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BAPTIST CONVENTION.

WAS HELD IN SHELBY LAST WEEK

The 1914 Session of the Convention will Be in Raleigh

The Eighty-third Annual Convention of the North Carolina Baptist was held in Shelby last week. Rev. C. H. Durham, D. D., of Lumberton, was nominated and elected by acclamation for the third year consecutively as president of the convention. The other officers elected were the following: Vice-presidents, E. Y. Webb, of Shelby; C. F. Merserve, of Raleigh, and J. A. Oates, of Fayetteville; treasurer, Walters Durham, of Raleigh; auditor, F. H. Briggs, of Raleigh; recording secretaries, N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh; Charles E. Brewer, of Wake Forest; corresponding secretary, Livingston Johnson, Raleigh; Trustees: W. C. Tyree, of High Point; H. C. Bridges, of Bladenboro; Noah Biggs, of Scotland Neck; W. N. Jones, of Raleigh; C. D. L. Gore, of Raleigh.

There are in this convention sixty-four associations, 2,054 churches and 245,539 members. The convention reported \$202,875 from all objects a gain of \$24,254 over previous year. There were 13,264 baptisms during the year.

The report of the Board of Missions and Sunday schools, which was submitted by Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary showed that 155 missionaries have labored in 42 associations the past year, their work resulting in preaching of 10,305 sermons and the baptism of 2137 people, the holding of 230 meetings in which there were 2698 professions of faith, 1509 being added to the churches by letter and 2688 on profession of faith. The amount paid on salaries of these missionaries and to the objects of the convention as the result of the work of the missionaries was \$105,894.

There are now 1,142 Baptist Women's Societies in North Carolina actively engaged in mission work. The contributions from this source during 1912-13 amounted to \$39,608.96. The following associations contributed more than one thousand dollars: Eastern, \$1,165.03; Chowan, \$1,441.23; Neuse, Atlantic, \$1,158.77; Piedmont, \$1,985.28; Pilot Mountain, \$1,388.78; Raleigh, \$1,338.70; Roanoke, \$1,454.43; Robeson, \$1,968.60; South Fork, \$1,190.78; South Yadkin, \$1,187.90; Wilmington, 1,473.47.

The session of the convention for 1914 will be held with the Baptist Churches of Raleigh. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. E. T. Carter, D. D., of New Bern. Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, of Oxford, will be the alternate.

Will Give Ten Dollars

The National Bank of Granville will give ten dollars for the best ear of corn raised in Granville county in the year 1913. They want to get hold of the best ear and place it on exhibition in the Bank until planting time, then they will distribute grains among a number of boys in the county. This is most commendable on the part of the Old Reliable to advance the prosperity of the county. See adv. of the Bank of Granville elsewhere in this paper.

Piano Recital

There will be a recital by the piano, voice and expression pupils of Oxford College Thursday evening at 8:15 p. m. The classes are unusually fine this year and an attractive program has been prepared. The public is cordially invited.

L. C. WILKERSON, the hustling merchant at Stovall, has a nice line of jewelry and musical instruments which he will sell at reduced prices, enabling the purchaser an opportunity to save some money on Xmas presents. He also carries a nice line of notions.

We deeply regret to learn as we go to press of the critical illness of Mr. John Gooch who has been sick for several weeks.

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

We are glad to learn little Susan Bryan continues to improve.

The people are again troubled with the smell of escaping gas on the streets.

Be sure and read the advertisement of the Oxford Ten Cent Store on the last page.

The famous DeGavin Quartette will be at the Orpheum Theater on the night of January 9th.

Sam Watkins and Ballard Norwood went hunting Saturday in Northern Granville and bagged 58 birds.

Read the sale of a lot advertised in another column by B. K. Hays, Executor, and B. S. Royster, attorney.

We were pleased to see in town Saturday our friend H. H. Hicks, of Dickerson, who has been sick for some time.

The parcel post wagon was put in operation Monday by Postmaster Osborn, and delivered nearly one hundred packages.

Our friend, Will Fleming, the live warehouseman, has joined the automobile brigade, as he has purchased a good car.

We regret to learn that the venerable Rev. W. S. Hester continues quite feeble at the home of D. N. Hunt in North Oxford.

