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THE CONTEST CLOSES.

A LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CONTESTANTS

The Public Ledger Awards Three Handsome Prizes to Granville Farmers

The Farmers' Contest, in which the Public Ledger awarded a Nissen two-horse wagon complete and one set double harness, first prize; an Iron Age Cultivator, second prize, and a set of single harness as the third prize, came to a close Thursday evening at five o'clock. It was a spirited contest from first to last, and at no time were we able to figure with any degree of accuracy as to who would be the successful contestants, and there was never the least hitch or unpleasantness on the part of any one during the life of the contest.

The Farmers' Contest is the second of a series of contests put on by the Public Ledger. The first, that of the Mail Carriers, put on last spring, enabled us to add 1063 names to our subscription list. These names were gathered mostly from along the rural routes of Granville county, while the 1,123 subscribers added to our list during the life of the Farmers Contest were gathered largely on the outskirts of the county, near the county lines of Person, Durham, Franklin, Vance and Mecklenburg, Va.

The following is a list of the successful contestants:

J. S. Watkins, first prize, two-horse wagon and double set of harness, number of votes cast 109,100.

M. F. Moore, second prize, Iron Age Cultivator, number of votes 88,000.

S. H. Usry, third prize, one set of single harness, number of votes 47,700.

We hereby certify that the correct number of votes received by each of the above contestants in the Public Ledger prize contest is correct. W. T. Yancey, Cashier. H. G. Cooper, Vice Pres. National Bank of Granville.

The winners of the prizes are those who stood the highest in the contest, the others ranging anywhere from 30,000 to 40,000 votes, which we do not mention in the table of the successful contestants.

The object in putting on the contest was to strengthen our subscription list, and right well has it been done, and now the merchants enjoy the best possible advertising medium in this section of the State.

The Public Ledger is naturally elated over the handsome subscription list we now enjoy, going as it does to the best class of citizenship in this section of North Carolina, with the exception of the names of a few old soldiers and widows, which we carry at our own expense, the Public Ledger subscription list is bonafide, which means in good faith and without fraud or deception and is not given away.

We take this means of thanking every one who has contributed to the success of the Public Ledger, and we shall endeavor to make improvement and merit their well wishes in the future.

Hand Caught in Saw

Ed Brooks, an employee of the Body Factory had his hand badly mangled by a saw Tuesday. He was handling a small piece of timber when his hand came in contact with the saw. The thumb and two fingers were almost severed. Dr. S. H. Cannady, who was called and dressed the hand, is hopeful of saving the fingers.

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 Creelwood, and Tuesday, December 23rd at Oxford for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Remember in mind the days and places.

WE HAVE presents for the young and old. Come early before they all go. Everybody's Five Ten Cent Store.

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Have you gotten in your nog for Christmas yet?

Glad to learn that John Gooch is now convalescent.

Everybody is getting ready for Christmas and we wish them a merry one.

Wonder what has become of the Town Financial Statement that was to be published?

A farmer who produces corn and turns it into pork or beef gets the profit on two products.

Not to take thought of little children at this season is to miss the very spirit of Christmas.

Your attention is directed to the Executor's notice of Samuel D. Booth in another column.

Some think it is better to be a live man in a dead town than to be a dead man in a live town.

There will be services at Saint Peter's Church at Stovall Christmas day at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

The Christmas spirit is ringing the door bell to every heart as a signal that the joyous season has rolled around again.

For him, for her, for anybody the Public Ledger twice a week for 12 months is a present that would be most acceptable.

Chief J. Robt. Wood has appointed John A. Williams, one of our brave fire fighters, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department.

Our young farmer friend H. G. Suit, of Stem section, sold a load of tobacco a few days ago at the Banner warehouse for \$420.

The Christmas exercises will be held at Rehoboth Church, near Watkins, on Friday, December 26th, at 11 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

If you would enjoy the approaching Christmas season get all the prejudice and bitterness out of your heart, and do something to make some one happy.

