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OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL

WILL OPEN AT 10 O'CLOCK NEXT MONDAY MORNING

Prof. Pitts Talks Interestingly About Some of the Details of the Coming Session.

The Oxford Graded School will open at 10 o'clock sharp next Monday morning. We learn from Prof. Pitts that he desires all pupils who can possibly do so to be present for enrollment on that morning.

Compulsory Vaccination
The School Board desires the Public Ledger to call attention to the part of the school law of North Carolina, which has to do with compulsory vaccination. Patrons whose children of school age have not been vaccinated will aid greatly toward the conservation and safeguard of the public health by having this attended to.

First Grade Children.
Prof. Pitts requests all parents who are expecting to enter children in the first grade to do so on the first day, if possible. There is a limit to all things, and this regulation is necessary to avoid the necessity of starting a class every time a pupil enters.

Certificate of Standing
All pupils will be required to present a certificate of their standing, from the school they attended last, any pupil not having such a certificate will be required to stand an examination. Prof. Pitts will be on hand promptly for the purpose of seeing any pupil who may have a conditional certificate, requiring another examination on any subject or subjects. He will also be glad to see any patron of the school who may wish any information in regard to the school work.

Outside Pupils
The school board announce that a reasonable tuition charge will be made of any person attending school and living outside of the Oxford tax district. This tuition, if we mistake not, is \$2.00 and it must be paid in advance the first day of each school month.

School Books.
Prof. Pitts says that pupils must not get any books until they are given their book lists on the opening day of school. After the list is given they will be required to have the books their list calls for immediately, since the books can be had in Oxford.

Source of Information
Any person from outside the district desiring information in regard to the school can obtain same by communicating with the School Board or Prof. Pitts.

Invitation to Parents
Persons and friends of the school are invited to be present at the opening exercises of the school on September 6th and at any time during the school year.

Just a Word.
The Public Ledger has an abiding interest in every child in Oxford. The school means so much to their success in life. The Oxford school is conducted along correct lines and it is indeed fortunate that any child has the privilege of attending it. In order to get the full benefit the parents must co-operate with the School Board, Prof. Pitts and the teachers.

POPULAR COUNTY OFFICIAL

Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, Flirting With a Typewriter

No one would have ever believed it, yet it is true, our highly esteemed county official, Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, stands charged with flirting with a typewriter. She is a good-looking, just the right size and very stylish, and no one is surprised that he fell before her charms. The mystery surrounding the case is that the popular official wrote such a beautiful round hand that no one ever thought he would resort to a typewriter. The lawyers, you understand, write such miserable hands they must have them, but not necessarily so with Mr. Hunt.

We watched him practicing a bit the other day, and he got along very well for a new beginner, but when the keys began to rattle rather fast he forgot himself and began to sing, "Away down South in the land of Cotton" and spoiled the whole business.

Card of Thanks.
We, the family of the late J. R. Walters, wish to express our grateful appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their timely help and many tokens of sympathy in our deep sorrow in the death of our beloved father.

WALTERS FAMILY.

Mr. A. E. Bobbitt, of Wilton was in Oxford Wednesday.

FULGHUM OATS FOR SALE—NICE clean lot of seed. Oxford Orphan Asylum. Also Alfalfa Hay for sale. 7-18-St.

RETURNS FROM CANADA.

Mr. W. T. Greagory, of Leamington, Canada, Visits the Scenes of His Childhood.

Mr. W. T. Greagory, of Leamington Ontario, Canada, after an absence of more than twenty-five years, is on a visit to relatives in Granville. Having sworn allegiance to the crown he is a British subject and a strong ally. He showed us a clipping from the Toronto Globe, where that paper called him up to get a line on the notorious Mary Ann Butler, who it was thought was employed by the late deported Dr. Dernburg to spread gloom among the cotton growers of the South. What Mr. Greagory told the editor of the Globe was a plenty. He began by comparing Butler with George Washington only that he was totally different, finally referring to the traitor Arnold as a happy medium.

Mr. Gregory is of the decided opinion that the Allies will in the end dictate the terms of peace. He would not undertake to say just how long that would be. It would seem that the Canadians are not so impatient for the war to end as are the Americans. Business with them is splendid, says Mr. Gregory. He stated that the people of the South are too easily scared; that when they started the cry a year ago to "buy a bale" the Canadians frequently asked him what was the matter with the Southern people.

