



REPORT OF CIVIC CLUB

MAYOR STEM ADDRESSES MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS

The Woman's Civic Club is of vital importance to the health and growth of Oxford.

To the Citizens of Oxford:
I desire to call your attention to the following report made to the Board of Commissioners of Oxford by a Committee of the Woman's Civic Club. Realizing that this report contains so much that is of vital interest to every citizen of our town I have asked and obtained permission to have it published in full. Read it carefully Mr. Citizen, and ask yourself the question "What duty in relation to the conditions spoken of in this report do I owe to my town, the other citizens thereof, to my family and to myself?"
If you will give the matter the consideration it deserves and with an honest desire to ascertain the nature of the duty the answer will not be hard to find. The report in full is as follows:

REPORT

Oxford, N. C., Jan. 1st, 1915.
To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Oxford:
The Woman's Civic Club of Oxford whose sole aim in existence is to aid in bettering conditions and to make Oxford a better place in which to live, took a keen interest in the State Wide Observation of Community Service Week, December 3, 4, and 5, and at the last meeting of the Club the spirit and purpose of the movement was presented to its members which resulted in the appointment of committees to make a survey of this community and find out the facts about conditions, believing that the people should know the conditions before they can make much progress in improvements.
At the request of Honorable T. G. Stem, Mayor of Oxford, we are pleased to submit to your Board the report of the committees.
These committees visited every Market, Fruit store, grocery store, drug store, warehouse, public building, cemetery, alley and street in Oxford, and it is our purpose in this communication to present to you the conditions as we found them, showing you how this community stands as to health, sightliness, and sanitation, and to make an earnest appeal to your Honorable Board to right these conditions at once by enforcing the ordinances you have provided for the welfare of the people.
1st. Alleys and Streets: With but few exceptions we found that your ordinances (under Streets and Street Committee, Chapter 2, Sections, No. 7, 8, 9, 10, 25, and 28, and under Health, Sanitation and Nuisances Sections No. 4, 7, 8, and 11.) were not observed by the people and merchants of Oxford, and that in the rear of nearly every store there was a heaping pile of unsightly, and in many cases unsanitary and unsafe rubbish, thus meaning the health and safety from fires of these localities, this rubbish being left to be swept into the streets by the first wind thus making the streets unsightly. If your Street Commissioners and Police would look to their responsibility in this respect and enforce your very proper and very good ordinances much of this could be remedied and the town carts would have much more time for filling holes in streets and keeping the residence parts of the town in better order; and if fines were levied where parties were guilty the Town Treasury increased by a very large per cent. We also observed that section No. 44 was not enforced at all and that spitting was allowed on every side walk on Main, Hillsboro and College streets and especially was it objectionable at the North East corner of College and Hillsboro streets and in front of other stores where the crowds collect thus endangering fruits and other food stuffs which are left uncovered on stands and sold to the innocent school children and passers-by. If this ordinance was rigidly enforced we think perhaps some aid might be gained toward arresting the terrible spread of Tuberculosis.
2d. Grocery Stores and Ice-Cream Parlors: In making a survey of the Grocery Stores and Drug Stores we were shocked to find that in many cases foods were very carelessly handled and many of the premises were in an unsanitary condition. With but few exceptions (and we do not mention names because we believe that you will at an early date make a survey and can then see conditions for yourselves) we found that spitting upon the floors of the stores was freely indulged in and foods left uncovered to be contaminated by the dry germs from the sputa, this food then being sold to the people.
Is there not some way to prevent
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ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Trustee's Sale of Land
Read the adv. of Bal Norwood, trustee, of certain lands for sale in Oak Hill township.

New Barber Shop
We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Sanitary Barber Shop in another column.

Epidemic of Grippe
A large number of people in this community are in the thrall of old Col Grippe.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood Sick
We regret to learn that Mr. J. Robt. Wood, who has been confined to his home with the grippe, is no better.

Notice of Administration
R. A. Taylor having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Fannie Philpot, notice of the same is made elsewhere in this paper.