Christians attend church to commune with God, to get light, and spiritual food and then go out to apply the lessons learned, in serving God and humanity.

The boys at Horner Bro. Co. accuse D. Hunt of falling off since he changed his boarding house, but friend Hunt pats his "bay window" and says: "I weigh 222 pounds."

We regret to lose from our county our good friend Meredith Crews, of the Shady Grove section, who has moved to Knightsdale. We wish him every success in his new home.

The radiator of an automobile has to be kept blanketed in cold weather just like a horse to prevent the water from freezing or becoming so cold the machine cannot be cranked up.

A subscriber who comes in these days and pays the printer is blessed, and in the kingdom to come he will be given a place a little higher than the angels and nothing will be too good for him.

If you are a Public Ledger subscriber and move from where you now live, be sure to write us a postal so we can change your paper. Do not fail to Give Both your Old and New Postoffice.

Our good friend Ex-Commissioner Ralph Curran, of Northside, called Wednesday to make a two year's contribution to the Public Ledger's Contribution box. May his shadow never grow less.

As we learn some magistrates are charging the old veterans and widows for certifying to their signatures on pension warrants we refer them to Section 2788 of the Revised Code which does not allow them to make any charge.

THE GRANVILLE SCHOOLS

VISITATION OF PROF. L. C. BROGDEN

Enthusiastic in His Praise of the Work Being Done

The schools of Granville county was honored for the past week or ten days by the presence of Prof. L. C. Brogden, who is at the head of school demonstration work. He is one of the most enthusiastic school workers throughout the entire country. His recent visit to the county was confined mostly to the southern section of the county. There is substantial progress along all lines of school work in the county, says Prof. Brogden. He referred to the number of schools which had already set out trees around the school house and the determined effort on the part of teacher and pupil to make the school buildings and grounds a place of comfort and pleasure. Prof. Brogden hopes to see the day when each school will be surrounded by four or five acres of land to be used as a demonstration farm.

Prof. Brogden was accompanied on his trip by Superintendent J. F. Webb and their visit was hailed with a great deal of pleasure by trustees, teacher and pupils where ever they went. Prof. Brogden spoke of the excellent work of Miss Mary Shotwell, Assistant Superintendent, in the ten schools over which she has supervision.

"Oh, yes," says Prof. Brogden, "the schools of Granville are in a most flourishing condition, and I heartily approve of the contemplated Farm Life School."

Christmas Specials

The Santa Claus special has just pulled in at Taylor Brothers Sanitary Grocery with a great consignment of Christmas specials. They have bought so keenly that the bargains are almost beyond belief. Everything you need is there, down to the candies for the kiddies. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

A Distinguished Hog

Granville county comes to the front with one of the finest hogs on record. We refer to the big hog raised by Mrs. M. A. Johnson, of Route 6. The hog was butchered this week and tipped the scales at 700 pounds. This is only one instance of fine hogs in Granville, but it is the finest we have heard of in recent years.

Free Dispensaries

There appears elsewhere in the Public Ledger today an advertisement announcing the free medicine dispensaries. It would be well to refer to the ad, and see the dates and places where examination, treatment, medical aid are all furnished absolutely free. Now is the time to ascertain whether or not you have a hookworm.

Carriers Thank Patrons.

It is indeed a pleasure to serve an appreciative public as is the case with the excellent mail carriers out of Oxford. They request us to return their many thanks to their patrons for backbone, spareribs, sausage and rabbits. The Public Ledger also tenders its thanks to them for any courtesies extended and wish them a merry Christmas and a happy new year, along with the other carriers of Granville county.

Stick to Your Promise

Horner Bros Co. are aware of the promise the farmer has made to his family and to himself, to the effect that if crops were good he would provide them with a new buggy or surry for himself. This well known mercantile firm has anticipated your wants and have for your inspection a magnificent line of vehicles. See the Horner Bros. adv. elsewhere in this paper. They wish you a Merry Christmas.

