



NEWS OF THE TIMES.

One or More New Buildings Will Adorn Main Street Before the Frost Touches the Vine

OLD WOODEN STRUCTURE WILL BE TORN AWAY

With the advent of the new post office and granolithic sidewalks, Messrs. J. G. and A. S. Hall have been inspired to improve their real estate holdings in the vicinity of the public building.

The old wooden structure which has stood for more than a quarter of a century on the corner of Main and Littlejohn streets will make room for a modern brick building. The details of the improvements have not been worked out, but in conversation with the owners we learn that a brick building will be erected and ready for occupancy before the frost touches the vine. The Halls are conservative people, and are not given to idle talk, and when they give it out that the old structure will make way for a neat brick building means something to the citizens of Oxford. The building is assured, and it is whispered around town that the improvements in the vicinity of the new post office is not confined to the corner in question. In all probability the west side of Main street, south of the Chamber building, will receive some finishing touches in the shape of modern buildings in the near future.

We have claimed all along that when the new post office was completed and the five miles of granolithic sidewalks were laid, there would be an incentive to better things in Oxford, and mark the prediction well informed men about town, you will see all of the old wooden buildings removed one by one to make room for more modern structures.

The only hitch in the great scheme of progress that has set in is the lack of manufacturing plants to support the increased population incident to more and better buildings. But there is no question about securing manufacturing plants if everybody will fall in line and catch the step and lead. Let there be some concerted action taken on this all important question at once, while the iron is hot. To those who have, it means a building of their resources; and to those who have little, it means improved conditions for them also. In developing our resources it is a safe proposition to say that all men would benefit, and that no man would benefit to the exclusion of any other man.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

The Granville School Board held a called meeting in the office of the superintendent of school on Monday with Mr. Titus Curran chairman, and Messrs. E. B. Meadows and J. A. Morris seated around the table.

An election in a school district in Oxford township near Gela was approved and transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners asking them to call an election in the territory named.

Grassy Creek people asked for a new school house, and Sten district desires a small building near the high school building.

Mr. B. F. Dean, of Route 4, appeared before the Board and presented the claims of his school district and asked that it be supplied with a new and better equipped school house.

Mr. J. L. Beasley, of Buchanan, presented and made application for a new and more commodious school building in his district which he badly needed.

After transacting some other routine business the Board adjourned.

