



THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY EX-SHERIFF S. A. FLEMING

A Gem of Thought Expressed in the Acceptance of the Flag at Hester School.

The speech of Mr. S. A. Fleming, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hester school, in accepting the flag presented by the Junior Order of American Mechanics, made such a profound impression on his hearers that we asked the author's permission to publish it in full. The speech follows:

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

The Pessimist will tell you the world is going to the bad and that conditions are worse in the world today than they were in the long ago, and to prove the assertion he will tell you that there is not that congeniality among neighbors that existed among our fathers, that you don't see that same Brotherly love in churches, that religion has become more or less a formality, that we don't have that simple childlike faith, that the poor are not recognized as they once were, that the spirit of commercialism has pervaded the church and well nigh destroyed its usefulness, that crime has increased to an alarming extent; that murders, robbery, house-breaking, stealing, forgeries, check-flashing, etc are a great deal more numerous than in the long ago; that the great world war that is now raging in the Eastern Hemisphere is one of his strongest points to confirm his belief and sustain his argument. Another question he argues is the short cuts the business world will take to escape taxation and that the only thing that limits his conscience is the statute law. These are some of the things he sees that makes him see the dark side of life.

But lets take a look from the stand point of the optimist and I trust we are all of the class that look on the bright side of life. There has never been a time in the history of the world that there has been more evidences of Brotherly love manifested to the world as there is today in every walk of life. More contributions to spread the gospel, to education, to support the poor and relieve the suffering everywhere; more energy expended in the uplift of humanity in so many ways, in improvement, of health conditions, social conditions, sanitation, seeking employment for labor, trying to devise means to thin out the bread lines in the larger cities; trying to reform prison management that the unfortunate inmates may be made better citizens. This brotherhood of man manifesting itself in every department of life. Witness this spirit of the Brotherhood of man in the sacrifices that are being made by this class of noble men and women of today in caring for poor blood soaked Belgium, some offering themselves in person to look after the poor unfortunate in their affliction, others contributing of their means to save a starving nation. These few examples of Brotherly love is enough to prove to some extent to all who see the dark side of life that this is a good world to live in and what other motive can there be but this Brotherly love and that God is our Father. These are merely the outlines of the views of the optimist. This same spirit of love and patriotism is manifesting itself to us today by these noble hearts in our community in these beautiful gifts. The Book of Books just presented and so nicely accepted if we follow its precepts will give us a right to the Tree of Life and enable us to enter in through the Gates into the City and be numbered with the hosts that washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

And by the gift of this Flag they hope to instill into your lives the love of country, true patriotism and high ideals of citizenship and above all to be proud of your land and civilization and the grandest Government God's sun ever shone on. Now children let this be a day that you will remember and hope that this occasion will impress upon you what this flag stands for and what it means to have its protection. Don't think for a moment this flag is honored and respected only here in our own land, but it is honored and recognized in the uttermost parts of the Earth. Every nation and tongue knows it and through all the turmoil and strife and danger zones and blockades if you have this banner waving over your head it insures you a haven of refuge and if molested you can only point your hand to Old Glory and feel safe under its protection.

As chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hester school I accept this noble gift for the Board, for the patrons, for the teachers and for the

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

The Highways

The elementary principles involved in improved highways are social and domestic happiness economics.

For the Ladies

Our milliners are receiving their pretty line of spring hats and in a little while all will be ready for the grand opening.

A Former Citizen Dead

Mr. A. T. Honeycutt, formerly of Granville, died in Durham Saturday. He married Miss Neomi Cash of Stem section. The interment was at Stem Sunday afternoon.

Hailed As a Crank

There are people living in Oxford who can remember the time that if a stranger had made the statement that ice could be made in a factory, he would have been hailed as a crank.

Woodmen of the World

The Woodmen of the World will be represented in Durham this Tuesday by Gen. B. S. Royster, J. J. Medford and Mr. Earnest Cheatham. Other members of the Order will follow Tuesday night.

