



OUR HAND-EARNED MONEY

WE SQUANDER IT ON PATCH-WORK

There is a Strong Tendency to Unite The Forces for Better Things for Oxford.

There is a tendency in Oxford, as there is in many other places, to pull apart rather than together. In athletics it is well known that a team composed entirely of stars does not always make the best showing because the individuals are sacrificing their team work for the sake of their own records, and thus pulling apart when they should be playing together. There seems to be a lack of the get-together spirit which makes for the greatest progress and upward building. Naturally all cannot agree on every proposition, but the history of Oxford is that few matters of general public importance have elicited the co-operative support from the people that they should have received. The fact that somebody else is for or against the measure seems to more largely control than does the merit of the particular proposition. It ought not to be so, and he who practices it stands in his own light and hinders the advent of better things.

COMMERCIAL GREATNESS

Our proper sphere in life is not to get ahead of other people, but get ahead of ourselves. To break our record, to outstrip our yesterday's by to-day's; to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could; to whip the temper inside and out as we never whipped him before; to give as we never have given; to do our work with more force and a finer finish than ever—this is the true idea of commercial greatness.

MONEY SQUANDERED

A few nights ago a number of our most influential citizens met in the assembly room of the Commercial Club to provide ways and means to secure better streets in Oxford. The gathering was small, but the combined wealth of those present and participating in the meeting represented a quarter of a million dollars, more or less, in the corporate limits of Oxford. These gentlemen were agreed that \$6,000 is being squandered annually in Oxford on patching up the streets. It was a harmonious meeting and every man present was urged to give his views on the question. They scratched their heads and figured and talked about other progressive towns, but they could not get away from the fact that the streets of Oxford are in a bad shape and that the system of continually squandering money in patchwork was unbusiness like and that the draft drawn by Father Time on the little municipality must be met in a businesslike manner.

A HEALTHY SENTIMENT

The bill which is being drawn by Messrs. Hicks, Stem and Lassiter, to be placed in the hands of Representative Brummitt, calls for a bond issue of \$100,000. It is the outcome of a sincere desire of a number of thoughtful, earnest men to better the condition of every person in Oxford, regardless of creed or caste. It seems to be a popular measure and not a man so far has raised his voice against it. It simply means an awakening to better things.

Whole Time Health Officer

Children become inattentive, don't seem to hear when spoken to, are absent minded, forget oftener than they remember, don't seem to be as bright as they once were, but are not specially out of health. Because they are not sick, a doctor is not called. No doctor charged with looking after children in school is employed and these children carry their handicap of nose and throat trouble till they become ugly as well as dull minded.

"Made in Oxford."

Why do the words quoted at the head of this item ring so clear? Somebody will commercialize those three words some of these days and make a fortune. They are too significant to longer lay idle. Everytime we hear these three words we feel as if a fortune is staring us in the face. The only way in which the question can be satisfactorily answered is for all of us to put our heads and hearts together during this good year of 1915 and bend every energy toward securing new manufacturing plants for Oxford.

The Triangular Debate

The public is cordially invited to the auditorium of the Graded school Friday night. The purpose of this meeting is to select four debaters to represent the High school in the triangular debate in March. The query is, Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing her merchant marines engaged in foreign trade.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Happenings That are of Interest to the Many Readers of The Public Ledger.

How Many
June, with its quota of weddings, will be here before you know it.

Bank of Stovall
We call attention to the Statement of the Bank of Stovall elsewhere in this paper.

Is Improving
We are glad to learn that Mr. Harvey, who has been right sick, is some better.

The Wave of Mud
We dare say that Oxford is just now the champion mud town of the State as some of our streets are impassible.

The Doctor is Better
The host of friends of Dr. T. L. Booth will be glad to learn that he is better after several days confinement at home.

How About It?
Are you making another resolution to trade at home? If not, make it today—because it will be money in your pocket.

Mrs. Norwood Improving
We learn with pleasure that Mrs. Hattie Norwood, of Bullock, who was very low with typhoid fever, is on the road to recovery.