Critically Ill
The many friends of Mr. R. T. Crews in town and county will deeply regret to learn that he is critically ill at his home in Oxford.

Administrator's Notice
Having qualified as administrator of John S. T. Mitchell, Marcellus Allen makes mention of the same in this paper.

Qualified as Administrator
Edmund Spurill has qualified as administrator of Clarrisa Harris, mention being made of the same elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

Harbinger of Spring
In reading J. G. Hall's seed advertisement elsewhere in the Public Ledger reminds us that spring is upon us.

Sale for Partition
We call attention to the sale of land advertised by Judge Graham, Commissioner, elsewhere in this paper.

A Close Call
While on top of his store the other day removing the snow, Mr. M. P. Chamblee's foot slipped, but with wonderful presence of mind he caught the ladder, otherwise there was nothing else to break the fall of some forty feet or more.

In the Mire
The big dray of the Long-Winston Company, loaded with cotton seed meal and pulled by two fine horses, was mired to the axles Thursday on Littlejohn street a half block from the Seaboard station. Two more strong horses and long levers finally extricated the dray.

Services at Stovall
Next Tuesday being the day set aside by the church to commemorate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Episcopal church, Stovall, at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. You are invited.

Handsome Menu Card
Miss Emily Freeman is in receipt of a handsome menu card from friends in the Tenth United States Infantry, in the Panama Canal Zone. Besides the fact that the card is printed on a delicate shade of pure silk, it shows that the boys in the Canal Zone fare pretty well.

Fair Salaries
Some one asks why it is that more young men receiving fair salaries do not get married? Well, we took up the question with a young man and learned from him that so far as the young ladies of Granville are concerned they want to fare more luxuriously than fair salaries will permit.

A Democratic Mule
Professor Gardner says he has been able to converse with monkeys and that he is satisfied the day is not far distant when animals will talk with men. If the day ever comes when a Granville county mule and his colored driver pass words it will sound worse than a Progressive cursing a Democrat.

Somebody Will Be Pleased
There is two sides to every question in voting for or against bonds, somebody will be pleased. We hope to be among those who smile most, providing the bonds do not work a hardship upon any one, and we do not see how that could be, since the \$6,000 squandered annually on patch work will pay he interest on \$80,000 of the \$100,000 asked.

Jugs and Demijohns
If there is any deficit in the revenue caused by prohibition, why not make it up by a tax on the manufacture of the jugs and demijohns that were made to hold the stuff, being that the jug and the whiskey is so closely allied. We saw a man going along the street the other day with a jug in his hand and it looked so suspicious we were afraid it would disgrace him sooner or later. It takes a mighty good man to walk along the streets of Oxford with a jug without creating suspicion.

OUR MID-WINTER FESTIVAL

THREE BIG DAYS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OXFORD

It Insures a Deeper Interest in the Educational Welfare of the Entire Community.

The first note of the Booster Club was sounded in the auditorium of the graded school at 3:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon, where for forty-five minutes a large number of children and grown-ups reveled on the fun produced by the wonderful mysterious Milburns, presenting magical illusions, followed at four o'clock by a humorous lecture on "Grumbler or the Evils of Worrying," by DDr. W. H. Sears. Again at night the hall was filled with anxious people to see the wonderful Milburns in fun and magic, followed by a lecture entitled "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy," or "The Crisis of Life," by Dr. W. H. Sears. If we must judge from what has gone before, the balance of the three days' program contains many good things. The artists were brought to Oxford for a good cause and should there be a surplus after paying the expenses, it will go to the Graded school. The following is the program for this Friday and Saturday:

FRIDAY (Afternoon)
3:15—Concert by the Lyric Glee Club
4:45—Entertainment by Ellsworth Plumstead, Impersonator.
(Evening)
8:15—A Medley of Impersonations, Grave and Gay, by Ellsworth Plumstead.
Glee Club.