The Graded School closes Friday for the Christmas holidays and we hope Santa Claus will be liberal in his gifts to all the dear children.

We deeply regret to learn of the serious illness of the highly esteemed Dr. G. A. Coggeshall and sincerely hope he will soon recover.

D. L. Woody, of Route 5, sold a load of tobacco on the Oxford market Monday and was wonderfully pleased at the prices he received.

North Carolina Day will be celebrated in the schools of the State next Friday, in most of the schools before the Christmas holidays begins.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Last call to help your township man capture one of the Public Ledger subscription prizes as contest closes at 5 o'clock sharp Thursday.

G. A. Denney, of Walnut Grove township, sold 769 pounds of tobacco at the Johnson warehouse a few days ago for \$193 and drove home with a smile on his face.

Frank Ridley, who run a restaurant for several years in the "Fat Meat Row" died Sunday night after a long illness. He was one of our old colored citizens and trust it is well with him.

We are sorry to learn that our young friend, Will Daniel of Stovall, while handling some wire a few days ago a piece struck him in the eye and it is feared he will lose the sight of the eye.

Clerk J. G. Shotwell request us to say to the Old Veterans and the widows that their Christmas presents in the shape of Pension checks have arrived and wants each one to come and get them.

We had the pleasure of meeting two sweet little ladies in town on Monday, whom we found bright and interesting. They were Miss Francis Currin, of Route 1, and Miss Ellen Currin, of Route 6.

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

SAVE YOUR EYES—If you want to save your eyes you should not fail to see Dr. N. Rosenstein, the eye-specialist of Durham, next Monday, December 22nd, at Creedmoor, and Tuesday, December 23rd at Oxford for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Bear in mind the days and places.

A SANE CHRISTMAS.

LESS EXPLOSIVES AND MORE LITERATURE

Do Not Give a Child Anything That Would Shatter Its Fingers

No one seems yet to have thought of putting a safe and sane tag on Christmas. Perhaps because, once a year, at least, we rather like a big noise, even though some of its features are unwise.

We used to celebrate the Fourth of July by giving to the young explosives which shattered their fingers and blew out their eyes. It was well meant, but it was foolish, and finally we changed the style. If you will bear down just a little this year on buying explosives, which is gone in a day, leaving mostly headaches and tummy aches in their wake, and would lay out more on good books, wholesome literature, things of service, which would carry the memory of the day far into the coming year and with satisfaction, we don't believe you would regret it.

Shoots Colored Man

It is reported that O. F. Clark, who it will be remembered conducted the special sale for S. Nassef and the Five and Ten Cent store some time since, shot and killed an obstreperous negro in the Virginia section last Saturday.

Mr. Onley Jeffereys Dead

Mr. Onley Jeffereys, who has been the keeper of Elmwood Cemetery for the past two years, died at his home on West Hillsboro street last Monday morning of droopsey, from which he had been a sufferer for a long time. The remains were taken to the family burying ground near Wilton for interment.

Woodmen Hold Banquet

The Woodmen of the World at the regular annual meeting last Thursday night elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Consul Commander, Gen. B. S. Royster; Advisor Lieutenant, E. G. Cheatham; Clerk, J. J. Medford; Banker, D. G. Brummitt; Escort, V. W. Taylor; Sentinel, J. M. Oakley; Watchman, W. T. Riley.

The Oxford lodge of Woodmen are growing rapidly. After a very enthusiastic meeting last Thursday night fifty of the members retired to the Exchange Hotel, where they held a banquet which was greatly enjoyed.

Christmas Greeting

Our idea of a Christmas present is something that is useful. All those seeking gifts combined with beauty and practicality can find them in endless quantities at Landis & Easton's. Anything from a handkerchief and cravat to a coat suit are there in all their beauty. Marabou muffs all kinds of furs in muffs and neck pieces at a great saving from regular price. Waists of beauty and style \$1 to \$5. Handkerchiefs in an endless variety from 2c each up to 50c each. Bath robes and kimonos, rugs and druggets, table linens, towels, napkins and bed quilts. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