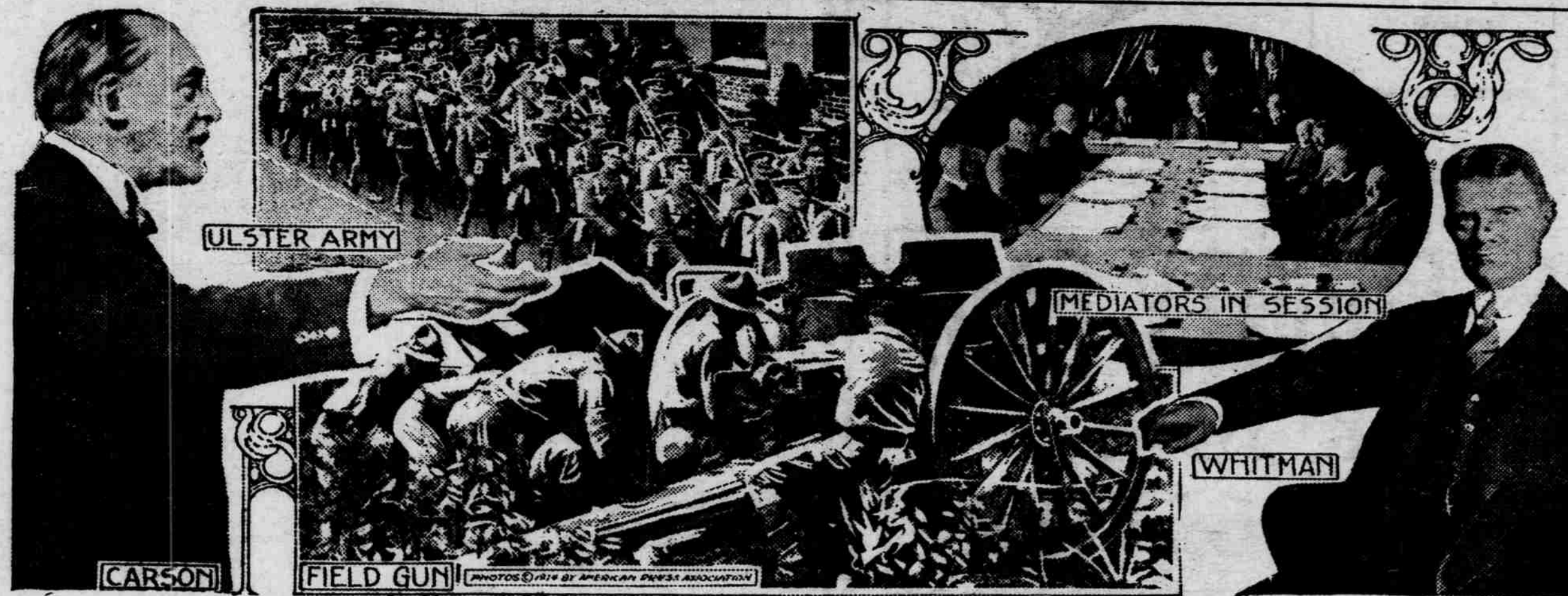
GOES TO BOSTON

Mr. W. S. Cozart, third son of Mr. S. Cozart, of Sten, has graduated from the Virginia School of Medicine with honor. He will stand the North Carolina Board next Tuesday. He has already won the appointment as an intern in a Boston hospital, where he will serve for one year. Dr. Cozart is a bright young man, having graduated at the head of a large class and he will doubtless be a good physician.

MAJOR STEDMAN NOMINATED

Major Charles M. Stedman was nominated at the Congressional Convention in Greensboro Wednesday without opposition. Every precinct in the District was represented. There were three thousand five hundred speeches made, among them being our townsman, Mr. K. Lassiter, who set forth the record of Major Stedman, which was unanimous, is equivalent to election and may bring out against him.

LOOK OUT AUTOIST—We are requested to call the attention of automobilists to great danger in not properly signaling when they approach a street corner, a dangerous curve in the road and a creek or river bridge. This is important, so don't forget it!



News Snapshots Of the Week

The mediation board conducted important sessions at Niagara Falls, and a peaceful solution of the Mexican imbroglio was promised by Judge Lamar of the American representatives. The home rule bill received final passage in the English parliament, and Sir Edward Carson threatened armed resistance to its enforcement in the north of Ireland. Charles S. Whitman, district attorney of New York, tried Charles Becker, ex-lieutenant of police, for the second time and once again convicted him of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, state's witness. The American forces in Mexico advanced field artillery along the Inter-oceanic railroad to protect the many bridges.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS. LOOKING FOR LOCATION ENGINE JUMPS TRACK. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public

Ledger Readers GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Porch Repaired—The front porch at the Walters House has been repaired.

Front Repainted—The front of the store next to the Johnson warehouse has been repainted.

Looks Much Better—The Easton House looks much better since it donned the coats of white paint with green blinds.

The Building Line—The Moore Lumber Company announce elsewhere in this paper a large supply of building material.

The Suckers—It is said a sucker is born every minute, but a stump sucker is hard to deal with as well as a tobacco sucker.

Good Animal—Mr. P. L. Thomason, of Tally Ho, is now the owner of the nice black mare used by Breedlove & McFarland in their business.

At His Old Post—We as well as the public are glad to see Mr. G. T. Elliott back in the Express office as he is courteous and polite.

Ice Cream—The Methodist Philatheas will serve ice cream and cake on the Church lawn this Friday evening from 6 to 10 o'clock.

