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TO OPEN NIGHT SCHOOL

AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE

Most Unselfish Move That Has Been Launched in a Long Time

Realizing that there are several people in Oxford, both young and old, who have been deprived of an education, a number of well informed and public spirited citizens have hit upon a plan to open a night school to those who care to avail themselves of the opportunity to augment their knowledge. As one of the promoters stated, that if the night school should be the means of elevating some obscure boy in our community to prominence, and at the same time place others on a sure footing to fight the battle of life, it would fill his heart with joy.

The plan now being discussed is to utilize the Graded School building and that a number of capable teachers would volunteer their services, covering as many nights in the week as necessary by rotation.

The only missing link in this most worthy and noble enterprise is the marshalling of the students. There are a number who should avail themselves of the advantages of the night school, but the question of reaching them and getting them interested in the pursuits of knowledge is the only problem confronting the promoters.

In order to get the school started, it has been suggested that as many of those who would like to attend the school will leave their names with the Public Ledger, and we will take great pleasure in keeping them informed as to the progress of the movement. If the applicants are sufficient in number, the school will open forthwith. There is no hard and fast rule as to age limit, but those whose ages range anywhere between sixteen and fifty will be taken care of.

This is one of the most unselfish and far reaching movements that has been launched in Oxford in many days. Night schools are very popular in the large cities, but it has never been tried out in towns the size of Oxford. Some of our brightest men acquired the rudiments of an education at night schools. There are three men in the Congress of the United States that saw the light of day in a night school. Let every one encourage those who would benefit by the proposed night school, as it will cost them nothing but time and study.

Date Set for Closing Market.

The Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade held a meeting a few days ago and decided to close sales this season on Friday, March 20th, and our farmer friends are asked to bear this very important fact in mind. In this connection we are proud to say Oxford will overreach the ten million pound mark, having already sold around 9,800,000 lbs. three cheers for Oxford, her tobacco market, her buyers and wide awake warehousemen!

Good Example to Follow.

W. H. Blackwell, the energetic overseer of Enon road, has had T. F. Blair to drag his road, which certainly proved a great benefit. It took him a half day to do the work at a cost of \$4. If all the overseers would follow the example of Mr. Blackwell we would soon have our roads in the county in good condition. Mr. Blair charges \$8 a day.

They Just Will Read It.

It is a pleasure to us to say that we added 54 new subscribers to the twice-a-week Public Ledger during the blizzard month of February, and we made a good start for March. We have about perfected our arrangements to furnish our patrons with a still better paper.

PIG LOST—One male red Jersey, 8 weeks old. Finder will be handsomely rewarded by notifying B. Tiley, Route 3, Oxford 1tp

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Contractor Sam Wheeler has resumed work on the Harry Williams cottages in North Oxford.

And don't you forget to read the change in the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. on another page.

The old reliable drug firm of J. G. Hall is putting in large modern soda fountain for the convenience of their large trade.

Your attention is called to the change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power & Light Co. in another part of this paper.

The oldest inhabitant always has one better about the weather or the good old times when every man considered his word as good as his bond.

Lester Montague, one of affable clerks in Long Co's clothing store, having purchased the Wheeler cottage on New College street has moved in.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellichamp having quit housekeeping J. C. Howard and family have moved into the house occupied by them at end College street.

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, of Townesville, will hold service and preach in St. Stephen's Church next Sunday morning—the second Sunday in Lent—at eleven o'clock.

We are pleased to learn that our venerable friend P. B. Hobgood, of Berea, section celebrated his 86th birthday on the 21st of February, and continues to enjoy good health.

The many friends of Charley W. Bryan will be glad to learn that he is better. His son Lynwood, who was operated upon in Raleigh for appendicitis, glad to learn is doing well.

The ground hog days will soon be over and beautiful spring weather will blossom forth, so now is the time to give your order to R. L. Brame for a nice spring suit. Go and see him to-day.

Our friend W. A. Gooch, of Stem section, who was thrown from a wagon some weeks ago and badly hurt about the neck, has about recovered and was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

Rev. R. Shepard, who was Superintendent of the Colored Orphan Asylum near Oxford for many years, died in Winston the first of the week and his remains were brought to Oxford for burial.