(SATURDAY) (Afternoon)
3:15—Concert by The LaDell Concert Company.
3:45—Lecture, "Elements of Success," by Dr. George P. Bible.
(Evening)
8:15—Lecture, "Life and Opportunity," by Dr. George P. Bible.
9:00—Concert by The LaDell Concert Company.

PRIZE POULTRY

Mr. R. Bowden, of Granville, captures Prizes at Charlotte and Shelby
At the recent poultry shows in Charlotte and Shelby, Mr. R. Bowden captured prizes on his famous feathered tribe.
He won at Shelby first cockrel, first and second pullet, second hen and special on cockrel and special on pullet.
At Charlotte he won fourth and fifth hen, second and third pullet and third cockrel.
The Charlotte papers complimented Mr. Bowden's chickens very highly. We have known all the time that Granville county could produce as fine chickens as could be found elsewhere, and if Mr. Bowden's chickens had arrived in Charlotte and Shelby fresh they would have been the favorites in every instance.

Cannady-Fagan Wedding
(Reported for Public Ledger)
At the home of the brides parents, 55 Belle street, Oxford, Thursday morning, January 28th, at eleven-thirty o'clock, was solemnized a very beautiful home wedding; when Miss Edith Watson Fagan became the bride of Mr. William Thomas E. Cannady.
The home was tastefully decorated in running cedar, narcissus and potted plants, the color scheme being white and green. The improvised altar was an arch, on both sides of which was a tall candelabra with a soft electric lustre in the center. Proceeding the ceremony the young sister of the bride, Miss Margaret Fagan rendered skillfully on the piano, Traumerl. To the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal chorus the bridal party entered the parlor. First came the maid of honor, Miss Myrtle Fagan, another sister of the bride, attired in white silk and lace, carrying white carnations and ferns, then the groom accompanied by his best man, Mr. A. H. Williams, of Oxford, next on the arm of her father, who gave her away, came the bride, dressed in a going-away tailored suit of dark blue with hat and gloves to match, carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and snail, with a small white Bible, the gift of her mother.
The ceremony was impressively performed by Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, pastor of the first Baptist church, during which softly floated from the piano, the melody of Loves Old Sweet Song. As a recessional, Mendelssohn's Wedding March, was used.
All present united in pronouncing this the prettiest home wedding celebrated in this section in many years.
The bride is one of Oxford's most charming and popular young ladies and has a host of friends throughout the State. The groom is a well known business man of Oxford admired for his exemplary character.

TURK INVASION OF EGYPT

FIRST SKIRMISH OF THE WAR IN THE SUZ CANAL REGION

Nothing Heard of the Kaiser's Birthday Celebration—Accounts of Fighting in West at Variance

The advance guard of the Turkish army undertaking an invasion of Egypt has reached the British outposts east of the Suez Canal where the first skirmish of the war in this region took place yesterday. Official reports say the clash was a small affair, only one British officer being wounded, but dispatches from Cairo declare the invaders suffered severely from the British machine guns.

The dispatches do not disclose the size of the Turkish force engaged, but the fight took place east of El Kantara which is on the Suez Canal and is the terminus of the caravan route from Rafati, the border station between Egypt and Syria. The distance from Rafati to El Kantara is 143 miles and, as the British had filled in all the wells along the caravan route, the invaders would have had to carry their own water. Even El Kantara is supplied by a pipe line from a fresh water stream which runs under the Suez Canal.

A BUILDER THAT BUILDS

The Oxford Building and Loan Association

The financial statement of the Oxford Building and Loan Association, published elsewhere in this issue of the Public Ledger, shows a substantial increase during the fiscal year. With an humble beginning only a little while ago, its influence is now a powerful factor in the growth and prosperity of the entire community. The old saying is that when a young man takes a half dozen or more shares in a building and loan association he is safe from the world's temptations. He takes on new life, and in less than five years his character is firmly established in the community and the rest comes easy.