Mr. Gregory gave it as his opinion that tobacco will bring a fair price. "The tobacco section will be much better off," he continued, "with a fair price than it would be if the farmers received a fancy price. Anything in the world that will make them diversify their crops will be greatly to their advantage."

Mr. Gregory noticed that the roads of the county are in better shape than they are in town, and he did not fail to make a note of it. He thinks it the part of wisdom to pave the streets of Oxford now while money and labor is cheap.

Mr. Gregory is recruiting officer for the King's army, and some of the subjects he has sent abroad have been killed.

GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

HON. BEN W. PARHAM, CHIEF MARSHALL

New Stock Building and Pens Under Way and the Grounds are Being Beautified for the Three Day's Event.

At a meeting of the Granville County Fair Association, Hon. Ben W. Parham was unanimously elected Chief Marshall of the Fair. The honor never fell on broader shoulders or a more gallant young man. Madam Rumor has already selected a handsome young Granville county lady for his partner at the Marshall's Ball. Mr. Parham will announce his aids at an early date.

The ground has been broken for a new and handsome stock building at the Fair grounds and new cattle pens are under way.

Secretary Crews, from the many enquiries received, is of the opinion that the Fair in October next will eclipse by far all previous efforts. He is reasonably sure that the exhibits will be up-to-date in every respect. The attractions, he says, are new, wholesome and guaranteed to give satisfaction. If everything moves along as planned there will be three fine bands of music in the parade and on the grounds to enliven the occasion. The merchants are already talking of getting up handsome floats for the Fair.

THE MINOR WAREHOUSE

Mr. I. W. Mangum, Proprietor, Makes Formal Announcement.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Public Ledger will be found the announcement of Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse. Mr. Mangum has long been identified with the tobacco business. Having severed his connection with the Johnson Warehouse and taken over the Minor, which has always had a reputation for high price averages, and he will certainly sustain the former good reputation of himself and the Minor. As an old farmer at our elbow says: "Irvin is a square man every way you take him." We predict for the Minor and its congenial and wide awake proprietor a prosperous season for himself and the tobacco growers whom he serves.

NOTICE—I. E. WALL OF POOLE, Webster county, State of Kentucky have bought and paid for a Family Graveyard, containing ONE ACRE, situated near Jim Adcock's farm, at Oakhill, N. C. I object to Jim Adcock, or any person or persons trespassing, cutting or removing any wood or timber from the said ONE ACRE of land. Parties so doing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. E. F. Wall. 9-1-4tx

THE WAR

THE TRIUMPH OF WILSON ADMINISTRATION

Germany Confesses to Disregarding Law of Nations—Count von Bernstorff at Mr. Lansing's Suggestion Puts Agreement in Writing.

Germany has acquiesced in President Wilson's demand that the lives of neutrals be held sacred on the high seas, irrespective of the nationality of the vessel on which they may travel.

After a conference at the State Department, Ambassador Bernstorff sent Secretary Lansing this letter:

"My Dear Mr. Secretary:

"With reference to our conversation of this morning I beg to inform you that my instructions concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contains the following passage:

"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

"Although I know that you do not wish to discuss the Lusitania question till the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above because this policy of my government was decided on before the Arabic incident occurred.

"I have no objection to your making any use you may please of the above information.

"I remain, my dear Mr. Lansing, Very sincerely yours, J. BERNSTORFF."

Washington Government Jubilant

No single triumph of the Wilson administration has occasioned as much favorable comment in Washington as the diplomatic victory which brought assurances from Germany that the United States demand for a cessation of danger to Americans from submarine warfare will be complied with in future. This assurance from Germany is regarded here as the end of serious complications with Germany and is taken to mean in well-informed circles that there will be no war with Germany.

The outcome is regarded as a signal victory for President Wilson and as a fitting initial achievement of Secretary of State Lansing.

Peace Talk

A request made at the White House on Wednesday on behalf of Cardinal Gibbons for an interview with President Wilson was regarded as significant in official and diplomatic circles in view of recent reports of the Pope's hope to bring about peace in Europe through co-operation with the heads of neutral governments. At the White House the object of Cardinal Gibbons' interview was not disclosed, though it was indicated he wanted to discuss the international situation.