Social Tea
There will be a Silver Tea at Miss Helen White's Friday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 o'clock. For the benefit of the Young Woman's Missionary Society.

What a Good Wife Can Do.
Representative Brummitt came home Saturday suffering with a cold, but his excellent wife got busy and sent him back to Raleigh Tuesday morning.

Register of Deeds Busy
Several deeds for real estate have been filed with the Register of Deeds at the Court House since January 1, none of the transactions, however, were of more than passing interest.

Oyster Supper and Box Party
The public is cordially invited to an entertainment to be held at Bullock school house next Friday. There will be lots of fun and a plenty of good things to eat.

Another Railroad
We see it stated in a Greensboro paper that they will have another railroad some of these days. Wonder if they mean the proposed Oxford, Roxboro and Greensboro road, which embraces a very fine territory?

The Creedmoor Times
We understand that the Creedmoor Times was knocked down to the highest bidder Saturday for \$805 and that it is the desire of the citizens and Editor Hart to resume publication at an early date.

Betwixt and Between
It is funny, but it is a fact. The well-to-do people of Granville think the less fortunate are extravagant, and the less fortunate think the more fortunate are stingy. Happy is the man who stands betwixt and between, neither to condemn nor to be condemned.

Old Jack Frost
The touch of spring weather should not be taken seriously by the poets or the birds in balmy old Granville at this season of the year, for there lingers in the laps of spring the touch of Old Jack Frost to wither the hopes of all early harbingers of the verdant period.

Strong Sentiment
We have been somewhat surprised at the strong sentiment in Oxford to endorse almost anything by way of legislation to make whiskey shipments into the State practically impossible. Possibly there are a very few white and colored people who are fearful that such a bill might interfere with the rights of an American citizen.

Stricken With Appendicitis
Miss Odell Thomas, a sister of Dr. Thomas, and a student of Oxford College, was stricken with appendicitis Saturday. She was removed to the home of Dr. Watkins and the consulting physicians decided that an operation was necessary. Her father, Mr. Woodson Thomas, arrived from Person county and accompanied her to a hospital in Danville Monday where she will receive treatment.

One Hundred Barrels of Flour
Mr. R. L. Brown, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, by the use of his wits and a little forethought earned for the institution the other day a neat little sum of money. An agent quoted the price of a hundred barrels of flour to him. The contract was signed and Mr. Brown turned his thoughts to something else, only to learn on the following morning that flour had advanced \$1.00 a barrel, and the prospects are favorable for further advances.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

NOTORIOUS COLORED WOMAN LOCKED UP

Bell Haskins Faces a Road Sentence or Heavy Fine For Violation of the Law.

On Sunday morning last as the church bells were calling the people to worship, Chief Williford and his aids were conveying through the streets one Bell Haskins, colored, to a repentant cell in the town lock-up.

Bell lives near the Southern Railway station and they caught her with the goods—a fraction over five gallons of white lightening divided up into pint bottles for retail purposes. Bell is an old offender and the Chief had an eye upon her. She grew bolder in her operations and the Chief and his squad lit upon her premises at an opportune moment and found the poison stored between the floor and ceiling. The whiskey, a cheap North Carolina product, was confiscated and placed under lock and key. Bell lingers in the lock-up, facing a road sentence or heavy fine.

For Best Results
If you are looking for the best results plant our advertisement in the Public Ledger.

MONEY IN THE BANKS

Conditions Point to a Season of Activity

There are in Granville county eight banks, and according to the published statements of these banks at the close of business December 31, 1914, there was on deposit in them something over a half million dollars. Of course this is not quite as much as was on deposit January 1, 1914. However, it shows that Granville county is not entirely out of it, and that we are expecting to do a nice business for the year 1915. What we need now is for every man to set his shoulder to the wheel of business and, with a smiling face and renewed courage, try to push along to that better day which is not far away. There is no room or place at this time for the grumbler and "down-in-the-mouth" fellow who hinders the wheels of progress by seeing only the dark side and talking about hard times continually.