While it is gratifying to see so many young people buying shares in the Oxford Building and Loan Association, many of our well-to-do and influential people regard it as one of the very best investments they can make. We are advised that a great deal of the money accumulated by the Association will find its way into neat new homes in the near future.

"THE PRINCE OF TONIGHT."

Pretty Girls Are Not the Only Thing That Make the Play of Interest

Is it possible for a musical play to be over-burdened with girls? One reviewer has complained that there are too many pretty girls in the chorus of "The Prince of Tonight," and that in consequence his attention was alienated from the theme and the principals of the attraction. Certainly LeComte and Flesher, always contrive to enhance their offerings with unusually attractive choruses, for they realize that beauty is only skin deep and the girls in "The Prince of Tonight," have also fulfilled their qualifications in singing and dancing. Tom Arnold, heads the important cast of principals in this great musical success which will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre Tuesday night, February 2nd.

The book and lyrics are by Adams and Hough, and the music by Joseph E. Howard, among the many song hits are "Her Eyes Are Blue for Yale," "You're A Dear Old World After All," "I Can't Be True So Far Away," "Can It Be Love?" and "Tonight Will Never Come Again." Much praise has been accorded the scenic production which has been built with a lavish disregard of expense.

NOTED DIVINE COMING

Dr. McDaniel, of Richmond, Will Arrive Monday

Every effort is being made to make the coming revival a great blessing to the entire community. Dr. McDaniel will arrive Monday afternoon, February 1st. Those who have heard Dr. McDaniel appreciate the splendid feast of good things in store for Oxford.

An earnest, cordial invitation is extended to all people of every denomination and to all the citizens of the town.

G. T. LUMPKIN.

This happy couple left on the eleven-thirty Seaboard train for a tour of northern cities after which they will be at home in Oxford. They many and costly gifts received attest the popularity of these young people.

Attending from out of town were: Miss Helen Watson, of Murfreesboro; Mr. Edgar M. Brockwell, of Raleigh, and Mr. Millard F. McKell, of Washington, N. C.

PERSONALLY - MENTIONED

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Mr. Fred Currin, of Enon, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday.

Mrs. Titus Currin, of Route 6, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. Chas. Knott, of Enon, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Cam Averett, of Route 2, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. J. M. Peace, of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. F. M. Blackley, of Route 2, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. M. G. Brooks, of Route 4, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. S. T. Hunt, of Enon section, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Davis, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. T. E. Bobbitt, of Route 3, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. L. Clark, of Adoniram, was on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Clement, of Route 1, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Gooch.

Mr. Lee Minor, of Stem section, was on our tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Younger Morris, of Route 4, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday.

Mr. Jasper Dean, of Route 2, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Cecil Smith, of Route 7, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Belcher, of Route 3, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Knight, of Route 3, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Ustry, of Corinth, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. T. Blackwell, of Route 3, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. R. L. Burnett, of Route 6, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday.

Mr. W. J. Badgett, of Route 1, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. Wesley Knott, of Enon, was among the town visitors Wednesday.

Mr. G. J. Day, of Stem section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. John Hopkins, of Stem, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. Whit Patterson and son, of Dexter, were in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. George Hart, of Route 5, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Charlie Hester, of Route 5, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

Mr. W. R. Walters, of Wilton section, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. Lester Williford, of West Granville, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Bobbitt, of Route 2, was among the farmers in town Thursday.

Mr. Fayette Washington, of Stem section, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. Fred Phipps, of Route 1, was among the farmers in town Thursday.

Sink and Swim

There is always something out of the ordinary taking place on the Oxford Tobacco market. Two new men arrived Wednesday—one named Sink and the other named Swim. While we were talking to Mr. Swim about the condition of the roads old man Sink butted in and we had the pleasure of introducing Sink and Sink. After a few preliminaries Sink and Swim where he left his horses and wagon and Swim informed him that he left them "fernant" the warehouse. As we do not speak that language in Oxford we infer that he came all the way from South Carolina.