In Vindication of the Police

We learn via underground wire of the rumor that the police are planning to raid the blind tigers in Oxford on Christmas eve will have the effect to defeat the intent of the search and seizure law rather than enforcing it. Of course anyone knows that forewarned is forearmed. The only way in which to capture a blind tiger is to swoop down upon it when they least expect it, nor do we believe Chief Williford would set a day for the raid and make it public. The blind tigers themselves are probably responsible for the rumor, and it is up to the Chief to make the dash at any time where he has reasonable grounds to believe that a blind tiger exists. If there is to be a raid now is the time, and not wait and deprive the boys of eggnog by springing a surprise Christmas Eve.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

THE TOBACCO MEN ARE APPRECIATIVE

Public Ledger Joins Them in Wishing You a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

The Tobacco Board of Trade of Oxford greet you with a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. They desire to thank each and every one for the part you have taken and the interest you have shown in helping to make Oxford a leading tobacco market. In closing the market on December 19th to reopen on January 5th the Board of Trade wishes you that joy that belongs to a faithful people. And the Public Ledger, the faithful servant of all the people, realizing that the tobacco market is the corner-stone of our commercial prosperity, issued a Tobacco Edition at the beginning of the season, and has been zealous in season and out of season for the advancement of the market, joins the Board of Trade in extending a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one. See the announcement of the Tobacco Board of Trade on the last page of this paper.

A Fit Guaranteed

It is a pleasure to note the success of Mr. R. L. Brame, who sells the best and latest styles of tailor made clothing. It is not too late to give him an order for a Christmas suit. All work is guaranteed. See adv. elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

North Carolina Day

On Friday, December 19th, North Carolina day will be celebrated in the public schools. This year the topic of study will be enhancement of the dignity and other interests of rural life. And we hope that all schools will use the occasion to advance the cause for in study and effort along this line lies the hope of future development for an agricultural section such as is ours.

Fine Showing

The statement of the Citizens' Bank of Creedmoor at the close of business on December 6th shows a decided gain in business. The resources and liabilities are steadily climbing. Established along solid lines and conducted along solid lines the Citizens' Bank is an institution felt in the commercial life throughout Granville and adjoining counties. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

A Word to Contes tants

The Farmer's Contest, in which the Public Ledger will give away a Nissen two horse wagon and a double set of harness, an Iron Age Cultivator and one single set of harness, will close tomorrow, Thursday evening promptly at 5 o'clock. All those who are interested in the outcome of the contest will please have all the votes they can marshal in by that hour. The next issue of the Public Ledger will contain a list of the successful contestants.

Cohn's Christmas Sale

Were you in the crowds last week at Cohn & Son's Christmas sale getting your share of the wonderful bargains? If not do not fail to be there this week and get your share of the Christmas bargains. It is not their low prices alone that are drawing the increasing crowds of satisfied customers. Because the great majority of Granville people rightly consider price as an after thought in comparison with quality. It is quality, reliability, square dealing and truthful advertising combined with their low prices that are constantly bringing new customers to their stores and enabling them to keep the patronage of their old friends.

LAND FOR TALE

For sale, 100 acres at Stovall. For sale 200 acres at Gela. For sale 200 acres at Lewis. Terms easy. R. O. GREGORY. 2t. CUT GLASS and Rodgers silverware makes a nice Xmas present. At the Acme Hardware Co.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General.

R. L. Brown was a Durham visitor Monday.

W. H. Fleming was in Henderson Saturday.

T. J. Smith, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

M. Blalock, of Culbreth, was in Oxford Monday.

John Stem, of Tally Ho, was on breaks Monday.

Dr. Salls, of Route 4, was in town Saturday.

Miss Hester, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

C. D. Currin, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Irvin Mangum was a Creedmoor visitor Saturday.

Charles Knott, of Route 1, were in Oxford Monday.

L. A. Mathews, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

E. T. Rawlins, of the road, is at home for the holidays.

Z. W. Allen, of Providence, was on our streets Saturday.

J. R. Daniel, of Berea, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Hart and son, Route 5, were in town Monday.

John Dean, of Route 2, was on tobacco market Monday.

L. F. Hamme, of Route 3, was on tobacco market Monday.

Mr. Pitts and sister, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday.

Sam Hobgood spent the week-end with his family in Oxford.

Mrs. Nat Baird, of Route 1, was an Oxford shopper Saturday.