Some Rats

The faithful driver for Pitchford Company killed twenty rats in the store in about five minutes last Wednesday and on Thursday morning he again went on the war path and got six more. The largest rat in the bunch tipped the scales at five pounds.

Moon Right for Potatoes

Those who seem to know say that this is the time to plant Irish potatoes. The moon is right, they say, and if the ground is right all had better take advantage of it. We give this information as hearsay and not on our own knowledge of conditions.

Charged With Larceny

Chief of Police Williams, of Henderson, came over to Oxford last week and took back with him one Jim Davis, colored, who is alleged to have taken a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. W. B. Parham, of Henderson.

Sample Rooms

The sample rooms at the Exchange Hotel have been remodeled and beautified. The installation of hot and cold water and the telephone system has worked wonders for the hotel. The register shows that the commercial travelers are getting back on the road. If things keep on like they have been we expect to see the jovial Lonnie in a spike-tail coat.

Returned From Richmond

The large attendance at the funeral and burial of Dr. A. L. Phillips in Richmond last week testified to the love and esteem which the people in all walks of life held the good man. Rev. S. K. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips returned from Richmond Saturday and they have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of one so dear to them.

Visits the House and Senate

While in Raleigh last week Mrs. T. C. Harris and a party of friends visited the House and Senate. "Mr. Brummitt had the floor" says Mrs. Harris, "and all the members were paying close attention to what he was saying." She saw Senator Curdin at his desk in the Senate Chamber but she did not have the pleasure to speak to either one of our lawmakers.

An Old Aristocratic Hen

Mrs. Ira Howard has a hen that she prizes very highly. The chicken refuses to lay an egg anywhere except in the house. When a notion takes her henship to lay an egg she pecks on the back door of the big mansion at the end of Main street the home of Mrs. Howard, and on gaining admittance she makes a critical examination of the room to which she is assigned. She is very considerate for Mrs. Howard's feelings and never cackles until she reaches the yard.

Some Fine Plays

The Orpheum Theatre which is always noted for clean and high class attractions, is putting on some exceptionally fine programs and the public is showing its appreciation by giving the Orpheum crowded houses.

Seeing the leading stage stars in the movies is a privilege which theatre goers are quick to recognize. You see them at the Orpheum—as real as though in the flesh—see them for ten cents when the real thing would cost \$2 and up. The management has secured "Julius Caesar" for the evening of March 22nd.

pupils in the same good and noble spirit in which it is given. I sincerely thank you and may God bless you in your good work.

ALLIES SQUEEZE GERMANY

VAST MOVEMENT READY AFTER LONG PREPARATION

With Four Million Fresh Troops Ready for Duty, Great British Vics Outcome with Optimism.

(CONDENSED WAR NEWS)

The end of the 31st week of the war bringing the first signs of improving weather after a hard winter finds the allied armies in the west nearly ready for the concerted offensive for which General Joffre, Field Marshal French has been preparing for four months.

From the sea through the dunes of Flanders to Arras, France, the British and Belgians appear to have withstood successfully all attempts to break their lines; while from Arras to the Vosges the French continue to go slowly forward.

The unqualified optimism with which the approaching gigantic struggles is regarded in Great Britain, France and Russia can be attributed to the recuperative powers shown by the troops of Emperor Nicholas.

The Russians appear also to have lightened their grip on Galicia. They are reoccupying Bukovina with forces, they claim will be sufficient to make their tenure permanent.

The Russian victory over the Germanic allies in the valleys of the Lomnitz and the Lukva where they surrounded 20,000 Austrians must, it is believed in London, have a strong influence toward compelling the Austro-German force against to vacate the vicinity of Czernowitz. The British, French and Russian warships are hammering at the gates of the Turkish capital with such success apparently that Turkey has already decided she has had enough of the Egyptian venture and is rushing her troops back to defend Constantinople.

THE NEW LAW

The new law which goes into effect April 1st.