Pushing the Work—Contractor Clements is now getting right down to business and pushing the work of putting down the sidewalks.

New School Building—The contractor has gotten busy and will have the new Colored School Building ready for use the coming session.

Another Automobile—Mr. W. T. Murray has purchased a Roadster to use in his machine business, which he finds more convenient than a wagon.

Sale of House and Lot—B. S. Royter, Commissioner, advertises in another part of this paper a house and lot for sale, and you are asked to read it.

Very Poor Prospects—From the present outlook we have the poorest prospects for a crop in Granville we had for many years, and our farmers are very blue.

Sale now On—With flags and bunting flying about their building the make-ready sale of Cohn & Son's goes merrily on. See their adv. on last page of this paper.

Some Better—The friends of Mr. Jas. Walters, of Tally Ho township, who was stricken with paralysis, will be glad to learn that he has rallied some from the stroke.

Covered In—The commodious residence of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Horner, on Gilliam street, has been closed in and work on the inside will be pushed as fast as possible.

New Typewriter—The County Commissioners have purchased a new Book typewriter for the Register of Deeds office, and the one now in use in that office will be transferred to the Clerk's office.

Rented His Home—Mr. Sam Hobbard having purchased a home in Henderson and will move his family there in August, has rented his Oxford residence on College street to Mr. Hershey.

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Manufacturers Looking for Location Impressed With Sites on Seaboard Near Town

WILL POSSIBLY BUILD AT AN EARLY DATE

In all probability we will see one or more manufacturing plants located on the Seaboard Railroad east of town within a year. We have conversed with parties who are looking for a good location and they incidentally remarked that there are several admirable sites in the vicinity where the Seaboard crosses the Henderson dirt road. No definite plans have been entered into as yet, but it is understood that the parties have consulted the railroad company about building a side track in the event they decide to build.

The Public Ledger is highly pleased to know that the parties seeking the location are delighted with Oxford. The nearest approach they could get to Oxford on the Southern is more than one mile from the business center of town and this they declined to consider.

The Seaboard, on either side of the road for more than a mile, is an ideal location for manufacturing plants and we would not be surprised in later years to see every foot of the ground covered with them.

In our conversation with the gentlemen who are looking for a suitable location, they preferred that we would not use their names at present.

THREE SHORT ITEMS

Getting Better—We are pleased to learn that Mrs. James B. Powell, who has been sick is convalescent.

Return Thanks—We are requested by Mr. Frank Spencer and children to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the people for their kindness and sympathy in their great bereavement.

Seven Ministers—The congregation of the Baptist church was well supplied with ministers Sunday night as their were seven present. They were: Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, Rev. Upchurch, Rev. George Tunstall, Rev. Stringfield, Dr. R. H. Marsh, Dr. A. P. Tyer, and Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Scotland Neck.

COMING AND GOING

Miss Norfolk Hunter, who has been taking a special course at the University is at home for the summer.

Mr. W. E. Dorsey, of Route 3, and a candidate for County Commissioner from Fishing Creek township, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Howard and fine son, Frank, of the Grassy Creek section, were numbered among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dean and children, Misses Lillie, and Allie, Walter Luther and Aubrey, all of Moriah section were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Miss Mary Williams, who is teaching school in Tarboro, is the guest of the Misses Webb on College street for a few days while enroute to her home in Newton.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

We are authorized by the friends of Mr. Hubert Faucett to announce that he will be a candidate for County Commissioner subject to the Democratic primary of June 20th.

LOST—ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bridle, between Exchange Hotel and Walters Boarding House. Finder please return to Fire Department.

The Southern Oxford-Henderson Mixed Train Met a Disastrous Wreck Wednesday Afternoon

ENGINEER D. G. TYLER WAS SERIOUSLY HURT

The Southern Oxford-Henderson mixed train met a disastrous wreck Wednesday afternoon on the outskirts of Henderson. The engine left the rails at a public road crossing just west of the city limits, plunged down into the side ditch, creased over on its left side and slid forward in the mud some 20 yards or more. The tender was thrown squarely across the track, torn entirely from its trucks and turned over on its side.