We are requested by Mrs. B. L. Turner and Miss Fannie Wyatt to express to the people of Oxford their heartfelt appreciation for the kindness shown them during the recent illness and death of Mr. Turner.

If you have not already done so you will find it to your interest as well as your convenience to open an account with the National Bank of Granville as it will help you save money. Read advertisement on another page.

It is now generally understood that the capable and kind-hearted Cam Hunt will be a candidate for the nomination for Clerk at the coming primary. It looks like the boys are getting down to business early in the game.

Lyon-Winston Co. have had new signs painted on front windows and building, and have also swung to the breeze a sign in front of their sales stables. It goes without saying that Manager Gholson is a regular hustler and will be heard from.

Ye housekeepers, who are looking for the best things to eat, are asked to read the advertisement of Oxford's Cash Grocery, run by the popular Willie Alston, in another column. Send him in a good order today—he is worthy of your patronage.

THE COMMENCEMENT.

DR. VAN WILL DELIVER ADDRESS

School Exhibits and Declamations Will Be Held in the Court House

It has been only a few years since the first County Commencement was held in the State. The success of the first was so marked that it was followed the next year by five or six and this year it is probable that twenty-five of the counties of the state will hold them. The purpose of these commencements is to bring about a better feeling toward the public schools, to develop a more uniform system of grading, to mark more distinctly the boundary line between the elementary and high school grades, to stimulate both teacher and pupil with a form of competition in both scholarship and athletics and to present to the public eye a more accurate conception of the large produtions attained by the public rural schools of the county. The mere statement that the schools contain over three thousand children conveys a very vague impression to the average mind. But to see these children together in a parade and hear them sing in a body would give a much more vivid picture.

The school exhibits will be placed in the Court House and the address and declamations will be held in the court room. The athletic contests will be at the Horner School. Several of the schools will present drills and other exercises on th campus.

Dr. R. T. Van, of Meredith College, Raleigh, will deliver the address at the county commencement March 13th.

Popular Wheelmen

R. W. Brown & Co., the expert bicycle men, are growing in favor. They have just received a car load of the finest wheels seen in Oxford in a long time. These bicycles are going at prices to suit your pocketbook. They are also prepared to do first class repair work. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

Possum in Hen Nest.

The children of Walter Howell, who lives in Fishing Creek township, early Tuesday morning heard a setting hen kicking up a big fuss in the hen house. They run out to see what was the trouble and found a fat possum that taken possession of the hen's nest, and the possum was seized by the tail and borne to the house in triumph by the children while the old hen went back on her nest full of eggs.

You Want the Best

The demands for Ober's Guano is so great in this county that Horner Bros. Co. are building storage houses in Oxford, Providence and Stem so as to be in a position to meet the demands. This guano has been tried and tested for over fifty years and it has given general satisfaction. There can be no doubt about Ober's being the guano for tobacco. See the adv. of Horner Bros. Co. elsewhere in this paper.

From Factory to Home

The Weaver Piano Company, located on College street, are quite busy these days despite the inclement weather. The fact that the people have learned that they can secure a high grade piano on such reasonable terms attracts many prospective buyers. Every piano that leaves the house is backed by a guarantee. Mr. M. T. Langley, the manager, extends a cordial invitation to every one to step in and hear the pianos played, Mr. H. S. Thomas, who has immediate charge, will take pleasure in demonstrating the extraordinary fine tone and qualities of the pianos. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

FOR SALE—Three thousand pounds of meadow grass hay, \$1.00 per hundred. W. L. Peace. 2t

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

TO ENCOURAGE THE CULTIVATION OF FLOWERS

A Most Commendable Move on the Part of the Ladies

The Forestry Committee of the Civic Club will hold a Garden Mart the first week in April. This is the beginning of a program which if successfully carried through will interest every person in town in the cultivation of more flowers and plants in their own private gardens and lawns and the beautifying of every vacant space in Oxford.

