



OXFORD POST OFFICE.

Small Room With One Clerk... Magnificent Quarters and Pay-roll of Twenty People

EMBRACING A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

That the people of Oxford are proud of the new postoffice is attested by the large number who availed themselves of the privilege of visiting and inspecting the building Friday evening.

Few had seen anything to equal it and none had seen anything to surpass it. Only the very latest devices are in use, built and arranged with a view of saving time and labor.

SECRET CHAMBER

The secret chamber, one of the latter day equipments, costing thousands of dollars, was a curiosity to the visitors and many ladies were prone to inspect it throughout.

THE TRANSFER

The transfer of the office by easy stages Saturday was marked with simplicity. The process of eliminating old books, papers, boxes and rubbish had been underway for some time.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

There is a long step from the little wooden postoffice, which in 1885 stood where now stands the Farmers Warehouse to the magnificent new building opposite.

At the fall of the Republican hammer in 1890 President Harrison appointed J. M. Sikes, who served as postmaster for four years.

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SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Adding Room—Mr. R. S. Usry is adding another room in the rear of his nice home on College street.

Improving House—The Walters House on Main street is being much improved by a coat of white paint.

New Stables—Mr. Luther Buchanan is erecting a good barn and stables at his home just on the outskirts of the town.

Middle of August—The contractor thinks he will complete the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. James Horner about the middle of August.

Captured Toy Automobile—The Toy Automobile given away by Taylor Bros, was won by Master J. D. Walters and he is doing a lot of riding.

Ball Game—Mr. J. D. Kinton was in town Monday and informed us that the Enon and Kinton Fork teams would cross bats at the Fork on Saturday.

Many Thanks—The "Old Man" returns his many thanks to Mrs. T. D. Clement, of Route 1, for some very fine peaches grown at her pleasant country home.

A New Girl—Quite a nice little lady arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson on Broad street a few days ago and is meeting with a warm reception.

Much Better—While Dr Watkins was cranking his automobile some days ago he sprained his wrist, which is rapidly getting better, we are pleased to learn.

Will Picnic—The dear children of the Methodist Sunday school will picnic on the banks of Tar River at Providence on Thursday and we hope they will have a nice time.

Token of Love—Dr. Lumpkin is wearing a handsome chase gold watch, a token of love from the members of the Baptist church he served so faithfully and well in Winston-Salem.

The First Letter—Mr. Ira Howard, the excellent secretary-treasurer of the Oxford Buggy Co., had the honor of mailing the first letter on the opening of Oxford's splendid new post office.

Whitsett School—We take pleasure in calling the attention of parents and guardians to the advertisement of the well-known Whitsett School, on another page and ask them to write for a catalogue.

At Reduced Prices—The live firm of Upchurch & Curria is now offering some baby carriages, porch sets and refrigerators at reduced prices and now is the time to buy them. Read the advertisement on another page.

Prize Worth Winning—R. L. Hamilton, the up-to-the-minute druggist, of Hillsboro street, is offering a \$2 prize for fine Turkeys raised from seed sold by him. Cast your eyes on his advertisement on another page.

That's Right—Mr. A. A. Chapman has leveled down the walk by the side of the granolithic walk in front of his residence on College street and sowed it in grass seed. Let all in town follow suit and help to beautify the town.

Fair Premium List—The Fair Premium List is out and copies have been left at some of our stores and the Public Ledger office for distribution and you are asked to secure a copy and become interested in some of the premiums offered.

Difference in Price—Mr. W. H. Dean, of Route 1, was in town Monday and purchased 41 acres of land near Berea at public auction at \$27.50 per acre. Some seventy years ago it was bought for 75 cents per acre. Quite a difference in prices.

Landis & Easton's Sale—The great clearance sale now on at Landis & Easton's attracts large numbers to their store in search of reasonable bargains. Everything in stock at greatly reduced prices. This remarkable sale will continue until Saturday, July 18th.

Country Meat—Our friend, Mr. W. L. Clark, of Northern "Granville," a progressive young farmer who believes in raising along with tobacco, plenty of hog and hominy, was in Oxford Saturday with a load of "good old country meat." He sold his load of 667 pounds at 18 and 22 cents per pound.

Number Thirteen—Mr. J. A. Taylor says No. 13 seems to stick to him very close. He has 13 children and went out a few days ago and secured 13 orders for groceries and 16 and beheld, when he returned home that evening Mr. A. A. Chapman, the street surveyor, had driven a piece of plank down on the sidewalk in front of his home with No. 13 written on it.