REV. W. S. LACY COMING

Rev. S. K. Phillips Will Arrive at Home September 11th

A card from Rev. S. K. Phillips, who is spending his vacation at Gloucester Point, Va., advises that Rev. W. S. Lacy, professor of English Bible at Peace Institute, will occupy the pulpit at the Oxford Presbyterian church Sunday morning and night next. Mr. Phillips will return to Oxford about September 11th, in time to fill his pulpit on Sunday the 12th. In speaking of fishing, Rev. Mr. Phillips says the catch has been great, he and Mr. Frank Pinnix landing more than 500 pounds of choice fish in the first ten days, and one tide they landed 78 before they came ashore. Mr. Phillips also says that the plans are practically complete for the new railroad which will pass Gloucester Point, opening up one of the richest territories in Virginia.

A Call to Baracas

(Communicated.)

Now that vacation time is over, and the cool days will soon be with us again, the writer feels that the enthusiasm and deep interest in the various Baraca Classes of Oxford should be awakened. All during the hot summer months the attendance has been much less than it should have been. Now, let us all come out on next Sunday morning and renew our covenant with the Lord as we will study how the children of Israel did.

I am sure that General Royster, of the Oxford Baptist Sunday School Baraca Class, as well as the other teachers of Baraca classes in town would be joyous to see every member present on next Sunday.

You can do your part by telling some other member of your class to come—and, COME YOURSELF. The lessons we are studying at this time are most interesting and beneficial. Leave off your auto trip until the afternoon and come out and pay homage to your Lord and Savior one hour next Sunday.—J. B. C.

GETTING ON THE MAP

Hens at English Pheasant Prices and Old Roosters Sell Like Fat Turkey Gobblers.

The Public Ledger has frequently urged our grocerymen to get in communication with the Free North Carolina Market Bulletin and let the outside world hear from Oxford. The Wendell Times, one of the brightest weekly newspapers in the State, is keeping up the racket and Wendell is growing and it is growing fast. The Times carries this news item with valuable comment:

"Yea, verily the North Carolina chicken is the real 'bird of paradise' and is of a truth justly coming into its own when the North Carolina weekly Market Bulletin issued free by the State Department at Raleigh, quotes spring chickens selling at Fayetteville at 20c a pound, hens at 15c and old roosters at 10c a pound; Maxton is handling all the spring chickens she can get at 20c a pound and hens at 12c; Hamlet wants fryers at 18c, hens at 15c and old roosters at 10c; Raleigh quotes broilers at 14c and hens 12½c a pound; spring chickens at Salisbury and Scotland Neck fetch 18c and hens go at 10c a pound, and—well, the Wendell market isn't quoted in that valuable free bulletin which goes everywhere, but it ought to be."

AN OLD AND HONORED NAME

George Washington Hart the Progenator of the Harts in Granville

The late George Washington Hart, the progenitor of the Hart family in Granville, was one of the most congenial men of his day. Fond of a good joke and horseback riding he was a unique figure, widely known and much beloved. He was born in 1809 and lived to be ninety years old. He was twice married and by his first wife had 12 children and by the second 4 children; 100 grandchildren; 160 great-grandchildren, and 36 great-great-grandchildren and all are living but 34.

Mr. D. W. Hart, who resides in Oxford, is 64 years old and is the oldest Hart in Granville.

BROKE INTO BOX CAR

JOE ROYSTER, COLORED ARRESTED ON FEDERAL WARRANT

Mr. W. B. Pittard, Local Agent of the Southern Railway Company, Does a Neat Piece of Detective Work.

Joe Royster, colored, is in the toils awaiting a preliminary hearing before Commissioner Ellis, charged with breaking a seal on a loaded freight car in the local yards. The car was standing on a side track destined to points in Virginia.

Mr. W. B. Pittard, local agent of the Southern, spied Joe sneaking about the yards and decided to keep an eye on him. It is stated that Joe broke a seal and had climbed into the car when Mr. Pittard came upon him.

The breaking of a seal on a loaded car is a grave offense in the sight of the law.

The would-be-thief was arrested on a Federal warrant and turned over to Commissioner Ellis, who will hold a hearing as soon as the proper papers arrive from Raleigh. In the meantime Joe is in the county jail.

WILL GO LIKE HOT CAKES

The Green-Hunt Stock of Goods Removed to Hillsboro Street.