No person can write intelligently of the new two-quart law which goes into effect in North Carolina April 1. However, the enactment seems to be earnest effort on the part of the law makers to aid the cause of prohibition through the closing of the blind-tiger traffic. The unlimited jug shipment into the State had become notoriously promiscuous, and had given opportunity for the creation and operation of an illicit traffic in whiskey that had become the scandal of almost every town in the State. This traffic had assumed the proportions of a flourishing industry among the negroes, who, securing jug supplies, would divide it up into profitable quantities and peddle it at great profit. In Oxford certain negroes became professional blind tigers. They found the profits so alluring as to make honest labor abhorrent to their minds, and for this reason it was hard to secure "day labor." The restrictions placed on the supply hereafter available will operate very much to the discouragement of the blind tiger industry, and will tend to decrease the popularity of that class of employment. This will be more particularly the case should the prohibition people manifest a determination to look after the enforcement of the law. In fact, it all depends upon the enforcement of the laws. If the officers "wink" the law is brought into disrepute, and there you are.

A FINE FELLOW

Intimate Friends Enjoy Mr. Cortez Wright's Hospitality.

A Washington correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News writes under date of 6th instant as follows: "Cortez Wright, one of Senator Simmons' seven clerks, left for Oxford today to spend his vacation with his family. Mr. Wright, before leaving gave a dinner party in the senate dining room to a few intimate friends. It is reported that he bought more "eats" than any one man had ever ordered up to the present time."

MR. W. J. LONG IMPROVING

The Report That He Had a Stroke of Paralysis is Not True

We are glad to say the report on the streets Monday morning to the effect that Mr. W. J. Long had a stroke of paralysis in Richmond is not true. Mr. J. King, of the Long Company, spent Sunday in Richmond, and was in close touch with Mr. Long. Mr. King states that Mr. Long did have a sinking spell but he rallied and is doing well.

NEWSPAPER MAN CONFINED

REACHES OXFORD ON NOON TRAIN SATURDAY

Tells the Sheriff that He is Ready to Enter Upon Sentence of Twenty Days.

The case of Virginius Cheatham vs. J. E. Hart and the Creedmoor Publishing Company reached its climax Saturday when the defendant J. E. Hart was sent to the county jail for a period of twenty days for failure to pay a judgment of \$1,000 imposed by the Superior Court of Granville County at November term, 1914. The case grew out of a statement made in the Creedmoor Times during the fall campaign of 1914, to which the plaintiff took exception and instituted suit for defamation of character. The limbo editor is in fine fiscal condition. With a bundle of daily newspapers mall at hand, he will have ample time to dream of the "freedom of the press" and the punctuation of paragraphs.

TWO CLEVER YOUNG LADIES

They Sit at the Keyboard With a Song in Their Hearts

There are some smart young ladies in Oxford and they are just as pretty as they are smart. Miss Nett Gregory, Gen. B. S. Royster's stenographer and typewriter, is an ideal. There can be no doubt about it, her shapely fingers are as nimble as the nether down of an ostrich plume, and were modeled expressly for the keyboard of a typewriter. When she takes her seat in graceful pose in front of the keyboard there is always a song in her heart, and the words roll out in rapid succession, correctly spelled, punctuated and divided.

We handle a good deal of General Register's legal advertising, as copied by Miss Gregory, and we are yet to see a misspelled word or a typographical error. The copy reaches us in the most perfect state and we would either omit or insert a punctuation point. Miss Gregory's speed lies in her ability to take in a whole sentence or a paragraph with one sweep of the eye and transfer it to paper without looking at the keyboard of her typewriter.

The keyboard of the typesetting machines in newspaper offices are somewhat similar to the typewriter keyboards. In the big daily offices the operators are required to produce seven thousand "ems" per hour. We recently inspected some of Miss Gregory's court work and found that she turned out copy at the rate of 12,000 "ems" per hour on the big typewriter in the Register of Deeds office. This is equivalent to about three columns of the Public Ledger per hour.

Miss Annie Crews, Senator Hicks' stenographer and typewriter, is also an expert operator. She seldom looks at the keyboard and reduces to the written page the off-hand dictations of Mr. Hicks in fine style with amazing rapidity.

PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS

Oxford to Be the Cleanest Town in the State

By appointment one hundred citizens of Oxford met Dr. Hays, the health officer for Oxford and all Granville in the assembly hall of the Commercial Club Monday night to discuss health measures. Dr. Hays was the big brother of them all. He told them what should be done here in Oxford to preserve the health of the community, and one hundred men says that it should be done. One of the greatest enemies to the public health is the house fly, says Dr. Hays, and the best way to exterminate the pest is cleanliness. The back lots must be kept clean. Ways and means to back up Dr. Hays in his earnest effort to preserve the health of the community were discussed at length. A strong committee was appointed to wait on the Town and County officials with a view of establishing four public comfort stations.

MR. MORRIS GREEN AT HOME.

Returns Saturday With His Arm in Sling

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Green returned from Littleton Saturday. We learn from Mr. Green that the accident which broke a couple of bones in his right arm was sustained while cranking the automobile. The steady thumping pain has worsened him somewhat, but he was down to the store Monday morning with his arm in plints resting in a sling.

THOSE WHO GO AND COME

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Mr. Ed Overton, of Tar River, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. C. M. Knott and son, of Route 1, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. W. L. Currin, of Providence, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Ed Hunt, of Route 5, was on our streets Monday.

Mrs. Aubrey Moore has returned from Baltimore.

Mr. Ben Currin, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

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

Mr. B. L. Hart, of Route 5, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. C. G. Renn, of Route 6, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. A. M. Overton, of Route 6, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Nat Brummitt, of Gray Rock section was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Otho Daniel, the good-looking bachelor, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday.

Miss Lena Coble has returned from the northern markets and will make her home with Mrs. Fugh.

Mr. Richard Harris and sister, of Route 3, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Messrs. Perry Rowland, Grover Grisso, and Horace Faulkner, of Henderson, visited friends in Oxford Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Jenkins, who has been with the Hamilton Drug Co., for sometime left for Wilmington Saturday. He is succeeded by Mr. F. D. Culpepper, of Spring Hope.

HOME FROM WASHINGTON

Will Remain in Oxford Four or Five Days

Mr. R. G. Lassiter arrived Saturday from Washington via Greensboro, where he stopped over a couple of days to be with Col. Osborn, who is confined with a cold. Mr. Lassiter is looking remarkably well. He will remain in Oxford four or five days.

Mr. Lassiter is greatly concerned about the good farmers of Granville. "I would advise them not to take any risk on a money crop" says Mr. Lassiter. "A large quantity of tobacco has been stored away and it would be unwise to depend upon tobacco as a money crop. Our people can maintain themselves and become independent by raising their own supplies." Knowing the feelings that Mr. Lassiter entertains for the farmers of Granville we feel that his advise at this time is of peculiar interest to them.

THE OLD TOWN IS QUIET

But There is Always Something on Tap

The old town is quiet just now, but there is always something on tap, and somebody can always be relied upon to start something that will stir up all the rest of us. These breezy things come along every now and then, not because something has to be done to keep it from being dull, but because Oxford is a red-blood community. Some of us get swatted and sat down on occasionally, but we get right up and start some thing else. Some of us are hammers and some of us are anvils and we make a noise like a blacksmith shop that's always busy. When we discuss things we just discuss them. Some prefer calm deliberation, but that would keep it from being lively. Those who expect to attend public meetings in Oxford held under Sunday school convention rules should stay away. The time is not yet, but some of these days you will see the old town get together on a few fundamentals and double the value of property by sailing out of the ruts and the mud.

THE AWFULNESS OF THE THING.

Men Reel Upon the Sidewalks and Fly at Each Others Throats

We had such great hopes in the purity and nobleness of our citizenship. For days and days we never heard the mention of whiskey and blind-tigers but our reverie was broken on Saturday by the sound of a drunken brawl. We hate to confess to the world that there were several drunken men in Oxford last Saturday and that men flew at each others throats. We don't know how to tell the awfulness of the thing. We only wish that there had never been a drop of the vile stuff made, or that God in His wisdom had made men equal to the emergency.