Louis and Otho Daniel, of Route 1, were in Oxford Monday.

W. L. Veazey, of Lyon section, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mangum, of Route 5, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Babcock, of Route 7, were in town Saturday.

J. W. Morton and Ben Dean, of Route 4, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Currin, of Route 6, were Oxford shoppers Monday.

W. L. Mangum, of Adoniram, was on tobacco market Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bobbitt, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday.

Herbert Gregory, of Stovall section, was in town Monday selling tobacco.

Mrs. Kate Fleming and daughter, Miss Isabel, arrived in Oxford Saturday.

Josiah Cannady visited Mrs. Cannady in Richmond this week who is slowly improving.

J. S. Watkins and J. N. Watkins, of Northern Granville, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Breedlove, and children, of Route 3, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Chavase Melichampe left Monday to spend the holidays with her mother in Winston.

C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, visited his daughter, Mrs. Mike Chamberlain, in Oxford Saturday.

J. T. Winters, Carl Piper and J. D. Allen, of Route 6, were town visitors Monday.

Colonel and Mrs. S. W. Minor, of Durham, visited Mrs. Julia Minor on College street Sunday.

Miss Ethel Clement, one of the fine young ladies of Route 1, has returned from a visit to Enfield and Norfolk.

Mrs. W. E. Comer and children, of Ford, Va., spent several days the past week with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Royster, on Spring st.

JOHN W. HAYS DEAD.

PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN PETERSBURG

A Former and Highly Esteemed Citizen of Oxford

Mr. John Willis Hays, the third by that name in a long line of noble ancestry, and a former resident of Oxford, died in Petersburg, Va., Sunday last, aged 52 years. He was a member of the Methodist church and was active in Sunday school work.

The deceased married Miss Leigh, of Petersburg, January, 1888, and granddaughter of Heskiah G. Leigh, of Virginia, founder of Randolph Macon College, and to the union seven children were born, as follows: Gilbert Leigh, who died 1904; J. Mack, a student of Harvard College who was summoned to the bedside of his father; Arnold, Alice, who married Franklin Smith, of Petersburg; Sallie Duty, John Willis, the fourth, and Francis.

The deceased is survived by two brothers, Dr. B. K. Hays, of Oxford, and Frank B. Hays, of New York, and two sisters, Mrs. H. O. Furman and Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming, of Oxford.

Mr. Hays was a civil engineer and stood high in that profession. He was one of the kindest of men and made friends with all whom he came in contact. He was recently stricken with paralysis from which he never recovered. Dr. B. K. Hays was present when he breathed his last. His remains were laid to rest in the Petersburg cemetery Monday last.

Dr. Lumpkin Preaches.

Dr. Lumpkin, who has accepted pastoral charge of the Oxford Baptist church, preached his initial sermon Sunday morning to a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church.

Before taking his text Dr. Lumpkin stated that he appreciated the genuine good feelings that existed between the various denominations in the community and the cordial welcome he had received from the ministers of Oxford; he spoke of the good name Oxford enjoys everywhere and said that he was glad to live and serve among such people and he expressed a desire to know everybody in the community, whether of his own or other denominations.

The two sermons delivered Sunday by Dr. Lumpkin marks him as a very able advocate of the injunctions laid down in Holy Writ. He has a pleasant delivery, and his accumulated knowledge of the Scriptures finds ready expression in an overflowing heart. Those who heard him feel that his coming to Oxford is an awakening of the spiritual life of the community.

The parsonage is being made ready for the reception of Dr. Lumpkin's family Thursday, and he announced that he would fill his pulpit next Sunday morning and evening.

NOTICE—Bring your guns, pistols and locks to R. W. Brown & Co. for quick repair. Keys filed also. 34 Main street 4t.

A LOT of boys' and girls' bicycles for sale at R. W. Brown & Co., 34 Main street, Oxford. 4t.

DON'T ABUSE YOUR EYES.

If your eyes are weak, you should not fail to consult Dr. N. Rosenstein. He will examine your eyes and fit glasses that will give you the satisfaction, he will be at Creedmoor next Monday, December 22nd, and Tuesday, December 23rd at Oxford, stopping at the hotels for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses.

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. 3t.