Hornor Bros. Company have completed the task of moving the mammoth stock of the Green-Hunt Company to their store on Hillsboro street. By a slight arrangement the interior of the big Hillsboro street store of the Hornor Bros. Company to admit the handsome goods and show cases, the store takes on the appearance of a wholesale city establishment. That is exactly what it is, practically speaking—a large lot of handsome goods to be retailed at wholesale prices. The firm announces elsewhere in the Public Ledger that by reason of moving the stock to their Hillsboro street store it eliminates rent, which will admit of a still greater reduction in order to dispose of the goods within the next few months. Mr. Herbert Rountree, of Wilson, an experienced dry goods salesman is now with Hornor Bros. Company.

The Browning Tent Meeting

The date for the meeting to begin is September 12th. Chairman N. G. Crews wishes those who are interested to meet him at Tabb's Creek church this Friday September, 3rd, to begin preparation for the tent and meeting. A local furniture establishment has ordered a car load of 500 chairs. He will lend these to Mr. Crews for the Browning meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crews, of Tar River were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

OUR TOWN AND COUNTY

TOWN AND COUNTRY JUST WHAT THE CITIZENS MAKE IT

The Granville Commercial Club is Working Along Right Lines, But it Needs Assistance.

If the Granville Commercial Club did not represent the very soul of town and county the editor of the Public Ledger would not take the time to recommend it. Being familiar with its objects and aims we can say truthfully that there is no citizen too big or too small to be benefited by its activity.

There are several good, strong, influential men in Oxford not members of the Granville Commercial Club. We believe that if these same good citizens would take the time to study the real conditions they would affiliate with the Club. In cities throughout the country where there are strong organizations, great strides are being made in improvement and growth.

Oxford is growing some, but not as fast as some of the nearby towns. As we see it, the Commercial Club is the only channel through which the mass of citizens can express their views upon various public questions.

The town government is restricted by law to certain activities, such as policing the town, laying pavements and education. There is a great field between lawful activities of the town and county government and the things which the individual can undertake. It is a case of "What is nobody's business is the business of the Commercial Club."

While our Commercial Club has been able to achieve some very important things for the town and county, much more could have been done with united forces of the few influential citizens who have not as yet joined the club.

President Powell did not honor the editor of the Public Ledger by placing him on the membership committee, preferring to use us on another committee, but that makes no difference and we propose to work for a larger and a greater Club. In fact, we should like to call it "The Greater Granville Club." We should like to see every business man in Oxford and as many of the citizens of the county, members of the Club as is possible.

A live commercial club is a meeting ground of the citizens of the town and county for the discussion of public topics. It serves as clearing house of information of business inquiries, of scientific research, of municipal improvements and undertakings. In many cities clubs have solved the problem of charity and put that upon a business basis; it serves to advertise the city in many ways; it brings thousands of strangers to the city yearly through conventions that are obtained through the efforts of the commercial club; it often serves in an advisory capacity to the common council and is able to interpret the desires of the citizens of them; it is of assistance to the shipper, to the manufacturer, to the laborer.

Oxford and Granville county needs to get its forces to work. There is too much politics in the common everyday things and not enough sincere genuine wholesome work. By pulling together business will increase and so will property values increase.

ELIMINATE RAILWAY CROSSING

The Crossing at Lewis Station is Considered to be Dangerous

There is a movement on foot to eliminate the National Highway crossing of the Southern Railway at Lewis station. It is acknowledged by the traveling public to be one of the most dangerous crossings in the county. By the removal of John Burwells' store a few feet back the crossing could be avoided. This, however may not be necessary, as the railroad right of way at that point is 40 feet wide, and it is thought that the railway company will permit the National Highway to hug the railway track for a distance of some two hundred yards, in the event John Burwell is obdurate.

Mr. T. Lanier and Senator A. A. Hicks, acting in an advisory capacity will take the matter up with the railway authorities.

DR. SAM BOOTH QUOTED

He Speaks of Practicing Medicine on the Marne.

We find the following item in the Danbury Reporter: "Dr. S. D. Booth, of Oxford, a very entertaining and agreeable gentleman, is making his second visit to Piedmont. He spent a number of weeks at the resort earlier in the season. Dr. Booth has an idea of going to Europe, should his health permit. He says many physicians have been killed, and that more are needed. Dr. Booth is a partisan of the Entente Allies, in which position he finds plenty of company at Piedmont."