DEATH OF J. H. CASH.

Tragic Death in Knap of Reeds Section Monday was a Shock to Community

LONG SUFFERING BROUGHT ON DISPENDENCY

The whole community of Knap of Reeds were shocked Monday afternoon at the tragic death of Mr. J. H. Cash, one of its most highly respected citizens. Several months ago he was taken with pellagra and Bright's disease and continued to grow worse.

About three weeks ago he went to the hospital in Durham and after remaining there a short time, with no improvement in his condition, went to the home of his nephew, Mr. Joe Bullock, who lives in Durham. On Tuesday morning he arose early and secretly went to the Southern Depot and took the North bound train and is supposed to have gotten off at Wilkins or some point near by and walked to Knap of Reeds, reaching Mr. Charlie Roberts store at nine o'clock.

He remained there about an hour and a half conversing in his usual manner. Shortly before eleven o'clock he left the store accompanied by Prof. R. P. Crumpler and repaired to his home a quarter of a mile distant. Soon after reaching there he took from his pocket \$148 in currency and handed Mr. Crumpler, requesting him to keep it for him until he called for it. When it became known that Mr. Cash had returned Mr. Holt Fowler, Mrs. S. W. Waller and other neighbors called in to see him and invited him to go home and take dinner with them, to which he replied, that he could make out to cook what he could eat himself. After remaining a short while the neighbors left. Shortly before 2 o'clock Mr. Roy Walker was crossing a field not far from the house when he heard a shot fire in that direction and ran to the house and found Mr. Cash in a dying condition. He was sitting in a rocking chair with his face turned toward the front door. On his left side was a 38 caliber rifle with muzzle pressed against the left temple where the right ball entered ranging upward through the brains blowing out a part of the brain and several pieces of skull. A stick was lying by which he used to push the trigger of the rifle. Mr. Walker quickly gave the alarm and a crowd was present in a few minutes. Coroner Bryan was soon on the scene in answer to a telephone message. It was so plainly evident that it was a case of suicide that no inquest was deemed necessary. The funeral services were conducted at Knap of Reeds church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. R. P. Crumpler and the interment made at that place. Mr. Cash was 59 years of age and had never been married. He leaves behind one sister, Mrs. Halthcock, of Henderson, and several nieces and nephews. The writer has been personally acquainted with him for a number of years and found him to be a man of the strictest honesty and integrity, honorable and pleasant in all his dealings and an exemplary citizen. Despondency due to ill health is thought to have caused him to commit the deed. W. R. M.

INTERESTING YOUNG MAN

A young man with an interesting history has passed in and out among the good people of the community for the past ten days or two weeks. We refer to Mr. Hudson, who is working his way through Davidson College by the sale of religious literature during vacation. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hudson who were sent to the mission fields in China more than a quarter of a century ago. Born in a foreign land, Mr. Hudson came to America three years ago to study for the ministry.

MAYOR'S COURT

Mayor Thad Stem's grist mill is grinding exceedingly fine these days. He had an old colored man and his wife before him Monday charged with dealing in blind tiger liquor. It looked pretty dark for them at first, but sufficient evidence to convict was lacking. Three colored women of loose character was the next case on the docket. They were convicted and taxed with the cost. The Mayor gave them their choice of leaving town for 12 months or go to jail for 30 days. Two chose the proffer of leaving town and the other one was locked up. "You can believe it or not," says Mayor Stem, "but I am determined to break up all this meanness."

FOR SALE—I WILL SELL FOR CASH

FOR SALE—I WILL SELL FOR CASH my residence on College Street, Saturday, July 18 at 4 o'clock p. m. my household and kitchen furniture to the highest bidder. S. D. BOOTH

FARM LAND VALUES.

Farm Land Values Will Not Only Be Maintained, But Will Reach a Higher Level.

LEAVE COUNTY IN SEARCH OF A STRANGE GOD

We learn that one or more families in Granville became alarmed at the recent drought and sacrificed their holdings and are preparing to leave the State in search of homes. To be sure, this is deplorable. We regret that they feel that better opportunities await them among strangers. They may succeed elsewhere, but to say the least it is a dangerous precedent. With the most favorable health conditions, climate and soil the surprise is that more do not come into the county in search of homes. We not only extend a welcome to farmers from a distance to settle among us, but our advice to the young farmer and the tenant farmers is to buy Granville county lands and settle among their own people. We insist that there is no better land or people to be found elsewhere.