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

A FARM LIFE SCHOOL.

WAYS AND MEANS BEING DISCUSSED

Oxford is the Logical Place to Establish the School

It begins to look as if the community will be richly rewarded by the forethought and zeal of Dr. R. H. Marsh in launching a boom to locate a Farm Life School on one of the splendid sites near Oxford. The question was first mentioned by Dr. Marsh to a group of leading citizens a few days ago and it is now one of the liveliest issues throughout Granville county and is gaining popularity the more it is discussed. So far, there has not been a dissenting voice to the movement and every one you meet heartily approve of locating the institution on the remaining track of land of the old County Home, close proximity of the Experiment Station.

There were quite a number of the leading men of the town and county in consultation here Wednesday and Thursday, and not a few visited the proposed site of the school out near the Fair Grounds and discussed ways and means to raise the funds and establish the school as early as practicable.

The well informed men of the community readily acknowledge that Oxford is the logical place to establish a Farm Life School. That such a school in our midst would add greatly to our prestige and be the means of bringing a large number of the best class of young men and young women to the community is a foregone conclusion. The movement is so unselfish in its nature and of such vast importance to the town and county that the Public Ledger feels like casting its hat into the air and shouting for the success of the enterprise.

Presbyterian Notes

Rev. S. K. Phillips has returned from Henderson where he conducted a meeting last week for Rev. R. A. White. As a result of the meetings there will be a number of additions to the Henderson Presbyterian church. In spite of the cold weather and the Christmas rush, good audiences filled the church and on the closing night taxed the seating capacity of the building. Mr. Phillips will occupy his own pulpit Sunday. The new indirect lights at the church were said to be the best in the State, by an electrician who visited here last week. They are certainly the solution of the problem that faces a person who suffers from the glare of the old direct system, and Mr. Couch deserves much praise for the design and arrangement.

Court Martial

Acting Governor Daughtridge and Adjutant General Laurence W. Young disposed of two court martial cases in the North Carolina national guard Wednesday. In the case of private Arrington at Oxford the court martial had imposed a fine of \$50 for refusal to attend the last annual encampment at Morehead when ordered to do so and he had no sufficient excuse according to the military regulations. Governor Daughtridge reduced the fine to \$10.

Are You One of Them?

We would request our subscribers to glance at the table on their paper and see if they are in arrears. There is a postal law covering annual subscriptions and it is necessary that all who are in arrears for more than twelve months will make settlement, and we will thank you to do so as early as possible.

HAD YOU EVER THOUGHT OF IT?

What Christmas present would afford the Housekeeper more real pleasure than a nice coffee percolator? We are making a special run on them at the present, selling you a regular \$3.50 percolator for \$2.50. Shall we hold one for you? TAYLOR BROS., The Sanitary Grocers, 8t.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General.

Capt. Elmore was on our streets Thursday.

A. Coley, of Lyon, was in town Thursday.

J. W. Davis, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

Dr. Frank Hancock was in Raleigh Wednesday.

Walter Hobgood, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

W. L. Robards, of Green's, was in town Wednesday.

J. E. Hester, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Wednesday.

W. W. Hart, of Route 4, was a town visitor Thursday.

John Morton, of Bullock, was a town visitor Thursday.

Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was in town Thursday.

W. H. Dean, of Route 1, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Nat Baird, of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

W. H. Washington, of Route 4, was a town visitor Wednesday.

M. H. Bragg and daughter, of Stem, visited Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hunt, of Route 3, were in town Thursday.

H. E. and L. G. Perry, of Tar River, were in Oxford Wednesday.

W. R. Greenway, of Oak Hill township, was in town Wednesday.

Hillman Cannady will return today from a Southern business trip.

S. R. Howard and J. T. Morton, of Route 4, were in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Barnett, of Shady Grove, were in town Thursday.