The Hen Club

Somewhere up in the western part of this state a party of progressive women have started what is known as a hen club, the idea being similar to what has created so great an interest in hog raising in some parts of the country, and, from all reports, it is going to do wonders in reducing the cost of living to those directly interested. With eggs seldom below 30 and 35 cents in Oxford, and somewhat higher in other places, it occurs to us that the hen club scheme is a mighty good one for the smart women of Granville.

Cannady-Fagan

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fagan have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Edith, to Mr. William Thomas E. Cannady at their home Thursday morning, January 28th.

A Trade Puller

It has been the policy of the Public Ledger to use every possible effort to pull trade to Oxford as it is the bed rock of our prosperity. For this reason we have given hundreds of dollars of free advertising yearly in the cause of prosperity, recognizing the fact that a live, wide-awake newspaper was a valuable asset for Oxford, and therefore should receive the substantial support of all classes of our business men.

PUBLIC QUESTION AT ISSUE

Discussed By Noted Prison Evangelist

On Sunday night at the Presbyterian church, there will be a meeting for men only, the women of Oxford meeting at the Baptist church at the same time in a meeting for women only.

The men's meeting will be addressed by Mr. George Crabtree, Prison Evangelist for the Southern Presbyterian church. He is a man with a great message, one that every citizen of Oxford should hear. He knows what is not as well known as it ought to be, that under present conditions found in jails, penitentiaries, and convict camps, it is very hard for a man to come out of chains and ever be a good citizen. It is his life work to put these conditions before the voters and lawmakers in the hope that they may be bettered.

It is earnestly requested that the men of Oxford attend this meeting in large numbers. The Presbyterian church next Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

FOR OVER-HEAD CROSSING

AT SUNSET AVENUE AND THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Many Precious Little Tots Pass That Point to and From School and They Must Be Safe-Guarded.

There is an urgent call for an over-head crossing of the Southern Railway and Sunset avenue, at the north end of the Southern local freight yards. The traffic is heavy at that point, one-fourth of the population of Granville entering town by that roadway. Often they are greatly delayed by the slow process of coaling the engines attached to long trains blocking the highway. Sunset avenue leads to the Oxford Graded School, and many a precious little tot passes that way. We hope that we may never be called upon to print in glaring type that the mangle remains of a sweet child were found at Sunset avenue and the Southern Railway crossing. We are fearful that something may happen at this point. Let the proper authorities look into the matter and confer with the railroad. If in the event they find that the crossing is worthy of more consideration the Railroad Company will either place a flagman at that point or throw a bridge across the road.

MRS. C. D. OSBORN CONFIRMED.

Seated at a Desk in Her Private Office She Looked Very Much at Home

Mrs. C. D. Osborn received her confirmation papers last Friday and entered upon a four-years term as the ruling head of the Oxford post-office. Seeing the sweet-faced elderly lady seated at a desk in her private office, we hastened to enter and congratulate her and wish her a successful reign. She enters upon her duties at a time when the office is thoroughly systematized, and no subjects were ever more loyal to a queen than is the present force. They show her every possible courtesy and feel that it is a rare privilege to answer her every call. Mrs. Osborn's duties will rest lightly upon her shoulders so long as the present force maintains the high standards of excellency that was demanded of them during the incumbency of her lamented husband.

It Is Marion Taylor

We learn that Mr. Lee Taylor has retired from the firm of Taylor Bros. his brother, Mr. M. C. Taylor, having purchased his interest. These fine young men established a nice business, and we wish Mr. Marion Taylor continued success. Mr. Lee Taylor is the valuable bookkeeper of the Imperial Tobacco Co., and has a host of friends.

Wheels Begin to Move

After a short suspension in order to better organize the forces, the whistle of the Oxford Furniture Factory sounds a cheerful note. The indications are that all the wheels of our plants will move at an early date, and that they will move a little faster than ever before when they do start.