If the disheartened families had only waited a few days longer before disposing of their all, they would have seen the manifestation of Providential care in the beneficent rains. It is conceded on all sides that the crop improvement in Granville county for the past three weeks has been remarkable, and the general opinion is that with reasonably favorable seasons from now on the crop yield will make a very favorable showing as compared with normal years.

There should be no alarm as to retrogression. Farm land values will not only be maintained but the tendency will be for desirably located farm values to reach a higher level, and thus keep in line with values in other counties. No county in the South is making better general progress than Granville and there is no reason for Granville county farmers to seek other locations. Taking all conditions in consideration farm lands in Granville county are cheaper than farm lands in other sections.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

William Brown, a colored man who worked for Mr. Tom Critcher on a farm near Stovall, came to Oxford Saturday. He spent the afternoon and evening in and around the colored show near the Southern Railway station. According to his own story, Brown started toward Stovall about ten o'clock Saturday night and on reaching a point near the Furniture Factory he sat down on the track and went to sleep. This is all he knows about his mishap.

The train from Richmond was a couple of hours late, and it is reasonable to suppose that Brown was oblivious to all earthly things when it encountered him on its right-of-way.

Brown lay by the side of the track all night with a broken leg and some minor bruises on his body. He was not discovered until nine o'clock Sunday morning, at which time Mr. Tom Critcher and Dr. Tom Booth were advised of Brown's condition. Mr. Critcher made arrangements with a colored family near at hand to care for the poor unfortunate man, and from all accounts he is doing well.

WILL PICNIC AT DURHAM

Arrangements have been perfected whereby the Oxford Baptist Sunday School will hold its annual picnic this year in Lakewood Park, Durham. The train will pull out from the Southern Railway station at 7.45 on Tuesday morning, July 28.

There are 459 members of the Sunday school and one or two of the countryside Sunday schools have signified their desire to accompany the Oxford Sunday school.

In order to ascertain the exact number of cars needed to convey the crowd a committee will this week interview the members of the Baptist church as to who intends to spend the day in Durham. The fare for adults will be 75 cents for the round trip and 45 cents for children. A strong committee composed of eight ladies, four from North Oxford and four from South Oxford, will see that every family of the church will take a well filled basket.

JUDGE DEVIN EXPOUNDS LESSON

In the absence of Gen. B. B. Royster, who was at Camp Glenn Sunday, the Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist church, numbering one hundred and fifty men, had Judge W. A. Devin as teacher. We are prepared to say the class was in very good hands in the absence of its regular teacher, and while we would not like to heap responsibility on Judge Devin we do earnestly hope that in traveling over the State the Baracas elsewhere will hear him expound the lesson.

DENTIST—DON'T FORGET THAT

Dr. Fort, the Dentist, has moved his office next to the picture show, over Judge Graham's office. 2tpd

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

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

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. T. J. Smith, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Davis has returned from Panacea Springs.

Mr. John Daniel, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. W. Morton, of Route 4, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. J. F. Puckett, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. S. T. Puckett, of Route 4, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall, was in town Monday.

Mr. "Dock" Frazier, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. P. Patterson, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Mr. B. F. Dean, of Route 4, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Neese, of Henderson, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Lee Clement, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. R. L. Brummitt, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Gooch Cheatham, of Route 3, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Hargrove, of Fairport, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Sam Usry, of Corinth, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Lee Harris, of Wilson, was a town visitor Saturday.

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

Mr. Walter Wilkerson, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Hester, of Hester, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. W. T. Blackwell, of Route 3, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. F. C. Blackley, of Route 2, was a town visitor Saturday.

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

Mr. Louis Daniel, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday afternoon.

Mr. J. W. Dickerson, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. E. K. Daniel, of Providence section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. S. A. Cannady, of Creedmoor section, was in Oxford Saturday.

Capt. John Cunningham, of Durham, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. L. Y. Gordon and little son, of Tar River, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mrs. Walters and Misses Walters, of Route 6, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mrs. Alfred Frazier, of Route 2, was on our streets Monday afternoon.

Mr. E. C. Harris and daughter, Miss Hattie, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Peace, of Fishing Creek township, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Crews, of Dabney section, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crews, of Tar River were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Messrs. J. W. Mess and John Clayton, of Route 3, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Messrs. J. G. Hayes and C. W. Knight, of Route 3, were in town Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Landis returned to Oxford a few days ago from Washington City.