From about this mass of wreckage engineer J. D. Tyler was picked up a very seriously if not fatally injured man. He had evidently been hurled from his seat to the ground and it is feared sustained serious internal injuries, the extent of which could not be ascertained before he was hurried off on a fast Seaboard train for a Richmond hospital. The fireman escaped without the slightest scratch.

Some six or more freight cars and the two passenger coaches at the rear in which there were a number of passengers did not leave the rails. The passengers got a good shaking up but no one was hurt. The railroad people say the wreck was caused by several inches of dirt left on the track at the public road crossing by a squad of road builders engaged at that point.

THE STATE CONVENTION

With probably the slimmest attendance that has characterized any Democratic state convention in recent years, the 1914 convention was convened at noon Thursday, in Raleigh, being called to order by State Chairman Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern. The representation of the various sections of the state was, of course, complete, and the rank and file of those attending were a set of sturdy, able and determined men, but not in the least given to any special outbursts or manifestations of enthusiasm. The platform pledges Democratic party to longer schools of six months in every section of the State.

State-wide Primary law with corrupt practice act is demanded.

MISS SALLS RETURNS HOME

Miss Helen H. Salls returned home last Tuesday night, after completing a year's work as teacher of English and German in the Dillon High School, South Carolina. Miss Salls came to Oxford directly from Randolph-Macon Women's College, Va., where she attended the twenty-first commencement of the College. The most impressive feature of the commencement exercises was the Inauguration of William A. Webb as President of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Delegates from nearly forty colleges and universities were present, and letters of greetings from President Woodrow Wilson, Hon. P. P. Claxton, and others were read. The charge to the incoming president was delivered by President W. P. Few, of our own Trinity College.

CONGRESSMEN RETURNED

All the Congressmen in North Carolina have been returned excepting Hood, of Goldsboro, defeated Faison in the Third and the Tenth will go to another primary. The Republicans in a few of the districts contemplate bringing out candidates.

Advertise in the Public Ledger.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. B. T. Hicks, of Bullock, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Wesley Knott, of Enon, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. W. S. Suit, of Wilton, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Evans, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. D. Vaughan, of Lyon, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Ed. Jones, of Mt. Energy, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Ira Lyon, of Sten section, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mrs. W. B. Glenn, of Henderson is visiting relatives in Oxford.

Mr. N. G. Crews, of Dabney section, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. T. Crews, of Tar River, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Miss Lillian McFarland is at home from Morganton D. & D. School.

Mr. Charles Morris, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Clarence Breedlove, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. G. L. Allen, of Brassfield township, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Clement, of Route 1, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. W. J. Webb, of Tally Ho, was in town a short time Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Long, of Route 5, were on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Luther Freeman and daughter, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

Miss Norma Burwell is at home from teaching school at Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Blackley, of Wilton, were on our streets Wednesday.

Messrs. Charles and Thurman Knott, of Route 1, were in town Thursday.

Mrs. H. Dorsey is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Will Gulick in New York City.

Mrs. I. H. Davis and pretty little Miss Margaret, are visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mr. M. W. Clement, of Grassy Creek section, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Messrs. J. D. Halthcock and W. A. Adeock, of Tar River section, were in town Thursday.

Mr. Robt. Walters, of Chalybeate Springs, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Messrs. Frank Blackley and J. W. Ross, of Wilton, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Watkins and children are on a visit to her old home near Buffalo Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Currin, Jr., of Route 2, were among the Oxford shoppers Thursday.

Mrs. Wesley Knott and Miss Averett, of Route 1, were on our streets Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Cheek, of Henderson, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Hall on Gilliam street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Crews, of Tar River, were among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Virginus Cheatham and daughter, of Watkins section, were on our streets Wednesday.