"Run, Run, Run,"

Those of us who have heard the ponderous strokes of the fire bell in the dead of night seems to think it says "Run! Run! Run!" It does not tell us the direction in which to run. Possibly if there was an indicator to tell us the exact location of the fire many of us would not venture out half clad, only to stand around the burning building and hinder the progress of the firemen. An indicator would be a valuable asset to the firemen even if it served no other purpose.

REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Noted Divine of Richmond Will Assist With Meeting

On the Fifth Sunday in this month the First Baptist church of Oxford will begin a series of revival services. Rev. George W. McDaniel, of Richmond, Va., will do the preaching.

Mr. McDaniel is one of the great pulpits orators of the South. His work in Richmond has been remarkable. He has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond for ten years and during that time 1,292 members have been received into the fellowship of the church and they have raised for all purposes \$250,000.00. The present membership is 1,446 and Dr. McDaniel preaches to from 1,200 to 1,500 people every Sunday. This year the church received 181 members and contributed to all purposes \$37,588.17.

We are fortunate in securing so distinguished a man as Dr. McDaniel for a meeting in Oxford. And we trust the entire community will receive a great spiritual blessing from his ministry. G. T. LUMPKINS, Pastor

PERSONALLY - MENTIONED

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Miss Edna White has returned from New York and Washington.

Mr. W. K. Long, of Route 2, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Will Eastwood, of near Bullock, died sudden last Saturday night.

Mr. J. H. Gooch, of Stem, was on our streets Monday morning.

Mr. H. E. Crews was in Oxford Monday.

Dr. Trout, of Spring Lake, N. J., is the guest of Mr. Ben Adcock near Berea.

Rev. Fred N. Day, of Winston-Salem, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clement Niggel, of Tarboro, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown on High street.

Mr. Hugh A. Jordan, of Henderson, visited friends in Oxford Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Eugene Cannon, of Durham, visited friends in Oxford Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Frazier visited her sister Mrs. Lex Norwood, last week, who is quite sick.

Mr. D. N. Hunt the veteran mail carrier on Route 5, was in Raleigh last week.

Mr. Johnnie Frazier spent the week end with relatives in Northern Granville.

Mr. Sidney Betts spent Sunday in Henderson with his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Horner and Mrs. R. S. McCain.

Miss Lelia B. Critcher, of Hester, left Friday on a visit to her cousins, Misses Connie and Clyde Stem at Fuquay Springs.

Misses Connie and Clyde Stem, of Fuquay Springs, returned home Friday from a visit to their aunt, Mrs. S. F. Critcher, of Hester Route 1.

Mr. Ben Parham arrived in Oxford Saturday and will again make his home among us to the pleasure of his friends.

Dr. A. P. Tyer returned from his visit to Nashville, Tenn., Friday and occupied his pulpit Sunday morning to the edification of his congregation.

Gen. B. S. Royster, Supt. R. L. Brown, Ex-Senator A. A. Hicks and Messrs. Frank Pinnix, Pete Bullock and Mr. Hillare attending the meeting of Grand Lodge of Masons in Raleigh this week.

Why Good Men Are Busy.

"Marry a busy man" advises Heien Rowland. It can't be done legally. All the busy men are married That's what makes them busy.

MIGHTY GOOD TIME TO BUILD

Material Plentiful and Labor Cheap and Money Plentiful

We learn from reliable sources that building material and labor is cheaper now than it has been in years, which leads to the conclusion that now is the proper time to build. Many men are looking for work and if they are not willing to work cheaper than ever we are mistaken. And yet very little is being done, but let a boom come, with higher prices—as high as they have ever been—and the fellow who right now has the money and will not use it, will jump in the ring and get busy. There are men in this very town who have as much money as they had when the war broke out who want to build, but are kept from it by fear and nothing else. In two months spring will be here and it is hoped by that time things will loosen up. We repeat—it is a mighty good time to build.

The Price of Granville Land

Our young friend J. Y. Crews, of Tar River section, was in Oxford Friday marketing some of the choice weed. We have often viewed from the car window that fine looking stretch of land down about Tar River and we had it in our mind to ask some one familiar with the conditions as to the probable cost of a farm in that section of old Granville, and we thought we might as well spring it on our young friend Crews. "Well," said Mr. Crews, "to be perfectly frank with you there is very little high grade land in that section to be had for either love or money, and as a general proposition they are particular as to who shall be their neighbors."

