prize offered by the Hamilton Drug Company for the best turnip grown from seed handled by that firm.

**The Union Bank.**

There has been a steady gain in business since the doors of the Union Bank was opened and they bid fair to add many new accounts before the close of the present year. Mr. J. S. Bradsher, the cashier, has won the friendship and esteem of the people of both town and county since coming to Oxford and it is a pleasure to do business at the Union Bank. Read adv. elsewhere in this paper.

IF IT IS a gun, pistol, ammunition, hunting coat, pocket knife, carving set, silverware, cut-glass, dinner sets shaving set that you want for Xmas, call at the Acme Hardware Store.

**J. R. WOOD ELECTED CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**The Board Entertains Proposition to Open New Street**

The Board of Town Commissioners met Thursday night with Mayor Stem in the Chair and all members present.

S. M. Wheeler, who has been Chief of the Fire Department since 1905, and has made a faithful and efficient officer, tendered his resignation on account of his moving to the country. The Board tendered him a vote of thanks for his excellent services. J. Robt. Wood, the Assistant Chief, was elected to succeed him.

Messrs. Hillman Cannady and F. W. Hancock appeared before the Board concerning the opening of a new street through their property, they agree to give 50 feet for a street to run back to the town limits and to remove all fences and the town to open and take possession of said street. The Commissioners accepted the proposition and the street will be opened.

A committee was appointed to establish some lines in connection with property on Spring street. Much routine business was transacted.

**Eakes-Phipps Marriage.**

From the following invitation it will be seen that our young friend Fred Phipps is to become a benedict: Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Eakes requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lila Kathrine to Fred Ambrose Phipps on Tuesday, December 23, 1913, at 1:30 o'clock, Corinth Church, Route 2, Oxford, N. C.

**Local Short Stops.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pittard are now keeping house on Broad street.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. A. P. Tye is slowly improving from an attack of sickness.

E. G. and S. C. Connell, of Tar River, killed 6 pigs Tuesday that weighed 430, 360, 285, 257, 256, and 257.

As we go to press this Friday noon our warehouses are enjoying a good break of tobacco and prices are well sustained.

Granolithic sidewalks are being put down from Gen. Royster's corner to the Baptist Church, a distance of four blocks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garrett are now occupying the old Gilliam residence which has been moved to a lot on Spring street.

W. H. Tillotson, Jr., of Wilton section, sold a load of tobacco on Tuesday at Farmers warehouse for \$746. The wrappers of the load sold for \$67.50 and \$70.

M. J. McGhee, of Fishing Creek township, was in town Wednesday and informed us that T. E. Bobbitt had just killed 2 pigs, one weighing 530 and the other 376.

Paul, son of Mrs. Sarah Parham, of Route 3, fell in the fire Monday morning and badly burned. He is doing as well as could be expected at last news of his condition.

On December 19th there will be a box party at Rehoboth Academy school, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, all invited to come, teachers Misses Helen Machen and Crystal Bobbitt.

If you are in need of a chifionier you can buy one at the large furniture emporium of J. Robt. Wood on Main street. He has in stock a nice line of carpets and rugs, and many suitable things for Christmas presents. Read advertisement on another page.

LOST—On the streets of Oxford last Wednesday a child's white veil collar with three rows of lace around it. Finder will please notify Mrs. Sam Watkins.

COOK WANTED—Male or female. Good salary offered. Apply to Stem Hotel, Stem, N. C. 2t-pd 3t.

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

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

Ben Currin, of Route 1, was in town Friday.

George Royster, of Bullock, was in town Friday.

Marsh Daniel, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

E. A. Howard, of Route 1, was in town Friday.

James Stem, of Stem was in town Wednesday.

Charlie Cox, of Route 2, was in Oxford Wednesday.

W. D. Vaughan, of Lyon, was in Oxford Wednesday.

J. L. Woody, of Route 5, was a town visitor Wednesday.

"Babe" Burchett, of Providence, was in town Wednesday.

R. S. Jones, of Berea, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Thos. Fleming, of Lyon, was on the tobacco market Friday.

S. T. Puckett, of Vance county, was on our streets Thursday.

T. J. Brummitt, of Fishing Creek township, was in town Wednesday.

Crawford and Wesley Knott, of Route 1, were in Oxford Thursday.

B. P. Chandler and L. G. Elliott of Buchanan, were in town Thursday.

Ham and Richard Harris, of Gray Rock, were on tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Averett, and daughter, of Route 1, were in town Thursday.