The attempt is going to be made to change every unsightly barren spot available into a flower garden or grass plot. Flower seeds and plants of every description will be given away. In order that there may be an abundance for all, it will be greatly appreciated if all persons when separating their plants or who have more of certain seeds than they expect to plant themselves, will kindly donate them to the committee so they can be distributed at this time. For beautifying public plans money is needed and for this object everything for the garden will be on sale. There will be sun bonnets, demure and practicable for milady when she works over her flowers, attractive garden hats, flower baskets, jardiniere, pots, and garden implements of every kind. Eatables of a refreshing nature will also be served.

Come out and join this movement which will bring only refreshment and delight to yourself, your neighbor and every visitor to your town. Let us join together and make Oxford truly the City Beautiful.

Miss Hilliard, Mrs. Veasey, Mrs. White, Mrs. Lassiter, Committee.

Death of J. T. Cole

The relatives and friends of Mr. J. T. Cole will deeply regret to learn of his death after a brave fight to get well at a Richmond hospital on Wednesday afternoon where he was undergoing treatment for impoverished blood. The body was brought to Oxford Thursday morning and conveyed to his home on Route 1 and the funeral will take place this Friday afternoon at Enon church conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh, and his remains consigned to rest in the church yard with Upchurch & Curran in charge of burial.

Mr. Cole was a kind and good man, and much beloved by his neighbors and friends. He was a member of Enon church and lived a christian life and is now among the blest.

He leaves behind to grieve over his death a dear wife and six girls, along with an aged father, H. L. Cole and 6 brothers and 2 sisters, to all of whom we extend condolence in the hour of great grief.

Local Mention

Tom Husketh, of Wilton, was in town Thursday.

We call attention to the resale of the Nance land advertised in another column.

We are sorry to learn that Louis Crews and John Mangum continue quite sick with the gripp, and hope they will soon be restored to health.

Miss Ruth Shaw charmingly entertained a number of her girl friends at her pleasant home on Rectory street Wednesday afternoon.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. R. P. Taylor, one of Oxford's fine matrons, is quite sick at her home on Hillsboro street, and hope she will soon recover.

The annual inspection of Granville Grays under the command of Capt. E. E. Fuller will take place on Wednesday, February 11, and all members should be present.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Folks and their Friends in General

Morris Green is on a business trip north.

L. Y. Gordon, of Tar River, was in town Friday.

W. H. Dean, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

W. F. Lyon, North-side, was in town Wednesday.

C. W. Dixon, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

John Morton, of Bullock, was in town Wednesday.

G. C. Peck, of Berea, was on our streets Wednesday.

H. L. Dement, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

S. R. Puckett, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Thomas Hunt, of Tar River, was in town Wednesday.

Zack Allen, of Providence, was in town Wednesday.

C. W. Breedlove, of Route 3, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Tommie Dement, of Dickerson, was in town Wednesday.

Carl Piper, of Route 6, was on our streets Wednesday.

John S. Watkins, of Cornwall, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was on our streets Wednesday.

C. G. Mangum, of Route 5, was a town visitor Wednesday.

E. M. Hart, of Route 7, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Sam Usry and son Osborn, were town visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. Johnston, of Durham, was in town Thursday.

T. E. Bobbitt, of Dickerson section, was in town Wednesday.

Durell Brummitt, of Route 3, was a town visitor Wednesday.

J. A. Dean, of West Granville, was on tobacco market Wednesday.

Dr. B. K. Hays returned a few days ago from his trip to Chicago.

Pete Pruitt and B. F. Dean, of Route 4, were town visitors Thursday.

Grover Dean and W. R. Nelson, of Route 4, were in town on Wednesday.

J. P. Curran and son Gartland, of Route 7, were on tobacco market Thursday.

C. J. Roberts and Mr. Fowler, of Knap of Reeds, were in town Wednesday afternoon.

W. H. Haskins and Chas. Haskins, of Hester section, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Frank Blalock is on a business trip north in the interest of the clothing store of Long Co.

Josh King, of Long Co., has returned from the northern markets where he purchased large spring stock of goods.