FINGER CUT OFF

Mr. John Gooch Now Has Only Nine Fingers

While at work in his shop last Tuesday, the plainer which Mr. John Gooch was operating, struck a knot, badly mangled the little finger on his left hand, so badly that it was necessary to amputate the member.

Mr. Gooch is the recipient of much sympathy, but he refuses to shake hands with his friends at this time. Asked as to how the missing joint felt, he said there was a little sensation in it as yet.

An Old Man on the Market

Noticing an old colored man hanging around his pile of tobacco waiting for the sale to begin Mr. Mangum approached him with his usual smile: "How are you today, Uncle, I am glad to see you."
"Tell you the truth, Boss I is mity poorly."
"How old are you, old man?"
"I is 110 years old, Boss, please help the old negro as much as you kin, please sir."
When he received his check a couple of hours later for \$75 he looked fifty years younger.

WILL USE LESS FERTILIZER

ESTIMATED DECREASE OF 20 PER CENT IN SALES

Farmers Inclined to Figure Conservatively in Regard to Contracts for Fertilizer This Year.

That there is going to be a reduction of at least 20 per cent in the amount of fertilizers bought and used by the farmers this coming season is the belief of local fertilizer dealers. This, indeed, is what they predict. The middleman in this commodity usually can get a more accurate gauge on the prospects than manufacturer and certainly a better one than the consumers themselves since the brokers compare records from year to year and consider the outlook in toto rather than in part as the individual farmer would naturally do.

EXPECTS DECREASE

In an interview with Mr. J. W. Horner of the firm of Horner Bros. Co., one of the largest dealers in fertilizers in this section of the state, he stated that it was practically impossible to make a prediction at this time, but at this moment it looked as if the farmers would use a little less of commercial fertilizer as they have been consuming. "February," he said, "is really the month when contracts for fertilizers are made, but it is possible to get a pretty accurate line on the probabilities now. Our indications are that the farmers will use between 70 and 75 per cent of the usual amount of commercial fertilizers. The decrease, however, in the amount of fertilizers that will be consumed does not necessarily mean that this will represent any considerable decrease in tobacco acreage. A good part of it will, but by no means all of it. My judgment is that the farmers are going to plant more corn than ever this Spring and during the last few years it has been their tendency to use more fertilizers on corn. We cannot tell at this time what the decrease in tobacco acreage is going to be and of course circumstances may arise by which our present calculations will be upset. The more tobacco that is planted, the more fertilizer that will be used. In large measure, therefore, sales are predicted upon tobacco acreage."

DEPENDS ON FUTURE

Mr. Winston, of the Lyon-Winston Company, another firm enjoying a wide patronage in Granville and adjoining counties, said that the fertilizer proposition must be handled when the sun is warmer than it is now and at a time when the farmers feel like getting out and stirring about. "Wait," said he, "until the blue-birds begin to build. Farmers talk now as if they are not going to buy at all. Things will begin to brighten up a little later and they will enlarge their plans very extensively, I would judge; however, that certainly as much as 70 per cent of the average amount of fertilizer will be used the coming season."

These forecasts do not materially vary from that of leading farmers of the county with whom we have conversed on the subject.

Aged Man Falls on Sleep

Mr. Henry A. Jarvis passed away at the home of Mr. F. B. Bland at the Oxford Orphan Asylum Tuesday night in the 86th year of his age. Mr. Jarvis came to Oxford some time ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. F. B. Bland.

The deceased was born in Germany and came to America in childhood. He was a most interesting christian gentleman and won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

The remains were prepared for burial by Upchurch & Currin and shipped to Greensboro Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by his son-in-law, Mr. F. B. Bland, Mrs. Bland not being well enough to make the trip.

The Royal Arch

Dr. B. K. Hays will deliver a lecture before Oxford Lodge No. 336, A. F. & A. M., on Monday night, February 1st. His subject being "North Carolina." All Master Masons will take this as a legal notice and be governed accordingly.

T. S. WALLER Secretary.

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.