W. T. Montague and little son, Talmage, of Route 2, were in Oxford Thursday.

J. C. Hopkins and D. G. Bullock, of Stem, were on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Gregory and Mrs. D. A. Burwell, of Stovall, were on our streets Wednesday.

W. H. M. Jenkins and Wade Jenkins, of Wilton section, were in Oxford Wednesday.

R. A. Adcock, Reuben Blackwell and W. L. Clark, of Cornwall section, were in town Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Meadows and bright little daughter, of Culbreth, were in Oxford Wednesday.

John Buchanan, of Durham, was in Oxford Wednesday shaking hands with his old friends.

Miss Alice Outlaw, of Elizabeth City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Hunt, on Main street.

Miss Lizzie Gooch has returned to Oxford from Lumberton, to the pleasure of her many friends.

A. J. Yancey, J. A. Jones, and R. A. Yancey, of Buchanan, were in Oxford, Thursday selling tobacco.

Bishop J. M. Horner and wife and daughter, of Asheville visited relatives in Oxford this week.

Norfleet Crews and two sons, N. G. Jr. and Booth, were among the Oxford visitors here Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Stark and daughter, Miss Irvin, have returned from a visit to Baltimore and Washington.

Thos. Fraizer, one of Person county's wide-awake young farmers, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

ASSOCIATED Gasoline Engines, all sizes, guaranteed for five years, for sale by Oxford Hardware Co.

**HAD YOU EVER THOUGHT OF IT?**

What Christmas present would afford the Housekeeper more real pleasure than a nice coffee perculator? We are making a special run on them at the present, selling you a regular \$3.50 perculator for \$2.50. Shall we hold one for you?

TAYLOR BROS., The Sanitary Grocers.

**STEADY INCREASE OF BUSINESS**

**Larger Field of Usefulness and the Future Bright**

With this issue the Public Ledger enters upon its twenty-ninth volume. Twenty eight years is a long time and few of us in this day of speed take time to count the many changes in the last quarter of a century.

When the Public Ledger was launched twenty-eight years ago, chickens were selling on the streets of Oxford from 10 to 12 1-2 cents a piece; eggs were only ten cents a dozen, beefsteak eight cents and pork six cents a pound. The farmers have no trouble now in disposing of all these commodities at more than three times the price quoted twenty eight or thirty years ago.

The greatest change, however, has come along political lines, and the Public Ledger has always been in the thickest of the fight, for good government and we rejoice that the good old county and the State is no longer in the thrall of misrule and graft; we rejoice in the rapid strides of education and the multiplicity of schools, and in the commercial and farming interests of the county.

The Public Ledger now enjoys the largest subscription list in the history of the paper, and we desire to thank our farmer friends, the merchants and the public in general for the liberal patronage during the past fiscal year. The Public Ledger now covers a larger territory than in the past and is therefore in a better position to serve our advertisers. We have at all times labored to advance the prosperity of town and county and especially to build up the tobacco market and we shall enter upon these duties with renewed interest throughout the coming year.

**Praise for Judge Devin**

The Durham Sun of Wednesday last contained the following:

The December term of criminal court wound up business this morning with an address by Attorney R. O. Everett, in behalf of members of the bar association in appreciation of presiding Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford. The expression of appreciation in this county was very appropriate and is considered highly deserved by Judge Devin. The new judge held his first court in this county and this is the last court that he will hold in Durham, for the present term. Should he fail to be re-appointed, Judge Devin will not return to this city.

In his address to his honor, Mr. Everette stated that the members of the bar were highly pleased with the efficient manner in which Judge Devin presided. He also expressed the sentiments of the bar in hoping that Judge Devin would be re-appointed as judge of this district. The address of the local attorney goes down on the minutes of the court and was greatly appreciated by the judge.

**Kicked by a Mule**

Mr. Thomas Blair, road contractor, who resides close to Oxford, had the misfortune to be kicked by a mule Wednesday evening. He purchased the mule from Horner Bros. Co. and was preparing to take the animal home when the accident occurred. Mr. Blair received the blow in the groin and fell to the ground. It happened in the lot in rear of Public Ledger office and a large crowd gathered around the prostrate form. Dr. Watkins responded and he says while his patient is getting along nicely it will be a day or two before his actual condition is known.

WHITE Holland turkeys for sale. \$5.00 per pair, \$7.00 per trio. Miss Eugenia Cannady, Oxford, Route 1. 2t pd.

CUT GLASS and Rodgers silverware makes a nice Xmas present. At the Acme Hardware Co.