W. E. Massenbun, who arrived in Oxford Wednesday night and taken critically ill at the Exchange Hotel, is some better.

Mrs. Aubrey Moore and Miss Lucy Patton, who will have charge of Long Millinery department, have returned from Baltimore.

Oscar Breedlove, buyer for Perkinson-Green Co., is at home from the northern markets where he purchased a choice spring stock.

We were glad to meet in Oxford Wednesday our good friend T. B. Brinkley, Green's station, who makes it rather long between his visit to town.

Miss Lizzie Gooch, who has been north for several weeks spent a few days at home this week en route to Albemarle where she has charge of a millinery store.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

HONOR ROLL OF OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL

A List of Those Who Made a Strong Effort to Win

First Grade—Mary Bland, Joe Breedlove, Matt Curran, Charlotte Easton, Willie Elliott, Laura Frazier, Virginia Hart, James Leigh Elizabeth Lumpkin, Elsie Pruitt, Eugene Wheeler.

Second Grade—Tom Booth, Thomas Cannady, Rux Curran, Cam Easton, Alice Hall, Elizabeth Hobgood, Will Mitchell, Alma McFarland, Alfred McFarland, Thomas Royster, Madison Usry, John Williams, James Webb, Sam Wheeler.

Third Grade—Joe Floyd, Pattie May Green, Joe Renn, Inez Patterson, Edwin Shaw, Dora Wolfe, Carolyn Harris, Willie Sneed.

Fourth Grade—Billy Devin, Hugh Easton, Charles Eastor, Effie Lee, Minnie Murray, Thelma Poole, Abraham Woolfe Sarah Woolfe, Bernice Usry.

Fifth Grade—Bransford Ballou, Lillian Cheatham, Eva Moore Fagan, Viola Hester, Ruth Howard, Fritz Hall, Elizabeth Hunt, Irvine Jackson, Annie Landis, Heathie Linder, Idie Kerr Taylor, Annie May Watkins, Olive Webb.

Sixth Grade—Louise Curran, Sam Hall, Zela Newton, Roy Upchurch.

Seventh Grade—Emmie Cooper Medford.

Eighth Grade—Elizabeth Floyd. Tenth Grade—Alva Lee Curran, Helen Paris, Ruth Shaw.

A Delightful Entertainment

At Oxford College on Wednesday afternoon, February 25th, from 4 to 6 o'clock occurred the first of a series of piano recitations.

The day being extremely cold, not all of the invited guests could attend, but those present were even most enthusiastic over the program rendered by Misses Ethel Hancock and Dorothy Jones, pupils in piano of Miss Tarbett.

The young ladies showed much progress, and reflected great credit upon Miss Tarbett, their accomplished teacher.

They were easy and graceful in manner and played in an intelligent and satisfying style the following selections:

PROGRAM

Mozart—Aria and Variations in F major, duet.

Beethoven—Bagatelle in C major. Field—Noctune in B flat major.

Mozzkowski—Impromptu in A flat major.

Piranni op. 35—Airs Bohemiens, piano duo—Dorothy Jones.

Ed. Shippen Barnes—Caprice in E flat major.

Schumann—Slumber Song in E flat major.

Nevin—Valse Gentile in A flat major.

Jensen op. 45—Festival Procession from "The Wedding Music" Ethel Hancock.

After this delightful program afternoon tea was served, and a pleasant social hour was spent. Mrs. Frank Hancock and Mrs. Rosa Jones were the hostesses.

The next recital will occur in about three weeks and we should appreciate an invitation to attend.

A GUEST.

Painfully Hurt James Chemos, a Greek, who runs a refreshment stand on Hillsboro street, met with a painful accident Thursday. He was standing on the stairway in rear of the store when it gave away. He sustains a broken arm and his back also hurt, but not dangerously hurt.

LADIES—If you have spring coats for self and children to make Miss Eva Spruill, of Henderson, who has had several years experience with first class tailors, is with me and will appreciate your patronage. We also make childrens dresses as well as ladies tailored skirts and dresses. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. T. C. Harris, West Front street. It