THE JURORS FOR APRIL TERM

TWO WEEKS BEGINS

Judge Charles M. Cook, the Able and Popular Judge will Preside over the Two Week's Term.

At the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners the following jurors were drawn for the April term of Granville Superior Court:

FIRST WEEK

J. W. Mason, Z. V. Yeargan, J. R. Moore, E. I. Mangum, E. T. Cozart, R. A. Davis, A. L. Babcock, D. W. Yeargan, J. B. Ragan, W. A. Hockaday, C. L. Furgerson, R. E. Buchanan, Cannon Johnson, H. R. Daniel, W. L. Young, N. M. Emory, W. T. Estes, J. W. Currin, J. B. Belvin, L. D. Parham, J. C. Currin, Jr., L. L. Clement, J. G. Peace, R. C. Smith, H. G. Powell, H. V. Wagstaff, Harvey Hobgood, J. L. Roberson, M. P. Nance, C. W. Knight, N. M. Cannady, J. E. Cash, J. J. Vaughn, J. T. Sizemore, Sr.

SECOND WEEK

R. T. Critcher, B. B. Moss, S. H. Beasley, Dock Daniel, R. L. Parham, J. Nat Currin, J. H. Cottrell, W. R. Fleming, A. A. Chapman, R. L. Barnett, M. H. Bragg, J. S. West, R. J. Gooch, T. M. Dixon, H. P. Estes, J. A. Sherron, Wm. Pleasants, Alex Goss.

DOES THIS MEAN YOU

Interesting Letter From Dr. B. K. Hays

Mrs. Highly Proper, Oxford, N. C. Dear Madam: This letter is addressed to you because you are, as you must know, regarded as the most influential woman in Oxford. Your position in your church, your club, the Civic League and in all social affairs is that of a leader. Your great interest in foreign missions is to be commended and your recent princely gift for the erection of a hospital in China shows that you have the right idea about the elevation of the heathen. It has been my good fortune to know you for some time and to see you make a home both beautiful and comfortable. However I noticed that your children are very pale, showing that they do not play in the sun as much as they should, and I was told by one of them that they sleep with their windows closed, which is certainly not conducive to good health. The patent medicine which you are giving your little boy as a tonic has but one active ingredient and that is alcohol, while the cough mixture which the little girl uses is composed chiefly of laudanum. The woman who washes the clothes of your children has consumption, while just at this time her children have diphtheria. Yesterday I saw a child with whooping cough go up to your baby and give it an affectionate kiss. In visiting tenements last week I learned that a number of houses occupied by negroes belong to you. Some of these are in a most unsanitary condition. Within a hundred feet of an open well upon one of your lots I observed an undrained ditch, two mud holes apparently filled with slop water, two stables which had not been cleaned for months and three open closets with their contents spread upon the ground. The occupants of these tenements tell me that they are compelled through the summer months to sleep with doors and windows closed because of the stench that arises from this lot, and that through the warm weather they suffer with a perfect plague of flies. When asked why they did not use lime in the out houses they replied that the sight of the white feet of the flies crawling over their food made it impossible for them to eat. Another point worthy of notice is that these out houses are closer to some of the dwellings of the negro tenants. In one of your houses I found a man dying with consumption and was told that three people had died with consumption in this house during the past two years. One side of this house rests upon the ground while under the other side is a ditch of standing water. I was informed that you reduced the rent on this house some months ago because so many people have died there. In conclusion, permit me to say Madam, that I am much interested in the movement which you have started in Oxford to raise money for the relief of destitute Belgians. Very truly, BEN. K. HAYS, Health Officer.

CONCRETE BRICK WALKS BUILT. One dollar per sq. yard. Curbing, 20 cents per foot. Sample may be seen at residence of Mr. H. M. Shaw. Oxford Brick & Tile Works.