Important Meeting

There will be held a called meeting of the Granville Commercial Club in the club rooms, Chapman Building at 7:30 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, January 21st, 1915. Each and every member of the club is earnestly urged to be present at this meeting as matters of importance will be considered. Remember the day and hour. A. H. POWELL, Pres. E. T. CREWS, Sec.

GERMAN ADVANCE HALTED

BIG GUNS TAKE PLACE OF RIFLES AND BAYONETS

Efforts Interpreted in Some Quarters as Attempt to Resume General Offensive.

(WAR SUMMARY)
Again the great battle in the west seemingly has come to a virtual standstill.

NORTHERN FRANCE

There still is fighting in the northern part of France, where the French War Office reports the capture of a new trench in the vicinity of Perthes, but apparently the Germans have ceased, for the time being, the impetuous advance which in the last few days has gained for them considerable territory.

THE SWISS FRONTIER

A late report from Paris says a heavy cannonade has been heard on the Swiss frontier near Basel, which probably is an indication of heavy fighting in the Alsace province.

HEAVY LOSSES

A Rotterdam paper estimates the British losses in France and Flanders from January 1 to January 13 as 190 officers and 6,200 men.

GERMANS QUIT THE JOB

An Ostend correspondent of an Amsterdam paper declares the Germans have evacuated all the coast towns and villages as far north as Mariakerke, north of Nieuport, and three miles to the north to the southwest of Ostend.

RUSSIAN POLAND QUIT

From Russian Poland comes word of comparative calm, although the Germans, according to Petrograd, have been continuing unsuccessful offensive operations. The Austrian War Department says the situation in Poland, Galicia and the Carpathians shows no change.

SEARCHING FOREIGN VESSELS

The British Foreign office and admiralty are bending their efforts to secure an immediate search of foreign vessels suspected of carrying contraband, and their release, if the suspicions are not confirmed. Custom officials are working day and night to carry out this policy.

Oxford First

Judge Graham, who has returned from an extended trip to the Southwestern section of the state, taking in Wadesboro and other towns, says that Oxford is decidedly a live town compared to some of the towns that he visited. Which goes to show that the tobacco section was not struck quite so hard as the cotton section. In the language of Judge Graham "those fellows suffered a calamity."

OXFORD PARTY AT CAPITAL

Mr. Robards and Ladies Spend Week in Washington

Mr. J. C. Robards is in Washington on a week's visit, accompanied by his wife, Misses Net Gregory and Josephine Brown. The ladies in the party are sightseeing and attending the theatres.

Good Authority

Mr. Frank Pinnix, the level-headed editor of the Orphans' Friend, said in a recent issue of his splendid publication that "there should be a very close understanding between a town and its newspaper, if either is to get the full benefit of what the alliance should be. The prosperity of one speaks well for the other, because they are so intimately bound together—or should be. It is a sort of a bird befouling its own nest when the paper or town indulges in knocking. It bodes no good."

Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll of Fally Ho school:

- First Grade—Harold Whitaker, Mabel Haskins.
- Third Grade—Judd Smith, Jetare Walters, Francis Whitaker, Muzette Bragg.
- Fourth Grade—Lillian Mae Walters, Ethel Bowden, Hardee Currie.
- Sixth Grade—Lillian Bowden, Thelma Overby, Helene Smith.
- Teachers—Misses Fredda Bragg and Wirta Cash.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES.

Your State and County Taxes were due October 5, 1914. 1915 is here and your unpaid taxes is a liability on me. Besides I am called upon daily for money to satisfy the State school, County and Road Funds, with nothing in hand to pay over. It is a business proposition now. They have the law to force me. After this you will be called upon personally unless you call at office and settle. Be ready. The law forces me to collect and the expense too great to make more than one trip. If you haven't paid your taxes this notice is for you. S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.