Mr. S. L. Slaughter, the excellent mail carrier on Berea Route, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dickerson, of Dickerson, were on our streets Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hobgood and children, of Route 6, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Land and children, of Tar River section, were in town Saturday.

Mr. B. T. Parham, of Thomasville, spent the week-end with his dear mother and sisters.

Mrs. R. J. Hart and sister, Miss Alene Bredlove, of Route 5, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bredlove and children, of Route 3, were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. R. T. Smith, Jr., of Wilson, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith on Asylum street.

Mr. A. B. Overton and daughter, Miss Mattie, of Cannady's Mill section, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Montague and children and Mrs. J. L. Fuller have returned from a visit to Ocean View.

Mr. John Stedman, of Concord, spent the week-end in Oxford and his many friends were pleased to see him.

BRICK AND TILE PLANT

The Machinery Now Being Installed in Ample Buildings and Sheds Near Wheel Works

FINISHED PRODUCT IN NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS

The Oxford Cement Brick and Tile Works of Mr. H. M. Shaw, a brief mention of which recently appeared in the Public Ledger, is nearing completion. Ample buildings and sheds to house the machinery and product stands a few feet north of the Wheel Works and is conveniently located on a siding leading out from the main line of the Southern.

The machinery for the plant arrived last week, and an expert machinist from the home office is on the grounds with a force of hands and in all probability a test will be made in a day or two.

A visit to the plant when in full operation will be worth while. Large hoppers into which quantities of cement and sand are loaded is fed automatically into the mixer, thence into the moulds. From the moulds the finished product is carried off by means of a belt attachment and delivered on trundle cars, this being the only stop in the automatic mechanism from the time the raw material enters the hoppers until it is delivered in a sound, perfected state ready for the drying and hardening process, which is carried on in an airtight apartment by means of steam.

Mr. Shaw starts off with a capacity of ten thousand high-class cement brick per day. The machinery is capable of producing any size and color of brick the customer may desire. Mr. Shaw showed us a cement brick of standard measurements, beautifully and evenly tinted, which was as hard as granite, and this, he said, is the most favored brick by engineers. "I shall manufacture this brick in large quantities, but if other style of brick is wanted it is an easy matter to switch off and make them."

Mr. Shaw does not apprehend any trouble in securing sand. He has already perfected arrangements to get a large quantity of clear sharp sand from a practically inexhaustible bed near town. This sand was tested by an engineer of prominence and pronounced to be of superior quality.

The quality and superiority of the sand in Granville for the manufacture of high grade brick and tile attracted. Mr. Shaw's attention some time ago, and only after the most severe tests and deliberations he made up his mind to commercialize it.

While the brick are much more durable and attractive than the old kiln brick, the price of the cement brick considering quality and the cost of masonry, is very interesting to prospective builders.

DEATH OF MAURICE SMITH

On Friday last Mr. Maurice Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, of Oxford, passed away at the State Hospital where he has been an inmate for a number of years, and his remains reached Oxford Friday night and conveyed to his home.

On Saturday morning the burial took place in the family plot in Elmwood Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. S. K. Phillips. The pallbearers were: Messrs. H. G. Williams, Sam Hobgood, Joe Fuller, James Taylor, Bert Taylor and Frank Gregory. His three brothers from Wilson, Messrs. William Smith, Ben Smith and R. T. Smith, Jr., and aunt, Mrs. T. Alston, of Warrenton, attended the funeral along with other relatives in the county.

COLORED MEN IN ROW

Dock Wilkerson, the colored driver for Mr. Cam Hunt, was assaulted on the outskirts of town Thursday last by Frank Harris, Neve Harris, Dave Marrow and Boss Harris, all colored. It appears that the quartette, carrying sein on their shoulder, met Dock, who refused to pull to one side and allow them to pass. An altercation ensued and the four men jumped on the driver with brushes. Mr. Hunt's horse did not care to be a party to the affray, and left at a rapid rate with the wagon dangling along behind. The trial came off before Justice Buchanan Monday morning, who taxed the quartette \$7.50 each.

SPECIAL

All persons doing any business on which there is a special license must pay same before August 1st as warrants will be issued against all who have not paid by that time. Attend to this now and save costs.

2t R. B. HINES, Tax Collector

FOR SALE—I WILL SELL FOR CASH my residence on College Street, Saturday, July 18, at 4 o'clock p. m. my household and kitchen furniture to the highest bidder. S. D. BOOTH.

Mr. John S. Watkins, of Cornwall section, was a town visitor Monday.