LOST—WATCH FOB TUESDAY with gold cross and lady's brooch attached. Reward if returned to J. E. ROUARK, Hughes & Smaw Furniture Company. 1tpd.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE

Fire of Unknown Origin Break Out in the Business Center of Oxford

RODENTS SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE

A fire of unknown origin, but supposed to be the work of rats, broke out in the room over the Southern Express office about four o'clock Thursday morning. The flames looked very angry for a while, but the alert firemen soon had the fire under control.

The room in which the fire originated was occupied by Mr. Sam Garrett, but he was not in the room at the time. Mr. Baldy Williams, who occupies a room over the Lyon Drug store, was disturbed by the scent of smoke which either crept through the wall separating his quarters from the rooms over the Express office in which the fire originated, or by the breeze blowing it in the front window of his room. Feeling a sense of suffocation, Mr. Williams turned in the alarm, and at the first stroke of the ponderous bell the horses and their driver was off to the scene of the fire.

The damage is comparatively light, Mr. Garrett losing his bed room furniture and some clothing; the front windows of the building were demolished and the records in the Express office were drenched by water.

A large crowd gathered about the burning building and it was the consensus of opinion that the firemen used tact and judgment in subduing the flame before it reached the wooden structure occupied by the Greeks on the corner of College and Hillsboro streets as a fruit stand. It is a well known fact that once the flames reach this old building the firemen will have their hands full.

On reaching the fire the firemen found a splendid water pressure, but unlike former conflagrations the crowd did not hinder the firemen in their quick and decisive moves. At this juncture it is due to say that the fire bell is a great success. It makes no difference in what part of Oxford a fireman may reside, the first stroke of the hammer never fails to bring him to a sense of realization that the lives and property of the community are at stake.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SPENCER

The funeral and burial of Mrs. Frank C. Spencer, whose death was announced in the last issue of the Public Ledger, took place from the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. Dr. A. P. Tyer conducted the last sad rites. Mrs. Spencer was a member of the Philathea class, and as a mark of esteem twelve members of the class, dressed in white, accompanied the remains to Elmwood Cemetery in automobiles and placed a profusion of flowers on the grave. They were: Mrs. W. H. Walters, Mrs. G. C. Daniel, Mrs. E. C. Hunt, Mrs. Cleveland Moore, Mrs. J. P. Floyd, Mrs. Thad Parham, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Lillian Hunt, Miss Elizabeth McSwain, Miss Hallie Wood, Miss Nan Glenn, and Miss Carrie Fuller.

The pall bearers wore white ties and the emblematic white flowers on the lapels of their coats.

Mrs. Spencer was 36 years old. Three brothers of the bereaved husband and father attended the funeral. They were: Messrs. D. W. Spencer, of Darlington, S. C.; A. B. Spencer, of Bennettsville, S. C.; and Wright Spencer, of Richmond, and sister, Mrs. W. J. Michael, of Broadnax, Va. Mrs. J. R. Chapell, a life long friend of the deceased, came over from Durham.

WILL BE ORDAINED

Next Sunday, Trinity Sunday, the Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, will be ordained to the Priesthood by Right Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, D. D. Bishop of North Carolina. The candidate will be presented by Rev. Robt. Bruce Owens, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, N. C., formerly rector of St. Stephen's. The ordination sermon will be preached by the Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield. The Rev. Julian E. Ingle, of Raleigh, will act as the Bishop's Chaplain. The Rev. B. S. Lassiter, of Marion, N. C., will also assist in the service. Everyone is most cordially invited. The service will begin at eleven o'clock.

DURNED COMMON

There has been a great improvement in the common school system of North Carolina. An old-fashioned gentleman, being asked whether there were any common schools when he was a boy, assured his interrogator that the schools he attended were so durned common that the seats for the children to sit on were made of inverted slabs from a saw mill and none of them had a back rest at that.

BRING BACK RAIN COAT—SOME

one took out of Lyon Drug Store my rain coat with name on collar. 2t-pd FRANK FURMAN