Our old friend W. H. Daniel, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Thursday.

James Meadows, of Fuquay, has returned to Oxford for the holidays.

Clifton and John Carrin, Northside, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Our old veteran friend, John Curran, of Route 7, was in town Wednesday.

Zack Perry and L. L. Crews, of Tar River, were town visitors on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Norwood, of Stovall, were Oxford visitors on Thursday.

W. H. Daniel, a prosperous farmer of Lyon, was on our streets Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor and children, of Stovall, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cheatham and children, of Route 3, were in Oxford Thursday.

Wayne Gooch and Dr. and Mrs. Farror, of Clarksville, were on our streets Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Latta and children, of Route 3, were on our streets Thursday.

George Whitfield, Flay Moore and M. F. Moore, of Stem section, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crews, of Tar River section, were among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

D. W. Usry, of Apex section, another old veteran friend who is visiting relatives in the county, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Britt, Mrs. Harry Williams, J. S. Bradsher, Josiah Cannady and Waverly Harris were in Raleigh Thursday.

Our old friend Booker Beasley, who has made his home in Person county, has moved back to his old home in Granville, and was in Oxford Thursday.

"TELL ME A STORY."

LITTLE CHILDREN CRAVE KNOWLEDGE

Keep Alive in Childhood That Idealism Which Makes for Righteous Manhood

There are so many bright children in Oxford and throughout the county that look up into your face and plead for a story, we wonder why no one has thought to form a "Story Teller's League."

We know of no more entertaining and appealing work than that of gathering the children about you—it makes no difference whose children they are—and tell them about the unseen things of life. It is to take the mask of formality from the realities of life and to show them how a strange little sprite lodges in a flower, how the faeries dance in the dew, and how, just beyond the vision of older people there is a world of wonderful witchery, where only children can live.

To our minds this is the missionary endeavour of a broad, true culture, and as such it deserves the hearty support of all educated people. It is to give to youthful minds their first knowledge of the great heroic figures of song and story; it is to tell them how the Black Prince served King John of France; how Bayard led the advancing columns, and how Du Guesclin, the unsightly dwarf, was the noblest knight of his day. It is to make children know aright those splendid characters that adorn the pages of history.

The fire side is the best place to implant a truth in the mind of a child, and if you do not care to tell them that "there is a Santa Claus," you can talk to them about the spirit that is given to Santa Claus.

Mail Order Business

To the Public Ledger: I am not in business now but I want to commend you on your stand you take on the mail order business. I recently took a trip into the interior of the county and it was a surprise to me to find so many catalogues of mailorder houses in the homes of the people. It is simply deplorable. We can never build up our town while the people send out of the State for articles they can get here at home, quality considered, just as cheaply, or more cheaply. There should be some way devised to impress the people of the importance of dealing with the home merchants, when it is positively known that their prices and goods are absolutely what they should be. The catalogues of the mail order houses are as thick throughout Granville county as are the patent medicine almanacs, another great evil in our midst.

ANXIOUS.

Oxford, Dec. 16, 1913.

Mr. Hancock Appointed

It has been whispered for some time that Mr. Frank W. Hancock would receive an appointment in the Internal Revenue service. The fact is, he has been tendered three positions in that branch of the service and only after the most diligent enquiry as to the duties of the office he has consented to enter the service. The position that carries the best salary would necessitate him being away from home the greater part of the time; therefore he decided to accept the Clerkship in the office of Collector Bailey. This will enable him to spend a few days at home every week.

It is gratifying to know that Mr. Hancock's family will remain in Oxford. While the duties of the Clerk in the Collector's office require a great deal of skill and judgment it is pleasing to note that the work has fallen into good hands. The many friends of Mr. Hancock are congratulating him upon the appointment and wish him well. It is understood that he will enter upon his new duties at an early date.

Just four more shopping days until Christmas.